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Greetings from Chautauqua and Pittsburgh!

Laura Dawson and I are co-chairs of the Phillips and Kahlenberg Funds Committee of the Presbyterian House at Chautauqua Institution. Laura is a life-long Chautauquan and a member of Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh. I am the stated supply pastor of the only truly rural church in Pittsburgh Presbytery and a life-long Chautauquan

We are sending you information about the 2008 season and an application for the scholarships. We have enclosed a copy of the lecture schedule for 2008. Generally we cannot accommodate people during Week One because of another conference.

A week at the Presbyterian House begins on a Saturday and extends to the next Saturday. We pay for gate tickets, parking, room and board, children's activities and sometimes special interest courses for adults. If you are chosen for the Kahlenberg Scholarship it also provides transportation help. We have funds to accommodate 5 families. The scholarship covers between \$1500-2000 worth of expenses per family.

Now for the hard part, we have a deadline of November 1 to have all the Phillips reservations made. This means we really need to hear from you by October 1. It may be hard to think about vacation for next summer so soon but we hope you will be as excited as we are about the lecture topics and the opportunity to be at Chautauqua for a week.

If you have any questions please be in touch with Mary Lee Talbot. The easiest way to reach me is by e-mail or at home in the evening. I hope to hear from you soon.

Faithfully,

Rev. Mary Lee Talbot, Ph.D.
Co-Chairperson

Mrs. Laura Dawson
Co-Chairperson

September 1, 2007

We have scholarships for a week at Chautauqua, New York and we need your help to find qualified ministers with young children to use them. Chautauqua Institution is a cultural, religious, educational and recreational oasis situated on Chautauqua Lake in southwest New York State, about an hour and a half south of Buffalo. It is a center of learning that attracts students of all ages, from curious teenagers to lifelong learners. Founded in 1874 as a learning and inspirational retreat for Sunday school teachers, it continues to have rich and varied religious and historical components, but it is so much more.

As members of the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Association of Chautauqua, New York, we hope you are aware of a wonderful opportunity for members of your Presbytery. The Phillips and Kahlenberg Scholarship programs make it possible for Presbyterian ministers with young families who would otherwise be unable to afford a Chautauqua vacation to spend a week at the Presbyterian House with their families, all expenses paid. The Kahlenberg fund will even help with transportation. The average value of these opportunities is \$1500-2000.

As a presbytery executive, we hope you will be able to suggest names and addresses to us to be considered for scholarships in future years. I am including an application form (feel free to duplicate this). As we receive names we will send information to those pastors. A week at Chautauqua generally will qualify for study leave.

Some guidelines:

We need to have applications by October 30 each year for the following summer.

Families whose combined gross income (excluding housing allowance) is at or below the median income for Presbyterian Ministers as established by the Board of Pensions will be given first priority.

Our donors have requested that we use these funds to bring pastors with young children at home who will be accompanying them on this adventure.

Another goal is to introduce Chautauqua to persons of color and ethnic background.

Please send names directly to Rev. Dr. Mary Lee Talbot, Philips Committee Co-Chairperson – 6512 Jackson Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, mltalbot@aol.com. Please note “Phillips” in the subject line.

We appreciate any suggestions you can give to us. Thank you very much.

Mrs. Laura Dawson

Rev. Mary Lee Talbot, Ph.D.

Phillips/Kahlenberg Fund Scholarship Form
The Presbyterian Association of Chautauqua, New York 14722

The Stephen Phillips Memorial Fund was established by Mrs. Betty Phillips in memory of her husband, to enable Presbyterian ministers with young children at home who would otherwise be unable to afford a Chautauqua vacation to enjoy the Chautauqua experience. The Richard Kahlenberg Fund also provides scholarships for pastors with young children or missionaries. Income from the funds provides for one full week at the recently expanded Presbyterian House, including room and three meals a day; gate tickets which allow access to 5-10 Chautauqua events per day; parking; and fees for nursery school, day camp, or special courses for children in the family. Transportation to and from Chautauqua is generally not included from the Phillips Fund but is available through the Kahlenberg Fund. Applications must be received by October 30 to be considered for the ensuing year. Preference is given to those who are new to Chautauqua. Sorry - no pets allowed.

Date _____

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Church _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Children's names with birthdates, age as of June 1, 2008 and grade in school in September 2008

Clerk of Session (for reference) _____

Phone _____

Combined adjusted gross income for previous taxable year (excluding housing)

Have you been to Chautauqua before? _____ When? _____

Preferred weeks for attendance at Chautauqua (please give 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices)

1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 200_

We are applying for the Phillips Fund _____ Kahlenberg Fund _____ Either fund _____

Please write a brief description of why you believe this would be a valuable experience for you and your family. Use the reverse side of paper.

Return form to Mary Lee Talbot, 6512 Jackson Street, Pittsburgh, Pa 15206, mltalbot@aol.com.

