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Andrews takes a look at 'The New Face of Poverty'

In an effort to bring identity and understanding to a growing global crisis, Andrews University faculty, staff and students honored the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. with "The New Face of Poverty," a week-long event from Jan. 17–23. With more than 1.4 billion people living in extreme poverty, according to a 2005 World Bank estimate, the week raised awareness for victims of poverty, both globally and locally.

An eye-opening highlight of the week was Hope for Hunger, a campus-wide option to sign a subsistence eating pledge; participants reduced food intake for five days and donated the money normally spent on additional food to replenish two food banks in need. In the end, Hope for Hunger raised more than \$6,000 for The Soup Kitchen in Benton Harbor, Mich., and The Better Living Center in Detroit, Mich.

The week kicked off on Sabbath, Jan. 17, with a special New Life Fellowship service. June Madrigal, associate dean of women, presented "Loving

Your Enemies," a sermon first delivered by Martin Luther King Jr. on Nov. 17, 1957.

At the Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation held Monday, Jan. 19, guest speaker Gary Miller, from Trinity Lutheran Church in Berrien Springs, presented, "The Face of Poverty." Quoting King, "The evil which plagues the modern world is that of poverty," Miller said, "With that statement, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. described the familiar face of poverty. It is a base which includes 25,000 to 30,000 deaths per day of hunger-related causes."

During the convocation, individuals or organizations who exemplify King's values of civility and equality were recognized with a Freedom Award. This year's recipients were Bridgman Family Dental Center, the Second Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., and The Soup Kitchen of Benton Harbor, Mich.

The poster exhibit, "What the World Eats," was on display in the Campus Center, featuring photographs from Peter Menzel's book, *Hungry Planet*, depicting what is on family dinner tables in 15 different homes around the globe.

As the week came to a close, the Martin Luther King Jr. Arts Exposition brought hundreds of area students and their families to the Howard Performing Arts Center. A special program with several performances by area public, private and home school children was followed by an awards ceremony for the projects best highlighting the week's theme.

Student Life welcomes Paul Buckley

"I'm passionate about students," states Paul M. Buckley. "It is the core of my reason for working in higher education."



Paul M. Buckley

Buckley, the new associate dean of Student Life, came to Andrews University in late 2008 from Syracuse, N.Y., where he is working on a doctorate in Cultural Foundations of Education.

Buckley is a 1995 graduate of the University at Albany, State University of New York, where he obtained a Bachelor of Business Administration. He went on to earn a master's in Educational Administration and Policy Studies in 1998. Having held several administrative posts, which allowed him to shape student success, promote healthy campus culture and work with students to help them actualize their goals, Buckley's wealth of experience includes time as an assistant residence hall director, a diversity education specialist and many positions in the Office of Multicultural Affairs at Syracuse University. He brings to Andrews a rich background in dealing with a broad diversity of student issues from promoting campus culture to creating minority initiatives.

Even though Andrews brings him to the smallest campus of his career, Buckley is open to the transition and says, "I think that perhaps it allows me to get to know more students."



Through the collaboration of Ben Chilson, director of Dining Services (left); Joseph Warren (middle), chair of the Dr. Martin Luther King Planning Committee; and Rebecca May (right), director of campus relations, Hope for Hunger raised more than \$6,000 in just one week for The Soup Kitchen in Benton Harbor, Mich., and The Better Living Center in Detroit, Mich.

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