

**"I WILL MAKE YOU INTO A GREAT NATION AND I WILL BLESS YOU;
I WILL MAKE YOUR NAME GREAT, AND YOU WILL BE A BLESSING." –GENESIS 12:1-2**



Legacy of Fire Fellowship

IN HONOR OF WALTER AND CLAIRE MATTHEWS

ABOUT

Legacy of Fire Fellowship. This Fellowship is designed for longtime leaders and supporters of the Renewal to extend the fire of baptism in the Holy Spirit to future generations and to raise up new generations of Renewal Leaders, through tools, resources, and programs such as THE JOSHUA PROJECT and the Renewal Fellows Program.

Tribute to the Legacy of Walter and Claire Matthews. The Fellowship honors the legacy of Walter and Claire, who fostered the fire of the Renewal through decades of service through the National Service Committee. Today they ask others to join them through Fellowship enrollment.

Legacy of Fire FELLOWSHIP for YOU. Fellowship members supporting Pentecost Today USA through prayer, major gifts, planned giving, and estate planning may opt-in to receive the following:

- Weekly Prayer for Fellowship Members in the The Ark and The Dove Chapel
- Perpetual Mass enrollment at The Ark and The Dove Retreat Center
- Annual Retreat at The Ark and The Dove Retreat Center
- "Legacy of Fire" tribute on our website & at The Ark & The Dove
- Legacy of Fire Fellowship Prayer Meetings & Discussion Forums
- Legacy of Fire Fellowship Prayer & Pen Pal

–Ron Riggins, Chairman of the Board



**PENTECOST
TODAY
USA**

Our Mission

BRING baptism in the Holy Spirit to the whole Church, **BUILD** unity in the Body of Christ, and **SERVE** the poor.

Fuel the fire of Renewal.

Pray about leaving a Legacy of Fire.



THE INVITATION

PLANNED GIVING
CAMPAIGN
2018-2020

In 1972 (Walter) and 1974 (Claire) we were led into personal relationships with the Lord Jesus Christ and into lives lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Catholic Charismatic Renewal was the vehicle the Lord used to bring us to Himself and, a few years later, into a relationship with each other and marriage. This August will be 44 years for us.

Early on in her walk Claire had a sense that at some point she would be working in the Renewal in some way. Together we just kept saying "yes" as we had heard Sr. Nancy Kellar, SC say that Fr. Jim Ferry (an early leader in the Renewal who died way too early) use to always encourage, "think yes."

Thinking yes led us to leave New York City for a parish in Rochester, Minnesota; then to the Servants of the Lord Community in Minneapolis in 1980 (now Servant Branch of the People of Praise); then, in 1984, to a move to South Bend, Indiana and the National Service Committee's headquarters (as members of the People of Praise), and then in 1990/1991 to Locust Grove, Virginia in 1990/1991 where the NSC had moved its office to be closer to the US Bishops.

The journey has been one of trusting the Lord--not perfectly, not always. To Him we give praise:

**This we know, that God is on our side.
In God whose word we praise,
in Yahweh whose word we praise,
in God we put our trust and have no fear;
what can mere mortal men do to us?**

**We are bound by the vows we have made, God,
we will pay you the debt of thanks,
for you have saved our lives from death
to walk in the presence of God,
in the light of the living. (Ps 56:9b-13, adapted)**

Needless to say we are honored and blessed that the Board of Pentecost Today USA (formerly the NSC) has decided to focus their new Planned Giving campaign "in Honor of Walter and Claire Matthews." We invite you to reflect on your own "yes" to the Lord and the Holy Spirit, and your journey and, in thanksgiving, make a commitment to leave a "legacy of fire" for new generations.

How awesome it would be that all who have been called by the Lord and embraced His Holy Spirit would want to leave a "legacy of fire" for Him.

-Walter & Claire Matthews
Retired Executive Director & NSC Team Member for over 35 years



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LEGACY OF FIRE FELLOWSHIP

Many of our faithful supporters have shared a burden to take action to leave a Legacy of FIRE that will ignite a new and ongoing Pentecost in the Renewal, in the Church, and in the world as well as a desire for FELLOWSHIP with other Spirit-filled followers of Christ.

Today, we invite you to pray about joining the Legacy of Fire Fellowship through these three prayerful actions:

1. Commit to intercede daily for our mission to:
 - BRING baptism in the Holy Spirit to the whole Church
 - BUILD unity in the Body of Christ
 - SERVE the Poor
2. Give a Major Gift or commit to a Planned Gift
3. Receive Spirit-filled Prayer and Fellowship (see below)

PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

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"LET US HOLD RESOLUTELY TO THE HOPE WE PROFESS, FOR HE WHO PROMISED IS FAITHFUL. AND LET US CONSIDER HOW TO SPUR ONE ANOTHER ON TO LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS. LET US NOT NEGLECT MEETING TOGETHER, AS SOME HAVE MADE A HABIT, BUT LET US ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER." -HEBREWS 10:23-25



MAJOR GIFTS & PLANNED GIVING

What is the meaning of a Major Gift? What is a Planned Gift? Major Gifts and Planned Giving expand the territory of our mission. A Planned Gift is a special donation that is designated for a future date, made through a formal financial or estate plan – often as a small portion of a will. Here are some ways to give a Legacy of Fire Fellowship GIFT.



