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HOMWOOD CHURCH HOME, Inc.

EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED
Affiliated with the United Church of Christ

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November 1, 1965

To: Members of the Consistory

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are addressing this letter to the churches within the geographical bounds served by Homewood Church Home, Inc. Many of you are aware that Homewood has celebrated recently the Dedication of a \$500,000 addition to the Pearson Home near Williamsport, Maryland.

The Trustees are most grateful for the support which congregations and individual church members have given to this recent expansion project. The Dedication ceremony was attended by an overflow crowd on a very rainy Sunday afternoon, September 12. Financial support has been gratifying.

We want to emphasize that our hope is to enjoy some participation in the financial campaign from each congregation. In some churches, individuals will provide this support; in others, church organizations will contribute; in some congregations, every member will have the opportunity to share in this ministry to the aging as the Homewood addition is included in the annual budget for 1966.

As the years go by, practically every church in the supporting area will benefit from this addition to the Pearson Home as its members go there to live. We expect that our Pennsylvania churches will not feel that the Pearson Home serves only residents of areas south of the Mason-Dixon Line. There are numerous residents at our Maryland Unit from the Gettysburg, Mercersburg, and York Associations of the Penn Central Conference. We have noted that there are many Pennsylvania residents at the Pearson Home in Maryland, and some Marylanders are in our two Homes located in Pennsylvania. One congregation has a resident in each of the three Homewood locations!

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We trust you will want to help financially with this most recent expansion project, even as we know your members will be interested in using this facility as the years go on. It is our hope that the Consistory might consider placing in the budget for 1966 a sum for the Homewood Expansion Project. For further information, we refer you to the enclosed sheet.

Thank you for your concern for the Church's aging.

Sincerely yours,

John A. Bankert
Howard K. Stickell
Charles W. Karper
Jacob L. Hoffman

Special Gift and Memorial Committee
of the Homewood Board

HOMEWOOD EXPANSION PROJECT
(Addition to the Pearson Home, Williamsport, Maryland)

FACTS: Facilities for 70 new residents in
54 single rooms and
8 double apartments;

Approximate cost of construction and furnishings
\$500,000
Monies in hand 120,000
Funds needed \$380,000

Congregations with residents at Homewood: 103
Churches which have supported the
expansion project (to 10/15/65): 31
Churches to be heard from: 177

THE FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN:

1. Is based on the principle that a contribution should come out of every church (by individuals, groups, or from the entire congregation);
2. Is being administered by the Homewood office (no outside personnel, no increased overhead, no commissions);
3. Is "low pressure" - we merely ask you to express your concern in some tangible fashion.

FOR YOUR REFLECTION:

1. How many members of your congregation have been residents at one of the three Homewood Homes?
2. How many members of your congregation, in the next 10 years might be applying for residency in one of the three Homewood Homes?
3. How much has your congregation done to help provide these facilities for the Church's aging?
4. How much are you willing to do now?

PRINTED AIDS AVAILABLE - CONTACT THE SUPERINTENDENT:

1. Flyer - a good piece to include in congregational mailings;
2. Brochure - the story of Homewood over the past thirty-five years, with emphasis on the recent expansion project.

SHARE TO SHOW YOU CARE

The Expanded Pearson Home



*Care and Kindness . . .
Comfort and Security . . .
Are provided within these walls . . .*

HOMEWOOD CHURCH HOME, INC.

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Homewood-- Accepting a Challenge . . .

HOMEWOOD - 1930 to 1965

- 1930** - The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its annual meeting in Salisbury, N. C., accepted the bequest of the late Elder George C. Pearson of Christ Church, Cavetown, Md., in the amount of \$100,000, for the establishment of a home for the aging.
- 1932** - Large mansion-like home, in the Halfway section of Hagerstown, Md., was purchased and operated as a home for the aging for 18 years.
- 1950** - Ground was broken in February at a new location for a modern home for the aging, replacing the original facility.
- 1951** - The new Homewood was dedicated in September to serve more adequately the Church's aging and to honor the memory of the late Elder Pearson, the original benefactor.
- 1953** - The Sadler Mansion in Carlisle, Pa., after undergoing necessary renovations, was dedicated as the second unit of Homewood.
- 1957** - The Hotel Richard McAllister in Hanover, Pa., having been completely refurbished, was dedicated as the third unit of Homewood.
- 1959** - The Hanover Unit of Homewood was designated as the McDowell Home in recognition of the generosity of Dr. S. Ira McDowell of York, Pa., who made a substantial contribution toward the purchase price.
- 1960** - The Thomas Memorial Home was erected adjacent to the Pearson Home as the superintendent's residence.
- 1961** - Extensive renovations were made at the McDowell Home including a new kitchen, a deck porch, a sun porch, and a lawn garden.

