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Dear Georgist Contributor:

We, at Media Foundation for Land Economics, Inc., have moved into several arenas this past 4 years where we felt we could advance the cause of land value taxation in the public consciousness. To list all of these arenas would fill this page, so we will confine ourselves to three on-going projects we are engaged in now:

Current Project #1: Noting the success of the Roman Catholic Church in influencing 10 million of its communicants in 12 Midwestern states to embrace the thesis of land value taxation, through a statement issued over the signatures of 72 Bishops, we, who are members of the Unitarian-Universalist Church (led by Mrs. Harry Gunnison Brown, widow of the long-time professor of Economics at the University of Missouri), felt it was time that our denomination should publicly support land value taxation by resolution, education and activism.

Media Foundation for Land Economics, Inc. took on the role of packaging the proposal, placing small ads in UU WORLD, the Unitarian official publication, and in providing the Georgist media with press notices. Although we contracted for five successive insertions, the response was so overwhelmingly favorable, we canceled the final two ads. Our Melbourne minister will be taking all of the signed resolutions to the General Assembly of 1500 people in June. Although only 25 parishes need to be represented (with 10 signatures each), we are hoping Rev. Hurt can go to the Philadelphia Assembly with as many as 50 to 75 signed copies of the resolution.

We are enclosing the resolution in this mailing of 400 people for three reasons: (1) We hope that the Unitarians among you who receive this letter will immediately get 10 signatures from their parish (if not a Unitarian, please give to a Georgist Unitarian friend). (2) We hope that members of other denominations will be inspired by this resolution to learn the techniques for getting similar resolutions acted upon by their national church bodies. (3) We hope that a wave of activity like this occurs in churches throughout the Nation for the economic salvation of man via the political realm. For we must remind ourselves of what Frank Chodorov, director of the Henry George School at 29th Street, said: "Some day a minister will follow in the footsteps of Rev. Edward McGlynn, and shout our philosophy from the pulpit, and then my work will be done."

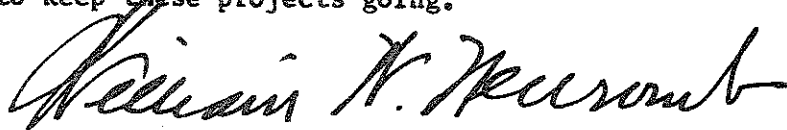
Current Project #2: Our column-ads in the several magazines (see enclosed) brought hundreds of cumulative replies that can be the beginning of a national membership organization.

Current Project #3: We are writing to the 50 governors, the mayors of the 50 most crisis-ridden cities, and the commission chairmen of the 50 most populous counties throughout the Nation -- knowing that all of them are stunned by the Reagan cutbacks of social services -- and proposing our alternative. Each public official will also receive a copy of "The Two Trillion Dollar Cost of the Wrong Kind of Property Tax." (\$5.25 per 100)

In the entire 4 years we have been in existence we have operated on less than \$15,000! That is hardly more than a secretary's salary for one year in one of the Georgist foundations in New York. Consider what we have done with that small sum in 4 years compared to the hundreds of thousands spent annually by other organizations!

We desperately need your help if we are to keep these projects going.

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