

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

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Board of Directors

Executive Officers

Iain Hodge, *President*
 Ed Schmidt, *Vice President*
 Sharon Coyne, *Secretary*
 Brad Nelson, *Treasurer*

Members at Large

Patricia Boyd-Peerson
 Don Cochrane
 Richard Geis
 Judy Labon
 Connie Payette
 Sherry Skarsten
 Tony Stocker
 Matt Stokes

Advisory Ex-Officio Members

Pat Hoy, Paul Krech

Immediate Past President

Johnnie Johnson

Staff

Rev. Dr. Ken Beale, *Sr. Chaplain*
 Rev. Mike Wallman, *Assoc. Chaplain*
 Marly Wallman, *Minister of Music*
 Bev Johnson, *Administrative Assistant*
 Carol Nygaard, *Accounting Specialist*
 Ruth Fardig, *Min. of Music Emeritus*

“WHERE THE VETERAN IS REMEMBERED”

The Fort Snelling Veterans Memorial Chapel is a unique Minnesota memorial — a splendid monument to the patriotism, the moral earnestness and the convictions of the people of this state — a shrine to commemorate those who have died for their country. Each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. a non-denominational Christian worship service is sponsored by the *Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation* and is not subsidized by the state.



A G E N D A

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| 1. Call to Order | Ed Schmidt |
| 2. Opening Prayer | Ken Beale |
| 3. Minutes of Feb '15 Annual Mtg. | Sharon Coyne |
| 4. Introduction of Board of Directors | |
| 5. Chaplain's Report | Ken Beale |
| 6. Nominations Report | Johnnie Johnson |
| 7. Elections | |
| 8. Standing Committee Reports | |
| Finance | |
| • Treasurer's Report | Brad Nelson |
| • Benevolence | Richard Geis |
| • Investments | Ted Nemzek |
| Worship | Tony Stocker |
| Fellowship | Connie Payette |
| Publicity | Matt Stokes |
| Personnel | Pat Hoy |
| Membership | Judy Labon/Robin Nelson |
| 9. Establishment of Safety Committee as a Standing Committee | |
| 10. Election Results | |
| 11. Adjournment * | |

* **NOTE:** There will be a brief meeting of the *Board of Directors* immediately following the Annual Meeting to elect 2016 officers and appoint ex-officio members.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Presidents

Alfred Boberg
1967-1974

Russell Richardson
1974-1977

Earl Boyer
1977-1978

Burdean Fremming
1978-1983

Mel Wiessum
1983-1984

James Carroll
1984-1986

Earle Wethe
1986-1988

Richard MacAllister
1988-1992

Robert Ingham
1992-1994

Osmund Nygaard
1994-1998

Elisabeth Emerson
1998-2001

Ted Nemzek
2001-2004

Betty Lemley
2004-2005

Patricia Swanson
2005-2007

Bob Peterson
2007-2009

Bob Bernloehr
2009-2010

Bob Peterson
2010-2012

Johnnie Johnson
2012-2014

Iain Hodge
2014-present

Like the stock market, and I suppose life in general, there are up's and downs. It would be good if we could all live on an even keel in the positive mode, but we would be naive to think that was possible. It seems like, when things are going well, something happens to bring us down or, I like to think, brings us back to the reality of life. The good part in our life is that we have the Chapel to go to each Sunday to meet with special friends and to pray to God — to either thank Him or to ask for His help.

It's a blessing to be able to say that you have true friends. When things are not going as we would like, having a friend can be a great comfort. Friends are always willing to share your burden and help you back to the positive side of life. I think you can see that type of friendship at the Chapel. In fact, I see it there in spades, as the congregation is very like-minded and willing to help each other through trying times.

The world we live in today seems to be filled with anger and danger. There have been mass killings ... mostly against innocent people. Today's wars differ from the wars of the past. Death is now amongst us in our own cities where extremists seem to kill defenseless people.

With the help of a number of our members, an *Ad Hoc Safety Committee* has been formed. As we all know, safety covers a large area from first aid kits to defending the congregation from harm. I think it is great to have band aids in the medical kits, wheel chairs for the needy, and a watchful eye on the surroundings.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all of our members for being part of our great *Chapel Foundation* and hope that you will all continue to be part of our growing family of Christian brothers and sisters.

Iain Hodge
Chapel Foundation President

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Money, property, and relationships can be restored. But one thing that can never be restored is time. Time flies and it does not return. Years pass and we never get them back.

Yet God promises the impossible. He says, *"I will restore the years that the locust has eaten."* (Joel 2:25) Contextually, the immediate meaning of this promise is clear: God's people had suffered the complete destruction of their entire harvest through swarms of locusts that marched like an insect army through the fields, destroying the crops, multiplying their number as they went. For four consecutive years, the harvest was completely wiped out. God's people were brought to their knees in more ways than one. In the coming years, God said, their fields would yield an abundance that would make up for what had been lost: *"The threshing floor shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ... You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied."* (Joel 2:24, 26) This wonderful promise for those people meant that years of abundant harvests would follow the years of desolation brought about by the locusts. But God has put this promise in the Bible not merely for historic record, but as a promise for us today.

The past few years of the *Chapel Foundation* has in many ways been lost years – somewhat fruitless, certainly painful, and nothing short of selfish, loveless, rebellion by some misguided former members. A small (but loud) group of people purposely (or inadvertently) plotted to undermine this ministry. As a result, we experienced a depression in measurements of growth – both in attendance and in financial giving. But as of this past year, God has restored the lost years of the locust ... as evidenced in the pages of this Annual Report. We have been revived and God has blessed our faithfulness. The seats previously occupied by scoffers have been filled with supporters living their vows to uphold the Chapel with their prayers, presence, gifts and service.

God has restored our lost years in no less than three ways:

I. By deepening our communion with Christ. *"You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God."* (Joel 2:27) These people, who have endured so much, enjoyed a communion with the Lord that is far greater than anything they had ever known before in their religious lives. Christ has restored lost years within our congregation ... deepening our fellowship with Him and one another. This past year, many of us witnessed the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our midst as dozens responded at worship to the invitation to follow Christ Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior.

