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# Church of the Pioneers Foundation

## What Is It?

CHURCH OF THE PIONEERS FOUNDATION is a qualified 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(3) tax-exempt corporation formed in 1975 to administer gifts from donors for supported organizations and other Christ-centered ministries and missions.

Directors of the Foundation (COPF) shall hold, or have held, important office in one or more supported organization at the time they first become directors. They contribute their services for seven-year terms for the purposes of:

- knowing and responding to the goals of supported organizations and Christ-centered ministries and missions;
- accepting gifts in various forms and designations;
- effectively managing investments;
- acting as trustees to ongoing trusts created by donors and distributing these trusts;
- planning and investigating opportunities for acquisition of, improvement of, and continuing management of properties;
- maintaining support funds for long-term ministries and missions;
- maintaining support funds for graduate preaching fellowships for qualified seminary students;
- providing information and assistance to potential donors.

## Why Is It?

COPF offers alternatives for charitable giving which extend beyond ordinary reasons for charitable giving, for example:

- real property and other income-producing property gifts;
- support fund gifts;
- charitable remainder unitrusts, annuity trusts and other gifts using trusts;
- deferred and tax-planned giving;
- giving by using life insurance products;
- COPF provides long-term capital giving through designated support funds.

COPF is active in property acquisition, improvement, and long-term management for facilities including residences and administrative buildings.

COPF administers gifts of assets intended for supported organizations and Christ-centered ministries and missions. Supported organizations include Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, Fuller Seminary, Mount Hermon Association, Inc., Bayshore Christian Ministries, City Team Ministries, and Young Life.

COPF assists donors by reconsidering income and estate tax law implications, financial goals and giving desires, available ministry opportunities, and various financial planning techniques.

COPF has been active in techniques for acquiring real property facilities, such as real estate exchanges and competitive bidding.

## How Is It Doing?

COPF is growing steadily as it becomes more well known.

Assets presently owned and managed by COPF include:

- 1111 University Dr., Menlo Park—the student center;
- 1155 University Dr., Menlo Park—staff offices;
- 1177 University Dr., Menlo Park—the additional class room building;
- 1187 University Dr., Menlo Park—awaiting MPPC occupancy;
- Nine residences in the area used for manses for pastors, senior staff, and their families;
- Two duplexes in E. Menlo Park for staff housing of Bayshore Christian Ministries and Young Life;
- Co-owned residence for Fuller Seminary;
- Open Doors Initiative Support Fund for the project of MPPC;
- Children's Ministries Support Fund for ongoing

support of children's ministries;

- Children's Music Support Fund for ongoing support of music programs for children;
- Mission Support Fund for ongoing support of mission projects and facility acquisition;
- Russian Orphan's Support Fund for ongoing support of Russian orphans;
- Graduate Preaching Fellowship for seminary scholarships for qualified recent graduates from selected seminaries throughout the United States;
- Other ongoing funds established by donors for specific designated purposes, beginning with a Charitable Remainder Unitrust established in 1977 and continuing now with 18 established unitrusts.

## Where Do You Go From Here?

The "Opportunities for Worship" of Our Lord through gifts to supported organizations and Christ-centered ministries and missions, have increased significantly because of CHURCH OF THE PIONEERS FOUNDATION. There is now an exciting array of choices for long-term, well-planned giving.

**You or your legal financial advisors should call COPF at (650) 323-8697 and ask for COPF information now, as you consider these opportunities.**

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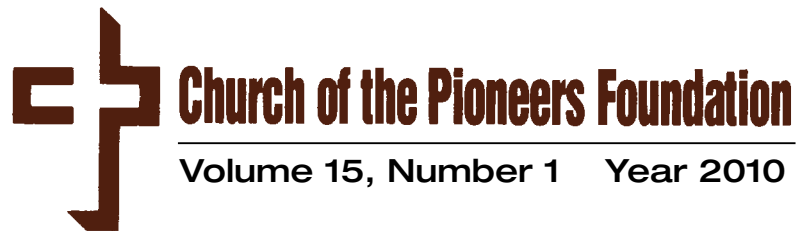
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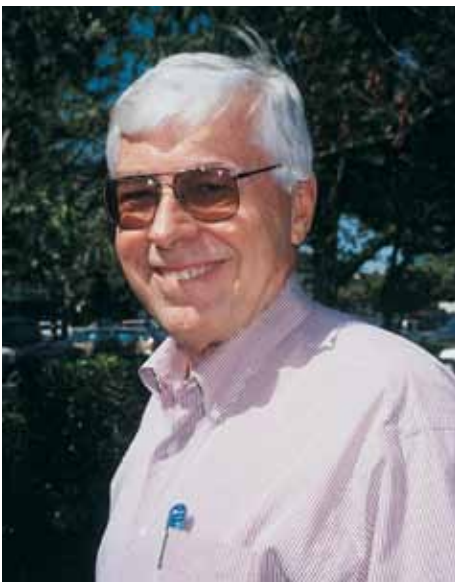
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# 35 Years of COPF, 20 Years of Opportunities, and What Does the Future Hold?

By Larry R. Langdon, President



This issue commemorates the establishment of COPF 35 years ago, and celebrates 20 years of *Opportunities* magazine. We also look forward with great anticipation to what our Lord has in store for COPF and its role in ministries supporting the Kingdom.

As we reflect on the wisdom and direction of the pioneers who formed the legal COPF entity, the donors who had vision for impacting the church beyond Menlo Park, and the stewardship around brick and mortar in Menlo Park, we are exceedingly thankful for many unnamed and unsung heroes of the faith who have gone before us.

