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The Renovation Begins

"We are seeing how a city is reborn when we find new uses for our old buildings. This Mission has an outsized importance in this city."

– Eleanor Holmes Norton
(DC Congresswoman)



The Mission is restoring the Gales School's historic façade, which was placed on the District's Inventory of Historic Sites in 2002, as well as building a 5,000-square-foot addition at this downtown site in the bustling business district adjoining Capitol Hill.

Reconstructing Lives, Restoring Hope

After 30 years, Central Union Mission is poised to return to the heart of Washington, DC, barely two blocks from Union Station. At our Groundbreaking Ceremony on May 7, government and civic leaders commended the Mission for its work in changing lives. Nearly 200 gathered to celebrate the start of renovations to the former Gales School building at 65 Massachusetts Ave., NW. We expect to move into our renovated building in April 2013.

Executive Director David Treadwell notes that the Mission's return to downtown DC represents "coming full-circle for helping some of our area's most needy residents." The Mission's first permanent shelter opened in 1891 on C Street,

NW, between 6th and 7th Streets. Due to the Pennsylvania Avenue Restoration in the early '80s, the Mission was displaced through eminent domain and relocated to its current location at 1350 R Street, NW. More recently, the R Street neighborhood has been revitalized, necessitating our move to an area of greater need. Two unsuccessful efforts in other parts of the city paved the way for our new partnership with the District to fulfill its plan for a shelter in the Gales School building.

Although the DC government arranged for the Mission to pay only \$1 rent each year, no District funds will be used for construction or to provide Mission programs. Private funding from generous donors like you will save the city \$12 million in restoration costs and more than \$60 million in projected maintenance and service delivery expenses over the next 40 years. With God's provision and your faithfulness, the "Mission with a Heart" can share its love in the heart of the city. For more pictures and information about the renovation, please visit our website at www.missiondc.org.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

More Than a Building

With all the excitement surrounding our groundbreaking ceremony and the renovation of a historic site, we must remember that Central Union Mission is so much more than just a building. Like the Church is Christ's body of believers, Central Union Mission is made up of God's people: poor and hungry seekers, faithful workers, generous donors and prayer warriors. Wherever this body is gathered and served, God's will is being accomplished.

We're grateful for the work of our city officials who made our return to downtown possible, as well as the enthusiasm of our contractors and bankers. I appreciate our Mission staff who labor to serve our neediest neighbors. In our new building, we'll be able to work more efficiently to help more people who can more easily reach us. For over 90 years the Mission was located one block north of Pennsylvania Avenue before being forced through eminent domain to move to R St. Yet, regardless of whether our physical location is R St or Massachusetts Avenue, we have the same commission: to help hungry and hurting people in Jesus's name.



Executive Director David Treadwell with (from left) Director of Communications & Outreach Deborah Chambers, Communications Manager Jocelyn Harris and Director of Social Work Shirley Johnson.

Washington's oldest social service agency is "heading home," and we need you to stay the course with us on this journey. Your prayers and donations are greatly needed as we work to reconstruct lives and restore hope.

Blessings,



"Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

Summer's Here!

It's time for summer fun for our inner-city children. With your help, a child can escape the sizzling streets for a week out in the countryside, enjoying new friends and learning about Jesus. For \$75 a day, one boy or girl can spend a day at Camp Bennett that will make life-changing memories. To help, please visit www.missiondc.org/summer_camp/. ■

In 1934, Central Union Mission's Women's Guild funded the purchase of a local farm that would serve as a summer camp for inner-city children. Every summer, hundreds of elementary school-aged children enjoy campfires, nature trails, a ropes course, swimming and arts & crafts, like these new friends making Camp Bennett bracelets.





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(from left) Mission Board Vice President D.C. Washington, STP graduate Aaron Davis, Mission Board President Roy Wright, Council Chairman Kwame Brown, Mission Executive Director David Treadwell, Councilmember Jim Graham, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, NoMa BID President Robin-Eve Jasper.



Calvary Chapel DC Metro Pastor Bill Jasan and wife Marcella greet Myra Wormald, wife of Mission Board member Bob Wormald, with Mission volunteer David Telles.

The renovated Mission building will offer:

- transitional housing suites and residential cubicles for over 160 guests
- classrooms, day rooms and meeting rooms
- offices for medical, dental and legal services
- exercise room
- clothing distribution room
- kitchen, pantry, laundry room, common areas and office space.
- Mission staff and volunteers will continue to provide job, life skills and computer training, counseling, GED preparation and adult literacy classes and Bible study.

Many grateful thanks to our new partners in the Gales School renovation:

Brailsford & Dunlavey, project manager
cox graae + spack architects

Forrester Construction Company
BB&T Bank

Arent Fox, attorneys
Blake Dickson Realtors



Attorney Keith Styles and Cathy Seymour of Arent Fox inspect the architect's elevation drawing. Renovations are to start this July with occupancy expected in Spring 2013.

"The DC government could have sold this building and made money. Instead, this represents government doing the right thing. No, we don't need the money; we need to respond to those at the greatest risk."

