

"Changing the World: The Next Step"

View "The Long Walk to Freedom" and engage with panel discussion

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Monday, February 26, 2018 @ 06:00 pm - 08:00 pm

Garber Auditorium, Chan Shun Hall



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On Monday, Feb. 26, 2018, Andrews University will host "Changing the World: The Next Step" in celebration of Black History Month. The program will take place at 6 p.m. in Garber Auditorium, Chan Shun Hall. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served. All members of the local community are invited to attend, as are all Andrews students, faculty and staff. Co-curricular credit is available for Andrews University students. This event is facilitated by the Education Subcommittee of the Community Engagement Council and sponsored by the James White Library.

The evening will begin with Tom Weidinger's documentary "The Long Walk to Freedom," a 30-minute film about how 12 ordinary people from very different backgrounds came to accomplish extraordinary deeds and changed the face of the nation. These 12 individuals, with tens of thousands of other Americans, joined the Civil Rights movement to protest racial inequality, segregation and discrimination in the 1960s.

A panel discussion will then address whether or not the goals of the 12 and others -particularly the goal of a just, free, compassionate society -have been achieved and will consider the next steps that can be taken to bring about change. Panelists include the following:

- Andrea Luxton, president, Andrews University
- Mike Ryan, district director for U.S. Congressman Fred Upton
- Mike Hildebrand, supervisor, Oronoko Charter Township
- Gwendolyn Moffitt, community engagement liaison, Michigan Department of Civil Rights
- Carmelo Mercado, general vice president/multicultural ministries coordinator, Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
- Michael Nixon, vice president for Diversity & Inclusion, Andrews University
- Carole Woolford-Hunt, chair, Department of Graduate Psychology & Counseling/Counseling Psychology program coordinator, Andrews University
- Jeff Boyd, executive director, Adventist Peace Fellowship
- Emanuel Brown, co-director/founder, African American History and Literature Gallery
- Moderated by Mark Reid, president, Andrews University Graduate Student Association

Attendees will be encouraged to ask questions of the panel and give feedback. "As a University, as a student body, as a church, as a community, as individuals, we have a role to play," says Carlisle Sutton, director of Community Engagement, Integration & Service at Andrews University. "We need to understand what is happening in the broader world and be intentional about being agents in the creation of a just, compassionate and humane society."

Andrea Luxton says, "As a University we are committed to preparing Christian professionals who are passionate about making a positive difference in an increasingly complex and divisive world. This means thoughtfully engaging in conversation and action where biblical principles and social realities intersect."

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