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MARCH 14, 2015



HOW TO SURVIVE A SPIRITUAL DROUGHT

SHOUT FOR JOY

It happened on Tuesday this week. I was walking from my car into the church and realized the wind was not blowing, and I was not cold! AND, was that birds singing in the trees?! It was! Surely Spring must be on its way! Suddenly, I felt like singing!

David, who is identified as the author of many of the Psalms, must have had a day (or many days) when he felt like singing as well. In Psalm 98, verses 4 and 5, (NIV), he encourages his listeners (which includes us!) to, "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;

make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing..."

As we come before our God in worship today, let's join our voices in thanksgiving and praise to our Lord. Let us "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of his pasture." (Ps 100:1-3, NIV) Welcome to Pioneer at Worship!

—Sharon Terrell

PRAYING FOR PMC

*Lee & Glenda Davidson pray during worship at the PMC business meeting Monday night.
(Photo taken by José Bourget)*



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YOUNG LEADERS SPEAK OUT

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

I guess we shouldn't have been surprised that last Sabbath afternoon's panel/audience conversation about race relations in the Seventh-day Adventist church in America was a standing-room only event (here at Andrews University). The conversation was candid, but the spirit that prevailed was both healthy and essential to any future change in our national church.

What I'm especially proud of, however, is the prayerful, cogent thinking evidenced by the team of Andrews University student leaders who organized the event. Led by Livvy Knott-Ruiz, AU Student Association president this year, this diverse band of young leaders not only effectively facilitated the 2+ hour conversation, they ended the event by sharing with the audience a formal statement they prepared for (and have subsequently delivered to) the administration of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

As a panel member, I had no idea the young leaders had prepared a resolution. But as I read their statement, projected onto the towering wall of Buller Hall, my heart rejoiced in the simple, humble but

wise appeal they make. Rather than insert their recommendation to the NAD officers here, please find it at this link (<https://www.facebook.com/andrewssa/posts/791148580953919>) and carefully, prayerfully read their statement. You may share their recommendation by placing this link on your own Facebook page or retweet the link on Twitter. I'm sure their youthful appeal will be heard not only across this nation, but around

the world. And why not? Surely in the economy of God the time has come for Jesus' last prayer (expressed four times) to be answered: **"That they may be one, Father, as We are one"** (count those four prayers in John 17).

I continue to believe that the young are God's strategic end-time key (see Psalm 110). With social media as their platform, they are able to effect change on levels we have not seen in the past. But it is clear their interest is not change, simply for the sake of change. Rather, belonging to a world and nation deeply in need of the gospel of justice, equality and compassionate humanitarian intervention, the young of the church are willing to bend their minds, their energies

