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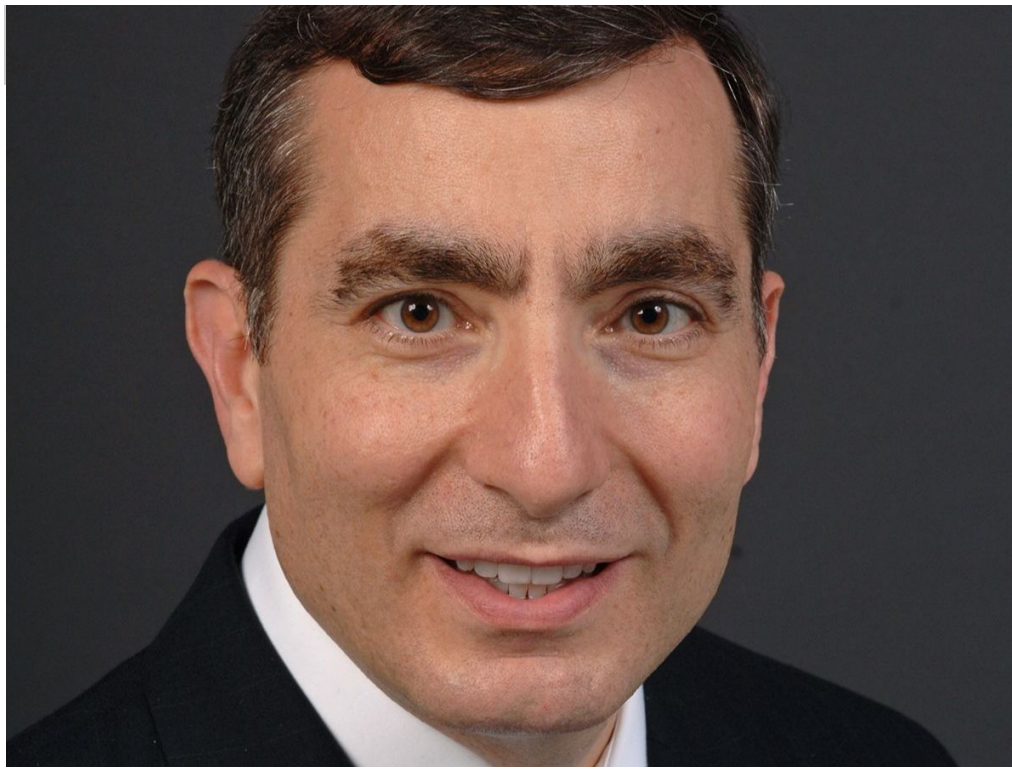
NEWS AROUND THE UNION



Creative summer camps successfully connect with youth

Like many other events and activities, most summer camps have not been able to escape the effects of the pandemic. As the novel coronavirus ravaged the country earlier this year, many Adventist summer camps held out for as long as they could before making the dreaded decision; that there would be no traditional summer camp this year.

However, instead of forfeiting their summer altogether and losing an opportunity to mentor the youth in their communities, [Youth leaders around the Lake Union began planning creative ways to host virtual or mobile camp programs.](#) "Summer youth ministry is too important to quit," says Lake Union Youth Director, Ron Whitehead. "So, we adapt. All for His glory."



Andrews University hosts online lecture by distinguished scientist about the origins of life on earth

