



# Lake Union HERALD

THIS WEEK

## AROUND THE UNION



### Harbor of Hope: How one church lived up to its name

When the Benton Harbor community was affected by a tainted water system, Harbor of Hope Adventist Church stepped up to support their community.

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## continues to grow

Andre Trofort, pastor of the Maranatha Group, reports on the faithful growth of the Maranatha and Indianapolis Haitian groups.

[Read More](#)



## Record number of youth delegates are Shipshewana-bound

Over 300 youth and supporters are set to converge in Indiana the weekend of Feb. 18-22 for the fifth Youth Evangelism Congress.

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## A boy and a church

Retiree and former educator Neal VanderWaal reflects on growing up in the church and provides lessons on how to keep youth engaged in ministry.

[Read More](#)

ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

## GENERAL CONFERENCE



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Adventist Health and World Vision International recently [donated dozens of bicycles to help middle and high school students](#) in North Mexico.

### **Volunteer Teacher's Remarkable Path to Lebanon**

[Student follows God to Brazil, U.S., Argentina, Asia, and Lebanon.](#)

### **How the Metaverse Can Be an Opportunity for the Church**

[A virtual world built for people will also need missionaries](#)

## **NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION**

### **New Online Encyclopedia Tells the Story of Adventists as Never Before**

[The encyclopedia, launched in 2020, is a tool for those wanting to learn more about the Adventist Church](#) in North America and around the world, for those who want to understand why the church is the way it is, and for those looking to witness to others.

### **In the Atlantic Union, Northeastern Conference Establishes a Virtual Church**

On Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022, the Northeastern Conference (NEC) Executive Committee [made conference history by establishing its first virtual church.](#)

### **La Sierra University to Launch 100th Anniversary Events With New Sculpture Dedication**

La Sierra University's remarkable and arduous beginnings in 1922, and its [metamorphic growth over the ensuing century will be celebrated with a series of 100th anniversary events](#) this year beginning in February.

### **Local Conference, Volunteers Reach the Mayfield Community in Kentucky After Devastation from December Tornadoes**

[Along with church members and volunteers, the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference also took an active role in aiding the affected communities.](#)

## **ADVENTHEALTH**

### **What Can Help When You Feel Helpless During the Pandemic**

We want you to know it's completely normal to struggle with feelings of helplessness as this time that has been — and continues to be — anything but normal. [It's OK not to feel OK.](#)

## **ADVENTIST REVIEW**

### **Confession of the Privileged**

[I'd rather offend my white brothers and sisters by my words than my black brothers and sisters by my silence.](#)

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## EVENTS AND RESOURCES

**Three Angels  
February Deals:  
Black History Month**

**SALES**

Visit Three Angels and browse through a variety of Black authors. Or, call for a specific order at 317/984-5393.

**SALE ENDS Feb 28**

Adventist-eBooks.com

Visit Three Angels and browse through a variety of Black authors.

Of if you are looking for something more specific, call 317-984-5393.

**THE EPIDEMIC OF Chronic Disease**

Natural remedies for diabetes

Christina Walls, MD, MPH  
LIRC Health & Wellness Director, Heart

Eric Wabsh, MD, MPH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022 | 3:00 PM CST, 4:00 PM EST  
WATCH LIVE AT [www.lrcsda.com/live](http://www.lrcsda.com/live)

Join the Lake Region Conference for their upcoming health series this Sabbath, February 19 at 4 pm (EST) for The Epidemic of Chronic Disease.

Watch LIVE at [lrcsda.com/live](http://lrcsda.com/live)

**LET JUSTICE ROLL**  
THE STATE OF THE BLACK CHURCH  
*Why Allies are Still Needed for the Black Church?*

Join the conversation!  
FRIDAY FEB 18 | 7:30PM EST

Conscience & Justice Council  
LIVE STREAM

Panelists: MELISSA BRIDGEMAN, NICHOLAS MILLER, ZENAYO PLANTAK, DEANE THOMAS

For information visit these websites: [www.messagemagazine.com](http://www.messagemagazine.com) and [www.cjcouncil.org](http://www.cjcouncil.org)

**Let Justice Roll: The State of the Black Church** :: Join the Conscience & Justice Council for a discussion this Friday, February 18, at 7:30 pm (EST), on why allies are still needed for the Black church. **Watch LIVE on Facebook and YouTube.** For more information, visit [messagemagazine.com](http://messagemagazine.com) and [cjcouncil.org](http://cjcouncil.org).

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

**Unstoppable**

Youth Evangelism Congress 2022

Every two years, senior youth & young adults ages 16-35 in the Lake Union Conference gather to be empowered and receive resources for local evangelism.

**WHAT:** Youth Evangelism Congress  
**WHEN:** Feb. 18-20, 2022  
**WHERE:** Shippshewana, Indiana

REGISTER TODAY



Are you dating with purpose, engaged, or recently married? **Adventist Engaged Encounter** this Feb. 18-20, 2022 on the Andrews University campus can help you take your #COUPLEHOOD to the next level! Learn the skills to build your future! You and your #SWEETHEART deserve it! **REGISTER TODAY**

Presented by Lake Union Conference

**MASTER GUIDE TOOLBOX**

Your passion for youth ministries meets our passion for quality training

February 24-26 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

The Lake Union Conference Youth department invites you to the Master Guide Toolbox on Feb. 24-26

Join them online at [CYE.ORG/TOOLBOX](http://CYE.ORG/TOOLBOX)

Are you seeking revival in





Join the Lake Union Conference for our annual prayer conference **March 11-12, 2022** with speakers Mark Finley, G. Alexander Bryant, Deeann Bradgraw, Jerry Saraun, and Chanda Nunes.

