









September 9, 2021



AROUND THE UNION



Reflections on the 9/11 terrorist attacks, 20 years later

As we approach the 20th anniversary of 9/11, I find myself pondering how that day in New York City changed so much of the way we live. I had just finished a three-mile jog around Brooklyn's Prospect Park, my routine before heading into work at NBC News' Rockefeller Center headquarters. I remember the cool crisp air hitting my lungs, and the bright sun casting a ray of hope on that gorgeous September morn. The mood would quickly change.

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In the Hands of God - Reflections on 9/11

We are all in the hands of God; but on some days we know that truth more than others. September 11, 2001 was such a day.

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Remembering 9/11

It was a crisp September day as I settled in for school at Browning Elementary in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, but it wasn't long until my fourth grade teacher came scurrying into the room looking visibly distressed. Being only in the fourth grade, she didn't share with us as to why she was upset. But I knew something was wrong.

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Matthew Lucio, Peoria pastor and podcaster, looks back at 20 years of changes after one of the most defining moments of the 21st century.

[Signs of the Times]

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The fourth watch: 9/11 and now

It was a sun-bathed gorgeous Tuesday morning. I was in my study reading when colleague and friend Skip MacCarty called. "Turn on your TV!" "Why?" "Just turn on your TV" was all he would say. So I switched on a black and white 12-inch television (anybody remember those?) in the family room. NBC. As the small screen popped on, there was Tom Brokaw instructing, "Let's reroll that video clip of the plane again." I thought he might be referring to a small Cessna. In disbelief, I watched as a jetliner slammed into the side of the World Trade Center. An orange ball of flame. And the rest is history.

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ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

GENERAL CONFERENCE

How To Make The Sabbath Special During Coronavirus
Keeping the blessing of the Sabbath by remembering its purpose.

Orphans of the Pandemic: Who are the children left after the death of their parents?

Figures show that <u>thousands of children and adolescents have lost</u> <u>their mother, father, or both</u> as a result of COVID-19.

Finding "Lettering with a Purpose"

Ever since she was a little girl growing up in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico, <u>Heidi Cartagena wanted</u> to bless others with her voice by singing or preaching.

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

NAD President Commemorates 9/11, Calls Adventists in North America to Prayer of Remembrance

I urge our members in the North American Division to pray for those

Adventist Community Services Provides Shelter in Louisiana; Serves Across the Division

"We're here to do ministry, we're here to help people," says Lone Star Camp and Conference Center director.

First Female Seventh-day Adventist Chaplain Promoted to U.S. Army Reserve Lieutenant Colonel

In Puerto Rico, <u>Wanda Acevedo becomes the first Seventh-day</u>
<u>Adventist woman to be promoted to lieutenant colonel</u> in the United States Army Reserve.

ADVENTHEALTH

Health Equity Highlighted as Top Priority at AdventHealth's 31st Conference on Mission

The World Health Organization has, since its inception in 1948, endorsed <u>health as a fundamental right for all</u>, regardless of race, religion, political belief, economic status or social condition.

EVENTS AND RESOURCES



Join speakers Tricia Payne, Rob Bernardo, and Yasmik Cantillano for the Lake Union Conference Prayer Summit this coming September 17 at 7 p.m. (EST).

Living without Fear. Praying with Faith.

Register today at <u>ourunitedcry.org</u>.



Indiana Academy Alumni & Golf Weekend:: Indiana Academy inperson Alumni Weekend will be October 8 & 9. To view details, please visit our facebook page. Honor classes this year will also include honor classes from last year. Visit their Facebook page for more. To schedule a reunion location, please email Jimmy Arnett.

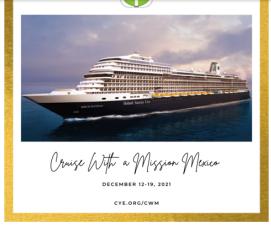
The annual Golf Outing for Indiana Academy will be Friday, October 8, at 8 am at the Tipton Golf Course. To register for this event, please visit iagolfclassic@gmail.com.



Cicero Church and Elementary School celebrates 100 years!

The Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church and Elementary School would like to invite you to celebrate with them on their 100th year anniversary, October 16, 2021, starting with Sabbath School at 9:30 am and ending with potluck and an afternoon program. For more information regarding this event, please call the church office at (317)984-4860.

Cruise With A Mission :: Center





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.

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. It will be hosted in Shipshewana, Ind., on Feb. 18-20, 2022.

Click here to learn more.

Save the Date: June 3-4, 2022

Next year marks the 150th anniversary of Battle Creek Academy! To celebrate this monumental achievement, BCA will combine Alumni Weekend with the celebration.



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.

If you know of a student about to attend or is already on a public university campus in the Lake Union, you should reach out to the conference representative for help in providing an anchor in the young person's faith journey.



What's inside the September *Herald*





During the Michigan Conference's Upper Peninsula camp meeting, some youth were given a mission along with \$50. They were directed to bless Iron Mountain, the local community near Camp Sagola. Taking to heart the parable of the talents, one group decided to find a way to multiply what they had received. What God did in the few hours they were given will inspire you to go out and do the same!

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