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# Lake Union HERALD

THIS WEEK

## AROUND THE UNION



### Vaccination: Biblical-Theological Reflection

There is no biblical command, “Be vaccinated” or “Don’t be vaccinated,” therefore one needs to reason whether to be or not to be vaccinated. The general rule is plain: **What is in harmony with biblical health principles and does not contradict them is permissible.** One can argue that it may be recommended or even required when health or life is to be preserved.

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## the vaccine

Many Adventists and Christians bristle at the notion of the imposition or mandate of physical treatments or limitations on people who are not yet sick. It is not unreasonable to seek accommodation from employers where possible, if masking and distancing and testing can keep others safe. But where this is not reasonably possible, it is not fair or right to expose others to enhanced health threats because of your reservations about the vaccine.

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## Think and shrink

When my mother, Judy Aitken, passed away in December of 2018, I knew myself well enough to know that I would turn to food for comfort. This wouldn't be the first time I would do something like this. In fact, I gained 25 pounds after my father's death six years prior. So, I resolved to make a change and the first couple weeks were a success.

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## Small church, big miracles

It was mid 2013 at a church board meeting when a member of the Irons church made the generous offer of donating to the church a prime piece of property right in the middle of town. The offer would set in motion an almost decade-long process of building a much-needed community service center to serve the needs of low-income families in one of the poorest counties in the state of Michigan.

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## Here's a quick glance at this year's upcoming Camp Meeting dates and details.

### [Indiana Conference](#)

- Hispanic: Timber Ridge Camp, September 3-6, 2021

### [Lake Region Conference](#)

- Hispanic: Camp Wagner, September 3-6, 2021

### [Michigan Conference](#)

- Upper: Camp Sagola - September 2-6, 2021

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## ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

### GENERAL CONFERENCE

#### **In Haiti, 12 Adventists Confirmed Dead, Church Hospital Working Over Capacity**

More than 1,400 deaths have been reported after a [7.2-magnitude earthquake struck Haiti's](#) southern peninsula on Saturday.

#### **In Venezuela, Adventists Spread Love and Kindness Throughout Cities and Communities**

[Nearly 9,000 Seventh-day Adventists in East Venezuela](#) recently participated in what has become the church's most comprehensive annual social program since 2013.

### NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

#### **The Church's Needed Witness**

Understanding "[God's Call to Live in Healing and Harmony](#)" in today's social climate.

#### **Historically Diverse Administration Elected to Lead Pacific Union Conference**

[Bradford C. Newton has been elected president of the Pacific Union Conference](#), replacing Ricardo B. Graham, who is retiring after 14 years of service as president and more than 46 years of ministry.

#### **A Scam, a Service, and Many Smiles**

[Free dental clinic](#) in Tacoma, Washington, meets community needs

#### **CEO Scott Reiner to Leave Adventist Health at Year End to Establish a Family Foundation for Global Health, Well-Being**

[Reiner, who has served as CEO since 2014, is confident in the healthcare company's future](#), given its dynamic and experienced leadership team and the company's bold 2030 strategy that extends its reach beyond sick care into well-being, he wrote in a letter to all associates on July 30.



**HOW CAN SCIENCE STRENGTHEN MY FAITH?**  
**AUGUST 21**  
**3:00PM EST**

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You are invited to tune in this Sabbath, August 21 at 3 p.m. (EDT) to a Faith and Science webinar on Zoom featuring a panel of experts from the North American Division and Andrews University.

**Cruise With a Mission Mexico**  
 DECEMBER 12-19, 2021  
 CWE.ORG/CWM

**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.](#)

**All authority in Heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go...** MATTHEW 28:18-20

**Unstoppable**

Lake Union Conference **Youth Evangelism Conference**  
 Feb 18-20, 2022 Shipshewana, IN congress@lucyouth.org lucyouth.org

**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. **It will be hosted in Shipshewana, Ind., on Feb. 18-20, 2022.**

[Click here to learn more.](#)

**150**

**BATTLE CREEK ACADEMY**  
 FOUNDED 1872

**Save the Date: June 3-4, 2022**

Next year marks the 150th anniversary of Battle Creek Academy! To celebrate this monumental achievement, BCA will combine Alumni Weekend with the celebration.

*Your best*  
**PATHWAY to HEALTH**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**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

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the ability to connect victims with trained practitioners.