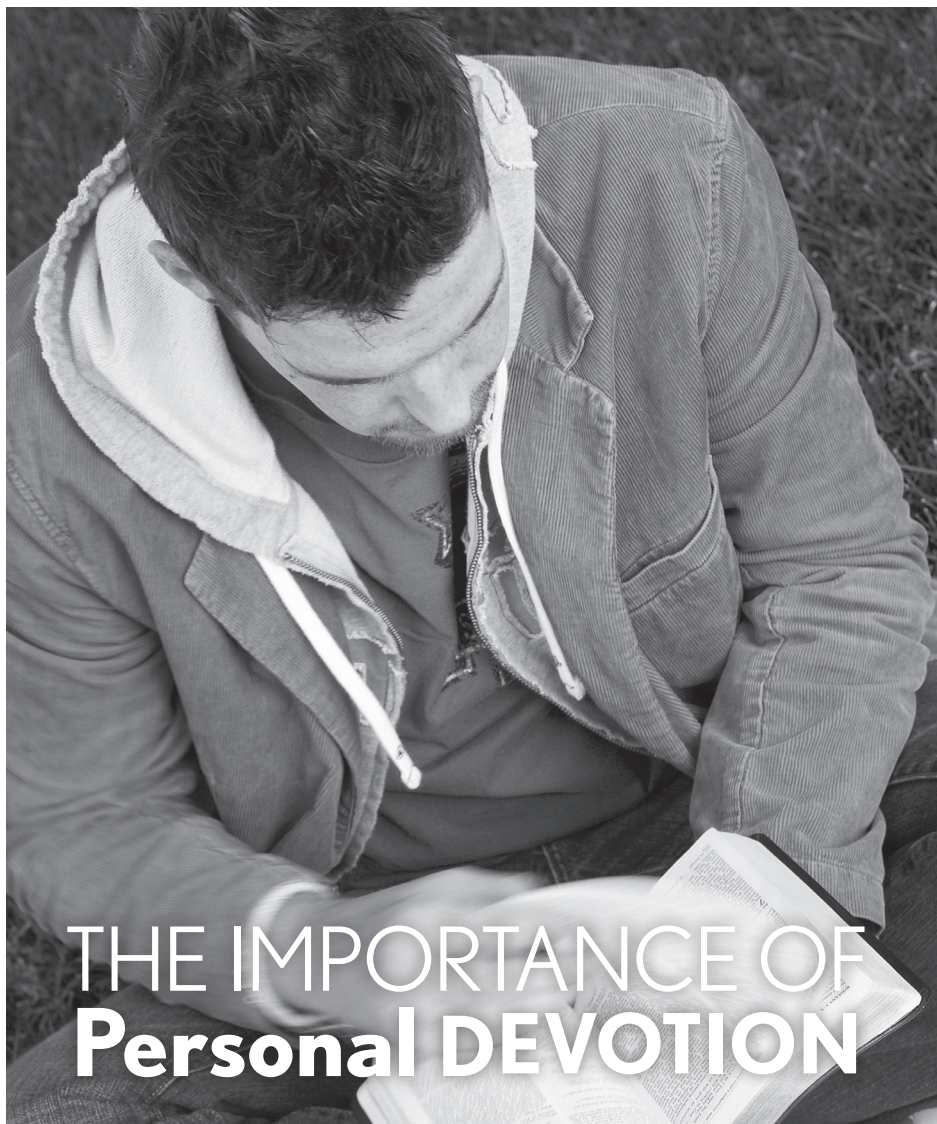
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and immerse their lives in seeking to bring healing change to both the church and the world. To that end the young need our prayers, deserve our example, and will flourish with our personal support and encouragement. Thank you for the way you affirm the young disciples of Jesus in your

life and community, for your willingness to journey alongside of them in this critical chapter of earth history. ■

You can follow Pastor Dwight's blog at www.pmchurch.tv/blog.



BY COLBY MAIER

Have you ever wondered why some Christians, particularly in the medieval era, worshiped relics? The word *relic* means “something left behind,”

and it can be associated with a number of objects such as garments, bones or ancient artifacts that *remain* from an earlier period. More significant however, relics were

a way of linking the past with the present. They were a way of connecting Christians to the historical figures and religious experiences of the past. Thus it was a common occurrence in medieval Christianity for a Believer to venerate a relic in an attempt to feel closer to the historical person of Jesus Christ. *Perhaps by having a hem of His garment, they thought, I can cherish what is left of the presence and power of Jesus.*

However, is it even possible to preserve past "God" encounters? Although there is nothing fundamentally wrong with choosing to reflect on how we have experienced God in history, we cannot simply rely on old memorable moments with Jesus to get us through the day. Like a decaying

corpse or spoiling cadaver, our spiritual life won't fair much better if it is not being constantly renewed. A stale and waning religious experience will never accomplish what a fresh new one can! Unlike antique articles and predated bones, Jesus

belongs not only to the past but also to the present. He is the God not only of yesterday but the God of today, tomorrow and forevermore (Heb. 13:8). He is the one "who was and is and is to come" (Rev. 1:8). He is the One who lived, died, BUT then rose again! And we can encounter and experience this same Jesus anew "as long as it is called today" (Heb. 3:13).