Please read the articles in this issue which give insight to COPF's history:

- The acquisition of the building at 1187 University — now we have “four in a row” on University — and a report

on the remodeled Oakdell manse for the Jim Candy family

- We celebrate 20 years of Opportunities magazines, under Jim Palmer's editorship, beginning with the January 1990 issue. Note the collage of magazine covers throughout the years as well the article highlights.
- Russ Scotten, our accountant, describes the finances of COPF and makes “sense” of our financial reporting.
- Throughout the years Remainder Unitrust gifts have made a difference to giving and financial planning for donors and their families. This article features the Aced and George Unitrusts.
- Elder Gilman Robinson listened to Senior Pastor Cary Weisiger encourage the formation of COPF and this resulted in Gilman's life story of impacting many ministries in the Kingdom.

As you review these articles, you will get a sense of the important role the COPF board and its advisors have had in implementation of the original vision, the wishes of donors, and the creative use of donated assets. The purpose for all this has been to further the ministries of Menlo Park Presbyterian Church and more broadly throughout the world.

Max DePree, noted Christian businessman, author, and retired Fuller Seminary trustee has often commented that the role of an effective Christian board is to provide Wisdom, Wealth, Witness and Work to the enterprise. I am pleased to report that, as a team over the years, the

COPF board has provided these assets to the ongoing work of the Kingdom.

Most important, we wish to thank the donors, who through the years, with small and large donations, have made the ministry of COPF highly effective and with impact on Christian ministries near and far. God Bless You Everyone!

In the flyleaf of this issue you will find more detailed information regarding the purpose and activities of COPF. We count on your input, thoughts, prayer and financial involvement in whatever ways the Lord may be leading you in thoughtful stewardship of the assets the Lord has entrusted to you.

*Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 33, 34.*

*Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops. Proverbs 3:9* †

Blessings,  
Larry Langdon

# COPF Acquires Fourth Parcel on University Drive

Church of the Pioneers Foundation has added its fourth parcel on University Drive in Menlo Park. This is part of COPF's long term goal to acquire properties adjacent to the MPPC campus, thus supporting the Long Range Plan for campus expansion.

This most recent acquisition is 1187 University Dr. At one time it was the initial home of the Charles Armstrong School, still led by its Board President, Dr. Wilbur Mattison. The School's present campus is in Belmont.

## MPPC Parking Lot

The property is contiguous with MPPC parking lot area at the rear and presently serves as the offices for seven doctors and professionals. The property consists of the front building and two newer buildings in the back of the property. There are 12 parking spaces along with landscaping.

The Long Range Plans for expansion have not yet been fully developed. The expansion will require (1) acquisition of all



*The fourth contiguous parcel acquired by COPF is a one-story office building at 1187 University Drive.*

six parcels along University, and (2) fund raising for development for what will be 2 ½ acres of contiguous land. The property at 1187 was acquired in March 2009, and places COPF in ownership of four immediately contiguous parcels starting with the 1155 and 1177 buildings.

The 1187 property will not be occupied for church support purposes until after rentals to existing tenants have run their course. †



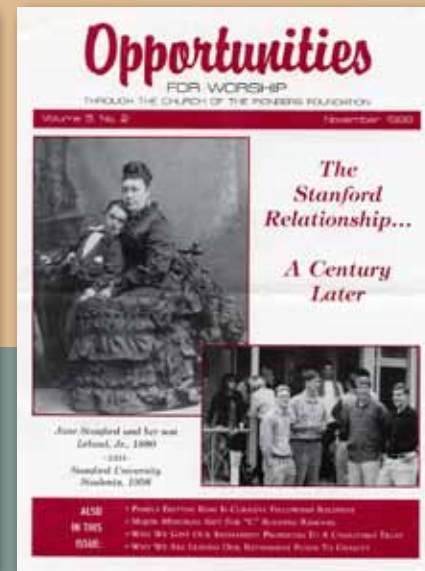
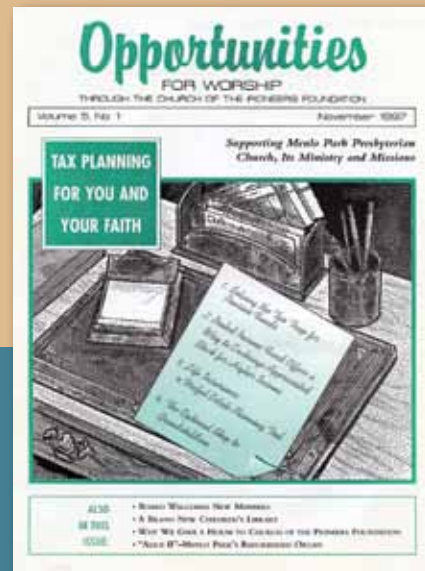
*Blossoms add color to a rear structure at 1187 University Drive that contains an additional office separate from the main building.*

*The rear parking area at 1187 University Drive with 12 parking spaces is contiguous to the main MPPC parking lot.*

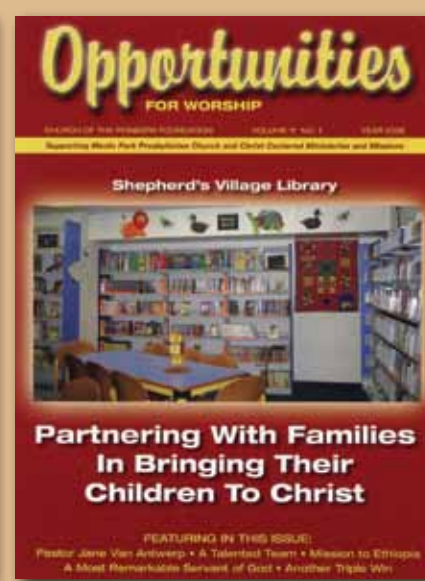
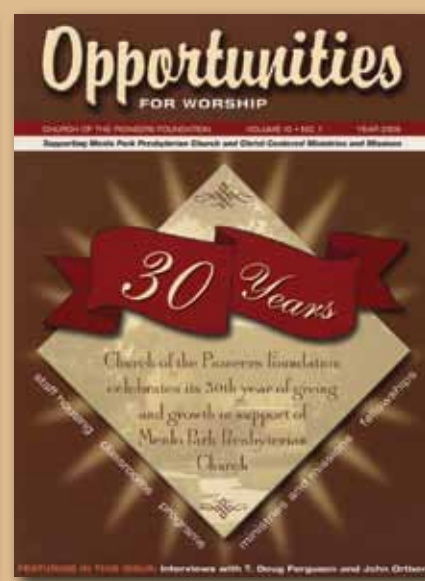
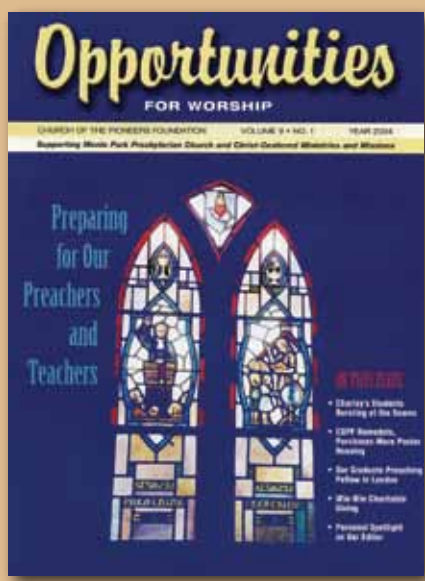


