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Annual Report 2010

Mission Statement

We at St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church are called by God's grace to be a community of faith in Jesus Christ, supporting one another in love, and trusting in the transformative power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to bring hope and healing to a broken world.

Vision Statement

Holy worship is central to our life as Christ's disciples, sustaining us, shaping us, and sending us out into the world. As we continue to grow in membership and giving, we will nurture a greater sense of inclusiveness and belonging within the congregation. We will actively encourage increased involvement in the ministries of the church. We will broaden and strengthen our lay leadership. We will be intentional in our spirituality, relying on the power of prayer to direct us. We will be a mission church, reaching out, in the name of Jesus Christ, to both the local and the global community.

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AGENDA

Annual Meeting of the Congregation
 St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church
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| 1. Call to Order | Don Frampton, Moderator of the Session |
| 2. Opening Prayer | Kelly Hostetler, Vice Moderator of the Session |
| 3. Declaration of Quorum and Purpose of Meeting | Dave White, Clerk of the Session |
| 4. Distribution of Annual Reports | Ushers |
| 5. Election of Congregational Nominating Committee* | Lynn Hoffman, Chair, Membership
Involvement Committee |
| <i>Lynn Hoffman</i>
<i>Walter Becker</i>
<i>Hallie White</i>
<i>Bonnie Shoemaker</i>
<i>Jenny Bruggers</i>
<i>Hallie Brown</i>
<i>Michael O'Keefe</i>
<i>Don Frampton, ex officio</i> | |
| 6. Presentation of 2011 Church Budget | Tom Allen, Chair, Finance Committee |
| 7. Presentation of Changes in Terms of Pastors' Calls* | Richard Seelman, Chair, Personnel Committee |
| 8. Remarks | Don Frampton, Moderator |
| 9. Closing Prayer | Don Frampton |

*Action Item

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chair: Dawn Talbot

Vice-Chair: John Galbraith

Youth Sunday School Classes

The Youth Sunday School class (grades 6-12) is using the web-based curriculum Akaloo and learning how to “Serve the Lord.” They have been learning how to be a biblical, global, local, and personal servants of God. In January, the Youth Group led the 10:30 a.m. service on Youth Sunday.

Bible Adventures

The Children’s Sunday School Classes (Kindergarten -3rd grade) continued with the Workshop Rotation Method. The theme for 2010-2011 is “Test of Faith” and we have been studying stories from the Bible including the Garden of Eden, Daniel, Jonah and Christmas Dreams. Each week the children are separated into two groups, Kindergarten - 1st grade and 2nd -3rd grade. They rotate to different workshops each Sunday including drama, storytelling, art, recreation, cooking and computers. The students start each class with a Faith Focus that has included the books of the Old Testament. During class they earn Bible Bucks for attendance, participation and memorization which can be turned in, three times a year at our Redemption Center for prizes and gifts.

Challenger Class

Our 4th and 5th grade group, the Challenger Class, continues to have a strong presence. In October, 11 students went on a weekend retreat to Ticfaw State Park where the theme was “Being a Positive Influence.” This year the students have studied the Old Testament timeline and the Life of Christ. In the spring, 15 4th graders received their Bibles from the church.

Pre-schoolers

Pre-school aged children continued to attend their own Sunday School Class and were provided with childcare during worship. A combination of paid sitters, church members and youth helpers provided childcare for pre-schoolers, toddlers and infants during services.

Vacation Bible School

VBS was the first week of June. Our theme was “Galactic Blast”. We had 61 participants (24 SCAPC children and 37 children from other congregations) and 21 youth (13 SCAPC youth and 8 other youth). We included a climbing wall and snowball stand which were favorites. Special thanks to Patsy Holwadel for her excellent volunteer leadership as director.

LIGHT house

The Wednesday afternoon program for children in Grades K – 5 continued this year. We met from 4:00 – 6:00pm for Bible study, choirs and dinner. Students are divided into two groups, K – 1st grade and 2nd – 5th grade meet with Dr. Frampton. This year the students prepared a Christmas performance and went on several field trips including the Valentine’s Day Tea at Lambeth House.

Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry for grades 6-12 continued to meet on Sunday evenings under the leadership of Ellen Shields. Michele Murphy and Ellen Shields conducted the confirmation class in February culminating in May. There were 10 confirmands. They attended a retreat with other area youth groups in Feliciana. During the summer months, students took trips to Mo-Ranch. During the fall, the youth ministry welcomed new leadership, in Andy Fox. Sunday night meetings resumed, and saw over forty students from September to December. There was also a renewed focus on recruiting new youth leaders.

Nursery School

The Nursery School continued to offer weekday programs for 100 children under the leadership of Keflyn Fransen. Summer camp and other programs were organized throughout the year.

Adult Sunday School

We have had the opportunity to offer many diverse adult classes throughout the year including Stewart Peck's book review of *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. We also offered classes including: *Racism and Christianity* by Bill Banta and Henrietta Harris, *Religion and Psychology* by Jason Ferris, and *Pres. 101* by Kelly Hostetler. This fall Don led two classes: *God Talk and Making Sense of Christianity*. The new 40/50 Group sponsored a class: *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers*. The Bible Exploration Class continues to study books of the Bible each semester and as covered Acts and Deuteronomy.

20/30 Group

The foundation of the 20/30s ministry is threefold: faith, fellowship and service. Our social events for 2010 included an Oyster Roast, Crawfish Boil, Superbowl Party, Hornets' Game (a private box was donated for our use!), Wine Tastings, BBQ with live music, and a brunch at Reginelli's the first Sunday of each month. Spiritual education was provided with several Faith Forward nights, featuring topics like "The Gospel & the City," with special guest Michael Cowan; and "They Like Jesus but Not the Church" led by Kelly. Service opportunities were available through the RHINO workdays, and the first Saturday of every month with the Crescent City Café (a ministry to the homeless run by young adults from around the city).

We are very excited to report that with the addition of Andy Fox to the SCAPC Staff, he will share the leadership of the 20/30's with Kelly, dedicating approximately 25% of his time to this group, while the Youth receive the other 75% of his time. Additionally, Andy and the Leadership Team did a great job with the events planned for Fall of 2010, while Kelly was on maternity leave!

The Leadership Team, Andy and Kelly have some exciting new events planned for 2011, including a new Young Adult Sunday School Class during Lent, and a Parade Route Party during Mardi Gras – in addition to the Annual Oyster Roast and Crawfish Boil that draws more people each year! This is a wonderful part of the ministry at SCAPC and, as Don often says, the best young adult ministry in the city!

40/50 Group

This fall we introduced a new group to the church: the 40/50 group. Its main goal this year is to promote fellowship and bible study. They coordinated 3 events this fall. Dinner and a Movie at Canal Place started the group off. 25 people attended. The group then sponsored a Sunday school class, *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers*. They ended the semester with a progressive dinner in which over 40 people attended. In the future, the group hopes to continue with fellowship, bible study and community service.

Summer Sundays

During the summer months, the church offers one combined worship service at 9:30 a.m. This year's topic was Jesus' Miracles. The children were invited each week to join a special program or story being studied and enjoyed many different activities including art, storytelling, cooking and recreation.