A fresh personal encounter with Jesus can come in a variety of ways, shapes and forms. We may connect with Him through prayer, music, nature, or even through human relationships; but one of the primary ways that God has chosen to communicate and connect with us is through Scripture (Rom. 10:17). The Bible is God's love letter to humanity, the revelation of

His Divine will, the absolute authority and the absolute testimony to His character and ultimate goodness. The Bible is also where we are introduced to Jesus Christ whom I like to refer to as God's selfie (John 14:9). And as we pursue in meeting this Jesus as revealed in the Gospels, He then begins to rejuvenate and refresh our spiritual lives. In essence, God begins to "ReJesus" us. That means becoming more like Him, orientating our lives around Him, and ultimately doing as Jesus did. Only a daily experience with Jesus can accomplish this! Yet if we choose to neglect time in personal devotion, the danger resides in allowing our previous encounters with God, our relics of God, to take the very

place of God. We begin to worship the encounter rather than the encountered.

Thus I challenge you, how many relics do you have in your life? How many memories of Jesus have you hung on to because they appear

to be the closet thing, perhaps the only thing, you have of Him? Maybe you have witnessed God move in the past but you fail to see Him move right now. Have you caught yourself trying to preserve old, out-dated religious experiences? If so, just know that Jesus wants to pursue a new encounter with you today! Are you willing and ready to experience Him afresh? He's calling you today and "as long as it is called today." ■

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Colby Maier is an Andrews University Undergraduate Theology Major.

WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary *Rejoice, All You Christians • Ernst Pepping*

Introit *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence • French Carol*

Call to Worship Sharon Terrell

Look! Christ comes to us.

Our eyes will see him. Our ears will hear his voice.

See! Christ is the faithful witness.

He directs us to God, who is the source of our lives and the provider of our hopes.

Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2*

Invocation Rodlie Ortiz

Hymns of Praise and Reflection *Great Is Thy Faithfulness • 100*
God Will Take Care of You • st. 1-2, 4 of 99

Congregational Prayer Sharon Terrell
Response *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord • George Whelpton*

Worship in Music *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah • Melvin West*

Baptism Jonathan C. Clough with José Bourget

Children's Story A Garland of Children's Hymns

Scripture Isaiah 58:6-8 NKJV • Pat and Tami Strzyzkowski

Is this not the fast that I have chosen:

To loose the bonds of wickedness,

To undo the heavy burdens,

To let the oppressed go free,

And that you break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out;

When you see the naked, that you cover him,

(continued on next page)

And not hide yourself from your own flesh?
Then your light shall break forth like the morning,
Your healing shall spring forth speedily,
**And your righteousness shall go before you;
The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.**

Hymn of Preparation

Fill My Cup, Lord • st. 1 of 493

Sermon

"How to Survive a Spiritual Drought"
Rodlie Ortiz

Connect Cards, Tithes & Offerings

Adventist World Radio

Hymn of Consecration

I Love to Tell the Story • st. 1, 3-4 of 457

Benediction

Response

God Be With You • Ralph Vaughan Williams

Closing Voluntary

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah • Kenneth Logan

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sharon Terrell; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: PMC Sanctuary Choir, Jeannie Pedersen-Smith, Director;
FAMILY WORSHIP: Jovanka, Nevena, Branka and Vladimir, Ana and Marina Slavujevic

MUSIC ALIVE

GUIDE ME

Images strikingly drawn characterize the emotive hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (*SDA Hymnal* 538). Only think of Israel's long, hard pilgrimage in the wilderness: The hymn's images of "Bread of heaven", "the healing stream", "the fire and cloudy pillar", etc. are secured by fascinating historical anchors. For many of us, the weeks and months just ahead may mark a foray into a pilgrimage virtually unknown in even

its main outlines. Others probably have roles of service clearly delineated for years ahead. For all, the life they will lead is indeed a pilgrimage. Thinking back to the "Guide Me" hymn, today's Closing Voluntary is based on the hymn's "strong deliverer" imagery, expressing confidence in God's sure leading and strong deliverance. So as we go, may it be with testimony and "cloud" and with "fire". ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service

Rachel Sauer

Welcome

Mordekai Ongo

Prayer and Scripture

Romans 4: 20-21 NIV

Special Feature

Alaskan Fisherman • Mission Spotlight

Offertory

Bible Study

“Living by Faith” • Classes

Theme Song

Make Me a Blessing

Make me a blessing; make me a blessing.
Out of my life may Jesus shine.
Make me a blessing; O Savior, I pray.
Make me a blessing; to someone today.

