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Lake Union HERALD

THIS WEEK

AROUND THE UNION



Lake Union constituency session postponed

After examining the current situation as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic, on Monday, Feb. 8, the Lake Union Conference Executive Committee voted to postpone the Lake Union Constituency meeting until the spring of 2022. It was initially planned for May 16, 2021.

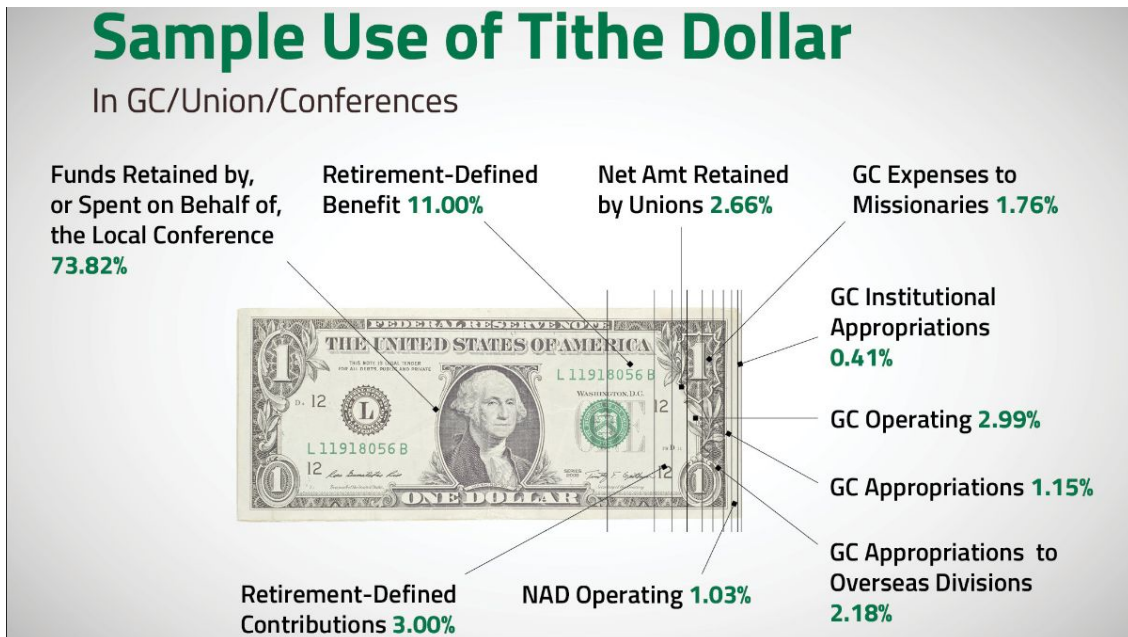
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Lake Union tithe hit record high in 2020

In an interview with Lake Union treasurer Glynn Scott, he describes how, in spite of the pandemic, faithful members gave \$77 million in tithe — the highest giving in history.

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How is tithe spent

We recently received a letter from one of our academy teachers who wanted information in order to explain to her students the importance of tithing and how the funds are used in the local church. It's a question we often hear, so we thought it would be useful to share our Treasury team's response, along with some other information as it relates to giving.

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Scavenger hunt allows Children's Sabbath School to safely connect

What is a family to do for fun in single digit weather during a pandemic and still stay safe? Here's a proven idea from the Children's Sabbath School leaders at Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University which can be replicated in any community.

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IN THE NEWS

mRNA-1273 Phase 3 Clinic

Volunteer Demographics

The 95 COVID-19 cases included 15 older adults (ages 65+ communities (including 12 Hispanic or LatinX, 4 Black or African American, 1 Asian, 1 Native American, 1 Pacific Islander, 1 Other))

| Demographic | Percentage |
|-----------------|------------|
| White | 63% |
| Hispanic/Latinx | 20% |
| Black/AA | 10% |
| Asian | 4% |
| All others | 3% |

| Chronic Disease | Percentage |
|----------------------|------------|
| Chronic Lung Disease | 18% |
| Liver Disease | 36% |
| Other | 25% |
| Other | 19% |

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Immunologist talks vaccine safety at Andrews University forum

An immunologist spoke virtually at Andrews University Thursday night. She's been studying the virus since the first case was detected.

