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Dear Friend of Polegreen,

Since 1990, the Historic Polegreen Church Foundation has been a leader in historic preservation and in the interpretation of civil and religious freedom across Virginia. Over these years, Annual Fund contributors purposefully invested in the Foundation's development of several key areas including educational outreach, on-site programming, and strategic partnerships. Visitors to Polegreen witness this commitment producing real results.

As we draft our 2012 operating budget, we ask you to consider making a gift to Polegreen's Annual Fund to support our educational program and our continued stewardship of the open space we hold in trust. Now the Foundation needs your support more than ever if our vision for greater educational outreach and continued stewardship of the property is to be achieved. A gift to Polegreen's Annual Fund will maximize current resources and leverage other grants which may be awarded for program purposes.

Through the generosity of donors, the Foundation has not only preserved over 110 acres but also enhanced the archeological site including a newly installed historic "reading room" silhouette. In addition, fulfilling the Foundation's strategic plan, hundreds of young students visit the historic site and enjoy a memorable experience at the place where young Patrick Henry attended church. Using lesson plans developed by Polegreen's Education Advisory Council, students and teachers know more about Reverend Samuel Davies, the Hanover Dissenters, and America's first freedoms.

For almost five years, the Foundation has operated with an extraordinary team of two part-time professionals. Its staff has had tremendous success in facilitating capital improvement projects on site and overseeing the development of an educational curriculum. An investment in expanding the Foundation's capacity is not only recognition of past triumphs but will safeguard its future.

Your gift will allow for stewardship over an enhanced historic site, expanded public and educational programs, seasonal events and site tours, and collaborations on regional tourism ventures with organizations such as our *Road to Revolution State Heritage Trail*.

**Please make a tax deductible gift to Polegreen's Annual Fund today and join one of the three major donor recognition levels: The Samuel Davies Society, the Patrick Henry Circle, and the Samuel Morris' Meeting House Club, as described on the enclosed envelope. For your convenience, we provide on-line giving by credit card at our website [www.historicpolegreen.org/give](http://www.historicpolegreen.org/give).**

With your financial support the Historic Polegreen Church Foundation will continue to be a beacon for understanding where we have come from as a society as well as a relevant place to learn about America's first freedoms. Thank you so much for your commitment to a sustainable future for Polegreen.

Sincerely,

Christopher K. Peace

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