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VESPERS IN ADVENT

Candlelight Communion Service

7 p.m.
Dr. Gareth W. Icenogle

November 30

Creation:
God Breathes Light into Dark
Genesis 1:1-5

December 7

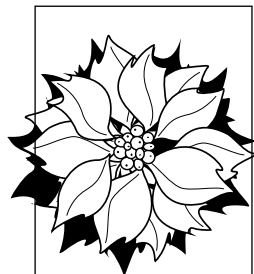
Sabbath:
God Rests During the Daylight
Genesis 1:26-2:3

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A Dark Time after a Lite Meal
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Life:
Word Shining in Darkness
John 1:1-5



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A Conversation about Stewardship with Dr. Icenogle

Recently, the Editor of the National XPress, Richard Armstrong, sat down with NPC's Pastor, Dr. Gareth Icenogle, to talk about stewardship at NPC, what Christ calls us to give, and what our giving says about us as a congregation.

XPress: What is the definition of "stewardship" and what is the Biblical basis for it?

Icenogle: The word "stewardship" means how we manage what God has given to us, and the Biblical basis for it goes all the way back to Genesis 1, when God created the world and gave humanity *dominion* over it. In other words, he gave us responsibility for everything he created, plus the responsibility to pursue his mission here on earth. What that means to me is that everything we have really belongs to God. That's why the people of God have traditionally set aside a certain portion of what God has given to them to develop and nurture his mission in the world.

XPress: Does our church, or does the Presbyterian Church as a whole, have a certain "philosophy" of stewardship to which we adhere?

Icenogle: We have multiple philosophies of stewardship in our denomination and even in our own congregation. But the philosophy that I think we should encourage is one centered around the idea

of discipleship. There is a discipline in giving to the church that we need to nurture and support. I believe it's the church's responsibility to help educate people about giving and to help them grow in their generosity as they grow in their faith. I think we need to do a better job of that at NPC than we've done in the past.

XPress: Why is it important for a member to give to the church, other than just keeping the lights on and the air conditioning working? Does the individual "get anything" — in a spiritual or a tangible sense — out of giving?

Icenogle: It's interesting that you should ask about what the individual gets out of giving, because that kind of question is very typical of our society today. Historically, the process of giving to the church has always been a communal discipline, not the isolated act of a single individual. We Americans tend to back away from communal responsibilities. Our tendency is to say, "How much I give to the church is my business, not yours." But that's not really what the Bible and our Christian faith asks of us. Part of what we "get" from giving to the church is the benefit of working together toward a common goal. What often happens in American churches these days — and ours is no exception — is that we

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Volunteer shovels mud in Mississippi.

Picking Up the Pieces in Mississippi

By Barry Wynkoop, NPC Trustee

Fourteen days after hurricane Katrina devastated the gulf coast region of Mississippi, I traveled with a group of 40 volunteers from twenty-four churches of our presbytery to provide disaster assistance to residents of the town of Gautier, Mississippi (pronounced "go-shay"). Our mission was two-fold: to support immediate "first responder" relief efforts to families in the region, and to construct "tent villages" for future volunteer teams from Presbyterian churches across the country. This effort represented the first time our denomination has engaged in a hands-on response to a disaster. We should all feel encouraged that God energized PC(USA) to act in a direct way. Historically, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

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Advent at National

A Season of Singing

Sunday Worship
at 9 and 11 a.m.
Dr. Gareth W. Icenogle

- NOV 27** First Sunday in Advent
Let the Face of God Smile
Psalm 80
- DEC 4** Second Sunday in Advent:
Let Us See the Goodness of God
Psalm 85
- DEC 11** Third Sunday in Advent
Let Us Sing for the Joy of God
Psalm 126
- DEC 18** Fourth Sunday in Advent
Glory to God in the Highest
Psalm 89

- DEC 24** Christmas Eve
Seeing the Glory of God
Family Pageant
5 p.m.
Candlelight Communion Services
8 and 11 p.m.
Psalm 96
A Season of Singing

- DEC 25** Christmas Day
The King is Born
Dr. Harry Winsheimer
One service at 10 a.m.
Psalm 97
No Sunday School Classes.
Childcare available.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo – Christmas Music at National

Vivaldi's Gloria Performed in Worship on December 18

Music of Christmas has drawn worshipers and concertgoers to National for generations. That rich heritage continues this year with Chancel Choir performances of Antonio Vivaldi's beloved *Gloria* in both morning services on Sunday, December 18. The choir, orchestra, and soloists will present this Baroque masterpiece, not as a concert, but liturgically, fitting it into our regular pattern of worship. In keeping with the sixty-five year history of candlelight Christmas concerts, these performances promise to be wonderful events, particularly for those who have not yet had opportunity to attend large choral concerts at National.

