



# Lake Union HERALD

## AROUND THE UNION



### Over 500 Hispanic Youth Gather for Spiritual Retreat and to Spread God’s Love

If you missed one of the largest gathering of bi-lingual Hispanic youth on the campus of Andrews University last weekend, June 2-4, don’t worry—we captured the highlights. The youth congress featured more than 500 youth and young adults converging from the Lake Union territory and beyond to worship God and to bring joy to residents in Southwest Michigan and Northern Indiana.

One highlight of the weekend was hearing from the main speaker, digital influence and pastor, Arnaldo Cruz. With his infectious energy and uplifting messages, Pastor Arnaldo fearlessly tackled important and relevant topics that are often left unspoken in the church, and his words resonated deeply with the youth. As a result, several committed their lives to Christ and at the closure of the gathering, two were baptized.

This was the seventh time the Lake Union bi-lingual congress convened and the first one held in-person since the pandemic.

[WATCH THIS VIDEO RECAP](#)



## Camp Meetings Start this Week!

Camp meetings are wonderful times to recharge our spiritual batteries and develop memories to last a lifetime. And, as we get ready for camp meeting season to begin this week, we're already excited seeing photos of all the preparation going on (vigorous work no doubt for those doing the hard lifting). We can't wait to see you there!

See the full list of dates, locations and speakers below!

[DISCOVER A CAMP MEETING NEAR YOU](#)



## State-of-the-art School Library Opens In South Side Chicago

The pandemic highlighted a major problem in Chicago's South Side. Many households did not have internet at home or have access to digital devices such as computers or tablets. This is especially problematic in a society that's becoming rapidly tech-centered and necessary to participate in modern life.

Shiloh Church leaders began looking for solutions to help tackle this digital disparity. "There was no space like this to address these needs in the entire South Side of Chicago," noted John Boston, senior pastor of the Shiloh Church.

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## **Herald Statement in Response to Article Deletion**

We previously published an article written by Green Bay Pastor Cory Herthel whose employment subsequently was [terminated](#) by the Wisconsin Conference following an investigation and where criminal charges were brought. We ask you to join us in praying for the victim of the former pastor's actions, as well as any others affected by this devastating situation.

Relatedly, we also wish to remind you that the Seventh-day Adventist church has a system in place to protect church members against possible abuse. Those over 18 who are voted to serve within our churches or organizations, and those who are employed by the church and working with children and youth, are asked to complete a criminal background check and child protection training every three years. More information is available at:

<https://www.nadadventist.org/asv>

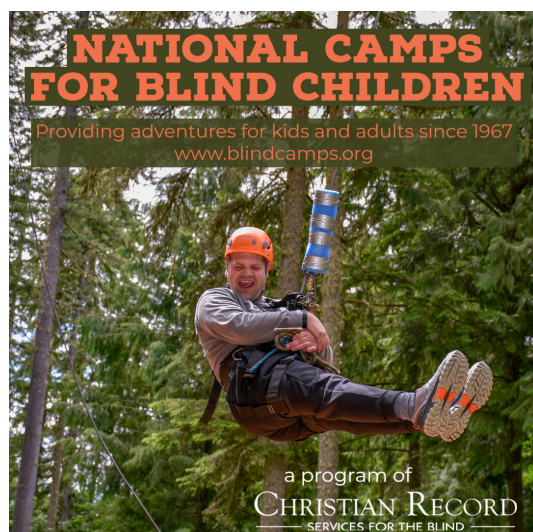
In addition, for the last several months we have been working on a series of articles to provide information on how we can safeguard our children from sexual abuse. These stories will be featured in the August 2023 issue and at that time you will find more on our website [www.lakeunionherald.org](http://www.lakeunionherald.org)

How we long for the world made new ... even so, come Lord Jesus.

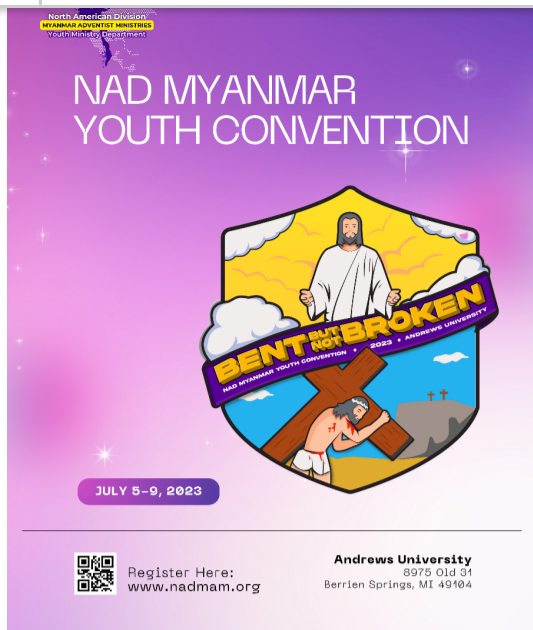
## EVENTS AND RESOURCES



**Are you looking to improve your church's email outreach strategy?** Discover our comprehensive resource, "The Definitive Guide to Church Email Outreach." This essential guide will provide you with the necessary skills to share *The Message* effectively in a modern world through one of the most powerful outreach channels available. Learn how to create engaging emails, increase open rates, and ultimately foster a stronger connection within your congregation and community. Don't miss out on this invaluable guide – [download it now and transform your church's email outreach efforts!](#)



**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](http://www.blindcamps.org).



## Youth Convention on July 5-9, 2023.

**Where:** Andrews University campus at 8975 Old 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

Age 12-17 is \$125.  
Adults are \$150.

