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**Groundbreaking At Historic Polegreen Church**


May 29, 2007

The Historic Polegreen Church Foundation hosted a ceremonial groundbreaking on May 24. Dr. Bob Bluford and the Foundation's Board of Directors were joined by Foundation supporters and special guests who reviewed renderings of site plans to learn more about the exciting future for the Polegreen historical site. By this fall, the site will contain a new informational kiosk, designated multi-car parking lot capable of handling tour or school bus traffic, a granite timeline of religious freedom with flagpole in addition to enhanced walking trails and period fencing along Rural Point and Heatherwood roads. The Foundation plans to construct a visitor's center within the next two years on an adjacent lot.



The ceremony began with a presentation of the colors by the Lee-Davis High School JROTC. Charles D. McGhee of the [Hanover Board of Supervisors](#) offered official remarks for the County. McGhee is a strong supporter of Polegreen and the Hanover historical and preservation community. "I would like to congratulate the Historic Polegreen Church Foundation for its work over the past 17 years preserving and interpreting one of Hanover County's historic treasures," McGhee said. Carlton Abbott, the project architect, also presented the details of the site enhancement. Abbott's work is widely recognized and he recently earned national awards for his design of the Archaearium museum at Jamestown Island. Nearly 100 supporters attended the ceremonial groundbreaking, which was held at the church site on Rural Point Road near Pole Green Road off I-295. In 1990 the Historic Polegreen Church Foundation, under the leadership of Dr. Bob Bluford, began its work to preserve the site now marked by the well-known steel skeleton that outlines the original dimensions of the meetinghouse. Due to the enthusiasm of the local residents as well as the state historical community, the mission of this non-profit has grown to interpret Davies and the dissenter's role in the evolution of America's First Amendment religious and civil freedoms. "Polegreen shines as a beacon of religious freedom and toleration," said Christopher Peace, the Foundation's Executive Director. "It is more than just a historic site in Hanover County. Everyone should come, learn and see where the struggle for religious freedom and liberty began."

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