

2009 Annual Report

Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church

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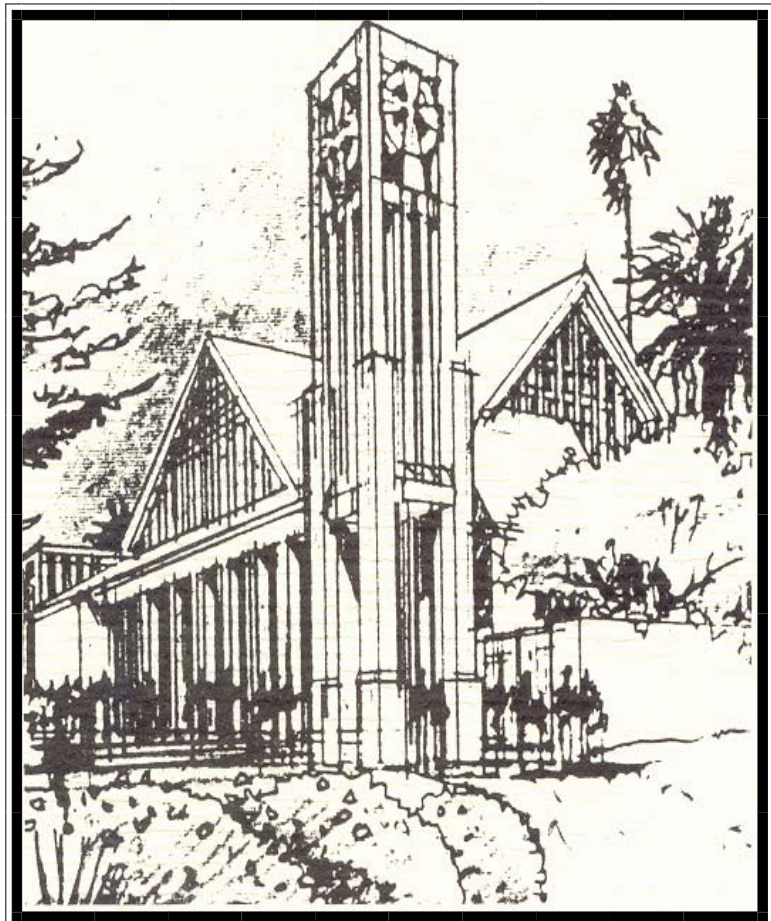
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From the Trustees – February 21, 2010

First of all, if I ever had any doubt that prayer can be answered, this past year would have convinced me. Last January, the future of our church was unclear and many were disheartened by the serious challenges we faced. Now – only a year later, I am able to list the accomplishments of our church with great pride and gratefulness to a God who has a plan for this church.

Through the dedication, hard work and commitment of our congregation, we have:

- ❖ Raised almost \$400,000 to pay off 2/3 of our facilities loan, which had a balloon payment due in October of 2009
- ❖ Successfully refinanced the balance of this loan with a new due date of 9-30-2012
- ❖ Worked through a severance negotiation with Rev. Brandt that was fair to both parties
- ❖ Met all of our financial obligations with our general funds – without borrowing from restricted funds
- ❖ Hired a new church administrator – Nancy Takacs
- ❖ Retained Rev. Grace Park and offered her and her family medical insurance through PCUSA
- ❖ Expanded our Adult Education program
- ❖ Funded our Mission giving from our general fund as well as an extra amount through a bequest from member Olive Johnson
- ❖ Made substantial progress in the installation of our world-class pipe organ
- ❖ Returned to a prayer-based Stewardship program that showed a 20% increase in our financial commitment to our church for 2010
- ❖ ENDED THE YEAR IN THE BLACK!!!

These are considerable accomplishments – we have again been blessed. But this does not mean our work is done. There are significant challenges for 2010 as well. We are presenting a budget that will allow us to again end the year in the black but will also set aside reserves for repairs and replenish our working capital. We have increased the budget for music. Our mission budget for 2010 shows our 10% tithe, which will be focused on groups and projects outside of our own church.