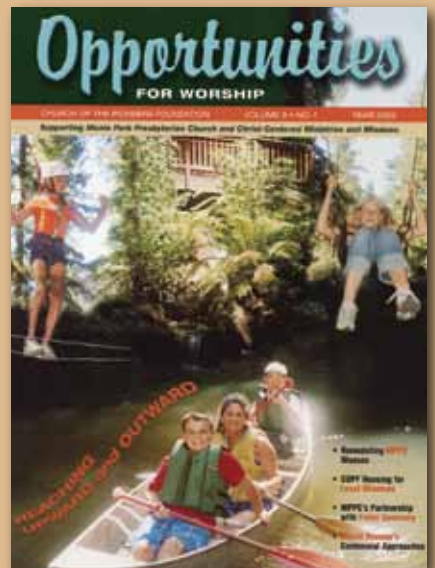
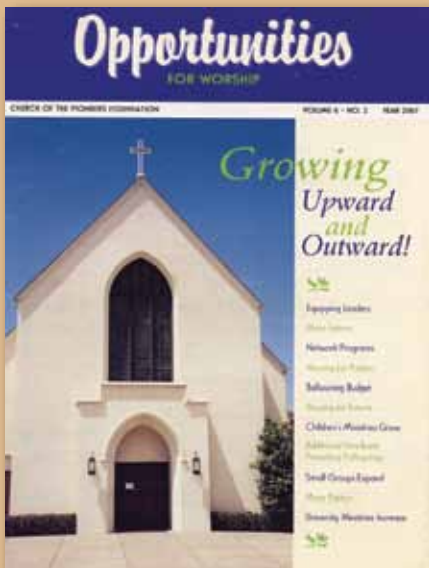
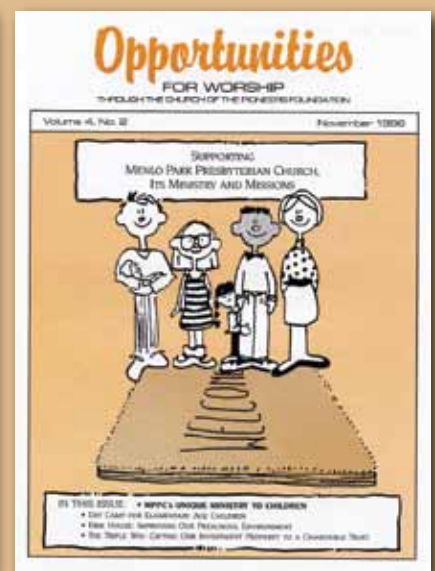
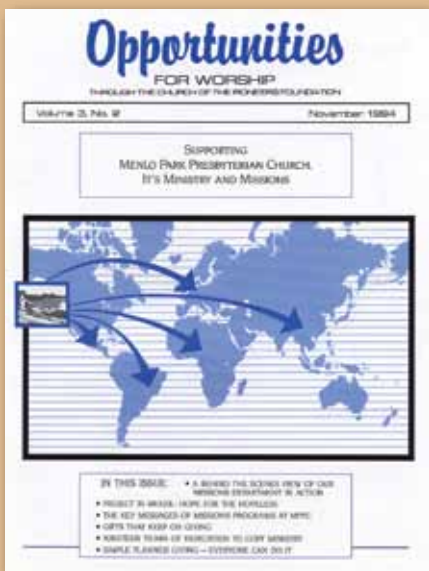


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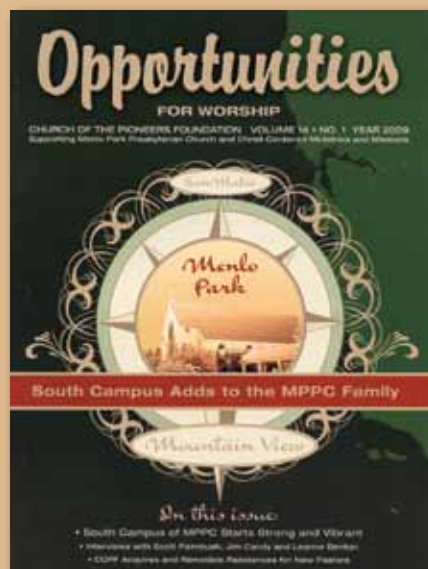
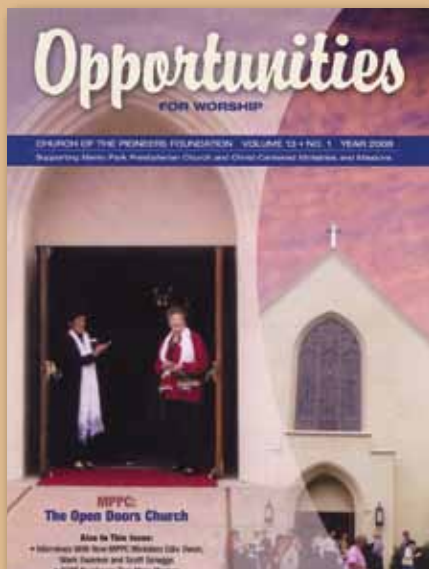
# Years of Opportunities





The first issue of *Opportunities* magazine, dated January 1990, began modestly in black and white with 16 pages, featuring articles such as “Inspired by Heaven, We Bought 1177!”