These programs were made possible by the hard work, long hours and dedication of the leadership of our Director of Christian Education, Michele Murphy, Youth Director, Ellen Shields, and new Youth/Young Adults Leader, Andy Fox, the guidance of our ministers, and support from the church staff and involvement of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Talbot, 2010 Chair

COMMUNITY MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Chair: Walter Harris, Jr.

Introduction

In 2010, the Community Ministry Committee (CMC) continued the involvement of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church (SCAPC) in the life of the Greater New Orleans community. CMC expanded its reach and support for charitable opportunities, while at the same time continuing to ratchet up levels of accountability expected from organizations and agencies receiving funds disbursed from the church. Through CMC, SCAPC supported 17 agencies or projects during 2010 including clinics, shelters and various homeless initiatives, tutoring, and school and educational programs. These programs were funded with a budget of \$181,661. It is clear that SCAPC continued its tradition of making strong and vital contributions to this community through the following agencies and programs.

Supported Ministries

Carrollton United

CMC Coordinators: Mary DeWitt Dukes, Dave White

Carrollton United (CU) is a neighborhood organization representing the Carrollton area, which includes RHINO's Ferry Place and other Pensiontown Habitat for Humanity sites, as well as Uptown Shepherd's Center. CU has been organizing the local residents and businesses in the area, addressing their concerns and supporting worthwhile projects. Approximately 1,050 persons were enriched emotionally, financially, educationally and spiritually through various projects this year. The organization serves as a liaison between the neighborhood association and some SCAPC projects. Church activities in 2010 included:

- *Attending neighborhood organization meetings*
- *Providing financial support*
- *Continuing consultation with the identified public schools in the Carrollton area for potential support from the church: JW Johnson School, Priestley School*
- *Providing leadership in a community garden project co-sponsored by Johnson and Priestley schools*

Connect Missions

CMC Coordinator: Kelly Hostetler

Connect Missions is a cross-cultural missions ministry committed to supporting the Church in its mission to bring people into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Over 150 students on four university campuses benefitted from this ministry this year. Church activities in 2010 included:

- *Providing financial support*
- *Providing SCAPC volunteers for the affiliated homeless ministry*

Covenant Presbyterian Urban Ministries Institute

CMC Coordinator: Sandy Hartman

Covenant Presbyterian Urban Ministries Institute (CPUMI) provides many services, including food and clothing distribution, community organizing, parents nights, summer camp, learn and serve activities, after-school programs and First Book Grant Program, in which the children learn to read, read to each other and take books home so they can continue to learn to read. CPUMI provided over 3,168 bags of food, provided a six weeks parents night program in which parents, children and families were brought together to learn how to relate to each other, provided over 150 referrals to residents looking for employment and provided over 600 referrals to TCA for residents needing assistance with their utilities and more. Church activities in 2010 included:

- *Attending executive staff meetings*
- *Volunteering by Presbyterian Women at most food bank events*
- *Providing financial support for: Prescription eye care, Interim prescription drugs, New Orleans food bank*

Crescent City Café

CMC Coordinator: Leon Hinson

The Crescent City Café (CCC) serves the marginalized people of New Orleans with dignity. The café served breakfast on the first (or second) Saturday of each month in 2010 to the homeless and low-income people of the city. CCC served over 900 meals with an average of 80.5 guests served per café. Church activities in 2010 included:

- *Providing financial support*
- *Providing five SCAPC 20/30's volunteers to complete the 30 volunteer spots needed each month*
- *Helping to plan CCC's first fundraiser*

General Equivalency Diploma

CMC Coordinator: Ann Van Horn

The General Equivalency Diploma (GED) program averages 16 to 20 students per semester, with twenty-two students serving as its maximum capacity. The program is led by Director, Elaine Henry and Assistant Teacher, Carol Marshall, and provides free adult education to persons age 18 and up currently residing in New Orleans East, the West Bank, Central City and the uptown area. It focuses on students obtaining a General Equivalency Diploma while, at the same time, acquiring life skills and work ethics. In May, five of the SCAPC GED students earned their degree in a ceremony held at Loyola University. The program is currently served by 10 Loyola University students and SCAPC volunteer, Bob Smith. Church activities in 2010 included:

- *Providing salaries for two instructors*
- *Providing school supplies*
- *Providing both a spring and a Christmas reception in the Land Building, hosted by Presbyterian Women and Community Ministry, to honor students and their tutors*
- *Providing space to house the program*

J.W. Johnson School

CMC Coordinator: Frieda McGregor

Johnson School serves students in grades K-8, including many in adjacent neighborhoods such as Pionertown where Ferry Place and Green Street are located. Church activities in 2010 included:

- *Providing funds for renovation projects*
- *Providing volunteers to assist with other projects such as gardening*

Ministry of Hope at First Presbyterian Church

CMC Coordinator: Walter Harris, Jr.

Continuing to respond to the growing prevalence of homelessness in our area, First Presbyterian Church New Orleans (FPC) maintains its homeless ministry. It provides such services as: housing/shelter vouchers, bus tokens, lunches, hygiene items, clothing, household items, counseling, prayer, worship, spiritual care and support, and much more. SCAPC, through CMC, joined in collaboration with FPC more than 20 months ago to offer financial and clothing assistance and volunteerism to support that ministry. Church activities in 2010 included:

- *Providing financial support*
- *Providing donations of clothing and hygiene items*
- *Providing lunches to the homeless for two different months during the year*
- *Providing weekly volunteers to work with various aspects of the program*

New Orleans Mission

CMC Coordinator: Bob Cannon

Founded in 1989, the New Orleans Mission is one of largest providers for the homeless in the city. It provides free shelter, food, clothing, job training, adult education and substance abuse rehabilitation programs for those in need. Over the past year, the mission provided more than 45,000 showers and overnight emergency shelter beds for up to 150 men and women nightly, served over 100,000 meals, distributed free clothing and groceries, sponsored a weekly free health clinic and provided rehabilitation for 40 men. Church activities in 2010 included:

- *Providing funds to offset operating costs of the facilities*
- *Helping to serve lunch at the mission every Thursday at noon*
- *Helping with food prep, cooking, serving and clean up*

Raintree Services

CMC Coordinator: Kathy Randall

Founded in 1926, the mission of Raintree has been to give once abandoned, abused or neglected children an opportunity to live within a family setting and become self-sufficient, responsible persons. This organization provides youth with a vital link to community support services, including developmental disability case management services, private family foster care, a loving home-like residence for girls and teaches at-risk children how to stay safe and avoid drugs and alcohol. Raintree served 540 children and families during 2010. Church activities in 2010 included:

- *Actively participating on the board of directors*
- *Providing meeting place opportunities*
- *Organizing three parties, preparing food, and ordering supplies*
- *Providing funds to offset operating costs of the facilities*

Reconcile New Orleans

CMC Coordinator: Walter Harris, Jr.