II. By multiplying our fruitfulness. The harvests for the children of Israel had been wiped out for four years, but God restored the years that the locusts had eaten by giving bumper harvests. This provision makes me think about the parable where Jesus spoke about a harvest that could be 30-, 60-, or 100-fold. (read Mark 4:1-20) There's a huge difference between these three harvests. Three years at 100-fold is as much fruit as a decade at 30-fold. The locusts have eaten too many years of our congregational life. The Lord called us as His disciples to bear fruit that will last; and we've seen the fruits of our faithful service to His Lordship.

III. By bringing long-term gain from short-term loss. The effect of these trials in our congregation have *"tested the genuineness of our faith ... resulting in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."* (1 Peter 1:7) The praise, glory, and honor go to Christ because His power guarded us and kept us through these years lost to the locust. This year's establishment of an endowment fund from new monies in excess of \$500K has ensured the *Foundation's* ministry into perpetuity.

Even as I think about the *"years that the locust has eaten,"* years that have been taken, I think of something Isaiah said about our Lord Jesus: *"He was cut off out of the land of the living."* (Isaiah 53:8) Here was the Lord Jesus in the prime of life. He was three years into His earthly ministry at 33-years of age. You would think that a man launching a new enterprise at the age of 33 has everything in front of him. But Isaiah says, *"He was cut off."* He was cut off because He came under the judgment of God, not for His own sins—because He had none—but for ours. Our sins, our grief, our sorrows, were laid on Him. Our judgment fell on Him. Our locusts swarmed all over Him. The life of God's tender shoot was "cut off." Then, on the third day, the Son of God rose in the power of an eternal life. He offers Himself to us, and He says what no one else can ever say: *"I will restore the years that the locusts have eaten."* That He has. That He has. Praise be to God!

Faithfully Serving God and Country,
Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Beale, Jr.
Senior Chaplain

Chaplains

Dr. Clifford Angsar Nelson
Founder & Chaplain
1967-1987

Dr. Robert Pearson
Chaplain
1987-1989

Rev. Howard Sortland
Chaplain
1991-1994

Rev. Milo Gronseth
Senior Chaplain
1995-2000

Dr. Kenneth L. Beale, Jr.
Associate Chaplain
1999-2000

Dr. Kenneth L. Beale, Jr.
Senior Chaplain
2000-present

Rev. Michael H. Wallman
Associate Chaplain
2011-present

MINUTES OF FEB '14 ANNUAL MTG

**Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation
48th Annual Meeting
Sunday, 8 February 2015 (1:00 p.m.)
Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel - Sanctuary**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Vice President Ed Schmidt called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. The Annual Report was distributed to all individuals present. The Annual Report was also distributed Sunday, February 1, 2015 for review prior to the Annual Meeting.

Chaplain Beale offered an opening prayer.

Ed welcomed all in attendance to the 48th Annual Meeting of the Foundation. Ed asked for the Board members and Ex-Officio members to stand and be recognized. Ed thanked everyone for their hard work and support throughout the past year.

The count of members present was taken, with 55 being in attendance.

Ed referred those present to the minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting on page 4 and 5 of the Annual Report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written. Discussion: none. The motion carried.

Chaplain's Report

Chaplain Ken referred to his report on page 3 of the Annual Report. He said he did not want to bring up the past, but as a report you need to address aspects of the year ... the good and the bad. He said first part of last year was difficult, but he is now fully charged to move forward with fury. All of us collectively need to be thanked for our support. He particularly thanked Don Bauman for serving 8-years on the Board and two terms as Chairman of the Personnel Committee. Ken then paid tribute to his fantastic staff and expressed his appreciation of being surrounded by such committed people. Mike Wallman, our Associate Chaplain, is such a kindred spirit, I could not have done it without him. Marlys Wallman, our Minister of Music, blesses us each week with beautiful music, and always within budget. Faced with the resignation of our Office Manager of 12-years came the hiring of Bev Johnson (Administrative Assistant) and Carol Nygaard (Accounting Specialist) both of whom have not skipped a beat, but have taken their positions to new heights. It is a true pleasure to be able to work with them and to be co-located in the same office space. They are all doing this for their loving God and want to serve Him. Ken stated his staff would not hear of taking a pay increase (2015) or bonus (in 2014) ... although they highly deserved both. Finally, he referred us to page 8 to the Range of Giving Chart to see where we fit on the chart and asked us to consider taking our individual giving to the next level throughout 2015.

Nominating Committee Report

Johnnie Johnson, Chair of the Nominating Committee, thanked his committee, comprised of Robin Nelson, Dorothea Johns, and Chaplain Ken for bringing forward members to the new Board. Johnnie referred to the Nominating Committee's report on page 13. The Nominating Committee presented four members for the nomination to the Board of Directors: Sharon Coyne, Brad Nelson, Patricia Boyd-Peerson, and Matt Stokes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Nominating Committee's report as read. Discussion: none. The motion carried.

Johnnie Johnson opened the elections and nominations were requested from the floor. Johnnie asked three times from the floor for nominations as required and having heard no nominations floor closed the election. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of four candidates for the Board positions as recommended by the Nominating Committee. Discussion: none. The motion carried unanimously by a show of hands.

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Standing Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Brad Nelson referred to the Treasurer's Report on page 6 of the Annual Report. He asked if there were any questions. Not hearing any, a motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Discussion: none. The motion carried.

Benevolence Committee

Richard Geis referred to the Benevolence Committee's written report on page 7 of the Annual Report for the complete list of organizations that received benevolent gifts from the Foundation in 2014. He reminded us that we all have an interest in where the benevolent gifts are distributed and to please join the Benevolence Committee or let him know if you have a request to be considered. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Benevolence Committee report as written. Discussion: none. The motion carried.

Investment Committee

Ted Nemzek referred to the Investment Report on page 8. He added the report is an accurate summary of the Foundation's portfolio over the last year. We use Wells Fargo for our investments and all interest is put back into the investment account for maximum profit. He stated that in the last 6-years no one has asked any questions regarding the investment account, so he will continue as usual. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Investment Report as written. Discussion: none. The motion carried.