Referring to the present building owned by Church of the Pioneers Foundation at 1177 University Drive in Menlo Park, and both “Gifts that Keep on Giving” and “Advantages Await the Charitable Giver.”



The magazine began circulation in December 1989. Encouraging long term planned giving, and supporting Christian missions, ministries and organizations, has been a major purpose of each magazine annually thereafter. The “*Opportunities*” that have presented themselves along the way have been publicized now in a total of 20 magazines.

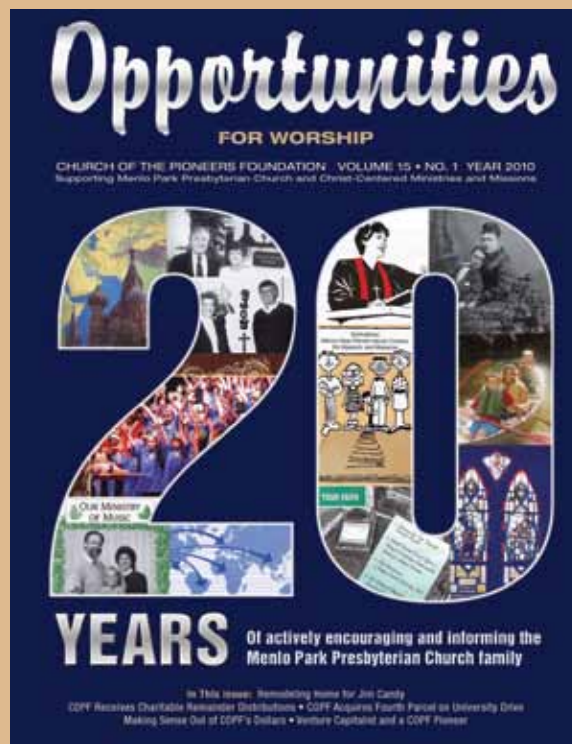
Keeping the church family informed has been another major purpose of the magazine – information on the activities of COPE,

its building acquisitions, improvements and maintenance; information on charitable giving and COPF's acting as trustee of charitable remainder unitrusts, and information through printed interviews with the talented persons leading MPPC in all its activities.

The first full-color issue of *Opportunities* was produced in 2001, featuring "COPF's Role – Obtaining the Facilities to House Increasing Church Needs" – showing two new residences that had been acquired at that time in Menlo Park, the remodeling of an existing residence, and the acquiring of housing for resident interns. Included in that issue on the charitable giving front was an article of "Donors to COPF's First Charitable Trust: Remembering Bettie and Hi Mears."

Missions support has been a continuing theme in the magazine starting with the very first issue's "Mission Possible! Building Houses for Families in East Palo Alto" describing contributions of COPF to Habitat for Humanity. The 1994 issue cover stories emphasized mission programs, such as "Project in Brazil: Hope for the Hopeless," "The Key Messages of Missions Programs at MPPC", and "1994-95 MPPC Mission Task Force Summary." Another cover in 2002 featured "COPF Extends Outreach Supporting Missions – Locally, Nationally and Internationally," and "Mission Department's New Expanded Approach" together with "Adventure Awaits You on a Short-Term Mission Trip!" In 2006, "What We Learned on Our Mission to Ethiopia" was featured.

COPF's Graduate Preaching Fellowship program continuously has been described in issues, especially in 1991 with "Graduate Preaching Fellowships: Experience for Tomorrow's Ministries," in 1995 with "Cary's Legacy: Inspiring a Perpetual Endowment – The Million Dollar Impact of Graduate Preaching Fellowships" and "Fuller Seminary Dean Observes the Fellowship's Importance," in 2001 with "Additional Graduate Preaching Fellowships," in 2006 with "Awards of Graduate Preaching Fellowship Provide Blessing," in 2007 with "Graduate Preaching Fellowship Winners Report Their Experiences," and in 2009 with "Graduate Preaching Fellowship Supports 'The Best and Brightest' Seminary Students."



Children's ministries have held a central emphasis in *Opportunities* magazines, including in 1996 "MPPC's Unique Ministry to Children," in 1997 with "A Brand New Children's Library," and in 2006 cover stories on "Pastor Jane Van Antwerp: Children's Ministries" and the "Shepherd's Village Library." The 2007 magazine featured a hands-raised-on-high cover photo of the young children's choir together with an article describing the children's music ministry.

### Charitable Gift Articles

Suggestions for charitable giving have been featured in a myriad of articles including "Charitable Givers Pick Up Additional Tax Benefits" (1993) "Simple Planned Giving - Everyone Can Do It" (1994), "Tax Planning for You and Your Faith" (1997), "The Interactive Gift - You, Your Family and Us" (1999), and "To Fulfill a Vision: How COPF Manages 17 Charitable Trusts" (2004).

Actual giving experiences have been related by John H. Jenks in cover story "Why I Started a Charitable Trust (1991), by Roger & Louise DeDera in "Why We Formed A Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust" (1993), by Richard and Marcia Desautel in "Why We Gave a House to Church of the Pioneers Foundation" (1997 and 2005), by Anita W. George in "Why We Gave Our Investment Property

to a Charitable Trust" (1998), by George and Anna June Treat in "A 'Win-Win' Result Using a Charitable Trust" (2004), by James C. deBroekert in "Another Triple Win – Why We Gave Our Rental Condominium to a Charitable Trust" (2006), and in "Hillmans Leave Generous Estate All to COPF" (2008).