Reconcile New Orleans transforms the lives of young adults and the community through the ministry of reconciliation. It accomplishes this by encouraging personal growth; providing workforce development training; promoting entrepreneurship; and working with businesses, nonprofits, and people of faith to support the transformation. In the past 12 months, Reconcile has doubled the length of its program, from 6 to 12 weeks per cohort. It has introduced a month-long internship in partnership with local restaurants, hotels, hospitals, and universities. It also dramatically increased the number of students served (in 2010 there is a projected 73% increase over the total number served in 2009). Sixty-eight students successfully completed the life skills course and were admitted to the culinary training program. Of those students, 43 successfully completed all program requirements and graduated. Of the students who graduated, 70% are either employed or have returned to school, and 20% are currently applying for jobs. Church activities in 2010 included:

- *Providing funds to cover the incentivized work stipends for 12 students*
- *Attending various Reconcile functions*
- *Having about 20 SCAPC members volunteer to help sell food at Jazz Fest 2010*

Rebuilding Hope In New Orleans

CMC Coordinators: David White, Pat Rosamond

Rebuilding Hope In New Orleans (RHINO) provides meaningful service opportunities for out-of-town volunteers. RHINO partners with Habitat for Humanity of New Orleans to help build homes for first time home owners. In 2010, we built the last three homes on Ferry Place (for a grand total of 14 homes). We also built a home on the corner of Hickory and Leonidas and another near the intersection of Green and Leonidas. Since 2005, almost 4,000 volunteers from across the nation have come to work in New Orleans through RHINO. Church activities in 2010 included:

- *Providing leadership for RHINO*
- *Hosting volunteers for dinner on Thursday evenings*
- *Serving as city tour guides*
- *Baking goodies for volunteers to snack on*
- *Providing a portion of the budget surplus to Community Ministry Committee (CMC) at the beginning of 2010. CMC subsequently awarded the surplus to RHINO to use to offset the cost of its program administration*

Sojourner Truth Academy

CMC Coordinators: Janet Bean, Sybil Favrot

Sojourner Truth Academy (STA) opened in the fall of 2008 to address the overwhelming need for educational alternatives for New Orleans high school students. STA seeks to empower and equip students to become scholar-leaders using college preparation and social justice activism to strengthen and rebuild their own communities. SCAPC began supporting the academy in April of 2009. STA currently enrolls 260 students in grades 9-11. Church activities in 2010 included:

- *Providing funds to support a portion of the salary for a staff college guidance counselor*
- *Having a SCAPC volunteer work with the college counselor to help with filing, speaking with students about colleges, researching universities and entrance requirements, setting up email accounts, etc.*

St. Thomas Clinic

CMC Coordinator: Charlie King

The Clinic was started as a community resource in 1987 to provide the highest quality health care to urban New Orleans, regardless of ability to pay. This independent institution is the largest and most comprehensive health care facility for the uninsured in New Orleans and receives large amounts of support from other medical services in community. Church activities in 2010 included:

- *Providing funds to sustain continued operation of the clinic*

Start The Adventure In Reading

CMC Coordinator: Mary Lou O'Keefe

Start The Adventure In Reading (S.T.A.I.R.) is a volunteer-based, non-profit children's literacy organization, founded in 1985, that provides reading tutors for public-school, second-grade students. During the 2009-2010 school year, STAIR operated 29 tutoring sites, including two at SCAPC, serving 238 students from 33 public elementary schools in Orleans, Jefferson and Plaquemines parishes. Importantly, S.T.A.I.R. celebrated its 25th anniversary during 2010. Church activities in 2010 included:

- *Having its members participate as tutoring volunteers*
- *Actively participating on the board of directors*
- *Providing funds to sustain continued operation of the program*

Uptown Shepherd's Center

CMC Coordinator: Ann Van Horn

The Uptown Shepherd's Center (USC) is a multi-ethnic senior activity day center operated Monday through Friday at 921 S. Carrollton Avenue. The center primarily serves the 70115, 70118 and 70125 areas in an effort to help seniors "continue the quality of life after retirement and maximize independence by learning new skills and sharing with others." Currently, 90 to 100 seniors participate in activities and classes ranging from exercise, basic computer training, discussion groups, bible study, line dancing, bingo and quilting. Church activities in 2010 included:

- *Serving on the Board and attending all Board Meetings*
- *Volunteering for multiple hours on a weekly basis*
- *Providing funds to sustain continued operation of the center*

Victories in Service, Inc.

CMC Coordinator: John Martin

Located in the Lower Ninth Ward, its mission is: "To serve as a catalyst and change-agent to uplift our youth and families toward their fullest potential." Components include character and leadership skill development; physical fitness and baseball; parental involvement and parenting education; aesthetic development through the arts (choir). Over 125 students and their families are currently benefitting from this project. Church activities in 2010 included:

- *Providing funds to sustain continued operation of the center*

White Gift

CMC Coordinator: Sarah Edgecombe and Kate Snider

White Gift is solely a church program that provides Christmas gifts for needy students and families. Church members select gifts to purchase, and then all gifts are donated at the White Gift Sunday worship service in December. These gifts are then distributed to individuals and families in time for Christmas. The White Gift event this year was the largest one since Katrina. Church activities in 2010 included:

- *Fully executing this program*

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Harris, Jr., PhD, 2010 Chair

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

Chair: Ann Van Horn

Overview

Congregational Care provides care and support for members of the congregation experiencing emotional, physical and spiritual needs, assisting the clergy where possible.

Ministries

Pantry Ministry

The committee sponsored two congregation-wide meal drives and provided containers and recipes for members to use. Church members responded with great generosity and energy. In the spring, 46 meals were collected and subsequently delivered to members in need. In the fall, 33 meals were collected and were delivered to church members who have endured a hospital stay, long term illness, new baby, unexpected crisis, a move or a death.

Correspondence

Roney Morton continued to write notes to our members for all occasions. Gail LeMarie has also sent birthday cards to SCAPC seniors.

Baptismal Cloth Samplers

The Baptismal Cloth sampler project is headed by Judith Halverson with help from Jennie Steele, Linda Patrick, Carol Pointer, and Dr. Wendi Adams. The committee gives a sampler cloth to each member family having a child baptized under 5 years of age. The sampler cloth is inscribed with the child's name and date of baptism. Congregational Care members requested public acknowledgement for each sewn cloth to be given during worship at the time of presentation.

Blood Drive

Gail LeMarie organized the most successful blood drive SCAPC has ever had through Ochsner Medical Foundation. A raffle was held for donated prizes, such as dinner for two at Lilette's restaurant. All 36 donors were entered into the raffle, and many won prizes.

Presbyterian College Fellowship

Our ministry to college students continues under the leadership of Kelly Hostetler. Candy Ulmer Cranch coordinated weekly Sunday meals for 10-12 students as well as, an Easter dinner in the Land Building hosted by Candy Cranch, Ann Maier and Ann Van Horn as well as a Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Pat and Sam Rosamond.

Home-Bound

Committee members assisted pastors in regular visits to SCAPC members in the hospital and nursing homes. Committee members also delivered meals, made phone calls, and attended off-site chapel services. Andy Fox, Youth and Young Adult Director, took SCAPC youth participants on home bound visits this fall, to several members who are unable to attend SCAPC worship. Christmas cookie box treats were delivered to Lambeth House residents during a SCAPC led Chapel service. Ann Van Horn and Delia Hardie delivered Christmas box treats to Poydras Home.

