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AROUND THE UNION



Hundreds of Educators From Across the Lake Union Receive Boost at National Teachers' Convention

Three hundred educators and church leaders from across the Lake Union territory gathered Aug. 7-10 for the fifth North American Division [Teachers' Convention](#) in Phoenix, Arizona.

The convention, themed "Something Better," attracted over 6,000 who were reminded that Jesus offers each of us "something better" than the world can provide. Educators had the opportunity to attend over 300 presentations, visit more than 150 exhibitors, as well as enjoy devotional talks and uplifting music. This year's convention featured new attractions such as Ed Talks, Spark Tank—a chance for schools to make their best pitch to reach their communities for Christ— and a special track for Early Childhood Education.

The Lake Union Education Department hosted a banquet for its educators on Wednesday evening and during the program several teachers shared how the convention has sparked numerous ideas for re-engaging students in the classroom. Comments ranged from: "I'm so glad I was able to attend," "The Ed Talks were amazing as I got great tools," "I learned a lot about how I want my classroom to be."

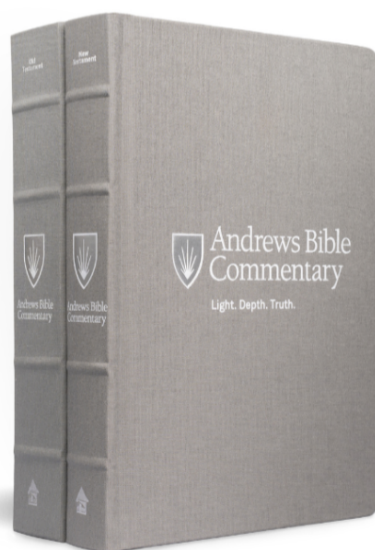
We praise God to our dedicated educators marching forward as the hands and feet of Jesus in the classroom.



Local Educators Featured in Video Showcased at Teachers' Convention

This video is getting tons of attention at the North American Division Teachers' Convention . . .you may recognize lots of familiar faces from Andrews Academy, Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, Griggs International Academy and others!

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)



“Andrews Bible Commentary” Goes to Every Adventist School in North America

Students in every Adventist school in North America will have access this fall to the new “Andrews Bible Commentary” through an initiative financially sponsored by three organizations, according to John Wesley Taylor, president of Andrews University.

Taylor, who took office at Andrews on July 1, said that the Foundation for Adventist Education, the North America Division Office of Education and Andrews University partnered to organize funding to send a set of the commentary to every Adventist school in the North American Division (NAD). The Foundation for Adventist Education is a private foundation operated by the family of Ed and Ann Zinke, of Silver Spring, Maryland, and supports many projects focused on advancing deep biblical understanding of Adventist theology and the philosophy of education.



“We Knew Nothing Was Too Big for God, But It Was Daunting...”

Battle Creek Academy's future was looking rather bleak. Their roof was crumbling, and if they couldn't raise 1.2 million, they would have to close the school.

Battle Creek Academy (BCA) has been in formal operation for a stunning 151 years, serving Battle Creek's youth since 1872, when the school was established. Before that, in 1856, Mary Osgood unofficially led the school out of her home and charged each student 25 cents tuition. BCA has since expanded from just one teacher and a parlor to a building located on 44 acres with eight classrooms, a gymnasium, science lab, music room, fitness center, three-bay garage and more, all supported by over fifteen faculty members.

The school is not a stranger to adversity. The academy's original three-story school building was built in 1903 on North Kendall street in Battle Creek, and served for 42 years before being destroyed in a fire in 1945. Three years later, a new school was dedicated on September 6, 1948. The school opened for its first academic year on September 9, 1948, and has undergone numerous expansions since then. Thousands of alumni have been blessed to receive an education focused on scholastic excellence and spiritual growth. This year, it all threatened to crumble.

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Wisconsin Church Gifts Over 200 Gift Bags at Oneida County Fair

Fair. In preparation for hosting a booth at the fair, church members got together and assembled gift bags filled with Amazing Facts health magazines and either The Desire of Ages or The Great Controversy books. They were able to hand out 200 of these bags to people who stopped by their booth.

