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AROUND THE UNION



PBE Lake Union Finals This Weekend

This Sabbath, March 18, thirty-three Lake Union Pathfinder Teams will gather at the Village Adventist Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan, for the Pathfinder Bible Experience Union finals to test their knowledge on the book of John and its corresponding Bible Commentary. We will cover the event and bring you live updates.

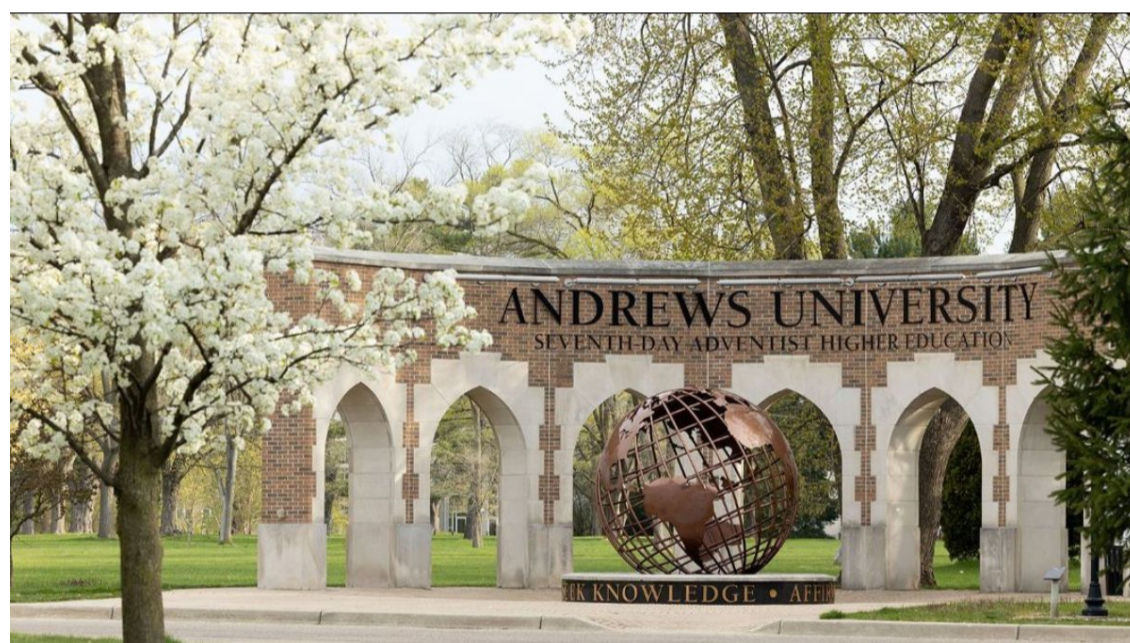
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Young Adult to Represent Lake Union at North American Division Year-end Meetings

On March 8, 2023, the Lake Union Conference voted Joi McClellan to serve as the young adult representative to the North American Division Executive Committee (Year-end Meetings). Joi is currently a student at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in Ann Arbor. She completed her undergraduate studies in music with minors in chemistry and biology graduating at the top of her class at Southern Adventist University.

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Andrews University Holds Board Corporation Meeting

On March 7, 2023, the Andrews University Board Corporation members met for their delayed quinquennial meeting. Originally scheduled for 2020, the meeting was postponed due to the pandemic and was rescheduled to follow the most recent General Conference session in 2022.

"Even though Corporation meetings don't happen frequently—it's been seven years since our last one—they are important moments for our University," says President Andrea Luxton. "These meetings gave us a chance to review and vote for board membership, and that newly voted board will meet for the first time on June 1. There are other important things, including confirming bylaw changes, and these meetings give the president a chance to let these important stakeholders, or members, of our Corporation, know about what we've done, and what we're hoping to do, as a University."

