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Loma Linda University Medical Auxiliary Honored with Global Service Award

The Loma Linda University Health Global Service Award was presented to the Auxiliary at the Homecoming Mission Vespers on February 27, 2026. It was given:

in recognition of this valuable organization founded on principles of supporting the global work of School of Medicine alumni, and the education and welfare of medical students, residents, and their spouses;

for their exemplary commitment to supporting those serving abroad and fundraising for projects to advance their work while fostering a community of service and spiritual growth; and

for modeling in word and action this institution's values and mission, "To continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ."

Merle Hildebrand, Auxiliary President, and Patti Batin Hall SM'88, Missions Chair, received the award from LLUH President Dr. Richard Hart.

The award features the Mission Globe statue which is the center point of the Campus Mall, and which is surrounded by names of LLU alumni who have served around the world.



Danielle Hoxie, Hospitality Chair, and Merle Hildebrand, Auxiliary Director, display the proclamation and award.



The Loma Linda Medical Auxiliary receives the Global Service Award from Dr. Richard Hart, Loma Linda University Health President.



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From the Editors

A highlight of the recent 94th Annual Postgraduate Convention and Homecoming held on the campus of Loma Linda University was the Auxiliary receiving the LLU Health Global Service Award in recognition of its many contributions to alumni, residents, students and families of the School of Medicine. At the Homecoming Luncheon, Wintley Phipps' inspiring presentation in word and song also lifted our hearts.

In this issue we would like to recognize our hard-working Little White House volunteers. One of them is featured on page 6. On Monday mornings, the little house on Prospect Avenue is filled with the sound of those sorting through and refurbishing the many donations received. All this work leads to evenings of fellowship, food and found treasures for our University students. The themed boutiques are offered at no cost to students who have registered, with the Auxiliary thoughtfully providing a delicious supper and assistance with transporting larger items to their new homes.

As we begin our new fiscal year this July 1, we invite you to be part of our shared mission by becoming a dues-paying member or a life member. Yearly dues are only \$55 for regular members, retired/widowed/divorced \$35. A life membership of \$1500 (which can be paid in 4 installments of \$375) includes one complimentary ticket to the Homecoming Luncheon. You can easily join by going to our website www.llumedaux.org. Your support will enable us to continue the "teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ."

Blessings,

Lynda Chan and Karen Wat Nielsen

New Prices for Cookbooks Shipped

Due to numerous postage increases, it is necessary to increase our shipping prices effective January 1, 2025. Purchase price remains the same.

Cookbook	Price	Shipping	Total
1 Apple A Day	\$16	\$14	\$30
Set of 2 Apple A Day	\$28	\$16	\$44
Set of 3 Apple A Day	\$36	\$18	\$54
Open Table	\$34	\$16	\$50

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Called to Serve: Homecoming Mission Vespers

By Patti Batin Hall SM'88

On Friday February 27, 2026, the Loma Linda University Medical Auxiliary was honored to present the Mission Vespers program for the 94th Annual Postgraduate Convention & Homecoming. This time-honored tradition places a spotlight on the medical alumni who have served in global missions all over the world. After songs of praise led by Marissa Wright SN'27 and accompanied by Kenneth Choi SM'25, Medical Auxiliary Board members Patti Batin Hall SM'88 and Tina Robinson opened the program by warmly welcoming everyone to the new day and time of Mission Vespers. Derek Glatts SR'22 gave the opening prayer.

This year, Loma Linda University (LLU) President Dr. Richard Hart SM'70, SPH'70, interviewed two medical teams. The first team, which included Daniel Giang SM'83, Anthony Hilliard SM'02 and others, gave an update on LLU's long-standing work in China, including its association with Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital in Hangzhou. In an atheistic country where government oversight is monitoring religious content, LLU medical alumni and teams are nonetheless sharing the message of "How to Make Man Whole" across China.

Fourth year medical student Quinn Kalmansson gave a virtuoso cello performance of Bach's Suite for Solo Cello No. 1 in G major before Dr. Hart interviewed members of the Global Heart Collaborative-Malawi. These included anesthesiologist Ryan Lauer SM'03, cardiovascular surgeon Joshua Chung SM'07, cardiologist Tiffany Priester SM'04, and administrator Jason Blanchard.

