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Lake Union HERALD

THIS WEEK

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Good morning and welcome to the last Friday in June. In this newsletter:
Hundreds of Minneapolis youth march for justice and healing; Lake Union Club
Ministries Academy draws 15,000 registrants; and more...

NEWS AROUND THE UNION



Hundreds of Minneapolis youth march for

justice an healing

On Saturday, June 20, hundreds of youth and young adults took to the streets of Minneapolis with "A Cry for Justice and Healing," an outreach event aimed at rebuilding the city and regaining a sense of peace.

The event, held in the aftermath of George Floyd's murder on May 25, was attended by more than 350 volunteers, 16 Adventist churches, and officials from three conferences (Lake Region, Central States, and Minnesota Conference). [READ MORE](#)



Lake Union Club Ministries Academy draws 15,000 registrants

Shortly after states began their lock-downs, two youth leaders realized they had a unique opportunity to create a seamless transition from a face-to-face to online Pathfinder Club Ministry.

Lake Region Conference Youth Director, Abraham Henry and Lake Region Pathfinder Coordinator, Eric Jean-Baptiste created the Club Ministries Academy (CMA) with the intention of teaching honors to 50 Pathfinders. But by the first week they noticed that they were on to something. "We started seeing the numbers and how many people were in the webinars," Jean-Baptiste remembers. [READ MORE](#)



Indiana members credit prayer for miraculous Covid recovery

My friend, you cannot die yet, were the words that Vanlalthalahlova Chawnglut, Indiana Mizo Church elder, believed he heard as he struggled for his life in the ICU of St. Francis Hospital in Indiana.

It was late in March when Vanlalthalahlova began to feel ill. With a temperature of 104-105, Vanlalthalahlova went to his family doctor the next day only to be told that it was a normal cold and fever and to stay home. [READ MORE](#)

ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

GENERAL CONFERENCE

Adventist humanitarian agency has helped more than 840,000 refugees

Venezuelans have become one of the largest groups of displaced people in the world. Every day, about 40,000 people are forced to flee their countries due to persecution, conflict, or widespread violence. Today, approximately 79.5 million people are displaced from their places of origin. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), in December 2019 it was estimated 26 million refugees were spread across the world. [READ MORE](#)

ADRA unites with Adventist Community Services to help feed families in the U.S

In partnership with Adventist Community Services (ACS) of the North American Division (NAD), the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), the

global humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has provided funding to expand the services of more than 200 Adventist food pantries across the U.S. [READ MORE](#)

New Strategic Focus "Reach the World: I Will Go" Rooted in the Great Commission

The plan, based on a biblical and Spirit of Prophecy mandate, covers a wide spectrum of church life. In a special live-streamed event July 3-4, the Seventh-day Adventist Church will unveil its strategic focus for 2020-2025. Building on the Reach the World theme begun in 2015, the next five years will see a focus on mission through the Reach the World: I Will Go initiative. [READ MORE](#)

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION NEWS

Day of Prayer for Racial Justice and Equality

On Sabbath, June 2, 2020, the leadership of the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is asking its members, churches, ministries, and services to join in a special day of prayer for the deep hurt and frustration that racial injustice and inequity have caused in North America. As the conversations on racism in society and in the church continue to grow, we are urging the 1.2 million church members in the territories of Bermuda, Canada, Guam/Micronesia, and the United States to come together and prayerfully seek God's guidance and leading in our lives, especially in how we relate to one another, and how we can help stop injustice against people of color. [READ MORE](#)

An Inter-Faith, Multi-Conference "Virtual Freedom Ride" Champions Prayer and Activism

Faith leaders, government officials, and activists advocated for prayer, social justice, and community empowerment in response to the national outcry over the death of George Floyd by law enforcement through a "virtual freedom ride." From June 14 to 21, "Miles to Minneapolis" took viewers on Facebook and YouTube on the virtual journey from the east coast to the Midwest. [READ MORE](#)

North American Division Votes \$10 Million COVID-19 Stimulus Package

On June 23, 2020, the North American Division (NAD) Committee voted a stimulus package of \$10 million to provide financial assistance to the division's conferences through its unions. This comes at a time when COVID-19 has impacted many Adventist members and entities. [READ MORE](#)

Until All Lives Matter

We all know all lives matter to God. This is reaffirmed by scriptures such as, "For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him (Rom. 10:12). And while all lives matter to God, He knows all lives don't matter to all people. [READ MORE](#)

ADVENTIST REVIEW

On June 21, 2020, the Seventh-day Adventist Church's North American Division issued the following statement after a full-page advertisement was published by a fringe organization on the same day in the Nashville Tennessean, a Gannett-owned newspaper. [READ MORE](#)

Seventh-day Adventist Pioneers and Their Protest Against Systemic Racism: The second advent movement was inseparable from the call to abolish slavery and grant equal rights to the oppressed. [READ MORE](#)

