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# Lake Union HERALD

## AROUND THE UNION



### Indiana Church Moves to Alleviate Hunger Crisis in Africa

Indiana's South Bend Church has initiated a project to help alleviate hunger in a region of Sub-Saharan Africa.

The church's support of the Maasai community in Kenya started last year with a Christmas project to raise funds to support three church companies in Kajiado, Kenya, experiencing famine.

In a partnership with the Adventist University of Africa and Hope Channel Africa, a consignment of food was delivered on November 19, 2023.

According to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Kenya is one of the many countries in Sub-Sahara Africa currently experiencing one of the most alarming food crisis in decades. Severe drought due to the failure of four consecutive rainy seasons, mean millions of people in the country are facing hunger and thirst.

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## Men's Retreat Creates Bonds Across the Generations

Some of the men attending Wisconsin Conference's men's retreat, Jan. 26-28, have come to the event for more than ten years prior. For others it was their first year.

Twenty-somethings mingled with the middle-aged, as well as individuals who are 60+, so there was an air of bridging the gaps between generations and creating friendships and mentorships between individuals of varying age groups.

"This is encouraging, not just for the longevity of the event in future years," says Zack Payne, Wisconsin's Youth and Men's ministry leader, "but also because this means young men are benefitting from the life experiences of their elders who are nearby—which is invaluable for any group of emerging adults."

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## Pastor Serves as Chaplain for East Lansing Police and Fire Departments

When the average person gets pulled over for a traffic violation, they don't usually see a ministry opportunity. They grudgingly hand over their license and plead with God for grace. But when Pastor Jermaine Gayle was pulled over, he saw an opportunity for which he had been praying.

Gayle, who pastors the East Lansing church, had been "praying about reaching people of influence in [his] city." Gayle, however, was not expecting his prayer

Gayle and the police officer struck up a friendly conversation and “after he learned that I was a pastor,” Gayle says, “he was kind enough to extend an invitation to do ride-alongs.” Gayle accepted, and the friendship turned into an “official invitation to serve as the chaplain for the East Lansing Police department.” Gayle’s influence and the way he ministered to the officers he encountered proved fruitful.

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## Thousands of Dollars Available to Fund Youth Evangelism Projects

The bi-annual Lake Union Conference Youth Evangelism Congress is scheduled to begin in one week, February 16-18, at the Hilton Chicago/Northbrook.

At the congress themed, “Now Is the Time!”, a lineup of local youth and young adults who have launched innovative ministries are expected to divulge what they learned over the years and give tips for walking in God’s calling. Twelve ministry leaders will discuss projects ranging from youth mentoring, community service, public campus ministries, medical ministry, digital and media evangelism, with the intention of inspiring attendees to be the arms and feet of Jesus.

One of the main attractions for the event is the opportunity for participants to discuss their own ministry dreams and make the pitch for a portion of the \$170,000 cash available to help bring their ideas to life. Funding is provided by a three-way match from the Lake Union, local conferences and the local church. For more information, visit [www.lucyouth.org](http://www.lucyouth.org)

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**NOW IS THE TIME**  
YOUTH EVANGELISM CONGRESS

FEB 16-17 @ 7:30 PM CST

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LAKE UNION HERALD GOING LIVE @ LAKE UNION EVANGELISM CONGRESS

Stacey DePluzer

Levi Pemberton

Debbie Michel

## Tune In as We Go Live from the Youth Congress

Join us as the Lake Union Herald goes live on YouTube and Facebook at the Lake Union Evangelism Congress in Chicago.

Watch as special guest hosts Stacey DePluzer, associate youth director of the Illinois Conference, and Levi Pemberton, young adult member of the Evansville First Church, lead the charge.

We'll share inspiring stories of how God used the youth from across the Lake Union territory to bring evangelism ideas to life, impacting their communities for His Glory! 🙌

Tune in on February 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. CST on [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) @lakeunionherald. Don't miss out! 📺

## EVENTS AND OTHER LISTINGS

ASi LAKE UNION  
Spring Fellowship 2024  
COMMUNITY  
Encouraged Empowered Engaged

METROPOLITAN  
Metropolitan SDA Church  
15685 Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170  
April 26 - 27 | 2024

Pastor Ivor Myers

- SAVE THE DATE -

### SAVE THE DATE

ASi Lake Union Spring Fellowship 2024

When: April 26-27, 2024

Where: Metropolitan Adventist Church in Plymouth, Michigan

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- Extractions
- Cleanings

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- Basic screenings
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**First Come First Served**

All Services are FREE of charge

Dentists, Hygienists, Optometrists, and non-medical volunteers are needed.

