

## Mission Haven's 70th Anniversary Celebration — Week 2

### 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 spans 10 weeks and includes 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!"

### Birthday Offering

The 1953 Women of the Church Birthday Offering provided significant funding for the erection of a second building that contained four apartments. This building was named for Samuel Lapsley, who, together with his African American co-worker William H. Sheppard, co-founded the American Presbyterian Congo Mission (APCM).



The building includes a daylight basement which provides storage and laundry facilities for our residents.

In 1958, two efficiency apartments were built into the attic space. These cozy abodes, while not spacious, provide a unique opportunity for economical living quarters for short-term residents.

### Fun Fact

The Birthday Offering also supported 3 other "furlough homes" ... in Richmond, VA; Louisville, KY; and Austin, TX. Each entity received \$44,000.

It is our belief that Mission Haven is one of the few remaining "furlough homes" still supported and operated by Presbyterian Women.

There is a similar ministry in Louisville, KY, called "Furlough Home." See <https://thefurloughhome.org/>

### Activities

Include a story, video, or photos of Mission Haven at your next circle meeting or in your next email to circle members.

Our video is on the homepage of our website at <https://www.missionhaven.net/>

Two PowerPoint presentations are available to share: [2020 Year in Review](#) and [Mission Haven in 2020](#)

### Explore More

A presbytery in Alabama also bears the Lapsley name: Sheppards and Lapsley. Click to learn more about these two influential missionaries: <http://pslpcusa.org/the-sheppards-and-lapsley/>

Learn more about the four furlough homes supported by the 1953 Birthday Offering: [Furlough Homes March 1957](#)

*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.*