Gloria in excelsis Deo is the second of five ordinary, or regular, sections of the Roman Mass (Kyrie – *Lord, have mercy on us*, Gloria – *Glory to God in the highest*, Credo – *I believe*, Sanctus – *Holy, Holy, Holy*, Agnus Dei – *Lamb*

of God). Known as the “Greater Doxology,” it is a song of praise based on St. Luke’s record of the angels’ word to the shepherds that auspicious night so long ago, announcing above the Judean hillsides the birth of Messiah. “Vivaldi’s *Gloria* is a wonderful setting of this ‘good news of great joy,’” says Michael Denham, Director of Music Ministries. With a number of contrasting movements accompanied by pairs of oboes and trumpets, along with organ and strings, it is “a glittering, festive expression of devotion and praise.”

Make your plans now for Sunday, December 18, to hear this brilliant work, to lift your own voice in beautiful carols of the Christmas season, and to join in worship of God who has been made known to us in the coming of our only Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord.

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ask, “Is the church using my money well?” when we should be asking, “Are we using *our* money well?”

XPress: The Bible says we should “tithe.” What exactly is tithing, and is this a reasonable goal for church members nowadays to aspire to?

Icenogle: Tithing is an Old English term meaning “one-tenth,” and it refers to the time in the Old Testament when the people of God gave a certain portion of their income to support God’s priests and their ministry. But during the Old Testament days, people actually gave *more* than a tenth of their income to God. There was a 10 percent “tithe” to the temple every year, and a 10 percent “tithe” to the priests every year, and a 10 percent “tithe” to the poor every *three* years. So it worked out to about 23 and 1/3 percent of a person’s income each year. Of course, this system existed in the days before taxes. When the kings took over Israel, they instituted a royal tax, and the Romans in Jesus’s day instituted an imperial tax. So we wound up with a tax-and-tithe concept that is essentially what we have today. In America today, average churchgoers only give about 2.5 percent of their income to the church, perhaps because we pay a lot in taxes.

But the point of telling you all this history is that tithing to the church actually means giving *more* than ten percent of your income. We should view tithing not as an end goal, but as a starting point for discussion and education. Tithing should be thought of as a spiritual discipline — like daily prayer or scriptural study — that we not only practice individually but also help each other to practice communally. Hopefully, there will come a time in your life when you have the kind of economic freedom and flexibility to give *more* than ten percent of your income. Because, remember, all this money belongs to God anyway. So the real question we want Christians to ask themselves is not how much of *your* money are you going to give to God this year ... but how much of *God’s* money are you going to keep this year for yourself!

XPress: What is the difference between

the “faith giving” that we practice at NPC and the “pledge” or “commitment” giving that is practiced in other churches? Which system works best in your view?

Icenogle: There are basically three systems out there: 1) Some synagogues and churches establish a set membership fee, or annual dues, that members are expected to pay; 2) Many mainline Protestant churches have an annual pledging process whereby members commit themselves to a certain amount each year, and the church is not shy about reminding people to honor their commitment; and 3) Some independent and evangelical churches simply put it in the hands of God. How much you choose to give is between you and the Lord, and the church doesn’t get involved with the decision or the accountability. The third system is called “faith giving,” and that’s essentially what we do here at NPC.

XPress: So if we’re on a “faith giving” system, what is the purpose of those

pledge cards we hand out every year?

Icenogle: That’s a question I’ve been asking since I got here! Actually, what happened is that we are “stuck” halfway between the second system and the third. On the one hand, we have some members here who would like to see us adhere to a pure faith-giving model. But we’ve also got some members who prefer the pledge system. So we wound up with a compromise that may be the best of both worlds — but it might be the worst of both worlds — so we need to take a closer look at that issue in the future. NPC members tend to have strong opinions, and they don’t always agree with each other. I actually believe that’s one of the strengths of our congregation. But it’s also one of the greatest challenges we face — to forge some sense of unity and common purpose out of such diversity.

