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Lake Union HERALD

THIS WEEK

AROUND THE UNION



Youth winter retreat aims to chase

The Wisconsin and Illinois Conference youth departments welcomed 75 youth for a weekend of not only physical warmth, but the warmth of seeing old friends, making new friends, and learning from Scripture.

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How a bilingual gathering opened doors for youth to connect and serve

Youth leader Josue Peralta reflects on the unique challenges of raising youth to be in spiritual community with each other and breaking through the language barriers between them.

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ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

Concerns Regarding COVID-19, Church Governance, and Liberty of Conscience

[An informational release through the Communication Department](#) of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Two Hundred Afghan Families at Stanborough Park

For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; [I was a stranger and you took Me in...](#)" (Matthew 25:35)

ADRA Provides Assistance to Those in Need After the Tragic Events in Almaty

[Church members and ADRA Kazakhstan volunteers immediately began to provide all possible assistance to people in need.](#)

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

Adventist Community Services Assists Those Affected by Colorado Wildfires

North American Division ACS director shares [how the local response team in Colorado is assisting residents affected by the Colorado Marshall fire.](#)

After a One-Year Hiatus, North American Division Hosts Third Religious Freedom Prayer Breakfast

[The event recognized Jan. 16 as National Religious Freedom Day](#) in the U.S., and included prayer for elected officials, the community, the nation, global health and healing, for peace, religious freedom, and for unity of spirit.

Lives Changed Through Listening

The radio programming and wide array of resources from [LifeTalk Radio is helping make a difference in the lives of others.](#)

Southern Students Receive Film Award at Windrider Summit During Sundance Film Festival

Three senior animation majors in the School of Visual Art and Design at Southern Adventist University received the [Windrider Best](#)

When God Stirs Something in Us

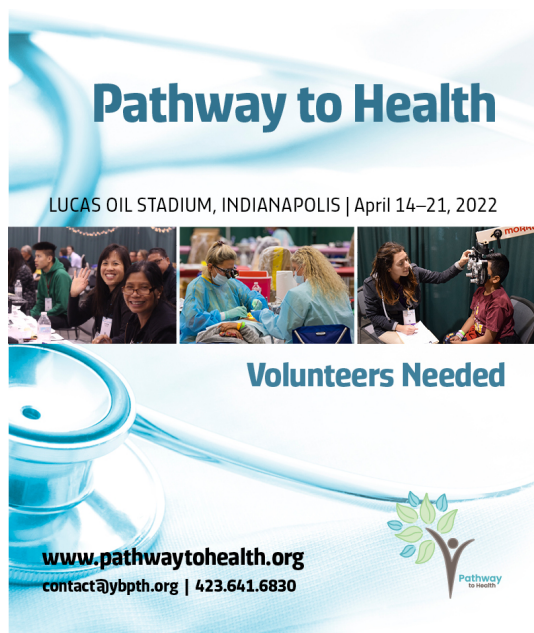
[Cruise With a Mission visits Mexico Riviera in December 2021.](#)

ADVENTHEALTH

Mental Health in Black Communities

[The stigma that still surrounds mental health conditions](#) prevents many individuals from seeking help when they need it most.

EVENTS AND RESOURCES



Pathway to Health

LUCAS OIL STADIUM, INDIANAPOLIS | April 14–21, 2022

Volunteers Needed

www.pathwaytohealth.org
contact@ybpth.org | 423.641.6830

The poster features a blue stethoscope graphic on the left and a logo on the right depicting a stylized human figure with green leaves growing from its head. A central strip of three small photos shows people interacting at an event.

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

Give back to an under-served community by sharing the love of God and providing physical, mental, and spiritual needs.

Licensed dental, medical & vision, and support/general role volunteers needed.

Are you dating with purpose, engaged, or recently married? **Adventist Engaged Encounter this Feb. 18-20, 2022 on the Andrews University campus** can help you take your #COUPLEHOOD to the next level! Learn the skills to build your future! You and



Every two years, senior youth & young adults ages 16-35 in the Lake Union Conference gather to be empowered and receive resources for local evangelism.

WHAT: Youth Evangelism Congress

WHEN: Feb. 18-20, 2022

WHERE: Shipshewana, Indiana

[REGISTER TODAY](#)



Are you seeking revival in your prayer experience?


