



# AUXILIARY NEWS

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## What Giving Gets Us — Fall Luncheon

“What Giving Gets Us” was the title of Dr. Gillian Seton’s presentation at the Fall Luncheon held on October 14 at the Mitten Building in Redlands. Dr. Seton, SM’08, had just begun her deferred mission service as a surgeon at SDA Cooper Hospital in Monrovia, Liberia when the Ebola epidemic broke out in 2014. Gillian was the only US physician on site until Dr. James Appel, SM’00 (see AN Fall 2025 issue), arrived to help. One of the greatest blessings she found in her service there was the phenomenal friendship of her hospital team and the local people. She also became attached to a preemie infant named Devine whom she had to resuscitate multiple times after his birth. Devine is now a healthy, happy 11-year-old residing with his adoptive mom Gillian here in the USA.

Dr. Seton mentioned how many times she appreciated gifts sent by our Auxiliary, including \$10,000 for surgical supplies and personal protective equipment during the Ebola epidemic. Another \$10,000 was sent in 2015-16 to upgrade the operating theatre/surgical instruments. A portable x-ray machine gifted in 2017 and an ultrasound machine sent in 2018-19 were invaluable in making diagnoses. When Dr. Seton and her son transferred to Malamulo Hospital, Malawi, at the start of the COVID pandemic in 2020, she was immensely grateful to find a stove and refrigerator donated by the Auxiliary. Malamulo Hospital has received many other Auxiliary gifts over the years and the Auxiliary was instrumental in establishing a school for missionary children there.



Dr. Seton and son Devine



Alessandra Sorace - Vocalist

Luncheon attendees were also blessed by the beautiful music provided by soprano Alessandra Sorace, the delicious buffet, and the colorful table decorations warming up a rainy afternoon. Each of this year’s mission projects had a country-specific display with boxes for donations. For those who could not attend, we encourage you to go to our website, [www.llumedaux.org](http://www.llumedaux.org) to donate. Our fiscal year extends until June 30, 2026.

We thank Gillian for sharing her story and providing examples of how our gifts have benefited missionaries and their patients. We wish her and her son continued blessings as she now serves as the only surgeon in a small Oregon town.

Karen Wat Nielsen SM’76-B

Mark your calendar

FRIDAY evening, February 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. for

***Called to Serve: Homecoming Mission Vespers***

Loma Linda University Church Sanctuary

***There will be no vesper service on Saturday, February 28.***

## Fall Luncheon Attendees



Gillian Seton (SM'08), Auxiliary Director Merle Hildebrand, Laura Sherwin (SD'15) & Brent Sherwin (SM'15) - Malawi



Missions Chair Patti Batin Hall (SM'88) & Staci Davenport (SM'14) - Chad



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## LLU Medical Auxiliary 2025-2026 Mission Projects

**La Loma Luz Hospital, Belize**

\$15,000 for Lifestyle Center Cafeteria

**Bere Adventist Hospital, Chad**

\$15,000 for surgical instruments

**Kendu Adventist Hospital, Kenya**

\$15,000 for oxygen generation/distribution

**Malamulo Adventist Hospital, Malamulo, Malawi**

\$15,000 toward solar array

**Waterloo Adventist Hospital, Sierra Leone**

\$10,000 for stable electrical system

**Glei Adventist Hospital, Togo**

\$10,000 toward solar system

**Maputo Adventist Clinic, Mozambique**

\$10,000 for medical equipment

**Bella Vista, Puerto Rico**

\$10,000 to establish a medical educational center



Jennifer Cruz-Bracero (SM'17) - Puerto Rico

## Correction

Charlotte Hartman was listed in the "In Loving Memory" section of the last issue. She is not deceased. We sincerely apologize for the error.



# LLU Medical Auxiliary 2026 Homecoming Luncheon

Sunday, March 1, 2026  
11:30 a.m.

featuring  
**Wintley Phipps**



An internationally acclaimed artist and minister who inspires audiences around the world with his powerful voice and message of faith, hope and purpose – advancing a vision of God’s love that uplifts and transforms lives

**Wong Kerlee International Conference Center**  
**11175 Campus St • Loma Linda**

*Boutique opens at 10:30 a.m.*  
*Discover and shop our favorite local vendors*

Doors open at 11:00 a.m., Program begins at 11:30 a.m.  
Life Members Complimentary with registration

## 2026 Homecoming Registration Form

Mail this form with check payable to: LLU Medical Auxiliary  
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or to pay by credit card\*, please visit our website: [www.llumedaux.org](http://www.llumedaux.org)



Auxiliary Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ x \$85/seat (cash or check) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ x \$87/seat (credit card)\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary Life Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Complimentary \$85 seat  
(Registration required by deadline; non-transferable)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ CSC: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) I would like to sit with: \_\_\_\_\_

The deadline to register is February 12, 2026; seats are limited. No reservations taken without payment. Seats not guaranteed after deadline.



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## Save the Date

### ☀ MISSION VESPERS

#### *New Date and Time*

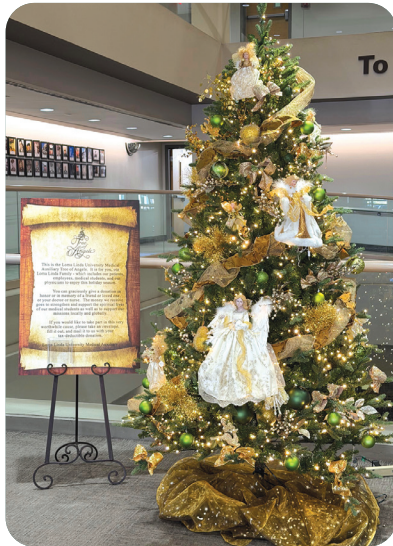
Friday, February 27 • 7 p.m.

Loma Linda University Church

### ☀ HOMECOMING LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 1 • 11:30 a.m.

Wong Kerlee International Conference Center



Our **2025 Tree of Angels** graced the LLU Faculty Medical Offices' entry. The money received goes to strengthen and support the spiritual lives of our medical students as well as to support our missions locally and globally.

## LWH Christmas Boutique

The Little White House Christmas boutique was open to medical and other students on Monday evening, November 10. Our volunteers helped students shop for Christmas decor and presents, and also presented an abundant salad bar, homemade cinnamon rolls and other treats.



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.