Worship Committee

Tony Stocker referred to page 9 of the Annual Report for a complete list of many functions and volunteers that are needed each Sunday for the worship services. He is looking forward to another good year and appreciates that the Chapel is so blessed to have so many talented and giving members on this committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Worship Committee report as written. Discussion: none. The motion carried.

Fellowship Committee

In the absence of Connie Payette, Ed referred to the Fellowship Report on page 10 of the Annual Report. Leslie and Mel Henschel wanted their name removed for delivering items from the Annual Chapel Picnic to "New Life Family Services." She believed it was John Butler or Richard Geis. A motion was made to accept the Fellowship Report as amended. Discussion: none. The motion carried.

Publicity Committee

In the absence of Matt Stokes, Ed referred to the Publicity Report on page 12 of the Annual Report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Publicity Report as written. Discussion: none. The motion carried.

Personnel Committee

Don Bauman referred to the Personnel Committee report on page 11 of the Annual Report. Don thanked all the congregants for allowing him to serve on this committee. He said that the new staff that the Personnel Committee hired made them look good and he "could not be more appreciative." A motion was made and seconded to accept the Personnel Committee report as written. Discussion: none. The motion carried.

Membership Committee

Robin Nelson referred to the Membership Committee report on page 13 of the Annual Report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Membership Committee report as written. Discussion: none. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Ed Schmidt called for a motion to adjourn. It was moved and seconded. The motion carried. Chaplain Mike Wallman closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Coyne,
Board Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Budget
Income			
Plate Offerings	175,000.00	196,027.01	181,000.00
Christmas Offering Envelop	15,000.00	12,645.00	15,000.00
Easter Offering Envelop	7,000.00	6,363.00	7,000.00
Thanksgiving Offering Envelop	6,000.00	6,488.00	6,000.00
Chapel Call (DVDs)	2,200.00	547.00	1,500.00
Christmas Luncheon	2,500.00	2,123.00	2,500.00
Easter Brunch & Fellowship Goodwill	1,000.00	1,028.16	1,025.00
Flowers	2,900.00	3,877.00	3,032.00
Food Share	0.00	326.00	0.00
Historic Preservation Fund Envelop	5,000.00	1,495.00	5,000.00
Memorials	7,500.00	9,709.80	8,500.00
Misc Contributions	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
New Market Revenue	4,000.00	2,166.30	4,000.00
Picnic Income	1,500.00	1,448.00	1,500.00
Pins/Notecards/Patch/CDs/DVDs	600.00	230.00	700.00
Publication Sponsorship	6,500.00	150.00	6,500.00
Social Events	0.00	635.00	500.00
Interest Income	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>211.38</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>
Total Income	244,700.00	250,469.65	251,757.00
Expenses			
Salaries (5)	107,900.00	110,015.96	110,500.00
Salary Bonus (5)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Benefits	3,320.00	3,320.00	3,320.00
Payroll Taxes	2,875.00	2,986.03	3,000.00
Personnel Training	500.00	0.00	500.00
Insurance (liability bonding)	2,400.00	2,484.00	2,500.00
Benevolence & Gifts	17,500.00	19,075.00	18,100.00
Historic Pres/Memorials/Restricted Memorials	0.00	4,039.05	0.00
Accounting/Contract Services	2,425.00	1,081.00	1,025.00
Audit/Review	4,300.00	4,826.80	4,500.00
Special Music/Music Purchase	12,000.00	11,680.00	12,000.00
Guest Organists	450.00	350.00	450.00
Guest Speakers	0.00	0.00	300.00
CD/DVD Supplies	0.00	64.77	50.00
Bus Rental	500.00	1,287.48	950.00
Chapel Supplies/Children's Ministry	2,564.00	2,345.72	3,010.00
Flower Expense	3,000.00	3,451.00	3,032.00
Hospitality	800.00	442.51	750.00
Christmas Luncheon Expense	2,625.00	1,997.11	2,600.00
Annual Picnic	1,760.00	1,600.00	1,750.00
Easter Brunch/Ice Cream Social/Memorial Day/RB Floats	695.00	475.23	650.00
Outreach Materials/Prayer Shawl Ministry/Caring Hearts	360.00	346.62	500.00
Food Share	0.00	326.00	0.00
Advertising	500.00	0.00	300.00
Newsletter	17,300.00	14,858.06	15,900.00
E-Commerce	7,470.00	6,831.48	7,950.00
Market Development Prod.	1,950.00	1,187.58	1,500.00
Office Rent (Admin & Chaplain) Conference Room Rent	4,800.00	7,600.00	9,600.00
Chapel Rent	10,800.00	10,800.00	10,800.00
Repairs Audio/Video Systems/CD/DVD Equipment	1,500.00	500.00	1,000.00
Repairs/Mnt. Keyboards/Carillon	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
Office Storage	1,280.00	1,180.00	780.00
Depreciation	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Uncategorized/Restricted/Bank fees/FS O-Club fees	850.00	3,326.26	665.00
Affiliate Memberships	250.00	250.00	150.00
Printing	14,000.00	12,337.02	14,000.00
Office Supplies (Office & Chaplain)	2,000.00	3,315.22	3,800.00
Subscriptions	1,000.00	965.48	1,000.00
Telephone/Internet (Office & Chaplain & Chapel)	1,624.00	1,530.28	1,550.00
Postage/Courier	2,100.00	1,892.26	2,000.00
Mileage Exp - Office Staff Assoc Chaplain & Sr Chaplain	5,340.00	7,012.16	5,500.00
Chaplain's Discretionary	500.00	0.00	500.00
Social Events	400.00	510.51	500.00
Membership Printing/Postage/New Member Materials	1,250.00	289.38	1,150.00
Membership Photo Directory	100.00	0.00	100.00
Safety Committee Training	0.00	0.00	300.00
Safety Committee First Aid Kits	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>175.00</u>
Total Expenses	244,488.00	247,579.97	251,707.00
Net surplus/(deficit)	212.00	2,889.68	50.00

NOTE: A review of the financial books of the *Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation* will be conducted by Bauman Associates CPA in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting Review Services issued by the *American Institute of Certified Public Accountants*.

