So Much More Than a Stream

Andrea Luxton, president

One of the passages of Scripture I am drawn to time and again is Ezekiel 47. In this passage Ezekiel has a particularly evocative and picturesque vision. You may remember it. Ezekiel is taken to a temple and, as he sees it, a small stream flows from the temple. He follows and the water turns into a deeper stream, the stream into a river and then eventually the river into the sea, where saltwater becomes fresh. Not only does the water get wider and deeper it also serves to bring life, whether through fish and animals in the waters or the trees by the side of the waters that have leaves and fruits that are replenished constantly.

What is astonishing about this passage is the way that the trickle of water multiplies so rapidly and causes so much abundance of life. The power of positive influence; the capacity of something that starts small to bring change. From arid soil to rich vegetation. From dryness to flowing water in which you can only eventually swim, for it is much too deep to wade.

Sometimes it is easy looking from a distance at Andrews University to wonder whether the great experience you had is still true of the experience today. Are students still leaving as faithful Christians, faithful Seventh-day Adventists? Does the University and its graduates really make a difference in the world and live the University motto to “Change the World?” If you hear that is not the case, please don’t believe it. My conviction, living here every day, is that Andrews University is very much a place of positive influence; comparatively small, yes, but a place that is always about bringing change that aligns with the gospel and the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

As president, I have the wonderful pleasure of interacting with the committed professionals and students on this campus. I see them time and time again making decisions of faithfulness, of faith and of service. And I hear from so many beyond the campus that when they have paused to observe what has come out of this University they have indeed experienced a small stream that has turned into a river and then a sea of talent, commitment and service that continues to bring change and communities in so many positive ways. We are in the holiday season, a time of thanksgiving and a time of praise. And as I pause to personally rejuvenate and to thank God for his leadership in my life, I also pause to be very thankful for what I see at Andrews University. No, we are not perfect, but we see God’s leading every day in this place and in our students. I am thankful both for the generous heartfelt service so many give to us at the University and for that service so many alumni and current students give to others. I hope that as you read this edition of FOCUS you will be encouraged as I am encouraged, for in this edition we will try to give you glimpses through some of the windows of Andrews University, so that you too can see the beginnings of the seas that today’s students will bring to the world of tomorrow. May God bless you abundantly during this holiday season.
How Change Day Changed Me
by Brandon Shin & ENGL115 students
This first-ever University-wide opportunity to share our time and skills in the community was a resounding success. Read how it impacted students from ENGL115 who participated.

Bringing Hope to Puerto Rico
by Gillian Sanner
When Hurricane Irma hit Puerto Rico, it changed the plans of two professors and 16 students who mobilized a rapid relief effort and flew down to help the inhabitants.

2017 Homecoming
Beautiful fall weather made for a lovely weekend to connect with former classmates and colleagues.

The Next Chapter, Storyline Two
by Andrea Luxton
Continuation of the storylines from the 2017–2022 strategic plan features the University's collaboration with the broader community.

2017 Annual Report
Brief summary of fiscal year 2017.
Parents pray for Andrews students

Join the Andrews University Parents Prayer Group

This past summer, as Andrews University students finalized plans for the school year, a few parents began to interact for a very important purpose—praying for their children’s experience at Andrews.

Shirlean Seawood, who has two freshman attending Andrews, says, “Different parents here and there heard of other parents who had a child going to Andrews. The parents started communicating, started texting...they were really excited to connect.”

Parents of current Andrews students made themselves available to parents of incoming students and answered questions ranging from what stores are in the Andrews area to what is essential for a residence hall room. The parent group grew from two to six, and plans developed for the parents to pray together for their students throughout the school year. When the fall semester started, the parent group, now expanded to 14 members, met in person for the first time and prayed together with June Price, University chaplain.

Shirlean volunteered to coordinate the group and considered the best way to facilitate continued parent conversations. She created a website for the shared texts, emails, pictures and videos, and she arranged for a monthly prayer conference call.

The first prayer call took place on October 8, 2017, and 30 parents joined the call. The conference calls will continue the first Sunday of each month at 12 p.m. EST. Ten minutes are spent on welcome and announcements, and ten minutes are devoted to sharing prayer requests. The last ten minutes are spent in prayer for students, families and the University. Text message reminders also present names of specific students who are on the daily prayer list.

Casandra Slade, who has a freshman at Andrews, says, “Knowing that a broader ‘village’ is praying for my daughter is so comforting. The group has been very supportive by sharing experiences that have guided me in providing impactful support to my daughter. My daughter has been covered in prayer, and when I ask her if she has prayer requests for the group, she provides requests because she takes comfort in her prayer requests being prayed over.”

“It’s just encouraging,” says Shirlean, “to know there are other people in the same boat who have the same issues and concerns and worries. Even though you’re going to pray for your child regardless, you have other people praying for your child, as well. It’s pretty powerful.”

All parents and guardians of Andrews University students are welcome to join the Andrews University Parents Group.

For more information, visit https://auparentsgroup.wixsite.com/website
Andrews University Graduate Student Association: The Introduction—The Andrews University Graduate Student Association serves as the representative council with specific responsibilities to the graduate students and their families at Andrews University. (November 27, 2017)

Andrews University Department of Music shared Carla Trynchuk's post
String Literature and Violin Majors trip to Chicago. Playing incredible violins including Strads and Guarneris.

Andrews University
Andrews Speaks 002: Tiffany Summerscales & LIGO: Episode 2 of the Andrews Speaks podcast is now available! To hear Tiffany Summerscales share about her research on gravitational waves, visit andrews.edu/podcasts.

Andrews University International Development Program (IDP)
The view from the top of Lion’s Head, Cape Town. Fun times at the IDP South Africa 2017 session.

Andrews University
Tasty Tuesday
Part of the Daily Wellness program sponsored by University Health & Wellness

Earl Pettman, teaching students during the Advance Spinal Manipulation course

Andrews Autumn Videos We Like (thanks to our friend Rebecca May). #thankfulandrews

It’s less than an hour before our first performance! The throne room is ready! #auedu

Can you name this fruit? Our SM Patryk Czajkowski on the island of Pohnpei can! The first person to answer correctly will receive a free, (decaffeinated) Andrews University official coffee cup! #aedu @austudentmissions

Some of our staff, students, and friends went to the Niles Chamber of Commerce building to help the Niles History Center/Art Museum transition spaces. #auchangeday #service #aedu #seekaffirmchange

Earl Pettman, teaching students during the Advance Spinal Manipulation course

There are no numbers on the images, only text from the document.
Fall board briefing

On Monday, Oct. 23, President Andrea Luxton and Provost Christon Arthur (right) hosted a board briefing to summarize for the campus community, information and actions from the Andrews University Board of Trustees meetings held October 20–23, 2017, on the University campus.

Luxton noted, “I think it’s encouraging to know that we have a board that is very engaged, is very supportive of Andrews University and really wrestles with us with issues to move the University forward. It’s by no means a ‘them and us’ situation. It really is all of us together.”

The following are highlights from the board’s full session.

Consent items—including faculty/staff/administrative appointments, the annual diversity report, and an Upton Foundation grant submission request for the Wellness Center—were voted by the board.

Arthur reported on key performance indicators: student exit reports and statistics on enrollment and retention. All indicators were very strong except for those relating to some areas of enrollment, most of which are now beginning to turn positively.

Duane McBride, professor of sociology, who chairs a group tasked with creating a University framework for free speech and civility, summarized the campus conversation.

The Audit Committee had a clean audit. The auditors shared only positive comments related to how the University finances are run. There was also an appointment/reappointment of an auditor.

The operations and finance report detailed the Sept. 30, 2017, financial statement. Currently, the University is in line with both income and expenses. This year should result in a positive outcome, ending with a $2–$3 million improvement from last year. Next year the budget will make an additional $2 million adjustment in order to align the University’s budget with its voted financial goals.

For 2019 there are indicators of new revenue, though the University is budgeting the same student numbers as the current year. Tuition and fees will increase by 3 percent, but there will be no increase in room and board. Church subsidies from the NAD and Lake Union will increase slightly. The goal is to keep discounts at the same dollar amount as this year. Compensation will increase by 2 percent, and benefits will increase by $300,000. Academic expenses will decrease by $1 million. This will leave a net of $3.5 million, which meets budget goals.

The Board approved a budget of $175 million for the Wellness Center. Currently, $17 million has been raised, and the University will extend its line of credit to fill the gap between pledges coming in and the construction of the Wellness Center.

A number of local churches have talked to Andrews about the potential to purchase or lease land on the edges of University property. The board approved an agreement with the Berrien Springs Spanish Church, which will purchase up to five acres of land near the apartments.

The governance report approved committee terms of reference and appointed one new board member, Joshua Pierre, associate general counsel for the General Conference.

The Student Experience & Faith Development Committee looked at Student Life policies and frameworks. Andrews University seeks to provide care and nurture to all students. With this in mind, a framework document that addresses the care of LGBT students on campus, and how the University can continue the pathway of support within the context of the guidelines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, was developed (see Andrews website for statement).

As Don Livesay has retired, Maurice Valentine, Lake Union Conference president, was elected as the new vice chair of the board.

At the briefing, Arthur also summarized the Program Improvement & Prioritization process carried out by a committee comprised of academic deans and faculty senators. The process had input from the academic Deans Council, departmental chairs, Faculty Senate, Cabinet, University Strategy & Planning Committee and the general faculty. He said, “We engaged in two different conversations over the last year and a half or two years. One aspect dealt with program review—how we organize our institution, looking at the programs we offer. The second dealt with conversations that we had beginning in the last few months about how to imagine the future of Andrews. One part of the conversation deals with making sure that we are efficient in what we do. The other part of the conversation says, ‘Well, what’s next? How do we make sure we remain on the cutting edge and are attuned to the landscape of higher education?’”

Out of this review, several initiatives were formulated to strengthen academics and grow enrollment. They included a redesign of the general education (Andrews Core Experience—ACE) curriculum, an improved first-year experience, an irresistible culture and infrastructure for growth. We have to be efficient but also think of the changes in the higher education landscape and how to respond to them as we envision the future of Andrews.”
Mission in an era of migrants and refugees

Conference raises awareness of this important ministry

UP TO 300 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE MISSION in an Era of Migrants and Refugees Conference held from Sept. 13–16, 2017. The conference was sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary Department of World Mission, the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the NAD Evangelism Institute and NAD Adventist Refugee and Immigrant Ministries.

“We picked the topic of migrants and refugees because it is certainly in the news, it’s a missiological issue, political issue, economic issue... All of us function in a political environment, but our job as Christians is to respond to refugees and migrants who come to our shores in a Christlike way,” says Gorden Doss, the primary conference organizer and professor of world mission.

The conference began on Wednesday with Sung Kwon, director of NAD Adventist Community Services, and Gabriela Phillips, coordinator for Adventist Muslims Relations in the North American Division.

Kwon called the church as a whole to look beyond the politics of the influx of migrants and refugees and be a missional church community that participates actively and non-hypocratically.

Following a story by Jimmy Shwe, a church planting consultant for the Karen community, Phillips addressed the need to recover and listen to refugee voices in the midst of their migration and confusion.

On Thursday morning, Will James, senior pastor of the Paradise Valley Church in San Diego, California, illustrated this idea of tangible assistance with the story of his church’s transformative experience of serving their local refugee population. They currently have a food distribution program, a locally accredited English language school, community gardens and a local thrift store/ work training center for the refugees in their area. The 900-member church translates their Sabbath service into six languages.

That evening, Kristine van Noord, program manager for Bethany Christian Services’ Refugee Adult & Family Programs, and Cristian Dumitrescu, professor of world mission and intercultural studies and research at Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in the Philippines, shared facts and statistics to correct misconceptions and raise further awareness.

“The difference between a refugee family that will thrive and a family that will barely survive is whether or not there is a church or organization that will co-sponsor the family,” describes van Noord.

Following this plenary session, Marie-la Shaker, honored by President Barack Obama as a Champion of Change for World Refugees, shared her story as a Syrian refu-

gee. She was at Aleppo University, receiving her diploma, when it was bombed and 82 students were killed. She spent the next six months running from bombs and mortar shells to find internet access and electricity to submit applications to graduate schools in the United States. Thankfully, a Muslim man in Saudi Arabia finally sponsored her to attend Monmouth College in Illinois.

“I live in constant fear for my family and friends that are still struggling to survive in Aleppo without the basic necessities of life. Every day, I wonder if they will be alive tomorrow. And I wonder if I will be reunited with them one day,” Shaker said.

Her story was met with a standing ovation, and attendees gathered to surround her in prayer. The Lord’s Prayer was prayed simultaneously in Arabic and English, ending with a united “Amen.”

Daniel Carroll, Blanchard Chair in Old Testament at Wheaton College Graduate School in Illinois, served as the primary plenary speaker for Friday’s sessions. He focused on the necessity of seeing the refugee/immigrant issue from a biblical perspective instead of merely a political, economic or legal one.

On Sabbath, Dean Coridan, president of the Iowa-Missouri Conference, clarified the difference between migrants and refugees. “It’s a mistake to lump together migrants and refugees. Immigrants have a desire to come to this country. Refugees are here because they can’t live where they want to be because of persecution, civil wars, etc.,” explained Coridan.

Homer Trecartin, director of the GC Global Mission Centers, was the closing plenary speaker for the conference, followed by a panel discussion held at the Howard Center.

As a final act, the entire group present voted this official statement: “The conference participants share the deep conviction that ministry to refugees and immigrants is a core element of the church’s mission. We believe that ministry among refugees needs to be a part of local churches’ commitment to missions. Therefore, we recommend appropriate action to enhance Adventist cooperation with other agencies and to develop refugee and immigrant ministries within the church organization.”

Doss wrapped up the entire point of the conference, “If migrants/refugees live next door to me, it becomes incumbent upon me to respond as a Christian to them and say, how would Christ respond to them and how does the Bible guide me to respond to them? All the speakers have answered those questions from every different angle.”

For the complete report and photos of this conference, visit andrews.edu/agenda/47402
NEW Hybrid MDiv offered

Half of the credits will be available off-campus

The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary has released a new hybrid Master of Divinity (MDiv) course delivery option. The hybrid MDiv makes the degree more accessible to students by allowing them to earn up to 50 percent of their required credits off-campus.

