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Lake Union HERALD

AROUND THE UNION



Lake Union Reports Highlight Mission Going Forward

On Wednesday, March 6, 2024, the Lake Union executive committee convened in Berrien Springs, Michigan for the first of three meetings held annually.

The 37-member committee includes representatives from the five conferences who are tasked with helping to develop and direct the work of the church in the Great Lakes region. Members include local conference administrators, church employees, lay leaders, as well as the presidents of Andrews University and UChicago Medicine AdventHealth.

As president of the Lake Union, Ken Denslow chairs the meeting, which is focused on the day-to-day work, as well as the long-term strategies for fulfilling the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

North American Division Vice President for Multilingual Ministries Minner Labrador Jr. was a special guest and he discussed the booming refugee and immigrant populations across the Division.

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Twenty-two teams Advance to Union Pathfinder Bible Experience

Following the local conferences' Pathfinder Bible Experience testing, 22 teams placed first and advanced to participate in union level.

This year, teams were tested on their biblical knowledge of the books of Joshua and Judges from the New King James Bible, along with the Seventh-day Adventist Bible commentary.

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"Your Story Hour" Radio Ministry Celebrates 75 Years

In March, the beloved Michigan-based radio program "Your Story Hour" is turning 75 years old.

What started as a half-hour story time aired on a single radio station (WHFB in Benton Harbor, MI) for the first time on March 27, 1949 is now a weekly program broadcast on thousands of radio stations around the world.

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Andrews University School of Architecture & Interior Design Introduces New Offerings

Andrews University's School of Architecture & Interior Design (SAID) is creating vital new paths for creative students with a new associate degree and certificate coming for the 2024–2025 academic year, along with the addition of an interior design minor to complement the Bachelor of Interior Design (BID).

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IN THE NEWS

[Ministry accused of covert conversion therapy moves across from Adventist university](#) | Coming Out Ministries, which promotes freedom from the 'chains of homosexuality,' is setting up its headquarters across from Andrews University in the hopes of reaching students. (Source: Religion News Service)

[UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Physicians Named 2024 "Top Doctors" in Chicagoland](#) | Forty-two physicians affiliated with UChicago Medicine AdventHealth have been honored as Top Doctors for 2024 by Chicago Magazine. The recognition, part of the "Chicago's Top Doctors" list, celebrates health care professionals across diverse specialties committed to delivering high-quality health care.

EVENTS AND OTHER LISTINGS

EARLY PIONEERS AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

APRIL 5-6 2024

SPEAKERS

- Claudia Allen
Outreach & Communications Manager, Howard County, Maryland
- Kevin Burton
Director, Center for Adventist Research, Andrews University
- Michael Campbell
NAD Director of Archive, Statistics & Research
- Orlan Johnson
NAD Director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty
- Dwight Nelson
Retired pastor, Pioneer Memorial Church

ADVENTIST HISTORIC VILLAGE BATTLE CREEK

PLEASE REGISTER:
lakeunionparl.org

Sponsored by Lake Union Public Affairs and Religious Liberty

Early Pioneers and Civic Engagement

This two-day union-wide PARL event will look at how our church's founders viewed the work of civic engagement. How did they see this work as tied to our mission and ministry? And, more importantly it will look at how we can continue to be engaged in the issues of our day.

When: April 5-6, 2024

Where: Adventist Historic Village, Battle Creek

Please Register at lakeunionparl.org



Now more than ever, we need to prioritize, build, and spice up our marriages. Join us at the Oakwood Resort in Syracuse, Indiana, on April 19-21, 2024, as our main presenters, Dr. David & Dr. Beverly Sedlacek, share strategies on strengthening your connection with your spouse, effective conflict resolution skills, and approaches to deepening intimacy. [Register to attend](#). This event is sponsored by the Lake Region Conference Family Life, Women's Ministries, and Men's Ministry Departments. For more information, contact family@lrcsda.com.

