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# Lake Union HERALD

THIS WEEK

## AROUND THE UNION



### Getting to know new Wisconsin president, Titus Naftanaila

On December 6, 2020, Titus Naftanaila accepted the call to be president for the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, after serving in many capacities, most recently as pastor for the Green Bay district and coordinator for both Personal Ministries and the Lay Pastor Training program in Wisconsin.

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## Hispanic Youth ministry celebrates 20 years of service

What started from a small group of young people wanting to provide a quality revival experience for Hispanic young people in Wisconsin has now grown into a full and vibrant ministry that brings many young and old to Jesus.

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## Therapeutic Day School addresses growth with move to larger building

When AMITA GlenOaks Therapeutic Day School students started classes last fall at its new Pheasant Ridge Campus in Glendale Heights, Illinois, it was the realization of a years-long dream of expansion.

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## After the Dust Settles: The Church and Public Affairs in 2020

The outcome of the recent election season simply cannot be good news for everyone. Many of my friends are celebrating the exit out of our long, national nightmare; but, for many others, they believe we are just entering a long national nightmare. The experiences are mirror images of each other, one group experiencing what the other one did four years ago. This shared experience is an opportunity for us all to understand and even empathize with each other, irrespective of the political views we hold.

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## ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

### GENERAL CONFERENCE

#### **Leaders Vote to Postpone General Conference Session 2020 for a Second Time**

Due to COVID-19, world church quinquennial event [now scheduled for June 6-11, 2022.](#)

#### **Inter-America Launches Five-Month Prayer Initiative Across the Territory**

Inter-American Division (IAD) leaders, ministers, and members across the 24-union territory took part in the [launch of a special prayer initiative.](#)

### NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

#### **Adventist Pastor and Family in Denver, Colorado, Victims of Hate Crime**

Church members, other area pastors, and two conferences [band](#)



[Together in support.](#)

## **Southern Adventist University's Outreach Program SALT Crosses International Borders**

When 20-year-old China Williams attended an evangelistic meeting in May 2020, [she had no idea she would end up leaving her home in Auckland, New Zealand](#), to live in the United States three months later.

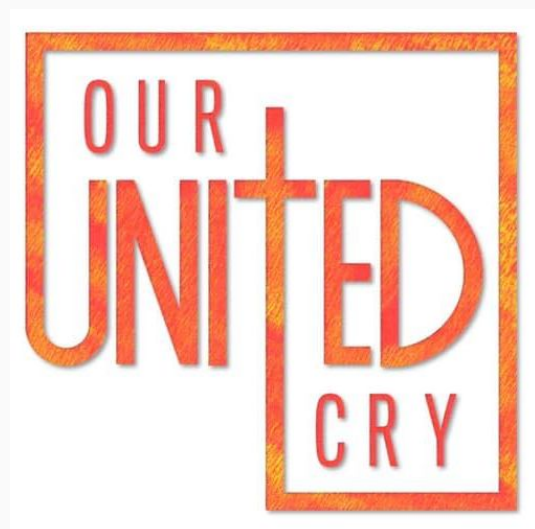
## **Creative Use of Cree Engages Learning at Mamawi Atosketan Native School**

The Adventist school in rural Alberta, Canada, offers [culturally-respectful learning environment for students](#) in kindergarten through grade 12.

## EVENTS AND RESOURCES



**Religious Liberty Sabbath :: January 23** -- Your Religious Liberty Offering will sponsor Liberty magazine subscriptions to high-level government officials, federal, state, and provincial judges, and prominent social and religious leaders throughout North America. Your generous gift will also be used to support the North American Division litigation fund — resources needed to defend and preserve your religious liberty in court when necessary. And a portion of your offering is returned to your local union to aid in religious liberty promotion and education.



The Lake Union Conference invites you to participate in a **prayer summit**, to be held **virtually via Zoom on Friday, January 22 at 7:30 p.m. EST (6:30 p.m. CST)**.

Guest speakers include Lake Region Prayer coordinator, Leon Bryant and Indiana Conference Hispanic Coordinator, Noel Ojeda. [Register on the Our United Cry website.](#)





**If you missed our 6-part #WednesdayWorkshop series or are in need of resources, you can take a look back through our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) archive.**

Topics included: Brand guidelines, crisis communication, newsletters, websites, photography and video, and livestreaming.



**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.

Check with the [Project Safe Church website](#) or your local conference office for more information about this program and getting involved.

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REFLECTIONS ON FAITH, RESILIENCY AND HOPE

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VIDEO OF THE WEEK



In this issue of the *Herald*, we focus on stories of faith, resilience, and hope. We interviewed Toson Knight last summer, and at the time, he was fresh from mourning the loss of several family members who died from Covid-19, including his mother. Watch his heart-wrenching story.

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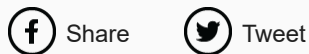
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