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**R**ecently, I paid a visit to see what Lois Burn was up to in her lush, verdant greenhouse on the campus of Andrews University. As I strolled down the well-manicured rows of peas climbing up the trellis and chamomile flowers bursting forth in color, I was reminded of this new season of growth, a time to reflect, assess and make plans for the future. There is much to ponder in the garden. You see, gardening can teach us a thing or two about life in general.

**The soil matters.** It's what anchors the plant and helps nourish the roots. By that measure, the soil represents the life and heart of each human being. What's the condition of your heart? "Guard your heart above all else, for it is the source of life." (Proverbs 4:23) The health and productivity of the heart cannot be assumed. It must be constantly protected to ward off destructive forces.

**Take time to prune and stake for stronger growth.** John 15:1-2 says, "I am the true vine, and my father is the

gardener. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit." Pruning

for us can take the form of suffering or hardship. Yet, even amidst the most arduous circumstances, we can trust that God is at work.

**Gardening requires cooperating with nature, not control.** We don't know when the storms will roll in or how long a dry spell may last. However, we must never allow those challenges or circumstances to overtake us, but we must be patient and know that "troubles don't last always." (2 Corinthians 4:17 NLT)

What season are you in? Whatever you're experiencing, keep looking to the Son. "As the flower turns to the sun, that the bright beams may aid in perfecting its beauty and symmetry, so should we turn to the Sun of Righteousness, that Heaven's light may shine upon us, that our character may be developed into the likeness of Christ." —Ellen White ("Steps to Christ," Chapter 8)

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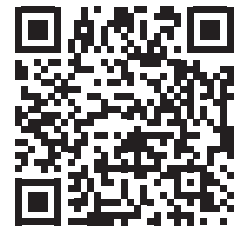
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# Founded in faith. Forward in mission!

This year, Andrews University celebrates 150 years since its founding as the first Seventh-day Adventist institution of higher education. This is how the story began.



▲ JOHN WESLEY TAYLOR V

The Seventh-day Adventist Church, formally established in 1863, arose from the Millerite movement of the 1830s and 1840s that ultimately focused on the expected return of Christ on Oct. 22, 1844. Not long thereafter, these believers began to consider the question of formal education. Many families were concerned with the lack of Christian principles in the local schools and sensed the importance of providing an education for their children in harmony with their faith.

The first Sabbatarian Adventist primary school began operation Dec. 16, 1853, in Bucks Bridge, New York, under the leadership of a Sabbath-keeping farmer-preacher, John Byington, who would later become the first president of the General Conference. His daughter, Martha, was the teacher with 17 students enrolled.

Similar schools were opened by small Adventist groups in Maine, Vermont and New York with the purpose of providing their children with a proper education while protecting them from irreligious influences. Some of these home-based schools may have started in response to an article by Ellen White, where she stated, “Parents, if you wish to save your children, separate them from the world, keep them from the company of wicked children.”<sup>1</sup> Similarly, James White would write, “Shall we come out of Babylon, and leave our children behind?”<sup>2</sup>

About this time, the center of the Sabbatarian Adventist work transferred to Battle Creek, Michigan. Despite several attempts to open a school in Battle Creek, beginning in 1858, significant progress stalled for nearly a decade. By 1866, however, with the establishment of the Western Health Reform Institute, the expansion of the publishing work at the Review and Herald, and the growth of the Battle Creek Church to nearly 400 members, the foundation was laid for a more formal educational effort.

Goodloe Harper Bell, a Michigan school teacher in poor health, had come to Battle Creek to regain his health at the Health Institute and soon became a Seventh-day Adventist. In 1868 Bell was employed by the Battle Creek Church to teach a day school for children. Students included Edson and Willie White (sons of James and Ellen White), John Harvey and William Keith Kellogg (who would establish the Battle Creek Sanitarium and the Kellogg Food Company, respectively), among others.

The school was a success, and by early 1869, the church provided the original Review printing office for Bell’s school. For several years the school continued under various arrangements, including providing educational opportunities for young workers at church institutions through early morning and evening classes.

At a series of meetings held in 1872, Adventist leaders began to advocate for a formal school for training Christian workers to serve in the cause of God. A committee was formed to establish a training school where students would obtain physical, mental and moral education.

G.I. Butler, General Conference president, would write, “We want a school to be controlled by our people where influences of a moral character may be thrown around the pupils which will tend to preserve them from those influences which are so common and injurious in the majority of the schools of the present day.... We want our children to have a chance for mental culture without moral loss.”<sup>3</sup> Meanwhile, Ellen White wrote an essay on the topic of proper education, concluding, “We need a school” — a school where students could study the common branches of education and at the same time “learn more perfectly the truths of God’s word for this time.”<sup>4</sup>

An educational society was formed that year, purchasing land in Battle Creek. Soon it began construction of a multi-story college building capable of accommodating 400 students. Classes began in August 1874 and in December 1874, the new building was completed and the school transferred operations to the facility.

On Jan. 4, 1875, the building was officially dedicated, and the name “Battle Creek College” was adopted. The college moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan, in 1901 and was renamed Emmanuel Missionary College. With the addition of the Seminary and graduate programs in 1960, the school became Andrews University, named after J.N. Andrews, a Seventh-day Adventist missionary who, with his family, set sail to establish work in Switzerland in 1874 — also 150 years ago.

Today, the story continues as Andrews University provides an outstanding education in the context of deep faith. Throughout its history, Andrews



▲ The original Battle Creek College building from 1875.

University has sent and continues to send forth thousands of committed men and women who carry forward God’s mission in remarkable ways. I invite you to enjoy the following articles that highlight some of the areas that Andrews University faculty and students are impacting now.

And there is more to come! This summer, Andrews University is launching its Global Campus that will coordinate and expand opportunities for students around the world to obtain a Christian education. This new initiative also provides support for adult learners to further their training through distance learning opportunities and degree completion programs ([andrews.edu/distance](https://andrews.edu/distance)).

We invite you or someone you know to join online or in person!

Founded in faith. Forward in mission! ■

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**John Wesley Taylor V** is president of Andrews University

# Maintaining Balance and Wellbeing in Families



▲ JASMINE FRASER

Dear [family], I pray you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.” 3 John 2

Times and seasons have changed, and so have the family’s structure, roles and functions. From an agrarian to an overly technologically saturated society, the family unit has moved through changes that affect how it functions. Some of these changes have been positive, such as increased opportunities for education and career growth, while others have been negative, contributing to the erosion of traditional family values. As the core unit, families shape society even as they are shaped by it.

Before the invention of the clock, it was the norm for families in agrarian society to experience quality time together and adequate rest. With no “artificial time” to dictate their schedule, they were awakened to daily activities with the sun’s rising and went to bed with its setting. This natural rhythm allowed for a sanctity of family quality time, a period when the family could bond, share experiences, and

strengthen their relationships. With the demand for greater productivity, the augmented invention of the lightbulb contributed to additional changes to the rhythm of family life. Ironically, the invention of the clock and the lightbulb contributed to greater productivity but, at the same time, altered the trajectory of sacred family time.

With the invention of smartphones, social media and ongoing updated sophisticated technology, there is increased polarization in family relationships and communication. More and more, families are spending less time engaging

in activities that enhance cohesiveness and strengthen bonds between them.

The sparsity of time and activities that contribute to healthier functionality within the family creates a dire need for more intentionality in the approach to family ministry. While we do not aspire to return to life before the invention of the clock and the lightbulb, or even the smartphone for that matter, we desire to have healthier and more functional families, as healthy and functional families contribute to the well-being of the church and society.

Amidst life’s current demands, families can foster healthier and more functional communication and relationships by prioritizing quality time with one another. Individuals can dedicate specific times for family activities such as mealtimes, worship, game nights and outdoor activities without the interruption of technology. Quality time promotes healthy communication and increases cohesiveness and attachment.

It is also essential to create balance and boundaries between work time and family time, allotting and honoring specific time for family togetherness. It is important not to have family time interrupted by work demands and to avoid frequent needs to cancel family time to fulfill work assignments.

Finally, family members can encourage and empower one another toward a healthy lifestyle individually or as a group beyond the home. They can plug into and utilize external resources (e.g., lifestyle centers, support groups [marriage enrichment, parenting or other special interests], counseling or coaching services). ■

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# Are You a Healthy Vegetarian?

Imagine you're on a long road trip and haven't passed any signs of civilization for miles. Your stomach is grumbling loud enough to hear over the radio. At the start of your trip, you had the foresight to pack snacks, but those are long gone.

Then you see it! Bob's BBQ is only three miles away—certainly not your first choice as a vegetarian but they're sure to have something you can eat. A few minutes later you find yourself eyeing the menu behind the counter: ribs, brisket, chicken.

"Don't worry!" Bob says. "All three are delicious! You can't go wrong."

"Do you have any sides?" you ask. "Maybe some mashed potatoes? Bread? A salad or something?"

"Oh, we actually just do the meat here," he replies. "Folks take it home and eat it with whatever they want! If you're not a ribs person, I recommend the brisket."

"It's just that I'm ... I'm a vegetarian," you explain.

Bob looks confused. "A vege-what?"

"Vegetarian?" It shouldn't be a question, but you've said it like one, so you follow up with, "It means I don't eat meat."

This sort of scenario has become much less common in recent years, but some of us can probably relate. Not eating meat is a seemingly concise way to explain vegetarianism, but the problem is that our diets, and our health in general, is not just about what we eliminate—it's also about what we include.

I grew up in a vegetarian home, and we were often reminded that avoiding meat was healthier for the human body. If that was truly the most important aspect of the diet, then shouldn't it be called, oh I don't know ... non-carnivorism? In my humble opinion, the hallmark of a true vegetarian diet should be the plethora of plants consumed, not merely the rejection of animal products.

It can be easy to equate restriction with health, but in His infinite wisdom, God created us to thrive

by adding, not just subtracting. It's why we should enjoy a bounty of nutrient-dense plants in our diet. It's also why most of us should move more, drink more water, get more sunlight and fresh air, rest more and spend more time with our Creator. These practices culminate in a lifestyle of abundance and are exactly what God had in mind when He made us. Sound familiar?

John 10:10 says, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (NKJV).

But when the thief is active in our lives, he corrupts the concept of "abundance" so that it begins to seem like a burden. He skillfully compels us to add more of the things that, in actuality, create less. Less time, less energy, less joy, less hope.

So, what is filling you up today? Is your life defined by a lack of something or the abundance of Jesus? ■



▲ RACHEL KEELE

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# From Reluctant Listener to Enthusiastic Member



▲ DENIS KAISER

In the spring of 1874, Isaac and Adelia Van Horn arrived as Adventist missionaries in Walla Walla, the largest town in the Washington Territory with 2,000 inhabitants.

Soon after their arrival, the Van Horns sought an adequate location to pitch their 60-foot tent for evangelistic meetings. They soon found a French settler named Toussaint “Charlie” Chabot, who allowed them to pitch the tent near his vineyard, hoping to gain favor with God through this good deed.

Due to his Catholic faith, Charlie initially did not want to attend the evangelistic meetings. However, he enjoyed sitting on his front porch to listen to the beautiful music. Aware that Charlie was within hearing distance, Isaac preached louder with the hope that Charlie would hear the messages as well. Indeed, Charlie was moved by what he heard. Each evening, he moved his chair closer to the tent. Eventually, he joined the group inside the tent, and when the meetings ended, he became a member of the newly formed Adventist congregation. He even donated the land where the tent had stood for the construction of a permanent church building. The “Walla Walla Statesman” described the building as “the best house of worship in Oregon and Washington Territory, except one, east of the Cascade Mountains.”

