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AROUND THE UNION



Indiana Youth Escapes Maui Fire; Assisting Relief Efforts

Jolted from his sleep, it was 3 a.m. on the morning of August 8 when a phone call woke Pastor Kamil Metz, senior pastor at the Evansville Seventh-day Adventist Church. The caller was Dallas Matthew, 26, one of his members serving this summer as a student literature evangelist on the island of Maui in Hawaii. Dallas's news was grave — he called to report that deadly wildfires had engulfed Lāhainā.

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Teachers Delve Into a Biblical Understanding of Earth's History

Just before the North American Division Educators' Convention in Phoenix, several Lake Union educators were part of a group of 40 science teachers who embarked on a journey to explore various geological landmarks.

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Introducing the New Illinois Associate Youth Director

The Illinois Conference is thrilled to announce the promotion of Stacey DePluzer to the position of associate youth director, with a primary focus on camp ministry. The decision was made during the Aug. 16, 2023, executive committee meeting, where Stacey's dedication, leadership, and gifts in ministry were affirmed and celebrated.

DePluzer, who has previously served as assistant to the youth director, has demonstrated exceptional commitment and passion for youth ministry throughout her tenure. Her skills in guiding and nurturing young minds, combined with her unwavering faith, have left an indelible mark on the lives of many within the Seventh-day Adventist community.

"I am truly humbled and honored by this opportunity," said Stacey DePluzer. "I am excited to continue serving our youth in this capacity and look forward to helping them develop strong faith foundations, lifelong friendships, and a sense of purpose through camp ministry."

We're excited for the future that will continue to develop in our Illinois youth department.

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[READ MORE ABOUT STACEY'S CALLING TO MINISTRY](#)



Andrews University

This fall the Department of Visual Arts, Communication and Design (VACD) welcomes two new faculty members and celebrates two significant role changes. Tamara Watson joins as assistant professor of Public Relations and Communication, and Kaara Harris will serve as assistant professor of Journalism and Communication. Alyx Halsey transitions from contract faculty to full time assistant professor of Fine Art, and Daniel Weber becomes the chair of the department.

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EVENTS AND RESOURCES



On Labor Day weekend, **Sept. 1-3, 2023, Breath of Life Ministries is partnering with the Lake Region Conference** to host its second annual **Young Adult Rally in Chicago**.

[Register here!](#)



The Battle Creek Tabernacle in Battle Creek, Michigan, invites you to the dedication of the newly remodeled sanctuary and main floor on Sept. 23, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

Special speaker for the morning service will be Dwight Nelson, recently retired pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University.



Center for Youth Evangelism 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 cwm@cye.org.



Save the date for the annual Conscience & Justice Council Convention, Sept. 28-Oct. 1, 2023, in Columbia, Maryland, at the North American Division.

To register, click on: [2023 Conscience & Justice Council Convention Registration, Thu, Sep 28, 2023 at 5:00 PM | Eventbrite](#).

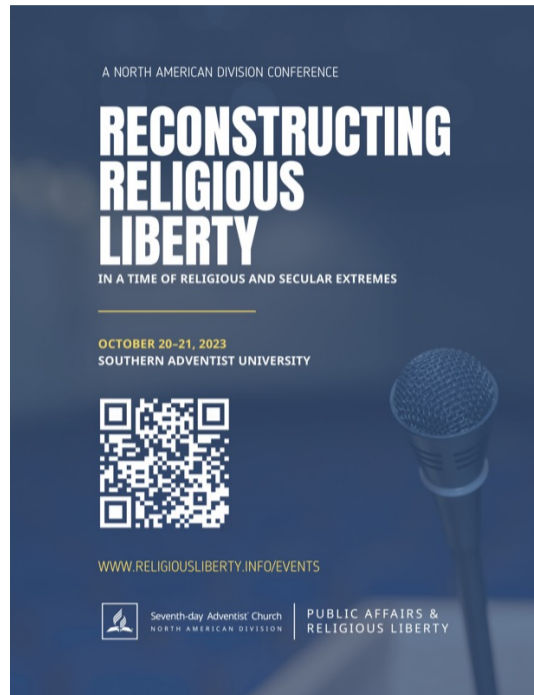
Registration is \$199 per person.



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.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more info and/or to register.



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.



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