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# Lake Union HERALD

THIS WEEK

## AROUND THE UNION



### Helping our neighbors

Lake Union ACS directors call for prayer and support of those devastated by the recent tornados.

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## 2021: The Year in *Herald* stories

Near the end of 2020, the Lake Union president at the time, Maurice Valentine, and I sat down virtually to map out our *Herald* themes for the year. We scanned the horizon for a mix of relevant topics that covered a major issue and pointed our readers toward Jesus. I don't think any of us imagined that the new year would include a worsening pandemic and a reported 800,000 U.S. deaths to date.

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## Lake Union Communication staff changes announced

The Lake Union Conference promotes Felicia Tonga to assistant director of Communication and brings Katie Fellows on full-time as assistant Communication specialist.

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## Teacher mobilizes students to support Oxford community

When news of the Oxford school shooting reached my school in Canton, Michigan, it affected my students, myself, and my fellow teachers.

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## ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

### GENERAL CONFERENCE

#### **ADRA Ignites National Campaign in Indonesia to Protect Elderly During the Pandemic**

The [new project, Elderly First](#), is designed to help those of advanced years to get communities access to the vaccine in four provinces.

#### **Five Lessons Learned During the COVID-19 Delta Surge**

AdventHealth Central Florida Division physician leaders published findings related to [pandemic learnings that improved outcomes](#).

#### **Drinking Water Donation Will Be ADRA's First Measure of Disaster Relief in Southern Bahia**

As a result of this first action, the [Adventist humanitarian agency will allocate R\\$50,000 for the delivery of drinking water](#).

### NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

#### **Miracle on the Tundra**

A desperate search, and an [answer to prayer, bring glory to God in Alaska's tundra](#)

[In total, six new and revised classes cover a wide range of issues in various contexts](#), including African-American history; Black cinema; socioeconomic struggles and inequalities resulting from legal frameworks; and race, class, and gender in American history.

### **Adventist Community Services Across Multiple Conferences Get Ready to Assist in Six Tornado-Ravaged States in the U.S.**

While ACS disaster response teams have not yet been deployed, they have been [active in preparation for response](#).

### **"We Can Still See the Hand of God Leading His People"**

[A holiday message from the NAD president and first lady as 2021 draws to a close.](#)

## **ADVENTHEALTH**

### **Heart-Healthy Ingredient Swaps for Your Holiday Recipes**

They may taste good, but they're not so good for your heart. [Show your loved ones' hearts some love this year by opting for heart-healthy ingredients](#) in your recipes that are sure to get a lot of compliments.

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## EVENTS AND RESOURCES



Are you seeking revival in your prayer experience? The Lake Union Conference would like to invite you to our annual "**Our United Cry: One with God, One with Each Other**" this coming **March 11-12, 2022** with speakers Mark Finley, G. Alexander Bryant, Deeann Bradgraw, Jerry Saraun, and Chanda Nunes. **Register now** \$65 before registration closes February 8, 2022.



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**Your Best Pathway to Health Mega Clinic** is coming to Indianapolis, April 14-21, 2022 and they need your help!

[Volunteer positions](#) for cardiologists, dentists, podiatrists, interpreters, patient assistants and registration, and more are all open. [Volunteer today.](#)

**10 DAYS OF PRAYER**

# THE THREE ANGELS CALL TO PRAYER

January 5-15, 2022

JOIN AT  
[WWW.TENDAYSOFPRAAYER.ORG](http://WWW.TENDAYSOFPRAAYER.ORG)

All authority in Heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go... MATTHEW 28:18-20

# Unstoppable

Youth Evangelism Congress 2022

# 150




**BATTLE CREEK ACADEMY**  
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ADVENTIST CONFERENCE ON FAMILY RESEARCH AND PRACTICE


# Life in the Blender

CULTIVATING RESILIENCE IN FAMILIES


**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS 2022**



**RON L. DEAL**  
Ron L. Deal is President of Smart Stepfamilies™ and Director of FamilyLife Blender®, a division of FamilyLife®. He is a family ministry consultant and conducts marriage and family seminars around the country. He specializes in marriage education and stepfamily enrichment. He is a leading national expert and the most widely read author on blended families in the country. Ron is author of the bestselling book *The Smart Stepfamily: Seven Steps to a Healthy Family* (and DVD series), his newest book is *The Smart Stepfamily Guide to Financial Planning*.