XPress: What about the budgeting process? Do we set our budget and then worry about how we’re going to come


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Exhibit Celebrates National’s 210th Anniversary

On Reformation Sunday, October 30, an exhibition showing a portion of the church’s rich heritage opened in the Court of Flags. Historic photographs, artifacts, and other memorabilia celebrate the 210th anniversary of our historic church — the roots of which extend back to a group of Scottish stonemasons who were building the White House. The exhibit chronicles the ministers of the congregation, the Sunday school, music program, and missionary activities, as well as a wide variety of social groups and clubs.



As part of the 1957 Royal Visit of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip to the U.S., President and Mrs. Eisenhower brought the royal couple to church (National Presbyterian at the Connecticut Avenue Location) From the Chapman Archive Collection

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<h1>NOVEMBER</h1>							
<p>6 Worship at 9 and 11 a.m. Dr. Gareth Icenogle Sunday Classes for Adults, Children, and Youth Prepare for Marriage at 10:30 a.m. Middle School Retreat returns at 1:30 p.m. National Christian Choir at 6 p.m.</p>	<p>7 SKIFF Luncheon and Program at noon</p>	<p>1 Tuesdays Together at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>2 Wednesday Night Alive Dinner, 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. Classes – 7 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Beth Moore Bible Study at 11 a.m. Middle School Fall Retreat: "Keep on Truckin'" leaves at 6 p.m.</p>	<p>5 B&P Women's Guild Lunch and Program at 11:45 a.m. Middle School Fall Retreat continues.</p>	
<p>13 Worship at 9 and 11 a.m. Dr. Gareth Icenogle NPS Chorus in Worship Services Sunday Classes for Adults, Children, and Youth Annual Congregational Meeting at noon</p>	<p>14 Library & Archives Council Meeting at 6 p.m. Children's Ministries Sunday School Leadership Team Meeting at 6 p.m. Children's Council Meeting at 8 p.m.</p>	<p>15 Stephen Ministry Continuing Education and Supervision at 6 p.m.</p>	<p>16 Wednesday Night Alive Dinner, 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. Classes – 7 p.m.</p>	<p>17 Evening Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>18 Beth Moore Bible Study at 11 a.m.</p>	<p>19</p>	
<p>20 Worship at 9 and 11 a.m. Dr. Gareth Icenogle Sunday Classes for Adults, Children, and Youth Thanksgiving before Thanksgiving Celebration at noon</p>	<p>21 Hands On Urban Prayer Breakfast at 6:30 a.m.</p>	<p>22 Hands On Urban Prayer Breakfast at 6:30 a.m.</p>	<p>23 Hands On Urban Prayer Breakfast at 6:30 a.m.</p>	<p>24 Thanksgiving Service Worship at 10 a.m. Dr. Harry Winsheimer Hands On Urban Prayer Breakfast at 6:30 a.m.</p>	<p>25 Hands On Urban Prayer Breakfast at 6:30 a.m.</p>	<p>26</p>	
<p>27 First Sunday in Advent Worship at 9 and 11 a.m. Dr. Gareth Icenogle Sunday Classes for Adults, Children, and Youth Advent Workshop, 5 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>28 Session Meeting at 7 p.m. Deacons Board Meeting at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 NPS Chapel at 8:40 a.m. Vespers at Advent Dinner 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. Communion Vespers Service with Children's/Youth Programs at 7 p.m.</p>				