“Make Me a Blessing,” Ira Bishop Wilson
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Benediction

Rachel Sauer

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan; OFFERTORY: Gabriela Bruno, singer; Deneil Clarke, piano

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WE PRAISE

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As We Begin

*Rejoice, All You Christians • Ernst Pepping
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence • French Carol*

Praise

Great is Thy Faithfulness • God Will Take Care of You

Prayer

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As We Depart

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah • Kenneth Logan

WORSHIP DIRECTOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
PLATFORM MANAGER: Lauren Knott; MUSIC DIRECTOR/ PIANO: Ilana Cady
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: PMC Sanctuary Choir, Jeannie Pedersen-Smith, Director
FAMILY WORSHIP LEADERS: Jovanka, Nevena, Branka and Vladimir, Ana and Marina Slavujevic

PIONEER PEOPLE**SUNSET TODAY** • 7:48
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 7:56

SUBMIT announcements by emailing bulletin@pmchurch.tv or by going to www.pmchurch.org and click on "submit a bulletin announcement." Requests must be received **Monday by 5:00 PM** for consideration.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

| SATURDAY |

FAMILY VESPERS

7:00 PM • YOUTH CHAPEL

PIONEER PULPIT

| 03 • 21 |

CLIFFORD JONES**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT
SABBATH**

Of Starts and Stereotypes

| 03 • 28 |

DWIGHT K. NELSON"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor
Dreamcoat: How to Live with the Bloody
Coat"**Thank You**

We would like to thank our PMC family for the flowers, cards, visits, and most of all for the prayers of healing. We also appreciate the surprise gifts of delicious food that lifted our spirits as well as nourished and strengthened us. We continue to solicit your prayers. And may God be praised and glorified.

—Erich and Karen Bekowies and Family

Family VespersTODAY • 7:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

This evening Pastor Balorda will present, *The Adventist Worldview: Discovery*. Sacred music on the piano will be provided by Ruben, Harmon, and Etien. You are welcome to attend and receive a special Sabbath benediction.

House of Prayer

Due to Spring Break, the Wednesday *The Daring to Ask for More* GROW Group and House of Prayer will not meet on Wednesday, March 18.

Exercise Class

Due to Spring Break, the Exercise Class that meets in PMC Commons will not meet during Spring Break. It will resume on Monday March 23 from 6-7 PM.

Scrapbooking TogetherMARCH 22 • 1-5 PM
PMC COMMONS

Scrapbookers and cardmakers come and work on your projects while enjoying the company of others. Bring your favorite snack. We will provide prizes and chocolate. Info, call Sherrie at 471.3134.

Michigan Camp Meeting Registration

UNTIL MARCH 15

To register for Camp Meeting 2015, go to the misda.org website and click on *Camp Meeting Registration*, or visit tinyurl.com/pzslq3t. The *March Michigan Memo* also contains a camp meeting application. For assistance contact Jody Murphy at 517.316.1512 or jmurphy@misda.org.

Children's Ministry Resource Center

CMRC needs two volunteers to help sew costumes. Contact Debi Robertson, CMRC Associate Director, at 471.7150.

God's Hands 4 Kids

Along with local churches, join us as God's Hands 4 Kids partners with the Open Table organization (www.theopentable.org) to help mentor young people in our area. As youth transition from foster care into the community, they need a support network of volunteers with life experience and social skills. Contact Judy Mackie at 921.0848 or email jdmackie@andrews.edu.

International Food Fair

MARCH 29 • 12-7 PM
JOHNSON GYM

The 2015 International Food Fair will represent 82 countries and 18 ethnic clubs. Participants include the Korean Club, Peruvian Club, Brazilian Club, Indian Club and Haitian Club, among many others. Tickets to be used to obtain food at each booth.

