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Lake Union HERALD

THIS WEEK

AROUND THE UNION



Historic joint convocation focuses on healing and unity

Over the weekend of March 19 and 20, Detroit-area pastors of the Lake Region and Michigan Conferences led their congregations in a study of how the Bible addresses issues of ethnocentrism and cultural superiority among believers. The event titled "His Invitation: Reconciliation, Unity, and Latter Rain Power," drew hundreds of Adventist participants online and in churches.

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Lake Union calls for support of Asian American community

In the wake of Tuesday's shootings that resulted in eight dead, including six Asian women, the recent fatal assault of an 84-year-old Asian American by the name of Vicha Ratanapakdee, and the many clear acts of discrimination currently impacting them, the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists denounces the recent acts of violence and discrimination that have taken place and wishes to express our love and support to the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

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Youth reach out across our region for Global Youth Day

Global Youth Day (GYD), a mission initiative of the Youth Ministries department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, was celebrated on March 20, 2021 around the world, including in our region. Events occurred in Lansing, Chicago and Milwaukee throughout the weekend of March 19-21.

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Meet the Lake Union's Summer Camp Representative

As Stacey DePluzzer sat in the car watching the familiar city of Chicago fade away to the open farmland of central Illinois, she wondered how she would survive out in the middle of nowhere. A native Chicagoan, Stacey's idea of a good summer before going to college did not include working at Camp Akita. But her mother had other plans.

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IN THE NEWS

Young adult entrepreneur awarded grant to expand local economic opportunities

In the wake of last year's riots over the death of George Floyd, the Knight Foundation is donating more than \$550,000 to support three St. Paul-based efforts dedicated to solving racial disparities, including the city of St. Paul's Community-First Public Safety initiative. Lake Region member Jeff Aguy is one of the recipients.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

GENERAL CONFERENCE

Global Youth Day to Reach Cultures, Colors and Communities
[Thousands of Adventist youth around the world](#) will “Be the Sermon” on March 20, 2021.

Adventist Mission supporting prisoners in Romania

The penitentiary system in [Romania currently has 44 units](#): 33 penitentiaries, 6 hospital penitentiaries, 3 detention centers, and 2 educational centers.

Mask Myths, Double-masking, and the Truth Behind Effectiveness

The fight against the [coronavirus has reached the one-year milestone](#), through which we have amassed more than 29 million cases in the United States alone

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

STATEMENT ON TRAGEDY IN BOULDER, COLORADO — WILL THIS EVER END?

The [Rocky Mountain Conference is mourning with the community of Boulder](#) after a senseless act of violence claimed the lives of ten individuals, including a law enforcement officer.

If the Equality Act becomes law, what would the implications be for the Adventist Church?

WATCH/LISTEN to the latest NewsPoints ON THE AIR podcast on the [NAD Facebook page](#).

2021 eHuddle Redefines Adventist Evangelism in North America, Examines Church Growth Patterns

Key presentations focus on [navigating church-life after the pandemic](#) and confronting conspiracy theories in faith communities.

Gratitude for Healthcare Front-line Workers

[Young Adults in Texas show appreciation and care](#) for healthcare workers at a local hospital

AdventHealth

AdventHealth’s First Chief Health Equity Officer Talks Health Disparities, Equity and Vaccine Hesitancy

Within the last 12 months, the intersection of a national health emergency with a sweeping social movement for racial equality has

made the health and well-being of millions of America's most vulnerable a central issue.

EVENTS AND RESOURCES



This year **Safety Sabbath will be March 27, 2021**, and will focus on helping churches protect against cybercrime, avoid liabilities from streaming services online, adapt child protection policies to an online environment. Sign up today to receive tips on how to prepare for Safety Sabbath and a valuable resource kit to help you protect your congregation. **Register today to learn more.**



Don't miss this two-day virtual (and free!) **ASI Spring Fellowship on Friday, April 16 and Sabbath, April 17.** Experience power-packed presentations on total body health and wellness. For more information and details on registering, please visit: asilakeunion.org/



SAVE THE DATE!

Your Best Pathway to Health Mega Clinic is coming to Indianapolis, April 14-21, 2022.

See website for more information.



From **February 13 - April 3**, Lake Union Conference will be presenting **free Master Guide webinars each Sabbath at 2:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.** Master Guide Toolbox is a leadership conference for Adventurer and Pathfinder staff. Come be inspired, connect with like-minded people, and learn how to be more effective in your ministry. Register at CYE.org/toolbox



**Save the Date ::
June 4-5, 2021**

Conectate: Bridge the Gap

The Hispanic Youth Congress, a bi-annual evangelism event.

More details to come.



Mark your calendars! Come join us at the **Fearless Lake Union Camporee September 16-19**, as we learn how to be Fearless for Jesus. Featured speakers Andres Peralta, the GC Pathfinder director, and Armando Miranda, the NAD Pathfinder director, are excited to come share the Word of God with all of the Pathfinders from the Lake Union.

[Visit luc.camporee.org/](http://luc.camporee.org/) to learn more.



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. The Project involves training pastors and church leaders to create a visible reporting mechanism, as well as the ability to connect victims with trained practitioners.

Visit the [Project Safe Church website](#) for more information.

What's inside this month's *Herald*

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MARCH 2021



SISTERHOOD OF SERVICE
OUR WOMEN IN ASI LEADERSHIP

Picture of the Week



Little Village SDA Church celebrated Global Youth Day by making sandwiches for homeless, cleaning the streets of their neighborhood, and offering prayer to their neighbors. (Source: [Facebook](#))

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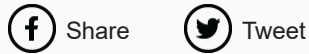
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