

MISSION HAVEN

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⇒ **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** ⇐

I am pleased to begin my term as President of the Mission Haven Board, and I hope we will be making a number of improvements to both the oversight capabilities of the Board and the upkeep of the Mission Haven properties. Mary Elizabeth does wonders in making do with limited resources, and I hope the Board will be able to improve our support for her, as well as work toward increased donations. Susan Adle recently gathered up unused items from various properties and held a yard sale, which provided an infusion of some funds for property upkeep. There are still items left, so a spring yard sale will be held. Many thanks to Susan, the missionary families, and others who supported her in that effort.

We have had some flooding in several basements and will need to do some repairs there, in addition to our ongoing renovation needs. I would like the Board to think about setting up a property committee to help Mary Elizabeth with these tasks. With 5 properties - 3 houses, an apartment building, and the Clothes Closet, we need a structured plan for renovations inside, as well as established vendors/contractors to provide us electrical, plumbing, roofing, etc. repairs.

I also need to appoint an Assistant Treasurer and a Nominating Committee, so you will be hearing from me later about that. If anyone would like to volunteer, please let me know!

We have had a few issues recently with folks trying to use the clothes closet who are not eligible. I prepared a statement itemizing the rules for eligibility for using the Clothes Closet so that it could be posted, so this will hopefully assist our volunteers when they are confronted with issues like this. Unfortunately, some of the folks who are ineligible have been rather rude and persistent in their efforts to obtain clothing. Thanks to Susan and Annie Laura for managing these difficult situations.

Mary Hough is working on a presentation for state representatives. We will send it out when it is finalized. Thanks to her for all of this hard work, and to all of you for your continued support for the work of Mission Haven.

Jeanne Simpson, Board President

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CLOTHES CLOSET GARAGE SALE

The sale went great. We had awesome weather. It did take all of Friday to pull everything out, but we had help from some of the seminary work/study students, my family, some time from a few missionaries



and Nutei Hmar. We were able to set it all up and then just uncover it on Saturday. Several of the missionaries came to help along with the same students and Nutei. And of course Presbyterian Women were there to help.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED:

- Volunteers
- Presbyterian Women
- Missionaries
- Staff



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AND THE RESULTS:

The basement of the Clothes Closet will be for missionaries going overseas to have a free place to keep personal items. Now there is room to move, it can all be clearly marked and accessible. We will also continue to collect good furniture for use at Mission Haven and for missionaries being re-assigned to the U.S.

The Spring Sale should deplete the collection, so this will probably not be repeated for quite some time. Being able to restore order to the storage areas, to turn unused items into cash for repairs, and the pure fun of discovery has been worth the work.

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