Other supported organizations have been featured in issues such as cover story "Mount Hermon Approaches Its Centennial With Excitement" (2003), "MPPC's Partnership With Fuller Theological Seminary" (2003), "New Staff Housing for Local Missions Partners" (2003), and "COPF Helps Mount Hermon Complete First Stage of its Centennial Campaign" (2007).

Interviews with current pastoral and staff members have been featured for John Ortberg (2005), Frank VanderZwan (2006), Scott Scruggs (2008), Jim Candy (2009), and Leanne Benton (2009).

Numerous articles have described the expansion of residences and buildings owned by COPF as it has continued over the years to support Menlo Park Presbyterian Church and Christ-centered ministries and missions. Copies of certain articles and issues of magazines can be obtained through the MPPC library that has a binder of all issues of *Opportunities*, or by contacting Jim Palmer, editor. †

# COPF Continues its Purpose: Remodeling Home for Jim Candy and His Family



*The Oakdell Drive manse in Menlo Park was remodeled for Jim Candy and his family by COPF. Front yard improvements included landscaping, drainage and a new irrigation system.*

When Church of the Pioneers Foundation was formed 35 years ago, a primary purpose foreseen by its founders was the need to house Menlo Park Presbyterian Church's pastors and their families. The Foundation also became committed to upgrading the homes for the enjoyment of the occupants and at the same time providing additional value to the property.

In anticipation of Jim Candy, Family Life Pastor, and his family arriving in Menlo Park, the Foundation proceeded to remodel the West Menlo Park Oakdell Dr. manse.

The four bedroom manse was originally acquired many years ago and was in need of a remodel. Kelem Construction Company, the same firm that has remodeled numerous manses for the Foundation, completely gutted the family room, kitchen, two bathrooms, and a master closet. Defective duct work

in the ceiling was replaced that made the heating of the home more efficient.

While working on the master bathroom, it was discovered the exterior wall for the shower area had "severe dry rot" and had to be replaced. The master bath was expanded by taking space from an oversized master closet.

### **Church Family Gatherings**

Since the manse was also to be used by the pastor for church family gatherings, the kitchen was reconfigured with a center island to handle anticipated large groups. In addition, recessed lighting, new cabinets and "energy star" appliances were added.

The family room was also upgraded with built-in bookcases, new ceiling lighting, and was re-carpeted. Crown molding was added to numerous rooms and both the interior and exterior of the house was painted.

Both the front and back yards were in need of landscaping, and drainage needed to be addressed in the front yard. A new irrigation system was added. The front yard had exposed tree roots that were removed and a new lawn was added along with new plantings.

In the back yard, due to safety concerns, a swimming pool cover was added, the pool concrete apron was replaced, and the decayed wood decking was removed. Shrubs were added around the perimeter of the property and two Bradford pear trees were added next to the patio for needed shade. The Chinese elm tree was trimmed with the neighbor sharing the costs.

The Candy family has expressed appreciation for COPF making their transfer to MPPC possible by providing them with a beautiful upgraded home close to the church and Oak Knoll School. †

## Faithful Donors Leave Their Legacies

# COPF Receives Charitable Remainder Distributions

Many members of Menlo Park Presbyterian Church and supporters of Church of the Pioneers Foundation have realized that with proper planning they can avoid payment of unnecessary taxes, enjoy an income stream for life, and leave a legacy that will have a lasting impact on the Kingdom of God.

COPF has now received charitable remainder unitrust distributions from two trusts where were the result of good planning by their faithful donors.

A major gift came upon the termination of the Neldon and Anita George Charitable Remainder Unitrust which was initially funded in 1997 with several investment properties. In 1995, Neldon George had suffered a stroke, leaving the management of the properties in the hands of Anita, who decided that she needed to spend her time caring for her husband instead of managing the properties as he had done for several years.

Sale of the properties would have resulted in a hefty capital gains tax, and therefore Anita decided to proceed ahead with a charitable trust gift. COPF was named as one of three remainder beneficiaries. After gifting the properties to the unitrust, the properties were sold and the proceeds re-invested. The quarterly payout received by the donors during their joint and surviving lifetimes continued at 7% per annum of the total corpus of the trust until Anita, the last survivor, passed away in late 2008, causing the trust to terminate and distribute to the charitable beneficiaries.

In the November 1998 issue of Opportunities, Anita reflected on her decision in an article entitled “Why We Gave Our Investment Properties to A Charitable Trust”: “For the past 25 years I have enjoyed participating in the MPPC choir. Unfortunately, due to my husband’s illness, my choir participation has had to become less complete than I would like. However, I am able to sing with thankfulness in my heart for the many blessings we have experienced



by making this gift.”

Anita passed away in 2008. Now, with more than \$414,000 received from the distributed remainder interest, the legacy will be shared between the MPPC choir, Habitat for Humanity, local housing support, Ravenswood Education Foundation, Russian children’s support, Korea support, and a mission reserve fund.

Elder and faithful congregant of MPPC,

Bertha B. (“Bee”) Aced established her charitable remainder unitrust with COPF in the year 2000. Bee passed away in December 2008, the trust having paid out 8% annually to her. By creating her trust, Bee was able to obtain some immediate tax advantages, enjoy an income for life, and now she has benefited COPF and other charitable organizations with funds that will be useful for some time to come. †

# Making Sense Out of COPF'S Dollars



**S**ince 1995, Russ Scotten has been working for Church of the Pioneers Foundation in handling its accounting work for all its varied financial transactions.

This work is much more than writing checks and reconciling bank accounts. It includes preparing extensive and regular financial reports to the COPF board meetings, organizing information for annual audits by an independent audit firm, being responsible for the COPF mail and email, and keeping and storing financial records.

## **Special Tasks**

In addition Russ has special tasks such as Graduate Preaching Fellowship communications, assisting with COPF

property and manse purchases, and handling charitable remainder unitrust termination distributions. He helps with circulation of the Opportunities magazine every year. He attends COPF investment advisory committee meetings and prepares minutes. On the average he spends 80 to 85 hours per month on all these valuable and necessary tasks for COPF.

