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Lake Union HERALD

The Lake Union office will be closed for the holidays on December 25-26, 2023, and January 1-2, 2024.



"Eliza's Gift"

Professor Dan Weber. Written and narrated by London Day, granddaughter of our staff members Vicki Thompson and Nicole Mattson, this story embodies the true meaning of Christmas. Enjoy the original music by Andrews University student Yohance Mack, and let the collaborative efforts behind "Eliza's Gift" bring warmth and joy to your festivities.



Church-Sponsored Campaign Raises Awareness About Loneliness

About one out of every two Americans is experiencing measurable levels of loneliness!! It is not something we talk about or easily see but it has led to the defining mental health crisis of our time. One factor driving the epidemic of loneliness is fewer people belonging to religion institutions or engaging in civic organizations.🏠

🔔 We are excited to announce this new General Conference [Hope Channel](#) and [North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists](#) initiative to reach thousands this holiday season in the heart of New York City 🗽 The "Connect to Hope" campaign will run for three months.

📞 Please pray for the people who see the billboard and take action. Pray for the [Adventist Information Ministry \(AIM\)](#) call center ministry here in Berrien Springs tasked with providing help to those responding to the billboard message. 🙏

For more information, please visit the Facebook [page](#) of Pastor Ted Wilson.

NBC Christmas Special!

Come Adore Him

We thank the **INTERFAITH BROADCASTING COMMISSION (IBC)** for this year's NBC Christmas special featuring a Christmas message from Dr. Carlton P. Byrd, President of the Southwest Region Conference, and the music ministry of Jonathan McReynolds, Naomi Raine of Maverick City Music, the Southwestern Adventist University Singers & Orchestra, and the 500-Voice North Central Texas Children's Mass Choir under the Direction of Gale Jones Murphy.

Dr. Carlton P. BYRD
Southwest Region Conference President

Naomi RAINE
Musical Artist of the Award Winning "Maverick City Music"

Jonathan McREYNOLDS
Award-Winning Musical Artist

SOUTHWESTERN
Adventist University Singers and Orchestra

500 VOICE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS
Children's Mass Choir under the Direction of Gale Jones MURPHY

Look for it on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day on your local NBC Stations or contact your local NBC station to request the "Come Adore Him" Christmas Special.

FOR UPDATED INFORMATION VISIT <http://comeadorehim.com>

"Come Adore Him" to Premier Christmas Day

The NBC Christmas Television Special, "Come Adore Him," produced by the Southwest Region Conference, Southwestern Union Conference, and Texas Conference, in collaboration with the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission, will be shown this year on NBC Television affiliates across the United States on

“Come Adore Him” features the preaching ministry of Dr. Carlton P. Byrd, along with the music ministry of gospel recording artists, Jonathan McReynolds and Naomi Raine (of Maverick City Music), Southwestern Adventist University Singers and Orchestra, and a 500-voice Children’s Choir comprised of students from our Adventist Schools in the Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas area, directed by Gale Jones Murphy.

For more information and broadcast times/cities, please visit comeadorehim.com



ShareGreatControversy.com Chronicles Powerful Stories of Impact

In the world of literature, certain books transcend their pages, seeping into the very fabric of people’s lives, reshaping destinies, and fostering movements that echo through time.

One such work, *The Great Controversy* by Ellen G. White, has become a catalyst for profound transformations, and a newly launched website, ShareGreatControversy.com, features the testimonies of people whose lives have been forever changed following an encounter with this classic book.

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EVENTS AND OTHER LISTINGS

EARLY PIONEERS AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

APRIL 5-6 2024

SPEAKERS

- Claudia Allen, Chairperson & Communications Manager, Howard County, Maryland
- Kevin Burton, Director, Center for Adventist Research, Andrews University
- Michael Campbell, NAAD Director of Archive, Statistics & Research
- Orland Johnson, NAAD Director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty
- Dwight Nelson, Retired pastor, Pioneer Memorial Church

ADVENTIST HISTORIC VILLAGE BATTLE CREEK

lakeunionparl.org

Sponsored by Lake Union Public Affairs and Religious Liberty

This 2-day Union-wide PARL event will look at how our church’s founders viewed the work of civic engagement—how did they see this work as tied to our mission and ministry? And, more importantly it will look at how we can continue to be engaged in the issues of our day.

When: April 5-6, 2024
Where: Adventist Historic Village, Battle Creek
Register: lakeunionparl.org



January 10-20, 2024

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”
MICAHAH 6:8, ESV

[Join at Tendaysofprayer.org](http://www.tendaysofprayer.org)



SAVE THE DATE!

Lake Union Conference Youth Evangelism Congress
February 16-18, 2024
Chicago
congress@lucyouth.org
www.lucyouth.org



21st Annual Andrews University Music & Worship Conference "Worship in Transition" - February 22-24, 2024

Worship together, be equipped, and connect with others through practical workshops, scholarly presentations, and dynamic worship experiences. Featuring pioneering leader and homiletics expert, Frank Thomas; worship leader and scholar, Constance Cherry, author of the best-selling book, *The Worship Architect*; recording artist, Deah Love; and songwriter, Nicholas Zork. The concert, Blackventist Praise, culminates the event. Learn more at andrews.edu/icwm/conference.



Center for Youth Evangelism is happy to invite you to an incredible **cruise adventure to The Caribbean** on December 8-15, 2024. Embark on a convenient round trip Caribbean adventure where we will be visiting the Bahamas, Jamaica, Mexico, & the Cayman Islands. If you have any questions, please send an email to cwm@cye.org. Registration is open, so don't wait!



Explore a growing collection of Adventist Resources.

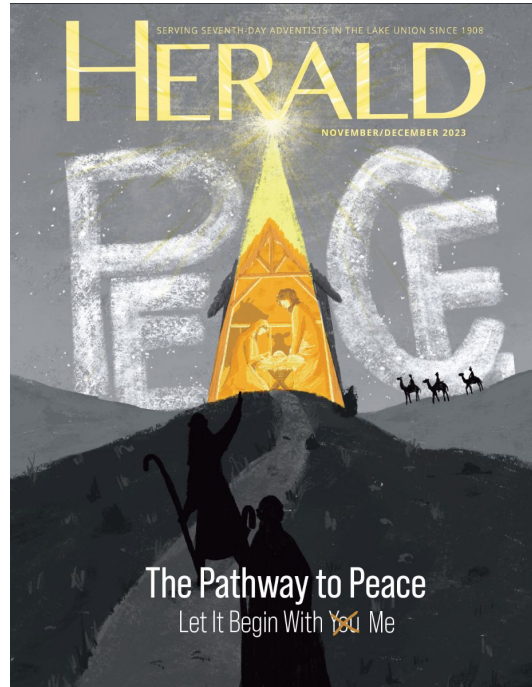
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Classifieds

SEEKING A LIVE-IN CAREGIVER (Holland, Michigan area) to help take care of an elderly family member. This is a private engagement which includes, but is not limited

possess a positive, loving and professional attitude and have a proven track record for dependability, please send your resume and two references to: elvis_rodriguez@yahoo.com. Additional requirements include: 1) Must be able to pass a background and drug test. 2) One year of experience with senior caregiving is preferred.

What's inside the *Herald*



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This month's issue features stories on how to be a peacekeeper in this chaotic world.

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