



Lake Union HERALD

AROUND THE UNION



ASI Lake Union Meeting Highlights Mental Health

[ASI Lake Union](#) Spring Fellowship was held April 28-29 at [Tinley Park Convention Center](#), Illinois with the theme, "Sharpen the Wedge: Thriving in a Post-Pandemic World, Guilt-free Selfcare." The keynote speaker was Dr. [Neil Nedley](#), and seminar presenter was Maydis Skeete.

More than \$15,000 was raised, exceeding [the goals for three major ministries](#). These include Advocates for Southeast Asians and the Persecuted ([ASAP](#) Ministry's which has a goal of helping Karen refugees in Wisconsin; [FARM STEW](#), whose mission is to improve the health and well-being of poor families and vulnerable people by equipping them with practical life skills, and [Weimar Institute](#), founded to impart a knowledge of God to its students.

This year also marked a turn of leadership. The newly elected officers to serve for the term 2023 – 2025 are: Gianluca Bacchiocchi (President), Lisa Isensee (General Vice President), Debbie Young (Vice President of Communications), Michael Clendenning (Vice President of Evangelism), Tom Morrissy (Vice President of Finance), Trudi Starlin (Vice President of Membership), and Carmelo Mercado (Executive Secretary).

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Private Foundation Invests in Lake Union Ministries

The Versacare Foundation awarded grants totaling almost \$200,000 across the Lake Union.

Berean Church in South Bend, Ind., **Caught Up Ministries** based in Detroit, and **Harbor of Hope Church** in Benton Harbor, Mich., were three of the 11 ministries receiving \$40,000 grants. According to a Versacare news release, these top awardees were “by invitation to applicants implementing proven successful practices as well as organizations demonstrating creativity and innovation in the delivery of services that meet the needs of individuals or groups.”

Versacare Foundation is an independent foundation which has been serving Seventh-day Adventist ministries and a select few other humanitarian efforts with financial grants since 1990. A self-funded lay organization, its board is comprised of both lay Adventists and present and former Adventist church employees.

Read the full list of recipients and their project details.

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Andrews University Spring Graduation Details Announced

Andrews University’s spring graduation will take place May 5–7, 2023. The weekend’s events will include a Friday evening Commencement service, Baccalaureate services on Sabbath morning and two additional Commencement services on Sunday morning.

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Parkinson Voice Project Funds Andrews University Clinic

The Andrews University Speech-Language & Hearing Clinic was recently awarded a SPEAK OUT! Therapy and Research Center Grant by the [Parkinson Voice Project](#). Valued at more than \$280,000, the award provides extensive training and services offered by the nonprofit Parkinson Voice Project over the next five years, including \$10,000 per year for resources over the same period. Andrews is one of 16 universities across the country who have been awarded this newly introduced grant, which enables universities to provide free teletherapy to Parkinson's patients anywhere in the recipient's state.

The grant supports research in the School of Communication Sciences & Disorders and enables Andrews University to train students in the SPEAK OUT! program. It also allows the clinic to have a wider reach within the state of Michigan, giving patients access to free teletherapy for voice, speech and swallowing disorders that can accompany Parkinson's disease.

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A Beautiful and Prayerful Life Seminar

"The very bread we eat has upon it the image and superscription of the cross." Our Father Cares 118.3

The Village Church held a unique seminar on a "Beautiful and Prayerful Life," aimed at exploring the connection between our physical bread and prayer. Just as bread-making takes patience, so does prayer.

From the first Sunday and throughout the following weeks, about fifty people attended each meeting. Dan Augsburg was the main presenter for the seminars, and three ladies shared in the various bread-making demonstrations.

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EVENTS AND RESOURCES



Conectate is 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.

Register at [conectateluc.com](https://www.conectateluc.com).



National Camps for Blind Children

a ministry of Christian Record Services is proud to partner with Timber Ridge Camp in Spencer, Indiana this summer. On **June 18-25**, the camp will provide confidence-building opportunities for individuals ages 7-65 who are blind and visually impaired as they participate in a variety of summer camp experiences. For more information about our summer camp programs visit www.blindcamps.org.



