



# Lake Union HERALD

THIS WEEK

## AROUND THE UNION



### Motor City evangelism series results in 75 baptisms

Lake Region Conference jump-started their conference-wide evangelism effort in Detroit and as a result 75 were baptized at the campaign's conclusion in April.

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## health crisis

Faith leaders from the South Bend area gathered at the South Bend First Seventh-day Adventist church on Sunday, April 24, to bring attention to the needs of improving the state's responses to crises.

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## Grand Rapids Rwandan churches dedicated and growing

The month of April has been an exhilarating month for two refugee congregations. Elwell and Golden Gate, both having been born out of Grand Rapids Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, were dedicated in April.

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## *Return to Palau* wins award at International Christian Film Festival

*Return to Palau*, the documentary film which shares tragic story of a young missionary family that moves to the idyllic island nation of Palau and suffers an unthinkable tragedy, won third place for best documentary at the International Christian Film Festival in Orlando, Florida, on Friday, May 6, 2022.

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# GENERAL CONFERENCE

## Strategic Plan Highlights Responsibility to Youth

[It is important to help our young people make decisions based on biblically faithful information.](#)

## God Calls Us to Faithfulness, Not Success

[Mark Finley reflects on the hope that anchors us in testing times](#)

## General Conference's virtual session to increase accessibility for members with special needs

Operating under the theme "Think Differently. Think Possibilities.", the team at Adventist Possibility Ministries (APM) is organizing [new initiatives to make this year's General Conference \(GC\) Session more accessible to special needs communities than ever before.](#)

# NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

## Union College To Begin Construction on Wellness Center

[Union College voted to move forward with the construction of the AdventHealth Complex and Reiner Wellness Center this week.](#)

## House Joint Resolution Honors and Congratulates Southern Adventist University

[On Friday, May 6, Tennessee Representative Greg Vital presented a special resolution to Southern Adventist University.](#)

## Never Too Old To Touch a Life

[An adoption story from Christian Record Services](#)

## In April, AdventHealth, OurLegacy Celebrate Donate Life Day

On public display, at both AdventHealth Orlando and the Lake Eola Peninsula, [each pinwheel honors a life and endless legacy of an organ donor hero.](#)

# ADVENTHEALTH

## The Sunshine Vitamin: Vitamin D Deficiency

Whether you live in the eternally sunny state of Florida or face long, grey winters in Illinois, [vitamin D deficiency is more common than you think.](#)

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## EVENTS AND RESOURCES



### On the Couch with Dr. Kim

Learn about maintaining your mental wellness in the midst of a pandemic.

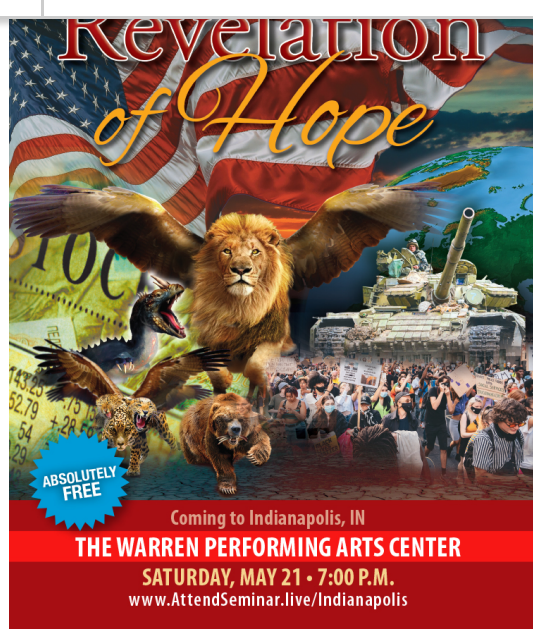
**When:** May 20

**Where:** Live at [lrcsda.com/live](http://lrcsda.com/live)

**Time:** 6:30 pm (CST), 7:30 pm (EST)

**Join Pastor Ted Wilson for Revelation of Hope from May 21-28 at 7 p.m. (EDT) at the**





Especially designed for busy people, you are invited to come as you are to find peace and confidence for your future. This program will be available in English, Spanish, French Creole, Kinyarwanda, and Mizo. Free admission. Free study materials. Free parking. Register at [www.AttendSeminar.live/Indianapolis](http://www.AttendSeminar.live/Indianapolis)



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

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

BCA will combine Alumni Weekend to mark this monumental celebration.

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 in Blenders®, 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. He 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 resident members despite their tremendous burden of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)—a Resilience Capital region. She has her debut book *Placing 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 (Lima, Peru) across 100 churches 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 WHO?"

REGISTRATION	REGULAR	LATE
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Student	\$25	\$35
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**JULY 21-23, 2022**

Adventist Family Ministries | 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](http://acfrp.org).

Adventist Fellowship

# ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP INSTITUTE 2022

JULY 26-30

FOR STUDENTS BY STUDENTS

INDIANA UNIVERSITY IN BLOOMINGTON

[WWW.ACFLINK.ORG](http://WWW.ACFLINK.ORG)

The Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) Institute invites all ACF student-leaders, campus chaplains and pastors, conference and union youth and young adult ministries directors, and any leaders desiring to learn about ministry with and for students on public campuses from an on-campus student perspective.

**When:** July 26-30, 2022  
**Where:** Indiana University in Bloomington, IN  
**Register online at [ACFLink.org](http://ACFLink.org)**

**2022 Lake Union Camporee Registration is Open!** The Lake Union Camporee is back this year with the same awesome speaker lineup and activities planned.

**When:** September 15-18, 2022  
**Where:** Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds in Berrien Springs, Mich.





**Cracking the code of copyrights and music licensing for your church service:** There are many ways to access music in today's environment. Music is everywhere we turn, but it may not be as legally accessible as it seems. As a leader in your church, you know that music ministry is imperative to facilitate a lively and robust service, set the tone of worship, and assist with transitions during service. However, beyond all of that, there are steps to ensure that the music we use respects musicians' rights and does not infringe copyright laws. [Read more.](#)



**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](mailto:Vicki.Thompson@lakeunion.org) or call 269-473-8221.



**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.



## See inside the May 2022 issue

Take a peek inside the covers of the latest *Herald*.

[Read All Our Stories Online](#)

## Photo of the Week



Congratulations, graduates! You did it! With two commencement services on Friday and three more on Sunday, it has been a FULL weekend on Andrews University's campus! (Photos by Peter Tumangday, Alina Weber and Darren Heslop)

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