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<p>4</p> <p>Second Sunday in Advent Worship at 9 and 11 a.m. Dr. Gareth Icenogle Sunday Classes for Adults, Children, and Youth Alternative Gifts at Christmas Market, Stone Hall, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Washington Bach Consort at 3 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>SKIFF Luncheon and Christmas Program at noon</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Stephen Ministry Christmas Gathering at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays Together at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Vespers at Advent Dinner, 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. Communion Vespers Service with Children's/Youth Programs at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Evening Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Beth Moore Bible Study at 11 a.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>B&P Women's Guild Luncheon and Program at 11:45 a.m.</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Third Sunday in Advent Worship at 9 and 11 a.m. Dr. Gareth Icenogle Alternative Gifts at Christmas Market, Stone Hall, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. High School Fall Retreat returns at 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Children's Ministries Sunday School Leadership Team Meeting at 6 p.m. Children's Council Meeting at 8 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>NPS Chapel at 8:40 a.m. Vespers at Advent Dinner, 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. Communion Vespers Service with Children's/Youth Programs at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Evening Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Beth Moore Bible Study at 11 a.m.</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Fourth Sunday in Advent Worship at 9 and 11 a.m. Dr. Gareth Icenogle Gloria in Excelsis Deo – Vivaldi's Gloria in today's Worship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Session Meeting at 7 p.m. Deacon Board "Hi-Bye" Dinner at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Vespers at Advent Dinner, 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. Communion Vespers Service with Children's/Youth Programs at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve Family Worship at 5 p.m. Communion Service with Brass, Soloists, and Chancel Choir at 8 and 11 p.m. Dr. Gareth Icenogle Christmas Eve Family Dinner, 5-8 p.m.</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day Worship at 11 a.m. Dr. Gareth Icenogle</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>



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up with the money later? Or do we try to base our budget on a realistic forecast of the amount we expect to raise?

Icenogle: I think we try to make a realistic assessment of what we can raise and set our budget accordingly. But we also set the budget and pray that people step up to it. Right now, for example, we're in the last third of our short fiscal year, and we've only raised about *half* of the money we're supposed to have on hand. So it's at about this time that some of the more practical people in our leadership think we should ask the congregation to give more, while others are willing to wait and see how God moves people to give.

You're always going to have this kind of struggle in any church. But my own experience tells me that in a church like NPC, it's never a lack of *money* that causes problems. It's lack of commitment, a lack of motivation, a lack of inspiration, a lack of information, a lack of confidence, a lack of trust — but not a lack of money. I've always operated on the principle that if the members are *informed* about the financial status of the church, they will act in good faith to make up any shortfall that may occur.

But not everyone agrees with me on that. Some people say that you should never ask for money from the pulpit. They say that Jesus never asked for money, which is true. But Paul did. David did. So I reject that theology. I don't believe that "Don't Ask/Don't Tell" is a good policy when it comes to church finances.

XPress: We had something of a financial "crisis" at NPC last June. How well did we come out of that and how do we prevent such things from happening again?

Icenogle: We came out of it very well. In round numbers, we received nearly \$120,000 more in faith giving than we anticipated. But we also had some extraordinary expenses — unforeseen expenses — like pastor transitions and administrative staff changes — and we had to turn to our reserve for some help making up that shortfall. As far as I'm concerned,

the additional fundraising we did in June was an enormous success.

But let me hasten to add that I don't really consider such things to be a "crisis." I know of very few churches in the country that don't come to the end of their fiscal year with a difference between where they are and where they wanted to be. If we want to prevent that from happening in the future, we have to do a lot more than just asking the pastor to give some speeches from the pulpit or sending out some fundraising letters. We have to make a commitment from the top leadership of the church down to the rank-and-file member that we're going to be more assertive about discipleship and fundraising. And frankly, that's a different perspective than some have currently. There are some who say "Don't spend any more than what people choose to give, and don't ask for any more than they've given in the past." I strongly disagree with that philosophy. I believe that if we don't ask people to give more, they're generally going to give less — until eventually the church shrivels up and disappears. It is important to restate the words of Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than receive."

XPress: How would you respond to those who worry that the fundraising we do on behalf of things like the recent tsunami and hurricane adversely affect our own fundraising efforts and our own budget?

Icenogle: I think that it probably *is* interfering, but that doesn't mean we should stop doing it. I think it says more about how much we give and how much we're capable of giving than it says about our priorities. Look, we have about 1,500 "giving units" in this church. If each one of those individuals and families gave \$3,000 a year, then we'd have an annual income of \$4.5 million, which would not only be enough to meet our own needs, but it would enable us to help out in national and international emergencies, too. And \$3,000 per family really isn't all that much! So our problem is not that we're trying to do too much, but that we're not *asking* enough of our own members. Forget about tithing for just a moment, if we had members

giving just *five* percent of their income per year, we could have a five or six million dollar budget each year to do more ministry and mission than we do now.

