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June 5, 2020



Lake Union HERALD

THIS WEEK

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Lake Union and local conferences issue statements condemning racial hatred; Indiana ABC to remain open; Andrews University hosts crisis leadership webinars.

NEWS AROUND THE UNION



LAKE UNION ISSUES STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO GEORGE FLOYD AND OTHER DEATHS

The officers of the Lake Union are heartbroken over the recent tragic death of George Floyd, one of many unarmed African Americans who have died during an

er computers with local law enforcement officers. This latest tragedy sparked a wave of protests across our nation, protests mostly made up of people expressing their pain

and anger of seeing more people of color needlessly die at the hands of those whose role it is to serve and protect the people in their communities. Amadou Diallo, Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Tamir Rice, Freddie Gray, Philando Castile, Alton Sterling, Atatiana Jefferson, Ahmaud Arbery and now George Floyd are all names that are now sadly familiar to many African Americans, who have experienced additional trauma due to the increased exposure of black death. [READ MORE](#)

Local conferences respond to killings and racial unrest

After the graphic video of George Floyd dying while in police custody surfaced, all our local conferences issued statement condemning bigotry and hatred. To read the statements, please click on the link below.

[Illinois Conference](#)

[Indiana Conference](#)

[Lake Region Conference](#)

[Michigan Conference](#)

[Wisconsin Conference](#)

Special programs addressing the killing will air this weekend in the following outlets:

This evening, Friday, June 5 at 8:30 p.m. EDT, Andrews University Chaplain Jose Bourget and VP Michael Nixon are hosting a Facebook Live broadcast of "Against the Wall: [#runstandbreath4justice](#)," which will be a time to gather as a community, and a time to lament, pray and contemplate and pursue constructive discussion. You may watch the musical tributes and panel discussion on Andrews University's Facebook page.

Also tonight, Friday, June 5 at 8:30 p.m. EDT, Regional Conference Presidents will have a fireside chat about the killing of George Floyd. You may watch on the Lake Region Facebook page.

Tomorrow, Sabbath June 6, Lake Union will livestream *The Church and the Coronavirus - Protest and Worship*, at 5 p.m. EDT on the *Herald* Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Then, at 7 p.m. EDT, Lake Region Conference PARL Dept. will host a livestream program on www.lrcsda.com, entitled *Black Lives Matter, Too*.

Indiana ABC to remain open

When Michigan Conference announced the closing of all their ABCs, including

For the past four years, Karla Coupland, business manager of Indiana Academy, has operated a very successful industry on campus that has provided employment for students and profit for the school. With her experience and expertise, it is believed that she could do the same with the ABC. Therefore, on June 2, the Indiana Conference executive committee invited Indiana Academy to assume management of the Indiana ABC.

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Indiana Education leaders to continue serving for near future

The Indiana Conference Executive Committee has voted to invite Tom and Renee Coffee to serve as Education Superintendent and Associate Superintendent, respectively, for the conference. They both have served as interim superintendents this past year and were able to work closely with the teachers while providing support to the local school boards. "We are delighted they have agreed to continue leading our Education Department for the near future," said Indiana Conference President, Vic Van Schaik. "We believe that God has brought them here to help with the unique challenges our schools are facing as they lay plans to reopen in the fall. Let us remember them in prayer as they serve in this important work."

Andrews University to host webinars on leading during crisis

As a response to the evolving challenge triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Andrews University Department of Leadership has taken the initiative to host a series of "Leading in Times of Crisis" webinars from June 8–July 19, 2020. Each Monday, from 7–8 p.m., a frontline leader in the campus, church or community will be interviewed about their direct experiences with recent crises. The webinars will be available through Zoom. Those in attendance online will also be able to submit questions for the speaker. [READ MORE](#)

ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

GENERAL CONFERENCE

Denouncing Racial Inequality in the United States

A statement from the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, the humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church [READ MORE](#)

A Time for Compassion and Healing: Our Christ-Centered Mission

In this time of pain and unrest across the United States, our hearts continue to go out in sympathy to all who have suffered, and especially to the families of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd, whose lives ended tragically. [READ MORE](#)