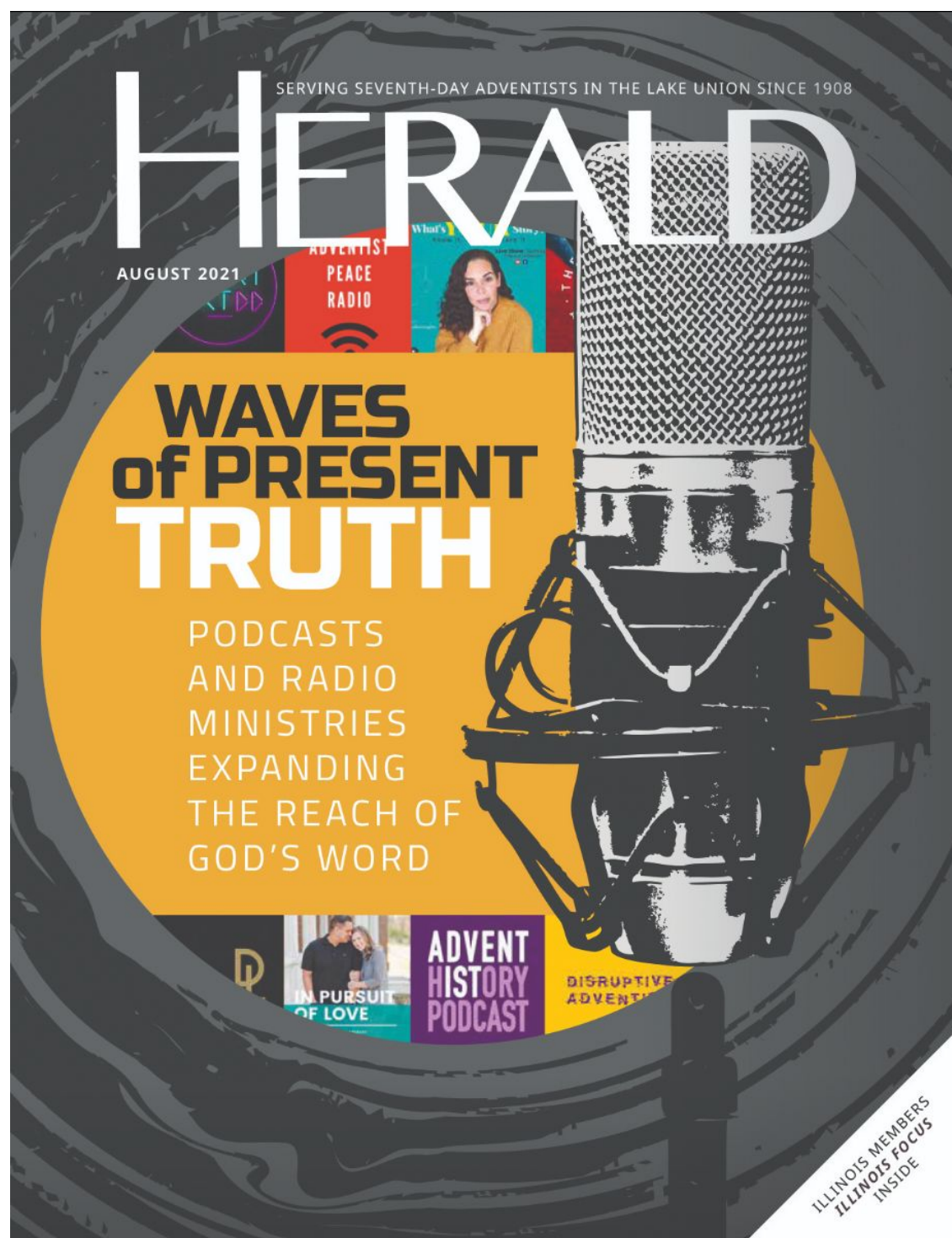
Visit the [Project Safe Church website](#) for more information.



**If you know of a student about to attend or is already on a public university campus in the Lake Union, you should reach out to the conference representative for help in providing an anchor in the young person's faith journey.**

Visit our [website](#) for a list of conference representatives.

## What's inside the August *Herald*



## PHOTO OF THE WEEK





Welcome back to school! As our youth start their educational journey this year, please keep them, their families, and our wonderful teachers and education staff in your prayers. 🙏

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