

## Holloway Bequest Received by Grace Foundation

### *Gift Benefits Youth, International Ministries, General Church, Pastoral Staff*

The Grace Foundation was blessed with a bequest from Glenna Holloway. Glenna was a long time member of Grace and was very interested in and a generous supporter of the Youth and International ministries, especially the Kenya ministry and the Russian initiative. Glenna also gave freely for facilities and building needs over the years. Glenna was a member of the Priscilla Circle and the Movie Club, where she enjoyed the fellowship. Glenna was in church every Sunday when able and considered Grace her family.

Glenna's bequest was well planned and her wishes were detailed in her will. Glenna wanted a principal spendable fund to address the current needs of the church and principal retained funds to help Grace achieve its vision and ministries long after she left this earthly life.

Based on Glenna's wishes, principal retained funds were established for International Ministries, Children and Youth Ministries, Russian Initiative, and a general fund to be administered by the Church Council for the needs of the church. Foundation funds are not permitted to be used for activities normally included in the church's annual budget but to help the church grow its ministries into the future.

Glenna gave her Bailey Road home to the church. It is now being used as a parsonage for Pastor Tammy and her family.

Glenna also gifted the church community with her entire catalog of poetry. A three-time Illinois Poet Laureate, Glenna frequently contributed poetry to journals, magazines, newspapers, and anthologies.

Glenna's gifts are a testament to her strong Christian faith and her belief in the future of Grace, and in praise to God for his bountiful blessings.

If you have any questions about the Grace Foundation, please contact Scott Oats by email at [soats@sbcglobal.net](mailto:soats@sbcglobal.net) or phone (630) 355-4716.



*Glenna Holloway died September 4, 2015, and gifted a large portion of her estate to Grace Church.*

### WATCHING THE MUSIC

On mornings like this  
lyrics rise in the midst  
drawn to the sun, drawn  
to the scene high above  
shades I can only dream.  
My eyes cannot separate  
all the colors in white  
but closer sight reveals  
in native grace notes  
on wind staffs, reveals  
the baton sweep of blue.

— Glenna Holloway

# Visions Team: Facility Updates in the Works, Architects Consulted

by John Bodine, Visions Team Co-Chair

Our Visions Team effort has marched on through 2016 with a focus on implementing many key recommendations, while at the same time reflecting on and discerning evolving needs of our community and members. We have new energy and progress in our Children and Family programs through leadership of Chamus Burnside-Savazzini, and Mark Himel is leading engagement of visitors and potential new members with an expanded effort to “be there” and help them find a fit in our church community. At the same time work has been done to implement a new church data system, Grace Connect, which will enable members to better communicate and connect with one another. Roll out to members has begun and will progress in stages through the end of the year.

One important development that dovetails with a wonderful gift from the Glenna Holloway Estate, is recognition that some renovation of our Grace Facility

might further advance our goals of presenting a more welcoming experience for visitors and providing more effective spaces for Children, Youth, and Family programs. The Glenna Holloway Gift, with a total of \$1.05M in expendable funds available to Church Council, is a one-time gift, so it can’t be considered or utilized for operational expenses. Annual operational costs must still be supported by pledged contributions from our members. The Holloway Gift, however, may provide us with an opportunity to re-think and re-imagine how Grace can be better shaped and structured to meet future needs:

- Can our Narthex be opened up to provide a brighter, broader gathering space, perhaps with extended views of the Lacy Garden?
- Can we provide more effective children check-in and activity spaces?
- Can we make finding one’s way around Grace more intuitive and easier, especially for visitors?

Recent discussions with area architects have stimulated ideas of new possibilities for Grace that could better position us for making our Visions Team recommendations a reality. The Grace Projects Team, formed in August of this year by Church Council to assess potential projects to be supported by the Holloway Gift, has now been authorized to engage architectural support to create a “Master Plan” that can guide and pace us a renovation effort.

Creating an Architectural Master Plan will be a 3-4 month process once an architectural firm is selected, and will involve extensive interviews with selected stakeholder groups from across the Grace community. Our culture, goals, and aspirations will be incorporated into a suite of conceptual renderings for renovating Grace that will be reviewed and refined by our members before becoming a template for future construction work.

The Grace Projects Team recognizes that accomplishing Visions Team goals cannot solely be a result of updating our building layout, but it can help propel us along the way. There are numerous other project opportunities listed for consideration by the Projects Team, some of which will proceed with funding independent of the Holloway Gift, while others will be deferred until architectural needs become clear. We will keep you informed as we progress.

