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Lake Union HERALD

THIS WEEK

NEWS AROUND THE UNION



Academy senior strikes chord with graduation song

Shortly before graduation, Andrews Academy contacted Emma Hamel with the news that the talent for their senior class night had canceled and asked to use one of her songs. Emma informed them that she was in the process of writing a song about the abrupt end of their school year. She was initially nervous to share the original piece with her classmates since she is more on the reserved side, but quickly finished up the song and sent it in.

She posted her song to YouTube and what happened next was beyond her wildest expectation. Her story was discovered by local and Canadian news outlets. Canadian high schools in British Columbia, Alberta, Toronto and in the Maritimes asked to use the song in their graduation ceremonies. Within three weeks of uploading the song to her YouTube channel, there were 161,000 views. [The song quickly became an anthem](#) for the class of 2020.



Q & A with Calvin Rock

Calvin B. Rock has been a major leadership voice in the Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than six decades as a pastor, church administrator and writer. He was president of Oakwood University from 1971 to 1985 and general vice president of the General Conference from 1985 until his retirement in 2002. He has been an active participant in North American Adventism's continuing discussions of race relations. He holds a BA degree in Theology from Oakwood University, and MA in Sociology from the University of Detroit and DMin and PhD degrees in Religious Ethics from Vanderbilt University. He is the author of ten books, including *Protest and Progress: Black Seventh-day Adventist Leadership and the Push for Parity*. Rock spoke recently with Lake Region Public Affairs and Religious Liberty director/ Conscience and Justice Council chairperson, Edward Woods III. The [interview](#) was edited for clarity and length.



If We Do Well, It Will Go Well

The church was established, in part, to erase barriers between us and God, but also to remove barriers we erect between each other. We, as a last day-people, herald the Ten Commandments as still valid for the world in which we live and are well aware that the first four commandments describe how we relate to and ultimately show our love and allegiance to God.

In our strong emphasis on the first four commandments, which is appropriate, is it possible that we lose sight of the remaining six, not realizing God has high expectations of us for all 10 commandments? Accordingly, since the remaining six commandments, which state God's desire for how we are to love and relate to each other, outnumber the previous four, it appears that God in His infinite wisdom knew we would have an even tougher time with loving, valuing and

appreciating our fellow man than the Godhead. But, since we are all sinners, it is oxymoronic that we would have a more difficult time relating to each other than to a just, righteous and Holy God! [Read more of Lake Union President Maurice Valentine's editorial.](#)

ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

GENERAL CONFERENCE

"Whenever you are and in whatever setting you find yourself right now, God is calling you to be part of His last-day message to a world crying for eternal answers."

President of the global Seventh-day Adventist Church, Ted N.C. Wilson [delivers message](#) during the "Reach the World: I Will Go" launch.

Adventists in Jamaica Assist Needy Members and Community Residents

Responding to the economic challenges facing many people, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jamaica has assisted hundreds of families in need among its members and community residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[More than 400 families have benefited](#) from over US \$215,000 provided by the Jamaica Union, each of its five conferences, the Adventist-Layperson Service and Industry (ASI), Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Jamaica, and local congregations through April and May.

Caleb Mission Participants Donate Blood in Rio Grande do Sul

The social isolation caused by the coronavirus pandemic has also affected blood donation centers. These locations have suffered from a drop in the number of regular donors and a lack of certain blood types. To ensure that these donation centers maintain a steady blood supply, young people from Canoas, in the Metropolitan Region of Porto Alegre, [organized themselves to make a difference](#) and bring the hope of red color to the veins of hundreds of patients.

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION NEWS

#TinyTowns4Jesus: Outreach Initiative of Rocky Mountain Conference

One way that the Rocky Mountain Conference (RMC) is [adapting their summer outreach](#) is to refocus their student canvassers on fundraising to sponsor literature mail-outs to small towns in their territory. The initiative is called #TinyTowns4Jesus, and the goal is to raise enough funds to send packs of GLOW tracts and copies of *The Great Controversy* to people living in small towns in Colorado.

In New York City, ACS Receives First Weekly Delivery of Pallets of Food from New Partner

Adventist Community Services has approximately 100 pantries operating in New York's five boroughs, and they currently distribute food two to three times each week. The use of these pantries had led to our ACS teams running out of food, and some centers were not able to open because of a lack of food. We began speaking with City Harvest food banks about working with us to meet the observed need. This led to the current offer of [12 pallets of food delivered](#) to one location each Monday.

ADVENTIST REVIEW

What's so special about July 16? A teenager's take on Ellen White's continued relevance.

July 16. Most people don't think of this day as remarkable, but July 16 is an important date. Fifty-one years ago, on July 16, 1969, NASA launched Apollo 11, carrying the first human beings to the moon and plunging the planet into a new age of space exploration. As time has passed, many people no longer remember this significant event. I think of something different when I think of July 16. It's an anniversary of a special woman whose life and ministry have affected millions. July 16, 1915, was the day Ellen White died. [Read more of the story](#) authored by Great Lakes Adventist Academy senior, Jemima Klingbeil.

