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### AROUND THE UNION



# Camp Akita and Au Sable on List of America's Best Summer Camps

Camp Akita, operated by Illinois Conference, and Camp Au Sable, run by Michigan Conference, were among the 500 camps selected as top summer camps in 2023 based on social media reviews and a comprehensive survey of 15,000 parents.

Newsweek partnered with Plant-A Insights Group to help parents navigate the daunting task of vetting and selecting amongst the 12,000 summer camps across the U.S.

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# Watch for Live Updates from the NAD Pathfinder Bible Experience this Weekend

This weekend, Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) teams from around the North American Division are in Tampa, Florida to put their knowledge of the Book of John to the test again at the NAD-Level PBE. Sixteen Pathfinder teams will be there to represent the Lake Union.

The Lake Union Herald will bring you daily coverage from this year's NAD PBE Finals! Follow us <u>@lakeunionherald</u> as Eric Herve Jean Baptiste takes over the Herald's social media w/live coverage from Florida featuring an inside look to programs and interviews from conference leaders and Pathfinder teams!

- Friday Night Vespers 7:30 p.m.
- Sabbath Morning Testing 8 a.m.
- Sabbath Afternoon Worship 2 p.m.
- Sabbath Afternoon Awards Ceremony 4 p.m.

The North American Division will be livestreamed Sabbath, April 22 at 8 a.m. on the @nadpathfinders YouTube channel.



# Massive Great Controversy Distribution in Michigan Leads to More Than 430 Bible Studies

During a four-day Streams of Light International (SOLI) mission trip in the Detroit metro area, partnering church entities and volunteers witnessed the remarkable.

More than 100 volunteers went door-to-door to distribute 29,000 copies of The Great Controversy, Thrive magazine, and invitational flyers to the Detroit neighborhoods surrounding five churches from April 11t to 15. The door-to-door effort resulted in more than 430 Bible study contacts.

"I was greatly impacted by how many people are out there desperately in need for God's people to go out and reach them," said Erik Shankles, a volunteer from Tennessee, on Sabbath morning during the program live-streamed from the SOLI Facebook and YouTube channels. "We should not put our lamp under a basket. We need to get out there among the people."

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# **Cuba Mission Trip Yields 311 Baptisms**

This spring break in Havana, Cuba, was a benchmark evangelistic experience for nearly 30 students and staff of the Seminary at Andrews University and six pastors from Pioneer Memorial Church.

Fernando Ortiz, DMin, director of the Master of Divinity program at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, has led these "Care for Cuba" evangelistic missions for over a decade, but this first trip after the pandemic proved to be the most fruitful of all.

Hosting the Care for Cuba team for the ten days and nights of our mission were the faculty, staff and students of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary near Havana. They welcomed us with typical Cuban warmth and hospitality. In addition to the team from Andrews, there were many on-theground pastors, Bible workers and volunteers—who really did the heavy-lifting before our team even arrived.

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# **Art Installation Honors Andrews President's Leadership**

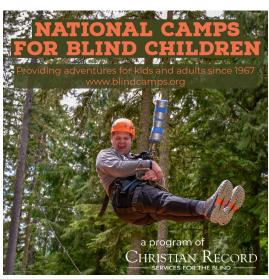
On Monday, March 6, 2023, the Andrews University community gathered in the lobby of the Campus Center for a surprise event held to honor president Andrea Luxton, who is retiring in July.

The highlight of the event was the unveiling of a seven-piece mural series titled "Stories Set in Stone." Each of the granite images portrays a value important for the Andrews learning community—compassion, humility, integrity, justice, innovation, wellbeing and trust.

Wilson, General Conference president; Chip Meekma, vice president for Financial Administration; and Darcy de Leon, associate vice president for Human Resources.

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### **EVENTS AND RESOURCES**



National Camps for Blind
Children, a ministry of Christian
Record Services is proud to partner
with Timber Ridge Camp in Spencer,
Indiana this summer. On June 1825, the camp will provide
confidence-building opportunities for
individuals ages 7-65 who are blind
and visually impaired as they
participate in a variety of summer
camp experiences. For more
information about our summer camp
programs visit <a href="https://www.blindcamps.org">www.blindcamps.org</a>.