Previously, MDiv students were required to spend two to three years on campus to complete their program. Now, with the hybrid MDiv course delivery option, students can decrease their residency time by up to 50 percent by utilizing online courses, intensive courses taught on-campus, and the Master of Pastoral Ministry courses offered in various unions. The remaining required credits can be earned on-campus through intensives and full semester courses.

“The hybrid MDiv is an exciting new opportunity,” said Fernando Ortiz, MDiv program director. “It allows busy professionals who are eager to start their Master of Divinity, but cannot immediately transition to the Seminary, to begin their program from home. In addition, on-campus students who need to return to their conferences sooner than expected can complete their degree remotely. It opens up a world of options for students, pastors and conference administrators.”

To learn more about the hybrid MDiv or to enroll in the program, email mdiv@andrews.edu or visit andrews.edu/sem/mdiv/.

JOHN O. WALLER LECTURESHIP

"Sigmund Freud" and "C.S. Lewis" debate life's deep issues

This year’s John O. Waller Lecture-ship featured two performances of Mark St. Germain’s play, “Freud’s Last Session,” starring Kenneth Wright and Brady Greer Huffman.

Started in 2008, the Waller Lectureship explores a variety of topics related to the arts. John O. Waller was a distinguished Seventh-day Adventist scholar and professor of English at Andrews University from the early 1960s to the late 1980s.


The two-person drama featuring an imagined dialogue between an older Sigmund Freud and a young C.S. Lewis explores the differing backgrounds and views of the two famous, intellectual giants. The play was inspired by Dr. Armand M. Nicholi Jr.’s book, “The Question of God: C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud Debate God, Love, Sex, and the Meaning of Life.”

Wright, who portrayed Sigmund Freud, is a well-known actor and current professor in anatomical sciences for students in the Medical and Dental Schools at Loma Linda University. Wright had his acting debut in college at Andrews University where he played Ralph Waldo Emerson in “The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail.” He has since appeared in many performances and recently received two Inland Theater League award nominations for his roles as Kris Kringle in “Miracle on 34th Street” and The Teacher in “Ecclesiastes.”

Huffman, who portrayed C.S. Lewis, is an actor/director/educator/storyteller from southern California. He has directed and acted with various companies in many locations, particularly with LifeHouse Theater, Creative Arts Productions and The School-House Company.

Brady Greer Huffman, left, portrayed C.S. Lewis and Kenneth Wright portrayed Sigmund Freud. Both actors are from the southern California area.
Adventist Online Learning Conference

Offers knowledge and learning skills for online educators

The Adventist Online Learning Conference, hosted by the School of Distance Education & International Partnerships, Griggs International Academy and Montemorelos University, was held on the Andrews University campus Oct. 10–12.

According to Janine Lim, associate dean for online higher education at Andrews University, this international conference was “the first with this name,” although it was not the first conference on online learning organized for Adventists. The conference, whose forerunners included the Adventist Virtual Learning Network conferences (1999–2006), followed the October General Conference meetings.

The objective of this conference was to create a space to explore and discuss current trends and best practices in online education. Participants shared ideas and projects that enable the best use of the online environment, aligning technology to needs of the Adventist church in its mission and defining ways to collaborate and share effective practices. Education leaders and teachers from all levels gathered from around the world to grow their knowledge and expand their skillset.

Keynote presentations were given by individuals such as Larry Blackmer, vice president for education for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, Darcy Hardy, associate vice president for Enterprise Consulting at Blackboard Inc., and Ismael Castillo, a professor at Universidad de Montemorelos. These presentations addressed a variety of topics, ranging from the philosophy of Adventist education to particular online courses of interest, such as pastoral recertification or ministry outreach. Some of the keynotes were presented in both English and Spanish, and streamed on Facebook in order to reach a broader audience.

Keynotes were followed by breakout sessions, which fostered communication and exchange of ideas regarding the topics presented. Networking breakfasts and dinners built on this goal of sharing resources and exploring areas of opportunity.

Following the conference, individuals expressed a series of positive viewpoints regarding their newfound skillsets. Daryl Gungadoo, a keynote speaker at the conference and broadcast engineer at Adventist World Radio, stated that the conference was “an awesome place to exchange ideas on innovation in education!” Heather Fletcher, a nursing educator at Northern Caribbean University who tuned in via the Facebook streamed keynotes, stated that it was “great to be watching learning of the many online ALC resources.”

According to Lim, “Technology provides opportunities for extending the reach of Adventist education in a variety of ways. Educators networking and learning from each other is what the conference was all about.”

Videos of the keynote presentations are available on the Adventist Online Learning Conference Facebook page.

JACKIE FILM WINS AWARD

At Kingdomwood Intl Film Festival

“Jackie: The Transformation Project” recently received a third-place award at the Kingdomwood International Film Festival, held October 6–8 in Atlanta, Georgia. The “Jackie” film, produced by Dominique Gummelt and directed by Pablo Fernandez, studio manager for the Andrews University Department of Visual Art, Communication & Design, entered the festival as an official filmmaker nominee in the short documentary category.

Gummelt and Jackie Barrios, whose story is documented in the film, attended the Film Festival. Gummelt says, “This win is truly a confirmation of the transformative power of wellness and the need for inspiring the world through story and film to help everyone to live life to the fullest. The reception of this film has been absolutely overwhelming and positive. More importantly, the film is inspiring people to consider making positive lifestyle changes to experience transformation on an emotional, physical and spiritual level.”

In May 2017, the film received an award of merit at the Christian Life International Film Festival in Canada. Gummelt also recently accepted an award of merit, on behalf of the Andrews University film team, at the Awareness Festival in Los Angeles.

“It is a tremendous honor for Andrews University to be recognized in the world of filmmaking,” says Gummelt.

The official premiere of "The Jackie Film" will take place on Jan. 25, 2018, in Benton Harbor, Michigan. For ticket information, visit andrews.edu/wellness/thejackiefilm/.
Andrews shares #1 national ranking

Ranked #1 for campus ethnic diversity in 2018 U.S. News

As another school year began with fall semester studies on the Berrien Springs campus, at partner locations around the world, and with individual distance education students, Andrews University took the measure of its progress, success and challenges through a variety of internal and external measures and statistics.

Rankings
In addition to fall semester and year-round accounting of students, the fall season is also a time when a wide array of school rankings is released, ranging from those that measure specific disciplines to the more well-known rankings, such as U.S. News Best Colleges, Wall Street Journal/Time Higher Education College Rankings, College Factual (in collaboration with USA Today) and others.

In the perhaps best-known ranking system, U.S. News Best Colleges, Andrews University moved into the number one position in campus ethnic diversity among national universities (tied with University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Rutgers University-Newark). That ranking has changed dramatically for the University, with Andrews ranking in the Top 20 in this category within the last decade. The University also tied for 10th in number of international students.

“At a time when cultural, global and ethnic diversity are increasingly important for students who are global citizens, this is an especially significant achievement for the University,” says Michael Nixon, vice president for diversity & inclusion.

Overall, the University ranked as #192 out of 311 national universities; U.S. News rankings review 3,000 universities and colleges overall. It is the only Seventh-day Adventist college or university ranked as a national university. The university was again listed as A+ Colleges for B Students. The university’s undergraduate engineering program was also recognized in the overall rankings, as were its online programs for MBA and graduate education.

Among the other recognized players in annual rankings are the following:

- Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education includes 1,000 institutions on its list (about 20 percent of the overall total). Andrews University ranks at #335 on that list, or in the top third of institutions overall.
- Forbes America’s Top Colleges, includes 15 percent of American universities and colleges on its list, and Andrews University is ranked #545. It is also included in the best Midwest colleges and best research universities lists.
- College Factual, which publishes its annual rankings with USA Today, focuses in particular on the financial value of education. In these rankings, Andrews University was in the top 10 percent for financial value (for both domestic and international students) and in the top 5 percent for overall and ethnic diversity.

Enrollment
The number that is often the most familiar way to measure enrollment is through fall census numbers, which offer a snapshot of students who enroll at (or through) our Berrien Springs campus. For fall 2017, that census showed that there were 3,348 students overall. Those enrollment figures include 1,704 students enrolled as undergraduates, and 1,644 graduate students. Overall, full-time equivalents and credit hours are up three percent compared to last year.

Additionally, non-United States extension sites or off-site programs add 103 more students, bringing the overall fall semester headcount to 3,451.

For an overall measurement of student enrollment levels, Andrews has begun to calculate its enrollment on an annual basis by measuring its unduplicated headcount. That most recent assessment of this overall enrollment (June 2016–June 2017), showed there were 4,567 different students who enrolled for undergraduate or graduate programs through the University’s Berrien Springs campus at some point during the year. The University’s current 2017–2022 Strategic Plan calls for an unduplicated headcount of 5,000 students, an increase of more than 400 students.

An additional 656 different students enrolled in international off-campus programs during the last year, and 2,256 different students studied through the School of Education professional development distance offerings.

In other words, during the 2016–2017 school year, there were 7,479 different students overall who studied part- or full-time through the University’s various on- and off-campus educational options.

“Our enrollment patterns reflect an exciting and increasingly rich diversity of where, how and even when students choose to study with Andrews University,” says Andrea Luxton, president. “For example, nearly 200 students—compared to just 30 a few years ago—are beginning their university studies with Andrews University online courses while they are still high school juniors and seniors. In addition to that, international partnerships bring hundreds of students to our campus for one-semester or one-year exchange study programs, or these students choose to study in Andrews courses and programs at nearly 60 different partner programs around the world.”
500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

Commemorated with exhibits, conferences, concerts and more

The Andrews University community had many opportunities to experience the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther’s “95 Theses” and the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.

Events began with the opening of a new exhibit, “Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation: A Brief Review,” at the Center for Adventist Research on Oct. 11.

From Oct. 12–14, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary presented the symposium, “Here We Stand: Luther, the Reformation and Seventh-day Adventism.”

The weekend opened on Thursday evening with two keynote speakers, Timothy J. Wengert, emeritus Ministerium of Pennsylvania professor of church history at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, who presented “Martin Luther’s Theology in the Light of the 95 Theses” and Roland Ziegler, who spoke on “Luther’s View of Reason. Ziegler was born in Germany and is currently the Robert D. Preus associate professor of systematic theology and confessional Lutheran studies at Concordia Theological Seminary.

Nikolaus Satelmajer, well-known author and editor, presented “Islam in the Writings of Luther and Adventism” as well as “Luther and Bible Translation: Impact on Reformation and Mission” on Friday. A total of 24 presentations were given.

Also featured was an emphasis on music and the visual arts in the reformation with a concert by the Redbud Consort Renaissance and Reformation instrumental group, a reformation hymn sing, and a presentation on “Art as Artillery” by Giselle Hasel. The symposium highlighted the release of the new book, “Here We Stand: Luther, the Reformation and Seventh-day Adventism,” published by Pacific Press.

Michael W. Campbell and Satelmajer edited the volume, which includes 27 chapters by an international group of authors, many of whom presented at the symposium.

Further commemoration of this important 500-year anniversary continued with the annual Honors Church on October 21 at the Howard Center. The service featured readings from scriptures and Luther’s writing, Lutheran hymns and special music from the Lutheran tradition. Honors faculty member and assistant professor of religion, Davide Sciarabba, gave the homily.

The following weekend, the Village Seventh-day Adventist Church hosted a weekend commemoration, “Reviving the Reformation.” Many Andrews University faculty participated as presenters.

Ending the month of commemoration, the Departments of History & Political Science and Religion & Biblical Languages in collaboration with the Office of Research & Creative Scholarship and the GC Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research hosted a conference on the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther’s “95 Theses” from Nov. 1–3.

The University Singers opened the conference with “Music of the Reformation” at the Howard Performing Arts Center on Nov. 1.

Featured speakers included Charles P. Arand from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri; Eric Carlson from Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, Minnesota; David Onnekink, University of Utrecht, Utrecht, Netherlands; Nick Miller, professor of church history at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary; Peter Marshall, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK; and David Trim, Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Marshall, considered one of the most distinguished historians for the Reformation in his generation, was the final keynote speaker. His academic presentation was titled “Regime Change and Identity-Formation in the English Reformation.”
Fall 2017 at the Howard

Howard Center Presents...Jamie Grace
Sunday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m.
$18 reserved seating

Jamie Grace Harper is an American contemporary Christian musician, singer, rapper and songwriter from Atlanta, Georgia. At just 25 years old, she has four #1 radio singles, many nominations as a singer/songwriter, millions of views on her weekly YouTube videos and a busy tour schedule.

Howard Center Presents...Septura
Sunday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m.
$15 reserved seating

Septura brings together London’s leading players to redefine brass chamber music through the uniquely expressive sound of the brass septet. Septura will play music by Ravel, Debussy and Gershwin.

Department of Music...
Sunday Music Series: Faculty Trio
Sunday, Jan. 21, 4 p.m.
No tickets required

Young Artist Concert
Saturday, Jan. 27, 8 p.m.
No tickets required

Wind Symphony Winter Concert
Saturday, Feb. 3, 8 p.m.
$6 general admission

“Love is in the Air” Choral Concert
Saturday, Feb. 10, 8 p.m.
$6 general admission

Visit howard.andrews.edu for a schedule of more upcoming events and to purchase tickets online. Schedule is subject to change.

Clockwise, from top left: Carla Trynchuk and Chi Yong Yun, September 17 • Sam Ocampo and friends, September 24 • Heritage Singers, October 7 • Pianist Ian Hobson, October 8 • United States Air Force Band, October 12 • Compassion Concert, October 14 • Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, Chaplin, October 15 • Symphony Orchestra plays “Music of the Reformation” with Charles Reid, baritone, October 21 • Wind Symphony, October 28 • Fuego Quartet, Fischoff Winners, October 29 • Veterans Day Tribute, November 7 • Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra with Rachel Miller, harpist, “Angel’s Song,” November 12

Tickets are now available online! Visit howard.andrews.edu or call the Box Office at 269-471-3560 or 888-467-6442 to order by phone.
FROM AN EARLY AGE, GERARD DAMSTEEGT was an existentialist reared in The Netherlands. As far as he was concerned, he was going to become an aeronautical engineer.


This book changed everything. As he was serving out his draft in the Royal Dutch Air Force, the ideas in this book led him into a discussion about the Sabbath. “I remembered about the change of the day of worship,” he says. “I came across a card for Voice of Prophecy Bible studies. I wrote in to get more ammunition, but in the end, it convinced me to follow it.”