Women's Ministry

If you have any really great ideas or would like to help out with Women's Ministry at PMC, contact Sallie Alger at salger@andrews.edu.

The Creation Case

MARCH 31 • 7 PM • HPAC

World Premiere and Dedication event for this 13-part video series produced by Rich Aguilera. Screen episode #1, meet the cast, get a copy, watch the blooper reel, and more. This event is free and open to all.

300 Men of God Retreat

MAY 1-3 • CENTER LAKE BIBLE CAMP & RETREAT CENTER IN TUSTIN, MI

Bristol SDA Church is hosting a men's retreat. Topics covered include marriage, parenting, and prayer. Activities include horseback riding, archery, kayaking/canoeing, and group challenges. Bring a friend to this outreach event. All faiths are welcome. For info visit tinyurl.com/kbadn8y or call 616.460.6994.

Southwest Michigan Middle School Honor Band Festival Concert

MARCH 23 • 7:00 PM
HOWARD CENTER

After a day of workshops and rehearsals, middle school students from area schools throughout the region will present their finale concert. Free to all.

Recent Mothers

If you've had a baby in the past three years, Andrews Physical Therapy students are conducting a research study on postpartum women between ages 18-50. Contact Brittney at 574.612.7884 or Sarah at 765.418.0922.

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FAMILY FINANCES

As of February 28, 2015

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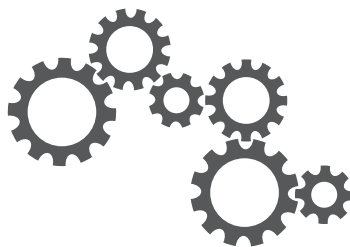
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GOAL TO-DATE 2015	24,192
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2015	12,919
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2014	14,464

OPERATING FUND

LINE 2 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE

GOAL TO-DATE 2015	105,579
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2015	88,981
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2014	77,109



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



LINE 3 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE

GOAL TO-DATE 2015	36,639
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2015	30,919
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2014	25,641

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 Vanadzor/Republic of Armenia
 Elyria, OH
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 Seabrook, MD
 Igreja do UNASP/Engenheiro Coelho, Brazil
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 Windhoek South/Windhoek, Namibia
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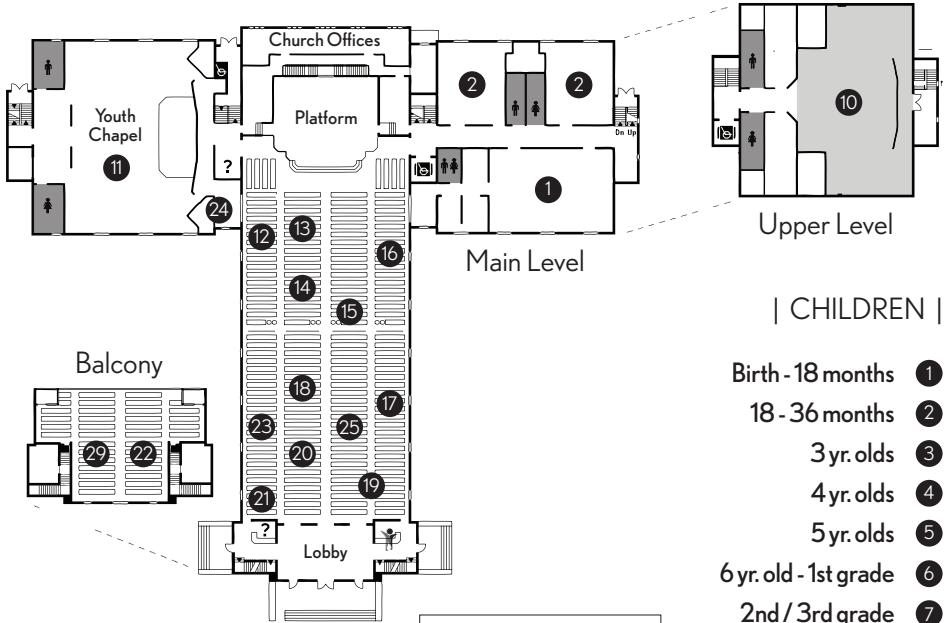
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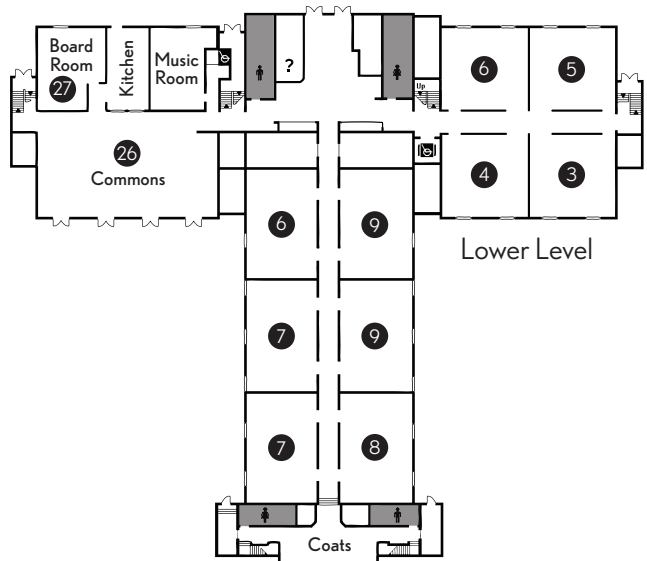
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- Earliteen ⑩
- Youth ⑪

