

# House of Yoder

April 14, 1997

Dear Yoders and Friends of Yoders,

Signs of spring are in the air and the Yoder House at Penn Alps/Spruce Forest Artisan Village is beginning a significant growth spurt! Excavation has been completed, the sewer line is laid, and the foundation work on the house is beginning. Now is the time for all supporters of the Yoder House project to step forward once again with financial contributions and volunteer labor to see the project to its completion.

The ten member House of Yoder executive committee, which met at Penn Alps on March 22, heard a number of reports. The treasurer's report indicated that \$22,000 is currently on hand to begin the building project but another \$35-40,000 is needed to complete the house. Significant volunteer labor will help hold the building costs down. At this time there is a need for stone masons to help with that part of the project. If you are aware of any stone masons who might be willing to donate their labor, please contact Ken Yoder, the building superintendent (301-895-5687). The executive committee also set the date for the 2nd annual meeting of House of Yoder, Inc. for November 8, 1997. All persons interested in the Yoder House project and the Yoder story are welcome. A drama depicting significant parts of the Yoder story may highlight the November annual meeting. So put the weekend of November 8-9 on your calendars and plan to visit Penn Alps and see the state of the Yoder House project as well as enjoy fellowship with other interested Yoder supporters.

Several decisions were also made regarding House of Yoder, Inc. memberships and fund-raising for the Yoder House project. In the five year period since the Yoder House project began 129 persons have purchased memberships. The executive committee encourages all members to renew their memberships at the appropriate time. All new memberships and one year memberships renewed between now and the end of 1997 will be good through the 1998 calendar year. Memberships from that point forward will be on a calendar year basis. Five year memberships are good through the end of the fifth calendar year from their purchase. So if you have a membership coming due, please consider renewing for another term. House of Yoder membership includes a subscription to the Yoder Newsletter, periodic updates on House of Yoder, and a vote at the House of Yoder annual meetings. Lifetime memberships are also a possibility and would be especially timely in light of the financial needs at this time to finish the building project. Any financial gifts above the membership fee are also welcomed at this time. Please complete the attached membership/contribution form and return to me. Checks should be made payable to: The Yoder House Project. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Please remember the Yoder House project in your giving and in your prayers as well. Encourage other Yoder family members to join the movement which is building Yoder House. If you have any questions about memberships/contributions, please feel free to contact me by phone (540-432-6467), letter (1066 Smith Ave., Harrisonburg, VA 22801) or e-mail (ltby@shentel.net).

Sincerely,



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