Charlie’s love for music continued to play a significant role in his spiritual journey. After the Walla Walla church was built, he could always be found in the front row near the organ. Despite his inability to carry a tune, Charlie sang with great enthusiasm, a passion that occasionally irked some church members.

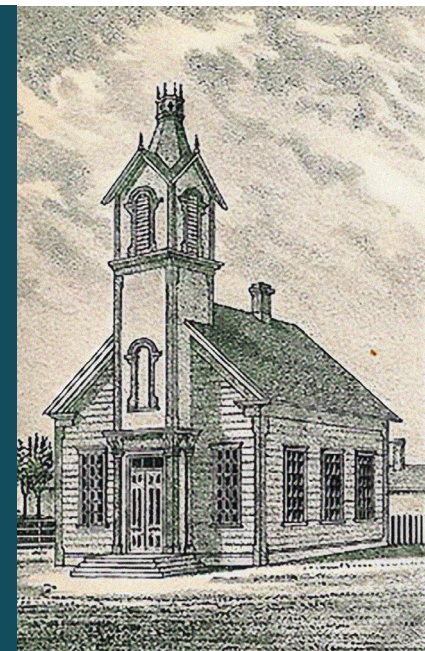
One Sabbath, after the divine service, several disgruntled church members approached Caroline Wood, the church’s esteemed organist, to express their frustration about Charlie’s loud, off-key singing. Caroline, renowned as the finest musician in

the Walla Walla Valley, responded with grace and wisdom. She said, “Not for anything would I hurt his feelings. Let Brother Chabot sing. He enjoys it. The Lord knows all about the motive that prompts him to want to sing praises.”

Caroline’s words were a reminder of the importance of compassion and understanding within the church community. Charlie Chabot’s story is a testament to how simple acts of kindness and the joy of music can bridge differences in faith and bring people closer to God. His journey from a reluctant listener to a dedicated member of the Adventist church illustrates the transformative power of faith, fellowship and music.<sup>1</sup> ■

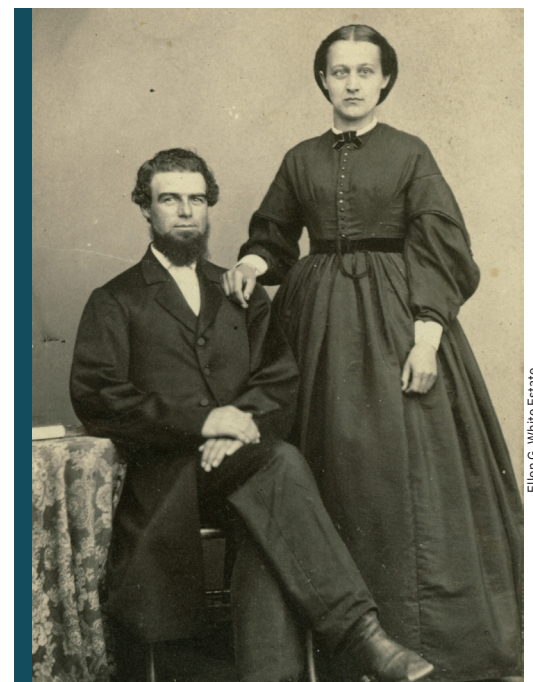
<sup>1</sup> Doug R. Johnson, *Adventism on the Northwestern Frontier* (Berrien Springs, MI: Oronoko Books, 1996), pp. 14–15, 17.

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Whitman College and Northwest Archives

▲ The old Walla Walla church



Ellen G. White Estate

► Adelia and Isaac Van Horn



# El Dios que me ve

Entonces dio Agar a Jehová, que hablaba con ella, el nombre de: «Tú eres el Dios que me ve», porque dijo: «¿Acaso no he visto aquí al que me ve?» Por lo cual llamó al pozo: «Pozo del Viviente-que-me-ve». (Génesis 16:13-14)



▲ CARMELO MERCADO

Algo que me encanta al leer la Biblia es que encuentro nuevos ejemplos que demuestran que nuestro Dios es muy compasivo. En el capítulo 16 del libro de Génesis se relata la historia de Agar, la sierva de Sarai y esposa de Abraham. Anteriormente, al leer el libro de Génesis me interesaba mayormente en los personajes principales tales como Noé, Abraham y José. En este momento, al profundizar más en mis estudios para mi tesis doctoral que trata acerca de varios personajes bíblicos no judíos a quienes Dios amaba, he escuchado a Agar.

Agar era una sierva egipcia que probablemente les fue dada a Abraham y Sarai cuando estuvieron en ese país. Comencé mi estudio acerca de Agar deseando saber el significado de su nombre. Me llamó mucho la atención que en contraste con nombres como Abraham que significa “padre” o Sarai cuyo significado es “princesa”, el nombre Agar significa “extranjero”. Fue entonces que me di cuenta que Agar en sí no era su nombre sino una designación social que Abraham y Sarai le habían dado.

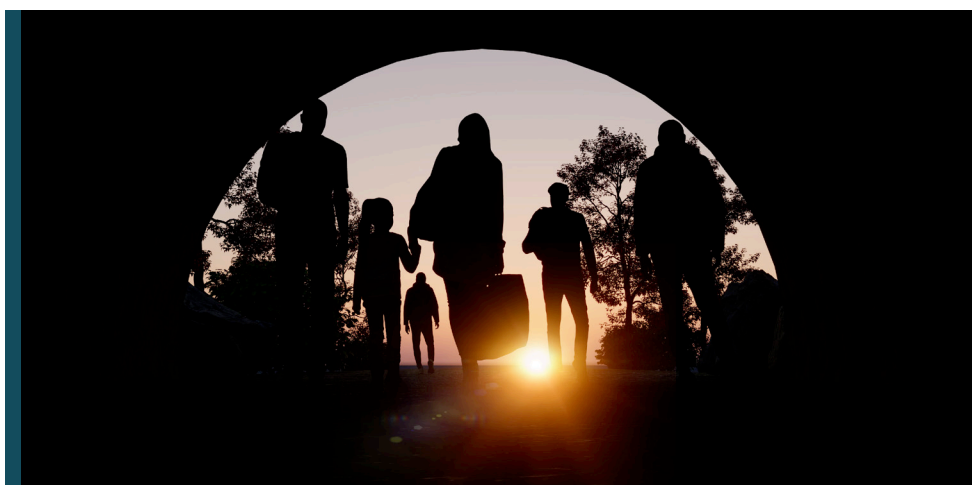
Agar no se sentía cómoda con Sarai ya que ésta la afligía mucho y decidió huir. El relato bíblico nos dice que Dios la encontró en el desierto al lado de una fuente de agua y le preguntó: “¿De dónde vienes y a dónde vas?” Ella solamente le contestó que venía huyendo de Sarai sin decirle cuál era su destino. Dios le respondió que a pesar del mal trato que había recibido debía regresar a Abraham y Sarai y someterse a ellos. Lo notable es ver que Dios, de la manera como lo había hecho con Abraham, hizo también un pacto con Agar, dando el nombre de Ismael a su hijo, que significa “Jehová ha oído tu aflicción”.

Lo que llama la atención de la historia es que

al concluir la conversación ella le llamó a la fuente “Pozo del Viviente que me ve”. Ella salió de allí muy asombrada porque no podía concebir la idea de que el Dios a quien adoraba Abraham estaba también interesado en ella. Comprendió que para Dios ella no era una pobre sierva sino un ser humano de gran valor.

En la actualidad vemos que en este país existen algunas personas que desprecian a los inmigrantes y los califican socialmente como “extranjeros ilegales”. Da tristeza escuchar a los políticos expresarse de esta manera. Agradezco a Dios porque sé que él se preocupa por todos, inclusive de los inmigrantes. Sabemos que Dios nos ve en nuestras diversas circunstancias, tanto buenas como difíciles. Apreciado lector, si usted se siente solo y poco apreciado, recuerde la historia de Agar y las palabras del Salmo 34:15: “Los ojos de Jehová están sobre los justos, y atentos sus oídos al clamor de ellos”. ■

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# Restoring Soil, Souls and Stories

Lois Lello-Burn's garden is a rainbow of colors—deep ruby, delicate coral, vibrant magenta, and creamy lavender—bobbing on a sea of green stems and leaves. There are zinnias, sweet peas and sunflowers, but mostly dahlias. *Over 2,000 dahlias.*

Lois, a resident of Berrien Springs, Michigan, and member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, planted the garden on a plot owned by Andrews University with the goal of providing a space for healing and restoration.

Known to her patients as Dr. Lello, Lois is a pediatrician at Southwestern Medical Clinic in Niles, Michigan. She has a vision for trauma-informed care, emphasizing the connection between mind, body and soul. "Restore Life, that's my motto," she says. "Restoring soil, souls and stories."

Lois has been a lover of gardens for many years, but combining her green thumb and medical knowledge is a recent development. Over the last few years, she has developed a growing conviction of the need to incorporate trauma-informed, whole-person care into her pediatric practice.

Research has shown that many chronic illnesses are rooted in traumatic events, especially those occurring during childhood.



The trauma-informed care approach is to search for the root of the symptoms by asking questions such as, “When did this begin?” and “What is your story?” as opposed to “What are your symptoms?”

After months of research and networking, Lois developed a five-year plan for transforming her practice. This would include training providers and staff in trauma-informed care, hiring a social worker who could address patients’ mental health needs, and developing a healing hub for connecting patients with community resources.

“We are one of the most depressed states in the country when it comes to what has happened post-pandemic and how it has affected us economically,” Lois says. The need for therapists and social workers in the region her clinic serves is immense, but many people wait months to be seen for mental health issues.

Her plan is still in the early stages, but Lois has begun implementing what she has learned through her research of trauma-informed care and the benefits of gardening on mental health. She draws inspiration from regenerative gardening, noting that “the first two months of our lives have a huge impact on our mental health. The first two days of a seedling’s life influence the plant’s productivity. It’s just gorgeous how God designed things to be so intricate. When we feed the soil, we harvest the benefits.” Even a seedling that is left to wilt can become productive and healthy again if it receives the proper nutrients and care.

Last spring, Lois received permission to use two vacant plots previously used by Andrews University agriculture students. She then reached out to Cheryl Hosford, a local gardener passionate about dahlias, with a request to purchase dahlia tubers for her new garden. To her surprise, Hosford gifted her dahlias: over 2,000 tubers and rooted cuttings of some 200 varieties.

After tilling the soil, trucking in nutrient-rich compost and aged manure, and laying down tarps, she planted the dahlia tubers. It took a crew of 15 people over a week to sort the tubers by color and place them in the ground. She also re-covered the greenhouse frame, which she plans to use for year-round gardening, and planted other flowers near the dahlias. The result was a thriving kaleidoscope

of colors and textures growing in neat rows—a miniature botanical garden.

Last summer, she informally piloted garden-based trauma-informed care with several patients of varying ages. Lois invited a patient suffering from depression to come to the garden even before anything was planted. The young girl was uncommunicative during her appointment, but perked up when Lois mentioned her garden. Her mother brought her to the garden “and she was so excited,” Lois remembers. “She took off her shoes and she was walking through the dirt, and it just transformed this kid ... it was like night and day ... I could just see the impact.”

Approximately 10 patients helped Lois weed and tend the garden. “A few of my patients came consistently ... and their life was, I think, transformed by the process,” she says. Some were even inspired to plant a small vegetable garden at their home and then sold vegetables they grew.

“In trauma-informed care, resilience looks like coming alongside a person who has not had [support] and teaching them how to regulate,” Lois says. “Resilience is learning the act or process of regulation.” She envisions her garden, which she named “LifeBlooms,” as a place where such resilience can develop and where “biology restores biographies.”