Our biggest challenge, however, is to find the right person to be our new Head of Staff – and that work is already underway. So, as you can see, now is not the time to slack off on your prayers!

As I think about the year past, I see that our greatest strength as a congregation is our commitment to one another and our commitment to the work that God is calling us to do. Remembering who we are – a people of God – held us together last year and will carry us together into the future.

Cynthia Block
President and Trustee

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2009 Pastor's Report

*"And this is His commandment, that we should believe in the name of His Son,
Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He has commanded us."*

1 John 3:23

Our church believes in a theology of ministry based on relationships. We are modeling and telling of a God who is relational. All the worship services, discipleship, events and activities that are planned during the year are designed to help people experience and grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

I have been blessed this year to serve with a wonderful ministry team that is so committed to the grace-filled Gospel of Jesus Christ. Rev. Bill Craig and Rev. Grace Park have helped out in so many ways this past year. I do not know what I would have done without them. They have both spent countless hours visiting church members, praying with people, assisting deacons, leading new members' classes, preaching and leading worship. Bill and Grace bring their own unique gifts to our church and I feel so fortunate to have the chance to minister with them.

Natalie Kelley has just completed her third year as Children's Director. This past year Natalie and I have worked with kids of all ages and taken over 300 youths on mission trips. Her work with kids is inspiring. She is adored by all the youth and is a great role model for our young girls. I have seen firsthand how effective her ministry is and how many lives she has touched.

Under Julie Baczewski's leadership, the Nursery School continues to flourish. Julie and her staff provide a loving atmosphere for our preschoolers. There are many activities throughout the year which introduce our church to the students and their families. This is a wonderful introduction for kids to the Christian faith. Julie and I have worked together for almost ten years and I thank her for her friendship and tireless work.

I have had the chance this year to expand my work with adults and youth. I have enjoyed preaching on a regular basis and being available for counseling and pastoral care. I have treasured the chance to make visits to hospitals, to be present with friends when our faith is put to the test. One of the highlights of my entire ministry was the 15-year celebration/roast that was held for me and my family in November. It was a night I will always remember as kids and adults recalled humorous stories and special memories from all our adventures. I am so thankful to every church member who committed to the building fund to help pay off the mortgage on the church. Over \$400,000 was pledged. What a great blessing! As I look back over the years, I appreciate every church member who has opened their life to me.

A big thank you to Len Berglund and Diane Lindsay for their leadership in the Music Department. Also, thanks to Diana Schwab and Nancy Takacs in the church office who have done such a great job assisting the ministry staff on a daily basis. Thanks also to Benny Serrano, Mario Hernandez, and Fred Haldeman, our great custodial staff. Thank you to Session, Deacons, Stephen Ministers and the entire congregation for all your support and prayers this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Eric Schaefer
Associate Pastor

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2009 Annual Report of the Clerk

Total Adherents 12-31-08	799
Active Members 12-31-08	560

Receptions During the Year 2009

Profession/Reaffirmation of Faith	10
Certificate of Transfer	0
Confirmation	8
 Total Gains	 18

Losses During the Year 2009

Deaths	0
Certificates of Transfer	2
 Total Losses	 2
 Total Affiliate Roll	 1

Total Adherents 12-31-09	560
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Total Active Members 12-31-09	373
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Note: The total numbers on last year's Annual Report did not reflect those members who were moved from active to inactive membership in 2008. The Clerk's report, therefore, is reflecting two years of efforts to update the rolls which had not been done for six or seven years.

