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“God save the foundation!” (Shakespeare)

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## Church Board Launches 2016 Capital Campaign: *Shaping the Future. Serving Now.*

By Terri Smith-Weller, Church Board Chair

As a Green Lake Church attendee, you have benefited from past church foundation fundraisers (e.g., roof, organ, and elevator). Perhaps you had an opportunity to have a role in those campaigns.

This mailing presents information about and an opportunity to share in funding the future of this church. The church board has voted (twice) to launch this campaign.

Please take the time to read about the plans and consider the amount of your contribution. We very much want everyone to participate regardless of the size of the gift or pledge. Please join me, the church board, and the foundation in donating to the future of our church. ✧

## Test Your Knowledge



What is the relationship between the Green Lake Foundation board and the Green Lake Church board?

- A. They compete for money.
- B. They cooperate to further the church mission.
- C. Only the pastor is allowed on both boards.
- D. They fight over who gets to be on the Finance Committee.

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## Bequest from Loretta Roderick

In May 2016, the estate of Loretta Roderick made a gift to the Green Lake Foundation.

The gift was presented by her daughter, Cynthia Buhler, longstanding member of the Green Lake Church congregation.



Loretta Roderick

Loretta was a member of the Green Lake Church for 56 years, from 1952, when she was baptized by Pastor John Robertson, until her death in 2008. For three periods, she served as clerk of the church, maintaining the membership records and taking minutes of church board meetings: 1964-1969, 1972-1981, and 1985-1988.

In recognition of Loretta’s generosity, Foundation president Alvin Kwiram noted:

*“This bequest from Loretta is an excellent example of a generous and thoughtful spirit that reflects an appreciation for the benefits that Loretta enjoyed over many years as a member of the Green Lake family. Just as she provided for her own family, she also remembered the needs of her church family and hoped by her gift and example to ensure that the spirit of the Green Lake Church can be sustained and enhanced for the benefit of others—even those whom she would never know.”*

Others noted the service that Loretta gave as secretary in the church office and the cheerful and helpful attitude she brought to that responsibility. ✧



Loretta’s daughter, Cynthia Buhler (right), and granddaughter, Meresa Buhler (left).

# The Green Lake Foundation: Opportunities and Emergencies

By John Brunt

Opportunities and Emergencies. Both come to every family.

Opportunities for further education, exciting travel, expanding the family. Emergencies when something breaks or someone is in need.

These opportunities and emergencies come on top of the monthly budget. So the wise family doesn't plan only for the monthly mortgage, utilities, and food. They also put aside money for the special projects and needs that inevitably come. Two budgets—one for the regular monthly needs of the family and another for the inevitable opportunities and emergencies.

The Green Lake Church is a family. It has a regular monthly budget that handles the same kinds of needs you have at home, like electric bills. That doesn't take care of the opportunities and emergencies. Wisely, the members of Green Lake have formed a foundation for this second vital part of the budget.

If we are to fully support the ministry of this church family, we need to give systematically to both of these funds:

- the local church budget for our regular needs
- the Foundation for our growth and future planning

This not only makes pragmatic sense. It is theologically consistent with the kind of responsible use of our financial resources that Scripture teaches. Jesus chides those who do not plan for the future. In Luke 14:28-30, he says:

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, "This person began to build and wasn't able to finish."



For Jesus, this is not only financial advice, but also a window to the total commitment that his Kingdom requires, for in verse 33 he adds, "In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples."

The apostle Paul took up a collection of money from the Gentiles to support the poor in Jerusalem. He urged the Corinthians to prepare for this systematically so they wouldn't have to raise the money when he arrived. In 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 he says,

Now about the collection for the Lord's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

By following this biblical principle of systematic giving through our church budget and the Green Lake Foundation, we are prepared for whatever opportunities and emergencies come our way. ✧

## Mildred Jensen to Celebrate 100 Years

In our December issue of the Foundation Newsletter, we will be celebrating Mildred Jensen's 100th birthday, which takes place January 4, 2017.

For many decades Mildred and her husband, Lyle, were charter members of Green Lake Church, playing a unique role as intellectual and spiritual "pillars" of the congregation. One of the unique characteristics of Green Lake Church has always been its tie to the University of Washington—which Mildred and Lyle represented from the earliest days.