BENEVOLENCE REPORT

The *Benevolence Committee* along with several Chapel members, recommended to and received approve from the *Board of Directors* for twenty-nine (29) separate grants to the twenty-eight (28) organizations listed below with the sums totaling **\$19,075**.

To each member of the *Committee* and to each member of the *Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation* who offered their prayers, thoughtful ideas, support and encouragement, and recommendations, a very heartfelt and most grateful thank you. This duty assignment is a delight to perform because of you.

The *Benevolence Committee* meets at the Chapel Office about one week prior to the scheduled meetings of the *Board of Directors*. (refer to your weekly worship bulletin for dates/times.) All *Foundation* members are invited and are welcome to participate in the review of grant requests presented throughout the year.

56-Club	\$ 500.00
ACT! For America	1,000.00
Broken Heart Ministries	500.00
Caring & Sharing Hands	500.00
Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty	500.00
Christian Literature Distributors International	500.00
Crossroads Chapel Ministries	2,000.00
David Drevnick Memorial	250.00
Fishing for Life	500.00
Gideon's International Metro Bible Blitz	1,000.00
Gideon's International	500.00
Joseph's Coat, Inc.	500.00
Loaves and Fishes	500.00
MetroHope Recovery - Healing House	500.00
MetroHope Recovery - New Hope Center	500.00
Midwest Challenge	500.00
MN Chapter Officers' Christian Fellowship	500.00
MN Warriors on Ice Hockey	500.00
Mount Olivet Rolling Acres	250.00
New Life Family Services	2,000.00
News Service	500.00
PetsLoyal2Vets	500.00
Quilts of Valor	500.00
Salvation Army	500.00
Samaritan's Purse (OCC-shoebox shipping)	1,575.00
Twin City Honor Flight	500.00
Union Gospel Mission	500.00
Valor Retreat/OCF	1,000.00
Total Funds Distributed	\$19,075.00 *

* A team of eleven participated in the New Life Family Services WALK FOR LIFE at Lake Nokomis (27 Jun) raising **\$3,220.00** in fulfilled pledges for this pro-life organization. They were the #1 Top Team!

If you have a favorite charitable non-profit organization... that is in keeping with the purpose of the *Foundation*... please have that organization contact the *Foundation* office to request an application.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Geis, *Chairperson*

Richard Geis, *Chair*
James Brunsgaard
Bill Coyne
Shari Coyne
Judy Dolin
David Feller
Leslie Henschel
Michael Hilden
Pat Hoy
John Larkin
Don Smith
Marly Wallman
Mike Wallman
Terese Weitzel
Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
Iain Hodge, *Ex Officio*

INVESTMENT REPORT

This *Chapel Foundation* investment report illustrates, and reinforces, the investment goals as previously directed by the *Board of Directors*. The distinct goals are:

1. Maximum safety of investment
2. Moderate year to year growth
3. Socially responsible Investments based upon Judeo-Christian Ethics

Summary: (*Note*: dollars rounded for ease of reading and to facilitate interpretation)

Ted Nemzek, *Chair*
 Sharon Coyne
 Johnnie Johnson
 Brad Nelson
 Carol Nygaard
 Ed Schmidt
 Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
 Iain Hodge, *Ex Officio*

a. Wells Fargo Advisors Account	\$227,777.00
b. Memorial Checking Account	\$37,011.00
b. Certificates of Deposit	\$25,140.00
c. On Demand Account	\$ 40,500.00
d. Sunset Real Estate	\$16,000.00 (cemetery spaces)
e. FSMCF Endowment Fund	\$577,604.00
f. Fixed Assets	<u>\$15,445.00</u>
Total	\$939,477.00 (November 30, 2015)
Y/Y Comparison Total	\$344,200.00 (November 30, 2014)

This total does not include interest earned from CDs or the On Demand Account. Total also does not include possible appreciation of the Sunset Real Estate. All Wells Fargo Account dividends and other earnings are auto-reinvested. Wells Fargo supplies the *Chapel Foundation* with a monthly printed report. This report is available to *Chapel Foundation* members to review upon request.

Respectfully submitted,
 Ted A. Nemzek, *Chairperson*

RANGE OF GIVING

2015 Range of Giving	Total Households	Member Households
-0-	2306	93
\$1-24	129	11
25-49	76	9
50-74	49	12
75-99	18	6
100-124	47	7
125-149	21	5
150-199	21	2
200-299	27	13
* 246 <i>Foundation</i> member households	12	7
	5	3
	13	8
	13	8
	10	6
	7	6
	23	16
	7	6
	14	9
	4	4
	7	7
	4	4
	1	2
	0	0
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	2,816	246 *

The Snelling Spirit is sent to approximately **2,765** households.

WORSHIP REPORT

Foundation's Regular Special Services and Events in 2015:

Four Chaplain's Remembrance Sunday; FSMCF Founder's Day; Imposition of Ashes; Palm Sunday Distribution of Palms; GoodFriday; Easter Sunday; Volunteer Sundays; Food Share Sunday; Mother's Day; Memorial Day Sunday; Flag Day Sunday including presentation of Quilts of Valor to WWII Vets and AmVets Flag Exchange; Father's Day; Independence Day Sunday; Vietnam Veteran's 50th Anniversary/Recognition Sunday; Purple Heart Sunday; Labor Day Sunday; 9/11 Remembrance Sunday; POW/MIA Remembrance Sunday; Gold Star Sunday; Worldwide Holy Communion Sunday; New Membership Sunday; All Saints Day Sunday; Veterans Day Sunday; National Bible Sunday; Thanksgiving Sunday; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Sunday; and Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Sacraments:

There were 7 baptisms administered and 8 holy communion services held.