Russ took his COPF job after retiring from the City of Menlo Park after 26 years as Director of Finance. He obtained his education in accounting at Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg, Mo. Then after a year with Price Waterhouse in St. Louis, he went into the public sector by becoming a director of finance for the City of Gladstone, Mo. When he came to Menlo Park in 1965, he and his wife Elaine joined Menlo Park Presbyterian Church.

Russ describes the challenge he faces is “keeping the financial records and producing regular reports, and giving the auditors what they need each year to facilitate a clean audit for COPF.”

## **Rewarding Experience**

“My rewarding experience with COPF has come from knowing I am providing a needed service, and doing work I feel I am qualified to do. I am grateful that the board has always been very appreciative of my work.”

Russ also works part time in the financial record and reports arena for Trinity Guardian, Foundation, a Christian non-profit organization that acts as trustee for charitable remainder unitrusts.

## **Recreational Activities**

In his spare time, Russ squeezes in up to four tennis games a week, and travels to world-wide destinations with his wife. He also is active in the men’s associate members group for Allied Arts Guild, where Elaine is current vice president.

“However, I try to avoid other commitments so that I can get my COPF duties done in a timely way.”

Suffice it to say that without Russ, COPF would find it difficult to make sense out of its dollars! †

# Gilman Robinson: Venture Capitalist for the Lord and a COPF Pioneer

Carved in stone atop the National Archives in Washington, D.C., are the words,  
“What is past is Prologue.”



*Gilman Robinson inspired giving for the first Northern California Fuller Seminary professor's residence in Redwood City through COPF, which was sold more than 30 years later to produce a new residence in San Francisco for professor Dr. J.R. Daniel Kirk family.*

By Larry R. Langdon

At COPF, we are indebted to the pioneers who started the organization, served on our board in the early years, they provided important financial support, and had the vision for what COPF is today. One such person in our history is MPPC elder, Gilman Robinson, who is retired and now lives near Annapolis, Maryland with his wife, Judy.

Almost 40 years ago, at the time of the 100th anniversary of MPPC, then Senior Pastor Cary Weisiger noted to Gilman that it was sad that MPPC did not have

a related foundation to help people channel their testamentary giving like other churches of our size and impact. Thereupon, Gilman, with now COPF attorney Jim Palmer and Elder Bill Russ researched the concept, including visiting colleagues at First Presbyterian, Berkeley. This was the conceptual beginning of Church of Pioneers Foundation, which exists to assist with testamentary giving, the establishment and trusteeship of charitable trusts and giving to Christian causes.

Gilman remembers the first donor to

COPF stated that he wanted to assist in “bricks and mortar”, and giving to ministries will follow. Then only a short time later another donor couple established a charitable trust because they wanted to give to other ministries stating that “when the ministries of the church are thriving, giving to bricks and mortar will follow”. Gilman says he realized that “when each of us follows the Lord’s leading for our charitable giving, together His many ministries will be funded.”

## **Fuller Extension, Northern California**

In 1974, Gilman was a student in the first class of about 14 students of the Northern California Fuller Extension class taught by Dr. Thomas Gillespie, currently retired as President of Princeton Theological Seminary. To fulfill his personal interest in theological education Gilman wanted to “take the same seminary classes that ordained ministers have taken.”

At the time, Gilman was MPPC elder for Adult Education. Later he followed Dr. Paul Larsen as Chair of the Northern California Fuller Extension Coordination Committee. Paul Larsen is the brother of Elder Mary Goerz, past President of COPF and currently on the board. Gilman remembers assisting Northern California Fuller Extension operations for a few stressful months by moving the Extension telephone to his office desk.

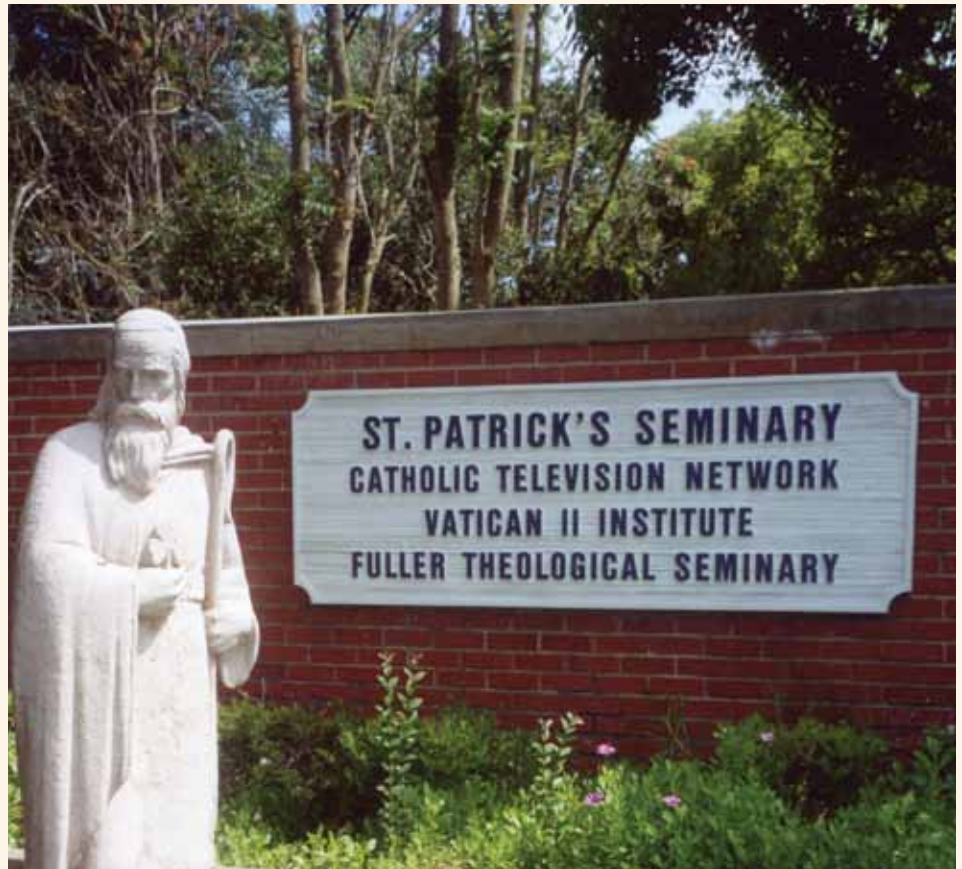
To realize its full potential in Northern California, Fuller Extension in Northern California had to extend its faculty beyond adjunct facility to include a full-time professor. To this end, in 1974, Dr. Art Patzia was recruited from Minnesota. Gilman realized that housing costs in our area are substantially higher than in the Midwest. Accordingly, Gilman concep-