<u>Transfers: (2)</u>	<u>New Members: (10)</u>	<u>Confirmants: (8)</u>	<u>Baptisms: (12)</u>
Bill Seligman	Courtney Alexander	Jordan Bostick	Jordan Bostick
Joan Seligman	Susan Geiger	Christopher Groel	Sterling Dank
	Correne Gichuru	Tyler Hill	Sydney Evan Geiger
	Salim Israwi	Jack Jordan	Jackson Geiger
	Sarah Israwi	Victoria Lancey	Mwenda Gichuru
	Catherine Lanter	Mary McGowan	Leighton Israwi
	Alexandra Peetz	Katie Pfannkuche	Devin Junichiro
	John Peetz	Evan Rasch	Mary McGowan
	Scott Rigsby		Josephine Peetz
	Stevens Ross		Evan Rasch
			Lila Kate Rigsby
			Stevens Ross

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2009 Board of Session

The Rev. Eric Schaefer, Moderator

Lynn Anderson, Clerk of Session

Class of 2009

Class of 2010

Class of 2011

Walter Croskey, Elder/Trustee

Cynthia Block, Elder/Trustee

Bill Highberger, Elder/Trustee

Sylvia Boyd

Amy Berggreen

Beverly Ditmars

Bob Draper

Karen Prough

Stephanie Hubsch

Victor Hsu

Lynette Shishido

Geoff Moyer

Brandon Hooper

David Wood

David Outcalt

2009 Board of Deacons

Rev. Grace Park, Pastoral Representative

Nancy Gillette, Moderator

Class of 2009

Class of 2010

Class of 2011

Lyla Corrales

Vivian Chen

Vidda Brough

David Ditmars

Dixie Cleary

Lyn Carter

Nancy Gillette

Janet Devine

Jan Gong

Mary Hagerth

Pat Haight

Tove Hoch

Margaret Knowlton

Cathy Nadel

Joan Kaczorowski

Evelyn Moyer

Marti Sadowski

Margaret Keene

Bill Walker

Marie Steckmest

Mav Wojciechowski



Session Committee Reports

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2009 Adult Christian Education Committee Annual Report

Adult Christian Education Committee Members:

Bob Calfas, David Ditmars, Nancy Gillette, Geoff Moyer, John Whiffen.

For the year 2009 the Adult Christian Education Committee estimates we were under budget by \$150. There are expenses yet to be paid which may bring the total closer to \$2500 than \$2350.

Our committee would like to request the same amount to be allocated for Adult Education in 2010 which is \$2500. I foresee some of the expenditures for 2010 to be:

Christian Education Classes—Led by Rev. Peg Cantwell, these classes have been offered in the past and are extremely valuable to our program. Her fee is \$125 per class. She is willing to do two sessions a year containing 6 to 8 classes each. Fourteen classes at \$125 = \$1750. Rev. Cantwell has been asked to preach in 2010 and we look forward to her participation. She is a wonderful asset to our Church.

Disciple Bible Study - We offer various Disciple Bible Study classes led by Church members. The cost is \$40 per Leader Manual. The \$10 Participant Book is paid for by each participant. Expected Adult Christian Education expenses could be 2 Leader Manuals @ \$40 each = \$80.

Coping Workshops – We hope to offer two coping seminars led by Linda Grant and Rachel Fintzy, who are Church members. The cost would be minimal and we hope to coordinate these workshops with the Deacons. Expenses would include advertising, booklets, refreshments and set-up fees. Estimated Adult Education expenses could be \$40 for each Workshop = \$80.

Truth Project – Led by John Whiffen, this program has no costs for the Committee. John is a member and supplies all materials. We serve dinner and ask for donations. A small amount might be requested to cover unexpected costs, estimated at \$50, but to date, this has not been necessary.

The Alpha Program – Rev. Bill Craig requested that our committee support this program. We expended approximately \$375 in 2009. This is a new member/bible study/evangelism program. Our committee would share expenses and responsibilities with the Evangelism Committee in 2010. The Adult Christian Education Committee was asked to fully fund the program in 2009 because Evangelism was over budget for 2009.