Music Ministry:

Marlys Wallman has done an outstanding job as our Minister of Music. She has again brought in a great and diverse group of performers over this past year and has managed to keep expenses for special music well below budget; just an outstanding job.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Altar Guild. Chaired by Dorothea Johns with assistance from Karen Ayers; includes: setting up for baptisms, communion (Hal and Marilyn Morvig) and preparing the altar for seasons of the church. Hal and Marilyn Morvig have served the *Chapel Foundation* for years preparing holy communion. Due to health reasons they will no longer perform this very special service and I would like to extend the congregation's heartfelt thank you for all the Morvigs have done over the years. We look forward to seeing them at the Chapel for many years to come.

Nursery and Classroom. There is a concerted effort by many people in performing the children's messages, setting up the classroom and nursery, as well as teaching the children. Special mention for their leadership goes to Mike Wallman and Mel and Leslie Herschel - there are so many helping in this regard.

Audio Visual: Pat Hoy is chairing and is assisted by Travis Beard, John Kruse, and John Hodge. Lighting and sound in the Chapel has been much improved as well; and Livestream is taking the *Chapel Foundation* ministry international.

Children's Busy Bags: Sharon Coyne and Barb Stocker continues to monitor the busy bags and ensures they were clean and supplied on a regular basis.

Welcome Kits: Nina Slater prepares the Welcome Kits for distribution at worship.

Flag Line: Don Peerson continues to lead this group of volunteers posted at the Chapel entrance each week. Patricia Boyd-Peerson has introduced monthly "honored guests" into the line-up.

Flowers: Karen Ayers continues to provide the leadership for the weekly altar flowers. She also beautifully decorated the sanctuary for the various seasons. Dorothea Johns coordinated the ordering/placement of the Christmas/Easter floral gardens with assistance from Karen Ayers, Judy Labon and Linda Cochrane.

RideShare: Len Ericson and Dick Volkert continues to provide transportation to/from the Chapel and adjacent parking lots.

The *Chapel Foundation* is blessed to have so many talented and giving members on this *committee* and many who support our *Worship Committee*.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Stocker, *Chairperson*

Tony Stocker, *Chair*
Karen Ayers
Travis Beard
Bill Coyne
Sharon Coyne
Len Ericson
Leslie Henschel
Karen Hodge
Pay Hoy
Dorothea Johns
Bev Johnson
Johnnie Johnson
Paul Krech
John Kruse
Judy Labon
Hal & Marilyn Morvig
Marilyn Nelson
Robin Nelson
Don Peerson
Patricia Boyd-Peerson
Bonnie Rassmussen
Ashley Ruter
Forrest Slater
Nina Slater
Barb Stocker
Dick Volkert
Marly Wallman
Mike Wallman
Terese Weitzel
Betsy Williams
Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
Iain Hodge, *Ex Officio*

FELLOWSHIP REPORT

Fellowship Committee hosted the following Events in 2015:

March MN Food Share: Donations of 285 pounds of food and \$326.00 from curbside donations. Thanks to John Butler for delivering these items. **April** Annual Easter Brunch (5 April): served 107 people and the cost of this event was \$141.00 under the budgeted amount. Pre-registration sign-up helped to establish the required number of tables/seats and quantity of food prepared and greeters directed the flow of “traffic” around the serving tables. **April** Volunteer Month: 5 new members signed up to assist during fellowship time. **May** Mother’s Day: We had men serving at the fellowship time tables in “Honor of our Mothers.” **May** Memorial Day Reception: On the 25th of May, expenses of \$122.95 for bottled water and cookies. We used Dan Ojeda’s donated tent for this event. **June** Father’s Day: 21st of June we served 10 liter bottles of Dad’s Root Beer during the fellowship time to “Honor our Dads.” **July** Ice Cream Social: 5th of July we serviced 125 bowls of ice cream and strawberries with a spoonful of blueberries for our (red, white & blue). Total cost of \$125 was covered by anonymous donors. We added greeters for this event to help the flow of “traffic” around the serving tables. **July** Annual Chapel Picnic: 27 July, was arranged by Karen Hodge with assistance from Lydia & Sherry Skarsten. 108 tickets were sold at the cost of \$14.00 per person. This event required a “cut-off” for purchasing tickets so the caterer had enough food for everyone. **August** We read a MN Legislature House Resolution recognizing Sunday, August 2, 2015 as “Vietnam Veterans Day at Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel” — WHEREAS, 2015 marks the 50th Anniversary of the United States involvement in the Republic of South Vietnam War At the end of the service the worshippers gathered at the flagpole for military honors; bottled water and cookies were served outside. **August** On the 30th we served Root Beer Floats, 5 pails of ice cream were used and 6 liter bottles of root beer, as a end of Summer celebration. **October** ICLD collection: we collected 3 tubs of Christian literature. Thanks to John Butler for delivering these items. **October** Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: Co-hosted by Shari Coyne and Barb Stocker, we filled and delivered a “record high” 260 shoeboxes after a Chapel Blessing on the 15th of November for the ministry of Samaritan’s Purse. **December** The Annual Chapel Christmas Luncheon: Arranged by Bev Johnson, Judy Labon, Barb Stocker, Nina Slater and Joan Beard was held on Sunday December 13th. 80 persons attended and the tickets were \$22.00 per person; the *Fellowship Committee* budget added an additional \$1.75 per person to keep the lunch cost down. Our new location for this event was at the Airport Embassy Suites Hotel in Bloomington, MN. The luncheon room was nicely decorated and the food and service was great. **December** Christmas Caroling: On Sunday the 20th 42 singers participating at the Mpls Veterans Home.

Sub-Groups under the *Fellowship Committee* include:

1. Caring Hearts led by Janet Brautigam;
2. Fellowship Greeters headed up by Bev Johnson;
3. Fellowship Hour Coordinator (table servers and treat donations) led by Carol Nygaard;
4. Knit One-Pray Two (prayer shawl ministry) led by Bev Johnson;
5. Wall and Showcase maintenance led by Karen Hodge (recently taken over by Joleen Stadskev);
6. Set-up of Literature Tables, Carol Nygaard.