We will reprise Mildred's amazing life from her interview in the History Project, starting with her earliest days in the Stanwood Church, her years at Walla Walla College, her marriage to Lyle, their time in Chicago working on the Manhattan Project in the 1940s, and their return to Seattle. ✧



**Test Your Knowledge Answer: B** – they cooperate to further the church mission. Green Lake Foundation and Green Lake Church are formally separate legal entities but they are complementary. In fact, the Green Lake Foundation is, legally speaking, a "supporting organization," or what is known as a 509(a)(3) organization under 26 United States Code § 509(a)(3). ✧

# A Conversation with Olive White

Ken Walters and Alvin Kwiram interviewed Olive White, founding member of Green Lake Church, on July 9, 2015. Edited for length and clarity.

## You and Malcolm were charter members at Green Lake in 1947. Where did you attend before 1947?

When I first moved to Seattle in 1937, I attended Seattle Central Church. We were married in 1941 and started going to the North Church.

## Are you originally from Seattle?

I lived in Mount Vernon and graduated from high school there.

## Do you have Norwegian roots?

All four of my grandparents were born in Norway.

## Were you raised in the Adventist Church?

We were Lutherans. I was 11 years old when my parents joined the Adventist church. I feel so fortunate to have had heard the Adventist message.

## Did your family go to an evangelistic campaign?

Dad went to several evangelistic meetings. Elder C. J. Goodman was having them in different spots around Stanwood. Finally, he was convinced.

## How did the transition go?

Before we joined, once my folks were in the middle of butchering a pig when Elder Goodman came to see them. They hurriedly put the garage door down!

## When did you move to Seattle?

As soon as I got out of high school, in 1937. There was not much work available. I lived with doctors and took care of their children—things like that. Anything to make a dime.

## 1937 was the depths of the Depression.

It was tough. I grew up as one of eight children. Somehow or other, we had three meals a day. Mom managed with an old stove that you had to stoke with wood.

## Where did you meet Malcolm?

We sang in the choir at the Seattle Central Church. But I didn't even know he existed until they had a skating party at Redondo Beach. And he asked me to skate—and that's "all she wrote"!

*"When we were married, Dr. Grauman played the piano and his wife, Helen, sang."*

## After that skating party, the rest is history?

Right. When we got married, Dr. Grauman played the piano and his wife, Helen, sang *Through the Years*.

## You were attending the Seattle Central Church at the time?

Yes, we sang in the huge choir at Central Church. Loveland Cota was the director. It was an amazing choir.

## When did you move to the North Church?

In 1941, after we married. Green Lake opened in 1947.

## Malcolm was in military service during World War II.

He was one of the first to occupy Japan. He waded ashore with the U. S. troops and was assigned to hospital admissions in Osaka.

## Was Malcolm a Seattle native?

Yes, born in Seattle. Vic Smiley lived right next door, at the north end of the Aurora Bridge. He and Malcolm were teenage neighbors.

## Do you remember the construction of Green Lake Church?

Yes, Malcolm made those little receptacles in the back of the pews for the communion wine glasses and helped install them. They are still there today!

## Who were some people you especially remember?

- Dr. Merton Shelton, who took the pictures of the church's construction.
- Frances Taylor, an amazing lady. She helped so many people. And Frances was A+ at soliciting money for Ingathering at Christmas.
- Lee and Betty Mitchell. Lee was the contractor for the new addition of our church.
- Tirzza Rasmussen was a Dorcas Society leader. I remember going with her to help clean houses for people who were in great need. And she'd bring them bags of groceries! She helped so many people—just an amazing lady.
- Ben and Thelma McAdoo. Ben was an architect of some renown and a leader in the church. They had pizza parties at their home for church members. Wonderful people.
- Arthur and Helen Grauman. Dr. Grauman delivered all four of my children. Helen was very active in the church's music program. She would call everybody in the choir before choir practice to remind them to come.

## Who were some of the church organists from the early days?

I have a list. Some were pinch-hitters, some played more regularly.

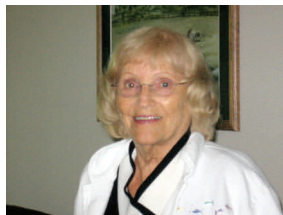
- Dr. Grauman was the first organist and served for a number of years. Very capable in all that he did.
- Audra Charmosta took over for Dr. Grauman if he had to deliver a baby or if he had other medical emergencies.
- Some other organists were Victor Smiley, Georgiana Theodore, Karen Johnson Fasano, and Nadine Hale.