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MAJOR GIFT

What is major giving? A major gift is any gift over \$1,000. Outside of planned gifts, major gifts are the largest donations that a nonprofit receives. These donations are often used to fund specific projects, meet fundraising goals, or go into general programs that help an organization accomplish its mission.

02

STOCK OR BOND GIFT

Gifts of Investment Securities
– Publicly-traded stocks or bonds with appreciated value over your investment basis.

03

TAX ADVANTAGE GIFTS

Gift of IRA, Pension, or Other Retirement Accounts – 401(k), 403(b), and other tax-deferred plans. If you are over 70½ years old, you may receive significant additional tax advantages by giving directly through your retirement account.

"BUT IF THE SPIRIT OF HIM WHO RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD DWELLS IN YOU, HE WHO RAISED CHRIST JESUS FROM THE DEAD WILL ALSO GIVE LIFE TO YOUR MORTAL BODIES THROUGH HIS SPIRIT WHO DWELLS IN YOU." ROMANS 8:11

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LIFE INSURANCE POLICY

Life Insurance Policy - You may name "NSC dba Pentecost Today USA" as a beneficiary, gift a policy or purchase a charitable gift rider.

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BEQUEST IN A WILL

Bequest in a Will -Specified dollar amount; percentage of your estate; percentage of the remainder of your estate after other bequests have been fulfilled. This gift is made through a formal financial or estate plan.

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SUMMARY

Your Legacy of Fire Gift will ignite and fuel the work of the Holy Spirit to renew the Renewal so that younger generations and older generations can work together to fulfill our mission to BRING baptism in the Holy Spirit to the whole Church, BUILD unity in the Body of Christ, and SERVE the poor.





PENTECOST TODAY *USA*



Younger generations are hungry for hope.

Older generations yearn to pass on the fire of Renewal.

THE NEED

In the world. Younger generations increasingly suffer from loneliness, anxiety, depression, and addiction.

In the Church. More and more young people are joining the ranks of the nones, choosing to be unaffiliated with any organized religion.

In the Renewal. Though younger generations have been touched by countless ministries that sprang up out of the Renewal, there is a greater fullness of embracing the gifts and fruits and LIFE in the Holy Spirit and a depth of understanding the theology of baptism in the Holy Spirit that Prayer Groups, Covenant Communities, and many other Renewal Ministries and Leaders have received and yearn to pass on to younger generations.

Many Renewal Centers, Prayer Groups, Covenant Communities and other ministries need support and desire to collaborate to develop highly engaging communications, tools, resources, content, mentoring, and initiatives that reach and raise up younger generations.

The need in the world, in the Church, and in the Renewal is urgent, and we magnify the Lord for how Jesus will set the world on fire through our prayer and action.

Come, Creator Spirit!

-Alicia Hartle, Executive Director

"I HAVE COME TO CAST FIRE UPON THE EARTH; AND HOW I WISH IT WERE ALREADY KINDLED!" -LUKE 12:49

PAST + PRESENT WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH PENTECOST TODAY USA (THE NSC)

*"... 'Not by might
nor by power,
but by My Spirit,'
says the
Lord of hosts."
-Zechariah 4:6*

EVENTS

Thousands of lives
transformed

- International Conferences:
 - 1960s University of Notre Dame
 - 1975 Rome
 - 1977 Kansas City (co-sponsor)
- National Conferences held in more than 20 cities across the nation
- Theological Symposiums
- Online events and discussion forums
- Regional Meetings

RESOURCES

Ongoing theological and
pastoral formation

- Theological and pastoral resources including books, brochures, workbooks, and articles
- Pentecost Today Magazine reaches over 5,000 readers
 - Contributing authors include Cardinal Rainero Cantalamessa, OFM, Preacher to the Papal Household since 1980

SUPPORT OF RENEWAL ORGANIZATIONS

Support on local, regional,
and national levels

- Prayer Groups, Renewal Centers, Covenant Communities, Renewal Ministries, & Authors
- Association of Diocesan Liaisons
- CHARIS National Service of Communion USA
- Conversation with Bishops and Movements
- Charismatic Leaders Fellowship
- Launch of The Ark and The Dove Worldwide

COMMUNICATIONS

Sharing baptism
in the Holy Spirit

- Connecting people with the fire of Renewal on local, regional and national levels through the National Renewal Database of 2,800+ groups and ministries
- Over 6,500 people connected via Facebook with over 300 Renewal Leaders sharing their stories, events and prayers
- Providing engaging, shareable resources via website, phone app, and social media.

LEGACY OF FIRE GIFT

Legacy of Fire Gifts given in prayer-filled major gifts or a small portion of a will, bequest, or trust are prayerfully planned and have a long-term impact. These gifts enlarge the territory of our mission to BRING.BUILD.SERVE. You can commit to giving a Legacy of Fire Gift in these ways:



CALL US

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SEND A LETTER

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Write a small portion of a will, bequest, or trust to:

National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the U.S.

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Send a check or give online at:

PentecostTodayUSA.org/ways-to-give/

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