We hope to offer other programs which are being planned by our Adult Education Committee. We feel the requested budget of \$2500 would allow us to meet the needs of our Church pertaining to Adult Education.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Ditmars, Chair

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2009 Evangelism Committee Annual Report

Evangelism Committee Members:

Karen Prough, Elder/Chair, Esther Alva, Susan Blake, Cynthia Block, Diane Croskey, Linda Grant, Pat Haight, Tove Hoch, Lee Jahn.

2009 Activities/Accomplishments:

New Members: The following members joined our church family after attending one of the two new members' classes led by Bill Craig this past year: Salim and Sarah Israwi, John and Alex Peetz, Scott Rigsby, Stevens Ross, Courtney Alexander, Catherine Lanter, Susan Geiger, and Correne Gichuru. We welcome them to our congregation.

Communications with members/visitors: A yellow "Welcome" card was created to be placed on the inside of the Friendship Registers. Jerry and Joan Kaczorowski graciously placed the cards in pews. The "Welcome" card, designed and organized by Esther Alva, replaced the "Beyond Sunday" brochure. The badge case was updated by Lee Jahn, Judy Roth, Nancy VanVlack and Diana Schwab. A plan was put in place for keeping the badge case up to date. Diane Croskey agreed to put a series of articles each month in the Activator about various groups and organizations.

Communications in the Community: We continue our weekly advertising in the Post as well as the larger Easter and Christmas ads. There were articles describing various church events as well.

Per Capita: We tried various ways to help educate the congregation on the importance of their per capita giving through information in the bulletin and Activator. We continue to look for new ways to encourage members to make their per capita payment each year.

Updating the Church Rolls: Karen Prough and Cynthia Block, with the invaluable help of our Clerk of Session, Lynn Anderson, and office volunteer, Michael Brennan, have worked many hours on the church rolls. They are now more accurate than they have been in the past seven years. Cynthia sent letters to solicit information from members regarding their membership status. This needs to be an ongoing project each year. Lynn was determined to have all congregant roll numbers entered into the computer and all members' status marked accurately in the roll books. This was just recently completed.

Volunteer Round-up: We held our second Volunteer Round-up in October. The purpose was to inform the congregation of volunteer opportunities from ongoing Session Committees and other committees. It was suggested that we may want to break it into two groups over two weeks next year because the church patio was so crowded. Thank you to all those who volunteered.

Volunteer Recognition Sunday: We decided to have a Volunteer Recognition Sunday to not only recognize the many members of the congregation who volunteer in so many different areas, but to show the congregation how many volunteers we have. Again Esther made a beautiful poster with many names that had been given to us by different chairpersons and our own brainstorming. An announcement was made in church and people were urged to add their names if they had been overlooked.

Fellowship Dinners: Members of our Committee helped with the Fellowship Dinners, organized by Tom Sadowski. We will support the Fellowship Committee if they wish to continue holding these dinners.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Prough, Elder Chair

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2009 Fellowship Committee Annual Report

Fellowship Committee Members:

Sylvia Boyd and Amy Berggreen, co-chairs, Lyla Corrales, Joan Kaczorowski, Marti Sadowski, Marge Dealey, Joy Barnett, Ellen Parmelee.

The Fellowship Committee is pleased to announce that over \$26,000 was raised in 2009. This would not have been possible without participation from our congregation and the community. Additional thanks go to the cookbook committee and their hard work on producing a great new church cookbook.

Goals and Responsibilities:

Select and organize social events that meet the needs of our congregation
Encourage events for families/youth
Celebrate Christian holidays
Bring together congregational members at all-church activities
Fundraising goal of \$20,000

2009 Events:

St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Tuesday, March 17. Under the direction of Marti Sadowski, the Fellowship Committee prepared and served a traditional Irish dinner which included corned beef, boiled potatoes, carrots and beer bread. A hearty dinner was enjoyed by all.

Easter Egg Hunt and Reception – Sunday, April 12. The Youth Committee held an Easter Egg hunt for the children directly after both services. The Fellowship Committee hosted special treats following each service. Served were scones with lemon curd, jam and whipped cream, deviled eggs, fruit/cheese plate and cookies. Sylvia provided the napkins and table decorations. This was a well-attended event.

