

Mission Haven's 70th Anniversary Celebration — Week 1

70 Years and Going Strong!



The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong -- Psalm 90:10a



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When God's People Are In Need, Be Ready To Help Them. Always Be Eager To Practice Hospitality. -- ROMANS 12:13

Our 70-day celebration will span 10 weeks and include a glimpse of our 70-year history along with suggested activities. We have adapted all activities to accommodate social restrictions caused by the pandemic. Please share these stories with your circles and participate joyfully in recognition of "70 Years and Going Strong!"

Early History

In 1951, 70 years ago, Mission Haven was incorporated. Prior to that time, as early as the 1920s, women in five southeastern states generously bought \$5 shares (current value about \$68). By the spring of 1950, a total of \$17,000 cash had been raised and was subsequently used to build a two-apartment building on seminary property on Inman Drive in Decatur, GA. The apartments provided a home for missionaries when they were on furlough in the U.S.

Over the years, our facilities have expanded significantly, as have operating costs, but we remain faithful to our ministry and continue to rely upon donations from Presbyterian Women in the Synods of South Atlantic and Living Waters.

This year, we honor our foremothers by issuing an appeal to all women in our two synods: Donate \$7 if you are able. We are requesting \$70 from each PW Coordinating Team.

Fun Fact

70 has a sacred meaning in the Bible that is made up of the factors of two perfect numbers:

- 7 - representing perfection
- 10 - representing completeness and God's law

Hence, we will organize our celebration into ten 7-day segments.

Activities

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You shop. Amazon gives.

1. If you shop on Amazon, change your **Amazon Smile** recipient to "Mission Haven Incorporated" for the next 70 days.
2. Send a \$7 donation to your PW treasurer so she can forward to us at the end of our 70-day promotion.

Explore More

At the end of the original 50-year lease, in 2002, the 1st apartment building and detached garage were gifted to Columbia Theological Seminary to house visiting professors and/or international students.

For the history buffs among you, click [here](#) to discover more about the early years of Mission Haven.

Please share this with your circle members and celebrate 70 years of this important ministry supported and operated by Presbyterian Women in the Synods of South Atlantic and Living Waters.