XPress: Is there a certain perception among our membership that NPC is a wealthy and powerful church, so the average member doesn't have to give all that much money to support it?

Icenogle: Yes, there is that perception, and I think there's also the opposite perception. Some people say we're a rich church, so we really don't need much help. While others say we're a poor church, so we shouldn't try to do so much. Both perceptions can be used as an excuse for not giving more. But for us "stewardship" means that if we love Jesus Christ and we love his church, we will support it. If we don't support it, we're making the statement that we don't love the church and we don't love Jesus. It's that simple.

XPress: There's an old saying that you have to spend money to raise money. How much do we spend on fundraising in this church, and do you think it's a good idea to increase that expenditure?

Icenogle: This may come as a shock to you, but we spend very little on fundraising in this church. Maybe a little bit in postage and a little bit of pastoral time, but that's about it. We have no development staff. We have no fundraising dinners. We have no ongoing direct-mail program. So we're really doing an amazing thing here. We're raising nearly \$4 million a year without any fundraising expenditure at all!

Some people say that's the way it *should* be. But I think that kind of business model is growing increasingly rare, if not completely obsolete, in our society, because the non-profit organizations we are competing with for charitable donations *are* spending money on fundraising. Sometimes people complain to me, "Hey, Gareth, I gave a big contribution to the church, and I didn't even get a thank you letter. Whenever I give even \$10 to such-and-such organization, I always get a nice thank you letter."

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has largely been a check-writing organization, funding third-party relief agencies serving disaster areas around the world. It was a privilege to participate in God's 'flagship' effort within our church.

After my initial work in Gautier, I was asked to join the PDA leadership team to coordinate the construction of five tent villages along the Mississippi coast. This new assignment gave me a unique perspective on the scale and scope of the devastation across the region. It's difficult to comprehend the level of damage along the coast: from Mobile, Alabama, to the tiny town of Pearlinton on the Louisiana border. Virtually every community was wiped out by the 28-foot storm surge. The news coverage doesn't begin to capture the catastrophic effect of the flooding. Eighty percent of the homes within a mile of the coast have been completely destroyed. The cities of Biloxi and Gulfport have been reduced to piles of rubble, where most neighborhoods had been inhabited by poor families, many of whom did not evacuate prior to the storm. Although the devastation affected every family in the region, without regard to race or class distinction, our efforts were focused on helping poor and elderly residents recover from the damage.

Volunteer groups were organized into work teams of 4-5 people to help families clean out their homes (to prevent mold and mildew) in preparation for FEMA inspectors and insurance company adjusters who would assess damage to homes that still stood. Some of the work teams are working in community kitchens set up to feed the thousands of homeless families still living in the area. The need for volunteers is myriad, from chainsaw operators to medical support specialists and family counselors. The response from faith-based organizations, like our church, is greatly appreciated by those with the greatest need. In Biloxi, for example, we worked in African-American, Vietnamese, and Muslim neighborhoods— it is not just about 'Presbyterians helping Presbyterians.'

The remarkable story unfolding in the relief effort relates to what God is doing to fulfill his promise to "make all things new" (Isaiah 43: 18-19). God's sovereignty over *all* his creation has never been as apparent to me as it is in the relief effort. In his grace, God is providing hope and comfort in the hearts of all his people whose lives have been torn apart by this terrible trag-



edy. In his grace, God is changing his disciples through their volunteer work. And in his grace, he is creating a new mission in the church, from Mississippi to Louisville, to minister to the neediest in his kingdom. We worship an awesome God here at NPC every Sunday — but allowing him to wash your feet (John 13) in order to do his work is something I encourage everyone in our congregation to experience.

In the second week of November, I plan to return to Mississippi. Tangential to the relief work, volunteering provides a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with brothers and sisters of other Presbyterian churches around the country. Spending a week together "in Christ" is both uplifting and fun. By the end of the week, our camp had developed a M.A.S.H. 4077 atmosphere. One of the volunteers from Sacramento, California, happened to be an outstanding chef, so we posted a sign over the dining tent that read 'Chez Gautier' in his honor.