Lois sold dahlias at the garden, her roadside stand, a local teashop, and for weddings. This provided small funds for the garden and an opportunity to talk with people about her vision for trauma-informed care.

Lois plans to develop a space where she can teach gardening classes. She hopes to connect with schools and counselors as a local resource for therapeutic gardening, where people of all ages, but especially children, can join her in “gardening for the mind, body, and soul.” ■



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# Sponsorship and Solidarity

TRACING GOD'S GOODNESS FROM MYANMAR TO INDIANA

On Dec. 22, 1999, amid the winter chill, my parents stepped foot in Fort Wayne, Indiana, carrying only a few bags filled with clothes, shorts and flip-flops. Having fled Myanmar's hot and humid climate as refugees, they were immediately confronted with the bitter cold of the Midwest. It was the first of many trials navigating life in America.

As my parents adjusted to the unfamiliar climate and surroundings of Fort Wayne, they carried with them the weight of their past and the memories of a homeland left behind. Raised in Myanmar amid political unrest, persecution and genocide, they had known hardship long before their journey to America. My father, Kyawzwa Myint, at the age of 18, participated in protests during the infamous 8888 uprisings against the military junta. Because he refused to be a spectator in the fight against the coup, he joined the All Burma Students' Democratic Front. Standing shoulder to shoulder with fellow activists, he fought for a brighter future for his homeland.

While my father was actively involved in the fight against the military junta, my mother, Than Than Aye, experienced persecution firsthand as a member of the Karen (Kayin) ethnic minority in Myanmar. From a young age, she bore witness to the atrocities committed by the regime, fleeing from violence

and oppression that preyed on her community. Her childhood memories are stained with the trauma of persecution, yet her resilience and determination to survive have been a guiding light throughout our family's journey.

Despite vastly different paths, their lives intersected in the most unlikely of places: Mae La refugee camp in Thailand. Here, amidst the harsh realities of displacement and uncertainty, they met and eventually married. United by a shared determination to build a better future for themselves and their family, they set their sights on America.

After arriving in Fort Wayne they began their journey in a new land. As one of the first families to arrive from Myanmar, they faced the daunting task of adapting to a new culture and way of life. Amid struggles, they discovered acts of kindness and generosity in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. During the late 1990s, churches of different denominations in Fort Wayne were actively



▲ Kyawzwa Myint and Than Than Aye, the author's parents, in Myanmar. Undetermined date.

sponsoring refugees from Myanmar. The First Fort Wayne Seventh-day Adventist Church was among them, playing a pivotal role by providing assistance and guidance to newcomers like my parents.

Among the compassionate individuals within the First Fort Wayne Church was Jeanette Griffith, whom I knew as Grandma Jeanette, whose generosity and empathy would leave an incredible mark on my parents' journey. Serving as our sponsor, she extended a lifeline of support and guidance to help us navigate the challenges of resettlement. Beyond the practical assistance she provided, her genuine care and friendship became a constant presence as she treated my mother as one of her daughters and my older siblings as her grandchildren.

As my father grappled with the challenge of supporting his family in this new land, Grandma Jeanette came to his aid once again. Not only did she assist him in securing a job at a nearby manufacturing plant, but she also took on the role of his driving instructor. My father fondly reminisces about those early morning lessons in her Chevy sedan. She would take him to empty cemeteries to practice maneuvers, quipping that it was the safest spot for driving practice since everyone there was already resting.

After my little brother and I were born, my parents' journey took another turn as they embraced the responsibilities of raising two sons born in a foreign land. Throughout this new chapter, the support and guidance they received from Grandma Jeanette and the church continued to shape our lives profoundly. Not only would church members donate children's clothes, cribs and toys, but the church also had a food bank that provided groceries and essentials.

As I grew up, I witnessed firsthand the goodness and compassion of the church community. Through their financial sponsorship, my little brother and I were able to attend the local Adventist grade school, where we received not only a great education but a sense of belonging and community. The church didn't just stop at education: When new waves of refugees arrived, they established ESL classes where parents could learn English and children could receive homework help. Furthermore, the church sponsored students like me to attend

Adventist private schools for both elementary and high school, providing opportunities for us to experience a Christ-centered education. I have proudly attended SDA-affiliated schools throughout my entire academic career, including Aboite Christian School, Indiana Academy, Southern Adventist University, as well as Andrews University.

Looking back on my family's journey, a consistent theme of goodness emerges. This thread of kindness woven throughout has not only helped us navigate challenges but also enabled us to flourish. It is through the goodness of God and the unwavering support of our community that my nieces and nephews now grow up in a country free from the threats of persecution, genocide and war. Fort Wayne, Indiana, has become a sanctuary for thousands of refugees, all thanks to the kindness of its residents. Moreover, the goodness instilled in me by my parents and nurtured by my community inspires me to pursue a career in the medical field, driving my desire to perpetuate this cycle of goodness. ■

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▲ Grandma Jeanette (Jeanette Griffith) and the author's mother, Than Than Aye, visit in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 2019, shortly before Griffith's death.

▼ From left, Khine Myint, Kyawzwa Myint, Than Than Aye and Htet Myint at the First Fort Wayne Seventh-day Adventist Church.



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AUG 1874 - Classes begin in the Review and Herald building in Battle Creek

SEPT. 1874. J.N. Andrews & family depart for Europe.

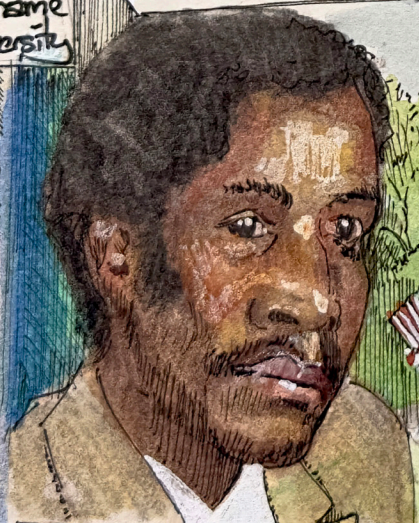
OCT. 1888 - G.C. votes to move the seminary and Potomac University to Berrien Springs.



ANDREWS UNIVERSITY  
FOUNDED IN 1874

SUMMER 1902 - College begins building on new property. Sutherland House lost original buildings.

APRIL 1960 - Board votes to adopt name Andrews University



FEB 1954 - Campus congregation meets in Berean Memorial Church for the first time.

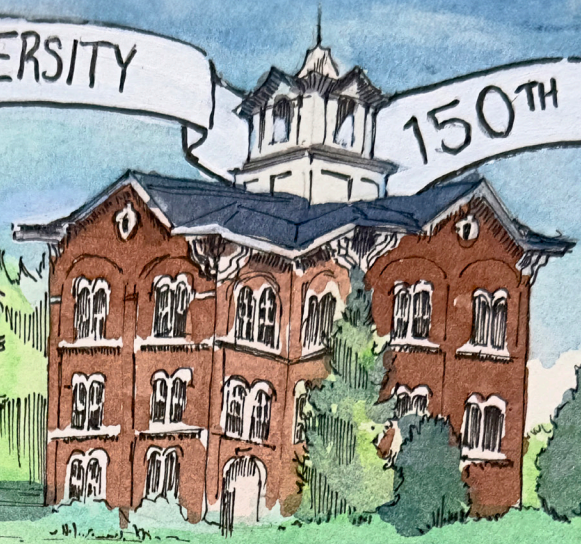
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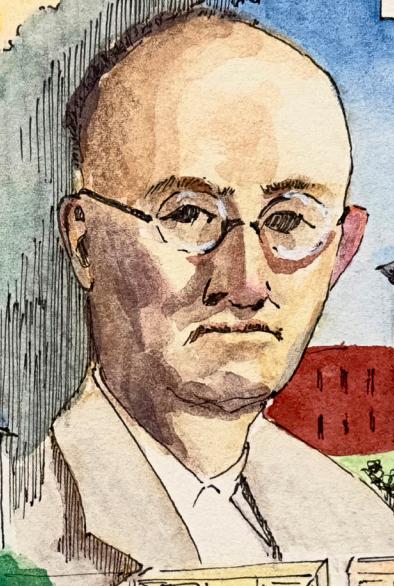


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APRIL 1901 • Ellen White speaks at the General Conference saying, "God wants the school to be taken out of Battle Creek."



JAN 1875 • New Battle Creek College building dedicated.



1901 • E.A.utherland first president E.M.C.



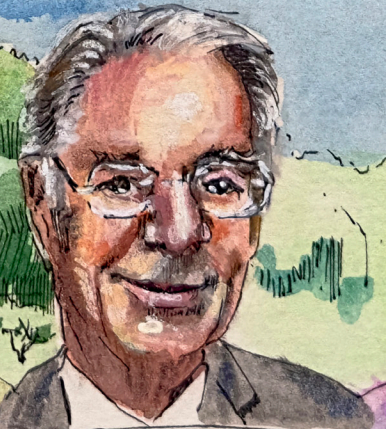
OCT 1901 • Under the new name Emmanuel Missionary College, the first convocation is held in the Berrien Carthouse.



MAY 1901 • Locating Committee visits Berrien Springs.



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1944 - 2016 Neils-Erik Andreasen longest serving president.



2016 - 2023 Andrea Luxton First female president.



2023 - Present John Wesley Taylor elected president.

Andrews University Fellowships Foster

# Student- Led Worship

Andrews University was founded as a faith-based institution in 1874 and has continued to uphold that foundation for the past 150 years. As the campus has grown, so have worship options. On Sabbaths during the school year students have multiple choices of where to attend church on campus.





Three of those are student-led groups called fellowships: Genesis, New Life and One Place. These student worship experiences are guided by faculty who serve as teaching pastors, but most of the planning and implementation is student-driven. A few students, mainly seminarians or undergraduate religion majors, act in pastoral roles, but that is not a requirement. Student pastors earn a small stipend with a larger majority of students serving as volunteers, very similar to church operations.

These student fellowships might be a reason for some interesting results found in the 2022–2023 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), a survey that asks for student feedback on the undergraduate experience. Andrews University students reported they are 64% more committed to the beliefs and values of the Seventh-day Adventist Church compared to 48% from other Adventist institutions. Another NSSE spiritual finding is that 57% of Andrews students say they speak often or very often about spiritual values with fellow University students outside of class. It appears that these student-led fellowships help cultivate strong spiritual values as well as conversations.

According to the 2023 data, Generation Z, ages 12–27, is wrestling with “mental health, questions and doubts about

God, identity and purpose, social justice, environmental issues, and many more” (ChurchTracblog 2023). On the Andrews University campus, fellowships are an answer to what Generation Z is seeking.

### GENESIS FELLOWSHIP

The newest worship fellowship is Genesis, offering a student-led worship for Hispanic, Latino and Brazilian students. Rogelio Paquini, DMin, assistant professor of youth and young adult ministry at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and Genesis teaching pastor, says Genesis worships every other Sabbath in the University Towers Auditorium. He adds that Genesis is a “place you can find ‘carino.’ Carino means care, love, tenderness, and hugs from grandma.” Genesis is intentional about the carino experience as well as presenting Jesus in a family atmosphere.

Loren Manrique, a 2024 graduate who earned a BS in animal science, BA in art and minor in Spanish, lives in San Francisco, California, and is one of the founding members of Genesis. She says they wanted the services at Genesis to feel like a community, so they created “a stage with a couch and two chairs, like home.” The worship service starts at 11 a.m. and offers food, like One Place. They welcome everyone in both Portuguese and Spanish and hold a check-in for wellbeing and mental health. Manrique says sharing mental health is often taboo in the Hispanic community, so this is important. The

song service is in Portuguese, Spanish and English followed by a 20-minute sermon. After the sermon announcements are shared and everyone is asked to give hugs to seven different people and bless each other with prayer for the needs of the following week.

