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THIS WEEK

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Good evening! In this newsletter read how churches are reaping the benefits of streaming services and Sabbath School programs; a prominent physician is remembered; Local conferences and organizations report on the ministry impact of the stay-at-home orders; and more.

NEWS AROUND THE UNION



After looting temporarily closes stores, Chicago Church serves up essential items

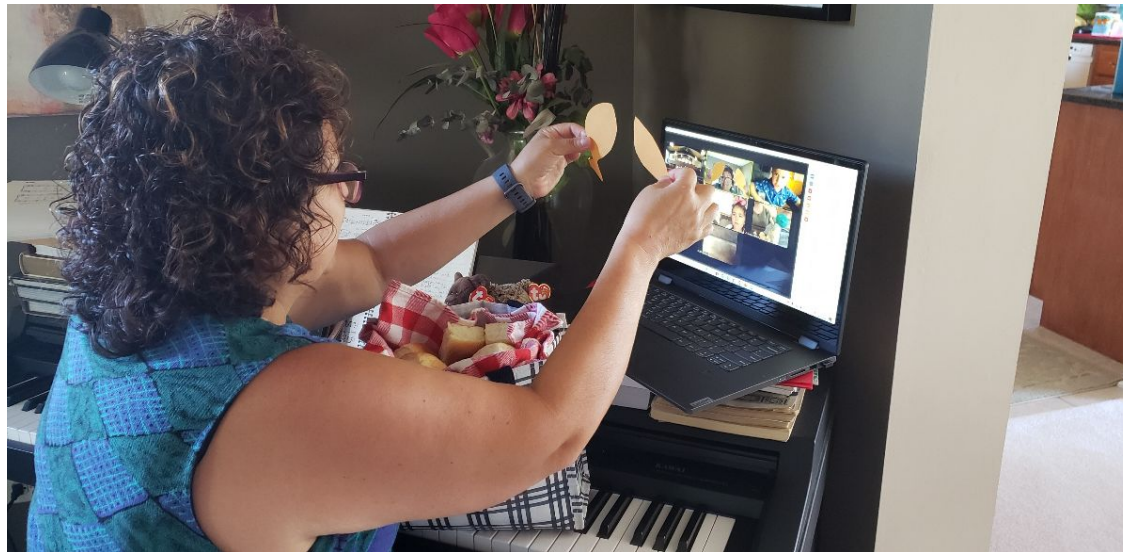
The looting that followed the George Floyd protests devastated some Chicago neighborhoods, leaving residents there even more desperate for basic services during the pandemic.

In early June, on Chicago's Southside where Goshen Church is located, supermarkets, pharmacies, banks and several retail stores were wiped clean of merchandise, and in some instances the buildings sustained major damage. The church is in one of the poorest areas in the city, which had already seen a surge in COVID-19 infections and an elevated rate of gun violence. [READ MORE](#)



Online service attracts new members

Like many other church in the North American Division, Lighthouse Hispanic Church in Winthrop Harbor, Illinois has not met since March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, that has not stopped them from bringing people to the Word of God. Since the church began its virtual programs, they have reached several people who had never before attended Lighthouse Church and as of June 6 have baptized five of them. [READ MORE](#)



Children's Sabbath School leaders get creative with online lessons

When the stay at home order began, several Sabbath School teachers began to think of a different way they could still see their children. Denny Vicente, Illinois' Elmhurst Seventh-day Adventist Church Sabbath School teacher, was also one who began thinking of how to see her beloved cradle roll students. [READ MORE](#)



Prominent physician remembered

Lynn Gray was a long-time member of American Academy of Family Physicians and Michigan Academy of Family Physicians and member of the Highland Avenue Church in Benton Harbor, Mich. He practiced family medicine and emergency medicine for more than 40 years in southwest Michigan and was more recently affiliated with Lakeland Regional Health System, where he served as medical director for diversity and health equity. He was posthumously awarded the Michigan Family Physician of the Year shortly after his death on June 13, 2020. This tribute to Gray was written by Craig Jackson, dean of Loma Linda University's School of Allied Health Professions, and a friend for 63 years. [READ MORE](#)



Leaders examine impact of pandemic on Lake Union organizations

At the Lake Union executive committee meeting in May, church leaders reported on the consequences of the stay-at-home orders and their ability to perform ministry. [READ MORE](#)