Soon after, Damsteegt became a baptized Seventh-day Adventist. He studied theology in Holland, then at Newbold, and finally at Andrews University. His experience at Andrews caused him to desire a more in-depth understanding of what Adventists believe.

Motivated by this desire, he returned to Holland to study at the Free University of Amsterdam. He became the first Adventist to be accepted at the Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies for Ecumenists organized by the University of Geneva and the World Council of Churches. The program’s focus on dialogue between various religions further increased his craving to learn more about Adventism.

“No one here seems to know what Adventists believe,” recalls Damsteegt from this experience. He longed to understand more about the biblical origins of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, inspiring him to write his doctoral dissertation on Adventism. Published in 1977, with approximately 10,000 copies sold, his dissertation is titled “Foundations of the Seventh-day Adventist Message and Mission.”

This dissertation not only led Damsteegt towards truth, but also towards Laurel, his future wife. Having returned to Andrews to write his dissertation, he spent the majority of his time in the library doing research.

“I’ve seen many nice girls, but someone who loves the Lord, actually taking an MDiv, who is deeply into health, and at the same time loves the Spirit of Prophecy, that combination is not easy to find,” says Damsteegt, eyes sparkling. “We met in the cafeteria and courted in the library. She had a carrel and I had my place: there things further developed.”

Due to their mutual interest in Adventist history, they got married in the very first Seventh-day Adventist church in Washington, New Hampshire. After their marriage, he and Laurel found themselves heading to Loma Linda University to both get their Master of Public Health.

From then on, their lives have been an experience in trusting God’s providence and watching for His open doors. As Gerard was called to different functions Laurel would work right alongside him. Initially, they both served in the Potomac Conference. Following this, he and Laurel moved to Thailand, then Korea as missionaries. “We would still be there except that my daughter, who was a 15-month-old baby, got tuberculosis meningitis,” he explains.

In order to care for his daughter’s health, Damsteegt and his family moved back to the U.S. where he was asked to be primary author of the book “Seventh-day Adventists Believe...,” before being called to teach at Andrews University in 1988. He became an associate professor of church history at the Seminary, where he served for 29 years. During his time at Andrews, he and Laurel began leading annual Great Controversy tours to Europe. “The tours were a great opportunity to inspire people, to help students and church leaders get a new vision of our prophetic mission,” Damsteegt describes.

When he looks back on his career, Damsteegt recalls the hours he spent studying and praying with students. “One of my greatest joys was giving students a deep appreciation for how God raised up His church...”

His church, and step by step bring them to our current understanding,” he says. “I was not just preparing them to be ministers, giving Bible studies, etc. We are not just another church with 28 Fundamental Beliefs. I desired to give them a vision, a vision that we are really God’s Remnant.”

Damsteegt has enjoyed his experience at Andrews, viewing it as a great challenge, one he went through with God’s help and an attitude of “relentlessly pursuing truth.” Looking back, he described how the Spirit of Prophecy was the text he consistently returned to for mentorship and spiritual growth.

“I could have retired many years ago, but I felt as long as I could make a contribution and people liked it, it gave me joy,” he says.

His retirement goal is to continue to show the development of prophecy down through the ages. “The Lord has given me this task. As long as he gives me the health, I hope to accomplish it,” he says. One way he is doing this is in editing and writing an upcoming book titled “The Development of Prophetic Interpretation.” Two Great Controversy tours are also planned for next year.

Damsteegt summarized: “If you look at my life, it was never that I solicited to do anything, it was always that I was asked. No matter how difficult and challenging the assignments, I accepted. The Lord is to be praised; He has always given me enough strength to accomplish His requests.”
On Monday, Oct. 16, 2017, the LIGO and Virgo collaborations announced the first-ever detection of gravitational waves from the collision of a pair of neutron stars. Tiffany Summerscales, professor of physics, along with her students, represented Andrews University in the work of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) Scientific Collaboration. Previous detections of gravitational waves (faint ripples in the fabric of spacetime predicted by Einstein’s theory of general relativity) from pairs of colliding black holes resulted in this year’s Nobel Prize in physics being awarded to three senior members of the LIGO collaboration.

Summerscales says, “The LIGO and Virgo Collaborations, along with a large number of astronomy partners, announced both the discovery of gravitational waves from a pair of neutron stars that collided and merged and the light emitted by the same event. This is a very exciting detection because it is the first time we have measured both gravitational waves and light from the same source. The more cosmic messengers there are, the more information they bring us and the more complete the picture that can be painted.”

The discovery was made using the U.S.-based LIGO, the Europe-based Virgo detector and some 70 ground- and space-based observatories.

The observations have given astronomers an unprecedented opportunity to probe a collision of two neutron stars. For example, observations made by the U.S. Gemini Observatory, the European Very Large Telescope and NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope reveal signatures of recently synthesized material, solving a decades-long mystery of where about half of all elements heavier than iron are produced.

“By having light astronomers and gravitational wave astronomers working together, we were able to even more than measure the properties of the neutron stars and their collision,” says Summerscales. “We showed that some of the bursts of the highest energy light, called gamma rays, come from colliding neutron stars. We found that the collision produced many heavy elements like gold, platinum and uranium. We were able to use a new method to measure the expansion of the universe.”

Read the complete story at andrews.edu/agenda/47593

CFRE certification earned

Donald Bedney and John Hilderbrandt earn the honor

John Hilderbrandt and Donald Bedney, senior development officers, have recently obtained CFRE certification. Congratulations to both for their hard work in preparation and completion of the requirements.

This now brings the number of CFRE’s in the Office of Development to five. The other individuals are: Audrey Castel-buono, associate vice president for development; Hebe Soares, senior development officer; and Dennis Hollingshead, prospect management coordinator.

CFRE International (Certified Fund Raising Executive) is an international and independent nonprofit organization whose sole mission is dedicated to setting standards in philanthropy through a valid and reliable certification process for fundraising professionals. Those who have a CFRE are highly esteemed in the field of philanthropy, and sought out by nonprofits. With only 6,073 CFREs globally as of December 2016, we are quite proud that five of them work at Andrews University.
With almost 1,600 students, staff and faculty involved in a hands-on effort to actively change the community around them, a wide breadth of projects received attention on Change Day. This momentous step of Andrews University towards a mission of service did not occur without the guidance and hard work of key individuals, two of whom are Lorraine London Polite and Desmond Murray.

London Polite has been with Andrews University for three years. She currently works as project manager for the provost, as well as with programming and operations for the School of Graduate Studies. She stated that “the goal was to start to create a culture of service,” and on Change Day, that mentality was jumpstarted.

“We did 62, 63 sites!” she exclaimed, “If we could touch 63 sites in the first year, it could truly be Andrews moving forward in service. It takes intentionality, passion, joy and it takes time. But we could be known as a community of service.”

In line with this idea of a bigger collective, London Polite and her team are part of a larger group known as the Community Engagement Council, headed by Desmond Murray, associate professor of chemistry, who has been teaching at Andrews since 1995. According to Murray, “The Community Engagement Council is a way for Andrews to become more deeply engaged, more deeply connected, with our neighbors.”

An initiative of the Office of the Provost, the Community Engagement Council has been in place for nearly two years. The council has a number of subcommittees, each overseeing a different aspect of outreach, such as education, health and wellness, diversity, entrepreneurship, and interfaith relations. One of these subcommittees is the “Change Day” or originally “Service Day” committee.

In the creation and implementation of Change Day, Murray also experienced a fair number of obstacles. “If you’re trying to change anyone, any group, any culture, there are going to be obstacles. We know that from history. That’s nothing new,” he said. “Our motto says ‘Seek Knowledge, Affirm Faith, Change the World.’ We are trying to change the entire culture of Andrews University; we are trying to change ‘Change the World’ into not just words, but actions,” Murray smiled.

For those interested in being involved in change, it begins with a daily mindset. Murray emphasized, “Moving forward, we want to build on what we have accomplished in the past year. We are inviting more people to get involved and to understand why we are doing this. Everyone is needed in helping to create this new Andrews spirit.”

by Brandon Shin, IMC student writer

Students from Scott Moncrieff's ENGL 115 class reflect on their experiences
Amber Kwon (freshman, pre-nursing)
When I woke up and saw the thick fog draped outside my window, I definitely reconsidered participating in Change Day. Instead, I shook the thoughts away as I got ready for my day. I love being able to participate in service projects like this because it gives me the opportunity to focus on the people around me instead of myself. In college, it’s easy to get caught up with doing things for your own benefit, but I knew I really needed step back from that mentality.

I volunteered at Ruth Murdoch Elementary, mostly because I missed being around small kids. I was assigned to help out the 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Bailey. Although I didn’t get to interact with the kids, I enjoyed doing the behind-the-scenes work of a teacher. All I did was write down computer usernames/passwords for the students, put them on index cards, and fill out a few IOWA test assignments. To me, I felt like I didn’t accomplish a lot, but as I was walking back, I considered what a big impact our group as a whole made. I realized that if a large group of people came together and each person contributed only a little, all of that will add up to something huge. Here we see the power of teamwork and a different perspective behind the verse in Matthew that says, “When two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Zoe Myers (freshman, animal science)
I volunteered for Change Day at the Animal Control Center in Benton Harbor. I cleaned cat cages. There were many cages, and the work was very strenuous, but enjoyable as well. Most of the cats were either strays or drop-offs from owners. They were mostly older cats and, sadly, that means it’s harder to get them new homes.

One cat in particular just broke my heart. She was completely shut down in that little cage, stuffing her head into the back corner and not budging from that spot. There were other cats that were dying for some affection. As soon as you would open their cage, they would bang their heads against your hand and flop on their backs in desperate need of love. I would have loved to take them out one by one to snuggle with them, but there was a lot of work to be done, so I had to limit the petting to only a few strokes per cat.

I am extremely grateful for participating today. Not only did I get to interact with the cats, I know that I helped them as well, and that’s such a good feeling. Seeing the differences in the way certain cats reacted to being caged showed how certain situations can really affect them. It displays that cats have emotions of sadness and happiness, and animals in general need to be cared for and loved. I think I will definitely be returning to volunteer at the Animal Control Center.

Angelina Leacock (sophomore, biology)
My Change Day experience was surprisingly enjoyable. I arrived to the flag mall at 8 a.m. I approached table after table of options, but everyone was turning me down because all of my first choices were full. I ended up joining the group for Harbor of Hope church in Benton Harbor. We entered the church and I was one of the staff that helped to clean the kitchen. The kitchen started out as a huge mess. I was the washing machine cleaning all the dishes, and I cleaned all the dishes for about an hour. At the end of Change Day I left seeing the kitchen sparkling, and I was wet from head to toe. My heart was filled with joy when the pastor expressed his exuberant joy towards us.

Dudu Kakhu (freshman, international agriculture development)
“They are here! They are here!” shouted out these vibrant little boys leaping out of their chairs, and then suddenly the whole class at MLK Elementary in Benton Harbor burst into cheers. Little faces exploded with happiness, little feet tapped and little hands clapped with excitement. With the great energy already in the room, my group and I elevated the mood by telling tales and fun facts about our cultural backgrounds, in my case about my home country of Botswana. With every new word they learned in my language it became a new cool thing and with every picture of the safaris and cities displayed their eyes beamed with amazement. When I paused for a moment to absorb everything, my heart rushed with this impeccable joy. With those few hours we didn’t have much to say to those young kids, mostly from rough backgrounds, but we left them with simple personal experiences and words of encouragement. With only that, I believe it made a great impact. As Abhijit Naskar said, “There is no religion better than love, no color better than the color of happiness and no language better than the language of compassion.”
Grant Drew (freshman, medical Laboratory science)
Change Day is a new event my university is trying out that offers the students a day off normal classes to go help their community and make a change. As a student, you get to choose from many different locations to volunteer. I chose to go to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services because the hosts looked the friendliest. I had no idea what the department actually dealt with or what I would be doing there. We were shuttled in busses over to the location we would be working at and I found out it was in Benton Harbor. I learned that the department building that I would be helping dealt with people coming from broken homes, foster children, people that needed health treatment, and people who needed protection. It was sobering to step outside my Adventist community and to see such a building. I got to work in the rooms designed for children to meet their parents under surveillance. Cleaning these rooms felt good because the rooms were perhaps the only places where a child and their real-life parents could meet. After we finished cleaning we were thanked very warmly by the staff there. I liked what I did and I enjoyed being thanked for doing it.

Christian Van Schaik (freshman, pre-physical therapy)
When I woke up on Change Day, I was surprised to see how much fog was outside my window. I could barely see 50 yards. I wanted to go help with beach cleanup, but after seeing the weather I was having my doubts. I decided to stick with my original plan and at the end of the morning I was glad I did. I went to Rocky Gap Park to help clean a section of their Lake Michigan shoreline. I had the opportunity to help a staff member from Andrews move some of the bigger logs that were scattered along the beach that no one else had done yet. This guy told me that whenever he went on service projects like Change Day he would try to do the one thing that no one else could do or wanted to do. As I looked around I realized that he was right: either people were not able to physically lift the logs or they had no interest in getting a little sandy. It impressed me that he was willing to take this initiative at every service project. Looking back on the morning I came to the conclusion that Change Day was meant to change me, not just for me to make a change. This staff member left a bigger impression than he realized, just by doing a simple deed, and I hope that I can pass on the statement he made through his actions.

Joanna Martinez (freshman, pre-nursing)
I decided to go to the Campus Ministries backpacking project. We made student planners for high school students from Benton Harbor and then backpacks for Syrian refugee children. We started with the planners and made cards to go into them. We wrote words of encouragement and thanked them for coming to our campus. Then we went to PMC, where we were told stories of the child refugees and how they somehow escape and are on their own. It made us actually assemble the backpacks with our heart in it. The backpacks had notebooks, writing utensils, toiletries and a blanket.

The best part was when we were all gathered together in a circle around the boxes of backpacks ready to be shipped off. We took the time to stop the hustle and bustle and prayed over them. We asked God to be with every single child that gets the backpacks, and that they will be blessed. We don’t know what they are going through and can only imagine. We take a lot of things for granted and this Change Day helped me realize that I am blessed to help those in need.
Bringing Hope to Puerto Rico
Puerto Rico came into view as the plane began its descent. The typically bright green, lush foliage had been stripped, leaving behind a grey-brown landscape—an indication that this trip was taking place in far-from-normal circumstances.