#### **Three Angels Natural Foods and Christian Books April Sales**

April is here and so are the book sales and food deals at Three Angels! For more information, visit <u>Adventist-eBooks.com</u> or call 317-984-5393 to order your books and food today.



#### You are invited to the ASI Lake Union Spring Fellowship

When: April 28-29, 2023 Where: Tinley Park Convention Center in Tinley Park, IL Guest Speaker: Neil Nedley, M.D., President, Weimar Institute

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For more information, visit www.asilakeunion.org.



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.

Register at conectateluc.com.



**Who:** Adventist Conference on Family Research and Practice **What:** Families & Emotional Health

Where: Virtual

When: July 20-22, 2023 Registration: ACFRP.org

Who should participate? Family Ministries leaders from local churches, conferences, union conferences and divisions, other professionals who work with families, seminary students, graduate students, pastors and lay persons who have an interest in improving their own marriages and families are

invited to participate.



CYE invites you to a cruise adventure to Alaska on September 3-10.

Check out the itinerary and register.

If you have any questions, please send an email to <a href="mailto:cwm@cye.org">cwm@cye.org</a>.

You are invited to join the

Church on a "Biblical



Backgrounds Tour," from September 3-17, 2023.

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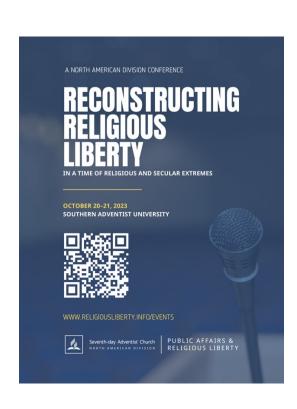


The NAD Public Affairs and Religious Liberty ministry invites you to "Reconstructing Religious Liberty in a Time of Religious and Secular Extremes." This two-day event will explore new ways to talk about religious freedom within a culturally and politically polarized America.

When: October 20-21, 2023
Where: Collegedale Seventh-day
Adventist Church

For more information and to register, visit religiousliberty.info/events.

Registration is now open with an Early Bird rate of just \$49.





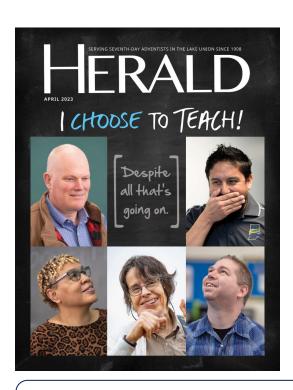
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Project Safe Church exists to train leaders to take action in response to the systemic crisis of abuse in the Seventh-day Adventist church. The Project involves training pastors and church leaders to create a visible reporting mechanism, as well as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

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

## What's inside the *Herald*

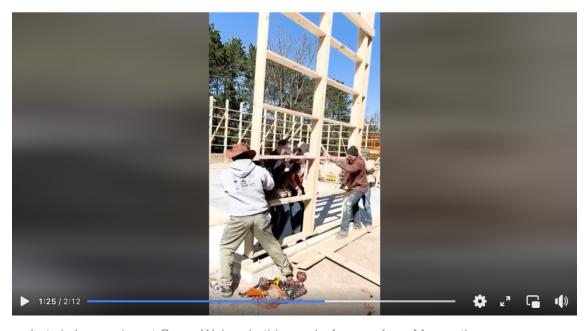


## **April 2023**

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

Read All Our Stories Online

## Video of the Week



Lots is happening at Camp Wakonda this week. A group from Maranatha International Volunteers touched down at the camp site to do some major work. One big push is to replace four tents which had been in use for primary, Junior, teen, and

expansion, rebuilding our store and medical center, remodeling the nature center and putting it in a new building, renovating our Cedar Lodge to be a premium meeting space, and remodeling ten cabins to use as our new boys village."



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