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## AROUND THE UNION



# Illinois Prayer Retreat 'Ignites Spiritual Experiences'

Prayer is powerful. This came through so clearly by speakers Jerry and Janet Page at the annual Illinois Conference Prayer Retreat at Camp Akita from October 13 to 15, 2023.

Through stories and scripture Jerry and Janet reminded the audience to take time to dwell in God's Word, pray praises along with requests, and talk with Him throughout the day. Building this strong relationship, and taking time to listen, makes it possible to hear God's voice, feel His guidance through an impression, catch a message through Scripture or even through dreams.

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# **Hmong Women Host Prayer Conference in Wisconsin**

Over 50 Hmong women from California, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin along with a few young girls gathered at Camp Wakonda in Wisconsin for their first Prayer & Revival conference.

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# Michigan-wide Evangelism Meetings Attracts Hundreds

When *Discovering Revelation* launched on Monday, October 2, just over 1,500 guests had pre-registered to attend some 70 local sites across Michigan. While not every pre-registrant came, many others attended in their place. Thus, with 83 percent of participating churches reporting at the time this was written, the Lord is praised for the over 2,800 opening night attendees. More than 1,000 were non-Adventist visitors—an average of 15 non-members per *Discovering Revelation* site.

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# Town: Promoting Liberty, Pursuing Justice

Fueled by the organizational mission "to transform communities surrounding local churches by ensuring freedom of justice and conscience," the Conscience and Justice Council hosted their 8th annual convention Sept. 28 to Oct. 1, 2023, at the North American Division. The conference was a gathering of social justice visionaries and thought leaders.

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# Andrews Academy to Host Fiftieth "Feast of Lights" this Friday

The program was envisioned half a century ago to give back to the community, through the musical retelling of Christ's birth.

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### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### Road rally scavenger hunt to support New Haven food pantry for kids

A road trip, a few photos around town and some ugly Christmas sweaters thrown in will add up to a holiday event designed to help the hungry in New Haven, Michigan.

Valerie Elswick-Wohlever is a volunteer for the New Haven Children's Food Pantry, sponsored by the New Haven Seventh-Day Adventist Church, who is now organizing a road rally scavenger hunt to benefit the pantry for the third time.

"The food pantry is 100% donations. That is how they get the money to distribute food for children," Elswick-Wohlever said. "I was just going there and serving and volunteering and wondering what more I could do. I participated in other road rallies and they were so fun, to raise money for other events. I thought, 'I could do this.' I gave it a try and it was a big hit; people loved it." [The Voice]



# YOUTH EVANGELISM CONGRESS





#### 21st Annual Andrews University Music & Worship Conference "Worship in Transition" -February 22-24, 2023

Worship together, be equipped, and connect with others through practical workshops, scholarly presentations, and dynamic worship experiences. Featuring pioneering leader and homiletics expert, Frank Thomas; worship leader and scholar, Constance Cherry, author of the best-selling book, *The Worship Architect*; recording artist, Deah Love; and songwriter, Nicholas Zork. The concert, Blackventist Praise, culminates the event. Learn more at andrews.edu/icwm/conference.

#### SAVE THE DATE!

#### Lake Union Conference Youth Evangelism Congress

February 16-18, 2024 Chicago congress@lucyouth.org www.lucyouth.org

Center for Youth Evangelism is happy to invite you to an incredible **cruise adventure to The Caribbean** on December 8-15, 2024. Embark on a convenient round trip Caribbean adventure where we will be visiting the Bahamas, Jamaica, Mexico, & the Cayman Islands. If you have any questions, please send an email to cwm@cye.org. Registration is open, so don't wait!

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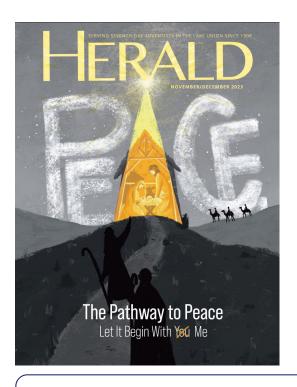
## Classifieds

SEEKING A LIVE-IN CAREGIVER (Holland, Michigan area) to help take care of an elderly family member. This is a private engagement which includes, but is not limited to light housekeeping, meal preparation, light shopping to more integral personal assistance such as incontinence care, transferring, dressing and bathing. If you possess a positive, loving and professional attitude and have a proven track record for dependability, please send your resume and two references to:

elvis rodriguez@yahoo.com. Additional requirements include: 1) Must be able to pass a background and drug test. 2) One year of experience with senior caregiving is preferred.

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# What's inside the Herald

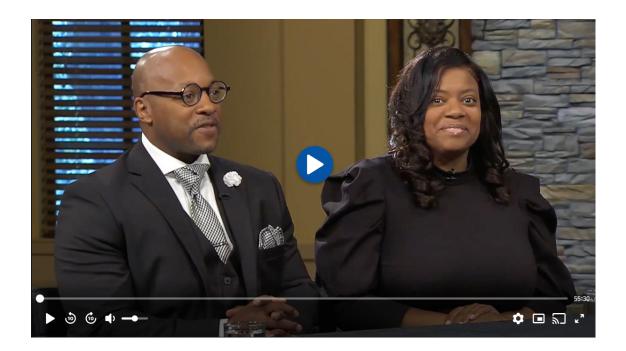


# Nov/Dec 2023

This month's issue features stories on how to be a peacekeeper in this chaotic world.

#### Read All Our Stories Online

## Video of the Week



#### Lake Region Conference pastoral couple featured on 3ABN

Pastor Christopher Clark along with his wife Ebony share their testimony with JD & Shelley Quinn. As a former Marine turned drug dealer, Pastor Clark has been through it. Hear how God can use anyone in spite of their messes or their flaws.



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