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Authors of General Conference Abuse Awareness Resources to Present at Local Event

“Sexual abuse is always damaging” explains Dr. Ann Hamel, “but when it is perpetrated by someone claiming to follow Jesus, it is even more so. This is because there is now the automatic additional layer of spiritual abuse. When the abuse is by a Christian leader, obviously the damage will be even greater.”

EndItNow is the General Conference initiative addressing abuse, and this is the material for 2023. Dr. Hamel and Cheri Corder co-authored the material for two sessions. Cheri gives the first presentation and Dr. Ann presents the workshop.

Hamel and Corder will be at the Stevensville Seventh-day Adventist Church this Sabbath, August 26 from 4-6 p.m. to raise awareness on abuse and ways to prevent it.

The first session is called Wolves in Sheep’s Clothing: When those claiming to follow Jesus’ harm others. It provides an overview of sexual abuse when it is perpetrated by members and especially leaders in the church. The material includes seven true examples to help illustrate the concepts shared and looks at how abuse can happen, the impact of abuse, and how we can respond to it. There is a special message at the end for those who have been victims.

Sarah’s Diary: She thought it was love is the workshop portion. Based on a case study of one of her former clients, Dr. Hamel shares the story of a 14-year-old girl who was seduced into a long-term sexual relationship with her

Hamel introduces the story, provides commentary on it, and gives the audience questions to consider and discuss. The story itself is told through an actress's reading of the diary entries, accompanied by still photos of another actress depicting Sarah's thoughts and reactions as the story develops.

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Regional Church Tackles Healthcare Disparity

A group of dedicated healthcare professionals provided much-needed services to a beleaguered Michigan city on July 22, 2023.

Drs. Don J. Tynes and Janice McLean, alongside volunteers from Highland Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church organized a health expo at the Blossom Acres public housing community center in Benton Harbor, Michigan. They offered health screenings and education to over 30 families.

Benton Harbor, a city with the population of 8,943, is in dire straits. According to the 2022 Census, an estimated 43.6% of the population lives in poverty with a household median income of \$24,549.

The health fair coordinators followed the Gospel Commission's call to "Go" and held the event at the community center instead of the church. Tynes, a local doctor specializing in internal medicine and pediatrics, invited health professionals from the Benton Harbor area, as well as from Grand Rapids. In addition, Tynes held his "Future Doctors, Future Leaders" program, which aims to inspire young people to pursue careers in healthcare.

Dr. Janice McLean brought services from her own organization Uzima Lifestyle Center and Wildwood Lifestyle Center, and was aided by volunteers from the Trinity Temple Adventist Church. The Highland Avenue Church, under the leadership of Pastor Denry White, provided essential support for this initiative, including handling registration, providing snacks and greeters.

Services provided included blood pressure checks, glucose screening tests, podiatry, BMI screening, health education materials, vegan meal demonstrations, and a prayer booth.

- Source: Lake Region Conference newsletter

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Chicago Church Collaborates with Local Organizations to Host "Rock the Block"

On August 6, 2023, Bethlehem Chicago Adventist Church held the second annual "Rock the Block" event.

In partnership with the Lake Region adult ministry director, Darlene Thomas, they distributed biblical literature, prayed with visitors, and collected nearly 60 names for a follow-up and Bible study. They also distributed more than 120 school bags and other school supplies. For children, there were various games and activities, such as face painting, bouncy castle, and games to measure their muscle strength. They had a barber for the day to give the boys a fresh new look. And lunch was provided for participants to enjoy their famous vegetarian burger.

This event was organized in partnership with the entrepreneur Charles Johnson, who owns an event planning and décor business. The Haitian American Nurses Association (HANA) was there to work with local health leader Myrlene Charles and to help the community with healthcare guidance and well-being.

The entire church was involved, including young adults. They distributed invitations to the community, used social media to advertise the event, and ensured that every detail was addressed.

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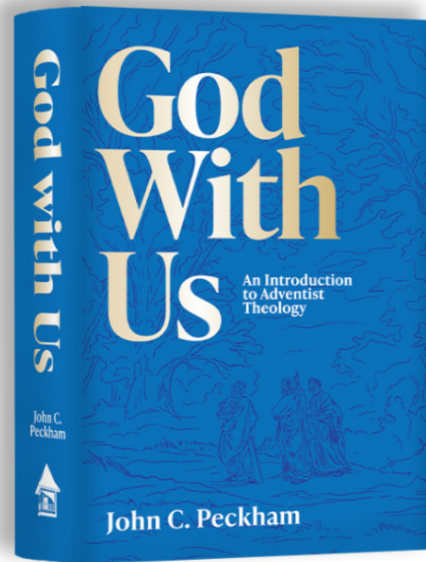


Community Drawn to Northern Michigan Evangelism Series

The Michigan Conference dedicates every year to evangelism, and this year is no different. Throughout the state evangelism-based initiatives have taken place as a lead-up to the Michigan-wide public campaign to be held at the end of September.