Church duties

Committee members ushered at funerals, manned the church phones as needed, worked in the kitchen for Wednesday night suppers and helped with church mailings.

Flowers

Mayson Buffington continues to deliver flower arrangements after services to the Poydras Home and Lambeth House.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Van Horn, 2010 Chair

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Chair: Kate Hoffman

Vice-Chair: Bob Weaver

Overview

2010 was a fun-filled year for all. We tried some things, and learned some things. We upped the number of WNO speakers during the spring, but attendance was not as high at some of the programs as we hoped. So, the number was reduced to two during the fall at which attendance improved. Due to a heavily-booked March, the BBQ was held in May. Unfortunately it rained, but all who attended enjoyed themselves on the Land Building porch. Thanks go to Sara Warren for a job well-done. The Jazz Brunch was a success, as usual, and thanks go to Beth Kohnke, Ashley McCoy, Lisa Alpaugh and Russell Steele and his wonderful musicians. Price Lanier did a great job on the newly-named, amped-up, Fore! Faiths Golf Tournament. Sadly, SCAPC did not win despite the fact that our players all wore green shirts. Better luck next year! And the annual WNO Christmas Sing-A-Long w/Santa morphed into a White Gifts Sunday brunch. Fellowship Hall was packed. Thanks go out to Jim Hobden, aka Santa, Steven Blackman, our resident Maestro, Peter Troedsson, Aimée! Bell, Gail Kaliszeski, Lisa Alpaugh and her yummy punch, Ellen Alpaugh, and Mayson Buffington, the iced coffee man. And finally, many, many thanks to Terry Patterson, my right-hand go-to gal, Donald Jefferson and Tyronne Smith.

WNO Speaker Series

Spring Speakers

- Woody Morrison on the History of Mardi Gras – 1/6/2010
- Writer Panel from *How to Achieve Heaven on Earth*, Editor SCAPC member, John Wade – 2/24/2010
- RHINO Report w/Dave White & RHINO Volunteers – 3/3/2010
- The Idea Village & Entrepreneur Program w/Allen Bell and Sally Forman – 3/10/2010
- “The Battle of New Orleans” and the “Green” St. Patrick’s Day Program – 3/17/2010
- David Welker, Special Agent in charge of local FBI – 4/21/2010
- Nolan Rollins, Urban League Director & organizer of Forward New Orleans – 5/5/2010

Fall Speakers

- SCAPC Member, Gil McGregor, color analyst for the Hornets – 10/6/2010
- Peter Ricchiuti, Tulane Professor and TV reporter on the economy – 11/17/2010

Supper Clubs

During spring 2010, there were 95 participants in 9 groups. During Fall 2010, there were 88 participants in 10 groups.

Special Events:

Winter/Spring 2010

- Holy Smokes BBQ Cook-Off – 5/15/2010
 - Broadway Night – 5/19/2010
 - Jazz Brunch w/Russell Steele & his jazz band – 5/30/2010
 - Senior Adult New Year’s Lunch hosted by Don & Colleen Frampton – 1/10/2010
 - Wednesday Lenten Lunches
 - Senior Adult Spring Lunch: Visionary Committee Program w/Jim Bean – 5/2/2010
(The CL Committee merely helped the Visionary Committee serve lunch.)
- Fall/Winter 2010
- Fore! Faiths Golf Tournament: SCAPC, Temple Sinai, Trinity Episcopal, and St. Charles Ave. Baptist Church – 11/14/2010
 - White Gifts Sunday Brunch & Christmas Sing-A-Long w/Santa – 12/12/2010

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Hoffman, 2010 Chair

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Tom Allen

Overview

The church was able to generate an operating surplus in 2010. Total receipts were 97% of budgeted revenues, reflecting record pledge receipts of \$192,000 in the month of December, but slightly lower-than-expected non-pledge collections. Total operating expenses were kept at 96% of budget through prudent expense management by staff and committee chairs, with the result being a \$25,000 surplus for the year. Actual benevolence spending (excluding RHINO) was able to meet our budgeted goal of 16% of total revenues.

The church continued to maintain a strong balance sheet with a healthy cash position. An independent review of all of the financial activities of the church in 2009 was performed by Postlethwaite & Netterville and no material discrepancies were found.

RHINO Funds

The RHINO program had another successful year. During 2010, RHINO received over \$163,000 to continue its projects with the New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity. By the end of the year, RHINO had received nearly \$1.7 million in contributions since its inception in the Fall of 2005 and had donated \$600,000 to Habitat for Humanity during the same period.

Visionary Fund

As has been customary in the past, the Visionary Fund provided significant support for the operations of the church in 2010. Approximately \$660,000 was drawn from the Visionary Fund to support benevolences, Christian Education, missions, property maintenance, library, scholarships, pastoral housing and employee benefits, with the majority of this being used to perform waterproofing maintenance on our property. Total donations to the Visionary Fund in 2010 were \$285,000. The stock market managed to recover since the panic of 2008, and by the end of the year, in spite of the significant withdrawals, the overall Visionary Fund investment portfolio value had increased by 7% due to the Finance Committee's balanced portfolio strategy.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Thomas Allen, 2010 Chair

ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OPERATING ACCOUNT INCOME STATEMENT	2009 ACTUAL YEAR END	2010 ACTUAL YEAR END	2010 ANNUAL BUDGET	2010 VARIANCE	2011 BUDGET
RECEIPTS					
Pledge Payments	\$1,169,667	\$1,242,533	\$1,254,000	(\$11,467)	\$1,258,000
Prior Year Pledge Payments	29,337	22,540	25,000	(2,460)	20,000
Members without Pledges	63,474	38,409	55,000	(16,591)	41,629
Visitor and Loose Plate Collections	83,951	67,247	75,000	(7,753)	65,000
Subtotal--Donation Revenues	\$1,346,429	\$1,370,730	\$1,409,000	(\$38,270)	\$1,384,629
Visionary Fund Operating Draw	148,000	150,000	150,000	0	150,000
Visionary Fund Pastoral Housing Draw	28,315	29,493	29,493	0	29,766
Visionary Fund Employee Benefits Draw	34,619	36,507	40,936	(4,429)	33,444
Wedding Revenues (Net)	7,621	15,901	10,000	5,901	12,000
Other Budgeted Misc. Revenue (Net)	288	4,081		4,081	
Campus Ministry Revenue	10,460	10,948	10,443	505	10,443
Interest Income (Net of Fees)	3,202	(3,143)	2,500	(5,643)	0
Total Receipts	\$1,578,934	\$1,614,516	\$1,652,372	(\$37,856)	\$1,620,282
DISBURSEMENTS					
Benevolences:					
Presbytery Tax	(13,614)	(12,831)	(12,831)	0	(24,452)
Greater Church	(52,890)	(58,390)	(58,390)	0	(35,670)
Seminary Support	(2,300)	(7,300)	(7,300)	0	(2,300)
Local Projects-Community Ministry	(144,966)	(166,929)	(181,661)	14,732	(164,669)
Missions	(5,534)	(6,975)	(7,000)	25	(7,500)
Total Benevolences	(219,304)	(252,425)	(267,182)	14,757	(234,591)
Adult Christian Ed	(3,278)	(2,486)	(5,800)	3,314	(5,800)
Children's Christian Ed	(15,063)	(14,548)	(16,824)	2,276	(16,755)
Youth & Young Adults Christian Ed	(13,381)	(10,919)	(14,866)	3,947	(20,617)
Speaker Series	(2,007)	(2,000)	(2,000)	0	(2,000)
Congregational Care (incl Campus Ministry)	(10,429)	(13,363)	(19,495)	6,132	(13,495)
Congregational Life	(20,317)	(20,450)	(21,484)	1,034	(22,384)
Property	(247,104)	(269,986)	(273,428)	3,442	(268,824)
Membership	(491)	(1,186)	(1,400)	214	(2,000)
Music	(63,914)	(65,519)	(65,520)	1	(68,225)
Personnel	(835,507)	(861,610)	(886,000)	24,390	(895,000)
Leadership Development	(653)	(2,720)	(2,750)	30	(2,750)
Stewardship	(596)	(656)	(800)	144	(800)
Worship	(3,050)	(3,475)	(3,200)	(275)	(4,200)
Office	(59,495)	(68,274)	(71,123)	2,849	(62,341)
Visionary Fund	(405)	(227)	(500)	273	(500)
Total Expenses	(\$1,494,994)	(\$1,589,843)	(\$1,652,372)	\$62,529	(\$1,620,282)
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$83,939	\$24,673	\$0	\$24,673	\$0
Sources of Unbudgeted Funds					
Funds from Gifts & Memorials	262,887	254,994			
Funds from Property Maintenance Reserve	3,279	43,730			
Funds from Prior Year Surplus	58,192	61,622			
Funds from Nursery School		18,388			
Funds from Visionary Fund	0	378,161			
Total Sources of Unbudgeted Funds	\$324,358	\$756,894			
Uses of Unbudgeted Funds					
Gifts & Memorials Expenses	(73,450)	(92,799)			
RHINO expenses	(\$189,437)	(162,195)			
Architectural Expenses	(37,682)	(31,122)			
Audit Expenses	(8,000)				
Capital Expenditures	(15,790)	(470,778)			
Total Uses of Unbudgeted Funds	(\$324,358)	(\$756,894)			

ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
ASSETS					
Cash & Equivalents	\$1,079,262	\$853,741	\$670,557	\$440,957	\$431,495
Deposits in Transit and Acc Receivable	\$152,269	\$81,963	\$73,422	\$99,208	\$100,933
Due from Visionary Fund		\$121,006	\$146,948	\$312,464	\$351,699
Other Assets	\$33,955	\$15,397	\$12,382	\$16,482	\$12,382
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,265,486	\$1,072,107	\$903,309	\$869,110	\$896,508
LIABILITIES					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$4,317	\$6,861	\$1,317	\$10,261
Accrued Liabilities	\$22,712	\$10,336	\$11,877	\$15,192	\$15,428
Deferred prepaid pledges received	\$167,674	\$213,450	\$235,573	\$214,105	\$229,369
Other Deposits received	\$11,662	\$3,812	\$2,500	\$4,600	\$8,500
Due to Visionary Fund	\$50				
Temporary Gifts & Memorials	\$5,540	\$200,555	\$25,774	\$18,323	\$16,796
Total Current Liabilities	\$207,638	\$432,470	\$282,585	\$253,537	\$280,353
Gifts & Memorials					
Unrestricted Gifts & Memorials	\$13,653	\$10,314	\$12,374	\$9,212	\$10,073
Restricted Gifts & Memorials	\$79,607	\$62,413	\$71,053	\$77,574	\$126,861
RHINO Fund	\$495,357	\$232,903	\$212,965	\$153,934	\$155,316
Total Gifts & Memorials	\$588,616	\$305,630	\$296,392	\$240,720	\$292,250
Other Liabilities					
Sanctuary Renovation Fund	\$105,191	\$0			
Reserve for Major Maintenance (PPRSM)	\$25,147	\$14,869	\$3,279	\$25,000	\$11,000
Bank Loans Payable	\$20,841	\$0			
Total Other Liabilities	\$151,179	\$14,869	\$3,279	\$25,000	\$11,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$947,433	\$752,970	\$582,255	\$519,257	\$583,603
CAPITAL					
Prior Year Surplus	\$318,053	\$319,137	\$321,053	\$349,854	\$312,905
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL	\$1,265,486	\$1,072,107	\$903,309	\$869,110	\$896,508
Beginning RHINO Fund	\$135,449	\$495,357	\$232,903	\$212,965	\$153,934
RHINO Receipts	\$644,753	\$426,036	\$212,175	\$130,406	\$163,577
RHINO Expenses	(\$284,844)	(\$688,489)	(\$232,114)	(\$189,437)	(\$162,195)
Annual Unbudgeted Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$359,908	(\$262,454)	(\$19,938)	(\$59,031)	\$1,382
Ending RHINO Fund	\$495,357	\$232,903	\$212,965	\$153,934	\$155,316

ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

VISIONARY FUND
(Formerly Known as the Trust Fund)

NET ASSETS

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Cash--Money Market Fund	1,916,976	228,300	504,235	250,065	109,337
Investments at Market Value	2,675,655	4,626,623	3,563,931	4,640,871	4,946,101
Due From (To) Church Operating Acct	10,050	(121,006)	(146,948)	(312,464)	(351,699)
Net Fund Assets	\$4,602,681	\$4,733,916	\$3,921,217	\$4,578,472	\$4,703,740

NET FUNDS

Unrestricted Fund	\$401,445	\$466,130	\$568,814	\$697,655	\$757,641
Benevolences Fund	\$849,725	\$861,120	\$642,290	\$742,981	\$793,859
Missions Fund	\$123,631	\$125,311	\$93,464	\$108,011	\$116,523
Seminary Support Fund	\$46,905	\$47,533	\$35,453	\$40,971	\$43,776
Counseling Fund	\$11,872	\$12,031	\$8,974	\$10,370	\$11,080
Favrot Fund	\$223,171	\$229,328	\$171,045	\$197,787	\$211,331
Christian Education Fund	\$66,786	\$67,679	\$51,710	\$59,964	\$68,267
Flowers Fund	\$18,087	\$18,329	\$13,670	\$15,798	\$16,880
Music Fund	\$45,665	\$46,382	\$34,594	\$39,978	\$42,716
Speakers Fund	\$45,815	\$46,428	\$34,628	\$40,018	\$42,758
Property Fund	\$193,163	\$196,540	\$146,789	\$169,635	\$189,240
Meier Campus Ministry Fund	\$58,754	\$59,540	\$44,408	\$51,320	\$54,834
Maddox Property Maintenance Fund	\$1,109,766	\$1,124,615	\$838,798	\$969,347	\$1,016,134
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$120,939	\$127,819	\$89,347	\$108,178	\$112,934
Trustees' Discretionary Fund	\$34,663	\$36,634	\$29,100	\$35,181	\$38,153
Reddoch Scholarship Fund	\$28,167	\$29,135	\$21,078	\$25,036	\$27,945
Turfitt Scholarship Fund	\$123,183	\$130,191	\$103,454	\$125,319	\$134,355
Phifer Library Fund	\$31,228	\$33,144	\$24,599	\$27,562	\$29,602
Employee Benefits Fund	\$225,893	\$209,671	\$139,220	\$112,367	\$70,366
Pastoral Housing Fund	\$832,682	\$843,799	\$641,723	\$742,694	\$796,068
Lupberger Theological Fund	\$11,143	\$11,776	\$17,298	\$29,615	\$42,733
Peirce-Geiser Fund		\$10,780	\$11,899	\$36,338	\$44,903
Evans Property Maintenance Fund			\$158,865	\$192,348	\$41,641