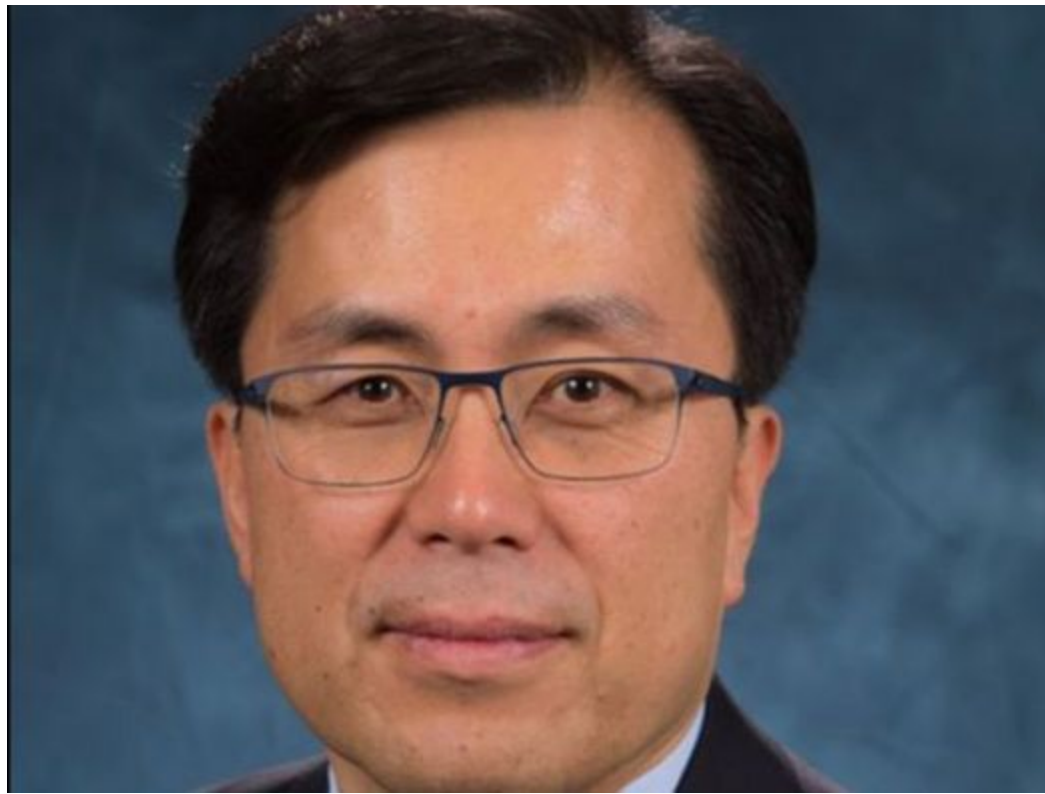
On Thursday, Sept. 3, 2020, the Andrews University Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry will host an online lecture by James M. Tour on the origins of life, a topic that has generated significant controversy in the field of prebiotic chemistry. Tour, who holds three professorships at Rice University in chemistry, materials science and nanoengineering, and computer science, will give a presentation titled "[Scientists Are Clueless about the Origin of Life.](#)"



Lesson learned from the pandemic

"When the pandemic initially forced the closure of churches, I (and others) anticipated church giving going into a free-fall," writes Indiana Conference Treasurer and Executive Secretary, Mark Eaton. "I was wrong." [READ MORE](#)

IN THE NEWS



NAD Executive Committee votes new Division Secretary

The Executive Committee of the North American Division (NAD) of the Seventh-day Adventist Church voted on August 18, 2020, to [name of Kyoshin Ahn as NAD executive secretary](#). Ahn's name was presented to the executive committee by the nominating committee, which met on Aug. 17. G. Alexander Bryant, [officially voted in to the position of NAD president](#) on July 9, 2020, chaired both committees.

How should we respond to this crisis?

As reported in the [Hoosier Times newspaper](#), Indiana Conference President, Vic van Schaik, gave the message at the Lewis Seventh-day Adventist Church entitled "Trusting His Promises."

ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

GENERAL CONFERENCE

What Good Can Come From Beirut Blast?

Kathie Lichtenwalter reflects on the day Beirut was devastated by the horrific blast and [what good can come from it](#).

Series Organized by Samoan Youth Yields Eleven Baptisms

With unspeakable joy, Vailoa Saoluafata Seventh-day Adventist Church members witnessed 11 young people enter the watery grave of baptism on August 9 and [dedicate their lives to Christ](#).

Some U.S. Local Churches Are Experiencing Revitalization During the Pandemic

A world pandemic gets everyone's attention. God uses whatever Satan tries to use to destroy people to save them instead, and [revitalize the church](#).

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

List of Reopening Plans for Adventist Colleges and Universities in North America

[Schools prepare to receive students for fall](#) instruction with comprehensive adjustments to prevent spread of COVID-19.

