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President's Message



It's time for us to "Be the Light"

Where are things heading and should you be worried? It seems that the hot topic lately is the Presidential race and the economy. Well! I won't talk politics, but are these the end times? Many of our churches have not seen the economy like this ever before. Some of us are in the middle of building projects while others are just trying to survive. What does all of this mean? For us we have seen our capital campaign contribution and our weekly giving drop. People are scared; they are not fulfilling their commitments and just are not sure what to do. Do buildings make the ministry or do people? We feel this is a great opportunity for us to refocus on the who, where, when and why's of God.

budgets cut, personnel cut backs and projects coming to a halt.

It may seem like the end time. In our position we could be so lucky! But what I really want to do is encourage you to be positive. We know God is the answer so why not be the light in the dim meeting or conversation. I recently had to take one of my contractors thru a Glenn 101 class. Not a class that you want to be in. If you have to attend a 201 class, well I won't go there, but I will say you will never see a 301 class. I was amazed how negative people can be about the current times. Some have no hope! It was interesting after having this talk with my contractor his attitude just changed. It was like someone turned on a light. That's when I decided no matter how bad things

"Be the positive in a negative world"

Who: Is God calling? I think he is trying to get the attention of his people to refocus our eyes upon Him.

Where: Right where you are, your own neighborhoods and back yards.

When: I think the time is now.

Why: Because as a society we are not following his purpose.

So, should we be worried? I don't think so. God has always provided for His people and He is in total control. I know talking with many of you, your experiencing some of the strangest times in your position in history;

may seem, someone needs to "be the light". When you're in that meeting that's not going very well, "be the light". When you're dealing with the difficult employee, "be the light". When you are sitting in the traffic jam, "be the light". When you're tired and cranky at home and your spouse asked you to do something, "be the light". When your kids ask one more time for something, "be the light".

I think you get the message. We could not be living in better times. John 4:35 says "open your eyes and look at the fields!" Be the positive in a negative world!

Praying for you,
Glenn

2009 Dues

Dear NACFM Member,

Thank you for your membership and participation in the National Association of Church Facilities Managers. This professional organization allows church facilities managers to learn together, draw upon each other's experiences, and to enjoy professional growth opportunities. Your continued membership in NACFM demonstrates a commitment to quality work and a growing connection with other facilities managers across the nation.

All dues are due and payable on 10/20/08 for 2009 and will be past due on 12/31/08. These times are different from last year due to the changes we made in our fiscal year which was approved by the membership at the June 2008 National Conference. From this, the Board of Directors will be able to prepare the 2009 budget for the organization.

The level for Active Membership is only \$150, and the level for Associate Membership is \$250. Compared to other professional membership dues, these rates continue to be among the lowest, and they represent an excellent value for everyone who participates.

To continue your membership:

- Go to the web site – www.nacfm.com and log in. (If you are having problems logging in, please contact me by replying back to this message.)
- After you log in, click on **Renewal Dues** link on the Administration Panel. You will be taken to your information.
- From here you can update any information you need to, and then click next.
- On this page you will see your current information and **must** print this out to send in with your dues to the address listed.

If you have any questions, please contact me so that I can assist you in any way possible. Thank you again for being such a vital part of the National Association of Church Facilities Managers.

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