As a pastor’s kid, Manrique says her life revolves around church. While speaking with her dad, Luis Fernando Manrique, pastor of the Oakland Hispanic Church, she said she wasn’t feeling connected with Andrews’ area churches due to traveling as the drama director for Makarios. Makarios is an outreach ministry of Andrews’ students who provide Sabbath programming for Hispanic churches in the area. Her father advised, “Never say no to something God is calling you to.” Manrique puts God first and does everything to honor Him and during Covid, Makarios could not travel with Makarios. This led to a conversation with José Bourget, the University chaplain, which resulted in the formation of Genesis. Manrique says that Genesis grounded her as she followed God’s lead, and it would not have been possible without guidance from Bourget.

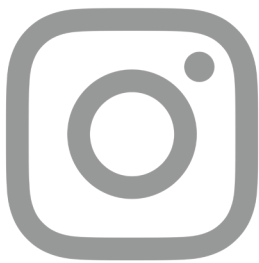
Now, Manrique says, “Genesis gives me a family church.” During the 2023–2024 school year, Manrique also served as president of the Andrews University Student Association.

► Caleb Beatty prays during New Life Fellowship’s church service held at the Howard Performing Arts Center every Sabbath during the school year.



◀ Kayla Goodman speaks during One Place Fellowship





**Instagram: find them there**  
 Genesis, @auwegenesis  
 New Life, @newlifeau  
 One Place, @aoneplace

### NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP

The longest standing fellowship at Andrews is New Life Fellowship. New Life began in 1991 as a University initiative to meet the needs of a diverse student body. Rodney Palmer, PhD, chair of the Department of Religion & Biblical Languages, served as the teaching pastor for the 2023–2024 school year. He says four to five pastoral students lead in the areas of administration, worship, discipleship and music. College years are short so students often mentor other individuals to replace themselves. This is the case for all fellowships, and Palmer says he recognized this with New Life administrative pastor Christa Horton. “She has already mentored someone who will take over as the admin pastor. So, it’s beautiful,” he says. New Life meets every Sabbath during the school year in the Howard Performing Arts Center. Their services are also streamed on YouTube.

Nathaniel Powell, a junior religion major from Miami, Florida, began as the New Life volunteer stage manager and recently was asked to be the music pastor, a stipend position. Powell says music is a big part of the worship experience, especially for Black culture, and he loves that students can worship how they choose. New Life has praise groups that can have up to seven singers along with a band. The praise teams often rotate between fellowships and perform a variety of music

including hymns. The Andrews campus has several music praise groups so, for example, during Black History Month, New Life will offer “one week with African worship, another Afro Latin, then African American, and then Caribbean,” says Powell, adding this “highlights some of the beauty and diversity.” A unique aspect to New Life is the Deliverance Mass Choir (DMC). Students audition at the beginning of the school year and put in a lot of practice for their New Life performances. The choir can have 25–30 students or more.

Powell enjoys the challenges of his position, “I’m now very comfortable, not just singing, but also speaking in public. The church service is top notch and New Life gives everyone a good opportunity to build community.” Powell wants New Life to continue because everyone needs a place where they can worship God where they feel comfortable.

### ONE PLACE FELLOWSHIP

Kenley D. Hall, DMin, is professor of homiletics and youth/young adult ministries, the concentration coordinator for intercultural mission and ministry, and director of homiletics at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. He also serves as a teaching pastor for One Place and is a founding member of the fellowship. Hall and other colleagues started One Place intentionally to be student-led, offering a church service for what students and their community need. “We all have a passion for young adults and connecting young adults to a passionate relationship with Jesus Christ,” he says. The One Place teaching staff includes Hall, Susan Zork, MA, assistant professor emerita of religion, Denis Fortin, PhD, professor of historical theology at the Seminary, and Keila Carmona, MA, assistant dean for student intervention.

Carmona says her role is to preach, attend meetings, and make everyone feel welcome and safe. As a working dean, Carmona’s church was One Place and when she was asked to serve as a teaching pastor, she was “shocked to my core.” She loves the organic experience of watching God show up and



◀ *Guitarist Joe Amaya performs for One Place Fellowship held on Sabbaths in Buller Hall’s Newbold Auditorium.*

“move people into growth” and “watching students tap each other” for service. She even prayed for a baptism and God delivered. She says One Place provides a “unique opportunity to serve in an area that you are passionate about.” Carmona was recently called to serve as the youth and young adult pastor at Sligo Church in Takoma Park, Maryland, and was sad to leave One Place at the end of the 2023–2024 school year.

There are three primary elements to the One Place experience: powerful worship and music, a creative moment, and a teaching moment. Originally, only the founders preached but this evolved to include student pastors. Hall knows parents pray for their children, just like he does. He hopes One Place is part of the solution to keeping youth and young adults engaged in church to answer the prayers of those parents.

Hall personally feels an “incredible blessing watching young adults become passionate about Jesus.” He says anyone can attend but to remember One Place is created by and for students. “The more opportunities there are for students to get engaged in a dynamic

relationship with Jesus in places that can connect them to Jesus in ways that other places can’t, isn’t that what we’re about? Just connecting students to a dynamic relationship with Jesus? And I don’t care where it’s done. I just care that it’s being done,” says Hall.

Zack Surovec, a Master of Divinity student from Scottsdale, Arizona, also feels deeply connected to One Place and serves as the administrative pastor. One Place meets year-round in Buller Hall’s Newbold Auditorium.

“One Place is a safe place for students to engage their faith,” says Surovec, whose former dean Donnie Keele said to remember that “school is really like a playground.” He took this to heart and found an interest in church administration. His hands-on serving helps him make friends, get involved, and connect with students. He loves shaping vision and serving with some of his former students from Thunderbird Academy where he worked as chaplain before coming to the seminary. One Place has teams for AV, administration, discipleship and worship, where pastoral leaders earn a stipend. After

graduating, Surovec and his wife, Alicia, will serve in Arizona, where he has a pastoral position.

Sonja Cartwright, also a Master of Divinity student, is from Sacramento, California, and serves as the One Place discipleship pastor. This role pulls together the creative aspects of the service, at times a skit or short testimony before the sermon which studies the Bible. Cartwright says discipleship pastors “come alongside someone to teach about Jesus, giving tools that make disciples of Christ.” She mentored a group of six to nine students and loves connecting with people and being creative, a role she says should be more celebrated. She loves watching the Holy Spirit work, especially when the creative aspect inadvertently perfectly matches the sermon.

Each fellowship’s goal is to teach students the skills to do and be church. The main goal is to offer a worship service on campus for those in their late teens and 20s where there is worship and Bible study, says Fortin. “At the end of the day, Genesis, New Life and One Place are all connecting students to Jesus Christ,” says Hall. Praise God. ■

**Tamara Wolcott Watson** is an assistant professor of communication at Andrews University.



◀ Kyra Ombao and Ashley Availa-Caldera sing at the joint service of New Life, One Place and Genesis held at Andrews Academy during spring semester 2024.

# Making a Difference, One Voice at a Time



## A group of students and faculty from the Andrews University School of Communication Sciences & Disorders (SCSD) took their first international service trip to Jamaica from May 30–June 14.

The team of 31 healthcare professionals and speech-language pathology graduate students provided much-needed speech, language, cognitive, swallowing and hearing services to over 200 students from the Llandilo School of Special Education.

This project continues the legacy of J.N. Andrews, who set sail as an Adventist missionary 150 years ago.

The idea for the trip began in 2019, when Heather Ferguson, former chair of SCSD and associate professor, met the then-assistant principal of the Llandilo schools during a visit to the island.

“My parents were both Jamaican nationals ... and I felt like if I wanted to be able to give back and serve somewhere, I really wanted it to be there,” Ferguson says.

### The need

Ferguson, now an associate provost of undergraduate and graduate education at AdventHealth University, learned there was a dire need for resources. Families with children who have speech-language disorders lack consistent, affordable access.

“What we would call support services, like speech and language services, ... physical therapy, occupational therapy and behavioral

therapy for autism, those are all private pay there,” she says. “And with poverty being what it is, most people can’t afford it.”

On an island with 2.8 million people, there are only nine speech-language pathologists, and they are focused on working with adults, Ferguson adds, whereas these support services might be part of an integrative educational experience in the United States.

Approximately 15% of Jamaicans are living with a disability, according to government estimates.<sup>1</sup> A lack of specialized educational resources, particularly for those in rural areas, can have a negative impact, according to The Borgen Project.<sup>2</sup>

“If a child has these disorders and is not able to communicate or understand, there’s a high level of frustration,” said Brynja Davis, assistant professor of speech-language pathology. Lack of engagement may mean students play games or sleep all day in class, Davis adds.

“Another sad outcome is learned helplessness,” said Sue Mondak, associate professor and on-site clinical director. “They just give up trying to communicate.”

Educators, families and children are making do. And that’s where the group from SCSD sought to help.



By Kaara Harris



## How they served

They split into teams for eight days of service at the Llandilo sites<sup>3</sup>—the school’s main campus, the Lucea Centre and the Montego Bay Learning Centre.

The teams screened for language, articulation, voice, swallowing and basic communication to get a baseline of what students, from birth to 21 years, could and could not do. They also worked with teachers in their classrooms to model ways to facilitate or elicit communication.

The full days included breaks for connecting with the students, says Tammy Shilling, associate professor and interim chair of SCSD.

“We took a parachute and [the children] loved the parachute,” Shilling says. “They taught us how to play cricket. They love to dance. They love music. One of our girls brought a ukulele and, oh, the kids loved that.”

When they weren’t at the sites helping children and teachers, the group also participated in local church services on Sabbaths.

## Challenges

As the group began screenings, however, they realized they were in for more than they had anticipated, with many non-speaking, nonverbal students, Ferguson said. To address the immediate need, they utilized apps on tablets and created and printed communication boards in their hotel rooms to supplement the materials they’d brought. The

team also encountered a range of disorders and more severe diagnoses.

“We warned our students to be flexible,” said Mondak, who worked with early intervention, or ages birth to 5 years, at the Montego Bay site. She met older students with severe cerebral palsy and nonverbal autism, who hadn’t been seen by occupational or physical therapists, a common intervention in the U.S., making their screening difficult.

The group also had to contend with closures due to conditions beyond their control, including flooding and a taxi strike which meant there were days when only a handful of students showed up. The long commute, pace of work, and heat also took a toll, leading to sickness among the team.

## Blessings

Despite the challenges, the group saw God move in various ways during the service trip.

On their way home from the Llandilo campus one afternoon, Mondak said, “All of a sudden we heard a *pop*, then a *thud*, and we all knew this was not good.” Their driver pulled over and saw a flat tire. They searched for a repair shop but kept encountering the same problem—the bus was too big, and the shops didn’t have the tools to fix or replace the tire. As they neared the Lucea school, the driver, who was also a pastor, saw a man he knew sitting on the side of the road. “He says, ‘I have a truck and a jack. I can lift your bus and help you change your tire,’” Mondak recalls. The driver took the group to the Lucea school where they waited until the repair was done.

“This was a miracle because there were about 20 of us on the bus. We would’ve had to exit on the side of the road, in 90-degree weather, 100 percent humidity ... not the safest [option]. So, God brought this man the pastor knew and so close to the school,” Mondak says. They were even able to help the children at the Lucea site while waiting.

