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# **NEWS AROUND THE UNION**



# Lake Union mails stimulus checks to conferences

Over the last five months, the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the resulting pandemic has launched our world Church into unanticipated challenging financial times. In response to the financial needs across the Lake Union, COVID-19 stimulus checks totaling \$600,000 were mailed on July 20 to the five local conferences. These funds were given in partnership with the North American Division (NAD). Read more on the stimulus funds dispersed to our local conferences.



# **New Indiana Conference Hispanic Coordinator selected**

Noel Ojeda was named Indiana Conference Hispanic Coordinator.

Ojeda comes from Cuba, the son of a pastor who worked in Cuba for several years and who came with his family to the United States as a refugee in 1995.

# IN THE NEWS



### AMITA Health Names Adam Maycock President and CEO of Hinsdale, La Grange Medical Centers

The administration of AMITA Health is proud to announce <u>Adam Maycock as the</u> <u>new president and CEO of AMITA Health Adventist Medical Centers Hinsdale</u> <u>and La Grange.</u>

Maycock, who was serving as interim president and CEO, assumed the role permanently effective July 12. He succeeds Michael Murrill, who left the organization last month for a promotion within AdventHealth, a parent organization of AMITA Health.

# AMITA Health Hinsdale and Elk Grove ranked as top hospitals

*U.S. News & World Report* has released its latest rankings of the <u>best hospitals</u> in the <u>United States</u>. Rankings for 2020-21 include the Honor Roll, top-ranked hospitals in 16 specialty categories, and the top-ranked hospitals by state and metro region.

## **ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION**

#### **GENERAL CONFERENCE**

#### Volunteers unite to increase stocks of blood banks

Donating blood can save up to four lives, but the fear of a needle and the lack of information still prevent many people from making this gesture of solidarity. "In this period of the pandemic, people have a certain fear of leaving home, which ended up influencing the decrease in the flow of donations," said Andressa Oliveira, responsible for the Social Communication Center of the Paraná State Department of Health. She said donations were down 25% compared with the same period last year.

# 71-year-old Adventist grandmother creates internet channel to encourage Brazil's elderly

A 71-year old Seventh-day Adventist and grandmother in Belo Horizonte, Brazil's sixth-largest city and capital of the state of Minas Gerais, is <u>helping her peers endure quarantine and separation from friends and family by creating and sharing a high-tech podcast.</u>

#### ADRA delivers more than 2,000 masks to hospital in Bahia

"I am happy to know that, in the midst of this pandemic, I can help people who are in need and thus alleviate their pain and suffering." That was the statement of Elaine Reis, who works with small seams. She is a student at Casa de Lió, the headquarters of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) in Itabuna, southern Bahia, Brazil, and was one of 23 volunteers for the project who, in all, sewed 2,189 masks for Hospital de Base Luis Eduardo Magellan.

Even with classes temporarily suspended, Casa de Lió has continued with philanthropic activities to benefit its students and the community. The school established a partnership with the hospital, which made the materials available for the production of masks.

#### **NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION NEWS**

# List of Reopening Plans for Adventist Colleges and Universities in North America

Many headlines across North America have focused on how millions of students of all ages will be able to continue their education as the 2020-2021 school year approaches. Seventh-day Adventist colleges and universities are no exception.

The 11 Adventist institutions of higher education located within the territory of the North American Division have made extensive preparation for the campus life and learning environments of their students by prioritizing safety and wellness.

#### Safe at Church?

Liliana\* is a Generation X Seventh-day Adventist who attends church

with her three daughters. The way she worships today has been shaped by a series of violations during her tween years.

"I was molested by an elder at the church," she told the *Visitor* staff. "My mother trusted [that] when I was in church, I was fine, and I was safe. And that absolutely was not the case."

#### **AdventHealth Invited to Florida Governor's Roundtable**

Florida, United States, is one of several states considered COVID-19 hotspots as of July 2020. As the state continues to battle the pandemic, two AdventHealth clinical leaders joined Florida governor Ron DeSantis and several other health-care voices for a roundtable discussion on the novel coronavirus and the pandemic's statewide impact on July 21, 2020.

## **EVENTS AND RESOURCES**



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# Virtual ACF Institute & Campus Minister Conference 2020

Happening now! Join <u>Adventist</u> <u>Christian Fellowship</u> for a virtual conference from today until August 1, with tonight's meeting starting at 7 p.m., EDT.



**ONE YEAR IN MISSION PLUS** is an initiative in the Lake Union and an expansion of the <u>C.A.M.P.U.S.</u> Missionary Training Program.

If you know of committed Seventh-day Adventist young people with a desire to take the 2020-2021 year off from school to make a difference in the lives others, please contact: <a href="https://www.campushope.com/oyim">www.campushope.com/oyim</a>



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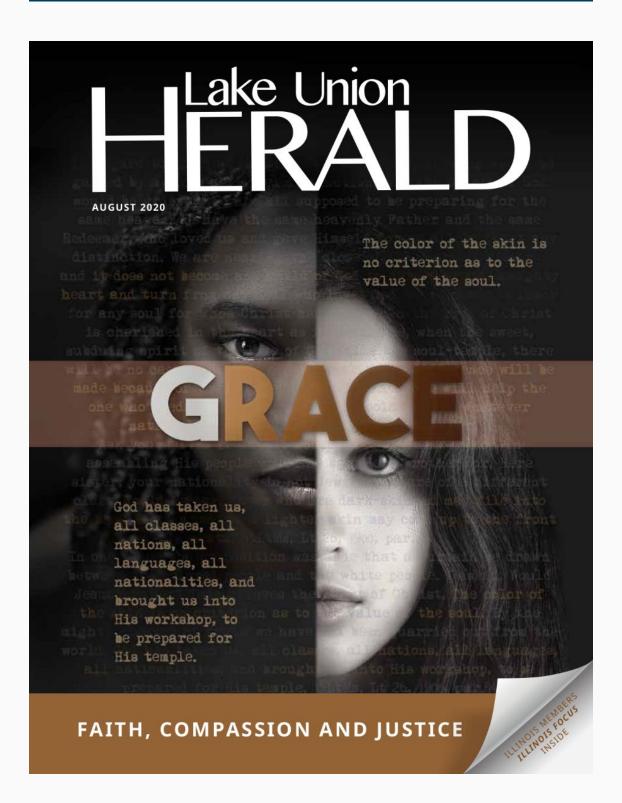
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# What's inside this month's *Herald*



You'll want to join us this Sabbath afternoon, August 1 @ 5 p.m. EDT on the *Lake Union Herald* Facebook page and YouTube channel to hear from some of the people featured in this month's magazine.

# Featured Video



We have an update on a story we brought you few months ago. Remember Carol Beal who built a miniature version of James and Ellen White's home and was in the process of completing Joseph Bates' home? We received word that the project two years in the making is now complete! You can take a sneak peek here before it goes on public display.

Fun Fact: Beal told us that since starting the project she discovered, much to her surprise, there's a family connection to Joseph Bates. You'll want to listen to her fascinating story.

Video credit: Jonathan Min, Lake Union Communication intern

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