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reluctance to confront the antithesis of the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

“[This book] combines first-rate scholarship with the kind of insight that could only come from the author’s deep personal roots and decades of leadership in the Black Adventist experience,” said Douglas Morgan, professor of History at Washington Adventist University, who also described it as Adventism’s most important book on race relations. “Lucid, candid, provocative, yet redemptive, *Protest and*

Progress is an exceptionally rare and invaluable gem given the Church by one who has long loved it and served it with high distinction,” Morgan said.

Protest and Progress is available directly from Andrews University Press (universitypress.andrews.edu), Adventist Book Centers and major online retailers.

The Press, organized in 1969, is the primary academic publishing house to serve the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. Founded in 1874, Andrews

University is the flagship institution of higher education for the Seventh-day Adventist Church and offers more than 200 areas of study including advanced degrees. Its main campus is in Berrien Springs, Michigan, but the University also provides instruction at colleges and universities in 19 countries around the world. ■

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▲ Paul Pellandini of Advocates for Southeast Asians and the Persecuted (ASAP) and Patty LaVanture of Country Life Natural Foods are interviewed during the Members in Action segment.

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MICHIGAN — At the Lake Union Adventist Laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI) spring fellowship, an annual conference geared toward individuals seeking to witness through their occupations and workplaces, leadership shared a recently voted action to broaden the organization’s reach by actively including young adults. “It was just voted to create a new category for young professionals,” stated Lake Union ASI president, Tom Morrissy. “We saw a need. Youth for Jesus was for high school-aged, and GYC was reaching college-aged

members. We want them to join us at ASI and keep that worldwide focus.”

Although there has never been a minimum age requirement for ASI membership or involvement, outreach would still aim to “share Christ in the marketplace,” while in-reach would focus heavily on inviting younger members of the church. According to ASI’s national president, Steve Dickman, “If a young person comes into the church and doesn’t get involvement, either from a church standpoint or an ASI standpoint, they’re gonna walk away from it.”

To incorporate the new demographic, it was announced that registration would be 90 percent off for young professionals for the upcoming convention in Florida, which will include sessions targeted specifically

for such new members. “We have a philosophy that everybody is called to be a minister and share in their own workplace,” Dickman continued. “We felt that we needed a way for ages 18–35 to come into ASI at a very reduced cost and be a part of it and experience the ASI convention, activities and fellowship.”

Opportunities for involvement were apparent in this year’s Lake Union ASI offering. Members from Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin gathered in Benton Harbor and generously contributed donations totaling \$15,031. Of that amount, \$4,150 is going towards the Advocates for Southeast Asians and the Persecuted (ASAP) branch in Rockford, Ill., to assist Karen refugees; \$5,531 is assisting FARMSTEW, a sustainable agriculture and sanitation education ministry developing a training center in Jinja, Uganda. Orphans International Helpline, which provides food, clothing, shelter, medical care and Adventist education to abandoned children in Haiti will receive \$4,150 to sponsor 40 children. Meanwhile, \$2,400 was dedicated for a three-year sponsorship of the Adventist Frontier Mission’s Mali project.

The next ASI event is the 2018 Convention in Orlando, Fla., from August 2–5. The theme this year is “Business Unusual.” ■

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