—Jim Graham (DC Councilmember—Ward 1)



The Mission's construction partners have their work cut out for them. The interior of the Gales School is now uninhabitable but will very soon be the newest home for the oldest social service agency in the city.

"Many years ago my uncle slept on the street and later became a part of Central Union Mission. I had to come today because this Mission was so important to my family. When I told my uncle about the new building, he almost cried."

*—Kwame Brown
(DC Council Chairman)*



Mission Senior Chaplain Ted Ross (left) welcomes Minister Brent Jackson to the ceremony.

"I'm used to working with big business and DC's 'skyscrapers,' so I'm glad for a chance to be on the other side, where needy people are getting help."

*—Robin-Eve Jasper
(president, NoMa Business Improvement District)*

"Central Union Mission helped me build my foundation on solid rock, the Lord Jesus Christ."

—Aaron Davis, (Ph.D. candidate in organizational leadership)

"Now I Let God Drive"



Ryan Simpson

Ryan had a lot going for him: an Air Force veteran, he was highly educated and trained in the culinary arts. He worked in several fine restaurants in the Atlanta area and Washington, DC. He was young, successful, and the skies were the limit. That was until a prescription pill addiction caused him to hit bottom. He was too prideful to reach out for family help, so he found himself living on the DC streets. His father sent him a list of resources for homeless people, and that's where he discovered Central Union Mission.

"Jesus was my detox. He lifted the needs right off my chest, and that empty hole was filled."

"I just came to Central Union Mission for an 'oil change'—some meals, a bed—just until I could find a new job," he remembers. Instead, he started helping out some of the Spiritual Transformation (STP) men and listened to them talk about what they were learning in their program. Former STP student Darion Carter asked him, "Are you trying to change?" After meeting with Lobby Manager Phillip Ford, Ryan realized that the STP seemed beneficial for him. "I had a hole inside me, and I was looking everywhere to fill it. I was bitter, angry and rebellious."

During one chapel service, he was listening to Rev. Rutherford Cooke's voice, but the words were coming directly from God. He realized that what he was missing was a relationship with the Jesus who had given His life for him. Ryan started in the STP and quit the pills cold turkey: "Jesus was my detox. He lifted the needs right off my chest, and that empty hole was filled."

Ryan decided to make service his passion. At the Mission, "we have a mission to accomplish," and for a military man, a mission is hard to resist. While he was still studying in the STP, Pastor Lewis asked him to work with the Men's Ministry department. In less than a year, Executive Director David Treadwell asked him to consider becoming his executive assistant.

Nowadays, Ryan has even more going for him. "I just want to be a servant for the Mission for God. I have a desire to help others. Once I was in the driver's seat, but now I let God drive." He has even recently moved out of the Mission into his own living situation. When asked what the future holds, he replied, "I have nothing to worry about; God won't lead me astray." ■

Planning Ahead?

You can buy some school supplies for our Operation Backpack. On August 11 and 18, we will be distributing new backpacks filled with school supplies for our neighborhood children who would not otherwise have them. For supply lists and other information, visit www.missiondc.org/operationbackpack2012, or contact Tracy Duncan at 202-MISSION, ext. 260 or tduncan@missiondc.org. ■



With some help, this little guy is ready for school.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

—Luke 6:37-38 (NIV)


Will You Join Our Summer of Hope?

While many city residents are enjoying their summer vacations, life is hard for the homeless people living on the streets. Recent reports show that even more local families are living in poverty, and the Mission sees so many people with heartbreaking needs.



Unfortunately, summer is a forgotten time of year. Our hungry neighbors need food now; they can't wait until fall and Christmas bring end-of-year funds. That's why we ask you to consider becoming a partner in our Summer of Hope.

Your steadfast giving through our lean summer months provides needed meals, groceries, clothes, education, counseling and much more. We are so grateful for your generous gifts. ■



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Upcoming Events

Senior Luncheons

July 11, 2012,
and August 8, 2012

Please join us in treating our senior citizens to fellowship and a delicious lunch.

Camp Bennett

June 25 through
August 10, 2012

Week-long camp programs are available. For a child's application, please visit www.campbennett.org/campers.html.

Operation Backpack Donations Due

August 9, 2012

Please deliver your backpacks filled with school supplies to the Mission at 1350 R St., NW. For a list of supplies, please contact Tracy Duncan at **202-MISSION**, ext. 260, or visit www.missiondc.org/OperationBackpack2012.

Operation Backpack Distribution Party

August 18, 2012

9:00 am – 2:00pm

You can help us entertain the children and hand out their new backpacks at this fun program. Please contact Seamus Merrigan at **202-MISSION**, ext. 249, or SMerrigan@missiondc.org.

Count on Me!

I want to be a Summer of Hope partner. I have enclosed a gift of:

- ☐ \$80.00 for July
- ☐ \$80.00 for August
- ☐ \$160 for the summer
- ☐ \$_____ to help as much possible

Please make checks payable to "Central Union Mission." To donate by credit card, please see our website at www.missiondc.org.

Name: _____

Address: _____

*Your gift is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.
We'll send a receipt for your records. God bless you for caring.*

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