**Register now** for \$65 before registration closes February 8, 2022.



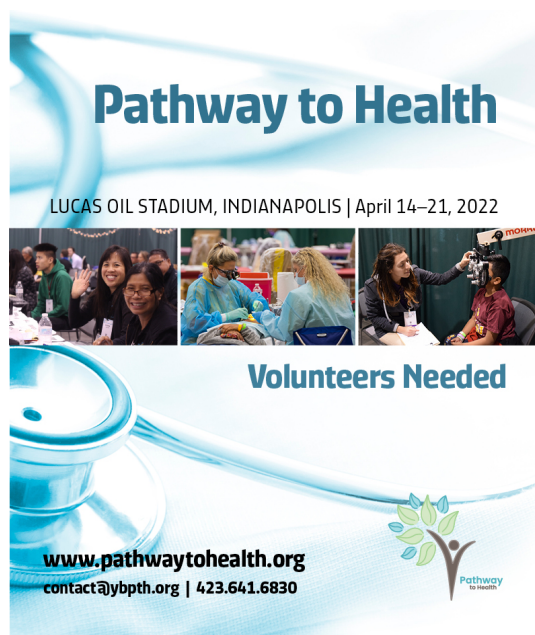
The Wisconsin Conference Family Ministries Committee is pleased announce that **MAD About Marriage** is coming to Sun Prairie, WI! April 2, 2022 at 1 pm at the Sun Prairie Highschool Performing Arts Center with guest speaker, Mike Tucker, of Lifestyle Magazine.

**For more information and to register, please visit:**  
<https://wi.adventist.org/mad-about-marriage/>



**Milwaukee Seventh-day Adventist School (formerly known as MJA) has rescheduled their 50th Anniversary celebration for April 8-9, 2022.** All are welcome to attend. Speaker: Pastor Debbie Rivera.

Celebration will be held at 1090 W. Mill Road, Milwaukee, WI 53225. Please RSVP at [milwaukeesdaschool.org](http://milwaukeesdaschool.org).



**Your Best Pathway to Mega-Health Clinic heads to Indianapolis, April 14-21, 2022.**

Give back to an under-served community by sharing the love of God and providing physical, mental, and spiritual needs.

Licensed dental, medical & vision, and support/general role volunteers needed.



**Save the Date: June 3-4, 2022**

This year marks the 150th anniversary of Battle Creek Academy.

BCA will combine Alumni Weekend to mark this monumental celebration.

You are invited to the "Life in the Blender: Cultivating Resilience in Families" conference on

**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 Family in 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 centenarians and is one of the first to identify a community of resilient members despite their tremendous burden of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) – a Resilience 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 (Lima, Peru) (Jesus 101 classes) and on several international TV channels and other social media venues, as well as radio stations throughout the world. Elizabeth wrote the 2020 NAD devotional book entitled, "JESUS WINS!"

REGISTRATION	REGULAR	LATE
Professional	\$49	\$69
Student	\$25	\$35
CEO	\$10	\$10

Information/Registration: [www.acfcs.org](http://www.acfcs.org) | Contact: [services@adventsource.org](mailto:services@adventsource.org)

**JULY 21-23, 2022**

Adventist Family Ministries | Andrews University

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).

Adventist Fellowship

**ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP INSTITUTE 2022**  
JULY 26-30

FOR STUDENTS IN BLOOMINGTON

INDIANA UNIVERSITY  
IN BLOOMINGTON  
[WWW.ACFLINK.ORG](http://WWW.ACFLINK.ORG)

The Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) Institute invites all ACF student-leaders, campus chaplains and pastors, conference and union youth and young adult ministries directors, and any leaders desiring to learn about ministry with and for students on public campuses from an on-campus student perspective.

**When:** July 26-30, 2022  
**Where:** Indiana University in Bloomington, IN  
**Register online at [ACFLink.org](http://ACFLink.org)**

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**FEARLESS**

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SEPTEMBER 15-18, 2022  
[luc.camporee.org](http://luc.camporee.org)

**2022 Lake Union Camporee Registration is Open!** The Lake Union Camporee is back this year with the same awesome speaker lineup and activities planned.

**When:** September 15-18, 2022  
**Where:** Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Register online at [luc.camporee.org](http://luc.camporee.org)

Seventh-day Adventist Clergy  
"TIL HE COMES"

Seventh-day Adventist Educator  
"TIL HE COMES"

**'TIL HE COMES:**  
Special Memorial Medallions Honor Service of Seventh-day Adventists

**Medallions are available to those who dedicated their lives to full-time gospel or educational ministry** in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

For more information, please contact Vicki Thompson at [Vicki.Thompson@lakeunion.org](mailto:Vicki.Thompson@lakeunion.org) or call 269-473-8221.



**Do you belong to a Pathfinder Club?** The North American Division wants to know how they can best support Pathfinder Club leaders. Please fill out this survey to let your voice be heard.

Start the [Pathfinder Club Survey](#).

**Pathfinder Club Survey**

**Project Safe Church exists to**



# PROJECT SAFE CHURCH

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.

## What's inside the *Herald*



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In celebration of Black History Month, Andrews University hosted "The Sweet Potato Journey" which explored the history of the sweet potato and its significance to African Americans as participants baked sweet potato pies together.

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