Total All Funds	\$4,602,681	\$4,733,916	\$3,921,217	\$4,578,472	\$4,703,740
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EARNINGS--YEAR TO DATE

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Beginning Asset Balances	\$4,300,107	\$4,602,681	\$4,733,916	\$3,921,217	\$4,578,472
Realized Investment Income	131,090	120,500	167,028	162,757	135,387
Realized Capital Gains (Losses)	66,101	88,659	(462,894)	(349,465)	86,932
Contributions Received	80,839	74,160	494,662	62,428	285,057
Draw for Church Operations	(114,000)	(139,000)	(160,000)	(148,000)	(150,000)
Draw for Employee Benefits & Pension	(27,404)	(29,822)	(34,453)	(46,463)	(49,351)
Draw for Pastoral Housing	(31,827)	(34,302)	(35,914)	(28,315)	(29,493)
Other Distributions Made	(84,255)	(2,092)	(20,237)	(5,165)	(436,200)
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	282,030	53,133	(760,891)	1,009,478	282,936

Ending Asset Balances	\$4,602,681	\$4,733,916	\$3,921,217	\$4,578,472	\$4,703,740
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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Lynn Hoffman

Nominating Committee

The Leadership Development Committee prepared a slate of candidates for the 2010 Nominating Committee, which was then elected by the congregation. The Nominating Committee was composed of one member from each Elder class (2010, 2011 and 2012), one Presbyterian Women's representative, one 20/30 member representative and one youth representative. The chair was Bruce Worley and the members were Josh Beezley, Lynn Hoffman, Randy Evans, Kathy Randall, Mary Dawn Pugh and Allison Slatten. This Nominating Committee put together a slate of eighteen (18) elder nominees, 10 new elders and 8 past elders. The slate was elected by a unanimous vote of the congregation.

Class of 2013 Elder Training

The Chair of Leadership Development (the Chair) assisted the pastors with the Class of 2013 Elder training. The Chair attended all of the classes and taught Church History – Reformation to Present. Fourteen (14) elders attended their Elder Examination on Monday, November 22, 2010, and gave their faith journeys to the Session. The Session confirmed all members of the Class of 2013. All 18 elders were ordained and installed on December 5, 2010. The Chair participated in the Service of Ordination and Installation, introducing the Class of 2013 Elders.

The Chair met with the Senior Pastor (the Associate Pastor was on maternity leave) to make committee assignments for the new elders and to appoint chairs for each of the session committees for the year 2011. Several chairs will keep their position for two (2) years.

Session Retreat

The Chair worked with the pastors to organize and plan the annual elder retreat for the classes of 2011, 2012 and 2013. The retreat will be held January 7th and 8th, 2011, in Favrotville. The chair reserved the Fellowship Hall at the Covington Presbyterian church for Saturday for the committees to meet and plan their 2011 year. The committees will incorporate the suggestions from the Long Range Planning Task Force. The committee chairs will invite members from their committee who are not elders to attend the Saturday portion of the retreat to aide in planning their 2011 year, if appropriate.

Presbytery Meeting Commissioners

The Leadership Development Committee coordinated sign-ups for session members to volunteer as commissioners for the three (3) regular and called meetings of the Presbytery of South Louisiana.

Selley Series Speaker

The Chair coordinated the logistics of the speaker, e.g., contacting the speaker (Jim Carter) to get information on sermon title and text, his travel arrangements and needs, advertising the guest speaker, and reviewing and approving the speaker's travel expenses.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Hoffman, 2010 Chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Pierce Young

Vice-Chair: Walter Becker

Overview

The 20-plus members of the 2010 Membership Committee focused on reaching out to St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church's visitors, encouraging them to become members, and welcoming/orienting those who chose to join. On Sundays, committee members made an effort in the pews to note visitors around them. Visitors were welcomed, invited to visit in Fellowship Hall, encouraged to take a visitor mug, and/or asked if they'd like to have any questions answered or join the church. Additionally, information collected via the Friendship Pads was distributed to the committee on a weekly basis. First time visitors were contacted weekly, and returning visitors monthly, either by phone, email or letter. Pastors also contacted first-timers as well as repeat visitors. All were welcomed to the church, given general information (or specific, if requested) and encouraged to continue visiting and/or join the church.

Joining the Church

Those who wished to join the church could do so any Sunday. Following almost every 10:30 service, a Pastor and three elders were available in the Chapel to answer visitors' questions and receive them into membership. The prospective member completed a New Member Enrollment Form, then the Pastor led a mini-Session meeting (quorum = 3 Session members), for the purpose of receiving new members. Individuals could join the church by Profession of Faith, Reaffirmation of Faith, Transfer of Membership or Affiliation. Once a prospect joined, they were notified when their orientation would take place and a photo was taken for the display in the bulletin and on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall. They were also given a card that advised them on ways they could immediately get plugged-in to church life (Supper Clubs, Wednesday Night Suppers, etc).

Orientation

New Member Orientations were held every 6 to 8 weeks. These orientations, which took place in the Chapel during the Sunday School hour, helped give our newest members a snapshot of what goes on at SCAPC. The orientations were designed to show them how they could get more involved in/connected with our family of faith. Representatives from most Session committees spoke about opportunities in their areas, as did spokespersons from RHINO, Presbyterian Women, the 20/30 group and more. New Members completed "Getting Involved" forms, indicating the activities with which they wanted to be involved. (Their choices were communicated to the appropriate person/committee shortly thereafter). Packets of useful materials were also distributed. The packets included a Membership Directory, "The Book Of Uncommon Prayer", a pledge packet, "A Brief History of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church", a recent copy of the View, a prayer card and a pamphlet on being a Presbyterian.

New members who attended an orientation were presented to the congregation at the 10:30 service immediately following their orientation. A pastor would have the new members stand and give a brief bio for each of them. These bios, along with the new members' photographs, were also printed in the bulletin that day.

Celebrations

In 2010, the Membership Committee hosted two functions to honor our newest members. On June 13th, a New Member Reception was held in the Land Building after the Summer Sunday service. The entire congregation was invited to honor members who had joined since the previous June. A similar function, the New Member Brunch, took place on November 7th after the 10:30 service. Again, members who had joined within the last year were honored. Unlike the reception, the brunch was held at a church member's home. Claire Webb was our gracious hostess, and she opened her lovely home to our group. The event was coordinated by Elizabeth Favret. Committee members lent a helping hand by providing food and beverages, and they joined many Session Committee Chairs in fellowship with our guests of honor.