Women's Tea – Sunday, May 17. Each individually-decorated table was hosted by members of our congregation. Margaret Knowlton, owner of Foreign Affairs put on a lovely fashion show. The Master of Ceremonies was Sylvia's daughter, Lorna. Mothers and daughters of the congregation volunteered to model. Once again, the delicious food was prepared by Lyla Corrales and volunteers. Marge and Joy did a wonderful job decorating the stage and sign-in table. Marti made the cutest name cards. The event was a wonderful success. Proceeds made are included in the figure listed above.

La Cantina Fallderol – Sunday, October 25. Janes Hall was beautiful with so many bright primary-colored decorations including the table cloths and napkins. The silent and live auctions were co-chaired by Sylvia Boyd and Amy Berggreen. Sylvia's daughter, Leslie, was the auctioneer. Lyla Corrales did a wonderful job coordinating and cooking the brunch. The lovely paper flowers used as center pieces were handmade by Joy. Marge did a fabulous job decorating the stage and sign-in table. Marti Sadowski chaired Elegant Junque and Joan handled the Food Board and bid sheets. Special thanks to the men tending bar. There were so many parties donated by members of the congregation and from outside organizations that the sign-up sheets took up two full tables. Once again, the key lime pies, donated by Pastor Eric, were a great success.

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2009 Fellowship Committee Annual Report continued:

The auction on the two parking spaces was exciting to watch. And who couldn't resist Bachelor Bob's party? Thanks to all who donated items that made this event a great success. After expenses were paid, approximately \$23,000 was raised.

All-Church Christmas Dinner – Friday, December 4. The delicious food was catered by John Lee. Champagne and wine was sold for \$3 per glass. Marge did a wonderful job on the centerpieces. Marti once again made wonderful name tags and handled the check in. Our own Bill Craig led us in a holiday sing along. Grace Park's children played for us during dinner and several members of our youth group performed Christmas songs following dinner. Together with the Fellowship Committee, volunteers made delicious home-made desserts. All profit made on this event is included in the figure listed above.

It was a joy and delight to work with such a great Committee. Thanks to all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia Boyd and Amy Berggreen, Co-Chairs

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2009 Mission Committee Annual Report

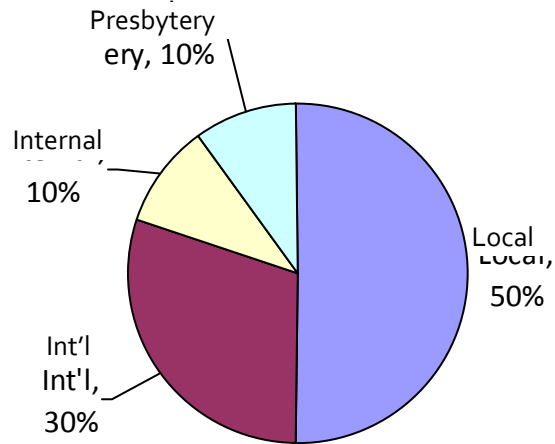
Mission Committee Members:

David Wood, Carol Pfannkuche, Susan Blake, Bill Walker, Gladys Secunda and Marie Steckmest
Note:

- Larry Steckmest served as co-chair until his resignation from Session in August
- David Wood served as co-chair until August, and then chair through December
- Marie Steckmest joined the mission team in November

Budget:

The Mission Team's budget for 2009 was \$27.5K from the general church budget, which we augmented with \$24K from the 2008 Olive Johnson donation (the portion to be directed towards mission activities). In total, Mission operated with a combined budget of \$51.5K, and allocated all of it towards mission activities broken up as 50% local, 30% int'l, 10% internal missions, and 10% Presbytery.