"As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them ..."  
— John 17:18

# SENT

DELIVERING  
THE GIFT OF HOPE  
AT CHRISTMAS

JORGE ACEVEDO

## A Five-Week Advent Journey

Led by Pastor Bill Bryan

Sundays | Fireside Room  
November 20 – December 18

The Forum Class

# Grace Church 'Feeds the Need' Again in 2017

February 18 and 19 will mark the fifth year that Grace Church's partnership with faith-based and secular communities to help Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) hand pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children.

Every day, 6200 children die of starvation, but our hands-on participation in the MobilePack will turn hunger into hope. At a cost of only \$80, FMSC is able to feed a starving child one nourishing meal every day for an entire year. Please prayerfully consider how you can use your God-given gifts to support this life-sustaining mission.

Rather than at the FMSC's Aurora site, the MobilePack location will be North Central College campus, as it was last year. As meals are packed, they will be loaded in containers to be shipped to FMSC mission partners running orphanages, schools, clinics, church and community feeding programs in any of 70 countries



*Thousands of volunteers prepare meals for hungry children at last year's Feed My Starving Children MobilePack, hosted at North Central College.*

worldwide.

Fund raising events are planned for the fall and winter, and donations marked "Feed My Starving Children" are welcome at any time. Registration for packing shifts will begin in January 2017. More information will follow in the weeks ahead.

FMSC is a Christian-based

non-profit organization committed to feeding children starving in body and spirit. Of every dollar raised for the cause, 92 cents goes toward feeding children. For 11 consecutive years, Charity Navigator has awarded FMSC the highest rating of 4 stars. In 20-plus years, FMSC has provided one billion meals to keep children alive.

## Portico Collective Ministry Celebrates Success in 2016

2016 has been a great year for Grace's on-line ministry — Portico Collective (PoCo). Here are some of the highlights:

- More than 960,000 e-mails were sent, and that content was engaged by an audience four-times the industry average.
- Three series of digital small groups took the conversation deeper for 91 different individuals.
- Worship resources created by PoCo were utilized by more than 40 congregations (not including our own) in USA, Canada, Germany, Australia, and South Africa.
- Sixty-one people shared that they went back to church in 2016, and 82 people shared they went to church for the first time ever in 2016 because of their interaction with PoCo.

- Five children were born to PoCo participants in three different states and were blessed via Skype; and two couples were married in services officiated by Pastor Matthew in person, and;
- A father and son were reconciled before the father's death thanks to — they said — the conversations they had with each other, prompted by PoCo materials.

These all exemplify that Portico is living out its Mission: engage in meaningful conversations about faith to create healthier lives, relationships, and neighborhoods.

Next year, PoCo is beginning a partnership with North Central College's Campus Ministry called Nerd Church. Stay tuned for more on this exciting, new ministry.

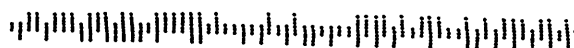
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*Make the holiday season sacred by joining Grace Church for the many special worship opportunities, concerts, and activities planned for December!*

**Sunday, December 11**

- 8:15 & 9:30 a.m. services will present "From Darkness to Light" — The mystery and awe of the Advent journey, led by the Grace Chamber Singers and Youth Bell Ensemble.
- 9:30 a.m. hour for kids: Let's Unwrap Christmas Together Children's Fest — Special Children's time of music, games, crafting and Christmas story-telling in Fellowship Hall as parents enjoy the special worship experience in the Sanctuary.
- 11 a.m. worship will be led by the Grace Praise Team and will feature the children's musical, "What Is Christmas All About?" Our friends from Trinity will worship with us, and we invite everyone to share in the Trinity Gift Giving Celebration and Meal in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

**Sunday, December 18**

"The Gift of Love" — A Christmas benefit concert at 3:00pm featuring choir, orchestra, and guest artists.

Tickets are available at [peopleofgrace.org](http://peopleofgrace.org). Proceeds benefit "FaithBuild," Grace's new collaboration with other faith communities that is meeting the needs of the homeless.

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Saturday, December 16**

- 12 p.m. — Holy Communion service with music led by the Grace Bell Ensemble
- 3 p.m. — Family service with music led by the Children's Music Ministry
- 4:30 p.m. — Family service with music led by the Grace Praise Team
- 7 p.m. — Youth-led service with music led by the Grace Youth Choir
- 9 p.m. — Holy Communion & candle-lighting service with music led by the New Life Singers
- 11 p.m. — "Lessons and Carols" candle-lighting service with music led by the Chancel Choir and Naperville Brass Ensemble

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Sunday, December 25**

11 a.m. service *only* — Traditional worship with carols