- 1963** - A new 16-bed infirmary, including a sun porch, a kitchenette, and a special dining room for the infirm, was added to the McDowell Home.
- 1964** - A caretaker's residence was provided at Carlisle by utilizing the former Sadler garage.
- 1964** - A 2-room apartment for the housekeeper and a 5-room apartment for the pastor-director were constructed at the McDowell Home.
- 1964** - A site consisting of 30 acres in Martinsburg, Pa., was purchased by the Juniata Association of the Penn West Conference, as a possible location for a fourth unit of Homewood.
- 1965** - The new wing of the expanded Pearson Home was completed.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The construction of this new wing has been designed to complement the existing building, making it one unified structure. The boiler room in the existing building is at the west end, in close proximity to the new wing, and had available space for an additional oil-fired boiler. The dumb-waiter and serving-pantry are also at the west end of the existing building and will be used to convey the food for the infirm residents to the special dining room on the third floor of the new wing. A window in the existing kitchen has been converted into a double door to provide ready access to the new dining room adjacent to the existing dining room on the first floor. Another window in the laundry has been converted into a double door to provide a doorway from the new wing to the existing laundry on the ground floor. The laundry chute in the new wing drops its contents within six feet of the institutional washer in the existing laundry.





The ORIGINAL SITE of Homewood Church Home, Inc., located in the Halfway section of Hagerstown, Md., was purchased for \$15,000. This Home had accommodations for a dozen aging church members, and was in operation between 1932 and 1951. Today, Homewood's facilities have been expanded to include three separate units with accommodations for 250 residents.

In 1960, the THOMAS BEQUEST of \$30,000 was used as a memorial for the Samuel Davis Thomas family of Frederick, Md., in accordance with the stipulations in their will, by providing a seven-room house as the superintendent's residence.



Thirty-Five Years of Service to the Aging

In accordance with a resolution passed by the Homewood Board at its semi-annual meeting on September 17, 1964, the Juniata Association of the Penn West Conference on December 8, 1964, purchased a 30-acre tract in the borough of MARTINSBURG, PA., for a possible FOURTH UNIT OF HOMEWOOD. Of the current capital funds campaign, \$150,000 has been designated as an initial contribution toward this project.





The PEARSON HOME, located on U. S. Route 11 at the intersection of Interstate No. 81 and No. 70 five miles southwest of Hagerstown, Md., is currently accommodating 64 residents. The structure was completed in 1951 at a cost of approximately \$400,000, and is situated on 20 beautifully-landscaped Maryland acres. The office for the administration of the Corporation is at the Pearson Home.

Dedicated in October, 1953, the SADLER HOME in Carlisle, Pa., has a capacity for 37 aging church members. Located on the spacious 40-acre Sadler Estate, this unit was acquired and renovated at a cost approximating \$100,000. In 1961, a 2-room apartment for the supervisor and a 9-bed infirmary were added at a cost of \$35,000. The garage, located at the entrance to the grounds, was converted in 1964 into a 5-room home for the caretaker at a cost of \$17,000.

