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AROUND THE UNION



Local churches participate is national 'Faith and Blue' weekend

As crime escalates and tensions between police and some communities linger, our churches have partnered with law enforcement organizations for National Faith & Blue Weekend 2021 (October 8-11) to encourage dialogue and collaboration.

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The legacy of prisoner #21303

The work of Lemuel Vega teaches that when you sow seeds for Christ, you don't always know how things will unfold. As a former inmate, Lemuel acknowledges that he, too, was a recipient of the gospel brought by volunteers who wanted to bring good news to the hopeless.

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Workplace Wellness: The Faith Factor

Let's be honest. Every job, from fast food worker to funeral director, has some level of stress (especially in the wake of COVID). But there are a few positions with particularly high-pressure demands—daily demands that can bring burnout, backlash, even life-threatening blunders if one isn't careful

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Battle Creek Church joins community for Faith and Blue program

Faith & Blue is a national program begun last year and held in Battle Creek for the first time this year and designed to improve communication and understanding within the community.

[Battle Creek Enquirer]

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ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

GENERAL CONFERENCE

An Earnest Appeal to Engage with Our Spiritual Identity General Conference secretary <u>calls Adventist leaders to face</u> <u>challenges</u> and recommit to mission.

At Annual Council, Presenters Reflect on Adventist Identity, Hermeneutics, and Grace

Mark Finley, Artur Stele, and Michael Ryan share <u>perspectives on</u> <u>contemporary church challenges.</u>

The Beauty of the Sabbath

How to understand the nuance and <u>beauty of the Sabbath</u>

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

Pacific Press Promotes Creation Books for Creation Sabbath Creation Sabbath, slated for October 23, is an annual celebration in the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Calendar of Special Days.

Southwestern Adventist University Hosts Annual Scholarship Gala

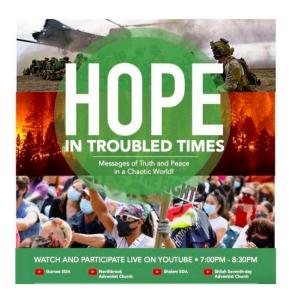
More than \$100k raised for scholarships for worthy students.

ADVENTHEALTH

How to Support a Friend with Breast Cancer

Receiving a shocking <u>breast cancer diagnosis disrupts a woman's life</u> <u>in countless ways</u>, but it shouldn't change her friendships.

EVENTS AND RESOURCES



Join Dr. William J. Lee, Shiloh Church Senior Pastor, LIVE for "Hope in Troubled Times: Messages of Truth and Peace in a Chaotic World," October 1-23 at 7-8:30 PM (EDT).

Watch and participate LIVE online at <u>Gurnee</u>, <u>Northbrook Adventist Church</u>, <u>Shalem</u>, and <u>Shiloh Adventist</u> <u>Church</u> YouTube pages.



Join the Association of Adventist Women for a hybrid event called "What does God's Justice Look Like?", October 8, 16, 23, and 29 for conversations on racial justice, poverty, women pastors, and access to healthcare.

Programs will be available worldwide on demand at 6 p.m. each Sabbath on associationofadventistwomen .com. This event is requiring vaccination and masks if attending in person.



It Is Written Announces Online Evangelistic Series Revelation Today: The Great Reset

Beginning **October 8**, It Is Written will air Revelation Today: The Great Reset. Pastor John Bradshaw, It Is Written president, will present the full-length evangelistic series from the Chattanooga First Church. Viewers may register and watch at revelationtoday.com.

Registration for the 2021 Virtual SAC Convention is now open!

Whether you're a communication professional, freelancer, student, teacher, pastor, or local church communication volunteer, Society of Adventist Communicators 2021 will have something for you.

Registration is \$49 for professionals and this year it's FREE for students.









Cruise With A Mission :: Center for Youth Evangelism is planning a December cruise.

Experience beautiful new places with amazing people, fun activities and a unique way to serve! The Mexico Riviera Cruise will depart San Diego, California, on December 12-19, 2021 with stops in Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan, and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico before returning back to San Diego. Learn more.

Every two years, senior youth & young adults ages 16-35 in the Lake Union Conference gather to be empowered and receive resources for evangelism back in their local churches and communities. The Youth Evangelism Congress will be hosted in Shipshewana, Ind., on Feb. 18-20, 2022.

Click here to learn more.

SAVE THE DATE!

Your Best Pathway to Health Mega Clinic is coming to Indianapolis, April 14-21, 2022.

See website for more information.

Save the Date: June 3-4, 2022

Next year marks the 150th anniversary of Battle Creek Academy! To celebrate this monumental achievement, BCA will combine Alumni Weekend with the celebration.



PROJECT SAFE CHURCH

Project Safe Church exists to train leaders to take protective action in response to the systemic crisis of abuse in the Seventh-day Adventist church. The Project involves training pastors and church leaders to create a visible reporting mechanism, as well as the ability to connect victims with trained practitioners.

Visit the <u>Project Safe Church</u> website for more information.



If you know of a student about to attend or is already on a public university campus in the Lake Union, you should reach out to the conference representative for help in providing an anchor in the young person's faith journey.

Visit our <u>website</u> for a list of conference representatives.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Twenty-four Hispanic Churches met September 25-October 2 for an evangelistic effort, titled "Vitctoria frente al temor" (Victory Over Fear). Guest speakers from throughout the United States joined the Illinois Conference to

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