

REPORT

January 2002

Vision Renewal— January 16th

t sometimes seems to me that everybody wants to use September 11 as a way to legitimize their views or activities. A local news-radio station changed its advertising motto to "now-more than ever." I think that is supposed to mean that we are more in need of their services than before. Almost every pundit and writer is saying, "These events just go to prove what I've been saying all along." I think that is just another way to say that we are more in need of their opinions than before.

Some of these claims are true and some are not. But it is safe to assert that yes, now more than ever, New York City

H ope for New York has mapped out local volunteer needs with its Ministry Affiliates and other organizations actively involved in meeting the direct and indirect needs of WTC victims. The opportunities will be featured in the brochure titled, 'Building a City of Hope' and will be distributed to the Redeemer congregation and some satellite churches on January 13th. Both Redeemer and HFNY websites will also host a new page



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ing a recession that will bring greater need to the inner city. We have seen an event that is

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BY TIM KELLER

bringing more center city people to seek for spiritual answers than before.

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Because we minister in a dynamic, ever-changing city, there are always many of our number who are new to Redeemer. The last time we spent time together discussing the above questions was during the Capital Fund campaign, but that was nearly five

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describing the opportunities prior to the brochure distribution date.

Please go to one of these sites for more information (www.redeemer.com - 'How to Help' — OR — www.hfny.org - 'Volunteer').

- COUNSELING CENTER
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years ago. Less than half our people were present during that season. So it is time to do so again.

At 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, January 16, 2002, we are going to meet in the beautiful sanctuary of St Bartholomew's church at E. 50th and Park Avenue. There we will follow the Biblical pattern for 'covenant renewals' that we find in the Hebrew Scriptures. (Deuteronomy 1:1-5 and 29:1ff; Joshua 24:1-33, 2 Kings 23:1ff., and Ezra 10:1-17.)

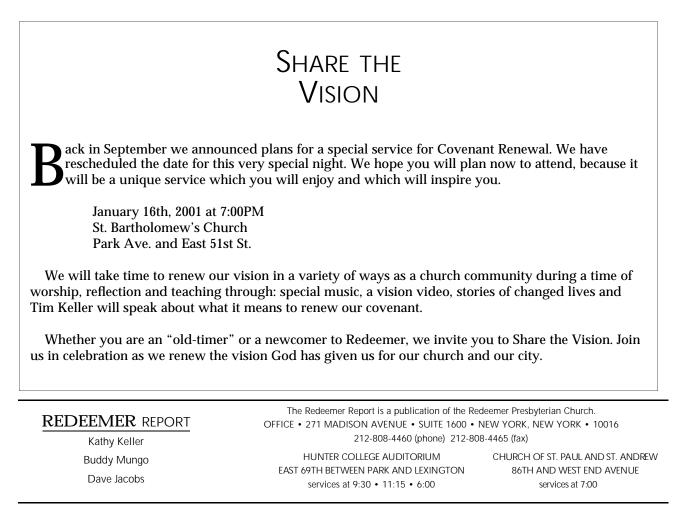
In these passages we can see three things happening.

First there is time to look back at the mighty acts of God that brought us into being and sustained us along the way.

Second, there will be a time to look ahead, to see what it is that we are called to be and what we are aspiring to be as a church.

Lastly there will be a time to look at our own hearts in the present. We will provide practical ways for committing our lives more fully to the vision of being a church in the city.

Please plan to be there, whether you are a Redeemer 'old-timer' or newcomer.



Thank You from the Diaconate

www.ewould like to extend our deepest thanks for the generosity of God's people at the time of our annual Mercy Fund Offering, which we received on December 9, 2001. These funds directly enable us to provide for the needs of those we care for in the congregation and community.

We are "filled with awe" (Acts 2:43-45) at how God provides and heals through His people. Please keep us and those we serve in your prayers.

Church Family Update

NEW MEMBERS & BAPTISMS NOVEMBER 11, 2001

Congratulations and Welcome

New Members

Susan Wunzin S.C. Chen Anthony Paul Graffeo Yoon Suk Lee James Fitzgerald Leonard Bernhard Burzer Roy Hing Chan Charles Chiu-Yi Hsu Catherine S. Paek Hyung (Joe) D. Paek Shawn Michael Watts

Baptisms

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We Are Here for You

If the aftereffects of September 11th have left you in need of help, we are here for you. Or perhaps you want to help by volunteering. The Diaconate, Counseling Services and the Disaster Relief Team of Redeemer are ready to assist you, our members and attenders, in a variety of ways:

DIACONATE - Susan Keil - 212-808-4460 ext 116 Message Helpline 212-726-1334

- Needs due to lost income
- Pastoral Care & Prayer

COUNSELING CENTER - Denise Poole - 212-808-4460 ext 131

- · Career readjustment counseling
- Crisis counseling

DISASTER RELIEF TEAM Ellie Ellsworth - 212-808-4460 ext 153

• Volunteer Opportunities & Training