Join the Lake Union Conference for our annual prayer conference **March 11-12, 2022** with speakers Mark Finley, G. Alexander Bryant, Deeann Bradgraw, Jerry Saraun, and Chanda Nunes.

Register now for \$65 before registration closes February 8, 2022.

Save the Date: June 3-4, 2022

This year marks the 150th anniversary of Battle Creek Academy.

ADVENTIST CONFERENCE ON FAMILY RESEARCH AND PRACTICE



Life in the Blender
CULTIVATING RESILIENCE IN FAMILIES

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS 2022

RON L. DEAL
Ron L. Deal is President of Smart Stepfamilies™ and Director of Family, Re-Blooded®, a division of FamilyLife®. He is a family ministry consultant and conducts marriage and family seminars around the country. He specializes in marriage education and stepfamily enrichment. He is a leading national expert and the most widely read author on blended families in the country. Ron is author of the bestselling book, *The Smart Stepfamily: Seven Steps to a Healthy Family* (and DVD series), his newest book is *The Smart Stepfamily Guide to Financial Planning*.

RHONDA SPENCER-HWANG, DRPH, MPH, CWP
Rhonda Spencer-Hwang, DrPH, MPH, CWP is an Associate Professor and Epidemiologist in the Center for Innovation and Strategy within the School of Public Health at Loma Linda University (LLU). Dr. Spencer has been conducting groundbreaking research over the past eight years studying Adventist centenarians and is one of the first to identify a community of resilient members despite their tremendous burden of adverse childhood experiences (ACE) in a Resiliency Capital region. She has her debut book *Raising Resilient Kids*, published in 2021 with Tyndale Publishing House.

DR. ELIZABETH VIERA TALBOT, PH.D.
Dr. Elizabeth Viera Talbot, Ph.D., is the Speaker/Director for the Jesus 101 Biblical Institute, a media ministry of the North American Division of SDA, designed to offer in-depth Christ centered biblical studies resources. Elizabeth is regularly featured on Hope Channel and Esperanza TV (LRA, FORD Jesus 101 channel), and on several international TV channels and other social media venues, as well as radio stations throughout the world. Elizabeth wrote the 2020 NAD devotional book entitled, "JESUS WINS".

REGISTRATION	REGULAR	LATE
Professionals	\$49	\$69
Student	\$25	\$35
CEU	\$10	\$10

INFORMATION/REGISTRATION: www.acfrp.org CONTACT: service@adventsource.org

JULY 21-23, 2022

Adventist Family Ministries | GE | Andrews University

You are invited to the "Life in the Blender: Cultivating Resilience in Families" conference on July 21-23, 2022.

Keynote speakers include Ron L. Deal, Rhonda Spencer-Hwang (DrPH, MPH, CWP), and Dr. Elizabeth Viera Talbot, PH.D.

For more information or to register, visit acfrp.org.



'TIL HE COMES:
Special Memorial Medallions Honor Service of Seventh-day Adventists

Medallions are available to those who dedicated their lives to full-time gospel or educational ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

For more information, please contact Vicki Thompson at Vicki.Thompson@lakeunion.org, or call 269-473-8221.

Do you belong to a Pathfinder Club? The North American Division wants to know how they can best support Pathfinder Club leaders. Please



[Start the Pathfinder Club Survey.](#)

Pathfinder Club Survey

PROJECT
SAFE
CHURCH

Project Safe Church exists to train leaders to take 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.



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 *Herald*

HERALD

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022



'I will go!'

Living Out Our Faith Wholeheartedly

ILLINOIS MEMBERS
ILLINOIS FOCUS
INSIDE

As the pandemic continues to cause production and delivery delays, we continue to work diligently to bring you news and stories from across the Lake Union. If you haven't received this month's Herald, you can access all digital content on our website.

[Read More Online](#)



If you missed Mark Finley speak this past Sabbath, you are invited to listen to his message from this past Sabbath encouraging us to follow Christ's method of meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters in the greater Indianapolis area.

Special guests include WATCHMEN, an acapella gospel group from Andrews University, Ivan Golubic, CEO and President of Pathway to Health and hosted by Carmelo Mercado, Vice President of the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists!

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