Many thanks to all the *Fellowship Committee* members for attending meetings, providing support, and great suggestions, as well as; and the sub-group leaders for their participation in making the total success for our 2015 *Fellowship Committee*.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Payette, *Chairperson*

Connie Payette, *Chair*
Joan Beard
Travis Beard
Janet Brautigam
John Butler
Bill Coyne
Sharon Coyne
Karen Hodge
Bev Johnson
Johnnie Johnson
Carol Nygaard
Lydia Skarsten
Forrest Slater
Nina Slater
Barb Stocker
Marlys Wallman
Mike Wallman
Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
Iain Hodge, *Ex Officio*

CARING HEARTS

This year we documented contacting 2,399-persons through phone calls, cards and letters, packages sent to deployed, attending funerals, hospital and home visits, rides to the Chapel, care center visits, sending Sunday bulletins to those who cannot attend worship, sitting with families during surgery, Sunday morning tracking of members' health, and delivering 14-Christmas bags with visits to the homebound.

As of the Fall of 2015, the Prayer Chain has been moved under the direction of the Chaplains. The Prayer Chain contacts for 2015 are included in this year's report. The Prayer Shawl ministry presented 58-shawls each lovingly crafted and prayed over stitch-by-stitch and then blessed at a Sunday morning service. The shawls were given to members who were in need of spiritual warmth because of surgery, illness, or being homebound. Testimonies of comfort and renewed health were received from those now wrapped in the shawls.

The Christmas tree in November/December with the names and addresses of our homebound provided members the opportunity to send Christmas greetings to our extended Chapel family. Six hundred (600) of these named slips were distributed and assuming that each person did respond by sending Christmas greetings in one form or another, that means an additional 600 contacts were made totaling 2,068. Each of our writers pays for his/her cards and postage as a donation. We also handed out hundreds of Christmas cards addressed/signed at our Christmas Luncheon and, in turn, distributed to veterans during our Christmas Caroling at the Veterans Home.

Totaling all activities this last year, the number of contacts were 4,125 (an increase of almost 1000 contacts over 2014). We have inspired many other members to join in the card and letter greetings, but their numbers are not recorded.

Our Caring Hearts members are very concerned about the health and well-being of the recipients. They continue to give of themselves through spiritual comfort, enthusiasm, time and money. It is always a pleasure to lead this group .

Janet Brautigam, *Coordinator*

Janet Brautigam, *Chair*
 Bruce Anderson
 Dawn Anderson
 Karen Ayers
 Kathy Bischoff
 Ginger Carter
 Don Cochran
 Linda Cochran
 Quentin DeNio
 Joan Eng
 Karen Hodge
 Arline Jakeman
 Dorothea Johns
 Bev Johnson
 Rae Kellgren
 Winnie Kope
 Virginia Krech
 Robin Nelson
 Connie Payette
 Bonnie Rasmussen
 Bud Seeman
 Maddy Seeman
 Lydia Skarsten
 Forrest Slater
 Nina Slater
 Mike Wallman
 Therese Weitzel
 Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
 Iain Hodge, *Ex Officio*

PERSONNEL REPORT

First, I would like say "Thank you" to Don Bauman for his past leadership as Chair of the *Personnel Committee*. He gave great leadership through some tough times and the *Chapel Foundation* will always be thankful for what he did. He paved the way for me to carry on as *Committee Chair*.

Second, we conducted performance interviews with all the employees to make sure that the staff had their needs covered, including equipment, training and understanding their job duties. I can tell you that the entire *Committee* is extremely pleased with their performance, attitude and commitment to the *Chapel Foundation*. They really make our Chaplain's and the *Chapel Foundation Board or Directors* job seem flawless. Thank you for all you do!!!

Third, Chaplain Beale has informed the *Board of Directors* and the *Committee* that he plans to retire from the Chapel in 2018. An *Ad Hoc Search Committee* was been formed under the *Personnel Committee* for the search for a new Senior Pastor and Associate Pastor. Chaplain Wallman will retire upon the selection of a new pastor. Bill Coyne has accepted the chairmanship of the *Ad Hoc Search Committee*. The *Personnel Committee* has submitted a recommendation for the criteria for a new Chaplain to the *Board of Directors*. Chaplain Beale has many resources in the industry to help narrow down recruiting high quality candidates. With the help of the *Personnel Committee*, the *Ad Hoc Committee*, our Chaplains, and the guidance from our Lord and Savior, we will make the correct and wise choice for new Chaplains.

Respectfully submitted,
 Pat Hoy, *Chairperson*

Pat Hoy, *Chair*
 Bill Coyne
 Sherry Skarsten
 Joleen Stadsklev
 Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
 Iain Hodge, *Ex Officio*

PUBLICITY REPORT

The *Publicity Committee* continues to progress towards our goal of assuring our message is shared beyond the walls of the Chapel. These accomplishments include:

Ongoing social media participation growth is being accomplished by utilizing popular venues.



Livestream has been further enhanced with notices going out and archived services posted. The live viewing of the *Chapel Foundation's* worship services have grown considerably

— with better than a dozen regular worshippers per Sunday.

The capability to access a weekly bulletin and tithing offerings (via PayPal) is further facilitated on our website [www.fortsnellingmcf.org]. Refer to the stats reported on page 15 of this Annual Report.



Weekly Facebook postings are experiencing hundreds of views with 'Likes' exceeding 500. Comments are all favorable; and has a public site rating of 4.5 (5.0 star rating).



The Memorial Day open house had a record high number of visitors - 453 recorded individuals. Activities included: guided tours of the Chapel; printed handouts to visitors; and new this year, a narrated PowerPoint tour of the Chapel. Discussions are underway of producing a video of our history to play on Public Access TV and a host of other venues.

Community access cable channel coverage of the "Chapel Call" is getting back on track with the rejuvenation of 2 additional outlets carrying rebroadcasts of our services.

Initial work has been completed on a re-design of the website with a new look coming in the near future.

We are seeking additional members to assist in this important outreach ministry of the *Chapel Foundation*. Please contact the *Publicity Committee* Chair if you are interested.