tualized and raised \$50,000 as the funds needed for the down payment for a residence in Redwood City for Dr. Patzia. COPF was the non-profit legal vehicle which facilitated this purchase.

During Art Patzia's tenure at Fuller, these funds appreciated to \$190,000. Recently, the \$190,00 was used as a down payment for the current Fuller professor, Dr. Daniel Kirk, to purchase a home in San Francisco. These contributions allow COPF to provide continuity for housing for Fuller professors who are part of Northern California Fuller Seminary faculty.

In light of Gilman's interest in theological education, he served as a long time member and Chair of the Northern California Fuller Extension Advisory Committee and was elected as the first trustee for Extension to serve on the Fuller Seminary Board where he now serves as a Senior Trustee.

Fuller Northern California now boasts having more than 300 students and offers the Master of Divinity. In the words of Curt Longacre, Fuller Executive Director, Fuller would not have the academic and student base without having Dr. Art Patzia and Dr. Daniel Kirk, as permanent



*Gilman Robinson was a student in the first group of about 14 students of the Northern California Fuller Extension Class. It now boasts of having more than 300 students at its facility leased from the St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. Below: COPF has been a longtime financial supporter of Fuller Theology Seminary in Pasadena MPPC is the leading church in the world in sending students to Fuller Seminary at both the Pasadena and Northern California campuses.*



New Testament scholars in residence. In part due to Fuller Extension, MPPC is the leading church in the world in sending students to Fuller Seminary at both the Pasadena and Northern California campuses.

From this beginning, COPF has provided financial and housing support to other Christian organizations, including Mt. Hermon Association, Bayshore Christian Ministries, Young Life, EPA, and City Team Ministries.

### **Mears and Treat Charitable Trusts**

Elder Hy and Betty Mears were long time members and leaders at MPPC. As a COPF trustee, Gilman helped encourage the Mears to create the first charitable trust for which COPF served as trustee. A short time later Paul and Anna June Treat created a charitable trust with COPF serving as trustee. As a result of the Mears and Treat gifts, Gilman remembers fondly the joy of working with other members of MPPC who were constantly striving to know how best to use their resources for Kingdom Business, both during their lifetimes and after their deaths.

### **Gilman's Other Impacts**

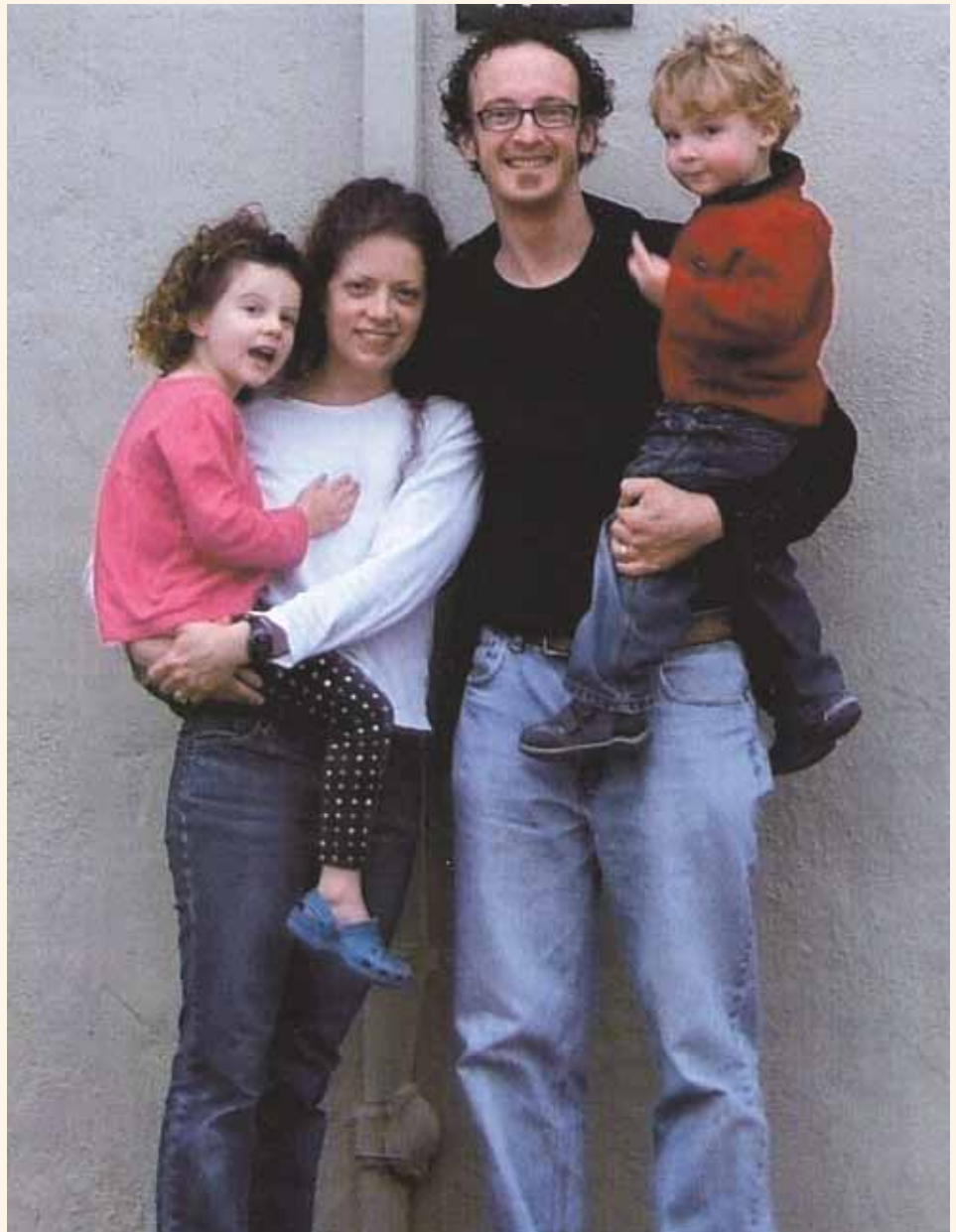
There is not space in this article to describe all of Gilman's ventures for the Lord during his time at MPPC. Two are mentioned here:

