



Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship *News*

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HERBERT R. MOORE, JR. HONORED



On May 27, 2015, the Reverend Doctor Herbert R. Moore, Jr. was honored by the Lynchburg Chapter of The Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, which presented, at its 48th Annual Humanitarian Awards dinner, the Jeffrey B. Spence Award for Interfaith Understanding. Herb was the first recipient of this award, given to individuals and organizations for particular distinction in working inclusively with various religious bodies.

Herb is Executive Director Emeritus of Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship, having served in this leadership role for 20 years (1973-1993). A native of Kansas City, Missouri, Herb came to Lynchburg in 1965 as Senior Minister of Euclid Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He remained in our community as a “bigger than life” advocate for the inner city poor, disabled, elderly, and a low income housing expert, having converted the old E. C. Glass High School and Frank Roane facilities into affordable apartments.

Herb’s impressive accomplishments and his many awards are too numerous to detail here. A sample list does not begin to capture the incredible work of this effective change agent in our city. It would include The Wood Ministry, the City Gate Mission, the Gateway shelter for the homeless, New Land Industries, Sheltered Industries, Home Ownership Program, Home Repair Program, and The Lead-free Housing Program.

His honors include the Mayor’s Award for Excellence, the Pro Opera Civica Award from the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce; his Certificate of Appreciation and Commendation from The Summit Board for his role as a founding member. When Herb retired from LCF, City Council honored him by declaring a Herbert R. Moore, Jr. Day in Lynchburg. Lynchburg College honored him with a Doctor of Humane Letters Degree in 2009.

Lynchburg Covenant Board members think of Herb as a steadfast and faithful friend, a compassionate person with a commanding presence, an able administrator and leader who is well prepared, persuasive, and effective in bringing about change. As a Disciple’s minister his denominational leadership has been praised at the Regional Assembly and recognized by the General Board.

You would never know that Herb contracted polio at age 9 and was in an iron lung for 6 months. Because of who Herb is, this lifelong challenge has never called attention to itself. His competence has overshadowed any physical challenges he may have faced.

In fulfilling his call to Christian ministry, Herb has been a model of servant leadership and compassionate service to his community and to all who know and love him as a cherished friend.

Director's Corner

This newsletter is dedicated to Herb Moore for his many years of service to the community. Herb has been my mentor and my friend for many years. I would like to thank Nathan Brooks for contributing the article on page one of this newsletter.



700 Federal Street is a lovely old building that was built in 1904 and was originally a private home. LCF purchased this home in 1970 and converted it into eight units of much needed safe, decent, affordable housing in the central city. **John Williams** has called one of these apartments home for 26 years. He is known as “**Big John**” to the neighborhood although we are not sure if this is from his tall stature, large personality or his big heart. Big John looks out for the other residents in the building, checking on them if he doesn't see them for a few days to make sure they are okay and occasionally bringing them food. He has always been an excellent resident, referring many people in need of housing to our office and helping to police the neighborhood. We consider him a member of our LCF family.

We would like to thank:

Greater Lynchburg Community Trust for a \$3,500 grant for our Hope II After School Program.

ALL Our HOPE II Volunteers

My Guys Moving & Storage for doing such a great job moving our residents during our relocation at Frank Roane.

All the volunteers from Genworth, AECOM, and the Harris Corporation who worked so hard at our properties for the United Way Day of Caring.

All Our Donors

Pat is one of our success stories. Pat lived at Lynchburg High Apartments, our Section 8 Housing for seven years, then as she advanced at her job she moved to one of our market rate apartments next door to our office. She lived there for another four years before moving into her very own house. We all miss Pat's smiling face but we are so happy for her. When she came into the office she always had a kind word to the staff. We are thankful we were able to be there when she needed a helping hand.

We could not do what we do without the support of our donors. With your help we are giving families the stability they need to go forward. Wondering what gift to give to someone who has everything? Why not give the gift of love? Make a donation in their honor. You may also give a gift in memory of a loved one. All gifts are appreciated. With your help and assistance we are making a difference. Thank you in advance for your support.

*Never believe that a few caring people
can't change the world. For, indeed,
that's all who ever have.
Margaret Mead*

Mission Statement

The mission of Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship is to express the values of our respective faiths, helping to facilitate a diverse community by providing affordable housing, education, and advocacy for the poor, the disabled, and the disadvantaged, including children, youth, the mentally challenged and the elderly in Central Virginia.

We have an updated
Website
Check it out

<http://lcfhousing.org>



Frank Roane apartments are located in a beautiful old building with a lot of character, built in 1899. We began renovations on this building in January 2015 and reopened this fall with the move-in of many of our elderly residents who had been living off-site during construction. The remaining apartments were leased as construction was completed. Partnering with Virginia Community Development Corporation (VCDC) with Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and a low interest loan from Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA), the project also received funds from state and federal historic tax credits and HOME Funds from the City of Lynchburg. Virginia Community Capital provided the construction loan.

All of the one and two bedroom apartments have Universal Design features and five apartments meet the Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. Universal Design involves designing products and spaces so they can be used by the widest range of people possible. For most people, universal design is unnoticeable except that it is more convenient.

Each apartment has call bells that will ring in to a security company in case of an emergency. All apartments have energy efficient appliances, new cabinets and countertops, central heat and air conditioning, new bathroom fixtures and new paint and flooring throughout.

We also had an electrical upgrade, elevator upgrade and a new sprinkler system added to the building.

The outside of Frank Roane has a new look also. The hedges that had been in for thirty years were removed, opening up the front of the building. Re-pointing was done and storm windows added to make the apartments warmer in winter and cooler in summer.

Our mission for over forty-five years has been to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing. At Frank Roane a resident pays no more than thirty percent of their income for rent leaving money left over for things like medicine, food and other essentials. Frank Roane is our “elderly building” with the age restriction of 62 and older. We have a few long term residents at Frank Roane, one who is 95 and has lived there for 15 years and one who is 87 and has lived there for 24 years. We are grateful to be able to provide this service but we could not do it without you, our supporters.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve the underserved of our community by providing for their most basic need—a good place to call home.



We appreciate your gift of Love to LCF
this holiday season.

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