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*Mamisoa receiving her doctoral hood*



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# HAVEN HAPPENINGS

*Housing ~ Hospitality ~ Clothing ~ Prayer*

**Mission Haven Newsletter** When God's People Are In Need, Be Ready To Help Them. Always Be Eager To Practice Hospitality. – ROMANS 12:13



## Congratulations **Two Degrees**

Among the 66 graduates receiving degrees from Columbia Theological Seminary on May 21<sup>st</sup> was our very "own" Mamisoa Rakotomalala. She completed not one, but two degrees: Doctor of Educational Ministry (DEdMin) and Master of Theology (concentration: Practical Theology). She and her family have been living at Mission Haven while she completed her studies here in Decatur.

You may remember that Mamisoa is a native of Madagascar who previously served as the senior pastor for fourteen congregations in the *Tanandava Parish* of the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM), our partner church in that country. Learn more [here](#).

## Resident Spotlight

### **Mamisoa Rakotomalala**

Upon her return to Madagascar, Mamisoa will help confront challenges of leadership and education in FJKM's seminaries and churches. Before that, she will pursue another degree, having recently been awarded a Presidential Scholarship from the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) in Berkley, CA. This merit-based, full tuition scholarship will enable her to work toward a PhD in Practical Theology. She hopes to remain at Mission Haven with her family, studying remotely, and commuting when necessary.

Before resuming studies, she will represent her church (FJKM) at PCUSA General Assembly as an Ecumenical Delegate this summer.

## Meeting Room

### **Available**

The PW Coordinating Team of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta held their first in-person meeting since before Covid-19 on May 14<sup>th</sup> in this space.

If you are in Decatur and are in need of a meeting place, consider the basement in 167. It contains a dining table, serving counter, piano, sofas, chairs, and a lavatory. Depending upon your activities, you can seat 20-30 attendees. Call 404-373-3733 or 404-455-3832 for more information or to make a reservation.

## Come See Mission Haven

### **In-person Gathering**

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, the day prior to Come See Columbia Day, 14 men and women gathered in our recently renovated Meeting Room for an informal gathering. This get-together included some out-of-state Board members, the Management Team, PWP moderators, and MH residents. It was a special opportunity to be together after the extended time apart necessitated by the pandemic.

After a campus tour and sharing a meal, we were blessed to hear from Jessica Derise, a PCUSA mission co-worker, about the social ministry she supported in Moscow.

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, we escorted 5 guests as part of Come See Columbia Day activities.



## From the Archives

### **Did you know?**

The 1977-1978 minutes read: Many groups, especially ones from local churches have indicated a desire to meet at Mission Haven. To accommodate those and others, the basement of 167 Inman Drive, which is very large will be developed into a Fellowship Hall. There are ample windows and an entrance door which can be used without disturbing the occupants of the home. ... Funds from a Savings Certificate and interest amounting to a total of \$7,680 will be used ..."



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Left: Informal meeting on April 20th  
Right: Touring the laundry/ storage area in the apartment building



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## Money Matters Offering & Prayers

Before embarking on summer vacations, remember that our expenses continue year-round. Please collect funds and offer [prayers](#) for our ministry.