The Mission Committee reviewed the 2008 actual spending against the budgeted amounts and determined that 2009 allocations should target those previous shortfalls first. This year, the committee committed funds towards several of the youth mission trips and 7 local organizations.

Actual for 2009. Final blended allocation for 2009 was \$51,500 (\$27.5K from general budget plus \$24K from Olive Johnson's gift), broken down as \$26K local (50%), \$16.5K int'l (32%), \$5K internal missions, and \$4K Presbytery (8%). See following 2009 Budget / Actual page for details.

2009 Mission budget Allocation:

Budget Allocation %	2009 General Contribution %	2009 Actual Allocation %	2009 Olive Johnson Contribution %	2009 Blended Allocation %
Local	11%	15%	92%	50%
Non-local (nat, int'l)	53%	53%	8%	32%
PPPC Mission Trips	18%	18%	0%	10%
Other	18%	15%	0%	8%
	100%	100%	100%	100%

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2009 Mission Committee Annual Report continued:

	2009 General Budgeted	2009 Actual Allocation	2009 Olive Johnson Contribution	2009 Blended Actual Allocation
Local				
OPCC		1,000	5,000	6,000
Westside Food Bank			5,000	5,000
Chrysalis			5,000	5,000
Habitat for Humanity (local)	1,000	1,000	4,000	5,000
PATH	2,000	2,000	3,000	5,000
<i>Totals</i>	3,000	4,000	22,000	26,000
Non-local (National, International)				
Heifer International	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,000
Tumaini Children's Home (Kenya)	6,500	6,500		6,500
Orphanage Outreach (Dom. Rep.)	3,500	3,500		3,500
Nav Jeevan Sanstha (India)	3,500	3,500		3,500
Compassion (Sponsor a Child)				
<i>Totals</i>			1,000	1,000
	14,500	14,500	2,000	16,500
PPPC Mission Trips				
Navaho Indian reservation (AZ)	2,500	2,500		2,500
Dunkeld (Scotland)	2,500	2,500		2,500
<i>Totals</i>	5,000	5,000		5,000
Other				
Presbytery	5,000	4,000		4,000
<i>Totals</i>	5,000	4,000		4,000
Grand Totals	\$27,500	\$27,500	\$24,000	\$51,500

Mission Sunday

On Sep 27, PPPC celebrated "Mission Sunday," a day where the congregation focuses on all of the local and international mission work the church is involved with. Carol Pfannkuche was the overall organizer and planner for Mission Sunday. Grace Park gave a wonderful sermon on the importance of mission in all aspects of our lives. We also conducted a mission fair after each service, where 7 organizations that we support set up tables and answered questions from interested members of the congregation.

In addition, representatives from the following organizations were invited up on stage during the 2nd service to receive a check donation from PPPC: OPCC, Westside Food Bank, Chrysalis, Habitat for Humanity, PATH, Compassion – Sponsor a Child, and Heifer International.

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2009 Mission Committee Annual Report continued:

Other Mission Activities

- Regular Sunday donations to the Westside Food Bank – starting in April, we set up a bin at the doors of the sanctuary for the congregation to donate food items on a weekly basis.
- Palisades Hunger/CROP Walk: 3/22/09 – 5K walk fundraiser organized by Gladys Secunda.
- Blood Drive – This year's blood drive was hosted by St. Matthews Parrish Church on 4/6/09. Susan Blake organized PPPC's participation. In all, 87 people signed up to donate, 48 confirmed just beforehand, and 38 ended up showing up and donating. Nine (9) people ended up donating blood from PPPC (compared to 12 last year).
- Habitat-for-Humanity – Bill Walker organized the Habitat day missions. The Oct 17 work day was held in Lynwood. 12 members from PPPC joined a few other churches to help build the early stages of a multifamily development.
- Thanksgiving food baskets - Marie Steckmest reported that we delivered 14 baskets containing food for entire Thanksgiving meals to OPCC for client families from the OPCC Access Center--low income families. Thanks to Carol Pfannkuche, Susan Blake and others who helped pack the baskets and to all of the church members who donated food.
- Sponsoring Needy Families – five families were adopted at Christmas time by members of Pali Pres. The Mission Committee then donated \$1,000 to help supplement with gift certificates. Several church members also donated toys that were distributed to children of OPCC client families that weren't adopted. Even the toys that were delivered after Christmas were given to families that couldn't attend the regular toy giveaway.
- Adopt a soldier: Marie Steckmest initiated this program to support Pastor Ed Brandt's unit in Iraq. It operated independently from Sept 2008 to Sept 2009.
- Turning Point: Marie Steckmest organized a monthly visit to OPCC Turning Point to help serve meals, and she was able to engage a significant number of congregation members to participate throughout the year.

