

THE PAUL HOORNSTRA MISSION FUND

Please join us in Thanksgiving for Fr. Paul Hoornstra's life, his devoted service to God as priest, counselor, pastor and his ability to bring hope, direction and confidence to new congregations seeking to build and grow new mission churches.



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Established in 2000 in honor of the Reverend Doctor Paul Z. Hoornstra, the Mission Fund now serves as a lasting memorial to Father Hoornstra, who devoted the last years of his career as a parish priest working to create and develop missions in the Diocese of Georgia. The Fund will be used to assist in the founding and building up of missions in the diocese by providing funds for the training of mission leadership and “seed money” for special projects for new and growing missions.



For a decade, the Reverend Paul Hoornstra was a priest in charge of founding mission churches on the islands of Savannah. He left his home and roots in Wisconsin to come to Georgia to “build from the bottom up,” as he so often said.

Arriving in Savannah in 1975, he became the Vicar of St. Francis Church on Wilmington Island and succeeded in bringing the mission to parish status. He, then, went to All Saints’, Tybee Island, and helped that mission become a viable one.

Because of his devotion and zeal, St. Peter’s on Skidaway Island, a church started by Father Hoornstra in 1990, has established a lasting memorial in his name – the Paul Hoornstra Mission Fund. Since his death in November of 2003, a small committee formed by his wife, Mary-Nelson, has managed the Fund.

Accordingly, the Fund’s mission statement is the following: “The fund will be used to assist in the founding and building up of missions in the Diocese of Georgia by providing funds for the training of mission leadership and ‘seed money’ for special projects for new and growing missions.

With the blessing of Bishop Henry Louttit of Georgia, the Hoornstra Fund has just been made a diocesan-wide endeavor, thus inviting all to participate. Said the Bishop, “I am pleased that there will be a Paul Hoornstra Fund. Paul certainly stands out as the great missionary of our age in the Diocese of Georgia... such a fund will continue the ministry that he loved and was wonderful doing...”

Currently there are 33 missions in the Diocese of Georgia. From time to time some of them need assistance. The Hoornstra Fund can help. And, as it grows monetarily, new churches can even be formed, thus fulfilling Paul Hoornstra’s dream.

At this time, the Fund is modest. However, as people are informed of its purpose, it is hoped that many will wish to make a contribution. Please make your check payable to:

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