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AROUND THE UNION



Indiana Launches New Online Academy, Second in the Lake Union

"The new INspire Academy is coming together nicely. Our goal for this new school is to provide you an option for Adventist education from the safety of your home. Already, we have hired two teachers and are getting all of the textbooks and the laptops ready for the first school year. Many students have already registered for the new year, but we still have a few spots available. We plan to have our INspire Academy school orientation meeting at Camp Timber Ridge on August 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m." - Indiana Conference

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Church Leaders Step up to Help Combat Summer Violence

It all started with the "Stop the Violence Tour" when members of the Harbor of Hope Church in Benton Harbor Michigan visited eight housing complexes to promote peace and stop the gun violence.

A second phase launched on June 3 with a one-week health-focused blitz at three different housing complexes in Benton Harbor and climaxing on Sabbaths with kids experiencing a church service.

Then, a charge to all churches at a City Hall meeting by Harbor of Hope Church Pastor Taurus Montgomery, in which he called all churches to join in this fight against the powers of darkness, led to an unexpected turn. Four pastors jumped in, including the chief of Police of Benton Harbor, with offers to help.

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Amir Gulzar Begins New Role as Wisconsin Executive Secretary/Treasurer

On July 1, 2023, Amir Gulzar began his ministry as the executive secretary/treasurer for the Wisconsin Conference. Gulzar grew up in Pakistan where he attended Seventh-day Adventist institutions of education earning B.B.A. degrees in both marketing (1996) and accounting (1997) from Pakistan Adventist Seminary. He went on to earn his Master of Business Administration degree from Philippine Christian University (2000) and his Ph.D. in international finance from the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (2018). - Wisconsin Conference

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Myanmar Youth Hold First Division-wide Convention

After more than a decade in the making, the Myanmar Adventist Youth group within the North American Division gathered last week from July 5-9, 2023 for a convention at Andrews University, with the theme "Bent But Not Broken."

The convention attracted 300 youth and young adults from Myanmar's diverse ethnic groups who listened to presentation highlighting challenges such as cultural shock, generational conflict, political issues, financial hardship, and spiritual malnourishment, in the aim to provide hope and freedom in Christ.

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Michigan and Indiana Members Assist in Building of First Adventist College in El Salvador

Young Seventh-day Adventists in the country of El Salvador will soon have a local option for higher education. To find an Adventist college, those interested must travel internationally for hundreds of miles, at no small cost, to reach the nearest option. For this reason, Senior Pastor Ron Kelly from Village Adventist Church of Berrien Springs, Michigan, in conjunction with members of his previous congregation in Cicero, Indiana, and Jack Cain of Reach Out Ministries have been leading a series of mission trips to build the first Adventist college in El Salvador. Accompanying them on the most recent trip were members from Stevensville and Gobles churches, plus volunteers from Pennsylvania, Kansas, and Oregon.

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Andrews University and Buckner International Sign "Shining STAR" Collaboration

Andrews University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with nonprofit Buckner International. The collaboration, which will formally launch in September 2023, will offer professional development as well as graduate study and degree options for Buckner International's professional staff, and it will offer Andrews University students the opportunity to learn and serve in the context of Buckner International's mission-driven outreach to vulnerable and needy children, family and seniors.

This joint venture has the purpose of developing leaders according to the "Leading with a Servant Heart in a team environment" model articulated by Buckner International, and it will be based on the unique philosophy of the Andrews University School of Leadership, which is biographically anchored, service-driven, individualized and competency-based, providing participants the opportunity to reflect on their practices from a Christian perspective.

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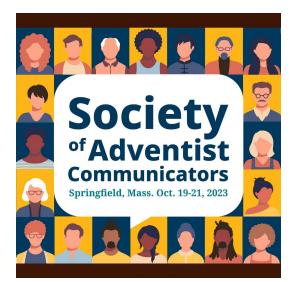
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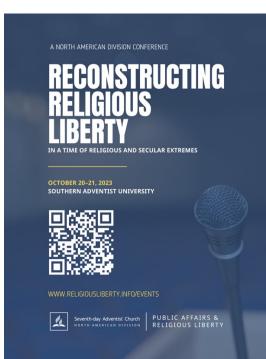














The Society of Adventist
Communicators Convention
registration is now open! Join SAC in
Springfield, Mass., on Oct. 19-21, as
professional communicators attend
workshops, meet for worship, and
network. They also welcome Adventist
college and university students. And
after a hiatus, they are planning to
bring back the communication awards
program and area media tours. Hurry!
CLICK HERE for more info and/or to
register.

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 <u>itinerary</u> and <u>register</u>.

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

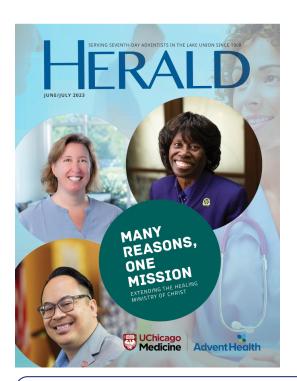
The NAD Public Affairs and Religious Liberty ministry invites you to "Reconstructing Religious Liberty in a Time of Religious and Secular Extremes." This two-day event will explore new ways to talk about religious freedom within a culturally and politically polarized America.

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

For more information and to register, visit <u>religiousliberty.info/events</u>. **Registration is now open with an Early Bird rate of just \$49.**

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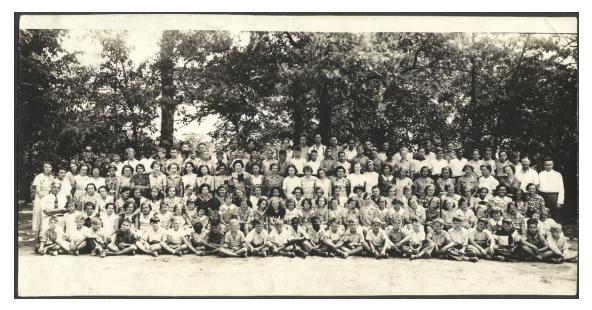


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This month's issue features stories from UChicago Medicine AdventHealth.

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This Month in Adventist History



This group photo shows children from Illinois and Indiana attending a 10-day junior camp called Camp Juvillinda in July 1936. <u>Camp Juvillinda was held for a number of years in the 1930s on the grounds of the state YMCA campground in Delphi, Indiana.</u>

The junior campers enjoyed swimming, hiking, playing games, and eating so much good food that the Lake Union Herald reported that 'almost every child gains in weight' after attending. 'Do not hesitate to send your Junior to camp,' said Irma Lee Hewett. 'He will have the time of his life. And you will be surprised to see the fine effect these ten days have on his health, disposition, cooperation, obedience and ability to do for himself as never before.'

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