“That was a blessing. God protected and God blessed.”

During a hearing loss screening, Rhonda Tomenko, assistant professor of audiology, turned her equipment on and got a “pump error” message, which she’d never seen before. Tomenko and her student assistant frantically tried to get the machine working again. They searched online for instructions, replaced the batteries, and restarted the machine. Nothing worked.

“Finally, I’m like, why am I not just praying about this? So, I just quickly say, ‘God, please, we need this to work. Please let this work.’ And the next second, it’s on the test screen, and it’s ready to test. And I’m like ... ‘thank you so much because we need this to work today,’” says Tomenko.

On the last day of the trip, the SCSD group held a workshop on several topics. Open to educators, administrators and parents of children with special needs, more than 100 people attended and eagerly received the content.

## A unique opportunity

The entire graduate student cohort attended the trip, not wanting to miss the chance to work with a unique population.

For Brianna Back, the trip highlighted what drew her to the field. “I’ve seen what a community can look like when they don’t have support and education for parents and families. And I’ve seen how that can affect their kids. Here in the U.S., we do have so much support. ... So, to have the opportunity to go to a place where they don’t have those resources ... maybe we can get the attention of other people who can set up something permanent for them.”

## Reception

From the in-school screenings to the informational workshop, the response from the community was positive. Parents were particularly appreciative, Mondak says. “They

were willing to come however many miles and wait however long with their little kids in the heat. They were so grateful for any information, [asking] ‘Will you keep sending us info until you come back next year?’”

The students and educators were receptive as well. “What stood out for me was how quickly our students formed connections with those students. The kids just fell in love with our students,” says Ferguson. “The teachers were really quickly trusting of the team and they were just so open.”

### What’s next?

Two weeks won’t remedy the lack of services for these children, but the SCSD group believes the trip has planted seeds that will bear fruit.

“This is something that we went into with the hopes of sustainability,” Ferguson says. “Being able to go back and build on what we just started,” including developing training modules where teachers can learn about a specific topic.

“They’ve already asked us, ‘are you coming back and when?’” says Shilling.

SCSD is discussing plans to return, shaped by what they’ve learned from this trip,

including potentially working with other departments for additional support.

For now, the group is thankful for a successful trip where they were able to help underserved students, overextended teachers and grateful parents.

“It just made you so happy to know that you’ve made a difference for someone,” Tomenko says. ■

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# Colorful Quinoa Salad

No matter how much we've been dreaming of summer all winter long, we somehow still find ourselves bowled over by the bounty of fresh vegetables once it arrives. Here's one recipe where you can throw in some of your favorite vegetables for a delightfully healthy dish.

One main ingredient is quinoa, which lends itself nicely to no-oil dressings because of its moist, glossy finish. When served with golden (white) quinoa, the colorful vegetables make a beautiful presentation for potlucks and group functions. This is also a delicious dish for brown-bagging and daily lunches. No matter how you serve it, this salad is a winner!

### Prep Instructions

**Yield:** 10 (1 cup) servings  
**Prep Time:** 30 minutes  
**Chill Time:** 30 minutes  
**Total Time:** 1 hour

### Recipe Ingredients

1½ cups quinoa  
 2½ cups water  
 1–1½ t. salt (to taste)  
 ½ t. garlic powder  
 ½ cup green onions, sliced ¼-inch thick  
 One 2-oz. can black olives, sliced  
 ¾ cup red bell pepper, diced

¾ cup yellow bell pepper, diced  
 1 cup garbanzos, rinsed and drained  
 1½ cups English cucumber, diced small  
 6 T. lemon juice (or to taste), freshly squeezed

### Instructions

Put quinoa in a fine-mesh colander and rinse thoroughly under cold water. Drain well.

In a saucepan, combine water and rinsed quinoa; stir in garlic powder. Bring to a boil, cover and reduce heat. Simmer for 15 minutes or until water is absorbed. Remove from heat and let stand, covered, for five minutes. Fluff with a fork and set aside to cool.

Prepare vegetables and garbanzos while quinoa is cooking and cooling.

Sprinkle salt evenly over quinoa; add vegetables, garbanzos, and lemon juice. Stir, folding carefully from all sides to blend salt and lemon completely. Taste and make adjustments as needed.

Chill for 30 minutes. Stir before serving. ■

Calories: 75.63
Fat: 1.99 g
Saturated Fat: 0.10 g
Cholesterol: 0 mg
Sodium: 370.49 mg
Carbohydrates: 12.45 g
Fiber: 2.37 g
Sugars: 1.56 g
Protein: 2.78 g

*Recipe courtesy of Heather Leno and AdventHealth*



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**Advent Health**



# “Forward in Faith” Covers 30 Years of Andrews University History

As Andrews University continues to celebrate its legacy of 150 years of Adventist higher education, reflecting upon specific moments within the school’s history has become valuable.

One avenue of reflection has existed since 2002 in the creation and publishing of “As We Set Forth,” written by Meredith Jones Gray, currently professor emerita of English at Andrews. This book was the first volume in the Andrews Heritage series, and now a second volume by Jones Gray, titled “Forward in Faith,” will pick up from when Andrews University came into being. The book will be unveiled to the public on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024, during the 2024 Alumni Homecoming Banquet.

“Forward in Faith” provides a comprehensive overview of Andrews University’s history from 1960 to 1990 from various perspectives, including administrative history, the history of student life, academic development, campus culture and more. According to Pat Spangler, who assisted with production and image selection for the book, the title is derived from the following quote by Richard L. Hammill:

“Because our denominational leaders have noted the increase in the number of people who are seeking to obtain higher education, they have moved forward in faith and established our own university so that our youth may obtain higher education within an Adventist environment.”

Hammill became the president of Andrews in 1963, only four years after the institution

became a university, following the merger of Potomac University, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and Emmanuel Missionary College. Hammill and others recognized the significance and necessity of continued academic excellence catering to the Seventh-day Adventist community so that the church at large could be strengthened and pushed “forward in faith.”

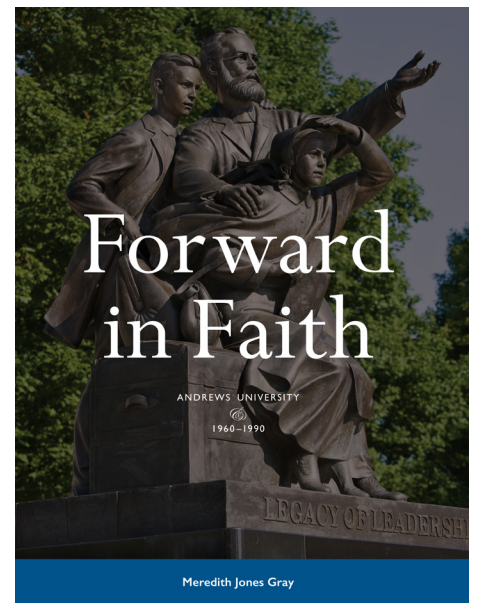
Telling Andrews’ history in such a format is important due to the many stories the University has gathered over 150 years and their overall significance to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. When the school was known as Battle Creek College in 1874, it was the first Seventh-day Adventist institution of higher learning. Many consider Andrews the flagship educational institution of the church, making it even more vital to record its history.

The goal of the book is for readers to understand the importance of the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s commitment to education. Jones Gray says, “Another takeaway should be the vision and dedication of the people who have kept the school going all these years through hard times and good times, the sacrifice and hard work of the students who have come to school at Andrews and their ancestors, and how God has led in the development of the University.”

“As We Set Forth” highlights 1874 to 1959, the period of Battle Creek College and



World Changers Made Here.



Emmanuel Missionary College, predecessors to Andrews University. The development of “Forward in Faith” began immediately after the release of “As We Set Forth” in 2002. It took roughly 22 years of writing, researching and production to bring this volume to life. This extensive timeline underscores dedication and meticulous attention to detail.

“Forward in Faith” will be available at the Andrews University Bookstore on Friday, Sept. 27, and at additional locations throughout Homecoming weekend. “As We Set Forth” is currently available for purchase at the bookstore. Both volumes will also be available as a set for a reduced price beginning Homecoming weekend. ■

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▲ *God worked many miracles on behalf of the Maranatha Church, including allowing the church's Lake Union Conference Revolving Fund loan application to be approved even though the church did not meet the standard lending criteria.*

# Maranatha Haitian Congregation's Prayers are Answered for a Church Building

**After being displaced from a church building they were renting and struggling to effectively minister to its membership in a temporary worship space, the rapidly growing Maranatha Haitian Seventh-day Adventist Church in Indianapolis was in dire need of its own worship space.**

However, like many churches with a significant number of members who are immigrants, Maranatha faced the stark challenge of raising the funds necessary to purchase a building.

Maranatha Haitian Church Pastor Michelet William calls the necessity for worship facilities "need number one for our community." Like many churches, Maranatha rented worship spaces for many years and as the church

continued to grow the "people get discouraged because either the place is too small and cannot accommodate the people that are coming, or we cannot meet the rent requirement—the amount sometimes is too expensive for us," William said. "So, this is a big, big, big issue right now, and that prevents us from doing God's mission," he added.

Pastor Andre Trofort, coordinator for Indiana Conference Franco-Haitian ministries

and the former pastor of Maranatha Church, says the Indiana Conference and Lake Union ultimately got involved in Maranatha Church's search for a permanent worship space because, "They saw that we were struggling. We're growing, we're growing like crazy, and we have nowhere to go like the children of Israel," said William.

The church members' fervent prayers for a solution were answered in a miraculous way.

The church was outbid on a property, which used to be a library, worth approximately \$1 million. It was sold to a new owner who intended to convert it to a funeral home. However, after the unfortunate tragic death of the new owner, the building was put up for sale again. Maranatha's \$560,000 bid on the property was eventually accepted. The accepted bid was nearly half the approximate value of the property.

God worked many miracles on behalf of the Maranatha Church, including allowing the church's Lake Union Conference Revolving Fund loan application to be approved even though the church did not meet the standard lending criteria. Policy set by the Lake Union Conference Revolving Fund—which grants loans to help finance the acquisition and renovation of churches and schools in the Lake Union territory—dictates that entities seeking Revolving Fund loans have 50% of the total cost raised for any purchase or building project.

However, William said that numerous Maranatha church members are immigrants who do not have working papers, therefore tithe and offering dollars are limited. "So the requirement to have 50% of the price of the building, it seemed almost impossible," he said.

Believing in a God who makes possible the seemingly impossible, Pastor William and his congregation experienced the answer to their prayers when they held their first worship service in their newly acquired worship

space on Sabbath, Jan. 6—a praise-filled Communion service.

“We believe that God wanted that place for us,” William said. “God is in control, and He always has a plan for His people.... Everything is coordinated by Him in His time.”

Trofort said that the new building Maranatha has “is an answer to prayer” from an on-time God. “Look at God. All that praying that we were doing, really was not in vain.”

Jermaine Jackson, who serves as an associate treasurer for the Lake Union and director of the Lake Union Conference Revolving Fund, said he could see the hand of God moving on behalf of the Maranatha congregation through the entire process of the purchase of Maranatha’s new church building. Since Maranatha did not meet the standard Revolving Fund loan requirements, the church’s loan application “really came in as a hope, a special request, so to speak.

“What has come from that, which is truly a blessing, is we have gotten other requests ... because we’ve seen these types of churches, these different groups coming in, that need the same kind of help,” Jackson said. And in conversations with revolving fund directors in other unions, Jackson said he has discovered that there are many congregations faced with the same predicament as Maranatha—growing fast and struggling to purchase a building of their own.