Oakwood Adventist Academy Opens New High School Building

"After nearly 30 years of planning and discussing strategies for a full

campus for Oakwood Adventist Academy, I'm pleased to announce that the [third and final phase of the Oakwood Adventist Academy \(OAA\) Building Project](#) is now completed! It's been a long time coming, but look what God has done!"

Will You Take the "Made to Move" Challenge?

NAD Health Ministries encourages church members and groups to [exercise, and involve their communities.](#)

EVENTS AND RESOURCES



We want to hear from you! Take the [Lake Union Herald Reader Survey](#).

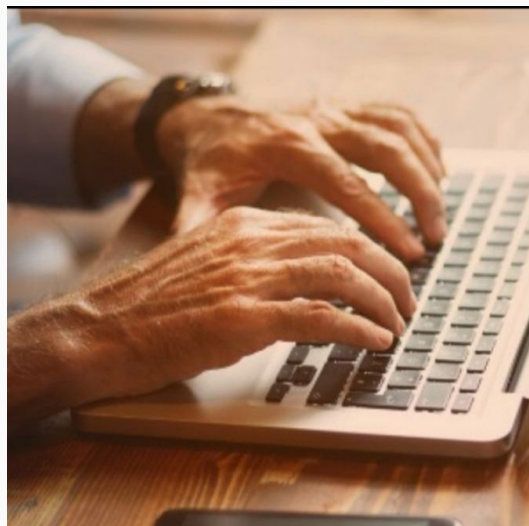
By answering [these questions](#), you're helping us gain a clearer understanding of what you expect to see in these pages, which will help us produce a magazine that is a true reflection of interests and concerns to our Lake Union members.



Project Safe Church exists to train leaders to take protective action in response to the systemic crisis of abuse in the Seventh-day Adventist church. These helpers will support victims and assist them in telling their stories to appropriate civil and/or church leaders. Check with the [Project Safe website](#) or your local conference office for more information about this program and getting involved.

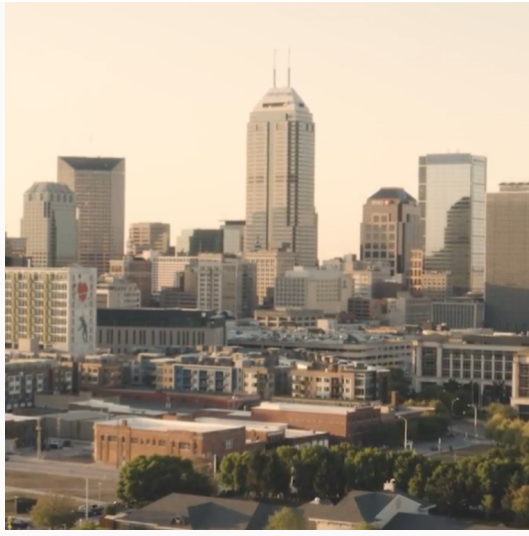


Sharing the three angels' messages was the focal point of Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries 2020 convention. The virtual event was held July 29 to Aug. 1, and now it is available to everyone on [ASI's YouTube Channel](#). You are invited you to start with this sermon by Dee Casper, reflecting on the life of Jesus. It made a significant impression on listeners!



Understanding the Numbers

Maybe, when you've heard, seen, or presented the financials of your church, it's been overwhelming or intimidating. You want to understand it, but it's just not clicking. This [article from Adventist Risk Management](#) will help you see that numbers aren't something to fear. In fact, they're friendly!



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



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FAITH, COMPASSION AND JUSTICE

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The image is a promotional graphic for a video recording of a 'College & Career Readiness Forum' held on August 8, 2020. It features a central red play button icon over a collage of photos of speakers. The speakers are Al Conwell from Oakwood University, AL, and Ben Kreiter from Griggs Intl. Academy, MI. The text provides details about the forum, including that attendees receive a free course in personal management, career guidance, and college preparation. It also lists the time (6pm Central, 7pm Eastern) and provides social media links for Facebook and YouTube.

The Lake Union Education Department hosted a two-part forum on College and Career Readiness. Experts from Griggs International Academy, Andrews University and Oakwood University answered questions relating to finding scholarship information and maximizing online learning. You can watch the series on the Lake Union [YouTube Channel](#).

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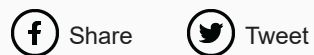
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