Who: Adventist Conference on Family Research and Practice

What: Families & Emotional Health

Where: Virtual

When: July 20-22, 2023

Registration: [ACFRP.org](http://www.acfrp.org)

Who should participate? Family Ministries leaders from local churches, conferences, union conferences and divisions, other professionals who work with families, seminary students, graduate students, pastors and lay persons who have an interest in improving their own marriages and families are invited to participate.



CYE invites you to a cruise adventure to Alaska on September 3-10.

Check out the [itinerary](#) and [register](#).

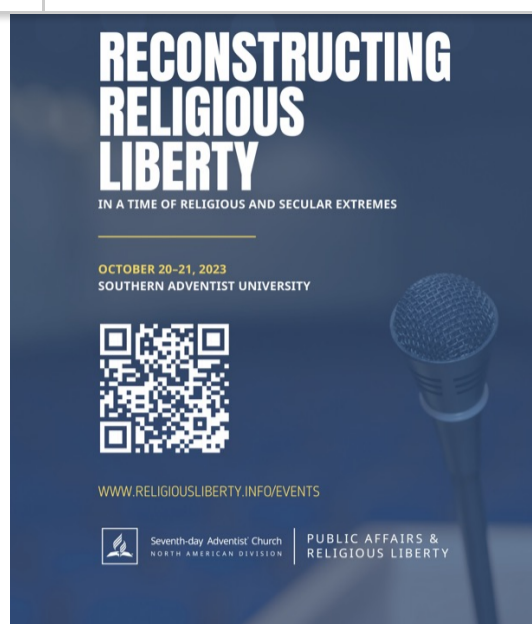
If you have any questions, please send an email to cwm@cye.org.



You are invited to join the Princeton Seventh-day Adventist Church on a "Biblical Backgrounds Tour," from September 3-17, 2023.

Walk the grounds that Jesus walked and experience the rich history of Egypt, Jordan, Israel, and Palestine, all with special group pricing.

To learn more, visit connect.princetonsdachurch.com/israel



to *"Reconstructing Religious Liberty in a Time of Religious and Secular Extremes."* This two-day event will explore new ways to talk about religious freedom within a culturally and politically polarized America.

When: October 20-21, 2023

Where: Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church

For more information and to register, visit religiousliberty.info/events.

Registration is now open with an Early Bird rate of just \$49.



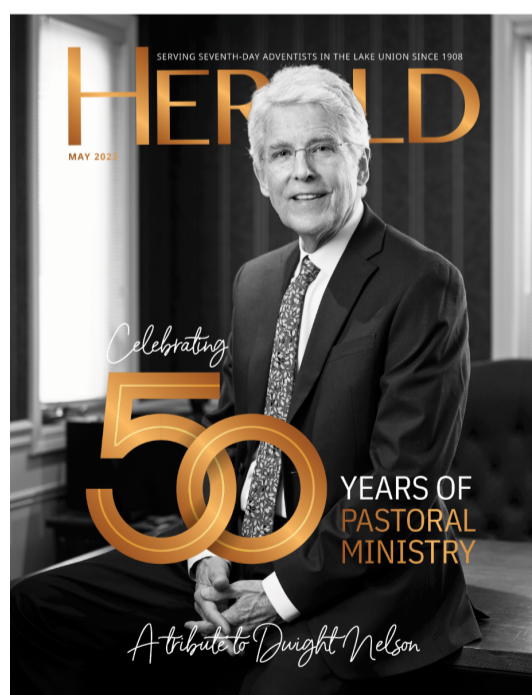
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Project Safe Church exists to train leaders to take action in response to the systemic crisis of abuse in the Seventh-day Adventist church. The Project involves training pastors and church leaders to create a visible reporting mechanism, as well as the ability to connect victims with trained practitioners.

Visit the [Project Safe Church website](http://ProjectSafeChurch.org) for more information.

What's inside the *Herald*



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This month's issue highlights Dwight Nelson's 50 years in ministry, plus summer camps and camp meetings.

[Read All Our Stories Online](#)

This Month in Adventist History



It's always a joyful time when spring finally reaches the Lake Union. On May 22, 1970, the students at Andrews University gathered on the steps of the James White Library to enjoy warmer weather and fellowship on the campus mall. They are pictured here ushering in the Sabbath at what they called a "Sing-In Vesper Service." The students sang hymns accompanied by acoustic guitar and upright bass. Photograph courtesy of the Center for Adventist Research and presented by the Adventist Digital Library.



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