### **Village Enterprise Fund**

Through an advertisement in Christianity Today, Gilman discovered the work of Brian Lehnen in proving micro grants for the development of new businesses in the developing world. Gilman then invited Brian to meet in his living room with a half dozen of his MPPC friends, including Bob King and myself. Subsequently, Bob King, Debbie Hall and I became donors, board members and the work of Village Enterprise Fund has expanded dramatically from the day of the living room meeting.

### **FACT, now merged with John Stott Ministries**

Gilman encouraged a number of MPPC members to form the Foundation for Advanced Christian Training (FACT) for the purpose of funding the graduate



*Daniel and Laura Kirk with their two children, Cora Marie (age 4) and Eliot (age 2) now enjoy their new San Francisco residence purchased jointly by COPF and Fuller Seminary.*

theological education of Majority World Christian scholars in the U.S. In the early years of FACT Gilman worked closely with Meritt Sawyer, Executive Director, to make this vision a reality and assisted in raising substantial funds. Meritt played a significant role in the merger of FACT with John Stott Ministries (JSM), and Meritt served as Vice President of JSM. As many of you know, Ken Perez, a member of MPPC, is currently President of JSM.

Recently, Gilman made the following comments: "Upon reflection as to what the Lord would have me do, I feel that my efforts have been most meaningful when I was seeking to enable others to become

all that they could be as they seek to fulfill their God-given potential. I do not have the ability or skills to build houses, teach in a seminary, consult on spiritual healing matters or perform many other such tasks for which others are much better suited. Also I have limited financial resources to contribute. However, I can work with other Christians to create, manage and participate in the daily operations of the organizations which offer the opportunity and the financial support to others whom the Lord has given such gifts. That is what I see as my calling."

If any of you would like to contact Gilman and his wife Judy, they may be reached at [gilman19r36@verison.net](mailto:gilman19r36@verison.net). ☩

# Suggested Language for Giving to Church of the Pioneers Foundation

The following language is suggested for a gift, either outright or testamentary, to the CHURCH OF THE PIONEERS FOUNDATION:

I give \_\_\_\_\_ (describe specific property, cash or percentage of assets) to the CHURCH OF THE PIONEERS FOUNDATION of Menlo Park, California for the following long-term purpose(s), designated by my initials (if more than one purpose is designated, presume equal division unless otherwise indicated).

1. \_\_\_\_\_ for any **general purpose(s)** or project(s) at such times and in such amounts as determined by the Board of Directors of the CHURCH OF THE PIONEERS FOUNDATION, with particular attention to (unless specified, may be used for any supportive purpose or project):

2. \_\_\_\_\_ for support of **outreach projects** approved by the mission department of (name of supported organization), with particular attention to (unless specified, may be used for any such outreach project):

\_\_\_\_\_ at such times and in such amounts as determined by the Board of Directors of the CHURCH OF THE PIONEERS FOUNDATION;

3. \_\_\_\_\_ to the **Mission-Support Fund** of the CHURCH OF THE PIONEERS FOUNDATION, to be maintained for use for causes approved by the (name of supported organization).\*

4. \_\_\_\_\_ to the **Children's Ministries Support Fund** of the CHURCH OF THE PIONEERS FOUNDATION, to be maintained for use for children's ministries at (name of supported organization).\*

5. \_\_\_\_\_ to the **Children's Music Support Fund** of the CHURCH OF THE PIONEERS FOUNDATION, to be maintained for use for children's music ministries at (name of supported organization).\*

6. \_\_\_\_\_ to the **Russian Orphan's Support Fund** of the CHURCH OF THE PIONEERS FOUNDATION, to be used for support of the Russian orphan's program originally established by (name of supported organization).\*

7. \_\_\_\_\_ to the **Open Doors Initiative Support Fund** of the CHURCH OF THE PIONEERS FOUNDATION to be used for support of the Open Doors Initiative project of the (name of supported organization).

8. \_\_\_\_\_ for **scholarships** for seminary students or training for ministry at church-site location(s) approved by (name of supported organization) at such times and in such amounts as determined by the Board of Directors of the CHURCH OF THE PIONEERS FOUNDATION.

9. \_\_\_\_\_ for **expansion, improvement, acquisition of facilities or debt retirement**, at such times and in such amounts as determined by the Board of Directors of the CHURCH OF THE PIONEERS FOUNDATION.

10. \_\_\_\_\_ for the following supported organization at such times and in such amounts as determined by the Board of Directors to COPF:

*\*Payout to be made from income of the Fund, and from principal of the Fund as determined from time to time by Church of the Pioneers Foundation.*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness or attached notarization

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Signature

(If testamentary, must be signed, dated and witnessed by at least two witnesses with attestation clause. If outright, should be signed, dated and notarized.)

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