

## Remembrances and Recipes

It is our hope that your visits to the Clothes Closet at Mission Haven provided you with more than apparel for an interview or a warm coat for chilly days. Our prayer is that you experienced hospitality which influenced your faith journey in some way.

To celebrate your seminary education and our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing housing and hospitality, we are developing a unique cookbook: one that contains recipes from mission co-workers and their ministries abroad ... AND ... one that contains recipes from **you** – students, alumni, and friends of Columbia Theological Seminary – and describes something about your ministry.

In 1955, the Mission Haven Board established the Clothes Closet with Decatur Presbyterian Church serving as sponsor. The purpose was to provide suitable and seasonable clothing for missionaries during their stay in the States. The closet moved to its current location adjacent to campus in 1962 and began to serve seminary students shortly thereafter.

**Remembrance:** Please tell us something about your time at CTS and your encounter with the Clothes Closet. Or describe what compelled you to attend CTS. Or describe your current ministry and its importance to your faith journey.

... and ...

**Recipe:** Please share a recipe for a favorite food. Perhaps one that became your comfort food while studying for exams. Perhaps one that was introduced to you at a church potluck. Perhaps one that you associate with “home”. You choose!

Please send your contributions to [missionhavendecatur@gmail.com](mailto:missionhavendecatur@gmail.com) by April 30, 2025. **Photos** of you, your family, or your current activities are strongly encouraged.

If you need help getting started, here are some additional prompts:

- Did you shop at the Clothes Closet once or multiple times?
- Was your “treasure” for everyday or for a special occasion?
- What impact did the Clothes Closet have upon your understanding of generosity and community?

This cookbook is not just about recipes.  
It celebrates the rich diversity of food enjoyed by God’s people.  
It recognizes the connections of our mission co-workers and international students and partners with people of other cultures.  
It reveals glimpses of life after seminary.  
It describes the work to which you are dedicated.

Mission Haven has been providing fully furnished, short term housing, hospitality, clothing, and prayers to mission co-workers for 75 years.