IN THE NEWS

Benton Harbor Farmers Market Reopens

"We're in the process of putting together a community garden and we've been blessed with a lot of tomato plants and had a bit too many to put in the garden there, so we decided to come over here to see if some people could use them," said **Terry Trecartin** with **Harbor of Hope Seventh-day Adventist Church** in an ABC57 news report. [WATCH VIDEO](#)

New grant supports Battle Creek's Communities of Color as they take on immediate and chronic needs

Although not a result of the relationships built within the cohort, more than 200 face masks sewn by Burmese residents were given to families in need. Tha Par, executive director of the Burma Center, says they work with members of the **Seventh-day Adventist Church** who have been teaching Burmese refugees how to sew as a way to earn money. [READ MORE](#)

ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

GENERAL CONFERENCE

Ahead of the launch of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's strategic plan, Ted N.C. Wilson asks: When God calls you, will you say "Here I am! Send me."? In his July 3 address, president of the global Adventist Church, reflects on Isaiah Chapter 6 [Watch More](#)

ADRA Gets Essential Items To Disabled In Kenya During Pandemic

As the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to spread across Kenya, lockdowns, closure of schools, and cancellation of public meetings have caused immeasurable disruptions.

Even prior to COVID-19, persons with disabilities were living in a world of isolation, yet the effects of the health crisis have been keenly felt. Samuel Onang'o, a father of three, is a cobbler, or shoemaker, in Kibera—he is also physically disabled. [READ MORE](#)

Lest We Forget: New Adventist encyclopedia maps church history, guides church's future

Five years. Twenty-five regional editors. Thirty consultant editors. One thousand international authors. One final product: The Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists (ESDA).

"Today is a historic day in the history of the church," says Artur Stele, vice president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. "Today we witness a moment Adventist scholars have been waiting to see for over 40 years. The significance of this new reality cannot be overstated."

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NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION NEWS

G. Alexander Bryant Named North American Division President

On July 9, 2020, the Seventh-day Adventist Church's General Conference Executive Committee met virtually to receive the name of G. Alexander Bryant, the recommendation for division president, from both the North American Division's nominating committee and executive committee. Bryant was confirmed in a vote of 153 to 3. [READ MORE](#)

Southern California Adventists Organize Demonstration for Peace and Justice

Unity. Justice. Community. Peace. That's what the demonstration on June 3, 2020, in Los Angeles, California, was all about as about 300 people gathered to pray, march, and connect. It was the first time Southern California Conference (SCC) churches organized such an event with a diverse group in every sense of the word: age, gender, ethnicity, and more. [READ MORE](#)

Paradise Church Serves Its Community with Fresh Produce

The Paradise, California, community understands the long-lasting recovery of a catastrophic disaster. The Nov. 8, 2018, Camp Fire burned 95 percent of the town. Now, in Paradise and across the nation, the impact of COVID-19 shelter in place is burning through check books and savings. But for those in the Paradise area, there is some good news. "The church burned down, but our members are still standing, and meeting the needs of others," explained Steve Hamilton, senior of the Paradise Seventh-day Adventist Church. [READ MORE](#)

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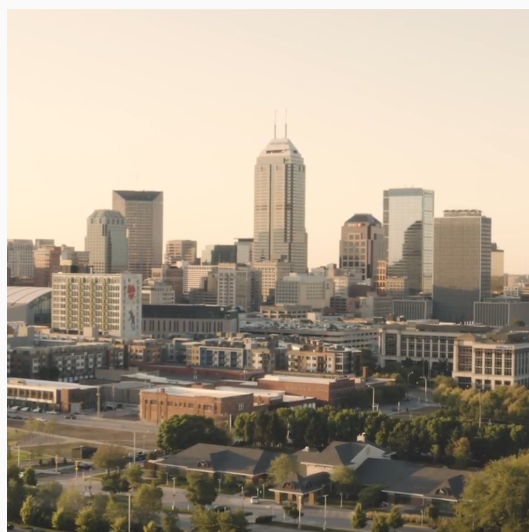
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Heroes VBS Home Edition – coming July 6-10! Join NAD Children's Ministries for a division-wide live VBS all about kid heroes from the Bible. Each day's program will include all the songs, skits, Bible stories, and activities that kids look forward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



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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



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Carlton Byrd, Breath of Life

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Larry Johnson, Brotherhood Against Drugs

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Featured Video



On July 9, 2020 G. Alexander Bryant was elected the fifth president of the North American Division (NAD) of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. NAD Communication Director Daniel Weber sat down with Elder Bryant and discussed his new role and what events in his life impacted his ministry. They also discussed the future of the NAD and how it can impact the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. [WATCH VIDEO](#)

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