The Loma Linda Overseas Heart team began in the early 1960's, led by Ellsworth Wareham SM'42 and Joan Coggin SM'53-A. Over the next 40+ years, the team went to Greece, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, Nepal, China and Egypt. The team has now been reborn as the Loma Linda Global Heart Collaborative. In November, the team visited Blantyre Adventist Hospital in Malawi. Their purpose is to bring cardiac care to a part of Africa that has had no cardiac surgery and little cardiology services while creating a team of local physicians and nurses to provide sustainable, ongoing care.

The 2026 Loma Linda University Health Global Service Award was presented to the Auxiliary by Dr. Hart to Merle Hildebrand, Auxiliary President, and Patti Batin Hall, Missions Chairperson. Current members of the Auxiliary Board and former officers joined them on stage.

Judy Hart then gave a heartfelt appeal for the mission offering while Kenneth Choi played a piano offertory. Marissa Wright led the congregation in singing "So Send I You" as missionary alumni past and present came with lit candles to the front of the church. An evening of blessings came to a joyous close with remarks by Dr. Hart and a benediction by Piali Styadi SP'06.

The full LLUH/Medical Auxiliary Mission Vespers is available for streaming on the LLUC YouTube Channel.



Dr. Richard Hart with members of the China medical team



Marissa Wright



Quinn Kalmansson



The Global Heart Collaborative team

APC Homecoming Luncheon Report

By Lynda Chan

Our Homecoming Luncheon was held on Sunday March 1 in the Wong Kerlee Conference Center. Attendees enjoyed browsing the lovely vendor tables in the lobby before the luncheon. Participating vendors included La Maison, Shop Suey, Ada's Mosaics & Art, LMB Designs, Junior Medical Auxiliary, E & M Chocolates, O'Delightful, and Little White House, each offering a thoughtfully curated mix of charming goods and delicious treats.

Cindy Waring set a warm and elegant tone with piano melodies before Danielle Hoxie welcomed us and Margaret Solomon offered the blessing. The luncheon menu, a "Mediterranean Celebration," featured a vibrant and flavorful selection including a Mezze Platter, Garden Cruudités, Greek Salad, Pistachio-Crusted Eggplant Cutlets, Crispy Veggie Chicken, Pesto Roasted Potatoes, and Grilled Vegetables. Guests enjoyed Baklava and Mini Fruit Tarts for dessert.



Cindy Waring



Program Chair Lynda Chan with Wintley Phipps, Sheila Hodgkin, and Wintley's wife Linda



Janette Allen and Ada Jarvis display Ada's Mosaics

APC Homecoming Luncheon (cont.)



Wintley Phipps performing



Over 150 guests attended the Homecoming Luncheon

Our featured speaker and musical artist Wintley Phipps was introduced by Sheila Hodgkin. His theme for the afternoon was “In Every Story, God Gets the Glory.”

Wintley shared highlights from his remarkable life journey. He spoke of discovering his voice as a young teenager and of hearing God’s calling at the age of sixteen. In prayer he asked God to use his musical talents, saying that if it was God’s will, to open the doors. Soon afterward, two men approached him with an invitation to travel and sing in evangelistic ministry with the Canadian Heritage Singers, beginning a path that would lead to an extraordinary musical career.

Wintley shared that God impressed upon him that if he remained faithful, his life would take an unusual path — that he would sing to the masses and speak truth to people of influence and power. Today, Wintley has indeed sung to millions around the world, including seven U.S. Presidents. His rendition of “Amazing Grace” has been viewed more than 60 million times on social media. He is also the most recorded solo artist in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The audience was deeply moved as Wintley blessed us with his extraordinary voice and heartfelt message through beloved hymns, including “How Great Thou Art,” “His Eye Is on the Sparrow,” “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” “Crown Him with Many Crowns,” and “Amazing Grace.”

The program concluded with a benediction by Raymond Chan SM’85, followed by a beautiful piano postlude by Cindy Waring.

Hearts were truly lifted through Wintley’s music and message. We are grateful to everyone who attended and helped make this Homecoming Luncheon such a memorable and meaningful event.