By Gillian Sanner
Photos by Troy Homenchuk

**LEFT:** The streets were filled with evidence of the destructive power of Hurricanes Irma & Maria

**BELOW, L–R:** Kevin Leong, Melanie Reed, Cecia Munoz, Kevin O’Brien, Rachelle Dunn, Jacob Resler

*In July 2017, Andrews University* graduate architecture students in Urban Design Studio had started work, with two of their professors, Andrew von Maur and Troy Homenchuk, on a Proyecto ENLACE del Caño Martín Peña collaboration. Their goal was to assist with the design of new housing and public spaces in a flood-prone, working class neighborhood of 26,000 in central San Juan, Puerto Rico. Victor Perez Andino, an Andrews student from Puerto Rico, and von Maur, professor of architecture, visited the project site. They presented a proposal and brought feedback to the entire class of 16 students: Erlend Andvik, Nathan Bolkovic, Anna Brown, Keila Creed, Rachelle Dunn, Rebekah Gaines, Kevin Leong, Aaron Montalvo, Wandile Mthiyane, Cecia Munoz, Kevin O’Brien, Victor Perez Andino, José Ramos, Melanie Reed, Resler Jacob and Celeena Seats.

The class worked on preliminary studies in preparation for a scheduled trip to Puerto Rico from September 26 to October 5. They would visit the neighborhood and engage the community in a participatory design process.

But then hurricanes Irma and Maria hit the island, the September 26 flight was cancelled, and the plan was called into question. Should the trip continue or be postponed indefinitely?

The class prayed, and as they discussed options, the focus of the trip began to shift. Instead of just meeting an academic requirement, the group would assist with relief efforts. Because of the potential risks, the trip was changed from mandatory to optional, but all 16 students and both professors felt compelled to go. A flight was booked for October 1, cutting the original length of the trip in half and, as a result, saving a significant amount of money.

The group decided to use the now extra budget to purchase supplies to take to Puerto Rico. They also received donations from online giving set up by the University, personal checks, the local Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church, and Congressman Fred Upton. The funds were used to buy as many materials as could possibly be transported by the airlines. Thankfully, the airlines did not charge baggage fees for relief supplies through October 1—the group’s exact travel date—so the Andrews group maxed out their baggage weight limit and number of bags.

*The plane landed during a rainstorm in Puerto Rico. Water dripped from the ceilings in the airport, and whole gates were closed due to hurricane damage. Rental cars were full of dents from the storms, and only one car in the group’s caravan had a full tank of gas.*

The drive from the airport made it painfully clear just how disastrous the hurricanes had been. Power lines were down. Cars would inch out at intersections because there was no electricity to street lights. Most houses were still standing—partially. Many structures had no roofs. Others, constructed of concrete on the bottom and wood on the top were missing the entire wooden half. Trees were down, billboards fallen into homes.

The class had arranged to stay at a guest house in a tourist area by the beach. The area had been severely damaged and roads had been flooded, with water being pumped out just 30 minutes before the group arrived.

Von Maur notes, “Victor used to work there and was personal friends with the owners. We were supposed to stay there for ten days but something didn’t work out, so we had booked rooms for October 1–5, which turned out to be the exact dates of our new schedule. I think God lined up that particular guest house for us because all the hotels in Puerto Rico refused to take new guests after the storm. The people at
The guest house worked really hard to clean up the property. It was safe. We had a really restful place to stay. We had private security at night. We had use of a generator for a couple hours a day. We had running water. I feel God took care of us.”

The guest house was designed to be comfortable without air conditioning, but it was still hot. By 8 a.m., everyone was dripping sweat. Temperatures would rise to 85–95 degrees Fahrenheit, not ideal conditions for physical labor.

The class traveled from their guest house to work in two neighborhoods. They did their best to help with clean-up, separating vegetation from downed metal roofs, picking up garbage and creating tarp roofs.

Melanie Reed recalls that while tarping homes, she got the sense of literally living in mold—“the smell was so strong.”

“**You can bring hope. You can help with what you can and now continue to be faithful and help with the project.**”

Aaron Montalvo notes how hard he and his classmates worked, saying, “We were cleaning an older gentleman’s house and lifted a whole wall that had fallen into the road.” When necessary, students would climb on top of ladders with axes or use chainsaws to clear debris. Often, they were asked to throw things out but there was nowhere to put the trash.

At times, the group found it best to leave vegetation at the curb, with the insistence of his wife and the students. Another gentleman filled a hole that a student had fallen into the day before.

And still others shared when they really needed to keep the few comforts they had. There was an operating ice cube factory, and the line for ice stretched for blocks and blocks. Some older women who had watched the students work waited for ice cubes, then brought the ice to the students. The women gave away one of the most valuable things they had—an opportunity to escape even briefly from the elements.

**THE HURRICANE CLEAN-UP IS FAR FROM over and trouble continues to come.** Victor, who stayed longer than his classmates in order to visit family, says that still more rain fell. “Some places that didn’t flood during the hurricane are flooding now because sewers are now plugged.”

Aaron’s grandparents live in the mountains of Puerto Rico. He was not able to see his grandparents because of the distance, the road debris and the lack of gas. But his grandparents did call him the day he arrived to let him know everything was okay, even though everything in the mountains—plantains, oranges—is all gone. They told Aaron, “God is good all the time.”

Melanie says, “It’s one of those experiences you can’t understand until you’re out of it and have a chance to think about it. I was on a different flight home and half of the people on the flight were saying, ‘We escaped Maria. We made it.’ In that moment, I thought, ‘Wow—to be surrounded by people who didn’t know they would make it...’ My house in Florida was fixed in a week, but in Puerto Rico three weeks passed and nothing was fixed. It shows the privilege we do have and what we should do.”
Andrew recalls students handling every last one of a woman’s belongings in order to cover it all with a tarp. He gave the woman some cash. She was crying, but she was happy. “You realize this is all you can do,” he says. “You can bring hope. You can help with what you can and now continue to be faithful and help with the project. I learned that hope is one of the most important things that people need during this time.”

The entire Urban Design Studio class was able to present their architecture project after all. They set up in an open area and taped their plans to a wall. The group hopes to give the local people a vision of how life can continue in their neighborhood.

Victor gave a talk about faith and action. “It was interesting to talk to the community leader,” he says. “It was really good to hear from her that it is a relief to see something like this. Right now, it’s destruction, but they can look at the plans and imagine that there is hope, another future. Things could potentially be different. The rendering/idea was very refreshing. They wanted to know more and collaborate.” Victor adds, “We are faithful and moving forward. We’re going to keep working on the project and keep receiving donations to help the community.”

The architecture class learned that there is a Seventh-day Adventist church and an ADRA center in the same area where they presented their project. They have continued to raise funds for Puerto Rico—$6,000 so far—and have been sending the money to the local ADRA center. The money will be used for food and first necessities.

A return trip to Puerto Rico is in the planning stages, in order to assist with the reconstruction of roofs in their project neighborhood.
Alumni Homecoming 2017

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:
Jess Oliver enjoys chatting with friends at the Spirit of Philanthropy/Homecoming banquet.
Campus bus tour participants pose in the Buller Hall rotunda.
The third annual car show provided fun images.
Elaine Spalding-Halenz and Donald Halenz at the banquet.
Students and professionals mingle at the Tambunan Leadership Luncheon.
Trevor O’Reggio spoke for the Women’s Scholarship Brunch.
CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT: The Fajardo family raised the flag of Mexico. Gregory Church, graduate student in community & international development. Zora Williams raised the British Virgin Islands flag. The University Wind Symphony provided live music for the flag raising ceremony. 30th annual homecoming parade. José Bourget and Connie Gane, University Vespers. Madaba Plains Project Reunion, L–R: Randy Younker, Doug Clark, Kathleen Mitchell, Larry Geraty, Øystein LaBianca. Wes Christiansen Memorial Golf Outing at Harbor Shores Golf Club.
CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT: JJ Briggs and his sister Heather enjoy the Harvest Picnic ■ Harvest Tour wagon rides are always popular ■ The women’s Cardinals basketball team played alumni ■ Michael T. Nixon spoke for BSCF Alumni Worship/New Life ■ David K. Ferguson was the guest speaker at PMC ■ Tom Goodwin gave tours of the Natural History Museum ■ The praise team at Pioneer Memorial Church worship service ■ Checking out the new telescope in the Robert & Lillis Kingman Observatory
CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Pilots inspect their planes at the annual aviation fly-in. The helicopter was a popular attraction at the fly-in. Harvest Run/Walk participants take off on the 5K/10K run or 1-mile walk. The proper way to lift free weights was demonstrated at the annual Health & Fitness Expo. Elias Koester charges for the finish line. Joy McKinney celebrates completion of the Harvest Run. Blood pressure checks were offered at the Health & Fitness Expo.
As we turn to our next chapter, we have chosen several lenses (core strengths) with which to approach and communicate our overarching theme (mission). The lens of Explore Intentionally identifies our commitment to finding new and relevant ways to live out our mission and to encourage students to do the same. Live Wholly portrays actively our historic commitment to holistic education (Body, Mind, Spirit) and our commitment to reinvigorating that in the lives of our current community whether through initiatives in physical, emotional or spiritual wellness. The lens of Learn Deeply is the lens of depth and quality: what we are known for and how we can continue high impact practices for our students. And our final lens of Engage Globally is part of our story DNA: it is the way of the past and the way of the future, albeit through adjusted storylines.

And so we move to those new storylines, strategies that we believe will both ensure the continuity of the rich Andrews story, as well as deepen and strengthen the story as it moves into the next chapter. Each storyline will be rooted in our overarching theme(s) and through our chosen lenses, but will in turn introduce new and engaging plots that will add color and texture to our future. These will be the central thrust of this chapter of the Andrews’ story.

They had planned to go to Puerto Rico to work with the local community to develop a design for the town that would provide long-term infrastructure stability to an area prone to flooding. Then Hurricane Maria hit and the class project to rejuvenate an area turned into a relief effort. Driven by the vision and passion of Puerto Rican student Victor Perez Andino, the 5th-year architecture studio class had decided to focus on his home area for their urban design project. But the timing, God’s timing, prepared the group to do more than they had planned. As a result, 16 graduate students and two professors became one of the first group of responders to that region. Students cut down trees that had fallen on houses, cleaned streets, helped erect tarps...
and came back still working on their initial project but having both helped and been helped by reaching out with care to the local community. Just one example of the significant amount of engagement Andrews University already does through service in the local and international community.

Andrews University clearly has a heart for the world. We see that in the student driven programs such as Enactus, Engineers Without Borders, or H.E.L.P (that works to support literacy and numeracy in one of our local school districts). We see it too in class and discipline projects, such as the Urban Design Studio in architecture, annual mission trips from the Seminary to Cuba, or the work in local clinics supported by health profession departments. Maybe then it is inevitable that one of our five strategic storylines for the next five years focuses on enriching our communities through intentional engagement and influence of the University beyond its immediate campus.

Yet placing this focus as a strategic storyline does more than remind us of what we already do. It identifies that we are committed to building even deeper connections and being even more intentional about our engagement and influence. We truly do want all those with whom we interact to smile when they hear our name. This is one way we can truly show to our students what it means to make a difference in the world—change the world.

So, let me share with you some of the plans we have to live out this storyline and why they are important.

Let’s first talk about our students and the commitment we have to help them graduate from Andrews University as global citizens: in their understanding, in their passion for connections and service, and in their capacity to be compassionate and capable Seventh-day Adventist professionals in the marketplace. No place is able to do this better than Andrews University. After all, we are consistently in the top ten of national universities for our international student body. Our faculty and staff also are very internationally diverse. Yet to “internationalize” the campus, to use higher education language, is not about international presence; it is about global understanding and competence. The reframing of our general education and University outcomes will include more explicit intentionality on leveraging our existing advantages in our summer tours, our engagement on campus and in the programs we prioritize so that students are themselves changed by the environment we choose to create.

This storyline reaches beyond our current storyline however. It is also about our need to find flexibility in responding to the dynamically changing world, in ensuring the relevance and availability of an Andrews education, both nationally and internationally. In the past Andrews University was known throughout the world church for offering degrees in countries where it was impossible for the church to establish a university with local recognition. From Jamaica, to Kenya, to England, students could graduate with an Andrews University degree. Times however have changed. Andrews University is still needed but in a different way. Now we are expected to reach into areas and to individuals who are remote from an Adventist center. We are needed to use distance education to encourage continued theological unity and to share through experience what is different about Adventist education; our rapidly increasing range of online programs will help with that (DNP, MPH, MA Religion, to name a few). We are needed to provide an accessible and more affordable way for students to access scholarships to obtain at least some of their education at Andrews University. So, student A from the Myanmar immigrant community is able to study religion and business at Andrews University through a specially designed scholarship. Student B in Europe is able to take an online MPH. Student C is able to start studying in Hong Kong and then through a partnership plan complete her studies at Andrews Universi-
FOCUS will continue to feature articles on the additional storylines in the next three issues. View the strategic plan at andrews.edu/president/strategicplan.

1. Transform the Campus Culture through focus on faith development, wellness, diversity and inclusion.

**STORYLINE:** To live, work or study at Andrews University will mean active engagement in a community that is passionate about being a caring, inclusive, healthy community of faith.

2. Define the Andrews University footprint beyond the Berrien Springs campus through collaboration with church, community and higher education institutions.

**STORYLINE:** Andrews University, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, partner institutions and the communities they serve will be richer because of the intentional engagement and influence of the University beyond its immediate campus.

3. Position the University as a leader in teaching and learning.

**STORYLINE:** In a competitive environment Andrews University must be able to provide a flexible, engaging, learning environment through faculty committed to the redemptive work of education. They will use both innovative and time-honored teaching methods, using the lens of “the teacher” in advancing research and engaging with service. The result will be a transformational education experience.

4. Increase the quality and depth of the student learning experience.

**STORYLINE:** As students have multiple options for their education, Andrews University must provide a student environment that makes the Andrews University choice irresistible.

5. Engage in campus renewal and development to meet expectations of a campus for 2025.

**STORYLINE:** Students and campus guests will experience an environmentally friendly campus that expresses its values through its physical campus spaces and provides state-of-the-art facilities for education, especially where professional spaces and equipment are required.