Jackson says the Lake Union has adopted a new policy designed to address the financial challenges faced by churches like Maranatha. This new policy is specifically for “our refugee, immigrant, multilingual churches that are trying to establish a facility of worship.” Under the new policy, Revolving Fund applications from churches like Maranatha are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and Revolving Fund assistance can be provided for such churches “much quicker without having to go through a special vote.



▲ The church celebrated its graduates of all education levels during a service in May.

“That’s the blessing beyond what has already blessed the church, it’s actually a blessing that’s going to continue to be of a benefit to others that will fall into that same category,” said Jackson.

Pastor William encourages other congregations facing the same challenge his congregation faced to keep trusting God in all circumstances.

“Let’s remain faithful, let’s be patient, because God is in control,” William said. “It’s not our church, [it’s] God’s church, so even if the church is suffering, God is suffering with us, and He knows why. And in His time, everything will be alright.” ■

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**“LET’S REMAIN FAITHFUL, LET’S BE PATIENT, BECAUSE GOD IS IN CONTROL.”**

# Local Churches Address Mental Health Crisis in Their Communities

Seeking to reach people outside their walls, over 200 Seventh-day Adventist churches across North America, including 17 in the Lake Union Conference, hosted the short mental health series “MindFit” this past spring. The Voice of Prophecy (VOP) produced the event to empower churches to be practical and spiritual resources for their communities in battling a continent-wide mental health crisis.

“On a global scale, one in eight people struggle daily with mental illness—one in five in North America. The implication is clear: it is nearly impossible to live on this Earth and not be affected by mental illness,” said Alex Rodriguez, associate speaker for VOP.

Each session of “MindFit,” a four-part event, commences with audiences watching a 30-minute episode of a docuseries hosted by Rodriguez, who traveled across North America to speak with mental health professionals and patients. The series sheds light on the history and prevalence of mental health challenges. It emphasizes that effective treatments are available and *amplified* by biblical principles. After each episode, a local church leader guides the audience through a provided study and discussion.

Sheila Hinton, who led “MindFit” at the Shelbyville Seventh-day Adventist Church in Shelbyville, Indiana, was thrilled to witness the series draw in multiple community members.

“It’s hard for our small church to attract people,” Hinton said, “but eight came for the event and three continued studying with ‘Peace Is an Inside Job.’”

“Peace Is an Inside Job” is a VOP-created Bible study series that churches can use as a follow-up to “MindFit.” At the Shelbyville church, community interest extended beyond even these study sessions. One “MindFit guest” who recently lost his parents to

dementia has continued coming to Sabbath afternoon Bible studies. Another attendee has expressed interest in spreading the valuable knowledge he gained from the event.

“It was exciting to visit with a man who works with youth at another church in the community,” Hinton said, describing the attendee. “He asked lots of questions and said he planned to share information with the youth.”

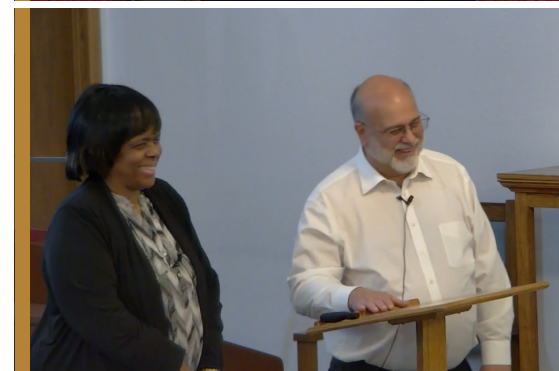
Hinton believes it was “MindFit’s” relevant nature that helped her church build quality relationships with community members.

Similarly, Pastor Dale Barnhurst, who led “MindFit” at the Oakhill Seventh-day Adventist Church in Caseyville, Illinois, believes the series is pointed and necessary.

“Ever since COVID-19, we’ve been in trouble,” he reflected. “We’ve needed something to help people decipher what they are feeling.”

Barnhurst and other church leaders were stunned by their “MindFit” audience’s engagement. A community attendee who was a licensed counselor stepped up to perform a Q&A. One young woman impressed many with her vulnerability, sharing details of her mental health struggles that even her family members, also in attendance, did not know.

“There were people crying, nodding their heads, asking questions—it was like, ‘Wow, *this* is what people are going



**Top:** Sheila Hinton, who led “MindFit” at the Shelbyville Seventh-day Adventist Church in Shelbyville, Indiana, was thrilled to witness the series draw in multiple community members.

**Bottom:** Pastor Dale Barnhurst (right) and Patricia Andrews-Pierre, a licensed clinical social worker, led “MindFit” at the Oakhill Seventh-day Adventist Church in Caseyville, Illinois.

through,” Barnhurst shared. “‘MindFit’ was cutting-edge, and I am super thankful for it. We’ve needed something, and ‘MindFit’ was more than something.”

For churches interested in hosting the event and receiving an advertising boost to draw in more community members, VOP will conduct a continent-wide “MindFit” campaign from Sept. 19–21 and again from Jan. 2–4, 2025.

In the weeks leading up to these dates, host churches will benefit from a mass social media campaign promoting the series.

“With approximately 6,500 Adventist churches dotting the landscape of North America, our denomination is uniquely positioned to be a center of healing for those

who are struggling,” Rodriguez observed. “We filmed ‘MindFit’ to place churches at the forefront of the mental health conversation. May the love of Jesus be reflected through us as we cooperate with the Holy Spirit in bringing physical and spiritual healing to a world perishing in hopelessness.”

Visit [MindFitEvent.com/Host](https://MindFitEvent.com/Host) to join the myriad churches serving their communities through this unique evangelistic event. ■

*Amanda Blake is a writer for the Voice of Prophecy.*

# New Collaboration Fast-tracks MDiv at Andrews University

**The Bachelor of Arts in theology program and the Master of Divinity (MDiv) program at Andrews University are collaborating to provide an easier pathway for students to complete both the undergraduate and graduate programs.**

In the 2024–2025 school year, undergraduate theology students will have the opportunity to take 15 shared credits of upper-division classes that will count toward both their undergraduate degree and a subsequent MDiv. Through increased overlap and simplicity, both degree programs hope to increase efficiency for students.

Fernando Ortiz, the MDiv program director, expressed his excitement about and approval of the partnership between the undergraduate Department of Religion & Biblical Languages and the graduate program in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. “This collaboration is an unprecedented opportunity for undergraduate students at Andrews to have a seamless transition to the Seminary and save time. We are thrilled to enhance the opportunities for both programs.”

Because many undergraduate theology students go on to pursue an MDiv or other graduate-level program at the Seminary after graduation, it made sense to Ortiz and Rodney Palmer, chair of the Department of

Religion & Biblical Languages, to provide a simpler path for students to pursue their academic and career goals.

The partnership also allows students from the Department of Religion & Biblical Languages the opportunity to go into the pastoral field after graduation and gain valuable ministerial experience. Then, they may return to Andrews and begin a graduate degree in the Seminary with a head start because of the upper-level classes they have already taken.

The collaboration is expected to benefit not only students but also the distinct programs and their faculties. Palmer stated that he believes the collaboration will allow for “a greater working relationship between the Seminary and the undergraduate program,” since the two programs are currently separated under different schools within the greater Andrews University umbrella. Ortiz is hopeful that the added benefits and easier connection between the two programs will entice more students to attend both the MDiv program and undergraduate theology program.



▲ **L to R:** Fernando Ortiz, MDiv program director and Rodney Palmer, chair of the Department of Religion and Biblical Languages.

This new collaboration is one of several initiatives being developed to increase the number of theology students attending the University. For example, the Lake Union Conference recently announced a new scholarship program for religion and education majors who are members of the Lake Union.

Although the collaboration is designated to begin in the upcoming 2024–2025 school year, Palmer expects that some current sophomore and junior students will take advantage of this opportunity and apply to earn Seminary credits early. After a review of their degree progress and timeline, these students will be able to take advantage of the positive changes being made to theological studies at Andrews University. ■

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▲ Ignacio Goya, CCC director, training pastors at the Upper Columbia Conference in Spokane, Washington

# Lily Foundation Gifts Seminary and Local Pastors

**The Center for Community Change (CCC) in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University is all about pastor and church revitalization, community social impact, innovative community projects, a healthy cycle of evangelism, and establishing pastors and church leaders as mentors.**

This all started hands-on in 2023 with pastors and is part of a \$5 million grant from the Lily Endowment. The new initiative expands the rich history of Andrews University's 150-year impact on communities around the globe.

"Lily Endowment, LLC, gave us the money for transactional community projects, and we have changed the focus to be a transformational approach," says Ignacio Goya, CCC director. The CCC enters Phase Three in a multi-year donation cycle, which itself has a three-phase process. The CCC partnered with 18 United States conferences in 2023/2024 including Illinois, Lake Region and Michigan, to provide pastors and

churches with leadership training. Once a pastor begins this journey alongside CCC, the goal is to heal and transform both the pastor and their congregation, added Goya. This first year saw 84 pastors impacted. In 2024 they expanded globally adding 32 pastors and their churches.

According to Goya, equipping pastors in a three-phase process includes an official memorandum of understanding (MOU) outlining expectations and responsibilities. Phase One is leadership transformation, Phase Two is community engagement, and Phase Three is discipleship and evangelism. The CCC team recognizes that each community is unique, so training programs

are customized with one-on-one mentoring of pastors with the CCC and their partnering organizations. Some of the North American CCC partnerships include: ADRA, Andrews University Department of Social Work, Kettering Health Network, AdventistHealth, AdventHealth, Adventist HealthCare, Adventist Family Ministries, Versacare Foundation, Adventist Learning Community, Adventist Community Services, Mission Disruption, NADMin and Adventist Leadership Institute.

In total, the Lily Endowment has provided the seminary with several grants that total over \$6 million to build curriculum for current students and equip future pastors. The three phases correlate with the Lilly Foundation's grant-giving phases. Andrews University's first gifted grant began in Phase One that created a \$50,000 grant for research to determine how best to proceed to train pastors. Phase Two was a \$1 million grant that focused on urban pastoral ministry training and it brought a new Master of Divinity with a concentration/online certificate in urban ministry and an urban clinical pastoral education (CPE) program. Phase Three is where the CCC comes in as it was established to provide training and mentor experiences for pastors and church leaders. A 2023 Barna study noted that pastors only feel 52% satisfied with their role (Barna Group 2024). Tina Leonor, CCC program coordinator, says the goal is to assist pastors in "reimagining their ministry to engage their churches in innovative and evidence-based programs that address challenges facing their communities."

Goya and his team of associate directors, Claval Hunter and Vadim Dementyev, know the local church pastor is the best place to begin. A 2021 study of 720 North American pastors verified this finding, sharing that 59% of pastors need enhanced cultural learning, 52% said they want a practicum in community service, 54% seek mentors in urban or rural areas, 45% desire community engagement courses, and more than 50% felt a need for continuous education in rural and urban ministry areas.

Once training begins, CCC collaborates with pastors and church leaders on community engagement using the Lily Endowment funds for community projects. Next, CCC creates customized training for the church leaders and pastors empowering them to action. Finally, CCC shares its partner network to connect pastors and church leadership and establish a healthy cycle of evangelism tailored to their community.

CCC seeks to use Christ's method from Ellen White's "The Ministry of Healing," saying His method alone gives true success in reaching out. "The Savior mingled with people as one who desired their good. He showed sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He invited them, 'Follow Me'" (MH, Page 73).