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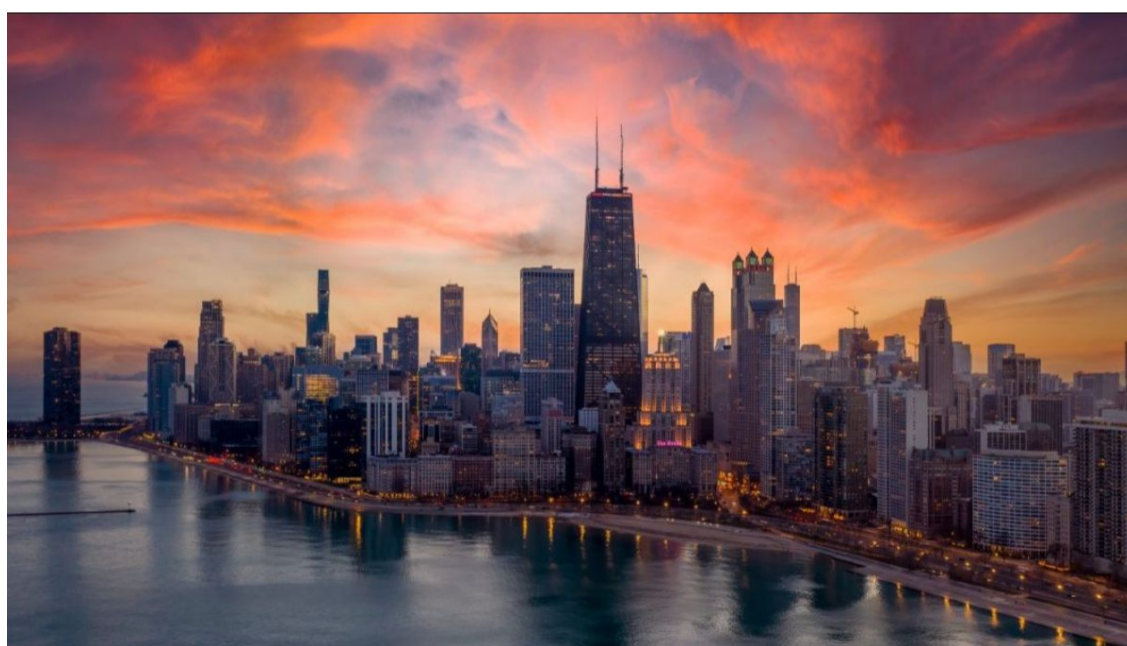


Music Festival Returns After Pandemic Hiatus

Andrews University hosted the annual Lake Union Academies Music Festival which culminated with a concert at the Howard Performing Arts Center on the Sabbath afternoon of March 4.

This festival has a long history—it began in the 1950s as a recruitment event to celebrate the ongoing music programs at constituent academies. It was created as a general music festival for band, choir and orchestra, and this continues today.

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The Gospel in the City

A few months after I was elected president of the Illinois Conference in 2001, my wife and I took some visitors to the Hancock Building in Chicago. In the observation deck high above the streets of Chicago we could see for miles in all directions. While our guests were watching the sailboats out on the blue waters of Lake Michigan, I was on the other side of the deck staring out at the vastness that is Chicagoland.

There are over two and a half million people who live in the city of Chicago and nine and a half million who live in the Chicagoland satellite cities.

As I stood viewing this immense mission field, I asked myself, “How can we possibly take our Adventist message and impact this vast city?” The audacity of this task was and is truly overwhelming.

Each of the four states that make up the Lake Union has at least one large metropolitan area — Illinois has Chicago, Indiana has Indianapolis, Wisconsin has Milwaukee, and Michigan has Detroit. These four metropolitan areas are home to half of the 35 million people who inhabit our four-state territory.

As we consider how we can reach the cities of the Lake Union for Christ, Lake Union President Ken Denslow shares some suggestions...

IN THE NEWS

Battle Creek Academy launches 'Buckets For Blessings' fundraising campaign in pursuit of new roof

Battle Creek Academy, a charter school affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, appears to be in desperate need of a new roof.

To raise the necessary funds, the academy has launched a "Buckets For Blessings, Not Raindrops" campaign. Containers are positioned in various businesses throughout the Cereal City so residents can donate to the cause. [[Battle Creek Enquirer](#)]

EVENTS AND RESOURCES



What if people flocked to your church for healing from physical, emotional, or mental problems? Are you resourced to help them? **Join the NAD Health Summit, April 2-8, 2023, in Lexington, Kentucky to learn best practices for having a meaningful impact on your community.** Our theme, "Power to Heal", considers our need of the Holy Spirit to guide us, particularly with our renewed emphasis on health evangelism.

[Register here](#)



March 25 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, Adventist Risk Management [provides drills and actionable resources as well as flyers, videos, and graphics to reach out to others.](#)

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New interactive Bible discussion series, delves into Biblical themes and stories depicted in Season 1 of the hit television series, "The Chosen." Hosted by Ty Gibson and David Asscherick. Hope Channel premiere on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 8 p.m. EDT, with new episodes aired every week.



What: 180° SYMPOSIUM 2023
When: March 27-29, 2023
Where: Andrews University | Virtual

Submit a paper or come to participate in the discussions and recommendations with youth ministry practitioners, administrators, and academicians.

For more information: cye.org/180 or contact Steve Case [via email](mailto:steve@involveyouth.org) or at (916) 849-7676



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.**



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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 for more information.



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Mission to the Big Cities

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Photo of the Week



Eleven-year-old Riley Boston is the new co-host of 3ABN's Kid Express. On the show she interviews children from around the world about their culture and how they share Jesus. Riley is the only child of Pastor John and Mrs. Karla Boston of Historic Chicago Shiloh Church. This young lady has traveled to three continents and more than a dozen countries.



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