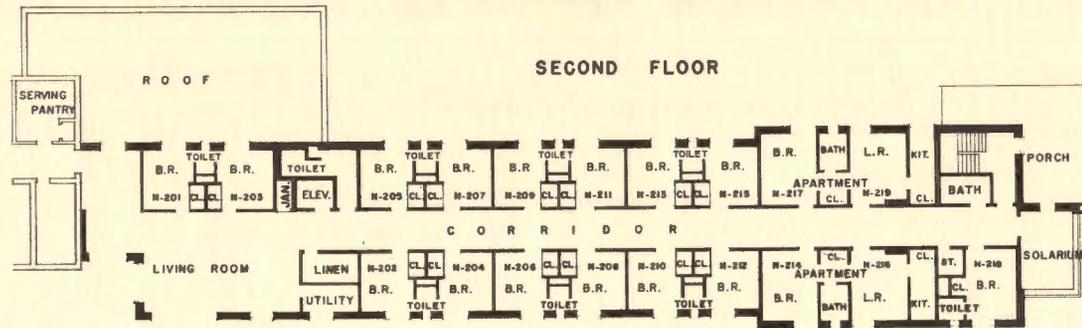


Completed in 1965 at a cost in excess of \$500,000, this NEW WING more than doubles the capacity of the PEARSON HOME, adding 54 single rooms and 8 double apartments, increasing the capacity of the Pearson Home to 130 residents.

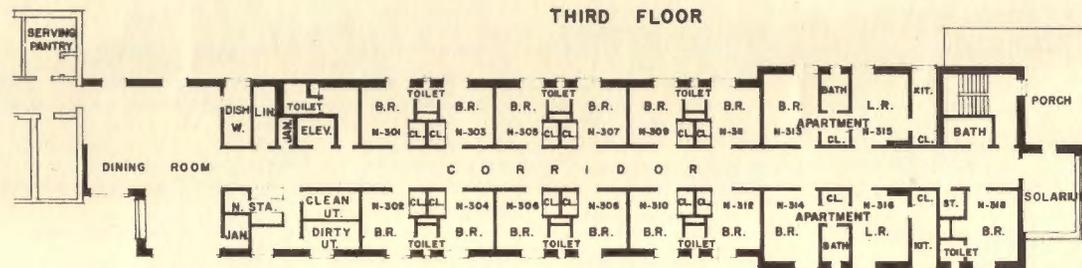
The former Hotel Richard McAllister in Hanover, Pa., was acquired on February 15, 1957, at a cost of \$300,000, which included minor renovations. In 1963, the kitchen was renovated and a 16-bed infirmary addition was added at a cost of \$100,000. Apartments for the housekeeper and the pastor-director were added at a cost of \$22,481 in 1964. The capacity of the McDOWELL HOME is 95.



Gift and Memorial Opportunities



Items	Rooms	Furnishings	Items	Rooms	Furnishings
14 Single Rooms (N201-215)	\$2,500 ea.	\$ 500 ea.	Bath Room	\$1,000	\$ 400
Private Room (N-218)	3,000	500	Public Toilet	400	--
Solarium	3,000	1,000	Utility Room	450	200
Living Room	1,500	750	Shower Room	300	--
Game Room	1,000	400	Linen Room	250	--
Occupational Therapy Room	800	400	Water Fountain	--	250
Outside Porch	200	150	Storage and Utility	300	150



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12 Single Rooms (N301-312)	\$2,500 ea.	\$ 500 ea.	Bath Room	\$1,000	\$ 400
Private Room (N-318)	3,000	500	Public Toilet	400	--
Solarium	3,000	1,000	Utility Room - A	450	200
Dining Room	6,000	1,750	Utility Room - B	400	200
Living Room	1,500	750	Shower Room	300	--
Nurses' Station	1,500	500	Linen Room	250	--
Dishwasher	750	1,000	Water Fountain	--	250
Outside Porch	200	150	Laundry Chute	--	1,200

Each Contribution Will Be Recognized with an Appropriate Door Plaque

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The Homewood Board is composed of 19 Trustees representing the affiliated churches in the Central Atlantic, Penn Central, Penn West, and Southern Conferences of the United Church of Christ. Eight of these are elected by their respective Conferences, and the other eleven are elected by the Board. The Trustees are responsible for the over-all supervision of the work of the Corporation, and for the Church's ministry to the aging among the congregations of the Conferences.

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The officers of the Women's Auxiliary make up the administrative body for the 8,002 members of the Auxiliary. These officers promote the annual enrollment effort, carrying the story of Homewood into all the supporting congregations. The Auxiliary assists the Board of Trustees in the general maintenance of the three units, and supplements from time to time the housekeeping facilities of each unit.

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