In El Salvador, Tropical Storm Amanda displaces Adventist families, ADRA prepares for initial response

Tropical Storm Amanda drenched El Salvador on May 31, killing 16 people and causing widespread damage to roads and bridges from overflowing rivers. Thousands were left homeless in areas already deeply affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. [READ MORE](#)

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION NEWS

NAD Issues Response to Recent Deaths and Racial Turmoil in U.S.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America is responding to the tragic killings of Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia, Breonna Taylor in Kentucky, George Floyd in Minnesota, and other recent events that clearly document the racial divide destroying the quality of life for so many and the very fabric of our democratic society. [READ MORE](#)

Virtual NAD Youth Ministries Program Celebrates the Impact of the Pathfinder Bible Experience

The COVID-19 pandemic significantly disrupted plans for the 2020 Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE), which was set to take place April 17-18, 2020, in Salem, Oregon. Leaders were anticipating thousands to participate and observe the annual Bible trivia testing for Pathfinders from across the North American Division (NAD) and beyond, especially after the stunning turnout at the 2019 testing. Instead, a much smaller group joined a virtual event on April 18. [READ MORE](#)

God Sees; God Gives

Elisha was hiding in Dothan from his enemies because they had become aware that he knew exactly what they were doing as they tried to thwart the plans of God's people. This is the historical context of the story. . . . Today we see a vast army encircling the camp around us. What will we do in the face of [COVID-19] — this great, silent, and invisible enemy that has come against us? [READ MORE](#)

EVENTS AND RESOURCES



By answering [these questions](#), you're helping us gain a clearer understanding of what you expect to see in these pages, which will help us produce a magazine that is a true reflection of interests and concerns to our Lake Union members.

Submit your answers by September 30 for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card. Watch for survey results in the a future issue of the *Herald*.

La Iglesia y el Coronavirus

Sabado a las 3 PM EST @lakeunionherald

YouTube Live
Facebook LIVE

La Iglesia y el Coronavirus: Salud y Bienestar Emocional

Sábado, junio 06 a las 3:00 p.m. EST - Facebook Live

The Church and the Coronavirus

Sabbath at 5 PM EST @lakeunionherald

YouTube Live
Facebook LIVE

Join Lake Union Public Affairs and Religious Liberty leaders for a discussion on Protest and Worship.

WHEN: Sabbath, June 6, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. EDT

WHERE: The *Lake Union Herald* Facebook page and YouTube channel.

A time to Share Hope
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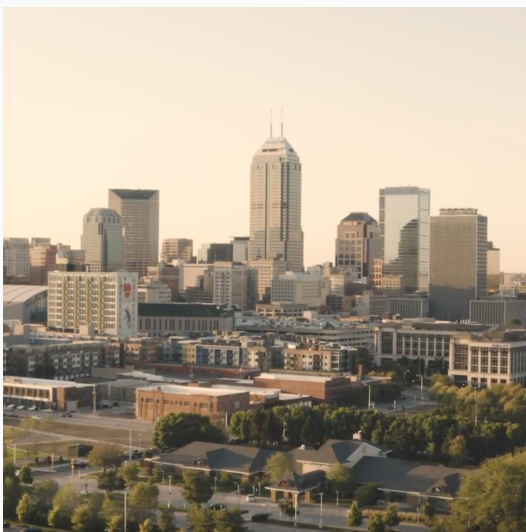
Heroes VBS Home Edition – coming July 6-10! Join NAD Children's Ministries for a division-wide live VBS all about kid heroes from the Bible. Each day's program will include all the songs, skits, Bible stories, and activities that kids look forward to at VBS. Downloads and free program materials will be available on July 6. Sign up for updates: <https://bit.ly/HeroesHomeEdition>



100 DAYS OF PRAYER

From **March 27 – July 4, 2020** join Seventh-day Adventists all around the world in calling on Jesus in our urgent need!

