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Next week we're at the Sonscreen Film Festival, so look for your next Herald newsletter on April 20.

AROUND THE UNION



Ukrainian Refugees Find Hope at Chicago Church

At 5 a.m. on February 24, 2022, Vitalii Hanulich awoke in his hometown of Bucha, Ukraine to missile explosions and his phone vibrating with incoming messages from friends and family. That was when he knew the war had begun.

February 24, 2022, will go down in history as the day Russia invaded Ukraine, creating a critical boiling point in an already destructive conflict that had been escalating since 2014. As a result, Europe faced the largest refugee crisis since World War II.

Nearly 80,000 Ukrainian refugees have found asylum in Chicagoland, marking the beginning of a new chapter in their lives. Among that number are dedicated Seventh-day Adventists like Hanulich, eager to find active community and peaceful refuge in one of Chicago's Adventist churches.

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"I Choose to Teach"

A nursing assistant, a lumberjack, a journalist, a marketing professional and a transportation logistics manager. They all have one thing in common: They decided to go back to school, not as students—but to teach.

Why would these five teachers decide to stick it out when daily we hear reports that teachers nationwide are quitting at an alarming rate? In the Lake Union, that rate has accelerated too.

Lake Union Education Director Ruth Horton points to a confluence of factors causing many teachers to change careers, and many potential teachers to forgo education altogether as a career choice. Among these factors are pandemic-related workload demands, teacher burnout, compensation concerns, fear of incurring unmanageable debt in pursuit of higher education, on-the-job safety concerns, byproducts of diminishing constituent embrace and support for Adventist education, and increasingly contentious social, cultural and political battles that often target educators.

Despite so many challenges, many Lake Union teachers keep showing up in their classrooms. And others are stepping up to fill vacancies—often leaving behind interesting and rewarding careers. The following profiles offer glimpses into what leads some professionals to choose—and remain in—Christian education.

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Michigan Member Completes 100th Marathon

Marathon runner Theresa Pipher of Berrien Springs crossed the finish line of her 100th marathon at the Publix Florida Marathon in Melbourne, Florida, on February 12, 2023.

"When I run in beautiful areas, nature makes me feel closer to God," says Pipher, whose membership is at the Village Church in Berrien Springs. "I truly believe God's been with me throughout my life."

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New Scholarships and State Grants to Benefit Andrews University Students

Andrews University students pursuing a career in teaching may soon benefit from new scholarships and state tuition grants.

The University recently announced several scholarship opportunities as part of its commitment to making Adventist education as affordable as possible for all students. Meanwhile, the state of Michigan has launched new tuition grants to address a growing teacher shortage and improve access to education and skills training for its residents.

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Conectate :: June 2-4, 2023

Join main speaker Pr. Arnaldo Cruz on June 2-4, 2023 for Lake Union Conference's 7th Bilingual Youth Congress, Conectate. The congress will be held at the Howard Performing Arts Center on the campus of Andrews University.

Catch the early bird registration rate through Feb. 28 at conectateluc.com.

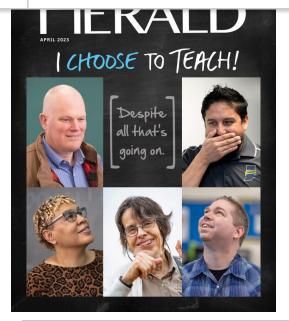
CYE invites you to a cruise adventure to Alaska on September 3-10. Check out the <u>itinerary</u> and <u>register</u>.

If you have any questions, please send an email to cwm@cye.org.

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Project Safe Church exists to train leaders to take 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.



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I Choose to Teach! (despite all that's going on)

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This Week in Adventist History



Academy students from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan gathered at Emmanuel Missionary College in April 1959 to make a joyful noise unto the Lord during the annual Lake Union Music Festival. Students arrived on campus early in the week to rehearse together before the big performances on Friday night and Sabbath. In this photograph, the choir practices while band members in uniform wait their turn. The EMC gymnasium is decorated for the occasion with banners representing participating schools (seen left to right) Grand Ledge Academy, Cedar Lake Academy, Emmanuel Missionary College Academy, Battle Creek Academy, Wisconsin Academy, Adelphian Academy, Broadview Academy, and Indiana Academy.

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