Seeking Partners & Donations to serve the community.

AMEN is Adventist Medical Evangelism Network, a non-profit network of physicians and dentists dedicated to providing free dental and medical care to those who are uninsured or under-insured. This free clinic is made possible by volunteers and by donations. Visit [amenfreeclinic.org](http://amenfreeclinic.org) for more information

Location: Johnson Recreation Center, 8550 Chippewa Ave., Detroit, MI 48221-3038, United States

**Volunteers Needed!**

Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN) is hosting a free medical and dental clinic in Detroit on March 10.

If you are interested in volunteering and are a dentist, hygienist, optometrist, or a non-medical, please visit [amenfreeclinic.org](http://amenfreeclinic.org) for more information.

**SAVING MARRIAGE**

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**Get ready for Valentine's Day with "Saving Marriage," a new program from It Is Written.**

Join John Bradshaw and explore the significance of marriage, the challenges of current divorce rates, and how biblical advice can guide us toward healthier and more fulfilling relationships.

[Watch on It Is Written TV.](#)

**SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SIGNS OF THE END**

2024 BLACK HISTORY MONTH BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

**The 2024 Black History Month Study Guide: "Social Justice and Signs of the End" is now available!**

This special study is written by Black Seventh-day Adventist scholars and presents a specific topic for each week in February

The 2024 guide is available from either your church or directly from the printer, [AdventSource.org](http://AdventSource.org).

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**THE SILVER GARDENS EVENT CENTER**

**02 MARCH 2024**  
**4 PM - 6 PM**  
24580 EVERGREEN  
SOUTHFIELD, MI  
48075

## MISSION

On March 2, Detroit area churches will unite in prayer at the Silver Gardens Event Center.

For more information, visit the AdventSource [listing](#).

**THE 21-DAY DANIEL FAST**  
Jan. 21st - Feb. 10th, 2024

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OR VISIT: [HTTPS://WWW.LRCSDA.COM/HEALTH-MINISTRY/](https://www.lrcsda.com/health-ministry/)

## The 21-Day Daniel Fast

Join the Lake Region Health Ministries for the [21-day Daniel Fast](#). This is a biblically based, partial fast. It is a method of fasting that men, women, and young people worldwide are using to enter into the spiritual discipline of prayer and fasting.

**When:** January 21 - February 10, 2024

**Daily updates**  
at [facebook.com/lrhealthwellness](https://facebook.com/lrhealthwellness)

**EARLY PIONEERS AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

**APRIL 5-6 2024**

**SPEAKERS**

**Claudia Allen**  
Outreach & Communications Manager, Howard County, Maryland

**Kevin Burton**  
Director, Center for Adventist Research, Andrews University

**Michael Campbell**  
NAD Director of Archive, Statistics & Research

**Orlan Johnson**  
NAD Director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty

**Dwight Nelson**  
Retired pastor, Pioneer Memorial Church

**ADVENTIST HISTORIC VILLAGE BATTLE CREEK**

PLEASE REGISTER:  
[lakeunionparl.org](https://lakeunionparl.org)

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## Early Pioneers and Civic Engagement

This two-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

**Please Register**  
at [lakeunionparl.org](https://lakeunionparl.org)

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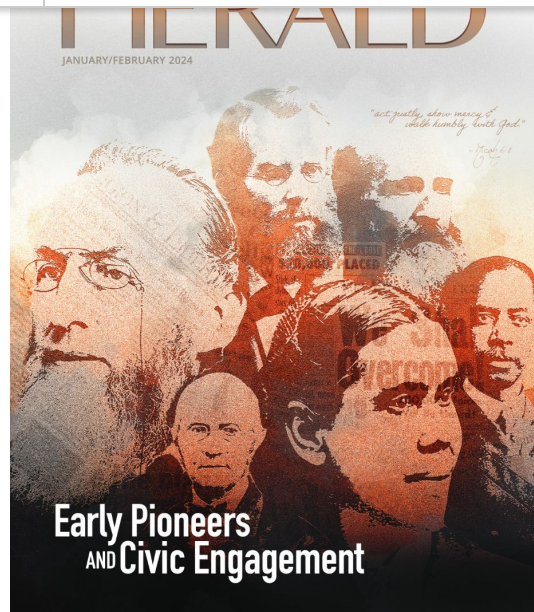
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