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THIS WEEK

NEWS AROUND THE UNION



Wisconsin Conference President responds to Kenosha shooting and protests

Jacob Blake, a 29-year-old Black man, was shot seven times in the back by police in Kenosha, Wis. and since then demonstrations have engulfed the city. Wisconsin President Mike Edge in a [video statement](#) called for prayer for Jacob Blake and Kenosha residents.

"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; Not as the world gives do I give you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither it be afraid. John 14:27 (NKJV) In the most violent of storms, Jesus promises to give us peace. My prayer is that today, and in the days to come, you will experience that peace that Jesus so freely offers to each of us."



Lake Region President addresses police shooting

"Kenosha, Wisconsin, is within the territory of the Lake Region Conference and we cannot be silent in the face of the travesty that took place there a few days ago. We bemoan the unjustifiable shooting of Jacob Blake, Jr., and we join voices with those crying out for justice. Our prayers are ascending on behalf of Jacob Blake, Jr., whose life has been irreversibly altered. We resonate with the sentiments of his mother, who has decried the violent demonstrations and has appealed for peaceful protests that respect life and property. We pray for Blake's children, who may be emotionally scarred for life as a result of witnessing firsthand the near slaughter of their father at the hands of police. We commit to eradicating every ideology that divides or demeans, and every practice that decimates or destroys." [READ MORE](#)



Lake Region PARL leader and Andrews Seminary professor join group issuing statement

"We, the Conscience and Justice Council, are deeply saddened, angered, and appalled at the recent senseless shooting of Jacob Blake by police officers in Kenosha, Wis. Mr. Blake, a young black father, was reportedly shot seven times in the back after attempting to break up an argument between two women and walking away from police. This blatant disregard for the sanctity of life by those who are sworn to protect and serve us must come to an end." [READ MORE](#)



Wisconsin pastor reflects on unrest in Kenosha

"Despite the challenges and limitations, we are called, as ministers and as members of the body of Christ, to speak truth to power, to bring light into darkness, and to be ambassadors for Jesus. I want everything we do as a church to be all about standing up for justice in our community. It's one of the reasons I moved to the city, instead of out in the country--because I want to be where the issues are so that I can better be aware of and address them. As Adventists, we have a long history of community involvement and practical Christian engagement with societal issues. Our little church district in our little urban area feels, in many ways, so unprepared for the intensity of the issues we've faced this past week. But the nation's eyes are on our community now, and that community needs Jesus." [READ MORE](#)



Public Campus Ministry forging ahead despite challenges

On August 16, [Bible Boot Camp launched the OYiM+ year](#) with worship and Bible study with speaker Alex Niculaescu, pastor of the Edwardsburg and Glenwood churches; training with Israel Ramos on leadership and Jermaine Gayle on evangelism, and lots of team building activities with OYiM+ fellows Andrew Park and Grady Yonas. The attendees were a mix of Adventist student leaders with two of the missionaries from the East Lansing site.

ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

GENERAL CONFERENCE

President of the global Adventist Church recognizes "enditnow" Sabbath.

General Conference President Ted Wilson [shares a new video](#)

[message](#) on "enditnow" Sabbath.

ADRA continues relief efforts after Beirut Explosion

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) delivered tons of nutritional provisions on a special humanitarian flight from Slovakia as part of its [expanded emergency response to help children and families](#) affected by the devastating August 4 Beirut explosion.

Adventist Church in Panama Trains 650 Communicators During First Online Congress

More than 650 Seventh-day Adventist communicators across the church in Panama took part in a [special online congress](#) to bolster and unify their efforts to better reach viewers, readers, and listeners with the message of hope across the nation.

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

Amid Increased Racial Tensions, NAD Issues Statement Calling Members to Serve as Conduits of Peace

Racial tensions in the United States have been raised even further after the recent shooting of 29-year old Jacob Blake, a black man, by police officers in Wisconsin. The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America hears their voices and [calls upon our churches and members to serve as conduits of peace and hope to our Black brothers and sisters.](#)

Wildfires Near Pacific Union College and St. Helena Hospital Force Evacuations

Several Adventist institutions in California have been [affected by wildfires](#) after storms cause thousands of lightning strikes.

God's Agents of Positive Change

[A commentary and call to action](#)

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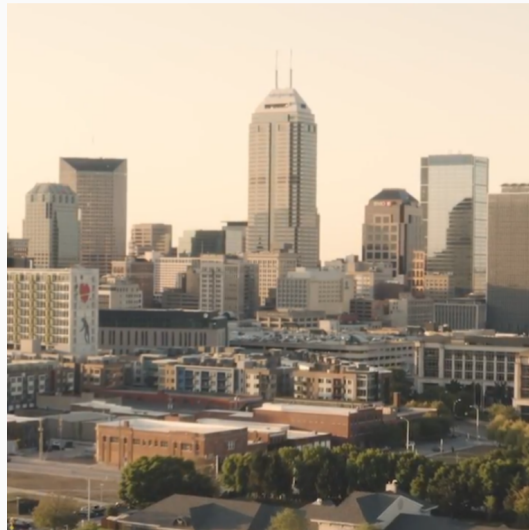


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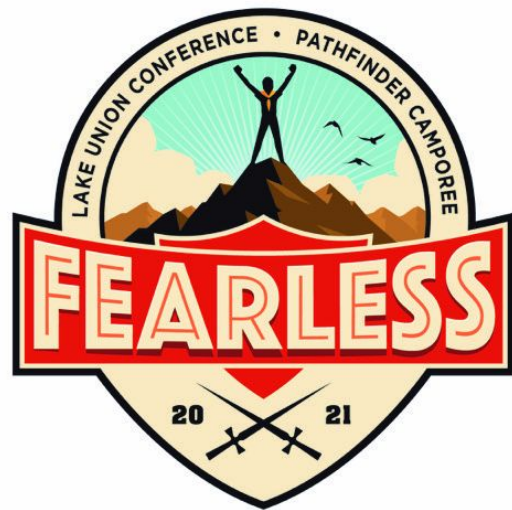
Project Safe Church exists to train leaders to take protective action in response to the systemic crisis of abuse in the Seventh-day Adventist church. These helpers will support victims and assist them in telling their stories to appropriate civil and/or church leaders. Check with the [Project Safe Church website](#) or your local conference office for more information about this program and getting involved.



ASAP (Advocates for Southeast Asians and the Persecuted) aims to multiply disciples in the 10/40 window. Julia O'Carey, executive director, and Curtis Letniak sat down with Debbie Young at the [ASI Virtual Conference](#) earlier this month to talk about their church plants, clean water well projects, and the more than 80 schools they support.



ONE YEAR IN MISSION PLUS is an initiative in the Lake Union and an expansion of the [C.A.M.P.U.S.](#) 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: www.campushope.com/oyim



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Featured Video



Each year in the Lake Union, over [two million students](#) enroll at a college or university, but there is only a minute fraction of Adventist ministry establish to reach these students. One Year in Mission (OYiM) seeks to establish centers of influence near three university campuses by enlisting young professionals to take a year and serve God in these local mission fields. OYiM is an initiative by the General Conference to impact the cities around the world through young professionals that take a year to be a missionary to a city. Therefore, the Lake Union coined the program OYiM+ to establish centers of influence near the thought centers for young adults.

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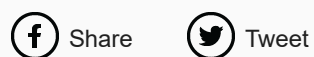
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