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THIS WEEK

NEWS AROUND THE UNION



Chicago area Center of Influence expands with thrift store; honors slain pregnant teen

In April of 2019, Marlen Ochoa-Uriostegui, a Chicago woman, was murdered while trying to obtain clothes and items for her then-unborn baby. At a community-wide memorial service, her father, Arnulfo, called for the community to supply the needs of poor and to help struggling moms-to-be with clothes, supplies, emotional care and other necessities. The [Adelante Community Health Center in Berwyn, Illinois has been able to help do just that.](#)



Berrien Springs Adventist Community Services to open new wing

On Nov. 10, Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N), an Adventist Community Services ministry in Michigan, [will open an expanded 10,000 sq. ft thrift store](#). Featuring a book nook and expanded clothing, bedding, kitchenware, and furniture sections, as well as a spacious boutique area and seasonal holiday section, the new thrift store expects to increase its mission to the community.



Willing and Able: Serving with a disability

On the thirtieth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, a landmark piece of legislation securing equality, inclusion and respect for people with disabilities, [we take a look at how our members are living an abundant life of service](#).



Ways to increase opportunities for disabled members

[Many church members and leaders make the mistake of assuming that there are no disabled members in their church](#). However, in 2018, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) reported that approximately one in four American adults live with a disability. So what can the church do to encourage participation and leadership from those who are disabled?

ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

GENERAL CONFERENCE

Our Mission: Sharing Contextually

The [third objective of the I Will Go strategic plan](#) emphasizes developing culturally appropriate sharing literature.

Young woman secures home and college education by selling books

By accepting an invitation from the church, [Erika achieved her biggest dreams](#)

Adventist Health launches breakthrough move to promote community well-being

On Oct. 20, 2020, [Adventist Health announced the launch of its Well-Being Division](#), solidifying its commitment to lead a 21st-century well-being transformation movement.

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

Virtual Society of Adventist Communicators Convention Expands Community Among Professionals Within NAD and Overseas

Record-breaking, diverse interest [supports the advancement of aspiring and professional communicators](#) for the denomination.

In Preparation for Its Year-End Meeting, the North American Division Explains Virtual Process, Safety Measures for In-Person Staff

[Because of the COVID-19 pandemic](#), and in following federal, state, and local guidelines, the NAD has decided that it will be safer to hold their meetings virtually. ([En preparación para su reunión de fin de año, la División Norteamericana explica el proceso virtual, medidas de seguridad para el personal presencial](#))

"Every Month Should be Pastor Appreciation Month"

This October, North American Division president G. Alexander Bryant [shares appreciation for pastors in a video greeting.](#)

The Next Drop Off

In this interview, a young adult shares [why being a literature evangelist inspired him to start a podcast.](#)

Chosen and Loved

An [adopted son shares his story](#) during National Adoption Month.

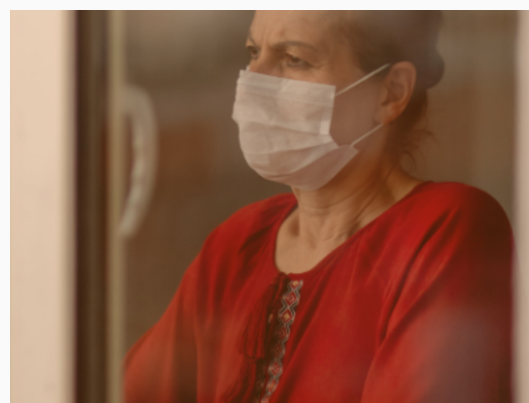
EVENTS AND RESOURCES



****UPDATE** - Join us virtually from **November 4 - December 16 every Wednesday at 2-3 pm for FREE TRAINING** from professionals across the Lake Union Conference and North American Division. We will be discussing newsletters, photo and video, livestreaming, Adventist branding guidelines and best practices for websites. Join us on [Facebook](#) and [Youtube!](#)



As a children's ministry director or safety officer, you may be tasked to create a child protection plan for your local church. It may seem like a difficult task to create a child protection plan for your local church. [This article gives some practical steps and resources to help create and implement a child protection plan in our churches.](#)



Churches and schools have wrestled with plans to return to in-person services and classes. It's not as simple as choosing a date to open. Any strategy to resume live events and classes must include guidance and policies to keep people safe. [Read through Adventist Risk Management's guide to Dealing with Possible Exposure to COVID-19.](#)



Do you or someone you know need to hear encouraging messages on loss, discouragement, anxiety, loneliness and anger? AdventHealth has released a [series of five videos from their annual week of spiritual renewal](#) that cover these topics. **Discover hope in God's promises and practical help for living in difficult times.**



The Association of Adventist Women (AAW), in partnership with the Loma Linda University Church, has put together a series of six Sabbath Vespers programs addressing leadership called Finding Purpose in Uncertain Times. Join them every Sabbath starting October 10 at associationofadventistwomen.com and luc.org/vespers.



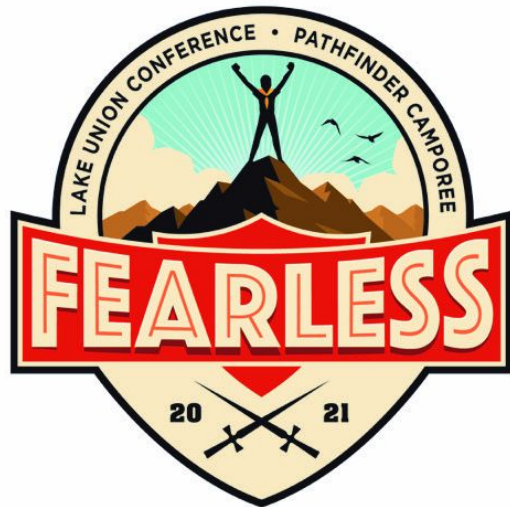
Project Safe Church exists to train leaders to take protective action in response to the systemic crisis of abuse in the Seventh-day Adventist church. These helpers will support victims and assist them in telling their stories to appropriate civil and/or church leaders. Check with the [Project Safe Church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



Adelante Community Health Center in Berwyn, Illinois translates the principles of NEWSTART into Spanish using "ADELANTE." A street sign for the ministry was part of the 2019 offering, and this month they finally received authorization to put it up! Three community members were baptized this past June, and they hope to continue to reach the surrounding area.



The *Pathway to Health* mega-clinic, which will provide free medical care to thousands of people in the Indianapolis area, will take place April 28-30, 2021 at the Lucas Oil Stadium. The stadium has been donated by the city for this community outreach, which will show the love of Christ to people in need. For more information, please visit www.pathwaytohealth.org.



2021 Fearless Lake Union Camporee

Come join us on September 16-19, 2021 as we learn how to be Fearless for Jesus!

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Picture of the Week



"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." - John 16:33

"A Foggy Morning at Camp Akita"
(Picture Credit: Katie Fellows)

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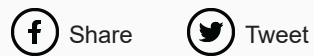
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