NPC is committed to providing care for people and communities devastated by Hurricane Katrina. We are focusing especially on Mississippi, working with the local church and reaching out to the poor and those with the greatest need. To join a work trip or learn more about getting involved, contact the Outreach office, 202/537-7483 or hweimer@natpresch.org. Our church prayerfully set a goal to raise \$250,000 for relief and rebuilding. Through the generosity of our congregation, we have already received \$155,000. To participate, make a check out to "NPC" and indicate "Disaster Relief" on the memo line. Let's continue to be generous to the victims of this disaster.

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Well, guess what! That's because such an organization is spending 20 percent or more of its annual income on fundraising expenses, including thank-you letters. So whether we like it or not, these are the organizations we're competing with for the charitable dollar. And I think we may be getting to a place in this church where we need to consider spending at least five percent of our budget to help people feel

better about giving to the church and help them choose to give more. In our case, that would be an expenditure of \$200,000 a year. This would be a stretch for some. Some of that money could be used to engage long-term stewardship training. If we want NPC to thrive through the 21st century, I think it may be something we should consider.

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Personal Financial Management in a Christian Context

“Planned Giving, in a Christian Context,” explains Joan Braitsch, “is a way of supporting our Christian community as the New Testament directs us, while realizing the spiritual and financial benefits, and enjoying the opportunity to ‘give with warm hands.’” Speaking to the October meeting of NPC’s Business & Professional Women’s Guild, she emphasized the opportunities that women have for good financial stewardship.



As Secretary of the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving, Joan discussed Charitable Remainder Trusts, the NPC Donor Advised Fund, Retained Life Estates, and other forms of Planned Giving. Chuck Petty, President of the Fund, also briefed the group on the Katrina Tax Relief provisions enacted by the Congress and signed by the President in late September. The following topics were discussed:

Retained Life Estates

If you are considering including a bequest of a home or other real estate to charity, you should consider making the gift now and retaining a life estate that permits continued use of the property during the your lifetime. For a bequest or retained life estate, the value of the property is excluded from your estate, and you can use or rent out the property.

By giving the property to charity in your lifetime, you’ll receive a significant charitable deduction on your income tax, based on your age at the date of the gift. If the property is given to the NPC Fund, you can advise the Fund on the subsequent charitable use of the property. For example, the Fund could be directed to sell the property and give the proceeds to NPC, the school, or another ministry.

Charitable Remainder Trusts

Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRTs) are created by transferring cash or other assets to the NPC Fund, which acts as Trustee. The Fund invests the assets, or the proceeds of their sale, in the collective trust account managed for the Fund by an independent investment advisor, with separate accounting for each trust or fund. As donor, you’re paid an agreed upon percentage of the value of the trust assets each year. At your death and the death of your spouse, the remaining value of the account is paid to the charity you’ve specified. The benefits of a CRT are the income tax deduction, the annual payments, and the pleasure of giving a gift.

Donor Advised Fund

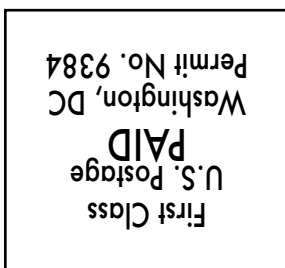
You may also contribute cash or appreciated securities to the NPC Fund to be held in a Donor Advised Account. With this type of planned giving, you also receive a charitable income tax deduction, and you may advise the Fund on charitable gifts from your account. These funds receive professional investment management, and you may bunch contributions in years of greatest tax or financial advantage, allocating contributions over a period of years – including post-retirement years.

Katrina Tax Relief

Recognizing the need for an outpouring of charitable assistance, and with an eye on the likelihood that Katrina giving will affect giving to other charities, the Congress has passed and on September 23 the President signed into law the Hurricane Katrina Relief Bill, which will likely facilitate the use of retirement plan assets for charitable giving. For additional information, contact Sonny Rimback, 202.537.7485.

Other Plans and Contact Information

The NPC Fund also has information on charitable gift annuities, deferred gift annuities, and other forms of planned giving transactions. To learn more, contact the NPC Fund, 202.537.7485 or NPCFund@natpresch.org.



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