Respectfully yours,
Matt Stokes, *Chairperson*

Matt Stokes, *Chair*
Travis Beard
Len Ericson
John Hodge
Paul Krech
John Kruse
Judy Labon
Dick Mickelson
Ted Nemzek
Mike Wallman
Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
Iain Hodge, *Ex Officio*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

2015 Key Accomplishments:

- The 'New Member Sunday' continued in 2015 with 14 new members welcomed in November. Recognition with lapel flowers and cake were well received.
- Direct contacts are being made to visitors indicating they are interested in finding a new church on the prayer request/visitor cards.
- A northern area sponsored picnic in Maplewood open to all Chapel members, was a success. Many other events are spontaneously being planned and carried out by Chapel members. Lunches after the Sunday service are regularly held. We encourage all *Foundation* members to invite new members to such gatherings to help them make connections.
- It was decided to discontinue the tribe/area concept for tracking and functional purposes, one reason being that it complicates bookkeeping efforts. Many activities occurring outside Sunday services allow members from all areas to become involved and be in fellowship with *Chapel Foundation* members.
- The process to reconcile and remove members that are no longer active in the *Chapel Foundation* continued in 2015. This resulted in the ultimate removal of approximately 40 from the membership list, that had not attended the Chapel nor contributed monetary or gifts of volunteering for the past three/four years. None were the *Chapel Foundation's* 'cherished homebound.'

Respectively submitted,
Robin Nelson & Judy Labon, *Co-Chairs*

Robin Nelson, *Chair*
Judy Labon, *Co-Chair*
Bruce Anderson
Dawn Anderson
Bill Coyne
Sharon Coyne
Judy Dolin
Karen Hodge
Winnie Kope
Paul Krech
Dick Mickelson
Brad Nelson
Forrest Slater
Nina Slater
Mike Wallman
Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
Iain Hodge, *Ex Officio*

NOMINATIONS REPORT

By action of last year's Special Meeting (14 June 2015) – when our new By-Laws were adopted – we have gone from a 12-member to a 9-member *Board of Directors* for the *Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation*.

Board Member Departures:

Ed Schmidt is leaving the *Board* because his second 3-year term is complete.
Don Cochrane has resigned subject to his relocation to Texas.
Richard Geis has declined nomination for his second 3-year term.
Judy Labon has declined nomination for her first 3-year term.

The *Nominating Committee* presents the following two members for nomination to the *Board of Directors*:

Connie Payette has accepted the nomination for her second 3-year term.
Pat Hoy has accepted the nomination for his first 3-year term.

There are now three *Ex Officio* member positions of the *Board of Directors* (1-year appointments) to be voted on by *Board* members at the *Board* meeting that follows today's Annual Meeting. The following is the *Nominating Committee's* recommendations for those positions for which they have agreed to serve:

Paul Krech ♦ Cindy Pugh ♦ Dick Mickelson

Again, in accordance with our new By-Laws, three *Foundation* members will serve as Trustees of the *Endowment Fund Committee* with staggering 3-year terms elected at the Annual Meeting. The following is the *Nominating Committee's* recommendation for those positions for which they have agreed to serve:

Ted Nemzek (1-year term) ♦ Barb Stocker (2-year term)
Bill Coyne (3-year term)

Respectfully submitted,
Johnnie Johnson, *Chairperson*

Johnnie Johnson, *Chair*
Lydia Skarsten
Barb Stocker
Ken Beale, *Ex Officio*
Iain Hodge, *Ex Officio*

GROWTH REPORT

The following calculations have been made by taking the total 12-months of worship attendance figures and dividing it by the number of services (including: Sundays, Good Friday, and Christmas Eve):

(Jan – Dec '00) Total attendance = 11,042 divided by 55 worship services = 201 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '01) Total attendance = 11,673 divided by 54 worship services = 216 average attendance*
*Sunday (25 Feb) in the calculation ... had only 55 worshippers ... due to terrible snow/wind/cold.

(Jan – Dec '02) Total attendance = 11,408 divided by 56 worship services = 204 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '03) Total attendance = 11,173 divided by 56 worship services = 200 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '04) Total attendance = 11,967 divided by 56 worship services = 214 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '05) Total attendance = 10,655 divided by 56 worship services = 190 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '06) Total attendance = 11,429 divided by 57 worship services = 201 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '07) Total attendance = 10,640 divided by 55 worship services = 193 average attendance
*Sunday (25 Feb) was cancelled ... and is not in the calculation.
 *Sundays (18, 25 Feb, 4, 11, 18 and 25 Mar) were Bible studies in the Fellowship Hall ... due to sanctuary renovation.

(Jan – Dec '08) Total attendance = 10,061 divided by 55 worship services = 183 average attendance
*Sunday (21 Dec) was cancelled ... and is not in the calculation.

(Jan – Dec '09) Total attendance = 9,793 divided by 56 worship services = 175 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '10) Total attendance = 9,403 divided by 54 worship services = 174 average attendance
*Sundays (21 Nov & 12 Dec) were cancelled ... and are not in the calculation.

(Jan – Dec '11) Total attendance = 9,187 divided by 55 worship services = 167 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '12) Total attendance = 9,234 divided by 55 worship services = 168 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '13) Total attendance = 8,469 divided by 54 worship services = 157 average attendance
*Sundays (6, 13, 20, and 27 Jan) were at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club ... due to sanctuary renovation.
 *Sunday (10 Feb) in the calculation ... had only 56 worshippers ... due to terrible snow/wind/cold.

(Jan – Dec '14) Total attendance = 8,576 divided by 53 worship services = 162 average attendance

(Jan – Dec '15) Total attendance = 9,321 divided by 54 worship services = 173 average attendance

The Chapel has seen a **7% increase in** (average) **total attendance** from year 2014 to 2015.

The Chapel has seen a **15.6% decrease in** (raw numbers) **attendance** from year 2000 to 2015.

