



#### AROUND THE UNION



# Panelists to discuss why celebrating AAPI Heritage Month is so important this year

The Lake Union is commemorating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a live broadcast on Sabbath, May 29 at 5 p.m. (EDT).

The program will celebrate the influence and contributions of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community and examine some of their various challenges, including anti-Asian hate crimes. A new study says that anti-Asian hate crimes have increased in 16 of the nation's largest cities and counties by 164% this past year.

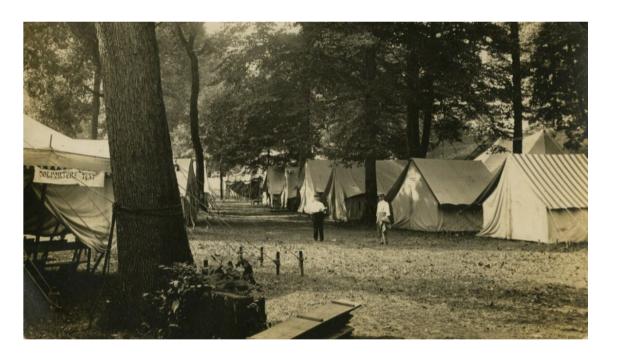
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## Love, Joy, Peace: Stories of Spiritual Care at AdventHealth

AdventHealth spiritual caregivers share stories of hope for three patients who were referred for spiritual services.

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### **Camp Meeting Transformations**

Camp meetings have played an important role in the establishment of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In doing some research recently on camp meetings, Wisconsin's Communication director, Juanita Edge, was inspired by two stories from some past camp meeting experiences.

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## Battle Creek Academy students wish local resident a 100th birthday in style

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Elsie Wilson, who has lived at Bedford Manor Apartments since 1984, turned 100 years old. So to mark the occasion, the apartment complex held a birthday bash for her on Friday, May 14, 2021.

The celebration began with a performance by 30 choir students from Battle Creek Academy, who sang Amazing Grace, Happy Birthday and other songs. The students were part of Partnering for Eternity program, which covered 70% of their tuition because they made weekly visits to elderly residents in the area. Battle Creek Academy paid the remaining 30% of the students' tuition, said Principal Tevita Tameifuna.

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#### 2021 LAKE UNION CAMP MEETINGS

We know you are excited to get back to your annual camp meeting traditions. Here's a quick glance at this year's upcoming Camp Meeting dates and details.

#### **Illinois Conference**

• Family Camp Meeting, Camp Akita, July 28-31, 2021

#### <u>Indiana Conference</u>

- Indiana Academy, June 13-19, 2021 (Virtual)
- Hispanic: Timber Ridge Camp, September 3-6, 2021

#### Lake Region Conference

- Camp Wagner, June 23–26, 2021 (Virtual)
- Hispanic: Camp Wagner, September 3-6, 2021

#### Michigan Conference

- Lower: Great Lakes Academy June 18-26, 2021
- Upper: Camp Sagola September 2-6, 2021
- Hispanic: May 28-30, 2021 (Virtual)

#### Wisconsin Conference

- Camp Wakonda, June 18-26, 2021
- Hispanic: Camp Wakonda, August 11-15, 2021

#### GENEKAL CUNFEKENCE

## Kids' Talents for Jesus: Children's Ministries celebrates 25 years with commemorative book

"It was <u>voted in and approved right there</u> on the floor, and the global church was collectively shocked," recalls Linda Koh, director of Children's Ministries for the Seventh-day Adventist World Church.

#### On Nurse's Day, students deliver letters to professionals

The small <u>students paid homage to nurses at a hospital</u> in Blumenau, Santa Catarina

#### NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

## Symposium Broadcast on COVID-19 Vaccine, the Bible, Science, and Faith Draws Large Number of Viewers

Experts in healthcare, communication, theology, and church history respond to <u>questions and concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine.</u>

#### NAD Youth Ministries Launches Collaborative Mental Health Awareness Effort

The <u>digital resources addressing mental health challenges faced by</u>
<u>youth and young adults</u> became available during Mental Health
Awareness Month in the U.S.

## Adventist Worldwide Church Leaders Thank Members for Their Faithfulness, Remind Them to Support Mission

In a video message, Seventh-day Adventist Church leaders from the General Conference and the North American Division thank members for their faithful support of tithe.

## Recent Southwestern Adventist University Graduate Matched to Ivy League Residency Program

When 2017 graduate Sean Aqui started his freshman year at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas, he dreamed to become a physician, like his father, and began as a biology major.

#### **EVENTS AND RESOURCES**



### The Youth Evangelism Congress is an event unlike any other.

Every two years, senior youth & young adults ages 16-35 in the Lake Union Conference gather to be empowered and receive resources for evangelism back in their local churches and communities. Click here to learn more.



After evaluation of current state health department policies regarding Covid-19, it was unanimously decided to postpone the 2021 Lake Union Camporee to 2022.

Click here to read more.



Conectate: Bridge the Gap

The Hispanic Youth Congress, a bi-annual evangelism event.

More details to come.



## 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.



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#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

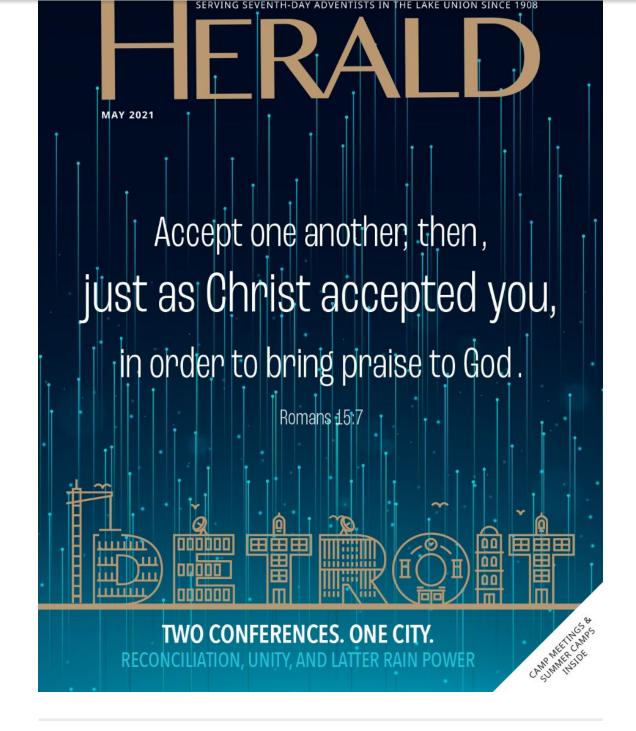
Your Best Pathway to Health Mega Clinic is coming to Indianapolis, April 14-21, 2022.

See website for more information.



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. The Project involves training pastors and church leaders to create a visible reporting mechanism, as well as the ability to connect victims with trained practitioners.

Visit the <u>Project Safe Church</u> website for more information.



#### PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Chip Meekma, vice president for Financial Administration and Chief Financial Officer for Andrews University, received a vaccination at the on-campus COVID-19 vaccination clinic conducted by the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) on Wednesday, May 12. (Photo by Jackson John, University Communication student photographer)

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