## You knew all the early pastors and even kept in touch with them.

- Wesley Unterseher—a wonderful man.
- John Robertson—quite a powerful man. He had a way about him that endeared himself to anyone.
- Fenton Froom. Elder Froom's father was a famous SDA author who wrote a series, "The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers."

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- Francis Bush was great. We had to have two services. Our church was bulging. They had to start two new congregations—Mountlake Terrace and Shoreline.
- Herbert Hill. He was first an associate pastor for a while; it may have been with Elder Froom.



Olive White

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## Church History Quiz

True or False:

1. The four most recent Head Elders are female.
2. Green Lake Church, for a time, sponsored a “Way Out House” on Aurora Avenue.
3. The “Jesus and the Children” window has twice been moved from other locations in the church.
4. Potluck meals used to be served in the Chapel.
5. The first speaker for the long-running lecture series was Robert Pierson, the General Conference President.
6. Dr. Grauman used to pop into Green Lake Church at noon and play the organ, and the music was broadcast to the neighborhood over speakers in the bell tower.
7. A Green Lake member won two Olympic Gold medals.

Answers: 1. T; 2. T; 3. T; 4. F; 5. F; 6. T; 7. T (Mary (William Lovelass); 6. T; 7. T (Mary Whipple, coxswain for the Women's 8 Rowing Team, Summer Olympics of 2008 and 2012).

## A Conversation with Olive White, *Continued from Page 3*

- Magne Fuglheim, who played the classic guitar beautifully, from the Faroe Islands, a Danish territory. His wife, Ulla, was also Danish.
- Clayton Jepson, a good man, and his wife was very dear.
- Rudy Torres was top-notch. His wife, Meredith, was a talented soloist and a real asset to the choir. He had wonderful sermons.

Those were the early pastors. There was not even one I didn't like.

### You know more “movers and shakers” from the early years at Green Lake.

#### Can you name a few more?

- Dr. Ernest Ching and his wife, Inez, did so much for our church, financially and in every respect. A brilliant man.
- Hugh Boyd, Earl Mercill, and Bob Craig came over from the North Church and became elders at Green Lake. Just good, honest Christian men.
- Irene Lottman was a great Sabbath school superintendent at Green Lake. I talk to her on the phone at least once a week.
- Katie Jo Johnson was such an asset to Green Lake. She did so much with landscaping and art.
- The Fredericks, H. A. and Alma. They were saints! When they died, they gave \$2,000 for landscaping for Green Lake church. \$2,000 in those days that was a lot of money. That was really an important gift.
- The Jensens, Lyle and Mildred. I've known them since I was in the fifth grade and Mildred was in the eighth in Stanwood grade school. I was about 11 years of age when my folks joined the church in Stanwood. They were so wonderful to new members.
- Paul and Genevieve Johnson; the Youngs—Bob and Pat. Such assets to our church in so many ways. Always supporting, volunteering, and showing enthusiasm and leadership.
- The Theodores, John and Georgie. So passionate for music at Green Lake. She accompanied Malcolm often. She and Malcolm went to school together at Seattle Junior Academy.
- Bill and Hazel Henneman, Jack Henneman's parents. Bill was our Sabbath school teacher.

### How long have you sung in the choir at Green Lake? Since the 1940s and well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

Yes. It's a treasure.

### You live in Everett. Were you ever tempted to join Edmonds or Everett or Mountlake Terrace?

Not ever! The great music was always the pull at Green Lake, and it always will be. I can't stand to go to churches where they pull the screen down and you read your music from the screen. It irks me! Forgive me, but that's how I feel!

### Among your sisters was Evelyn Lacey, who, with her husband, Albert, made some major donations to SDA institutions, including Green Lake Church.

Albert and Evelyn Lacey worked at Boeing for 35 years and they invested their money. Entirely self-made people. When they died, they donated to different institutions. They provided scholarship support for 30 students to help them through college.

### Were they connected with the Lacey Fund at Green Lake?

Yes. Green Lake received \$30,000. The Lacey Fund was established by them.

### The Lacey Fund was given by your sister and your brother-in-law?

Yes, my brother-in-law, Albert Lacey—and his wife, my sister Evelyn.

### But the Laceys attended Auburn City Church. Why did they leave \$30,000 to Green Lake?

Because Evelyn had two sisters at Green Lake, Twyla Lyman and me.

### Thanks for sharing your memories of the early decades at Green Lake Church!

It's my privilege. ✧