With regard to weekly plate offerings:

(Jan – Dec '00) Total offerings = \$90,073.03 divided by 55 worship services = \$1,637.69 per offering

(Jan – Dec '01) Total offerings = \$112,344.91 divided by 54 worship services = \$2,080.46 per offering

(Jan – Dec '02) Total offerings = \$119,105.53 divided by 56 worship services = \$2,126.88 per offering

(Jan – Dec '03) Total offerings = \$140,557.01 divided by 56 worship services = \$2,509.95 per offering

(Jan – Dec '04) Total offerings = \$150,821.33 divided by 56 worship services = \$2,693.24 per offering

(Jan – Dec '05) Total offerings = \$157,966.84 divided by 56 worship services = \$2,820.84 per offering

(Jan – Dec '06) Total offerings = \$166,725.46 divided by 57 worship services = \$2,925.01 per offering

(Jan – Dec '07) Total offerings = \$162,411.45 divided by 55 worship services = \$2,952.94 per offering

(Jan – Dec '08) Total offerings = \$166,178.48 divided by 55 worship services = \$3,021.43 per offering

(Jan – Dec '09) Total offerings = \$178,357.33 divided by 56 worship services = \$3,184.95 per offering

(Jan – Dec '10) Total offerings = \$175,289.82 divided by 54 worship services = \$3,246.11 per offering

(Jan – Dec '11) Total offerings = \$178,678.00 divided by 55 worship services = \$3,248.69 per offering

(Jan – Dec '12) Total offerings = \$194,639.89 divided by 55 worship services = \$3,538.91 per offering

(Jan – Dec '13) Total offerings = \$188,167.00 divided by 54 worship services = \$3,484.57 per offering

(Jan – Dec '14) Total offerings = \$178,127.86 divided by 53 worship services = \$3,360.90 per offering

(Jan – Dec '15) Total offerings = \$178,320.01 divided by 54 worship services = \$3,302.22 per offering

The Chapel has seen a **.02% decrease in** (average) **offerings** from the year 2014 to 2015.

The Chapel has seen an **98% growth in** (raw numbers) **offerings** from the year 2000 to 2015.

VISITORS REPORT

The following report is calculated by **Quentin DeNio** ... who sends our weekly visitors a card and keeps track of their indicated reasons for attending the Chapel. These categories are listed on the back of our pew cards. They are in response to the question — **“Why did you attend today?”** Visitors are encouraged to check all that apply.

Here are the raw numbers for January - December 2015:

Baptism = 9	Special Music = 6	Visiting Area = 11
Special Events = 9	Cable TV = 0	Invited = 26
Newspaper Ad = 0	Looking for a Church = 13	Wedding = 4
Website = 3	Wedding Anniversary = 2	
Other 36 = (incl: curious, wedding planning, patriotic celebration, visiting relative, military reserve weekend, invited by member, speaking topic, just visiting, special music, flag holder, etc.)		

These responses are from **107** total cards of visitors (recording **152** individuals in attendance).

WEBSITE REPORT

This summary is from 01 Jan to 31 Dec 2015 —

Number of Hits = **251,251** (up from 111,128 in 2013)

Time Frame of Visits = 8% between 00:01 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.; 60% between 7:01 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; 32% between 5:01 p.m. and midnight

Days of the Week = notably higher on Mondays and Wednesdays; otherwise, spread fairly even throughout the week

Countries Visiting Order = US, Ukraine, China, Germany, Russian Federation, Brazil, Romania, Philippines, France, South Korea, Canada, Japan, Great Britain, Italy, Vietnam, Switzerland, India, Luxembourg, Taiwan, Netherlands, Malaysia, Ivory Coast, Finland

DEPARTED SAINTS OF THE CHURCH

We remember the lives of those who have shared with us in the fellowship the *Foundation*, but during the year 2015 have gone on to be in the *Church Triumphant*. We give thanks for these children of God who now share the glorious company of Christ, our Savior ... and all the saints who have gone before us.

Rusty Gunvaldson – 12 January 2015

Randall Skipton – 6 May 2015

Charles Woehrle – 25 March 2015

Gordon Fisher – 28 October 2015

Bernice Ferris – 30 November 2015

Prayer

O God of both the living and the dead, we praise Your holy name for all Your servants who have faithfully lived and died. We thank You for the sacred ties that bind us to those unseen who encompass us as a cloud of witnesses. We pray that, encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship, we may be diligent followers and that nothing will be able to separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

FOUNDATION'S STATEMENT OF FAITH

I. Biblical Authority

We believe the historic Bible, both Old and New Testaments, to be God's truth revealed to man; these Divinely inspired words comprise God's unchangeable and everlasting authority in all matters of Christian faith and morality.

II. Our God

We believe in one God, Creator of all that is, eternally existing in Three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

III. Human Life

We believe God created human life, male and female, in His image. By deliberate choice man disobeyed God and fell into sin. By the grace of God redemption is possible through faith in Jesus Christ.

IV. The Person and Work of Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man; He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the Cross a blood sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into Heaven, where at the right hand of God, He is now our High Priest and Advocate.

V. The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit is truly God, whose purpose is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict humanity of sin, to regenerate the believing sinner, to indwell, comfort, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.

VI. The Biblical Doctrine of Salvation

We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for salvation for those who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born again and thus become children of God.

VII. The People of God, the Church

The Church is the living manifestation of Jesus Christ in the world. She is comprised solely of those who through faith in Christ's death on the Cross for our sins and His resurrection from the dead are born again and reconciled with God. Jesus calls His Church together to bear witness of Himself and to make disciples who follow Him, learning of Him and loving as He loved.

VIII. The End Times

We believe that God will fulfill human history according to His plan. At the end, Christ will return; He will call His faithful to Himself and establish His rule over Creation forever; all the living and the dead will be raised to face God's perfect justice. We believe that this blessed hope has a vital bearing on how the Christian lives.

— Adopted 8 December 2013



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promise to ...**

Uphold the

Chapel

with your

prayers,

presence,

gifts,

and service.

FOUNDATION'S PURPOSE

“To promote and encourage public interest, appreciation, and understanding of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel in historic Fort Snelling State Park, Minnesota as a spiritual center of religious, historical, and patriotic activities.”

“To maintain a program of Christian worship of a non-denominational character in connection with the Chapel by means of preaching and teaching the Word of God; to administer the Sacraments; to engage a Chaplain as its Pastor; to engage other personnel as needed or desired and to maintain such activities as are customary to any religious body.”

“To solicit and receive contributions and donations of money and property for the furthering of the aforementioned purpose.”

— The Foundation's Charter
Established 1967