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THE LEADER

Synergy & Global Youth Day: A Sabbath of Service

Pathfinders, members gather for worship, community service across Chicagoland



Matthew Lucio, Assistant to the President for Communication.

On March 15, over 600 people across Chicagoland came together for a powerful Sabbath of worship and service through twin events: Synergy and Global Youth Day (GYD).

This year's Synergy brought more than 200 Pathfinders and other members from across the area to West Central Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pastor Ralph Shelton and his congregation were amiable hosts. Hinsdale's orchestra provided music and Pastor Clifford Wallace, Camp Wagner Director, offered the homily.

After lunch, many of the Pathfinders mobilized to participate in service projects across Chicagoland which were part of Global Youth Day, which is the largest missional-evangelistic event in the Seventh-day Adventist Church worldwide. Inspired by the parable of the Good Samaritan, GYD invites young people to “Be the Sermon”—shifting the Sabbath focus from passive listening to active doing. And Chicagoland responded.

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ICYMI (In Case You Missed It):



ILC Middle School Choir Fest Photos

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Herald: Elden Ramirez named next Lake Union President

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THE FEED

Upcoming Conference Events

Homecoming 2025

(June 5-8)

For 25 incredible years, Camp Akita has been a place where lives have been changed, friendships have blossomed, and countless memories have been made. Now, it's time to come home and celebrate! At Homecoming 2025, we will honor past God's work through camp ministry and look ahead to an even brighter future.



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Summer Camp Registration Is Open

It's time to register for summer camp at beautiful Camp Akita! This year, we are celebrating 25 years of camp ministry with special events and activities. This is a great year to invite your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, and neighbors to attend camp.

Women's Retreat (October 17-19)

The Unseen, Seen is the first Conference-wide women's retreat in a decade. A stellar cast of speakers and breakout sessions will be waiting for you and will focus on mental, physical, spiritual, and emotional health. Register **today** for early bird pricing.



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THE SNACK

Quick bites from around the Conference

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Akita Celebrates 25 Years with Homecoming



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For a quarter of a century, Camp Akita has been a place of spiritual growth, transformation, and unforgettable memories. We invite you to join us for Homecoming, a special event commemorating 25 years of ministry at Camp Akita. Mark your calendars for June 5th to 8th, 2025, and prepare for a weekend filled with celebration, reflection, and preview of what the future looks like for Akita.

WORTH THE WAIT

Homecoming's theme is "Worth the Wait," which is a powerful reminder of God's faithfulness throughout the years. You will hear from current and past campers and staff who have had their lives changed at Camp Akita and made life-long memories and

friends. You will also have an opportunity to take advantage of Akita's activities, such as horseback riding, the climbing tower, tubing, disc golf, a doubles volleyball tournament, a special rodeo showcase, a fishing tournament, a golf tournament, and our Silver Jubilee Fundraiser Banquet.

All attendees will have an opportunity to support the camp by buying some unique merchandise with our special anniversary logo (see above). Every child registered for camp this summer *plus* Homecoming will receive \$50 in store credit. Pathfinders will receive a special "Camp Akita 25" pin. Illinois Conference members who attend will also receive a discount for their next church retreat.

Good news! ILC+Me is getting a print edition in each future copy of the *Lake Union Herald*. Make sure you are receiving the *Herald* and look forward to the April issue. It will include many of the articles in our digital edition plus some special features, like a kid's corner!

SOCIAL MEDIA MINISTRY

 **THROWBACK TUESDAY**

HETTY HURD HASKELL



Born near Springfield, Illinois, Hetty Hurd became a school teacher and moved to California. After attending a camp meeting, Hetty decided to get baptized after hearing John Loughborough preach. Stephen Haskell hired her as a Bible instructor and together they traveled to South Africa and Australia. Ellen White called Hetty "a woman of rare ability as a manager."

Hetty also helped saved Loma Linda University by raising necessary funds, arguing: "God designed our women should be medical workers and [so I made] a special plea for them."

Source(s):
Gerald Wheeler, *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists*, "Hetty (Hurd) Haskell."

 **THROWBACK TUESDAY**

Julia Ann White



Born to English parents, Julia Ann White graduated with her medical degree from John Harvey Kellogg's American Medical Missionary College in Chicago in 1900. Dr. White began working at the Chicago Medical Mission and even the famed Battle Creek Sanitarium. In 1905, she became the first female physician at Loma Linda Sanitarium.

She encouraged girls to train to be as strong as boys and also helped to combat the 1918-1919 influenza pandemic. Dr. White also firmly believed in the Adventist health message, which she understood as a ministry to "head, hand, and heart."

Source(s):
Michael W. Campbell, *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists*, "Julia Ann White."



THROWBACK TUESDAY

Pearl (Hoyt) Davenport

Pearl was born in Arcola, IL, (near Mattoon), but left to become attend Loma Linda in order to become a nurse

There, she met Donald, who was training to be a doctor, and the two wed in 1912.



Together, the pair traveled to be missionaries to China in 1915, sailing for Shanghai aboard the S.S. Persia. After 9 months of language training, they began treating patients across China - in one month they reported treating 551 patients. After 9 years, they returned home. Though Donald died in 1933, Pearl continued working as a nurse until she retired in 1963.

Source(s):

Michael W. Campbell, *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists*, "Donald Edward and Pearl (Hoyt) Davenport."



THROWBACK TUESDAY

Maria Huntley

Born in Washington, New Hampshire, in 1847, Maria's parents were "among the pioneers in the Sabbath cause. Maria was the first secretary of the State Tract and Missionary Society in 1871, eventually taking over the branch office in Chicago.



Huntley also served as editor of the "Home Missionary" and worked to spread religious liberty publications around the country in order to combat Blue Laws.

After her death in 1890, Uriah Smith affirmed that "her whole heart was in her work."

Source(s):

Adventist Review, April 29, 1890, p. 272.
Cecilia Ramos, *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists*, "Maria L. Huntley."

Here are the Throwback Tuesday social media posts from the month of March. You can learn about some incredible women who were born or worked in Illinois.

HINSDALE STUDENTS AND FIL-AM MEMBERS HEAD TO PHILIPPINES FOR MISSION TRIP



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