Phases One and Two saw volunteers serving in local community organizations such as Neighbor to Neighbor, a local family service center and thrift store in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Laura Meyer, the executive

director until recently, says seminary students worked on community-based internships. The interns typically served in the thrift store. Meyer said, "They offer to pray with people, they offer to listen."

Meyer added that this ministry is impactful, "sending the message that we care and that we are here for you. We are here to meet physical, spiritual and emotional needs," she adds. Neighbor to Neighbor wants to one day provide more programs to help customers.

Cedric Vine, director of the master's program in religion and seminary affiliations and extensions, served as the project director for the Phase Two grants, saying that assisting urban churches and communities was an emphasis.

"The problem that we addressed with Phase 2 was to strengthen urban pastors," says Vine. "North American churches are weak in the inner cities and in the small towns and rural areas." He shared that many church members move to the suburbs,

depleting the resources of inner-city churches. Many of the urban church communities and pastors are ethnic minorities so it was important to better equip future seminary graduates with urban-focused ministry training and relevant curriculum.

This desire to help inner-city communities also manifested in the city of Benton Harbor, Michigan, with the Boys and Girls Clubs. Arline Wilson, Fetting Clubhouse Youth Campus branch director, shared that volunteers have been a big help academically. "They help out with something called 'Power Hour,' which is our academic hour for our members," she said. Tutoring helped children strive for academic skills at or above their grade level and volunteers assisted with math and reading.

To learn more about the CCC, visit [communitychange.world](http://communitychange.world). ■

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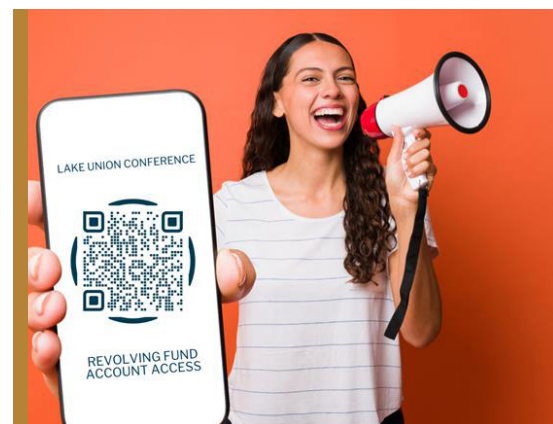
# Access to Lake Union Revolving Fund Now Available

**We are pleased to announce the arrival of the Lake Union Revolving Fund online portal. You'll be able to access your account from any computer or other smart device. You can open an account, make deposits and transfers, track your history, even assign beneficiaries, all in minutes—anytime and anywhere. It's highly secure, using today's leading security standards to protect your information.**

In case you're not aware of the revolving fund, here is some background information.

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**Jermaine K. Jackson** is associate treasurer and stewardship director for the Lake Union Conference.

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# MILEPOSTS

## OBITUARIES

**JOHNSON**, Fonda “Conquest” F., age 92; born April 27, 1932, in Ketchum, Oklahoma; died June 23, 2024, in Stoughton, Wisconsin. She was a member of the Madison East Seventh-day Adventist Church in Madison, Wisconsin. She was survived by her son, Randall (Nancy) Rogers; stepsons, Eric (Joanne) Johnson, Neil (Pamela) Johnson; daughters, LoRhonda (David) Schroeckenthaler, Donna Rae (Gary) Tarpinian, Jacqueline (Steven Olson) Gargano; step-daughters, Barbara “Johnson” (Boyce) Puryear, Kristi Johnson; 17 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. A private graveside service was held.

**PELLEY**, Lester D., age 82; born April 11, 1942, in St. John’s, Newfoundland, Canada; died July 10, 2024, in Madison, Wisconsin. He was a member of the Madison East Seventh-day Adventist Church in Madison, Wisconsin. He was survived by his wife, Judith D. (Ball) Pelley; son, Douglas (Ingrid Satelmajer) Pelley; daughter, Dr. Elaine M. (Benjamin Shoemaker) Pelley; brother, Rudolph Ball; and four grandchildren.

Within the Lake Union, the officiating pastor or church communication leader is responsible for submission of information to this column. Forms are available in print format, or they can be filled out and submitted directly online. Milepost forms are available at [www.lakeunionherald.org](http://www.lakeunionherald.org). Conference addresses and phone numbers are listed in the masthead on the inside front cover.

**SPATES**, Deborah (Lewis), age 73; born Aug. 25, 1950, in Birmingham, Alabama; died May 3, 2024, in St. Joseph, Michigan. She was a member of the Highland Ave Seventh-day Adventist Church in Benton Harbor, Michigan. She is survived by her husband, Ronald Spates Sr.; sons, Ronald Spates Jr., Stephen Spates; daughter, Debórah LaRohyn Spates; and three grandchildren. A funeral service was conducted by Pastor Denry White on May 13, 2024, in Michigan.

## REUNION

On June 7 and 8, 2024, the Adelphian Academy senior class of 1974 met for their 50-year reunion in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Twenty-six persons who had been part of the class were able to attend. Also, in attendance was one of our class sponsors, Verlyne Bartlett Starr, as well as many friends and family joining our celebration. Classmates came from as far away as Nebraska, Arkansas and Georgia.



**Front row, L–R:** Mitzi (Inch) Lipscomb, Sharon (Brown) Rickel, Linda (Bryant) Strong, Alice Clay; Class Sponsor: Verlyne (Bartlett) Starr, Ciliciana (DeWitt) Hall, Marilyn (Rendel) Doughty, Susan (Card) Tidwell, Kathleen (Rowbotham) Morse

**Back row, L–R:** Jeffrey Doll, George Ray, Roger Rickel, Malcolm Phipps, Rick Fuller, Jim Jordan, Molly (McTaggart) Jordan, Ralph Schmoling, David Fernandez, Brent Davidson, Gene Hall, Dwight Hall, Lou Ann (Currier) Kamphues, Greg Fenner, Sheila (Campbell) Palmer  
**Not pictured:** Jon Beard, Craig Okonski, Barbara (Winslow) Krantz

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**CORRECTION:** In the August 2024 issue, we inadvertently published an incorrect surname. The author of the Conversations With God column was Paulette Taylor. We regret the error.

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## Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25
Berrien Springs, Michigan	8:09	7:57	7:45	7:32	7:20	7:09	6:58	6:47
Chicago	7:14	7:02	6:50	6:37	6:26	6:14	6:03	5:53
Detroit	7:56	7:44	7:31	7:19	7:07	6:55	6:44	6:34
Indianapolis	8:06	7:55	7:44	7:32	7:21	7:10	7:00	6:50
La Crosse, Wisconsin	7:30	7:17	7:04	6:52	6:39	6:27	6:15	6:04
Lansing, Michigan	8:02	7:50	7:38	7:25	7:13	7:01	6:50	6:39
Madison, Wisconsin	7:22	7:10	6:57	6:44	6:32	6:20	6:08	5:58
Springfield, Illinois	7:20	7:09	6:57	6:46	6:35	6:24	6:13	6:04

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# SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

## ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

### GENERAL EVENTS

- Sept. 19–22:** SciFEST
- Sept. 22–23:** Preview: Conociendo Event (Spanish-speaking)
- Sept. 26–29:** Alumni Homecoming Weekend
- Oct. 17–20:** Adventist Mission Conference
- Oct. 18–19:** Andrews Academy Alumni Weekend
- Oct. 18–21:** October Preview
- Oct. 22:** John O. Waller Lectureship on the Arts
- Oct. 23:** Kingman Lecture on Science and Society
- Oct. 24:** Celebration of Community Engagement
- Oct. 25, 12:30–4:30 p.m.:** Celebration of Research, Buller Hall

### HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER EVENTS

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- Sept. 22, 7 p.m.:** Howard Center Presents ... Fiscoff Winds Winners
- Sept. 28, 8 p.m.:** Alumni Gala Concert
- Oct. 6, 7 p.m.:** Howard Center Presents ... Phil Keaggy
- Oct. 13, 4 p.m.:** Sunday Music Series
- Oct. 20, 4 p.m.:** Sunday Music Series
- Oct. 26, 8 p.m.:** Andrews University Wind Symphony Fall Concert
- Oct. 27, 7 p.m.:** Howard Center Presents ... Ensemble 4.1

## ILLINOIS

- Sept. 9:** Convocation | Parade of Nations, Yellow Box Church (Naperville, Illinois)
- Sept. 15:** Adventurer Fun Day, TBD
- Sept. 22:** Pathfinder Fall Skills Camporee, Camp Akita
- Sept. 23–26:** Outdoor Education, Camp Akita
- Sept. 28:** Re-Ignite Elder's Leadership Training, Oakhill Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Sept. 29:** Lay Member Training, Oakhill Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Oct. 4–6:** Prayer Retreat, Camp Akita
- Oct. 11–13:** Master Guide Camporee, Camp Akita
- Oct. 11:** Southern Illinois Convocation, TBD
- Oct. 25–26:** One-day Youth Rally, TBD

## INDIANA

- Sept. 6–8:** Adventurer Fall Family Weekend, Timber Ridge Camp
- Sept. 13–15:** Leadership Training: Adventurer & Pathfinder, Timber Ridge Camp
- Sept. 20–22:** Public Campus Ministries Retreat, Timber Ridge Camp
- Sept. 20–22:** Brown County Blowout Mountain Bike Weekend, Timber Ridge Camp
- Sept. 29:** Conference Constituency Session, Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Oct. 4–6:** Women's Retreat, Oakwood Resort, Syracuse, Indiana
- Oct. 9–11:** Outdoor Education: Elementary Schools, Timber Ridge Camp

- Oct. 11–12:** Indiana Academy Alumni Weekend
- Oct. 11–13:** Hispanic Married Couples Retreat, Timber Ridge Camp
- Oct. 18–20:** Master Guide Campout, Timber Ridge Camp
- Oct. 25–27:** 2nd Annual Indiana Conference Health Summit, Timber Ridge Camp

## LAKE REGION

- Sept. 7:** Men's Ministry Day, location - TBD
- Sept. 14:** Prison Ministry Sabbath, Motor City Area (TBD)
- Sept. 14:** Back to School Sabbath & Dedication, (TBD)
- Sept. 27–29:** Peterson Warren Academy's Alumni Weekend - Peterson Warren Academy, Inkster, Michigan
- Sept. 28:** Chicagoland Youth Federation, (TBD)
- Oct. 6:** Michiana Men Connect, location (TBD)
- Oct. 18–20:** Women's Ministry Retreat, South Bend, Indiana
- Oct. 19:** Michiana Youth Federation, (TBD)
- Oct. 25–26:** BAYDA Bible Bowl Championship, Massachusetts

## MICHIGAN

- Sept. 6–8:** Pathfinder Leadership, Camp Au Sable
- Sept. 6–8:** Upper Peninsula Camp Meeting, Camp Sagola
- Sept. 8–14:** Emmanuel Institute, Conference Office
- Sept. 13–15:** Adventurer Family Camp, Northwoods
- Sept. 13–15:** Public Campus Ministry Fall Retreat, Camp Au Sable
- Sept. 20–22:** Men of Faith, Northwoods
- Sept. 20–22:** Mother-Daughter Retreat, Camp Au Sable
- Sept. 20–22:** North Woods Marriage Retreat, Camp Sagola
- Sept. 27–29:** Family First Weekend, Camp Au Sable
- Sept. 27–29:** Teen Leadership Training Squared, Northwoods
- Sept. 27–29:** Women's Ministries Retreat, Camp Sagola
- Oct. 6–9:** Lifestyle Improvement For Teens (LIFT) Retreat, Camp Au Sable

## WISCONSIN

- Sept. 6–8:** Adventurer Family Camporee, Camp Wakonda
- Sept. 11–13:** Outdoor Education, Camp Wakonda
- Sept. 20–22:** Hispanic Marriage Retreat, Green Lake, Wisconsin
- Sept. 27–29:** Public Campus Ministries Retreat, Camp Wakonda
- Oct. 16–18:** LIFT, Camp Wakonda
- Oct. 18–20:** Pathfinder Leadership, Camp Wakonda
- Oct. 25–27:** JAHWI Retreat, Camp Wakonda

## LAKE UNION

- Sept. 14, 5 p.m.:** Public Affairs and Religious Liberty webinar: "Politics, Elections, and Adventist Engagement"
- Oct. 3–6:** Secondary Schools Leadership Retreat, Camp Au Sable

Events listed were scheduled to proceed at press time. Please call ahead or check event websites before making plans to attend.