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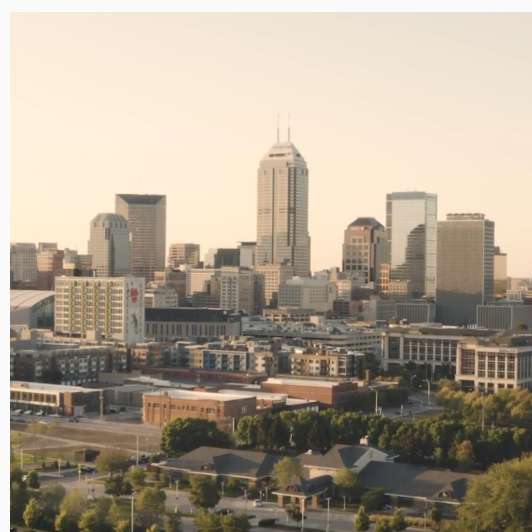
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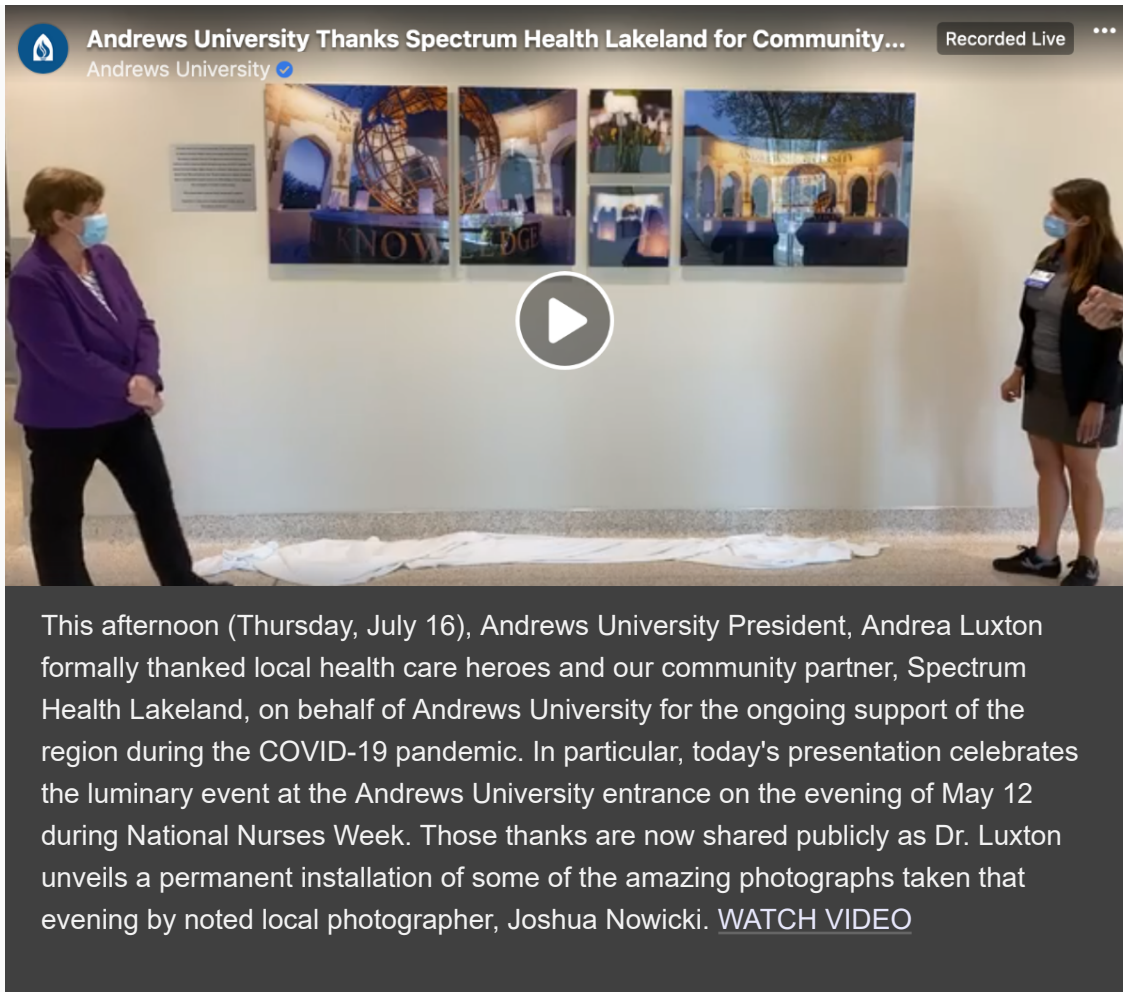
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