

Paying It Forward

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My relationship with Christmount goes back to when I came to Black Mountain with my grandfather as a child. His initial interest and support of the formation of the church camping program here led to his purchase of a lot on the property. We no longer own that lot, but **the place, Christmount, is indelibly etched in my personal story.**

Growing up attending camp and CYF conference at Christmount all through my junior and senior high school years, I wouldn't have missed a year for any other activity my family could have imagined.

I still cherish the friendships and memories made at Christmount.

My mother served as a counselor and I also served as a counselor for the summer while in college. In my adult years I have enjoyed various retreats and programs and currently serve on the Board. In fact, the Christmount Columbarium will be my final resting place.

At the closing consecration service my junior year of high school, several other conferees and I pledged our lives to fulltime Christian service. At first I thought this meant being called to a career in

professional ministry and went to Atlantic Christian College to major in religion. But it became obvious this was not my calling. Eventually, I became a teacher instead, but continually kept that pledge in my mind...a pledge that has shaped my life of service to God in numerous ways and that has kept me "laboring in the vineyard" with great joy and fulfillment all these years.

I feel it is important to "pay it forward."

I am happy to support Christmount with my annual Patrons gift and have provided for an estate gift at the end of my life so this special place can continue to bless other lives as it has mine.

Your experiences at Christmount are different from mine, but I am sure that they have left a lasting impression on your life. I encourage you to join me in paying it forward by supporting Christmount's ministry with your time, talent, and treasure.

I believe it is important that all that is sacred about Christmount continue to nurture the faith of generations to come.

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