



# FYI #193

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A weekly e-newsletter for employees and friends of the  
Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

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## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

*“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.”*  
John 15:9

Some years ago, early in my pastoral ministry, I was asked to do the funeral service for the father of three adult daughters who were members of my congregation. After the funeral, there was a procession out to the internment site to bury the casket that held their beloved father. As we arrived at the cemetery, it began to rain. I remember huddling together under umbrellas to bury the remains of their dear father. I led the brief committal service. I was honest about what this loss, this death, meant. I read Scripture passages reminding the family of the living hope we have in the living Savior to Whom we belong. I reminded the family of His soon return. And I prayed a prayer of committal of the ashes we committed to that ground. As we ended the service, one of the daughters spontaneously began to sing: “Jesus Loves Me. This I know.” It was beautiful, unforgettable! As the daughter led us in the singing of this simple song, her voice sounded out across the cemetery and into the hearts of everyone present. See, she could sing this song, even at her father’s burial, because she knew its truth: “Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so...”

The Bible does tell us so. Jesus himself said so: “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.” Today, I pray you experience Jesus’ love, and you can sing this song too—with a heart that is as confident and full as that dearly loved daughter had on that cemetery hillside. It is also a reminder that we have a hope. One day all things will be set right. Yes, we might be experiencing some troubling times, yes, we might experience the loss of a loved one, but God will never stop loving us. He loves you and promises to never leave you nor forsake you. What a wonderful promise. May we cling to that hope today.

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### Stay In-the-Loop

Facebook	@Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
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Conference Calendar	<a href="http://www.ilcsda.org/calendar">www.ilcsda.org/calendar</a>
Conference Address	619 Plainfield Rd Willowbrook IL 60527

## No FYI Next Week

The next FYI will be come out August 4th.

## New Administrative Assistant

Jazmin Martinez is the new secretary for the Illinois Conference ministerial department. She takes over the role vacated by Christine Pena, who served in that capacity previously.

Welcome to the Illinois Conference staff, Jazmin!



## Join Us at Camp Meeting!

I am looking forward to being at Camp Meeting next week. I invite you to join us. If you can't come for the whole time, I invite you to come on Sabbath, July 31st, and worship with us at our Camp Akita Pathfinder Pavilion.

## Save the Date for our Prayer Retreat

Plan now to join us for the Illinois Conference Prayer Retreat at Camp Akita, October 1-3. Our guest speakers will be Jim and Ingrid Moon. This year's theme is: "Ebenezer, A Missional Prayer Journey." Save the date, registration information will follow soon.



## Human Resources Director Position

The Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is seeking a Human Resources Director. Applicant must have a bachelor's degree, preferably in Human Resources, Business Administration, or related field. Applicant must have basic computer skills, effective verbal and communication skills, and enjoy working with people.

If interested, please send your resume to Nikki Quilatan at [adminsecretary@ilcsda.org](mailto:adminsecretary@ilcsda.org)

## DID YOU KNOW...

... the Adventist Review magazine now has a new platform with new content? If you have not seen Adventist Review TV go to: [artvnow.com](http://artvnow.com) and check out the wonderful resources and material available there.

# RESOURCES

## Preventing Sabbath School Hijackers Masterclass

Free On-Demand Masterclass: Preventing Sabbath School Hijackers. Join this masterclass to learn how to quickly handle participants who talk long and often, disrupt your class flow, and lead you off-topic, AND how to proactively disable their attempts before they try! Ensure that your class always has a successful takeoff, a smooth ride without turbulence from hijackers, and a safe landing where all participants walk away blessed and satisfied with a Holy Spirit-led experience.

Go to: <https://www.flighttimeteaching.com/register>

## Health Sabbath

Health Sabbath is this Sabbath, July 24th. God created nutritious and delicious food for our health and pleasure. Health Sabbath is an opportunity to relish the joy of eating that comes when we see it from God's original design. All churches are invited to host their own Health Sabbath, in person, online, or both! A free sermon, resources for youth/young adults, and an afternoon presentation are available to download and share.

Learn more at: <https://nadhealth.org/healthsabbath/joy-of-eating/>

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**“WHEN A GREAT AND DECISIVE WORK IS TO BE DONE, GOD CHOOSES MEN AND WOMEN TO DO THIS WORK,  
AND IT WILL SEE THE LOSS IF THE TALENTS OF BOTH ARE NOT COMBINED.”**

—Ellen G. White, *Evangelism*, p. 469

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