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# Lake Union HERALD

THIS WEEK

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Lake Union churches still open for ministry; Member answers desperate call for face masks; Lake Union Prayer Conference draws 500; Lake Union Pathfinder patch unveiled.

## NEWS AROUND THE UNION



### Lake Union churches are open: Ministry in the midst of a pandemic

Adapting to a fast-paced world has long been a challenge for many churches. Technology is advancing faster than most can learn it, and with so many responsibilities on our plates, keeping up with modern technology often takes a back seat.

Until it can't.

As 2020 unfolded and the realities of a world overtaken by Covid-19 began to take shape, churches suddenly found themselves with unexpectedly closed doors. Weekly community by gathering in one building was no longer possible, and adaptation was directly tied to survival.

As grim as that sounds, the results have been anything but. Lake Union pastors, elders and church members have all mobilized without a second thought, collaborating, researching and learning as they go. Suddenly, no

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## Michigan member answers hospital's desperate call for face masks

While many are quarantined at home figuring out what to do with their time, Keila Sánchez, scarf designer and church member at Paw Paw Seventh-day Adventist Church, has put her skills to work sewing medical face masks for local and out-of-state healthcare providers.

Kelia had received a text from a healthcare friend asking if she'd thought about sewing homemade face masks. "My friend got me thinking about it and I'd heard about shortages of masks," says Kelia. "So I put away the scarves I was going to work on and instead spent half of the day designing a CDC-approved face mask pattern." [READ MORE](#)

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## Lake Union comes together in prayer for GC Session and the coronavirus impact

Five hundred people, 24 hours and a chorus of united prayer. This was the atmosphere for the "Our United Cry" Lake Union Prayer Conference held March 6-7 in Plainfield, Indiana.

A diverse group—young and old, from various ethnic groups—gathered to engage in intentional prayer, asking for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit ahead of the General Conference session, and concern about the coronavirus outbreak that was just starting to grow in the U.S. (Within days of the prayer conference, the World Health Organization would declare Covid-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, a global pandemic.) [READ MORE](#)

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## Lake Union Pathfinder patch unveiled

Lake Union Pathfinder dress uniforms are getting a more unified look.

Youth ministry directors formally voted last November to add a Lake Union patch to uniforms, and have it required when the Lake Union Courageous Pathfinder Camporee rolls around in September of 2021.

"I am very excited that the Lake Union has created a new Pathfinder uniform patch," said Lake Union Youth Director, Ron Whitehead. "This is important so our own Pathfinders can see what states make up our great union."

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## In the News

The Berrien County Sheriff's Department says two Kalamazoo residents are facing charges over two church break-ins, including at the Eau Claire Seventh-day Adventist Church. [READ MORE](#)

## GENERAL CONFERENCE

### **ADRA Mexico distributes thousands of hand sand sanitizers in Mexico City and Monterrey**

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Mexico began distributing thousands of antibacterial gel bottles or hand sanitizers this week to persons over 65 with chronic diseases and special needs, as cases of the coronavirus increase in the country. [READ MORE](#)

### **ADRA aids the most vulnerable worldwide as COVID-19 pandemic persists**

ADRA continues to deliver care, in partnership with Latter-Day Saints Charities, to help more than 77,000 households around the world where lives have been disrupted during the coronavirus pandemic. Plans are also in place to assist communities long-term during the recovery phase. [READ MORE](#)

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## NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION NEWS

### **Watch What God Does**

When Stephanie Seay and “Christine” met more than 20 years ago on the job at an Atlanta nursing home, they were young, single, and relatively carefree. They became fast friends. Seay, the facility’s bookkeeper, was a practicing Christian, and Christine, the social activities assistant, was not. Marriage, children, and age rolled in and Christine began wondering about Christ, shared Seay. That’s when Seay sent her Message magazine. [READ MORE](#)

### **Serving the homeless, sick, and food insecure in the face of a pandemic**

While society at large has taken a metaphorical detour in terms of its normal operation with the closing of businesses and schools, the needs of the marginalized remain — many are still without homes and/or jobs, require medical attention aside from care related to COVID-19, or need food and supplies for their families. Here are glimpses into three services operating within the North American Division that have remained committed to serving the disenfranchised population in their communities as they face daily evolving challenges and the potential dangers presented by the coronavirus disease. [READ MORE](#)

### **The COVID-19 Setback Catapults a Refugee/Immigrant Church’s Reach Forward**

Even before his state-issued a stay-at-home order to curb the spread of COVID-19, Desta Gelgelu, an economics professor, church planter, and pastor of the Oromo Seventh-day Adventist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, called his conference executive secretary for advice. Decisive action by local church leaders had an unexpected result — and blessing. [READ MORE](#)

## ADVENTIST REVIEW

### **Hard Decisions in Hard Times: Are you willing to join the fight against the principalities of evil in this difficult era?**

On March 23 I received an emergency alert on my phone saying the governor of Michigan had issued a shelter-in-place order effective at midnight. After the first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in Michigan the week before, schools and

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churches closed. Spring break trips were canceled. Restaurants closed and, one by one, other non-essential services were discontinued. In spite of our efforts,

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COVID-19 is spreading rapidly in our state and is now in the small community where I live. [READ MORE](#)

## E-ADVENTIST

### Free Text Service For Churches Now Available

The need for churches to stay in touch has become even more important as they have been closed for "social distancing". Fortunately, the e-Adventist team was already working on SMS messaging (aka text messaging) for **Messaging Lists** in eAdventist and made this new feature available to churches last week.

