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Former Lake Union President Maurice R. Valentine II Passes to His Rest

On October 20, 2023, Maurice R. Valentine II, a dedicated servant of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, passed away, leaving a legacy of unwavering commitment to his faith and an impressive career of leadership within the Adventist church. He was 63.

Kenneth Denslow, president of the Lake Union Conference shared, "Maurice served the Lake Union Conference faithfully as secretary and then as president. In whatever roles he served, he was always loyal to Christ, the church, and its mission. Our hearts are aching over this loss. Our prayers are with Sharon and the family."

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Suicide Interrupted by Christmas Behind Bars Gift

Change Day participants on the campus of Andrews University packed about 9,000 gift bags on Thursday, September 14, in order to interrupt the downward spiritual spiral of inmates locked away from church and family. Andrews University faculty, students, staff, along with staff from Village and Pioneer Memorial churches worked together to rapid pack semi-trucks full of physical food in the form of tasty delights, and spiritual food in the form of uplifting literature. One such gift bag previously saved a man's life, and gave him another chance to have the spiritual bonds of evil broken by God's amazing grace.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Truth or Treat: Halloween Targeted as a Ministry Opportunity

Have you ever thought of how Halloween and mission intersect? These two doctoral students did not know they could until some time ago, when experience proved otherwise.

In prior years, this realization inspired them to engage in mission on Halloween, and it again prompted them to undertake an outreach project last October. It consisted of distributing dramatized Bible stories to children and copies of Steps to Christ to adults on Halloween.

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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!



Health ministry leaders and others interested in starting a health ministry in their local church are invited to attend a special training weekend co-sponsored by the **Indiana Conference and AdventHealth**. The health ministry summit will take place on **Oct. 27-29 at Timber Ridge Camp**. It costs only \$25 per person.

RSVP by September 29 to Pastor Lee Whitman at 706.577.4441 or email at dleewhitman61@gmail.com.



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October 2023

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Photo of the Week



Over 200 communications professionals and students from across North America gathered in Springfield, Massachusetts for the annual Society of Adventist Communicators convention. Check out our social media feed for the daily recap.

If you weren't there you missed an opportunity to learn, network and recharge. You won't want to skip the next one.

Save the Date! Society of Adventist Communicators is coming to Chicago on Oct. 17-19, 2024 and we hope to see you there!

Pictured are the Lake Union attendees comprised of students and professionals from the Lake Union, Lake Region and Andrews University.

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