- To submit a prayer request regarding the needs of your local church or conference, [click here](#).
- Material for translators now available [here](#).
- Sign up for Daily Prayer Focus [here](#).



ONE YEAR IN MISSION PLUS is an initiative in the Lake Union and an expansion of the [C.A.M.P.U.S.](#) Missionary Training Program.

If you know of committed Seventh-day Adventist young people with a desire to take the 2020-2021 year off from school to make a difference in the lives others, please contact: www.campushope.com/oyim



Conscience & Justice Council Conference

Los Angeles | September 24- 27

Featured speakers include:

Michael Pfleger, The Faith Community of Saint Sabina

Carlton Byrd, Breath of Life

Barbara Williams-Skinner, Skinner Leadership Institute

Larry Johnson, Brotherhood Against Drugs

Andrea Trusty-King, 16th Street Church

Robert Ericksen, author, *Theologians Under Hitler*

More info at cjcouncil.org



ADVENTIST MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Conference and Family Retreat

"Restoring Faith in Medicine"

October 2 and 3

Registration coming soon!

www.amp.lakeunion.org

For additional information, email:

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The 31st annual convention of the Society of Adventist Communicators takes place October 15-17, 2020, at the Hilton Chicago Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center in Oak Brook, Illinois.

www.adventistcommunicators.org



The Cruise With a Mission Alaska trip this September is canceled.

Nonetheless, there is a better alternative! Cruise with a Mission is going back to the Caribbean for December 13-20, 2020. Find more information at cye.org/cwm.



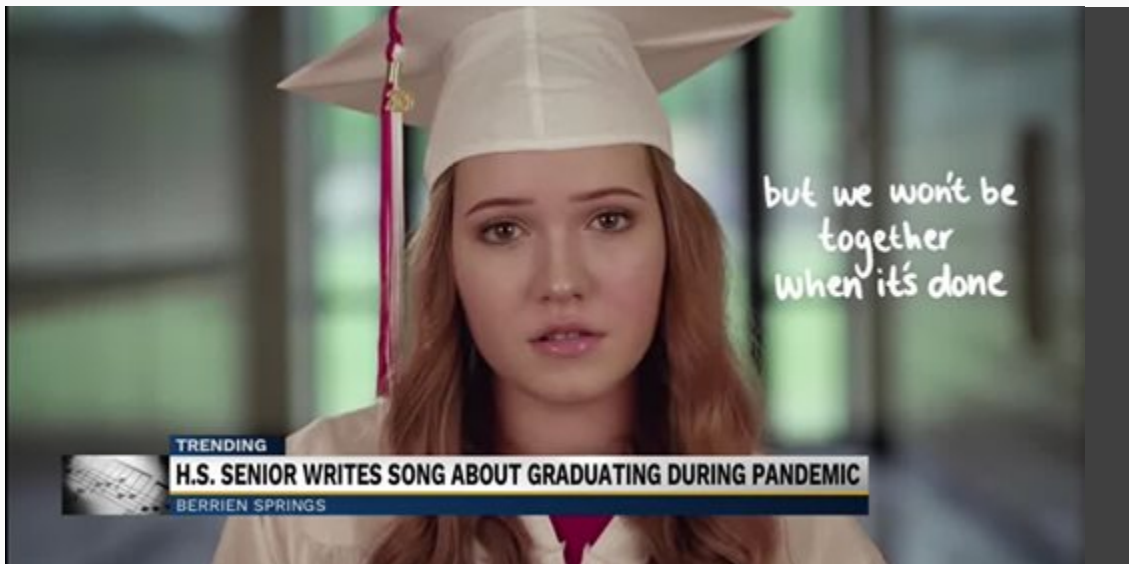
CARIBBEAN 2020

Ship Sails December 13-20, 2020
Tampa, FL.

What's inside this month's *Herald*



Featured Video



An Andrews Academy senior recently penned a song about graduating during the pandemic and it has garnered over 36,000 YouTube views to date. Emma Hamel was interviewed on a local station. [WATCH VIDEO](#)

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