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Lake Region Director Receives National Recognition

On Sunday, February 26, 2023, the director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the Lake Region Conference was recognized for his years of dedicated service at a gala held at the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church in Maryland. Edward Woods III was honored with a Living Legend Award for Service to Humanity for his decades of advocacy for equitable representation and liberty of conscience.

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Wisconsin Administrator Announces Retirement

F. Brian Stephan, executive secretary and treasurer of the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, announced today that he will retire on July 1, 2023.

Stephan has served in this capacity since his election in 2011. Upon retirement, his denominational service in the Michigan and Wisconsin conferences will span 43 years, to the day, from when he began working for the church.

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Farewell Plans for Pastor Dwight Released

After 40 years at Pioneer Memorial Church, Dwight Nelson announced last summer his plans to transition from pastoral ministry.

He told the congregation on Aug. 13, 2022: "It has finally dawned on Karen and me, that the privilege and joy of pastoring this parish cannot go on forever. And today we are announcing that it will soon stop."

The last day of congregational ministry will be early summer 2023, with Nelson's last Sabbath preaching on May 20, 2023.

Since his announcement, a committee began formalizing plans to salute the longest serving Seventh-day Adventist pastor to one congregation. A series of events are planned to commemorate Pastor Dwight and Karen, and to thank them for all they have done through Christ Jesus.

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Indiana Church Feeds Hundreds Every Week

Reaching out to your neighbors may seem like an intimidating task. However, for one church, what started as an evangelistic series flier left at a door turned into a massive community project that now touches the lives of hundreds of people every Sabbath afternoon.

Neighbors in Need, an initiative launched by the Anderson Seventh-day Adventist Church, distributes 300 hot vegetarian meals every Sabbath afternoon to their community located on the outskirts of Indianapolis.

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Commentary: It's Time for a Revival

I remember very well my arrival to begin my studies at Andrews. I arrived at Andrews in 1971 with some uncertainty because it was my first time leaving New York to live my life in an environment very different from where I had grown up. All my previous studies had taken place in secular schools. I imagined that my new environment would be very different, but what I did not imagine was the sense of love and prayer that I saw when I arrived.

- Carmelo Mercado

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The Next Big Thing

What: 180° SYMPOSIUM 2023
When: March 27-29, 2023
Where: Andrews University \ Virtual

Submit a paper or come to participate in the discussions and recommendations with youth ministry practitioners, administrators, and academicians.

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March 25, 2023 is Safety Sabbath. Churches across North America (and beyond) will hold fire drills on Safety Sabbath to help their congregation be equipped in case of a fire or other emergency. When you register for Safety Sabbath, Adventist Risk Management, Inc. ([ARM](#)) provides drills and actionable resources as well as flyers, videos, and graphics to reach out to others.

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SAVE THE DATE

What: ASI Lake Union
When: April 28-29, 2023
Where: Tinley Park Convention Center in Tinley Park, IL
Guest Speaker: Neil Nedley, M.D., President, Weimar Institute

For more information, visit www.asilakeunion.org.



Conectate :: June 2-4, 2023

Join main speaker Pr. Arnaldo Cruz on June 2-4, 2023 for Lake Union Conference's 7th Bilingual Youth Congress, Conectate. The congress will be held at the Howard Performing Arts Center on the campus of Andrews University. **Catch the early bird registration rate through Feb. 28 at conectateluc.com.**



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Project Safe Church exists to train leaders to take 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.

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This Week in Adventist History



Madison, Wisconsin, in 1925. For over twenty five years, this sanitarium served the sick across Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and northern Illinois. In March 1918, it was the site of a spiritual revival. The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald reported, saying that a "recent week of prayer proved a real blessing to the sanitarium family." Moved by the spirit, sanitarium nursing students took to the streets, offering Bible studies, distributing literature, and performing acts of service in the surrounding neighborhood. The revival was "a cause for courage and hope to us here at the Madison Sanitarium," the Review reporter said, because "God is impressing with his blessed truth the patients who come to us for help." Today, God's message of love continues to be shared at six Adventist hospitals and clinics across the Lake Union.

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