If your church hasn't already created a **Messaging List**, you'll need to do that first. Then contact e-Adventist at <mailto:help@eadventist.net> to request an SMS number. Each list uses a separate SMS number so that:

- members always receive your messages from the same recognizable number
- when a member replies, eAdventist will forward it to your phone
- when you send a message to the number, eAdventist will send your message to the list
- if a member replies "STOP", they only unsubscribe from one list

Each SMS line actually costs \$1/month and each message costs \$0.0075/recipient. However, eAdventist will purchase the number and cover this cost for your church.

Let them know if you'd like to explore starting a **Messaging List** or adding an SMS number to an existing one. [READ MORE](#)

## EVENTS AND RESOURCES




**We want to hear from you!** Take the *Lake Union Herald* Reader Survey.

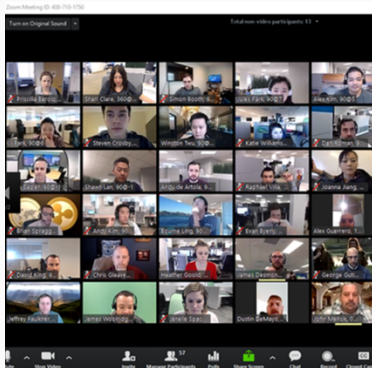
By answering [these questions](#), you're helping us gain a clearer understanding of what you expect to see in these pages, which will help us produce a magazine that is a true reflection of interests and concerns to our Lake Union members.

Submit your answers by June 30 for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card. Watch for survey results in the a future issue of the *Herald*.

### Breath of Life Easter Special on network TV!

Breath of Life has yet another opportunity to spread the Advent message on network television, through a special broadcast set to premiere, on **Easter Sunday, April 12th on ABC**. With stay-at-home orders in effect all over the country, this as a tremendous opportunity to impact millions of people with a

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With many church buildings closed because of COVID-19, children aren't able to pick up copies of their favorite Sabbath magazines. **Pacific Press Publishing Association has decided to make its weekly children's publications — *Our Little Friend*, *Primary Treasure*, and *Guide* — available in PDF format on each magazine's own website for free.** The weekly magazines will continue to appear for as long as the coronavirus threat keeps church buildings closed.

**100 DAYS OF PRAYER**

From **March 27 – July 4, 2020** join Seventh-day Adventists all around the world in calling on Jesus in our urgent need!

- To submit a prayer request regarding the needs of your local church or conference, [click here](#).
- Material for translators now available [here](#).
- Sign up for Daily Prayer Focus [here](#).

ZOOM licenses are now available to pastors! For more information visit the NAD Education [store link](#).

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Consider now how you will impact people who are blind for ministry when you donate to Christian Record on Sabbath, April 11.

Access materials for you or your church family at [www.CRSBday.org](http://www.CRSBday.org). Online giving is always available at [www.ChristianRecord.org/Give](http://www.ChristianRecord.org/Give).

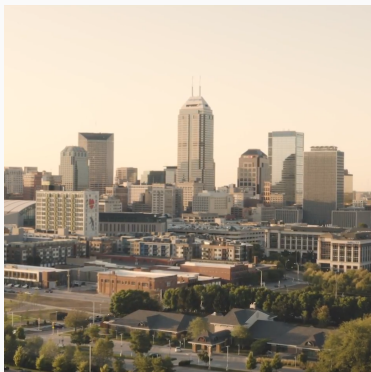
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Maryo McKenney — Christian Record member



**ONE YEAR IN MISSION PLUS** is an initiative in the Lake Union and an expansion of the [C.A.M.P.U.S.](#) Missionary Training Program.

If you know of committed Seventh-day Adventist young people with a desire to take the 2020-2021 year off from school to make a difference in the lives others, please contact: [www.campushope.com/oyim](http://www.campushope.com/oyim)

### Conscience & Justice Council Conference

Los Angeles | September 24- 27

Featured speakers include:

**Michael Pflieger**, The Faith Community of Saint Sabina

**Carlton Byrd**, Breath of Life

**Barbara Williams-Skinner**, Skinner Leadership Institute

**Larry Johnson**, Brotherhood Against Drugs

**Andrea Trusty-King**, 16th Street Church

**Robert Ericksen**, author, *Theologians Under Hitler*

More info at [cjcouncil.org](http://cjcouncil.org)

### Adventist Medical Professionals

Clinician Well-being Conference and Family Retreat

"Restoring Faith in Medicine"

October 2 and 3

The Hyatt Lodge - Oak Brook, Illinois

Registration coming soon!

[www.amp.lakeunion.org](http://www.amp.lakeunion.org)

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### The 31st annual convention of the Society of Adventist Communicators

takes place October 15-17, 2020, at the Hilton Chicago Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center in Oak Brook, Illinois.

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An unprecedented number of Americans have resorted to food banks for emergency supplies since the coronavirus pandemic triggered widespread layoffs. Churches such as Illinois' Bolingbrook are continuing to help meet the demands of their community. <https://bolingbrook.church/giving>.

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