**RHONDA SPENCER-HWANG, DRPH, MPH, CWP**  
Rhonda Spencer-Hwang, DrPH, MPH, CWP is an Associate Professor and Epidemiologist in the Center for Innovation and Strategy within the School of Public Health at Loma Linda University (LLU). Dr. Spencer has been conducting groundbreaking research over the past eight years studying Adventist conferencegoers and is one of the first to identify a community of resilient members despite their tremendous burden of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)—a Resilient Capital region. She has her debut book *Raising Resilient Kids*, published in 2021 with Tyndale Publishing House.



**DR. ELIZABETH VIERA TALBOT, PH.D.**  
Dr. Elizabeth Viera Talbot, Ph.D., is the Speaker/Director for the Jesus 101 Biblical Institute, a media ministry of the North American Division of SDA, designed to offer in-depth Christ centered biblical studies resources. Elizabeth is regularly featured on Hope Channel and Esperanza TV (LBN, ROKU/Jesus 101 channel), and on several international TV channels and other social media outlets, as well as radio stations throughout the world. Elizabeth wrote the 2020 NAD devotional book entitled, "JESUS WINS!"

REGISTRATION	REGULAR	LATE
Professionals	\$49	\$69
Student	\$25	\$35
CEU	\$10	\$10

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**JULY 21-23, 2022**

Adventist Family Ministries  Andrews University

the power of the Holy Spirit during **Ten Days of Prayer January 5-15.** As you pray through the three angels' messages, may they shine with new relevance and lead you and your prayer group into a deeper experience with Jesus.

Join at <https://tendaysofprayer.org/>

## Registration is open!

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. **The Youth Evangelism Congress will be hosted in Shipshewana, Ind., on Feb. 18-20, 2022.** [Register today.](#)

## 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.

You are invited to join the Adventist Conference on Family Research and Practice for "Life in the Blender: Cultivating Resilience in Families" on July 21-23, 2022.

Keynote speakers include Ron L. Deal, Rhonda Spencer-Hwang (DrPH, MPH, CWP), and Dr. Elizabeth Viera Talbot, PH.D.

For more information or to register, visit [acfrp.org](http://acfrp.org).

**Are you apart of a Pathfinder Club?** The North American Division wants to know how they can best support and



they launched a survey they would like to invite you to participate in.

[Start the Pathfinder Club Survey.](#)

## Pathfinder Club Survey

PROJECT  
SAFE  
CHURCH

**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 [Project Safe Church 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.

Visit our [website](#) for a list of conference representatives.

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# HERALD

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# E=MC<sup>2</sup>

Evangelism = Mission x Community<sup>2</sup>

## The Audacious Youth Evangelism Experiment

ILLINOIS MEMBERS  
ILLINOIS FOCUS  
INSIDE

*As the pandemic continues to cause production and delivery delays, we continue to work diligently to bring you news and stories from across the Lake Union. If you haven't received this month's Herald, you can access all of our digital content on our website.*

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Photos of the Week



Andrews Academy held their 48th annual Feast of Lights this past weekend. It was a spectacular night of music, scriptures and drama honoring the King of Kings, a retelling of the glorious Christmas story.

"A big thank you to all the students who worked diligently in making this such a beautiful program," wrote Andrews Academy on their Facebook page. "And a big thank you to the music directors Elsy M. Gallardo-Diaz & Marcelo Martins."

For the video of this program please go to Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/andrewsacademyaa/videos/335013764717594>

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