# Stand Still, Go Forward

Sometimes God has to make us “stand still” before we can “go forward.” Case in point. The Believe the Promise 2024 Camporee in Gillette, Wyoming, had some unexpected storms. Fifty-five thousand international participants were excited to participate in the grand opening event at the stadium. Some clubs secured their place very early. But the program was canceled abruptly as ominous dark clouds quickly gathered in the western sky.



▲ DARREL LE ROUX

Word went out for everyone to brace themselves for a severe storm. Clubs sprang into action to secure tents and anything loose. Everyone was to shelter in place. The storm intensified as it embraced the campground. Lightning lit up the sky and kids screamed. Everyone was advised to find hard shelter rather than tents. There was a scramble to get into buildings or cars as tents were abandoned.

In the midst of the severe storm, I was reminded of the very story we were there to experience at the Believe the Promise Camporee. Worse than a severe storm, extreme panic set in with the sudden sight of the dreaded Egyptian army. Placed in a severe unescapable predicament the Israelites, who greatly rejoiced at being free, blamed those leading them into this calamity. Panic set in. “Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness?” (Exodus 14:11) This is the same inescapable predicament God says He carried them out of on eagles’ wings to Himself. (Exodus 19:4)

God had to change their hearts from total fear to His total presence. When the heart focuses on the enemy threat, especially when focused on talking about and blaming Satan, it can be paralyzed with fear. God calls the fear-filled to “stand still” and Believe the Promise His presence will provide. God’s command of “Don’t be afraid” in Exodus 14:13 only makes sense amid the threatening storm when you know His presence is with you.

Train the soul in panic to stand still and praise God for His living presence.

Then, having stood still in God’s presence and having believed His promises through prayer, we can move from the temptation to panic to fearless peace, obeying His command to “go forward” into His possibilities. ■

**Darrel le Roux** pastors the Grand Rapids church and the Lowell Fellowship and serves as the Grand Rapids district coordinator for the Michigan Conference.

▼ After a storm blew through the camporee on Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024, a double rainbow appeared over the Lake Union lighthouse entrance, an apt reminder for us to believe in God’s promises.



Rebekah Heisius

# What's in a Trademarked Name?



▲ JENNIFER GRAY WOODS

I started a group on Facebook with some friends from church called the “Seventh-day Adventist Book Club.” I recently received an email stating that I don’t have a right to use “Seventh-day Adventist” in the club’s name. Why not?

The reason you were asked to choose a different name is because “Seventh-day Adventist” is a registered trademark, and its use is monitored and enforced by the trademark holder. In this case the trademark holder is the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

Trademarks are considered intellectual property, along with copyrights, patents and trade secrets. A trademark is a distinctive word, phrase, logo or sign that identifies certain goods or services produced or provided by an individual or entity. It helps people identify who they are receiving services or goods from. For example, we can all identify common trademarks like McDonald’s golden arches and the Olympic rings.

Trademark infringement occurs whenever someone uses another’s trademarks without permission in a way that could confuse or mislead the public regarding the source of goods or services. Trademark laws protect against misuse that could harm a brand, reputation or good name.

The General Conference Corporation owns several trademarks, including the names “Adventist” and “Seventh-day Adventist” and the church logo. You can find a complete list of trademarks owned by the denomination at [adventist.org/trademark-and-logo-usage/](http://adventist.org/trademark-and-logo-usage/).

The church has specific guidelines regarding who can use the church’s trademarks. For example, official church organizations and local churches can use the trademarks as part of their ministries; however, others are only allowed to use the trademarks if they have been approved and agree to comply with certain restrictions on usage.

Some may question why the church has so many rules in place concerning the use of its name. However, the name of any organization is one of its most valuable assets, and the name of our church holds a special importance. When people see the name “Seventh-day Adventist” they identify it with the church’s goodwill, reputation and ministry.

For example, if any group was able to call themselves “Adventist” but then engaged in activities or promoted beliefs deviating from the beliefs of our church it would cause confusion to those we are trying to reach regarding who Adventists really are and what we believe. Unfortunately, there have been times when others have caused harm to the church by infringing on our trademarks. There have been offshoot groups who continue to want to use the name Adventist to benefit from our name’s goodwill but whose teachings conflict with those of the church. Fortunately, the General Conference is constantly monitoring its trademarks to prevent this kind of misuse.

As you can see, names matter and it is important for our church to stay vigilant to protect our good name as we share our message of hope with others. ■

**Jennifer Gray Woods** is the lawyer for the Lake Union Conference, as well as the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty director.





# It's About Time

waste /wast/ verb use or expend carelessly, extravagantly, or to no purpose

By Providence or happenstance, a good many quips and quotes land on the desk of a stewardship guy. Some are funny, others, inspiring. The following is neither.

Time is precious. Waste it wisely.

Flippant as that sounds methinks it very much applies to us here in America. Yes, sadly, even in the remnant church. We have more leisure time than ever, with more options of how to waste it. The fact that strength and dollars often accompany the heedless squander, makes it a travesty indeed.

Now, if you want to get on the wrong side of a Dutchman, just be the wasteful sort—of anything: time, money, breath, etc. And I'm mostly Dutch. Maybe God is too, because the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy are rife with admonitions against profligate living. (Only kidding about the God-is-Dutch part.)

But seriously, though, as followers of Christ this is a crucial issue because, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." (Proverbs 14:12) I personally don't want eternal death, do you? Of course not. We're meant to LIVE!

Our good God gives us the responsibility to care for what belongs to Him: the beautiful land, rich treasure, His boundless love and grace, ... our very selves.

So, let's talk about "time" for a minute, the 86,400 seconds that make up each day. We wake up in the morning (or evening, as your shift may dictate), assuming all of that belongs to us and that it's guaranteed. But is it? Not if we acknowledge that we're just stewards, managers of Someone Else's goods. How do we start our day? With God, the Owner of it all? Or are *our* plans and wishes paramount? Sometimes we wake up *planning* to kill time, which seems particularly bad.

But one day soon we all must give account, and that should be enough to prod us in the right direction. Like other Bible verses dealing with this topic, Ephesians 5:15–16 will help us learn and practice truth. "See then that you walk circumspectly [carefully, prudently], not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

Redeem the time—rescue from loss. Some have more work to do than others in this arena, having clocked-in to many wasted hours of worldly pleasure, gossip and self-worship.

Still, the Lord forgives, and ever seeks a closer walk with little us. Let's listen to the counsel given by His humble servant in Testimonies for the Church, Volume 9, page 106: "We cannot afford in the few days we have here on earth to spend our time in trifling and nothingness."

Amen. May we prayerfully allow Him to help us live wisely and use to advantage the fleeting hours of each day, beginning each by being still and knowing that He is God. Counterintuitive as that may seem, it's altogether necessary, because the days are truly evil. ■

**Joel Nephew** is director of Stewardship and Association property manager for the Michigan Conference.



▲ JOEL NEPHEW



# You Could Be the One

I was 13 years old when I was diagnosed with leukemia. I thought I was going to die. After my first round of chemotherapy, the doctors determined that my best chance for a cure would be a bone marrow transplant to replace my cancerous blood stem cells.

No one in my family was a match, so we didn't have any option but to turn to the unrelated donor registry, National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). That's where they ultimately found my match—a young man in Germany. He agreed to donate bone marrow and saved my life.

When I started college at Andrews University, one of my goals was to hold a blood stem cell registry drive on campus. See, I was one of the lucky ones. Not everyone is able to find a match, and due to genetically inherited cell markers, some demographics of people—especially minorities in the U.S.—are not represented enough in the registry to reliably find a match. I had to do something to help other people like me, and when my professor suggested I make this project my senior thesis for the J.N. Andrews Honors Program, I realized I had the skills and resources to make it happen.

Unfortunately, U.S. registries only accept U.S. residents between the ages

of 18 and 40 years old who meet certain health criteria (don't worry, there are other registries for people who don't live in the United States). While I was hoping to get 100 people to sign up, I knew that these limitations might cause me to fall short of my goal. I did my best to promote my project on campus, and I even got my friends to help. But it wasn't enough. I only got 99 registrations.

I now turn to you, dear reader. Maybe you could be the person to help me reach my goal of 100 people. You could be the one to save someone's life. It's so easy to help. You don't donate immediately, and most of the time the donation process is like giving blood. Some people never get called to donate. I encourage you to look up NMDP or Be The Match online, or search for your own national registry outside the United States. Find out how you or someone you know can help save lives.

Signing up to be a donor is a way to show love for our fellow human beings and be like Jesus. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son" (John 3:16). In fact, Romans 5:8 says, "But God shows his love for us in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us." The cancer of sin is only cured by a gift of blood, and the only suitable match was the Son of God. By joining the registry, you can be like Jesus and offer a life-saving gift of blood stem cells to rescue someone from a deadly disease. ■

**Elizabeth Dovich** hails from Massachusetts and just completed her communication degree at Andrews University.



# Makarios Ministry Changes Lives

During Jhoana Mortera's freshman year of college, she was invited to join a Hispanic ministry at Andrews University called Makarios, the Greek word for blessed. At the time, she didn't have many friends or a sense of community, so she figured, "Why not? I'll give it a try."

She had no idea how much it would transform her college experience. "Being away from home and your home church can be really challenging," she said. "That's why I loved Makarios. It provided a sense of community and purpose."

Makarios is a ministry with about 45 students. Each school year they offer Sabbath school and/or church services once or twice a month to area Hispanic churches, which averages about 8–10 Hispanic churches visited. The ministry is divided into three groups—poetry, music and drama. Each group meets weekly to rehearse and prepare for the church services. It's a significant time commitment. These church visits allow students to promote Andrews and encourage other young people to pursue a Christian college education. It's also an opportunity to make meaningful connections.

"Something I appreciate about this ministry is how it helped me grow my faith and step out of my comfort zone," Jhoana reflected. "I'm not the type of person to preach, but with Makarios, I've done it a couple of times. Using my talents for God and having fun with friends has been unforgettable."

Not only has it been beneficial for Jhoana, but it's also provided opportunities to help others. In 2023, a major hurricane hit Acapulco, Mexico. One of the ministry members has family living there, so they raised money. They partnered with a local church to distribute basic food supplies. They even

went door to door selling cookies and made about \$300 (5,157 pesos).

This past year, Jhoana served as a Makarios vice president. She worked closely with other members, getting better acquainted. One of the highlights for her was to hear how Makarios helped them stay in church. The paths that brought the Makarios team to Andrews vary, but they all represent a journey in faith.

Jhoana, a junior digital communication and marketing major from Mexico, credits Makarios with helping her realize that we all experience similar challenges. "Not only is my Makarios ministry a family, but I also know they will be lifelong friends." ■

**Jhoana Mortera** with Herald staff.

▼ Jhoana is pictured second row, third from left, with other members of the Makarios ministry.



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