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THIS WEEK

AROUND THE UNION



Reflections on Asbury University Revival

The Christian world and much of this non-Christian nation have now heard of the Asbury University revival, thanks to the headlines of major news outlets. Twenty thousand visitors showed up this last Sunday, leading to the town's decision to bar any further outside traffic, so congested has the town become over flocking visitors (from all points on the compass) who want to experience or at least witness this much-heralded revival. And here we are a few hundred miles to the north, another small Christian university in another small town. What if we're next on the Holy Spirit's timetable?

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Indiana Opens Brand New School

On Sunday, February 19, administration members from Indiana Conference, Indiana Academy, the Lake Union, as well as news organizations and community members gathered to celebrate the opening of Aboite Christian School in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

"This doesn't happen very often," says Carmelo Mercado, vice president of the Lake Union Conference and former pastor of the Fort Wayne Church. "It's been a while since a brand-new school was built from the ground up within the Lake Union territory. So, this is a huge deal and a very exciting one!"

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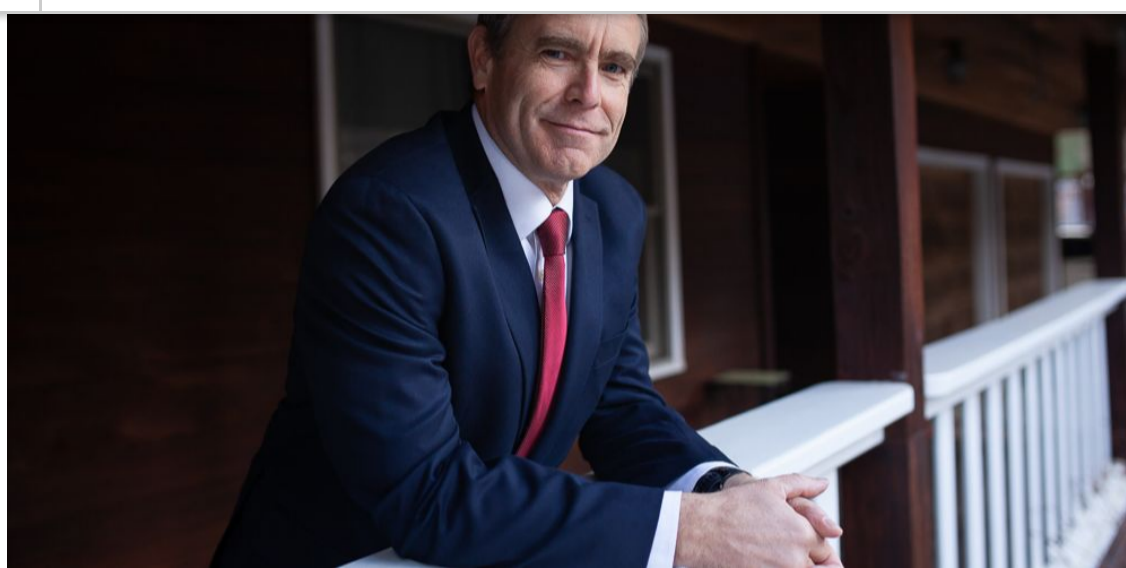


Launch of an Academic Enrichment Program for Young Scholars

It is no surprise that the pandemic has had significant effects on student learning across the country and in our schools. The University Seventh-day Adventist Church (UChurch) in East Lansing, Michigan saw this as an opportunity to be proactive.

This past September, by unanimous vote, the church board approved the pilot of a new initiative called UChurch Young Scholars. This innovative academic program for grades K-8 was designed and launched by a local Adventist educator, focusing on four main components: learning enrichment opportunities, school/homework support, individualized tutoring, and educational consulting for families.

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Pastor Doctor Uses Innovative Approach to Melting the Pounds

Mike Hess is bringing improved wellness to participants of his Metabolic Mastery Method health class in Berrien Springs, Michigan. After joining the pastoral staff at Village Church, led by senior pastor Ron Kelly, Hess began using both his spiritual and medical gifts. Hess has the rare distinction of being both a medical doctor and a pastor, uniquely qualifying him for this important work.

During the first iteration of the program at Village, participant Bob Rios applied what he was learning and shared the information at home with his wife who was not attending. She consistently applied the instruction to her own life and has lost 28 pounds to date. What makes this especially notable is that Mrs. Rios had been told by her doctor that she would never be able to lose weight because of hypothyroidism.

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Communication Professors Publish Book on Relationships

Heather Thompson Day and Seth Day, both communication professors at Andrews University, recently published "I'll See You Tomorrow," a book about relationships.

Heather and Seth first met at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Years later, as adults, they rekindled their relationship and have now been married for nearly 12 years. With three children and years of experience and research, the Days decided to share their hard-earned wisdom by co-authoring this exploration of relational dynamics.

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Battle Creek Academy energized as it prepares for first-ever MHSAA hoop districts

Small Battle Creek basketball program excited to work through challenges of competing at the MHSAA level for the first time. [[Battle Creek Enquirer](#)]

EVENTS AND RESOURCES



March 25, 2023 is Safety

Sabbath. Churches across North America (and beyond) will hold fire drills on Safety Sabbath to help their congregation be equipped in case of a fire or other emergency. When you register for Safety Sabbath, Adventist Risk Management, Inc. ([ARM](#)) provides drills and actionable resources as well as flyers, videos, and graphics to reach out to others.

[Register Here](#)



SAVE THE DATE

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

For more information, visit www.asilakeunion.org.



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.**



A Call for Papers

What: 43rd annual conference of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians
When: June 27-29, 2023
Where: Adventist University of Africa campus in Nairobi, Kenya.

For more information, contact: Michelle Carbonilla at MOCarbonilla@aup.edu.ph.



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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 [Project Safe Church website](https://project-safe.org/) for more information.

What's inside the *Herald*



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Adventists and the Sojourner Truth Legacy

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VIDEO OF THE WEEK



NEW SCHOOL OPENS
Aboite Christian School

On Sunday, February 19, an audience of supporters gathered to celebrate the opening of [Aboite Christian School](#) in Fort Wayne, [Indiana](#). Following the ribbon-



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