

# HIGHLAND LAKES

## Camp and Conference Center

Dear Church Friend,

The Highland Lakes Camp and Conference Center is in the middle of a fundraising campaign to pay for the rebuilding of the Miles Auditorium that burned down in late 2006. I have been asked to assist in organizing a golf tournament to help raise the \$1.2 million that is still needed to complete the project. To date, the insurance company has already paid what they are going to pay and a fundraising campaign was started to raise the rest by this summer (see the enclosed page to read the original request from HLC&CC); however, to date the funds have not been raised, the building has not been rebuilt, and we pray to God for your help.

What we are starting this fall is a **Giving Campaign**. A Giving Campaign is different from a fundraiser because of several reasons. First, a Giving Campaign starts from a need within the body of Christ. People are made aware of this need and then given the opportunity to pray how God would give through them. Second, a Giving Campaign comes from the heart. By listening to the Spirit, a person will be lead by God to give an amount that they normally would not think about or could not believe possible. And third, a person will find that all who participate in the Giving Campaign will give by **equal sacrifice, not equal gifts**. Equal sacrifice means that each person will give sacrificially according to what they believe God is telling them to give. For some, this may mean \$100, but for others it may mean \$100,000 or more!

Several things need to be considered in a Giving Campaign such as this one for the Miles Auditorium.

- A person can give by **reason** or by **revelation**:
  - **Reason** – Giving by reason is how most people give. One looks at their bank account and determines **by reason** what amount they can give. This does not take prayer or faith to give this way.
  - **Revelation** – Giving by revelation is solely on faith. One prays and God gives them an amount that may seem impossible – and will be if God does not intervene and **give 'through' that person**. By giving **by revelation**, God receives all the glory.
- A person or family needs to pray before they give. Once time has past, then the decision to give becomes more clear – and the amount more revealed by God.
- This Giving Campaign is designed for churches to be the main driver in presenting this information to their congregation. There are more than 500 churches that have utilized the HLC&CC facilities in the past 30 years. If all the churches were able to give \$2000 each, the \$1.2 million would be raised in this Giving Campaign alone! This \$2000 could be raised in the church by having 10 members give \$200 each – or 20 members give \$100 each. You can see the reality when the whole body of Christ participates. Church members can (and will) give more than what is being asked – especially if the leadership of the church shares with the rest of the church of how they are going to participate – as King David and the leadership did in **2 Chronicles 29:1-20**, and in verse 9 it says:

*“The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.” v.9 NIV*

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- Another way church members can participate is by becoming a sponsor for the tournament and/or a participant in the tournament as a player. This will cover the cost of the event and give individuals and business owners an opportunity to be recognized at the event showing people that they support the furthering of the kingdom of God. Some will want to give anonymously and this is great and supported – as Jesus says in **Matthew 6:3-4**:

*But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*

We are asking that each church join us in this Giving Campaign to rebuild the Miles Auditorium. At the beginning of April please present this information to your church. Beginning April 1st, we are asking for 40 days of prayer time. At the end of these 40 days, all who have been asked to give will present their gifts at the same time. On **April 13th, 2008**, please have a celebration day and collect the gifts that God is going to give through your church. The churches will send these gifts to HLC&CC either by mail or on-line, whichever is directed by God. Once all the gifts are turned in, we will have a celebration day for all of Texas on **Saturday, June 14, 2008** that includes a golf tournament and celebration dinner to announce what God has done with His faithful. Our prayer is that God give through each of you with more than enough money needed to rebuild the Miles Auditorium.

The golf tournament is going to be fun, but the real winners will be all the children and adults who are going to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ by attending a retreat at the Highland Lakes Camp & Conference Center. Below is a Giving Campaign response card. If you have any questions about the giving campaign, please contact me at 512-557-0862 or Alex Powell of Highland Lakes Camp at 512-934-0252.

For those in your church that would like to participate in the golf tournament, either as a participant or sponsor, please see the enclosed flyer for information and register at <http://teeituphlc.golfreg.com/>. Teams and sponsorships are limited, so register early.

May God richly bless you and yours.

In His service,  
Richard Glass  
Tournament Director  
Ultimate Golf Productions

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*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus), that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16*

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**Miles Auditorium Giving Campaign Response Card**

Please complete this form and place it in the enclosed envelope. Checks should be made payable to **Highland Lakes Camp and Conference Center** marked **Miles Giving Campaign 2008**.

Your Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**YES**, we would like to support "Miles Auditorium Giving Campaign" in its effort to raise money for a new auditorium.

Enclosed is our gift of: \$2000

God has blessed our church family in extraordinary ways and we would like to give a gift in the following amount:

\$5,000     \$10,000     \$100,000     \_\_\_\_\_ (this amount)

Below is a list of names in our church that God has graciously given through (put anonymous too – God knows!):

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