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Andrews University helping revitalize historic downtown Buchanan

BUCHANAN, Mich. -- The city of Buchanan enlisting the help of Andrews University to revitalize their historic downtown and bring more economic development into the area.

It's part of the city commission's Master Plan and a recent survey of residents found that many said they chose to live in Buchanan for its small town atmosphere, but they'd like to see more retail and dining options.

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ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

GENERAL CONFERENCE

Adventist youth honor essential workers during in the pandemic

[Professionals surprised](#) by books and chocolate

Unexpected delivery surprises young people who stopped going to church

[Youth delivered pizzas, literature and prayed with friends](#) in Chapecó, Santa Catarina

The strength of cross-cultural missions

More than an acronym, [Adventist Frontier Missions \(AFM\)](#) is a place for you to [serve cross-cultural missions](#) while seeing the world through the eyes of God.

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

Adventist Community Services' Expanded Partnership in New York City Means More Help For the Food Insecure

Through April, [ACS-run warehouse to receive up to 25 pallets each week for distribution](#) at food pantries across the city.

Southwestern Adventist University Welcomes New VP for Advancement

[Reyes will oversee the SWAU Office of University Advancement](#), which includes alumni relations, development and marketing and public relations.

AdventHealth University Launches New Master's Degree in Spiritual Care

AdventHealth University (AHU) has [added a new Master of Science in Spiritual Care \(MSSC\) degree to its online department in collaboration with AdventHealth](#), a national, faith-based health system.

Adventist Health Announces the Acquisition of Vallejo Behavioral Health Services by Acadia Healthcare

["Behavioral health and well-being are central to Adventist Health's mission](#), and we are committed to taking actions that meet the needs of our communities," said Steven Herber, M.D., president of Adventist Health services in Vallejo and St. Helena.

EVENTS AND RESOURCES



From **February 13 - April 3**, Lake Union Conference will be presenting **free Master Guide webinars each Sabbath at 2:30pm and 3:45pm**. Master Guide Toolbox is a leadership conference for Adventurer and Pathfinder staff. Come be inspired, connect with like-minded people, and learn how to be more effective in your ministry. Register today at CYE.org/toolbox



Don't miss this two-day virtual (and free!) **ASI Spring Fellowship on Friday, April 16 and Sabbath, April 17.**

Experience power-packed presentations on total body health and wellness. For more information and details on registering, please visit: asilakeunion.org/



Mark your calendars for **February 18-20, 2021!** The International Center for Worship & Music is celebrating their **18th Annual Music & Worship Conference** with this year's theme "God is No Respector of Persons: How Worshiping Together Cultivates Unity Across the Divide". **Click here for more information!**



This year **Safety Sabbath will be March 27, 2021**, and will focus on helping churches protect against cybercrime, avoid liabilities from streaming services online, adapt child protection policies to an online environment. Sign up today to receive tips on how to prepare for Safety Sabbath and a valuable resource kit to help you protect your congregation. **Register today to learn more.**



In honor of those who dedicated their lives to full-time gospel or educational ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the church has released the Seventh-day Adventist Clergy and Educator Memorial Medallions.

For more information, please contact Vicki Thompson at Vicki.Thompson@lakeunion.org or call 269-473-8221.



Cruise With A Mission :: Center for Youth Evangelism is planning a December cruise

Experience beautiful new places with amazing people, fun activities and a unique way to serve! The Mexico Riviera Cruise will depart San Diego, California, on December 12-19, 2021 with stops in Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan, and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico before returning back to San Diego. [Learn more.](#)



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.

What's inside this month's *Herald*

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WE MADE IT THROUGH
REFLECTIONS ON FAITH, RESILIENCY AND HOPE

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Picture of the Week



"Josh Alabata, physical education teacher and coach at Hinsdale Adventist Academy, has been nominated for SDA Physical Education Teacher of the year for his commitment to teaching Adventist health principles." Photo Source: [HAA Facebook](#)

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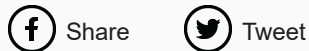
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