One church that held its evangelism series has already seen those efforts bearing fruit. Spanning four weeks, from April 16–May 13, 2023, the series was conducted by Elijah Ringstaff, pastor of the Ludington and Shelby churches,

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Biblical Research Institute and Andrews University Release Landmark Work on Adventist Doctrine

The General Conference Biblical Research Institute (BRI) and Andrews University have partnered to publish a book for general and classroom readers that theologically examines each of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's fundamental beliefs.

Titled "God with Us: An Introduction to Adventist Theology," the book is authored by John C. Peckham, research professor of theology and Christian philosophy at Andrews University and recently appointed associate editor of Adventist Review/Adventist World. The book was commissioned and edited by BRI, with its first purpose to be a foundational, accessible and yet scholarly introduction to Adventist belief for undergraduate and graduate students. Published by Andrews University Press, the world church's primary academic publishing house, "God with Us" is also designed and promoted beyond the classroom for the general readership of the Church.

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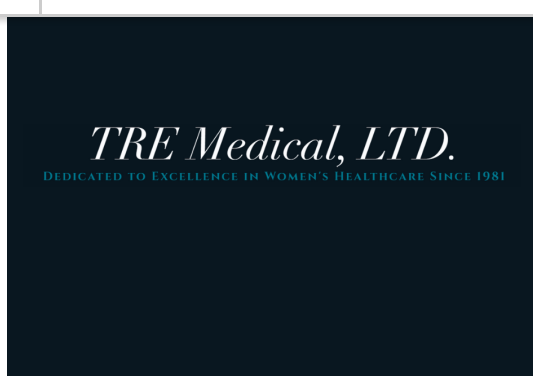
New Communication Professors Join Andrews University

This fall the Andrews University Department of Visual Arts, Communication and Design (VACD) welcomes two new faculty members and celebrates two significant role changes.

Indiana Youth Escape Maui Fire Now Assisting Relief Efforts

Jolted from his sleep, it was 3 a.m. on August 8, 2023, when a phone call woke Kamil Metz, senior pastor of the Evansville Seventh-day Adventist Church. The caller was Dallas Matthew, 26, one of his members serving this summer as a student literature evangelist on the island of Maui in Hawaii.

EVENTS AND RESOURCES



Looking for part-time OB/GYN for an OB GYN office in Downers Grove, Illinois. Flexible hours but ideally 4-8 pm Monday-Thursday or two 8-12 hour days. No Sabbath hours ever! Good computer skills and friendly personality required. We are willing to train. Contact: Gloria Kim. Phone: 773-899-0214, Email: gloriaehk@gmail.com



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 in Chicago**.

[Register here!](#)



The Battle Creek Tabernacle in Battle Creek, Michigan, invites you to the dedication of the newly remodeled sanctuary and main floor on Sept. 23, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

Special speaker for the morning service will be Dwight Nelson, recently retired pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University.



Center for Youth Evangelism 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.



Save the date for the annual Conscience & Justice Council Convention, Sept. 28-Oct. 1, 2023, in Columbia, Maryland, at the North American Division.

To register, click on: [2023 Conscience & Justice Council Convention Registration, Thu, Sep 28, 2023 at 5:00 PM | Eventbrite](#).

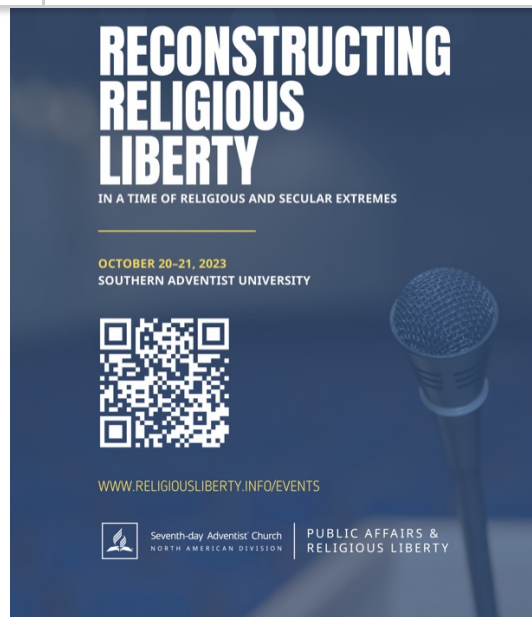
Registration is \$199 per person.



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.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more info and/or to register.



Religious Liberty Initiative 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

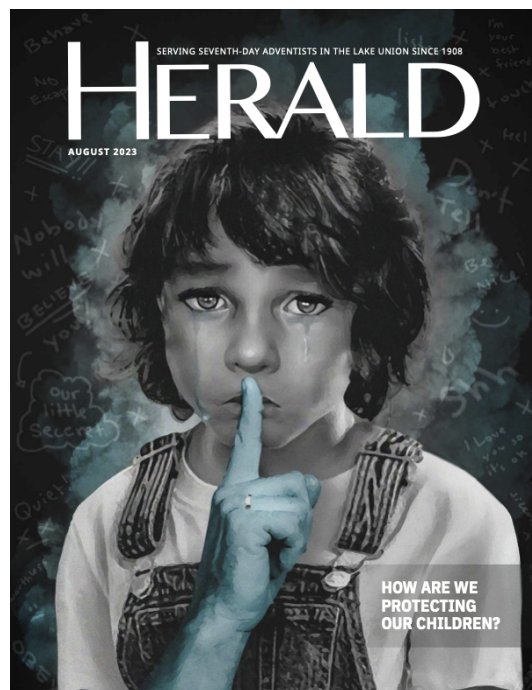
For more information and to register, visit religiousliberty.info/events.



