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Lake Union HERALD

THIS WEEK

AROUND THE UNION



Two conferences. One city. Striving to be of One accord.

Over the weekend of March 19 and 20, Detroit-area pastors of the Lake Region and Michigan conferences led their congregations in a deep study of how the Bible addresses issues of ethnocentrism and cultural superiority among believers.

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Adventist educator passes to his rest

Dr. Sunimal Kulesekere, longtime Adventist educator in the Michigan area, passed to his rest early this past Sunday morning (May 9th) from an illness.

"Dr. K has been a warrior for the cause of Adventist Education for many decades and a powerful contributor to the standards that undergird the true mission of what Adventist Education should be," said Michigan Education Superintendent, Jeremy Hall.

"I had the privilege to know this firsthand some 30 + years ago when I had him as my teacher. As a young teenager, Dr. K represented to me a high level of character, Christian example, excellence, and kindness. He has had a profound impact on my personal and professional life, and I know he has for many of you as well."

Please lift his wife Vasantha and family up in prayer during this difficult time.

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Celebrating National Nurses Week

We love going back in time and rediscovering the roots of the Adventist church and its ministries. Here's one of the Hinsdale Sanitarium, birthplace of our hospital system, now known as [AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center Hinsdale](#).

Pictured is a photo from the 1930s of a Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital patient getting ready for a treatment from her nurse. (Photo from Center of Adventist Research)



What Makes Adventism Adventist?

Lake Union Conference President, Maurice Valentine, encourages us to be Christ-centered and keep our eyes on Jesus.

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IN THE NEWS



Andrews University unveils plans for redesign of downtown Buchanan

BUCHANAN, Mich. -- City officials and Andrews University unveiled what they're calling the next wave of redevelopment in Buchanan.

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ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

GENERAL CONFERENCE

In Puerto Rico, Hundreds of Youngsters Camp at Home During National Virtual Camporee

[There was nothing but smiles](#) across hundreds of children's faces throughout Seventh-day Adventist homes in Puerto Rico.

European Divisions Collaborate To Teach Family Ministries Online

Personalized cancer treatment allows student to pursue education to one day give back

Reckoning with cancer since a young age, Angelique Melendrez said she emerged from her experience with [a new outlook and a career goal to help future pediatric cancer patients.](#)

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

A Message from the NAD President During Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month

[May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#); a time to recognize the contributions and the influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the North American Division.

Is the COVID-19 Vaccine Trustworthy? A Biblical Conversation About Science

The North American division sponsors [COVID-19 symposium](#) to air on Hope Channel, YouTube, Facebook.

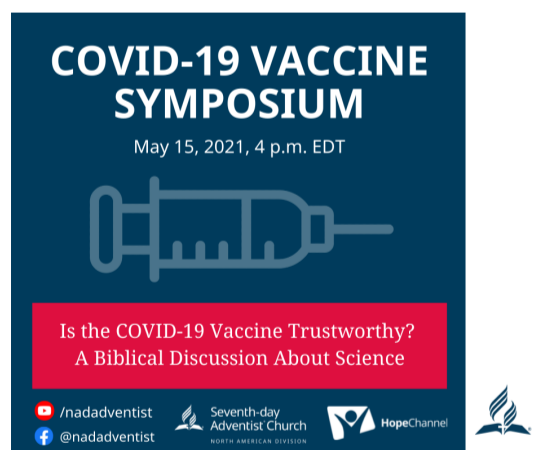
Unintended Odyssey: History Professor's Dissertation Discovery Leads to Major Book Deal

[It started with a mistake.](#) Eventually, though, the professor would end up with a major book deal.

ADRA, Adventist Church, And Adventist Health International Join Forces To Rush Relief To Help India's COVID-19 Crisis

The Adventist Church's global humanitarian agency [gets ready to airlift tons of medical aid to help India](#) battle new COVID-19 outbreak.

EVENTS AND RESOURCES



On Sabbath, May 15, at 4 p.m. EDT, join a special COVID-19 vaccine symposium presented by the North American Division. Healthcare professionals, communication experts, and church theologians will talk about how the Bible and science interconnect, so we can make wise decisions about the vaccine. This broadcast will air on Hope Channel, the NAD Facebook page, and the NAD YouTube channel. **Visit bit.ly/nadcovid for more information.**



The Youth Evangelism Congress is an event unlike any other. Every two years, senior youth & young adults ages 16-35 in the Lake Union Conference gather to be empowered and receive resources for evangelism back in their local churches and communities. **[Click here to learn more.](#)**

After evaluation of current state health department policies regarding Covid-19, it was unanimously decided to postpone the 2021 Lake Union Camporee to 2022.



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

Conectate: Bridge the Gap

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

More details to come.