Last year (2009) was a rebuilding year for the church's general budget and we were able to fulfill the missing donations pledged in 2008 to several local organizations, including a donation to our local Presbytery for mission activities. Thanks to the general donation by Olive Johnson, which augmented our allocation from the general budget, we were able to increase our giving allocation to its normal level of approx. 10% of the church's pledges and our normal levels of % allocation.

Respectfully submitted,

David Wood, Chair

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2009 Worship Committee **Annual** Report

Worship Committee Members:

Lynette Shishido, Elder and Co-Chair, Victor Hsu, Elder and Co-Chair, Jean Church, Staci Mitchel, Ron Munro, Gloria Schmidt and Rev. Eric Schaefer. Adjunct members: Marge Dealey and John Prough.

Worship Committee Mission Statement:

In worship, the people of God come together to praise and glorify the triune God, acknowledging Him present in the world and in our lives. The mission of the Worship Committee is to assure the ordering of public worship in the life of our church, by providing for regular preaching of the Word, celebration of the Sacraments, corporate prayer, and praise in music, and by maintaining the worship space.

2009 Overview:

The most significant development in 2009 was a deep cut in the Worship Committee's budget of nearly 30% from the prior year, which the Session approved in order to balance the overall budget. This budget cut affected worship services in several ways. The Band for the Contemporary Service lost funds for all paid musicians except for one percussionist, and the rehearsal and performance schedule for the Traditional Service Choir was rearranged and cut back. We also cut compensation for Choir soloists, the music directors and audio staff.

The Worship Committee met frequently to decide how best to implement the budget cuts mandated by Session and sought input from pastoral staff, the music directors, and both paid and volunteer musicians, Choir members and audio personnel.

Services:

- Contemporary & Traditional Services were held each week at 9:00 am and 10:30 am respectively, except one combined service in the month of August at 10:00 a.m. and for Congregational meetings, as approved by Session.
- Communion continued to be scheduled once per month at both services, usually the first Sunday.
- The Service of Wholeness also continued once per month with a format based on groups coming to the chancel with the Pastor.
- Ash Wednesday services were held.
- The Service of Darkness was conducted on Maundy Thursday, a service was held on Good Friday, and we had two services on Easter.
- We hosted the annual Community Thanksgiving Service in our sanctuary this past year.

Christmas events included:

- A Las Posadas pageant featuring Christmas music and live animals.
- A spirited bagpipes and drums concert.
- Two services Christmas Eve: a family service at 5:30 pm and a formal service at 9:00 pm

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2009 Worship Committee Annual Report continued:

Special Thanks:

The Worship Committee would like to express its sincere gratitude to the following:

- John Prough for his continued service as head usher and for faithfully arranging to have ushers for both services.
- Marge Dealey who once again led a stalwart group of volunteers to beautifully decorate the Sanctuary for Easter and Christmas.
- Dick Church for ably manning the sound booth at both services.
- Staci Mitchel for finding and scheduling Acolytes for our second service.
- Barbara Nathan for recruiting Greeters for both services.
- Lynette Shishido for recruiting and scheduling Communion assistants and Greeters for both services and Beadles for the second service.
- Dave Dealey for preparing Communion each month.
- All the volunteers at both services who performed with the Band or Choir each Sunday.
- The volunteers of the Bell Choir who help us celebrate our Lord through the sounds of bells.
- Bill Walker for his uplifting bagpipe performances.

