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# MARY RANDALL CENTER

An Innovative Faith Center

## Service of Dedication Sunday, May 17, 2009



**Our Preacher for the service was the Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow**, Moderator of the 218th General Assembly, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Jean Rodden provided music.



All seats were filled, all standing room was taken, and crowds gathered at the windows and doorways for the service of dedication. A buffet supper followed and fellowship abounded!



In August, 2007 Meeting Ground purchased a building in the heart of Elkton to use as a new model of being Church together.

Mary Randall Center is a place for the formation of faith community where persons who are or have been homeless may find the means to new life, restored dreams, and living hope through right relationships - with God through Jesus, and with all people.

Respecting all differences among us of doctrine, ritual, and tradition, we work together in a unity whose goal is to make a space for the Spirit to work freely and powerfully among us all.

On May 14, after a 20-month struggle to obtain an occupancy permit we were finally successful in getting all necessary permission to open our doors. Our worship service on May 17 was an occasion of great joy and celebration!

*The Visioning Committee of the churches joined with the decision of Meeting Ground's board to name the new house in honor of Mary Randall, and her spirit of dedication and desire to be of greater service to persons of our community in need.*

*Mary died from cancer on April 15, 2006 at the young age of 60 with a heart yearning to do more. Mary's sister Sara Mullin and her husband Rig, friends and partners in this ministry for many years, dedicated a generous seed-gift from Mary's estate toward the purchase of the building at 401 North Street, Elkton.*