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The Reverend James Harrison
First Congregational Church of Woodstock
Woodstock, CT 06281

Re: Bequest by Dorothea S. K. Richardson for lighting of
Christmas tree at First Congregational Church of Woodstock


Dear Reverend Harrison:

As you are well aware Mrs. Richardson for many years prior to her death decorated and lighted a tree at the Woodstock Congregational Church in memory of her son, Lt. Peter Bowen Richardson.

As you also know, Mrs. Richardson established a \$10,000 bequest under her Will for the same purpose. Prior to her death Mrs. Richardson had me prepare a supplemental letter of instruction in connection with the bequest which she was to sign and file with the Will.

Her daughter discovered this unsigned memo with Mrs. Richardson's papers recently. I am forwarding it to you for your information. Essentially everything said in the memo is well known to the people who are currently dealing with the situation, but I would suppose the memo would be valuable for future reference. I would expect that the \$10,000 bequest would be paid over to the church by the middle of June at the latest as the tax returns are due June 12, and I would anticipate that all the specific bequests would be paid by that time.

Sincerely yours,


Bob Pritchard

REP/rml

enclosure

cc: Katharine Burns

TO: Trustees, First Congregational Church of Woodstock
Woodstock, Connecticut

SUBJECT: Annual Christmas Lighting of Tree in Front of
Congregational Church in Memory of Peter Bowen Richardson

Gentlemen:

Under the terms of my Last Will and Testament I am leaving the sum of \$10,000 in trust to the church for the purposes of using the income therefrom to annually decorate a Christmas tree in front of the church in memory of my late son, Lt. Peter Bowen Richardson, USAF, who was killed in action in Korea on June 16, 1953.

The purpose of this letter is to supplement the terms of the will by detailing precisely how this Christmas decoration is to be accomplished and exhibited.

The lights on the tree shall be red, green, and white and of no other color or colors. The lights shall burn between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. for the days December 24 - January 6 of every Christmas season.

It is anticipated that the bequest of \$10,000 should at a proper interest, provide sufficient funds not only to light the tree but also to provide for replacement bulbs, or new strings of lights, as required, as well as provide for payment of the necessary personnel and equipment to decorate the tree and to provide electrical service. While the terms of the bequest are being observed, it is of course, my intention that any excess funds may be used by the church for its general purposes.

It is my sincere hope that this arrangement will go on for many, many years following my death in the manner above detailed.

Dated at Plaine Hill, Woodstock, Connecticut, this _____ day of _____, 1980.

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DOROTHEA S.K. RICHARDSON

Katharine Burns
Co-Executrix