EVENTS AND RESOURCES



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

A time to Share Hope

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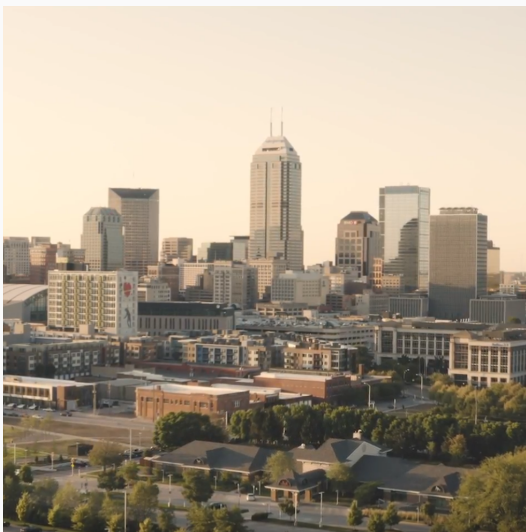
Heroes VBS Home Edition – coming July 6-10! Join NAD Children's Ministries for a division-wide live VBS all about kid heroes from the Bible. Each day's program will include all the songs, skits, Bible stories, and activities that kids look forward to at VBS. Downloads and free program materials will be available on July 6. Sign up for updates: <https://bit.ly/HeroesHomeEdition>



100 DAYS OF PRAYER

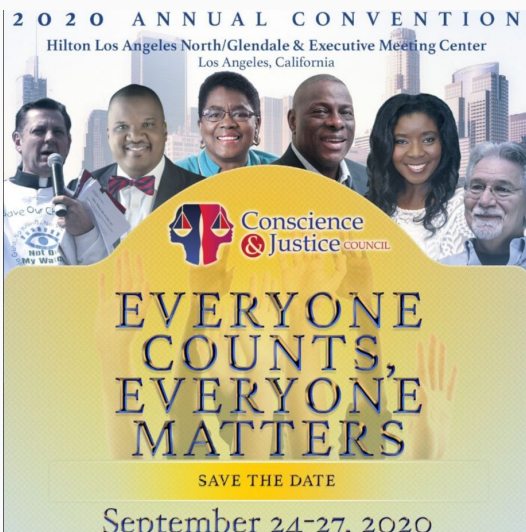
From **March 27 – July 4, 2020** join Seventh-day Adventists all around the world in calling on Jesus in our urgent need!

- 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](#).



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



Conscience & Justice Council Virtual 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



Adventist Medical Professionals
Virtual Clinician Well-being
Conference and Family Conference

"Restoring Faith in Medicine"

October 2 and 3

Registration coming soon!

www.amp.lakeunion.org

For additional information, email:

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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.

www.adventistcommunicators.org



The Cruise With a Mission Alaska trip this September is canceled.

Nonetheless, there is a better alternative! Cruise with a Mission is going back to the Caribbean for December 13-20, 2020. Find more information at cye.org/cwm.



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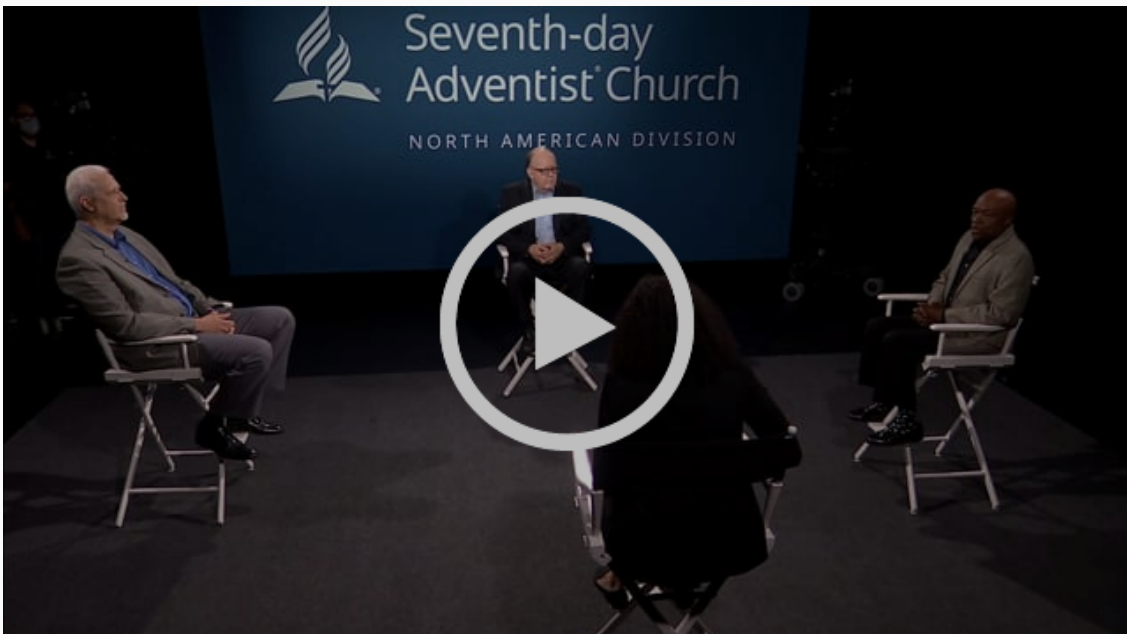
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THE GOD WHO HEARS PRAYER

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INSIDE

Featured Video



Daniel R. Jackson, president of the North American Division, G. Alexander Bryant, NAD executive secretary, and Randy Robinson, NAD treasurer, recently sat down with Mylon Medley, assistant director of NAD communication, to discuss recent events related to racial injustice, the history and relevancy of regional conferences, and the presence of racism in the denomination's past and present. [READ MORE](#)

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