Summary

More than 40 new members joined St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church in 2010. The fastest growing demographic for the year was the 20/30 group (almost 65% of our new members were 20/30s). Our new members have already contributed in so many ways to the life of our church. Among other things, they have taken mission trips, had children baptized, become Youth Leaders, served as ushers, sung in the choir and presented children's messages. It is wonderful to have them as members of our church community. We are truly appreciative of the Membership Committee for all they have done to connect with our visitors and welcome them into the church!

Respectfully submitted,
Pierce Young, 2010 Chair

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair: Laura Shields

Vice-Chair: Richard Seelman

Don Frampton's Sabbatical and Kelly Hostetler's Maternity Leave

The Personnel Committee granted approval for sabbatical leave for Don for the summer months of June, July, and August and for maternity leave for Kelly for the fall months of September, October, and November. While this created additional workloads for each pastor while the other was away, all went well. The other staff members are to be particularly commended for their extra efforts during these months.

New Personnel

Two new employees were welcomed over the summer months. Kyle Focht was hired as Web and Publications Coordinator, and Andy Fox assumed the position of Director of Youth and Young Adults. Both are doing outstanding jobs, and we recognize how fortunate we are to have such amazing talent on our staff.

Staff Interviews

During the months of November and December, members of the Personnel Committee met with every staff member on an individual basis for the purpose of thanking them for their hard work and their contributions to the church and also for giving them the opportunity to discuss any problems or concerns that they may have. The Committee is pleased to report that our staff members are very happy and enjoy positive working relationships with other members of the staff. Special thanks to Wayne Willcox for his incredible management skills!

Staff Salaries and Benefits

Beginning in November, the Personnel Committee worked with Don Frampton, Kelly Hostetler, and Wayne Willcox to review proposed salaries and benefits for 2011. Once the final 2011 budgeted personnel expenses were received from the Finance Committee, firm salaries and benefits changes for 2011 were implemented.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Shields, 2010 Chair

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Chair: Don Charles
Vice-Chair: Bob Smith

Overview

The following accomplishments are the result of hard work and input from committee members.

Key Accomplishments

- *Water-proofing exterior of Sanctuary, Chapel Building and Educational Building. Repointing about 50% of all exterior surfaces, applying new gutters, re-caulking of most windows, installing flashing replacing some frosted glass panels with clear and painting some exterior surfaces. A very expensive 3 to 4 month project.*
- *Overhauling of the kitchen with a new stove and replacing butcher block preparation table with a stainless steel one. Tiling the walls and floors, painting all cabinets and replacing drawer and cabinet pulls. The Hard Hats were of great service removing and reinstalling sinks in the kitchen and dish-washing room.*
- *Creating an office for Andy Fox out of Room 200 and creating an opening through the office supply room and making it a part of the office complex. Installed bookshelves that were moved from another office.*
- *Removed termite infested oak tree in front of Sanctuary. We did not replace it.*
- *Removed bricks and put up temporary fencing between the Land Building and the Pinsky's State Street property due to brick fence collapse. Liability is still unknown. Both insurance companies are trying to determine ownership. The documents are unobtainable at the present time.*
- *Continuous elevator repairs.*
- *Air-conditioning cooling tower repairs*
- *Subsurface drainage clean-out and repairs.*
- *Repairing, reconditioning and reinstallation of lanterns on front sanctuary wall.*
- *Reworking kiddy toilet on 2nd floor of Educational Building.*
- *Temporary repair of hallway behind the kitchen.*
- *Removed and replaced many stained ceiling tiles.*

The Committee wishes to thank the Hard Hats for their assistance as well as the monumental guidance of Wayne Willcox.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Charles, 2010 Chair

STEWARDSHIP

Chair: Ruthie Frierson

Vice-Chair:

Overview

“Living Our Faith” is the theme we selected for our 2011 Stewardship Campaign.

No words better describe the congregation of St Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church. Since Katrina, our congregation has given over \$900,000 to community projects, and we are involved in 18 community outreach projects as a congregation in our city-more than ever before! This year we had a video presentation, “Living Our Faith”, that we shared with the congregation at Sunday services and later on our church website. It was felt that members would better see the depth and breath of our church’s mission as they prayerfully considered their pledge for the coming year. Cottage Productions’ Rebecca and Jason Ferris produced the video.

The stewardship drive was a resounding success despite the continued economic climate, which did not seem conducive to a successful campaign. We met our goal of:

\$1, 258,000 with over 2/3s of our church’s units [singles, couples, or families] pledging-with pledges still coming in! We had 107 increased pledges, and 44 new pledging units!

I’d like to thank the church staff. Don Frampton, our senior pastor, took an active leadership role throughout . Wayne Willcox was key to our success and my right hand. Carol Pointer, Emily Fleshman, Kyle Focht, Pierce Young, and Kim Thompson were always there to be of help! Kyle designed and printed all of our publications. Church members were also of invaluable help-Mia Miller, Development Director of Newman School and a member of our church, led our 3 evening phonathons – with over 30 members participating. Jim Rumsfeld made contributions to our campaign by giving professional advice whenever called upon. A very special thanks to Julie Nice, incoming chair, whose support and wise council throughout the campaign were invaluable!

To sustain our church’s mission locally and globally, it is important for each of us to participate in stewardship! It is important to increase the number of church members who pledge. No gift is too large or too small: every gift matters. It reflects the commitment each of us chooses to make.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve! It was a joy and a privilege, and I am most grateful for the experience.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruthie Frierson, 2010 Chair

WORLD MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Mary Price Dunbar

Vice-Chair: Michelle Baker

Overview

In addition to our annual support of worldwide missionaries, a visit from Cuban Minister Francisco Marrero, and another successful mission trip to our sister church in Cuba, the focus in 2010 for the World Mission Committee was on disaster relief. The massive earthquake in Haiti in January and the close to home BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico highlighted the role of church communities, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program, and the constant need for disaster relief around the world. The World Mission Committee continues to answer God's call by sharing resources and building relationships around the world.

Missionary Support

SCAPC provided direct mission support for 7 mission co-workers in communities around the world.

Dr. Michael and Nancy Haninger who continued their leave of absence this year have served since the year 2000 in Congo at the Christian Medical Institute of the Kasai and the Good Shepherd Hospital in Tshikaji.

Drs. Les and Cynthia Morgan have been the only PC (USA) missionaries in Bangladesh serving since 1989 as advisors for the Church of Bangladesh health ministries.

Dennis and Maribel Smith have served in Guatemala for many years as PC (USA) missionaries through the Central American Evangelical Center for Pastoral Studies.

Rev. Jo Ella Holman took over the position previously held by Tricia Lloyd-Sidle and is based in the Dominican Republic to serve as regional liaison for the Caribbean Region.

Learn more about the work of these missionaries at www.pcusa.org/missionconnections.

Through the World Mission budget, SCAPC also supported **Rev. Robert Gamble**, a PC (USA) Minister who works with homeless youth in Odessa, Ukraine through the organization This Child Here (www.this-childhere.org).