Cruise With A Mission :: Center for Youth Evangelism is planning a December cruise

Experience beautiful new places with amazing people, fun activities and a unique way to serve! The Mexico Riviera Cruise will depart San Diego, California, on December 12-19, 2021 with stops in Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan, and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico before returning back to San Diego. [Learn more.](#)



Attend Andrews University while in high school! Enrich your high school experience and get ahead with University Credit for High School Students. Enjoy small classes taught by Christian faculty in a diverse environment. Open to grades 10-12. Take one or two classes per semester and request dual credit at your school. Study on campus or online! **APPLY NOW**

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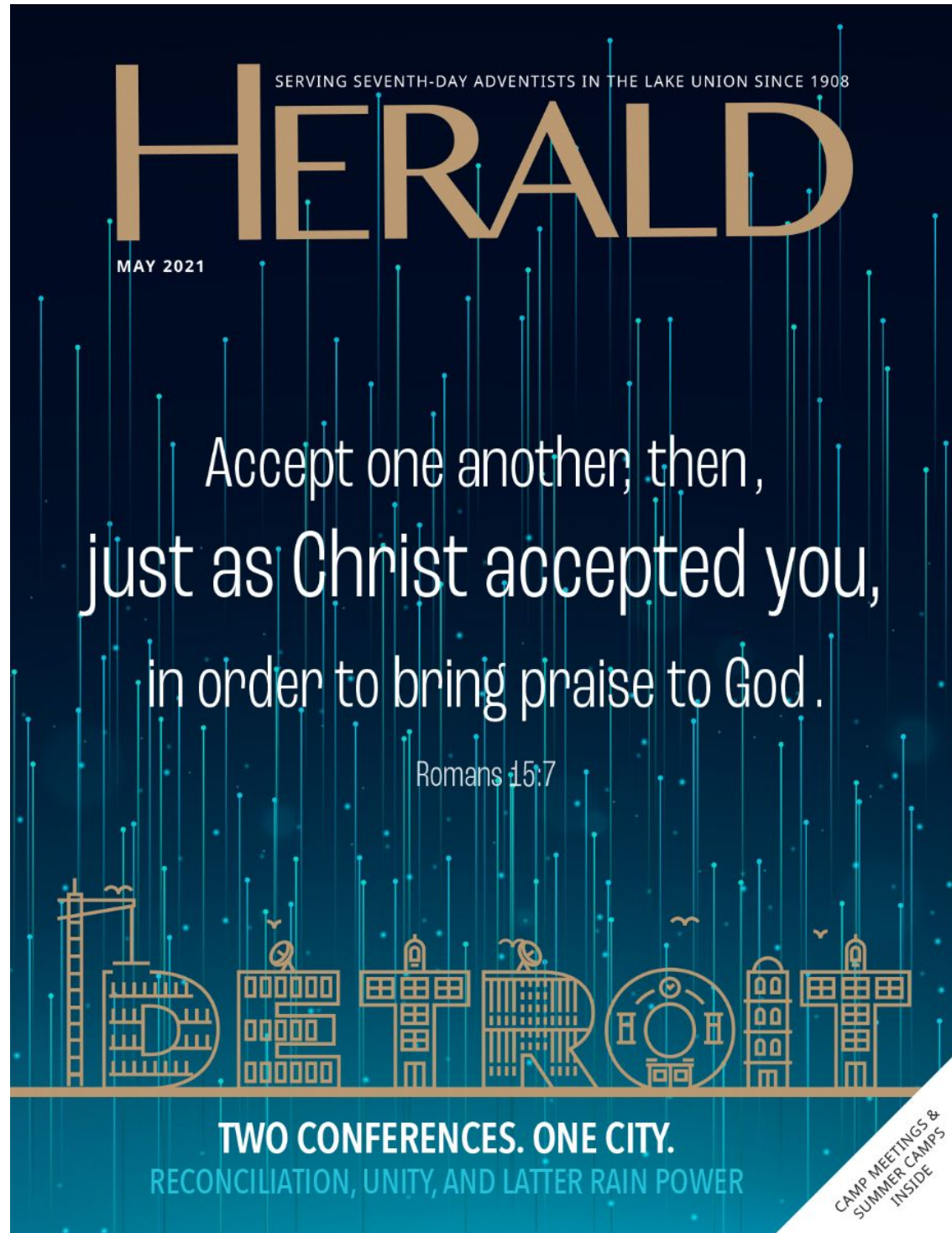
Your Best Pathway to Health Mega Clinic is coming to Indianapolis, April 14-21, 2022.

[See website for more information.](#)

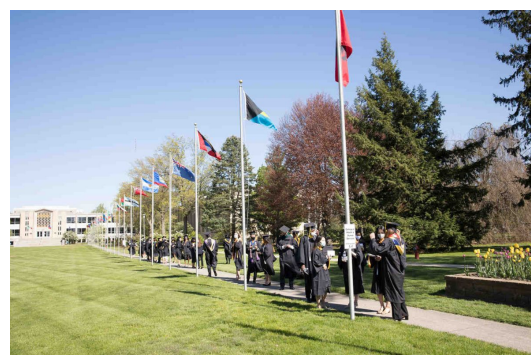


Project Safe Church exists to train leaders to take protective action in response to the systemic crisis of abuse in the Seventh-day Adventist church. The Project involves training pastors and church leaders to create a visible reporting mechanism, as well as the ability to connect victims with trained practitioners.

What's inside this month's *Herald*



PICTURE OF THE WEEK





Commencement services were held for Andrews University graduates who were physically distanced in Pioneer Memorial Church, while family and friends viewed online or in the PMC parking lot.

Photos by Lloyd Martinez, Jackson John and Manuel Monchon, University Communication student photographers, and Jeff Boyd, Media Relations Manager.

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