Candy's Kitchen at the Little White House

By Jolene Hilliard

On November 3, 2025, the Little White House dedicated "Candy's Kitchen" in honor of Candy Hadley who passed away in 2024. LWH volunteers and friends were present to celebrate her.

Many of us picture Candy arriving at the LWH with her white car filled with items; these were not just hers but others would drop things off at her home for her to deliver for them! The kitchen was unmistakably her territory. Candy could fit more on those shelves than anyone and had a knack for arranging donations so the space felt a bit like our own little Williams Sonoma.

When volunteers wondered aloud, "Should we move this along? Do you think the students will go for this?" Candy would thoughtfully say, "Let's give it a week. I think we should try." That was Candy – practical and encouraging.

She loved stripes, aprons, and the colors red and blue. To honor her, blue-and-white striped aprons were given to those who attended and will now be worn on evenings when the Little White House is open for students.

That Monday morning – with Christmas in the air, a little food on the table, and the team gathered – we shared stories of our mission and our friend. We admired Candy's strength, her balance of work and fun, her straightforward wisdom, her jams, and her handwritten notes. So grateful for her friendship that she shared with all.

Candy's spirit remains part of the Little White House. We miss her.



Candy Hadley



LWH Co-Chair Jolene Hilliard holds the sign designed and painted by volunteer Janine Cochrane.



Little White House Volunteers

*Front row: Judy Colburn, Myrna Smith, Sharon Stewart, Nancy Johnston-Lashier, Jolene Hilliard, Janine Cochrane, Merle Hildebrand, Odie Fontura, Alicia Murray, Mary Leichty
Second row: Peggy Hiersche, Tiffany Hadley, Jeanne Hildebrand, Carroll Nadig, Roberta Peterson, Marcia Lang, Vicki Simpson, Pam Barruga, Janette Allen, Danielle Hoxie, Connie Fuller
Not Pictured: Carol Ice, Priscilla Lonser, Martha Rasi, Carol Roeske, Esther Sewell, Jolene Zackrisson*

JMA Update

By Hannah Klein

What JMA has been up to the last few months:

- Our Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange! Hosted as always by our dear Jalyn. The winning cookie this year was chai molasses from Kim!
- Our holiday dinner hosted by the Robinsons. Complete with carols around the piano and stories of encouragement from our hosts!
- A crafting night out at Color Me Mine to paint and gab!
- A Galentines party with a heart theme stretching as far as the eye can see!
- Our annual bake sale at the Spring Auxiliary Luncheon! It was a huge success as we sold out!



Missions Co-Chair Tina Robinson, far left, with guests at the JMA holiday dinner



JMA Galentines Group

RMA Update

By Emily Mitchell

Over the past year, the Resident Medical Auxiliary (RMA) has continued to grow both in numbers and in community. This year alone, three of our officers welcomed new babies, and several additional families within RMA also celebrated the arrival of little ones — making it a year of exciting growth for our group.

Despite busy residency schedules and growing families, we have made a strong effort to stay connected through park days and monthly family-friendly gatherings. In the past couple of months, we hosted a Pizza in the Park event that had a wonderful turnout, with more than 20 resident families attending. We have also enjoyed spending time together in downtown Redlands, connecting over coffee and supporting local coffee shops while catching up with one another.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue building community with our upcoming Easter/Spring event. We will wrap up the year with our end-of-year celebration at the beginning of June, giving everyone another opportunity to gather, reflect on the year, and celebrate the friendships and support that make RMA such a special part of residency life.



Pizza in the Park



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- **FALL EVENTS TBA**
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- **APC MISSION VESPERS**
Friday, March 5, 2027
- **APC HOMECOMING LUNCHEON**
Sunday, March 7, 2027

Mission Vespers (cont.)



LLU mission alumni continue the tradition of bringing lit candles to the front of the sanctuary during the singing of "So Send I You" on February 27, 2026.



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The mission of the Loma Linda University Medical Auxiliary is to demonstrate God's love through benevolence and shared service. **The Auxiliary promotes the mission work of its Alumni; the education and welfare of medical students, residents and their spouses; and the intellectual and spiritual growth of its diverse membership.**

The Auxiliary is committed to continuing a heritage of unselfish dedication to service, beneficence and healthful living, as well as to responding to humanitarian needs in today's changing world.