“There are people of all faith backgrounds. We will continue to deepen our work in this area. In the wider community, we are also consciously seeking to expand our engagement and influence through initiatives such as the Community Engagement Council, co-chaired by a faculty member and an individual from the community. We cannot impact the community unless we stand side by side with them and leverage our advantage to make a difference; whether through the 1,600 or so students and employees who participated in our first-ever Change Day this September, or through the ongoing engagement of various campus departments and groups in target projects in the area. That is our commitment to engagement and influence.

At Andrews University we do not take our name lightly: J.N. Andrews, scholar, missionary to Europe, an individual who experienced huge personal loss and sacrifice, a leader who had a deep passion for people and the gospel. Technology and advances in communication have in many ways made it so much easier to enrich the communities around us. Yet those same changes have made it vital that we are intentional and focused in our engagement. That is what we want to do, must do. We do it for our students so they are enriched by engagement with others and complete their Andrews University education better prepared as graduates to make a difference in their local churches and communities, as well as through their professions. We do it for those with whom we partner, because together we are all stronger. And we do it for our local communities, because we want to be clear that we are part of those communities and want to be part of positive change.

This is our second strategic storyline.

“We cannot impact the community unless we stand side by side with them and leverage our advantage to make a difference.”
## Alumni Calendar of Regional Events

Please register for these events at alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp and receive up-to-date information on these and other events in your area. You may also contact the Office of Alumni Services at 269-471-3591 or alumni@andrews.edu

### January

- **7** Orlando, Florida  
  11 a.m.  
  Highland Manor Crystal Ballroom  
  604 E Main St, Apopka, Florida

- **28** Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas  
  11 a.m.  
  Byblos Mediterranean Lebanese Restaurant  
  1406 N Main St, Fort Worth, Texas

- **29** Phoenix, Arizona  
  6 p.m.  
  The Old Spaghetti Factory  
  3155 W Chandler Blvd #9  
  Chandler, Arizona

### February

- **11** Loma Linda, California  
  6 p.m.  
  The Old Spaghetti Factory, Inc.  
  3191 Mission Inn Ave  
  Riverside, California

### March

- **13** Roseville, California  
  6 p.m.  
  The Old Spaghetti Factory  
  31 Sunrise Ave, Roseville, California

- **14** St Helena/Napa, California  
  6 p.m.  
  Pizzeria Tra Vigne  
  1016 Main St  
  St Helena, California

- **15** Portland, Oregon  
  6 p.m.  
  The Old Spaghetti Factory  
  12725 SE 93rd Ave  
  Clackamas, Oregon

- **18** Walla Walla, Washington  
  11 a.m.  
  Marcus Whitman Hotel  
  6 W Rose Street  
  Walla Walla, Washington

### April

- **7** Kettering, Ohio  
  12:30 p.m.  
  Moraine Farm  
  1233 W Stroop Rd, Dayton, Ohio

- **15** Lincoln, Nebraska  
  11 a.m.  
  Location to be determined

- **16** Denver, Colorado  
  6 p.m.  
  Location to be determined

### Who are alumni?

If you’ve graduated, attended, worked or taught at Andrews University we consider you alumni! And if you’re a parent or a potential student considering Andrews, you’re invited to be our honored guest.

**Front Row, L–R:** Emily Clewlow Proctor (BA ’65), Carol Anderson Nicks (BA/BA ’65), Carole (Bowen) Smith (BA ’64, MA ’65, DMin ’95)

**Back Row, L–R:** Bill Proctor (BS ’65), Murvin Nicks (att.), Roland Smith (BA ’64, MA ’65, DMin ’95)
Regional Events

Maryland

Sunday, October 29, 2017

Over 100 alumni and friends came out on a beautiful Sunday morning to meet with President Andrea Luxton (MA ’78) and other Andrews staff at this regional event in Columbia, Maryland. After a prayer offered by Lael Caesar (MA ’86), Andriy Kharkovyy (BBA ’06, MBA ’09), alumni director, shared updates from Andrews University as well as some upcoming initiatives. President Luxton then led out in a Q&A with those in attendance. The Andrews Advancement team also shared a birthday cake with those in attendance in honor of David Faehner’s (MA ’72) 75th birthday.

New York City

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

A small group of wonderful alums came from all corners of the city to meet with Andrews University representatives at a local pizza place. After a presentation from the alumni director, Audrey Castelbuono (BS ’78), associate vice president of development, talked to those in attendance about the new Health & Wellness Center project and other initiatives at Andrews. At the end of the event a prayer was held for those affected by the terrorist attack that had taken place in Manhattan just hours earlier. Pictured, left to right: Sherina Phillips (BS ’03), Donald Sibblies (BBA ’93), Chandler Timothy (BA ’95)

Idaho

Tuesday, October 23, 2017

A small group of Andrews University alumni gathered for food and fellowship at Asiago’s restaurant in Boise. Donald Bedney (MDiv ’90, MSA ’91) was in town for the Office of Development and through the extraordinary efforts of Michelle (att.) & Brian (att.) Yeager arranged the gathering. Special thanks to Jill & Fred (MDiv ’90) Cornforth who, after the event, insisted on paying for the meal!

Pictured, left to right: Fred Cornforth, Jill Cornforth, Michael Pearson (MA ’94, PhD ’14), Joyce Yeager (BS ’68), Norman Yeager (BA ’67, MDiv ’70, DMin ’88), Louise Driver, Donald Driver (MAPM ’90) and Maria Allred Gothard (BA ’73, MA ’82)
Christon Arthur
(BA ’90, MA ’95, EdS ’99, PhD ’00)

Christon Arthur earned a Bachelor of Arts in theology from Caribbean Union College in 1990 and three graduate degrees from Andrews University: a master’s degree in education in 1995; an EdS in curriculum & instruction in 1999 and a PhD in educational administration in 2000. He also completed postgraduate training at Harvard University’s Institute for Management and Leadership in Education.

Before serving at Andrews University, Christon served in many administrative positions within the College of Education at Tennessee State University (Nashville). He was named “Researcher of the Year” for the Department of Educational Administration in 2002–03 and the university’s “Teacher of the Year” in 2004–05. Prior to working in higher education, Christon spent 12 years teaching at Grenada Seventh-day Adventist Comprehensive School.

Christon currently serves as provost of Andrews University. He previously served as dean of the School of Graduate Studies & Research and associate provost for faculty policy and development at Andrews University.

Reflecting on his experience at Andrews, Christon says, “I believe it is important for us to have individuals in our lives who believe in us more than we believe in ourselves. We all have moments when we feel down or uninspired and it is especially at those moments that the people who believe in us step forward and rekindle us with inspiration, remind us of our purpose, and help us reveal our best qualities. While at Andrews University, I was surrounded by such persons.”

Christon loves reading, spending time with his wife, Carmelita (current staff), and 17-year-old son, Christon Arthur Jr., entertaining friends and traveling.

Larry Herr
(BA ’70)

Larry Herr grew up in the Chicago area, and graduated from Andrews University in 1970 with a Bachelor of Arts in theology. During his last undergraduate year, he took as many courses from archaeologist, Siegfried Horn as he could.

After spending a year at the University of Basel in Switzerland to learn German, Larry enrolled in the PhD program at Harvard University in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, focusing on archaeology. He graduated from Harvard in 1977, and a few days later, married Denise Dick (BA ’71).

Larry spent a year at Andrews University researching the archaeological results of the Heshbon excavations that had just finished in Jordan, and then he and Denise accepted a call to spend six years as missionaries teaching in the seminary and graduate school at what is now called the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies near Manila, the Philippines. While there, Larry organized the technical recordkeeping aspects of the new Adventist archaeological excavations which began near Heshbon in Jordan in 1984.

Larry received an appointment at Canadian University College (now Burman University) in 1985, and has continued to teach in the Religious Studies department for more than 30 years. He has dedicated himself to a rigorous publication schedule, including six major volumes reporting on Adventist excavations in Jordan which he directed between 1984 and 1998. Also, Larry has taken part in 30 archaeological excavations in Jordan, Israel and Tunisia, most as director or ceramic consultant.

He enjoys several hobbies, such as classical and jazz music, family histories, travel, and outdoor activities.
2017 Honored Alumni

Dr. Walter Carroll Thompson
(BA’57)

Walter Thompson arrived at Emmanuel Missionary College with no money in June 1952. He worked his way through college, with a year off to maintain the family farm, and completed a Bachelor of Arts in 1957. Walter then graduated with his MD in 1961 from Loma Linda University.

He worked at Guam Mission Clinic in the Marianas Islands for two years. Then, in general practice at the Battle Creek Sanitarium and Hospital from 1964 to 1968. Walter earned certifications from the American Board of Surgery and American Board of Family Medicine in 1972. He received his Emergency Medicine Board Certification in 1975. He practiced from 1972–2000 at the Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital, and served as a surgical consultant and outpatient surgeon at Lawndale Christian Health Center in Chicago from 1972–2013. Also, Walter is a long-term volunteer for the Open Arms Free Clinic in Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

Walter authored 15 published books, and served on multiple mission trips to Haiti, Russia, Pakistan, Cambodia, Brazil, Ghana, Rwanda, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Cuba and Poland, where he provided general and surgical healthcare and lectured on preventative health.

Walter states, “Andrews gave us everything we needed to prepare us for a long and very successful professional experience.” He and wife, Avonne, have two children, Gregory and Cynthia.

Fred M. Manchur
(BA ’74)

Fred Manchur earned a Bachelor of Arts in business administration from Andrews University in 1974. He also holds a Master of Science in public health from Loma Linda University.

Fred began his career in health administration as an assistant administrator at the West Park Manor Personal Care Home in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. After graduating from Loma Linda, he remained in California, with positions as vice president of Feather River Hospital, then president of Hanford Community Hospital, and San Joaquin Community Hospital respectively. Fred also served as regional vice president at Adventist Health, president and CEO for Central California from 1996–1998 and Southern California from 1999–2001. Moving to Ohio in 2001, he was the Executive Vice President of Kettering Health Network and President of Kettering Medical Center.

Currently, Fred is the CEO of Kettering Health Network, a nonprofit network of eight hospitals, Kettering College, and more than 120 outpatient facilities serving southwest Ohio. Fred proudly states, “At Andrews, I learned the importance of diversity, how important it is to give back to your community, not just professionally, but politically and spiritually as well. I also realized I could make my dreams a reality.” Fred is also a member of the Andrews University Board of Trustees.

Fred and his wife, Mary Kaye, just celebrated their 44th anniversary. They have two adult children, Richard and Christina, and six grandchildren.

Carrie VanDenburgh
(BMus ’00, MMus ’02)

Carrie VanDenburgh completed a Bachelor of Music in vocal performance in 2000, and then earned a Master of Music, also in vocal performance, in 2002. She transferred to Andrews University from Pacific Union College to study with Stephen Zork.

Carrie has been the soprano soloist for Bach’s “Magnificat” and John Rutter’s “Gloria,” as well as playing the role of Julie in the musical Carousel, and Marian Paroo in The Music Man with the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra. She was winner of the Young Artist Competition at Andrews University in 2000 and 2001.

Carrie states, “My time at Andrews was instrumental in developing my love for music, clarifying my focus, and eventually influencing my decision to pursue music education. Mr. Zork’s professionalism and passion inspired me to focus on choral conducting. I learned so much from him and my other professors in the music department that I decided to continue my studies and complete a master’s in music.”

Carrie is the choir teacher at Berrien Springs Middle and High School, where she teaches six ensembles. Her choirs continually receive excellent ratings at the district and state levels. She is also the choir director at Harbert Community Church, and a member of The Three Divas of Southwest Michigan.

Carrie lives in St. Joseph, Michigan, with her husband, David VanDenburgh (BA ’00, MA ’11), a teacher at Andrews Academy, and their two boys, Jakob and Joshua.
2017 Honored Classes

Class of 1957

FRONT ROW (L–R):
Everet Wayne Witzel, JoAn Myers Witzel

BACK ROW (L–R):
Al Smouse, Donald Halenz, David Rand

Class of 1967

FRONT ROW (L–R):
Pat (McKay) Karp, Norm Perry, Valerie (Schelske) Weaver, Lucy McKinney Parlor, Gary R. Erhard, Dana Watrs, Bernhard Ruppel

BACK ROW (L–R):
Richard Habenicht, David Goodsite, Vernon Alger, Shirley Freed, Carlos A. Schwantes, John Thiel, Marilyn Delinger
Class of 1977
FRONT ROW (L–R): Cherie (Chartier) Whiting, Debbie (Lloyd) Foote, Jill (Doster) Evans, Rebecca (Haug) May, Cheryl (Krpalek) Moushon, Beverly (Futcher) Scheider, Esther deGannes Jarrette, Linda Colwell
BACK ROW (L–R): Rick Moushon, Glen Middaugh, David Grellmann, Beverly Matiko, Barb (Menhardt) Friedrich, Mervyn Joseph, David Foote

Class of 1987
FRONT ROW (L–R): Scott Powers, Betty Spalding, Marcia Kilsby, David Rand
BACK ROW (L–R): Bernard Helms, Alicia (Worley) Palacios, LaQuita Anderson, Lynell DeWind

Class of 1992
(L–R): Eunice Triantafilo-Vega, Terence Teat

Class of 1997
(L–R): Pamela (Gembrowski) Mabry, Ned Peterson, Brynja Davis

Class of 2007
Vanja (Horonic) Panigot
Golden Hearts Club

FRONT ROW (L–R): Thelma Gilbert, Beverly Doll, Barbara Burns, Jess Oliver, Catherine Titus, Lucy McKinney Parlor, Mary Alice Hill, Glenn H. Hill, Gary Erhard

MIDDLE ROW (L–R): Mary Dunn, Pat (McKay) Karp, Beverly Campbell Pottle, John (Jack) Burns, Valerie (Schelske) Weaver, Marilyn Wilkinson Slater, Everet Wayne Witzel, JoAn Myers Witzel, James North Jr, David Rand, Shirley Freed

BACK ROW (L–R): Al Smouse, Richard Habenicht, David Goodside, James Slater, Donald Halenz, Bob Willison, John Thiel, Norm Perry, Carlos A. Schwantes, Marilyn Delinger

MPP Reunion

FRONT ROW (L–R): Darren Heslop, Robert Bates, Larry Geraty, Randy Younker, Constance (Clark) Gane

1950s

Robert Thompson Andrews (MA ‘58, EdD ’77) taught at West Indies College for eight years and also taught in the communication department at Oakwood University. He retired in 1997 and married Mandy Jean Andrews on Nov. 3, 2010.