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- ⑳ Group 9 (Spanish)
- ㉑ Group 10
- ㉒ Group 11 (Balcony)
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- ㉕ Indonesian Class
- ㉖ Something In Common
- ㉗ SDA Beliefs

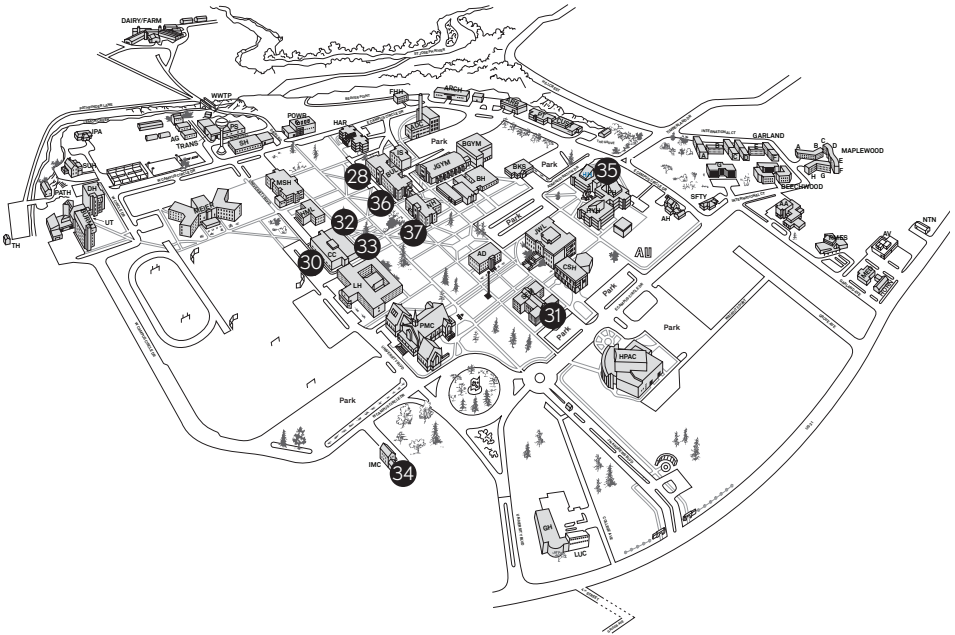
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Andrews University Campus Map



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- N150
- N211 (Small Group)
- N235
- N310 (Russian)
- N335 (Spanish)
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