World Missions also contributed to church member **Ellen Shields** who began her one year service in August, 2010. She serves in Kenya, Africa with the Young Adult Volunteer Group.

Mission Travel

On May 5th, members of SCAPC traveled on a mission trip to churches in Matanzas Presbytery and The Synod lead by Laura St. Clair. Renee Peck coordinated the effort that resulted in the donation of requested items worth \$3,000 which the mission travelers carried to Cuba. They delivered \$1,000 of medicines purchased by Wes Alden from the budget as well as an additional \$1,400 worth of pharmaceuticals donated by Wes. \$7,000 in cash donated largely by John Wade as well as other SCAPC members was donated to the churches in Cuba. Also, the Peirce-Geiser Fund of the Visionary Fund donated \$928 for the purchase of two sets of paraments for the Cuban church. A luncheon was held on May 16th after the church service to show photos of the Cuban mission trip.

Unfortunately, the mission trip to Guatemala scheduled for June 3rd and organized by Ruth Hinson which was to focus on the study of immigration issues was canceled due to weather disasters in that country.

Cuban Minister Visit

On July 9th, Rev. Francisco Marrero visited SCAPC on his trip to the U.S. hosted by the Presbytery and sponsored by Nell Johnston, Coordinator. World Mission hosted a dinner on Friday night and a tour of the French Quarter on Saturday. The Stickney family hosted a Saturday night party. Rev. Marrero preached at the 10:30 am service on Sunday with translation by Crorey Lawton.

Disaster Relief

In response to the earthquake in Haiti, the World Mission committee put together 78 hygiene kits which were sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Association warehouse in Arkansas. Items for the kits were donated by SCAPC members and paid for by donation funds.

Special Offerings

Haitian Disaster Offering: SCAPC members donated a total of \$12,572 for the relief of Haitian earthquake victims which was sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

BP Oil Spill Disaster Offering: Total of \$1,355 was donated by SCAPC members. These funds were sent directly to First Presbyterian Church of Bayou Blue in Gray, Louisiana to help fund the program that teaches residents how to make raised bed gardens for alternative food sources.

PC (USA) One Great Hour of Sharing (Palm Sunday)- \$4,265

PC (USA) Joy Offering (Christmas Eve) – \$2,400

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Price Dunbar, 2010 Chair

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

Chair: Lawton Fabacher

OVERVIEW OF GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The Worship and Music Committee is responsible for providing support to the pastors and minister of music for services of worship.

Communion Committee duties included preparation of the elements for communion (by committee member Mayson Buffington) and recruitment of elders to distribute the elements. We alternated between the “in pew” style (two times) and the “down front” style (eight times). We received kind words about both, and felt it was important to try to maintain a bit of a balance.

The communion trays, linens, and cups were periodically examined and repaired or replaced as necessary. Additional communion cups were purchased this year (charged to our budget), as well as a new, custom-made communion cloth, generously paid for by a committee member and her husband, in honor of their family members. The committee also purchased an additional sixty hymnals, with the name of the church imprinted on the cover, to be used specifically for overflow at special services and funerals.

Baptisms The committee was responsible for obtaining Session approval for baptisms and, at times, assigning an elder sponsor for the family. This year, we approved twenty-one baptisms.

Flowers Members of the committee were responsible for coordinating a schedule for floral donations given in honor or memory of loved ones. Special floral arrangements were provided for Palm Sunday, Easter, Heritage Sunday, and Christmas Services. Poinsettias and memorial wreaths decorated the Sanctuary during Advent.

Ushers and Acolytes Dave White retired as Usher Chair, and Geoff Snodgrass assumed that role. Ann Maier acted as the acolyte coordinator, and has done a very nice job.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Lenten services: Weekly Lenten services were held in the Sanctuary with guest preachers, followed by a light lunch. See “Hot Topics” for more on this.

Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter services: A midday worship service was held on Ash Wednesday, with about forty in attendance. The Palm Sunday Service included a children’s procession with palms and a special choral service with orchestra under the direction of Steven Blackmon. A Maundy Thursday evening service was held at 7:30pm in the sanctuary, with communion served. As usual, the children placed flowers on the cross at the 10:30am Easter service.

Selley Speaker Series: This was held in late April, and the speaker was former SCAPC minister Jim Carter.

Summer Sundays: A single, unified service was held at 9:30 a.m., June 6 through August 21. As Don Frampton was on sabbatical, the majority of the services were led by Kelly Hostetler. We did however, welcome guest preachers The Rev. Don Malsbary (Interim at Metairie Ridge Presbyterian Church), The Rev. Francisco Marrero (General Secretary, Presbyterian Church in Cuba), and SCAPC members Beth Poe and Larry Hamric.

Heritage Sunday: A special service to celebrate the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian Church was held and included kilts, bagpipes and drums. Dave Grissett graciously coordinated this effort. Also during this time, all fifty-year members were honored with a presentation during the service, followed by a reception where music was provided. This year, the fifty-year members were given boxes with a quatrefoil on top, made by India Stewart.

Christmas Services: The choir and orchestra, directed by Steven Blackmon, presented the annual “Celebration of Carols” the Sunday before Christmas (“Gloria”). As always, two Christmas Eve services were held: a family service at 5 p.m. featuring a youth tableau, a story by Kelly, and a very brief mediation. The 7:30 service was the traditional lessons and carols format, with communion served down front.

Other Special Services: Other special worship services included Youth Sunday, Confirmation Sunday, and the Installation and Ordination of elders.

HOT TOPICS

Third Service on Sunday evenings: Our committee discussed at great length the possibility of a traditional, third service on Sunday evenings (extremely similar to the 8:30am service). We liked the idea of offering worship at another time of day, and the possibility of reaching out to more people (younger people, those with late hours who find the morning time hard, people leaving town on the weekends, etc.) We discovered there is a low attendance at the college service, and the idea of partnering with this time and this group is appealing (the college group would still be able to eat together as a group, afterwards). After all, we are already staffing it with our own minister (Kelly Hostetler). With Don on sabbatical during the summer and Kelly on maternity leave in the fall, we knew this was not feasible to explore this calendar year, but would like to pursue this conversation with Kelly this upcoming year. We were quite pleased to see that the Long Range Planning Task Force had included this same idea in their discussions, as well. We intend to continue this discussion with Kelly Hostetler in this next year.

Lenten Services: We agreed the guest preachers were all very intriguing, and were disappointed in the turnout, feeling it a shame that more of the congregation could not have enjoyed this mid-week time for reflection. We concluded the time was very hard for those working, that lunch was not a draw, the Sanctuary was too big a space for the low attendance, the possibility of opening it up to other congregations (especially given we had guest preachers), and the need to make others more aware of this series (newspaper and the bulletins of other congregations). We feel that moving it back to the evening will draw a larger crowd, and propose that change for the upcoming year.

Multimedia in the Sanctuary: Multimedia in the sanctuary continues to be a touchy topic, especially given the traditional nature of our worship and progression of technology. As with anything, we discussed on a couple of occasions what we perceived as the positives and negatives. The congregation viewed a Stewardship Video / Presentation in the sanctuary this past fall, and the children’s book, “The Runaway Bunny” at the 5 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.

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