**Register at [nadmam.org](http://nadmam.org).**



**Who:** Adventist Conference on Family Research and Practice

**What:** Families & Emotional Health

**Where:** Virtual

**When:** July 20-22, 2023

**Registration:** [ACFRP.org](http://ACFRP.org)

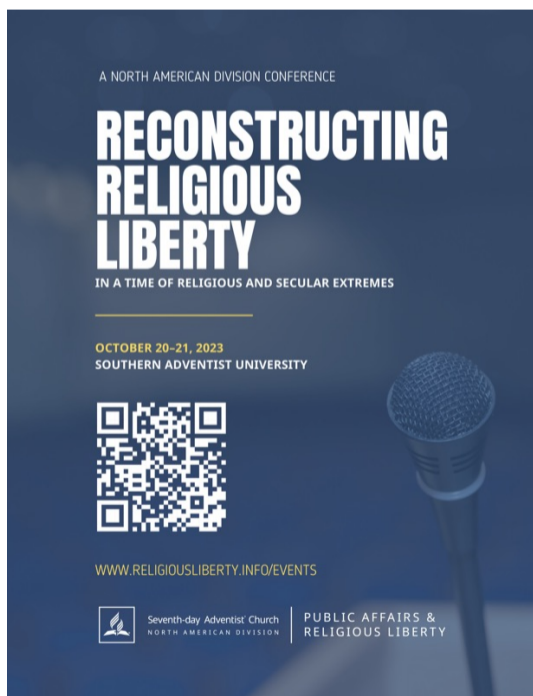
**Who should participate?** Family Ministries leaders from local churches, conferences, union conferences and divisions, other professionals who work with families, seminary students, graduate students, pastors and lay persons who have an interest in improving their own marriages and families are invited 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](mailto:cwm@cye.org).



The NAD Public Affairs and Religious Liberty ministry invites you 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](http://religiousliberty.info/events).

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



## Explore a growing collection of Adventist Resources.

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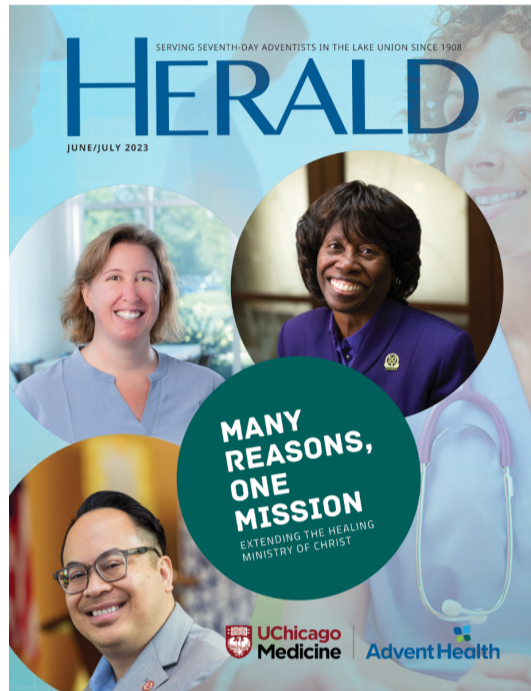


# PROJECT SAFE CHURCH

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.

## What's inside the *Herald*



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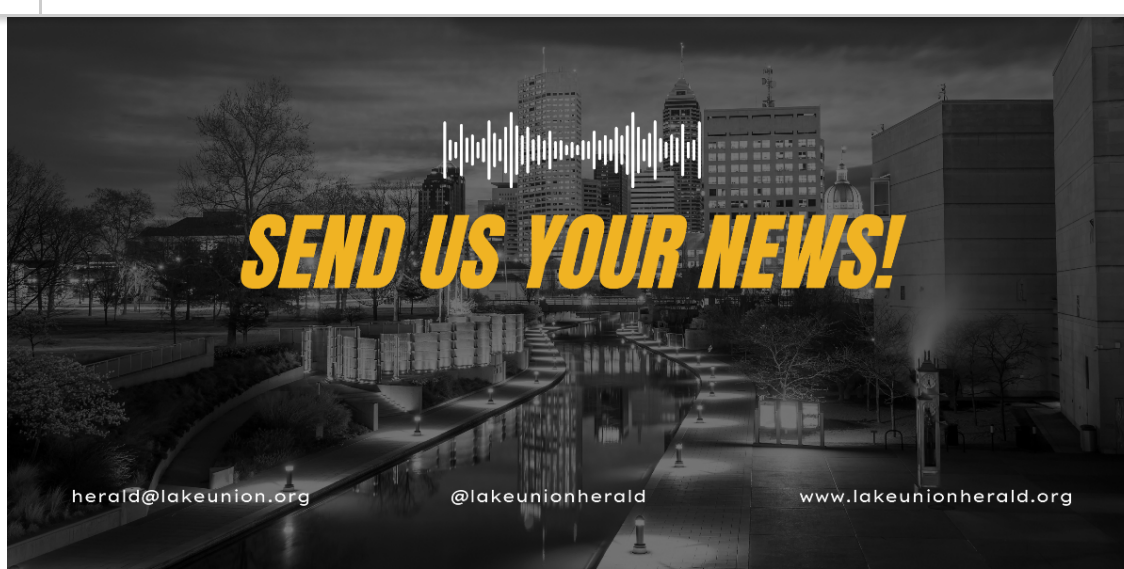
This month's issue features stories from UChicago Medicine AdventHealth.

[Read All Our Stories Online](#)

## Photo of the Week



Delegates from the Atlantic Union Conference visited Andrews University to discuss the creation of a memorandum of understanding to teach classes remotely at the old Atlantic Union College campus. (Photo by Darren Heslop, University Communication staff photographer)



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