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EVENTS AND RESOURCES



On Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1-3, 2023, Breath of Life Ministries is partnering with the Lake Region Conference to host its second annual **Young Adult Rally**. The rally will take place in Chicago, Illinois. The theme is "Strengthening Your Core."

[Register here!](#)



The Battle Creek Tabernacle in Battle Creek, Michigan, invites you to join them as they dedicate their newly remodeled sanctuary and main floor of the church. The dedication ceremony will take place on Sept. 23, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. The theme for the dedication is "Renew and Rejoice," as in renewing our commitment to Jesus and rejoicing in what He has done for us. Special speaker for the morning service will be Dwight Nelson, recently retired pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University. We especially encourage former members to worship with us and see the changes that have been made. The church is located at 264 West Michigan Avenue in Battle Creek.



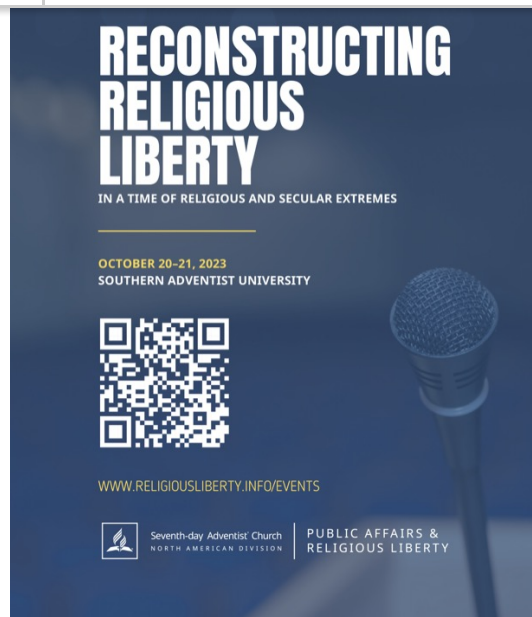
The Society of Adventist Communicators Convention registration is now open! Join SAC in Springfield, Mass., on Oct. 19-21, as professional communicators attend workshops, meet for worship, and network. They also welcome Adventist college and university students. And after a hiatus, they are planning to bring back the communication awards program and area media tours. Hurry! [CLICK HERE for more info and/or to register.](#) **EARLY BIRD RATE EXTENDED TO AUGUST 10!**



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.



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

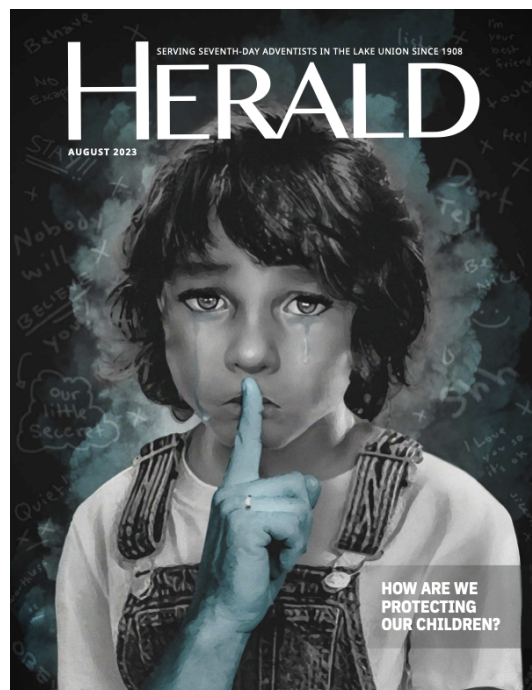
For more information and to register, visit religiousliberty.info/events.

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



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What's inside the *Herald*



August 2023

This month's issue features stories about safeguarding our children.

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This Month in Adventist History



One of the best parts of summer in the Lake Union is the bounty of fresh and delicious fruit and vegetables. In 1966, the Wisconsin Chapter of the Andrews University Alumni Association gathered to enjoy a watermelon feed. There's nothing like sharing memories of school days over a cool slice of fresh Wisconsin watermelon, and it was a good way to beat the heat. Photograph courtesy of the [Center for Adventist Research](#) and presented by the [Adventist Digital Library](#).



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