SAVE THE DATE

ASI Lake Union Spring Fellowship 2024

When: April 26-27, 2024

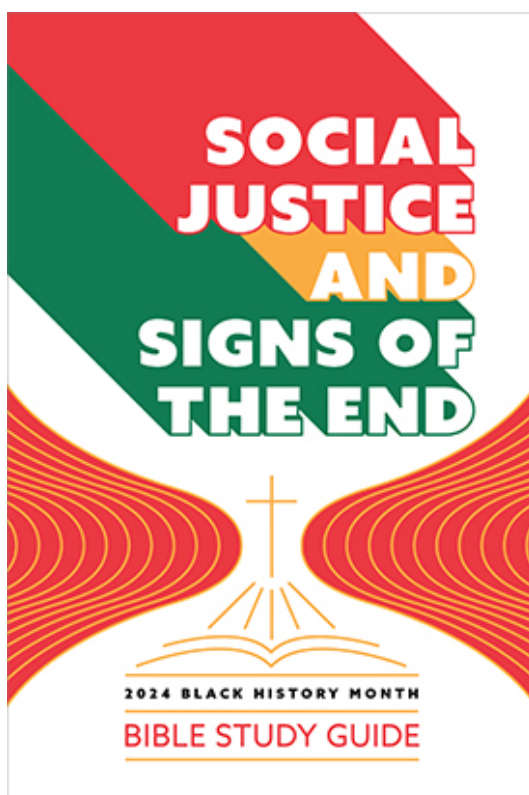
Where: Metropolitan Adventist Church in Plymouth, Michigan



Get ready for Valentine's Day with "Saving Marriage," a new program from It Is Written.

Join John Bradshaw and explore the significance of marriage, the challenges of current divorce rates, and how biblical advice can guide us toward healthier and more fulfilling relationships.

[Watch on It Is Written TV.](#)



The 2024 Black History Month Study Guide: "Social Justice and Signs of the End" is now available!

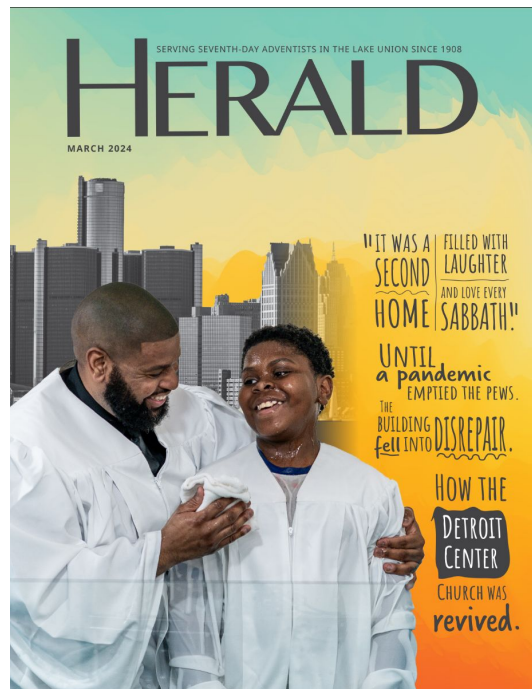
This special study is written by Black Seventh-day Adventist scholars and presents a specific topic for each week in February

The 2024 guide is available from either your church or directly from the printer, AdventSource.org.



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This month's issue features Detroit Center and its efforts to rebuild in the post-pandemic era.

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Photos of the Week



Our United Prayer Conference, hosted by the Lake Union Multicultural Ministries, greeted over 120 people from the Motor City churches at the Silver Gardens Event Center in Southfield, Michigan. Together, with pastors and laypeople from both the Lake Region and Michigan churches, they prayed for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the AMEN Dental/Eyecare Clinic taking place in Detroit this Sunday, March 10, and reflected on the prayer uttered by Jesus in John 17.

"The United Cry Detroit event was very inspirational and encouraging because I sensed people were united in prayer," said Carmelo Mercado, Lake Union Conference General Vice President and Multicultural Ministries director. "I have no doubt God will bless the dental clinic and in future motor city initiatives as we continue to work together."

Attendants were uplifted by the words of guest speakers Ken Denslow, President of

Payne, Women's Ministries director for the Lake Region Conference, chaired the committee that organized the prayer conference.

The United Prayer Conference was first hosted in Indianapolis in 2020 and held again in the same location in 2022. Plans are underway to hold a second prayer conference in September 2024 in support of another medical clinic that will involve pastors and laypeople from the Indiana and Lake Region conferences.

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