

Gift Transmittal

Cesis Church Building Project

Romans 8:27-28 *And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.* NIV

The Need: The Friends of Latvia (FOL) has undertaken to respond to an emergency situation with the United Methodist congregation in the city of Cesis, Latvia. This congregation had been meeting for several years in a small Lutheran church on a rental basis. The host church changed leadership and the new leader wanted exclusive use of their building. For the past several months the congregation has been meeting in a small upstairs apartment which belongs to the lay leader of the congregation. Now, due to the severe economic situation in Latvia, the apartment is subject to foreclosure.

[This link shows Rev. Mednis describing the situation at the beginning of an online video.](#) (from 0:00 – 2:23)

The Opportunity: The Rev. Gita Mednis, District Superintendent of Latvia, presented this situation to the FOL April 2010 meeting in Lancaster, Ohio. She learned while visiting in the US that there is a building in the heart of Cesis which is in danger of foreclosure and which the owner wishes to sell. This building has several advantages in addition to its attractive price. It will be accessible to the elderly of the congregation which is not true of the present arrangement. This building was of post-soviet, high-quality construction in 1991 and is in excellent repair. The ground floor can serve immediately as a sanctuary, the basement refitted for youth activities, and the second floor is suitable as a parsonage. An offer has been made and accepted to purchase for a price totaling approximately \$55,000 USD. This is about half the price of this property from two years ago.

[This link shows photos of the proposed new Cesis Church Building.](#)

To Help: *Contribute financially to help with the purchase of this church. Send copies of this Gift Transmittal to anyone who might be called to help. This fund-raiser is underway in May and June of 2010.*

Use the following instructions to 1) route your gift correctly, 2) ensure that your church will be properly identified as the source of the gift by the UMC, and 3) obtain your tax receipt.

Friends of Latvia
to make disciples of Jesus Christ



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Please complete below and enclose with your gift

<p>To: Scott Selman, Treasurer North Alabama Conference UMC 898 Arkadelphia Rd. Birmingham, AL 35204</p>	<p>CHECK YOUR PREFERRED METHOD TO GIVE:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Single gift amount \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3-Year Pledge amount \$ _____ (reminders will be sent)</p>	
<p><i>Make checks payable to:</i></p> <p>North AL Conference of UMC (IMPORTANT) FOR: CESIS LATVIA INITIATIVE</p>	<p>Your <u>church</u> name and address</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Your name and address (receipt mailed to your address)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>