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Niels-Erik Andreassen (right) was one of four award recipients at the meeting alongside a U.S. Army General/psychiatrist, a biblical languages scholar and a psychiatrist/educator.

Andreassen receives distinguished award of excellence

President Niels-Erik Andreassen received the Charles Elliot Weniger Award for Excellence on Jan. 29, in recognition of his long career in theol-

ogy and leadership for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The award was presented during the annual meeting of the Charles E. Weniger Society held at the Loma Linda University Church in Loma Linda, Calif.

Lawrence Geraty, chair of the Weniger Executive Committee, said of Andreassen, "Niels-Erik Andreassen has distinguished himself as an innovative leader in Adventist higher education, as a trusted theologian in circles where the Bible is respected, and as a sought-after diplomat in a worldwide denomination often beset by challenges."

"Leadership in a Christian organization and institution, especially, must seek to implement such a concept of leadership that comes from within, that does not blush when the camera is on, that does not need to turn off the microphone before speaking," said Andreassen. "The Adventist church

would do well to develop and exhibit that kind of leadership style and offer it as a model to the general public."

Andreassen concluded his speech by sharing his leadership prayer—one he says each morning before his first appointment. (See leadership prayer at www.lakeunionherald.org)

The Weniger Society was established to preserve and protect the qualities, inspiration, motivation and excellence that were paramount in the life and service of Charles Elliott Weniger, a noted scholar, public speaker and professor. Nominees are recognized as individuals having made significant contributions to their communities, the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the world. Since the society was founded in 1974, 150 Weniger Awards have been given.

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A new grant from Berrien County School Recycling Program helps provide recycling bins in Bell Hall and the Center for Adventist Research.

Village Green Preservation Society encourages campus to be good stewards

The Village Green Preservation Society (VGPS), the environmental club at Andrews University, received a grant to support recycling efforts on campus. The \$474 grant was provided by Berrien County through the School Recycling Grant Program, a program that provides monetary support for school

waste reduction, recycling projects and activities that support environmentalism. This is the third consecutive year VGPS has received the grant. Funds will be used to provide recycling bins in Bell Hall and the Center for Adventist Research (CAR).

"VGPS hopes the new recycling bins will help people realize that no matter what you think about global warming or the politics of oil drilling, our world is finite and we should do what we can to care for it," says Larnell Smith, VGPS president. "We are only the temporary stewards of this planet, and it is our hope that through this new recycling system it will be easier to be a good steward at Andrews University."

VGPS officers originally planned to write a grant for Bell Hall only because of the high number of students and faculty in the building each day. They also hoped to familiarize students in the School of Education with proper recycling techniques. "We thought it would be a great influence on future educators to have recycling bins available in

their place of study," says Smith. "That way, when they go to their new place of employment, they will be in the habit of recycling and perhaps implement recycling programs."

The group also received a request from the staff at the CAR to implement recycling in their area, "Which we happily did!" says Smith. Additional funding from the Office of the Provost will help promote the new bins on campus and educate students and faculty about recycling methods.

VGPS's mission is to continue to apply for recycling grants so students, faculty and staff will eventually have access to recycling in every building on campus. Plans for next year's grants are currently underway.

"As recycling becomes more visible on campus, I hope it will continue to raise our awareness of our God-given responsibility to care for creation," says Tom Goodwin, VGPS sponsor.

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