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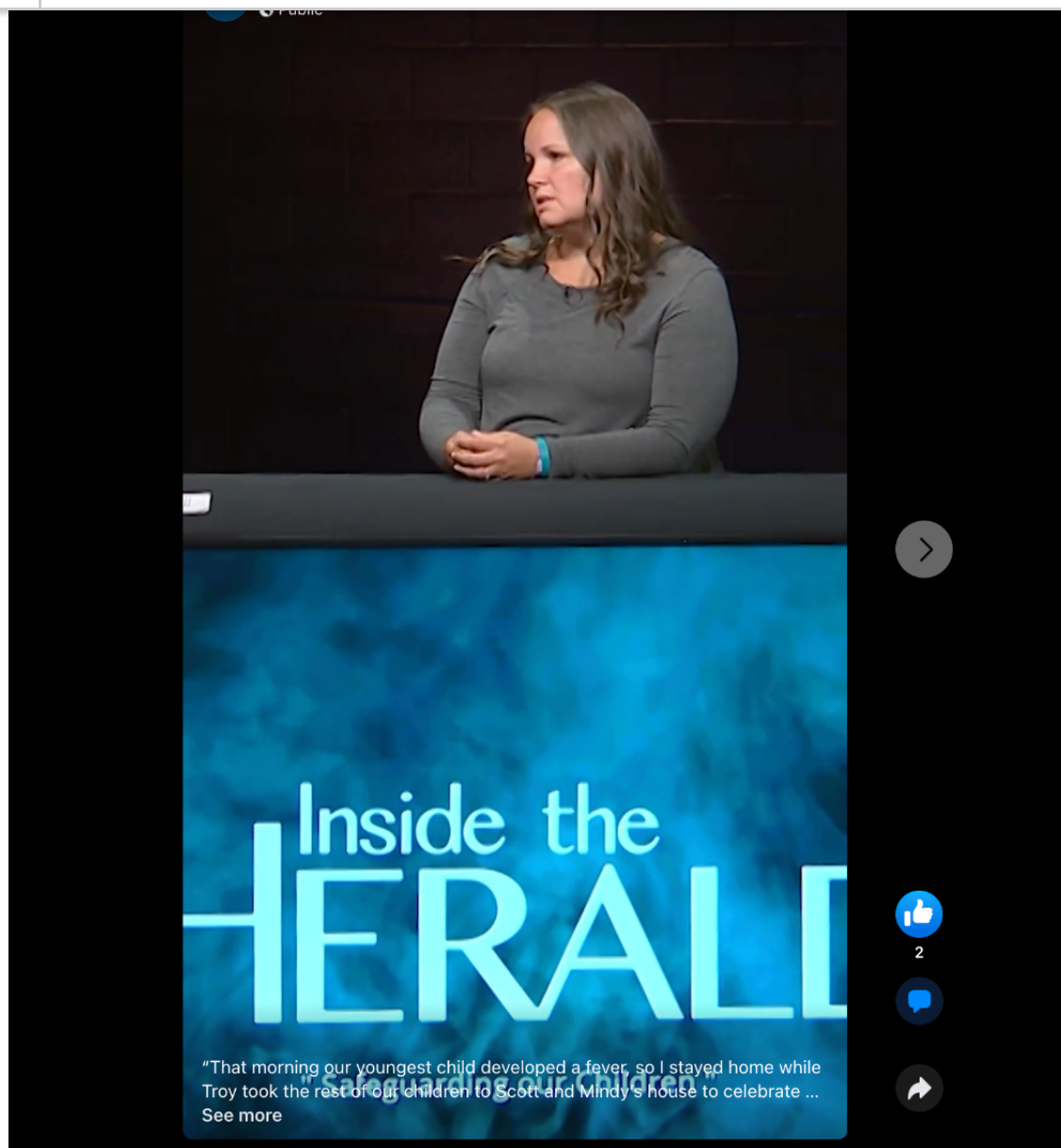


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This month's issue features stories about safeguarding our children.

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Video of the Week



“That morning our youngest child developed a fever, so I stayed home while Troy took the rest of our children to Scott and Mindy’s house to celebrate the holiday with a swimming party and meal. That was the last day anyone in our family ever spent time with Scott and Mindy’s family again. Troy and the children came back that evening with stories of the day’s fun, food and conversations. Monday morning came and Troy headed off to work. The children decided to swim after lunch. After putting on her swimsuit another one of our girls came running into the living room saying, “Mom, Scott was inappropriate again!” That statement got my full attention, and I asked her to explain. She described Scott being inappropriate with her in the pool during their visit on July 4, two days earlier, and that Daddy had also been in the pool helping the little kids.” Lynn Stone - Homeschool Mom

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