1960s

Barbara and David J. Prest Sr. (MA ’62) are active in the Hendersonville, North Carolina Adventist Church. Barbara is a deaconess and David serves as an elder and chaplain for the 1st grade class at the Captain Gilmer Christian School.

Cecil Lemon (BMus ’63) is a retired music educator for the Anne Arundel County School System where he taught for 35 years. He also taught voice and piano privately and has been a soloist for the Lutheran church for 45 years. After attending Andrews, he studied at Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria and sang for the Baito Opera. He and his wife Ingrid have been blessed with four daughters, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. They enjoyed touring Europe in 2016. He was in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Lichtenstein in August 2014. Touring Zermatt ( Matterhorn) was a highlight of that trip. Cecil lives in Maryland and enjoys working on his antique autos, a 1935 Chevy and 1949 Olds.

Raymond Woolsey (MA ’63) spent six years as an evangelist in Burma, six years as editor at the Philippine Publishing House, and 24 years as editor and vice president at Review & Herald Publishing. Raymond has authored 33 books. He traveled to China and Burma with his daughter and her husband. He and his wife Challis live in Ooltewah, Tennessee.

Jaswant Singh Kapur (MA ’65) returned to India to work at Spicer Memorial College in Poona after graduating from Andrews. He taught there for seven years and then moved to Grenada, West Indies to teach. He is a convert to Christianity from the Sikh religion. He and his wife, Eula Lee Martin-Kapur, live in Brooklyn, New York.

Shirley C. Iheanacho (BS ’68) recently completed her autobiography, "God’s Incredible Plans for Me: A Memoir of an Amazing Journey." Books are available at amazon.com, xulonpress.com, Barnes and Noble, and Kindle. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this book will provide scholarships for worthy students.

Dwight Mayberry (MA ’68) retired four years ago and started an after-school learning center. He currently has 20 students and over 80 were turned away. He lives in Lakesite, Tennessee.

Bill (BS ’69) and Bonnie Bogar (BS ’70) Hicks retired in 2014 to the Collegedale, Tennessee area where son Kevin (BS ’95, MSPT ’96) and his wife Rhonda (BS ’95, MSPT ’96) live. They have two other sons, Brian (att.) and Chad (att.) Bill is working part-time at the ABC at Southern. They have eight grandchildren, including the oldest, Taylor (current student). Five grandchildren are in academy, which includes quadruplets at Indiana Academy and two attend church school.

1970s

Verlyne Starr (BA ’71) retired from teaching at Southern Adventist University in May 2016. She and her husband Wayne took a two-week trip to Alaska in celebration. It fulfilled her dream to visit all 50 states in the U.S. They have two sons, Chad and Geoff (MDiv ’12) and four grandchildren.

Eurydice Osterman (BMus ’72, MMus ’75) taught at Mt. Vernon Academy in Ohio, and moved to Oakwood University in 1978 until retirement in June 2016. From 2009–2012, she took a leave of absence to serve as chair of the music department at Northern Caribbean University. She earned the DMA from The University of Alabama, was a Fulbright scholar to Turkey, authored two books, and traveled around the world presenting lectures. She is a composer and served as organist for various churches.

Ron (DIP2YR ’74, BIT ’76) and Becky (BS ’77) Holt live in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Ron continues to own Academy Press on the Fletcher Academy campus and Becky works as a registered nurse at Park Ridge Health. They send greetings to their Andrews friends.

Marcia Opstad Haluska (BA ’74) and Jan Haluska (MA ’74) began their career in the South. Jan taught at Southern Adventist University over 30 years until the year before his death in 2015. Marcia continues to teach second grade at A.W. Spalding Elementary School.

Charles (MDiv ’74, DMin ’01) and Sharon (att.) Ferguson have retired. After 44 years of pastoring various Adventist churches in North America, Charlie retired Feb. 1, 2016 in Hendersonville, North Carolina, where he and Sharon pastored the final 13½ years prior to retirement.

John (MDiv ’77) and Kathy (Friedrich) Sabo (BMus ’73, MA ’74) recently retired after 41 years of ministry, 31 of which were in Florida. They currently live near Chattanooga, Tennessee, just six miles from their son, Jonathan and his wife Melissa and two grandsons. Since retirement, they have traveled to Toronto, Canada and five Caribbean islands on a cruise. John is involved in assisting the pastor at Ooltewah Church as well as spending time gardening. Kathy volunteers at the church school and enjoys being a part of the church choir and babysitting the grandsons.

Emmett L. (MA ’77) and Carolyn (att.) Florence retired in Huntsville, Alabama. Emmett was employed by the U.S. Government and Carolyn was a teacher.
Eugene B. Young (BA ’79, MAPM ’92) pastored for 29 years and spent 20 years in the USAF. He has now been retired for 10 years. He and his wife Stella have six daughters, Sindy, Tina, Wendy, Tammy, Michelle and Tondi.

Randal K. Weis (BS ’79) worked two years with Mother Earth News in the research department immediately after graduation. In January of 1981, he started dental school at Loma Linda University. He moved to North Carolina in 1984 and bought a dental practice. After two years he moved to a larger office. He married Patty in 1985. They have two children, Brittany and Michael.

1980s

Elaine D. Alvarez (CERT ’83) retired from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, where she was president of the Hispanic Employee Organization. She is a former member of the National Archaeological Institute of America and the Archaeological Society of Virginia Nansemonds Chapter. She worked in the Siegfried Horn Archaeological Museum while at Andrews University.

Joseph Nasrawy (MBA ’86) is a chief financial officer for long-term healthcare. He has two children, Cindy Winthrop, also an administrator in long-term healthcare and Lauren Nasrawy, currently attending graduate school in the physician assistant program. He directly helps the wounded and fatherless in Syria.

Geiza Dourado Carvalho (MMus ’87) started the Golden School of Music in Bethesda, Maryland, after graduating with a Master of Arts in piano performance. Her husband died in 2000 and she remarried in 2003. She has three daughters and nine grandchildren. She loves to travel and has visited 70 countries.

Carolyn Jones (MA ’87) worked as a social worker in Memphis, Tennessee for 22 years. She has retired and now takes creative writing and painting at the senior center in Huntsville, Alabama. She has two children, Cheryl (BS ’81) and Ronald (BS ’85).

Myrtle Robinson Kirlew (BA ’88) received her JD at Howard University Law School. She works as an immigration lawyer in private practice at Robinson Kirlew Law Firm. She is married to Jeremy Kirlew and they have four children. Myrtle also joined a mission team that traveled to Mozambique.

Dion Mason Anthony (BS ’89) received his master’s degree at Howard University. He works for Levindale Geriatric Hospital as the rehab manager. He and his wife, Dorret (MAT ’84), have four children. They live in Lanham, Maryland.

1990s

Fawcett (Buxton) Dunstan (BA ’92) has been promoted to associate professor at a community college near Elkridge, Maryland. She and her husband have two daughters, ages 9 and 5.

Donald Sibllies (BBA ’93) has been working as a lather and ironworker for the past 21 years. He lives in Bronx, New York and enjoys traveling to Dubai and Hawaii.

Eileen States (MDiv ’99) returned to the Washington Conference after graduating from Andrews. She took a 10-year leave from pastoral ministry after four children came into the picture. In 2011, she and her family relocated to Fletcher Academy in Fletcher, North Carolina. She is currently working as a chaplain and one of the Bible teachers at the academy. Her husband, Eric (MPT ’00), is working as a physical therapist.

2000s

Michelle Kaufman Harris (BSW ’00, MSW ’01) married Ernie Harris on April 20, 2013. Their son Spencer Andrew Harris was born August 3, 2015. She works for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee as a care coordinator for the CHOICES Program, which serves members in their homes or nursing homes with long-term care needs. Michelle’s father, Gary Kaufman (BS ’75, MAT ’80, MA ’86), is also an alum.

Eric Bates (MDiv ’01) served as a pastor from 2001–2014 in the Gulf States Conference. He earned a DMin in pastoral counseling from Westminster Theological Seminary (Philadelphia) in 2014. He currently serves as senior pastor at the Arden, North Carolina Church and Carolina Conference Family Ministries director.

Kirk Nugent (BSET’02) married Kanique (att.) in 2006. They have a son and daughter. He has worked as a market data analyst for T. Rowe Price and was IT director for the Southern Africa Indian Ocean Division from 2010–2015. He is currently chief information officer at Oakwood Adventist University.

Samuel Abraham (MDiv ’04) is currently working as a hospice chaplain in Maryland after working as a pastor. He says, “God is using me to share Christ’s soon coming with whomever I come across.”

2010s

Emerade Victorin (MA ’13) was recently hired as the new social media marketing & digital strategist at Washington Adventist University.

Esteb Pierre (MDiv ’14, MBA’15) is working as a pastor in the Rocky Mountain Conference in Denver, Colorado. He has been married for 20 years and has two children. Esteb enjoys spending time with church members through visitation and advising.

Erika L. Portela (BSW ’16) graduated off-campus at Washington Adventist University with a BSW from Andrews. She is currently working on her MSW at University of Maryland Baltimore. She says, “Going to Andrews was a dream come true.”
William Richard Lesher (MA ’64)
4th President of Andrews University

Childhood
William Richard Lesher was born on Nov. 14, 1924, to Luther and Lavern Lesher of Carlisle, Pennsylvania. His sister Jean was five years younger than Richard, as his family always called him when he was young. The children were born into a Seventh-day Adventist family, a circumstance that shaped Richard Lesher’s life from his earliest childhood until the day he died.

Five-year-old Richard, who grew up in the very small Carlisle Seventh-day Adventist church, made the decision that he would become a minister, as he looked up to the leaders of this congregation. His committed parents saw to it that Richard and Jean received an Adventist education at the church school of 17 to 20 students in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, often driving Richard the 20 miles to school each way. Richard started working early in life, helping his family in their home bakery business.

When it came time for secondary school in 1939, Richard went to Shenandoah Valley Academy in Virginia. There Richard met a man who was to become very influential in his life’s course: Robert Reynolds, who was his boys’ dean. The year that Richard graduated from SVA, Reynolds received an invitation to Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. He persuaded Richard to spend his college years at AUC, which he did from 1943 to 1946. It was at college that Richard came to be known as Dick to his friends and classmates.

Since the age of 5, Dick had been committed to the ministry, and now at AUC he declared a theology major. He matriculated straight through from September of ’43 to August of ’46, with no time off in the summers so that he would not lose his ministerial deferment in the midst of World War II.

Devoted Husband and Father
In the fall of 1944, while Dick was standing by the front steps of the AUC administration building with his roommate, a young woman came along who was also from his roommate’s hometown of Corning, New York. So Dick’s roommate introduced him to Veda Van Etten. Eight or nine months later, Dick asked Veda if she “wanted to be a minister’s wife.” They married on June 16, 1946. Dick still had to finish the summer term to complete his degree, and they both worked to support themselves—Veda in the bindery and Dick carrying the brick hods on a construction crew that was building some faculty homes.

After Dick finished his degree the Leshers took a bus to Rutland, Vermont, to Dick’s first pastoral assignment with the Northern New England Conference as assistant to the district pastor, who was in charge of five churches.

From Rutland the Leshers kept moving north to new pastorates. The next stop was Burlington, Vermont, where Dick pastored three churches. That was also where the Leshers’ first daughter, Eileen, was born. Then the family moved on to Morrisville, Vermont, still further north, where daughter Martha was born, just two years after her sister. And from there they went to Bangor, Maine. All together the Leshers spent about ten years pastoring in New England.

Mission Service
Then in 1956 came the call that Dick had also been dreaming of since childhood: the call to go overseas, the call to mission work. The Leshers’ call was to the Middle East. The Leshers were originally called to the British protectorate of Aden, but visa issues became complicated. Then the Suez Crisis broke. The General Conference decided to send the family to Beirut to await assignment. Dick made good use of the waiting periods on both sides of the ocean. In Washington D.C., while waiting to sort out visas and travel plans, Dick requested to be allowed to take classes at the SDA Theological Seminary, then located in Takoma Park. He took one term of courses, sitting for final exams on the day they left for Beirut. When they got to Beirut and were waiting yet again for an assignment and visas, Dick studied Arabic, taking a taxi every day to meet his tutor. He also joined the Seminary tour that had come to the Middle East.

Finally the visas came and the Leshers sailed for Egypt, to Alexandria, where Dick was pastor of the church and mission director for the Delta Section of Egypt. When the principal of Nile Union Academy returned home on furlough, Dick had his first taste of educational work, filling in as interim principal for the small secondary school of about 50 students.

The Leshers’ own furlough came up quickly, and it was during their time back in the States in 1962 that Dick continued to pursue his master’s degree. Now he studied in Berrien Springs, the new home of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Just before returning overseas, at the General Conference session in San Francisco, Dick learned that he had been appointed division secretary and educational secretary for the Middle East Division, a post he held until 1964. In that capacity, he was involved in the educational work from a new angle; headquartered in Beirut, he visited schools in Iran, Iraq, Egypt and Jordan as well as Lebanon.

The Leshers returned to the U.S. in 1964, and finally Dick had the prospect to immerse himself in an academic environment. He had developed an appreciation for the ministry of teaching and its opportunities for in-depth interaction and discussion. Upon his return from the Middle East, among the several calls Dick received was one from AUC, his alma mater. Bob Reynolds, his former dean, was now AUC’s president. Would he like to teach religion at AUC? Dick accepted the call. He would teach there for seven years. He also took the occasion to study further, completing his doctorate in religious education at New York University, graduating in 1970.

General Conference Administrator
In 1971 Dick Lesher received a call to the GC as associate director of the Sabbath School Department and became the editor of the adult Sabbath School lessons. In 1979 Dick was appointed director of the Biblical Research Institute. One of the aspects of his...
new job that he especially relished was that the scholarly work at BRI brought him again into closer contact with the Seventh-day Adventist academic institutions. In 1981 Dick was appointed General Conference vice president, while continuing his work at BRI.

President of Andrews University
When the discussion began about a new president for Andrews University, and Dick heard that his name had come up in the discussion, he didn’t take it very seriously. He felt settled in his work and in Washington. But the search process brought the board closer and closer to Lesher’s name. He got the news while traveling on church business in Cyprus. The board had voted to appoint him president of Andrews University.