2008 Theme Weeks

1 | Week One > June 23-27

Sport in America

Roger Goodell, long-time Chautauquan and commissioner of the National Football League, will be among the featured lecturers in Week One. Sport looms large in the American culture, whether from an economic perspective or through the lens of its impact on our lifestyles and customs. Fun, competitive, entertaining? Yes. But big business too. Some estimates tag the sports business industry in the U.S. at over \$300 billion annually. From youth and amateur athletics to college sports to the pros, we will examine the economics and the impact of sports on our cities, our youth, education, and culture. We will look at Title 9, the influence of television and escalating salaries, and the future of Olympic sports. And we will explore whether the interest of the general fan has been eclipsed by big money.

2 | Week Two > June 30-July 4

Restoring Legitimacy to Our Election System

Most Americans are both proud and grateful to live in a free and democratic country. But many are growing disenchanted with our system of electing a president. Are these concerns valid? If so, how do we go about restoring integrity into our election system? This week we'll look at some of the basic mechanisms that impact our political system and how they might be improved, including campaign finance, timing and duration of primaries, voter registration, the popular vote vs. the Electoral College and how we encourage or discourage citizen participation. Norman Ornstein, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and co-director of the AEI-Brookings Election Reform Project, will be with us during this week as both a presenter and facilitator.

3 | Week Three > July 7-11

Roger Rosenblatt and Friends: On Writing

Essayist, author, playwright and television commentator Roger Rosenblatt has lectured nine times from Chautauqua Institution's Amphitheater platform. For this week on writing, Roger will be joined by his friends and fellow authors E.L. Doctorow, Joyce Carol Oates, and Amy Tan, and poet Billy Collins and cartoonist Garry Trudeau.

4 | Week Four > July 14-18

The Ethical Frontiers of Science

There are no shortages of ethical dilemmas arising from rapid advances in biomedical sciences and new discoveries about how the mind works. What are the prospects that new drugs and genetic discoveries will enable us to improve our memories, moods, and cognitive abilities? Should science aim only at treating disease or also at enhancing our mental and physical capacities, and those of our children? Is there a risk that new genetic technologies will lead to the quest for "designer children?" Are we on the verge of discovering a biological basis for morality, and if so, does this pose a threat to familiar notions of free will and moral responsibility? This week, Harvard professor Michael Sandel will help us explore the growing public debate at the intersection of ethics, biotechnology, and public policy. We'll hear from bioethics experts and scientists to help us think through the social and ethical implications of biological and biomedical advances.

5 | Week Five > July 21-25

American Foreign Policy: Leadership and Dialogue

Since 1945, the United States has constructed its foreign policy around the fault lines of the demise of British colonialism, the contest with Communism and most recently the confrontation with terrorism. We will consider those historic roots and their influence on the current play of American interests on such issues as access to energy, markets, human rights and issues of military security. We will hear voices from other countries expressing their perspectives on U.S. foreign policy, and we will engage in dialogue about the prospects for the future.

6 | Week Six > July 28-August 1

Healing the Globe

In this Global Village, the health of one affects the health of all. In partnership with the Global Health Council, we will examine such twenty-first century challenges as maternal and child health, AIDS, TB, malaria, diseases related to global warming, the consequences of natural disasters, and response mechanisms to famine and pandemics. We will bring to the platform powerful voices who have invested themselves and their resources in this struggle for a healthy world.

7 | Week Seven > August 4-8

Faith in Public Life

The United States is one of the most religiously plural nations in the world. The Abrahamic religions differ widely within and among their respective traditions, especially with regard to whether religion is solely a private matter or has a role to play in public life. In this year of national elections, the compelling questions become: How best are different religious perspectives expressed in the give and take of democracy, and what is the responsibility of people of faith in a democracy?

8 | Week Eight > August 11-15

What's For Dinner? Food and Politics in the 21st Century

Food - from the old family recipe to the culinary arts - consumes a central role in our lives and is our most intimate and direct connection to nature. It elicits both passion and guilt, it comforts and satisfies, it sustains the body and is a source of beauty and art. What we eat and how it arrives in our kitchens and restaurants is also influenced by political and economic decisions. From the 100-mile diet, five-star restaurants and peppy television chefs to giant agri-business, this week will add context to our understanding of how food is produced, biologically altered and distributed, the rise of organic agriculture and the simple joys of eating.

9 | Week Nine > August 18-22

Darwin and Linnaeus: Their Impact on Our View of the Natural World

2009 will mark the celebration of Darwin's 200th birthday as well as the 150th anniversary of the publication of *On the Origin of Species*. The public debate surrounding his theory of evolution seems to have diminished little in that span of time. This week we will focus on all that has followed, including the scientific, social, religious and legal ramifications of Darwin's work. In addition, this year marks the 250th anniversary of the 1758 publication of Swedish scientist Carl Linnaeus' system for giving Latin names to animals, indeed, cataloging the natural world. We will consider the legacy of that important work as well.