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Growth Fund Relocates to Tacoma

After living with CBC since our beginning in 1968, and renting from the mother corporation since our separate incorporation in 1996, we were forced to relocate when CBC sold its office building. **During the week of October 22 our office will be closed**, while we pack on the 22nd, move on the 23rd, and get our computer and communication lines up and running as soon after the move as possible. We were fortunate to find a very lovely small office in the Port of Tacoma Business Center at 3600 Port of Tacoma Road, just two blocks north of I-5 exit 136.

Our office is less than 350 square feet, but it is as large as what we are accustomed to at the CBC headquarters building in North Seattle. We will have better building security, a wonderful view of the cranes loading ships in the port, and access to a very lovely conference room for our board meetings. The rental expense is considerably less than we have been paying, and the convenience to most of our board members and churches within the CBC is significantly improved.



When we learned that CBC was seeking to relocate in the Tacoma area, we thought it would be appropriate for the Church Growth Fund to do the same. Haller Lake Baptist Church graciously offered to provide us temporary shelter in their church, just a few blocks from our office at the CBC district building. After considering the cost and disruption of two moves, our executive committee thought it would be wiser to simply bite the bullet and get the move behind us. After looking at several small office possibilities, I stopped by the Port of Tacoma Business Center to see if they had an office with only 300 to 400 square feet. The only office available was 2,200 square feet, but the rental manager said she wanted us to take a look at it. As it turned out, this larger facility had 5 nice offices of which one could be separated from the rest by building a

new wall and installing a new door to the hallway.

The Port of Tacoma agreed to create this facility for us, including fresh paint, new carpets, and necessary alterations to the sprinkler system and doorways if we were willing to sign a five year lease.

We plan on being here for at least five years. Maybe by then we can expand into some of the adjoining office space. Who knows where this move will take us. While the move was a surprise to us initially, it has given us a new beginning and renewed excitement for our financial ministry.



Stop by and visit us if you are in the area. We are located just two blocks north of Interstate 5 (exit 136) at **3600 Port of Tacoma Road, suite 307, Tacoma, WA 98424.**

Marge Schlaegel Retires



Marge Schlaegel has served the CBC for 23 years, originally as a book keeper for the Columbia Conference office under District Executive Jack Bergeson, and then as office manager for the Church Growth Fund under its first Executive Officer, Wayne Higbee.

Marge teaches private piano lessons and has been the keyboard person for the Edgewood Baptist Church worship team in Edmonds for several years. She has continued to serve the Growth Fund as an invaluable asset in knowledge and dependability through some tough times with the recent loss of her husband, Don.

In the last few years she has also served as the recording secretary for CBC annual meetings and with Don's passing has been inspired to create new ministries for the encouragement of the bereaved. Marge is an expert amateur photographer, with numerous of her photos displayed on the internet. She is also an active grandmother, caring for her grandchildren. Marge lives in Lynnwood and will not be able to commute to the new Church Growth Fund office location in Tacoma. We will all miss her, but wish her well.