Dick and Veda moved to Berrien Springs and Andrews University with the full belief that the Lord was leading them. Dick finished his long and distinguished years of service for the Seventh-day Adventist Church with ten years as president of Andrews University, from 1984 to 1994.

He came to the school in a period of uneasiness and financial challenges for the institution. Under his direction, the University made a plan to retire a $14 million debt and executed it. His presidency saw the completion of the architecture building, the School of Business Administration (Chan Shun Hall) and the College of Technology (Harrigan Hall). He also initiated and carried through improvements to the campus infrastructure, such as the water system. It was this behind-the-scenes effort to upgrade the campus and “just to make things work,” as he said, of which he was perhaps the proudest. He remembered with pleasure some University traditions that were established during his tenure such as the Friday Festival of Faith and the convocation service at the beginning of each school year. Among his colleagues at the University Dick Lesher was known as unpretentious, humble and as a person who both valued and practiced integrity. He presided over good times and difficult times during his ten years of guiding Andrews, but overall his presidency brought a sense of stability to the University.

Personal Interests
When Dick retired in 1994, he had served the church for 48 years. After Dick’s retirement the Lesbers chose to stay in Berrien Springs until health issues compelled them to move closer to the rest of their family in California in 2014.

Dick Lesher enjoyed many pursuits beyond his work: travel and photography, camping, gardening, walking and jogging, and reading. When they were in the States, the Lesher family spent many vacations camping—tent camping, with sleeping bags. They camped at many different sites from Baxter State Park in northern Maine to the Skyline Drive in Virginia.

Dick’s love of the outdoors extended to gardening as well. At their home in Maryland he and Veda planted their one-acre yard with more than 25 fruit trees. They began growing roses in Maryland, where Veda always had a bouquet of fresh roses on her receptionist’s desk at the General Conference. In their new Michigan yard they planted at least 50 rose bushes and delighted in sharing them with others.

Live Wholly
Dick and Veda Lesher set an impressive example of an active lifestyle. In winter they were easily recognizable in their bright red parkas.

As much as Dick loved the active life, he was also a reader. His favorite genres were history, archaeology, biography and theology. But the book he carried always in his pocket was a small Bible, just in case he had a few minutes to read. He read through the Bible countless times. Whenever he finished, he started again in a different translation.

W. Richard Lesher passed to his rest on August 18, 2017, in Loma Linda, California. He is mourned by many friends and his family. He is survived by his wife Veda; daughters Eileen Lesher (former staff) and Martha Keough, her husband Alger (MA ’75); and their children and grandchildren: Ryan (BT ’03) and Wendy Agy Keough (BS ’97, MA ’15) and their sons: Joshua, Joseph, and Nicholas; Anne Keough; Jeffrey (BA ’09) and Jocelyn Seitz Keough and their children: Caroline, Milo, and Ellery. He is also survived by his sister Jean Krenrich.

Two memorial services were held: the first on October 7 at Azure Hills Adventist Church; the second at Pioneer Memorial Church on October 21.

Lesher Memorial Grove dedicated
In memory and honor of W. Richard Lesher, president from 1984–1994

During a short ceremony on Friday, Oct. 20, the Lesher Memorial Grove was dedicated in honor of W. Richard Lesher, president of Andrews University from 1984–1994. The dedication plaque read in part, "We dedicate this historic grove of mature hardwoods to honor President Lesher’s vigilant attention to the preservation of our outdoor spaces and to uphold his example of seeking in nature a fuller revelation of our Creator God for future generations of faculty, staff and students of Andrews University."

Pictured, back row, left to right: Anne Keough, Alger Keough, Jeffrey Keough, Jocelyn Keough (holding Milo Keough), President Andrea Luxton, Wendy Keough, Ryan Keough, Joshua Keough, Joseph Keough. Front row, left to right: Martha Keough (with Ellery Keough on her lap), Veda Lesher, Eileen Lesher, Nicholas Keough, Caroline Keough.

Ward was born Oct. 16, 1938, in Leslie, Michigan, to Wynton and Ruth (Jones) Soper. He graduated from Dansville High School in 1956, and from Andrews University with his BA in mathematics in 1961. This was followed by his MA in 1962 from University of Michigan.

Ward married Lois Meseraull in 1963. In 1965, the family moved to College Place and he began teaching at Walla Walla College (now Walla Walla University). Ward taught in the math department for 43 years and was a member of various professional mathematical societies. He also taught through Walla Walla Community College. After retirement, he volunteered at SonBridge Community Center.

Ward is survived by his wife, Lois of College Place; their three daughters and spouses, Debra Gross (John) of Florence, Montana, Linda Soper (Mark Ueeck) of College Place, and Joyce Soper (Stephen Warren) of Spokane; brother, Marley Soper of Apopka, Florida; as well as five grandchildren, and six nieces and nephews.


Born Nov. 5, 1923 on the family farm north of Lena, to Ralph and LuLu (LaPlante) Ziesmer, she attended Sunnybrook Grade School and graduated from Lena High School in 1941. She worked various jobs before entering college in 1943 and earned a BA in chemistry from Andrews University in 1947. She returned to school and earned a BS in elementary education from UW-Oshkosh in 1955 and then an MS in guidance in 1969. She retired in 1986 after 35½ years of teaching at both elementary and high school levels.

In 1971, she was one of only 30 guidance counselors in the State of Wisconsin to be chosen by the State Department of Education to visit West Point Military Academy to become acquainted with requirements for entrance into one of the national military academies.

On August 26, 1947, she married Lionel Whiting at Lena Seventh-day Adventist Church and they celebrated 58 years together until he preceded her in death on Dec. 22, 2005. An active member of the church until her passing, she played piano and organ until she was 88 and taught children’s or adult Sabbath School classes until age 86.

Her family was her greatest joy, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and she had a long resort to enjoy them. A family tradition was dinner at their home after church with six to 26 attending to discuss events of the week.

She lived at her home in Oconto since 1950 and enjoyed watching the beautiful sunsets and birds and the company of friends and neighbors. She enjoyed life and thanked God each day for family and friends.

She is survived by sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne (Patti), Oconto, Lonnie (Linda), Green Bay and Ric (Kim), Sobieski; twin daughters and their spouses, Cheryl (Ron) Buechler, Crivitz and Cindy (Brian) LaBarge, Pound; eight grandparents; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Rachel Carriveau, Lena; a brother, Marvin "Bob" (Linda) Ziesmer; many nieces; nephews and friends.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lionel; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Ziesmer and a brother-in-law, Denny Carriveau.

Betty Garber (BA ‘35, MA ‘63), 104, of Miamisburg, Ohio, passed away on Nov. 3, 2017, at Sycamore Glen Retirement Center.

Betty was born to Gabriol and Rose Kramer on August 5, 1913, in Chicago, Illinois. She was a member of Centerville, Ohio Seventh-day Adventist Church. Following the birth of her two brothers, her father left the family. Within a few years her mother met and married Herbert Davis, and between the two of them they were parents of eight children.

Betty’s mother made sure her children got an education. Betty became a teacher and her two brothers became medical doctors. In 1935, Betty graduated from Andrews University and married Ed Garber. They joined the staff of Adelphian Academy, an Adventist boarding school in Holly, Michigan, where he was dean of boys and taught history and music. Betty was an English teacher.

In 1944, her son, Bill was born and in 1947 her second son, Jim, was born. In 1953, the family moved to Berrien Springs where her husband became vice president for financial affairs for what became Andrews University. The Garbers traveled every summer exploring the United States, even during WWII when they had to save ration stamps to make it possible.

In 1957, Betty’s brothers asked her to take their mother back to her home in Austria for a few weeks. It was 50 years after their mother had immigrated to the U.S. from the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

After that trip Betty was determined to take her family to Europe. In 1965 she accomplished that, and when she retired in 1976 from teaching in the Buchanan schools, she began organizing travel as a tour guide. The first trips were day trips to places such as Chicago. Over the next 20 years she traveled to every continent save for Antarctica. China was her favorite country.

On her first China trip Betty met Xiaoming Xu, who was their national guide. They became friends and the next time in China, Xiaoming came home with Betty, literally to her house. Xiaoming’s family are now U.S. citizens and live in Berrien Springs.

In 2005, at 92 years of age, Betty led her last bus tour, a trip to St. Louis for the Seventh-day Adventist worldwide General Conference Session. In 2011 she moved to Sycamore Glen, an assisted living center in Miamisburg, Ohio, near her son Jim.

She is survived by her two sons, Bill Garber and his wife Shirley (Schneider) and Jim Garber and his wife Carolyn (Sayre).

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gabriol Kramer and Rose Kramer Davis; her stepfather, Herbert Davis; her husband, Ed Garber; and her two brothers, Joe and Lee Kramer.


He was born in Gary, Indiana, on June 3, 1922, to Rae Lynn and Arthur E. Harms Sr., and had a younger sister Patricia Lynn Harms Ursin.

David was born Nov. 19, 1931 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the son of Henry W. Bauer Sr. and Margaretta Reuss Bauer. His two older siblings Ruth and Bud (Henry W. Jr.) made up the family. In his teens, his parents moved to Miami, Florida. He attended Shenandoah Valley Academy and graduated in 1948. In his college years, he attended Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee, where he received a BA in 1956. He attended the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, which was then in Takoma Park, Maryland where he earned his MA in 1957 and later completed an EdD at Andrews University in 1982.

David met Marilyn Haase (MAT ’75), a Washington Missionary College coed, during his seminary days. A blind date along the Skyline Drive resulted in courtship and engagement. In 1957 David and Marilyn married in Newark, New Jersey. Their only child, Charles Randall Bauer (BBA ’86), was born in 1963, in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Tragically, he had an untimely death in a private plane crash in 1998. Randy’s death was the darkest, most heartbreaking event in all of David’s life.

David’s career began as dean of boys at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia (1957–59). His career path then led to Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church, Takoma Park, Maryland as assistant pastor (1959–61), Mt. Vernon Academy as director of guidance services (1961–66), and Kettering Medical Center as director of public relations (1966–68).

In 1968 David joined the administrative team at Andrews University. First in Student Affairs, where one of his duties was freshman dean. After three years he moved on to public relations where he served for the next five years. In 1976, he was appointed as vice president for Development & Public Relations.

David’s accomplishments at Andrews include assisting then President Smoot with development of a master plan for campus expansion; traveling and raising funds to start the physical therapy program; and building a solid relationship with the local Whirlpool Corporation, which has led to many large gifts and continued goodwill for the University. He was the first to travel to Hong Kong to meet with the Chan family, which eventually resulted in the donation for Chan Shun Hall and scholarships for the new School of Business Administration.

Trips to visit alumni groups, student missionaries and overseas donors opened the door to much international travel.

His last career move was to Hinsdale, Illinois as president of Hinsdale Hospital Foundation (1984–1996). These were challenging years for Hinsdale Hospital and David’s close ties with important community leaders had a major part in a successful outcome.

A few months after Randy’s death, God opened the way to develop a home vespers for Randy’s friends and others in his age group. Named “20something,” this outreach brought comfort and joy to David’s and Marilyn’s hearts, fresh, new life into their home, and bonds of friendship and spiritual commitment to their young friends. These ties remain to this day.

In retirement, David and Marilyn spent 1996–2006 living near the Andrews campus. He served on several boards, taught a graduate class in development, was an elder at PMC and conducted planning seminars for University departments. In 2006, they moved to Hendersonville, North Carolina. David served as an elder in the Hendersonville SDA Church and as president of the Volunteer Auxiliary at Park Ridge Hospital. He maintained his interest in travel, photography and pursuit of physical fitness.

Many young professionals are indebted to David for his personal interest, his kind and gentle manner and the intentional way he mentored them as they entered his field of work. Today they stand as his legacy.

David will be remembered for his faithful commitment to God, his loving devotion to his family, and his lifetime of service to God and the Seventh-day Adventist Church in education and healthcare.

David is survived by Marilyn, his wife of 60 years, and his sister Ruth Spangenberg. Cousins, nieces, nephews, honorary family members and a wide circle of friends mourn his passing. He will lie beside his son in Rose Hill Cemetery in Berrien Springs, Michigan, awaiting the call of the Lifegiver. Memorial services were held in Hendersonville on November 18 and Berrien Springs on December 9.

For the next 35 years Art worked for the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, first as business manager for Wisconsin Academy, then as CFO for Southern New England Conference (Massachusetts), Ohio Conference, Zambia Union (Africa), and Northern New England Conference (Maine).

After retirement he and Ruth moved to College Place, Washington. Here he was active in the Village Seventh-day Adventist Church as an elder and
Kathleen Ekkens (former staff), 77, of Berrien Springs, died Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, at her home.

Kathy was born Dec. 18, 1939, in Battle Creek, Michigan, the daughter of Carolyn (Everest) and Donald Moon. She lived in Berrien Springs for the last 25 years and was a member of Pioneer Memorial Church. Kathy retired in 2009 from the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, where she worked as a secretary.

Survivors include her three daughters: Laura Keller (BS ’88), Julie Verhelle (BBA ’93), and Karen Case (BS ’94); her son, John Holland; 10 grandchildren; and her sister, Eileen Horne (BA ’69).

She was preceded in death by her parents, Donald Moon and Carolyn Lawson; and her brother, Donald “Bud” Moon.

Francis “Lars” Surdal (former staff), 93, formerly of Berrien Springs, died Friday, Sept. 8, 2017, in Niles, Michigan.

Lars was born Nov. 30, 1923, in Livingston, Montana, the son of Rolf and Bessie (Skilman) Surdal. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He married M. Lorraine Ludeman in Stanford, Montana, on September 1, 1946. He had been employed at the Andrews University Bindery as a book binder.

He is survived by two sons, Ralph Surdal and Kelvin (Cindy) Surdal; a daughter, Denise (Charles) Fagala; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Alice Anderson.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine, on July 16, 2012; daughter, Marcia Surdal in 1984; sister, Anna Dorgan; and four brothers, John Alfred, Victor, and Henry Surdal.

Kathryn "Kathy" Grace Labrenz (DIP2YR ’53), 84, of Oxford (formerly of Albany, New York) passed away peacefully Aug. 31, 2017 with her husband by her side at her home after a courageous battle with pulmonary fibrosis.

She was born on Oct. 22, 1932 to Eugene and Mary (Gove) Armstrong in Albany, New York.

