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The Bishop Light Fund was established in 2005 to honor A. Heath Light, Fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. Bishop Light served the diocese from 1979-1996. We honor him for his dynamic character, warmth and genuine love for the people he has served throughout his ministry. This fund is established for the purpose of funding new and ongoing ministry at the Phoebe Needles Center.

You can help us honor Bishop Light by making your contribution today.

Thank you for your support –

**WHAT DO THE FOLKS WHO BENEFIT FROM THE BISHOP LIGHT FUND SAY...**

“I got to go to camp last summer for the first time, because you guys gave me a scholarship. It was the best week of my life. It really meant a lot. I can hardly wait to come again next summer.” Jenny, age 12

“Wow, it is magnificent – the view is absolutely beautiful! This place is the best kept secret in the Diocese.” Lisa, age 37

“The high ropes course was AWESOME. You guys are great. Thanks for having the camp at Phoebe Needles!” Tom, age 15

“How can anyone come here and not feel spiritually renewed and transformed.” Jane, age 63

“You gave me an amazing opportunity this summer – it’s change my outlook on college, my life, and on who God wants me to be.” Sarah, age 20

“The Eucharist was indeed a high point [of my week], but the moment I shall cherish is the sight of the children singing with all the power of their lungs, ‘All Things Bright and Beautiful.’ I shall never forget that, as symbolic of the love and relationships created at the Center. It is a joy to see the love and care and nurture that goes on there.”Cynthia, age 91

“The weekend here helped me to put some things back into perspective.” Chris, age 53

“Ok, I didn’t want to come, but I am SO glad I did! This was the coolest week ever. I made some new friends, worked some stuff out with God, and had fun.” Megan, age 16

**TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE BISHOP LIGHT FUND**

RETURN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE TO  
THE PHOEBE NEEDLES CENTER  
732 TURNERS CREEK ROAD  
CALLAWAY, VIRGINIA 24067

**THE BISHOP LIGHT FUND**

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Dear Friends,

It is my privilege to write to you on behalf of the Bishop Light Fund. As you know, Bishop Light was the Fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. Four years ago the Phoebe Needles Center created a fund in his honor. This fund has become a major part of our annual income.

During my two years on the Phoebe Needles Center board of directors I have seen lives impacted by the experiences people have had while at the Center. I can only attribute this sort of transformation to the Holy Spirit. I have heard the stories of many other people, who like each of us seek a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, who have found at Phoebe Needles just such a relationship.

The Center and its programs exist only with the support of people like you and me. Each year more than seventy percent of our operating funds come from contributions of people like us. Our donations range from five dollars to ten thousand dollars. It is through the generosity of many people that we weave together the income to provide programs, experiences and facilities that changes people's lives.

The Phoebe Needles board of directors seek to make experiences like these available to more of our youth, young adults, families, and adults throughout our diocese. There are three things that must happen for this to occur. We need your prayers. We need your financial support. We need your participation in the life of the Center.

Heath Light's tenure as bishop was characterized by his dynamic energy and passion for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We want you and other's in our diocese to experience the transforming power of Christ in your life through your involvement at the Phoebe Needles Center. It is truly a holy place.

We have taken on a ministry here that is greater than the staff, the board, and even our Diocese. It is exciting to me that our success will come only with God's help. Imagine, a ministry so vital that we cannot do it by ourselves, we must call daily on God's help to accomplish the ministry which God has set before us.

As I learn more about the history of the Phoebe Needles Center, I know there have been many struggles and challenges during its 106 year history. Those challenges were only met with prayer, faith and commitment. Our board begins and ends each meeting in prayer. Each member of the board is a faithful and committed Christian. We need to expand that circle of faith and commitment to every congregation and every person in our diocese.

You might ask, "What does my contribution do?" First, it honors Bishop Light. Second, it furthers the Christ-centered ministry of the Phoebe Needles Center. And third, it binds your heart and soul to a wellspring of hope where people for many generations have come to seek and find a deeper and more meaningful relationship with our Lord.

Will you join with me in pursuit of the vision!

Yours in Christ,

*Billy Kingery*

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for the Board of Directors