Kathy married Donald Labrenz on March 26, 1961 in Hinsdale, Illinois. They retired to Oxford in 1996.

Everett L. Siewert (former staff), 90, of Dowagiac, Michigan, died August 6, 2017, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph, Michigan.

Everett was born April 19, 1927, in Branch, Michigan, the son of Paul F. and Etta M. (Harding) Siewert. He worked for 20 years as a foreman for Andrews University Printers. After retiring, he worked as a nurse’s aid at Bry-Fern Care Center, and also did private-duty nursing. When his wife’s health failed, he devoted 15 years to caring for her. Everett loved to walk, and he enjoyed gardening in his leisure time.

Surviving are his son, Peter Joseph (Eunice) Siewert, and daughter, Suzi (Michael Ray) Woods, all of Dowagiac; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren; brother, Donald Siewert (BA ’66) of Moberly, Missouri; and sister, Mary Frances Pereault of Davison, Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eva, in 2013; and a son, Daniel, in 2007.

Harold Lee Greer (BA ’60, MA ’61) died July 2, 2017, after a lengthy illness in Port Charlotte, Florida.

He was born August 28, 1937 to Ruth Mayhew-Greer and Richard Marsh-Greer in Monmouth, Illinois.

He held graduate degrees in theology and educational counseling. As an ordained minister he pastored churches in Illinois and Georgia, then served as a chaplain to the military, hospitals and other medical institutions. His very personal and meaningful words were always appreciated by families for weddings, funerals, baby dedications and the messages he shared from the pulpit and on radio programs.

He was an accomplished musician for piano, organ and trumpet and sang second tenor with groups, including his favorite “The New Communion” from Indianapolis, Indiana.

He was actively involved in as a member and leader in local ministerial associations, Rotary and Curmudgeons Clubs and president of Kiwanis.

Hobbies included traveling in the U.S. and abroad, books, duck calls and decoys. He will be missed by many who converted to his faith and those touched by his kindness and generosity.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Janice; two sons Gregory and Stephen; daughter-in-law Donna Danielle Greer; 10 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a brother John Douglas Abbott.
God is still in the business of answering prayers instantaneously.

I came to Andrews University from Nigeria about seven years ago to earn my Master of Divinity, but I lost my richest sponsor, a king, to death within two weeks of my arrival. The following year I lost my second sponsor, my cousin, who was working with an oil company. The following year my third sponsor fell critically ill, and so I lost his sponsorship as well. I had to become the sponsor of my education by myself.

I worked very hard and finished my MDiv in 2014, and then did a CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) residency in chaplaincy at a reputable hospital in Evansville, Indiana, where I became the best chaplain in 2015. Shortly after, I returned to Andrews to take clinical mental health counseling. It had been several years since I came to the U.S. without visiting my home country.

I prayed to God to open doors for me to visit my family in my home country last year in November and God answered that prayer immediately by opening a door for me to go home through the Loma Linda Health System.

I received a call from them informing me that I was chosen to serve as a guest speaker on a mission trip to Nigeria for evangelism/medical outreach with a team of physicians, nurses, pharmacists, public health workers, and other healthcare professionals from Loma Linda Hospital. Other medical personnel and students also joined us from five other countries including Egypt, India, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon and Mexico. Before this mission trip, I received a gift of an expensive backpack from a young Christian man at a Filipino church in Chicago where I was invited to preach. It was the exact backpack I wanted to buy in Benton Harbor a week before, but changed my mind because it was super expensive. However, the man gave me the same backpack for free and Loma Linda purchased a return ticket for me on this trip. I received gifts of clothes, shoes, bags and jackets from my church family where I worship and from friends at school to give to people in my home country.

When we finally arrived, we were able to reach out to close to 12,000 people medically. Our surgeons performed over 28 major surgeries plus many minor surgeries, over 2,000 animals were treated, and about 24 children were taught how to write storybooks. A clinic was built and donated to the local people at Eto-Baba in Jos, a private ward was built and donated to Jengre Hospital in my village, and four people were baptized. The state government supported us with security guards who escorted us wherever we went during the two-week program, two vans, government lodging and food. We even had a live interview at the television station after the program.

The program was sponsored by Loma Linda Health System, Adventist Health International, and the Northern Nigerian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. According to Loma Linda University this was the best mission trip they have had in the past 40 years.

The medical outreach lasted only two weeks: from June 17–24, 2017. However, I stayed after the program and enjoyed being with my family, friends, colleagues and neighbors for almost three months before coming back to the States. I was treated with high respect and dignity and I became so popular in such a small amount of time, like a celebrity. Everywhere I went people told me they saw me on television. Some people said if I wanted to be a governor of my home state I could win.

Glory be to God for what He has done, and thanks to Loma Linda Health System and Adventist Health Services for sponsoring me to go preach in my home country, for that is my passion, in addition to other things that I like to do.

I do not know what you might be going through right now but I urge you to trust God, no matter what. He can do the same thing for you, even greater, because He cares for you and He is still in the business of answering prayers instantaneously.

Yusuf Timothy is currently completing his Master of Arts in clinical mental health counseling at Andrews University. After graduation in December 2018 he will take some time off to work before pursuing his PhD.
The Annual Report chronicles those who generously support the mission of Andrews University through their giving. Each gift is important and appreciated! This year, all the donor lists and additional financial information are available online at andrews.edu/focus. Thank you for your generous support!
Dear Friends of Andrews University,

I write this message after 18 months as president at Andrews University. Every day during that time I have been blessed by the committed individuals I work with and the talented and energetic students who make up Andrews University. Each day I have reason to praise God for this university. I would like to share my excitement with you who support us in so many ways by giving you a glimpse of Andrews University in 2017 through the lens of our motto: Seek Knowledge, Affirm Faith, Change the World.

Seek Knowledge: Our students do extremely well! Not only has our retention rate been over 85 percent for the last two years, our graduating rate of students in six years continues to remain around 60 percent, with all identified racial/ethnic groups graduating at the same approximate rate. We have had two new accreditations this year: Master of Public Health and PhD in counseling psychology, with a third formal action pending, Doctor of Nurse Practitioner. I heard about a student at a recent alumni event who left Andrews with a degree in science and went to one of the top ivy-league schools for a doctorate. Her classmates were graduates from very prestigious universities and she was nervous. Within a few weeks she called her parents, telling them that it was clear now that her education at Andrews had prepared her beyond that of her peers! I could talk too of our recent graduate who was shortlisted for a Student Academy Award in documentary film, or the many students who helped faculty member, Tiffany Summerscales, in the research for LIGO that was awarded through the three top researchers, the Nobel prize in physics for 2017. I could add more. Our students do very well.

Affirm Faith: Our students are encouraged in multiple ways to deepen and find expression for their faith. I think of one of our biochemistry seniors who recently wrote an article in FOCUS talking about how her Andrews experience had changed her into not just a believer, who has now been baptized, but to someone who is determined to be part of the future of the Adventist church. Or an honors student whose years in public schools had previously defined his belief in the objectivity of evolution, but who found his views upended by his honors science and religion class. He completed the class a creationist. Or the two students who, full of passion to share the gospel, took time out of their schedules to take the Week of Spiritual Emphasis at an academy on the East Coast.

Change the World: Our students are known for engaging in the world, and our programs reach out to the world. I have to mention here our first annual Change Day, September 14, with 1,600 faculty, staff and students taking half-a-day to make changes to our local community. From schools, to parks, to individual homes, to local authorities, we were there in our green Change Day T-shirts! Our fifth-year architecture students also made the news recently with being one of the first responders to Puerto Rico after the hurricane. And on the more academic side, in the last two months alone we have had international conferences looking at responses to immigrants and refugees, and celebrating 500 years of the Reformation. Meanwhile our online course registrations increase as do our new programs, such as our newly launched online MA in religion. Our goal: to reach more individuals in more places with Seventh-day Adventist education. We are committed to making a difference in the local community, the nation and the world.

I am daily rewarded as president by the energy and passion of the Andrews University community of employees and students. This gives me sustained hope for our communities, our nation, our church. However, none of this would happen without the support of our alumni and friends. Your generous support of this University: through finances, sending students, and prayers allows us to continue to be the place that changes lives and enriches the community and church. In this report you will see a glimpse of how that support helps us every day.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Andrea Luxton, president
Advancement Report

This year our total voluntary support reached $5.4 million from our alumni and friends. We also received generous support from our church organizations, including local conferences, the Lake Union, North American Division and General Conference, totaling approximately $11.6 million for a grand total of $17 million.

We have added eight new endowments bringing our total number to 404. Our endowed value is now more than $58 million. Perhaps you would have interest in starting an endowment? They can be started for as little as $15,000 through our Office of Development. In addition, 200 families have notified Andrews University that they have included us in their estate plans, bringing the value of planned gifts to approximately $30 million.

Keeping in touch with more than 95,000 alumni around the world is a priority for our Alumni Services team. It involves hosting approximately 65 regional and local events annually. Plus offering a variety of alumni resources and benefits, including an Online Career Center, Alumni Legacy Scholarships, access to library resources and much more. They also host Alumni Homecoming each fall, which showcases campus and offers events such as Golf Tournament, Harvest Run, Parade and many other community oriented activities. Add social media, newsletters and an app for FOCUS magazine to the mix and you’ll find a number of ways to stay connected to Andrews throughout the year.

These are just a few ways in which the mission of Andrews University is advancing around the world through the generosity of some of our most important constituents—our alumni and friends. Your support gives Andrews the opportunity to continue to expand on the vision of our founders who recognized the need for the highest quality Adventist education. That need is just as strong today as it was in 1874.

Thank you for partnering with us to make Andrews University the flagship school of the Adventist educational system.

Sincerely,

David A. Faehner, vice president, University Advancement

Trained to be a leader

Deciding to attend Andrews University was a natural decision for Jessica Yoong. Having lived in Michigan her whole life, Jessica had many experiences with Adventist education while attending Holland SDA Elementary and graduating from the Village Adventist Elementary School and Andrews Academy.

She describes her family as being actively involved with the local church. Consequently, she participated in various ministries from a young age. Jessica says, “My various leadership experiences throughout my Adventist education, working as a summer camp counselor for three years, youth ministry involvement, and on the PMC media team have contributed to forming my passions for communication, an active lifestyle, healthcare and leadership development.”

Her passion for communication and leadership development led to her decision to attend Andrews because she “felt that this campus was filled with opportunities for a dynamic and diverse college experience.” Additionally, Jessica had been told how the professors showed personal care and investment in students’ futures, which is something she has experienced from professors in her science classes.

Jessica’s major is business administration with a minor in chemistry. She hopes to channel her passion for leadership by pursuing a career in healthcare administration and a PhD in leadership development. Furthermore, she says, “I would love to eventually teach part-time at a university and lecture internationally, create a video broadcast program that inspires young adults to live abundantly through practical application of the Adventist health message, and lead a team of professionals within a healthcare system or wellness program.”

In addition to pursuing administration and leadership within her major, Jessica has also been actively involved in student leadership. “As a freshman, I had expected to graduate with honors and lifelong friendships. Four years later, I have been blessed beyond my wildest dreams to have gained all that along with the privilege to serve as the executive secretary, executive vice president and then current president of the Andrews University Student Association,” says Jessica.

One way that her time at Andrews has been blessed is through receiving the merit-based Andrews Partnership Scholarship. Because of this financial aid, she says, “I have been able to grow personally and professionally through the leadership and academic opportunities I’ve been able to experience throughout my time at Andrews.”
The total value of Andrews University's endowments is $53,052,757.

$1,584,076 was awarded during Andrews University Fiscal Year 2017 from endowed scholarships.

If you would like to start an endowed scholarship fund or give a gift to an endowed scholarship already established, please contact the Office of Development at 269-471-3124.
Lynn & Deborah Gray
Presented by Donald Bedney,
Senior Development Officer, Development

LYNN AND DEBBIE GRAY WERE BOTH BORN in Michigan. They both attended the Berea Seventh-day Adventist elementary school and the Cass Technical High school in Detroit, Michigan. They started dating while students at Andrews and became husband and wife during Lynn’s medical training.

Lynn was raised by parents who didn’t have the privilege of attending college but who taught him that privilege and advantages in life put you in a position to help others better themselves. Debbie’s parents also instilled in her the blessings and benefits of giving. Debbie is certain that if they had more money, they would have given more. Because, in her father’s words, “it’s just the right thing to do!”

The Grays believe in Adventist education and supported it by sending all three of their children to Adventist schools. They have always supported educational institutions which they attended and where their children were enrolled.

Lynn believes that Christian education keeps young people strong and in the faith. Lynn and Debbie have lived that belief. They have supported other young people financially over the years—including youth who participate in the “Sow Safari” mission trip sponsored by Andrews Academy.

Debbie believes that giving to support Adventist education is non-negotiable. “What will happen to our school if we don’t support it?” Lynn agrees. He also suggests that giving can be simplified to widen the net of support for Andrews. Lynn asks the question, “What would happen if every Andrews graduate donated $10?” That concept alone would truly make a difference in the University’s bottom line.

In their words: “The Lord always has a blessing for you when you give; it’s not our money anyway. Everything we have comes from the Lord.”

Richard Fearing
Presented by Constance Gane,
Curator, Horn Archaeology Museum

RICHARD DREW FEARING WAS BORN IN 1927 and graduated from Washington Missionary College (now Washington Adventist University) in 1950. He received his master’s degree from Andrews in 1964. Throughout his ministry career he has served as a pastor, administrator, part-time teacher, conference president and union president of the North Pacific Union Conference. In 1996 he published a book titled, "Lord, What Am I Doing Here? The Life and Times of a Seventh-day Adventist Minister."

His favorite subject in college was ancient history, and when he attended the seminary his favorite classes were the ones he took from Siegfried H. Horn.

His late wife, Claoma S. Fearing, had a great love of archaeology and excavated with the Institute of Archaeology at Tall Jalul during the ’92, ’94 and ’96 seasons. Upon her death in 2000, Richard Fearing and his family set up a memorial fund in Claoma’s honor through the Horn Archaeological Museum. Richard has been a faithful contributor to the Claoma S. Fearing Memorial Fund all of these years.

He is proud of his family of five children, three stepchildren, 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He is now married to Helen Johnson Rasmussen (BA ’52), and lives in Mount Vernon, Washington. Although he was unable to attend the ceremony, the award was presented to him in person during a visit with Donald Bedney, senior development officer.
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