Significant progress has been made installing the new organ. Our fervent prayer is that this work will be completed in 2010!

Respectively submitted,

Lynette Shishido and Victor Hsu, Co-Chairs

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2009 Youth Committee Annual Report

Youth Committee Members:

Stephanie Hubsch, Elder and co-chair, Brandon Hooper, Elder and co-chair, Rev. Eric Schaefer, Dreama Hsu, Marilyn Haese, Jean Vegas, Merrie Mac Seaman, Suzanne Lowe, Susan Barry, Amanda Toland and Tracy Rossie.

2009 has been a year of growth and stability for the Youth Program. We have a wonderful leadership team in place, which is responsible for the success of all church activities that involve children ages 3-18. The Youth Committee is very proud of its work this year. In addition to our day-to-day responsibilities, we have overseen and produced special activities such as the Rummage Sale (under the very capable direction of Linda Thiele and Lyla Corrales), a pancake breakfast, the All-Church Picnic and Sunday School Kickoff, the incredibly popular Halloween dinner and the Las Posadas Christmas celebration. The Youth Programs have been greatly enhanced by Natalie Kelley who has been the Children's Director for the last three years.

Together with Julie Baczewski, our Nursery School Director, we have been able to provide our church as well as nursery school families with two holiday dinners this year: the Advent Wreath Dinner in December and the Easter Basket Dinner in April, both of which were enjoyed by many.

The highlight of the Youth Program this year was the 15-year anniversary celebration for Reverend Eric Schaefer. This event was attended by almost 300 people, and the fundraiser encompassing this event raised in excess of \$20,000. There were many attendees from the church and community who have participated in the Youth Programs in the past and present, and an abundance of happy memories were shared. Special thanks to Marilyn Haese, Shelley Wagner, Tracy Rossie and the rest of the Youth Fundraiser committee for their tremendous efforts in planning this event.

Youth Group weekly meeting schedule:

- Monday: 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm Senior High (grades 9-12)
- Thursday: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm Church Mice (ages 3-kindergarten)
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Midweek (grades 1-5)
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Junior High (grades 6-8)

In 2009 we welcomed close to 400 kids into our weekday groups. In addition to Monday and Thursday Youth Group meetings, Rev. Eric Schaefer led groups on a number of outreach trips this year. These retreats and mission opportunities provide a safe place for children to learn about and explore their growing faith.

- Midweek kids to Forest Home in March (25 kids)
- Junior High Group to Big Bear in January (50 kids)
- Senior High Group to Mammoth Mountain in February (75 kids)
- Jr/Sr High Groups to a Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona on Memorial Day Weekend to build structures (110 kids)
- Senior High Group to Dunkeld, Scotland to run Vacation Bible School (40 kids)
- Youth Leadership Trip to Palm Desert in September (23 kids)

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2009 Youth Committee Annual Report continued:

The theme of PPPC's Vacation Bible School this year was Spy Kids, which was attended by over 100 kids. A big thanks to Natalie who, along with all volunteer leaders, was invaluable to the success of VBS.

We would also like to thank our talented Sunday School teachers: Taylor Fisher, Ven Matskin, Jake Zidow, Jamie Hubbs and Josh Gotfried. The kids enjoy having the same teachers throughout the year at both the contemporary and traditional services.

Additionally, we would like to thank James Scholosengal for his willingness to use his time and talents by volunteering with the Youth program and assisting with the Las Posadas Christmas celebration.

After attending the eight-week discipleship class during the spring led by Rev. Eric Schaefer, twelve young people renewed their faith and were confirmed this year. We celebrated their membership into our church on Youth Sunday in June. We are so proud of our confirmation class.

The Youth Team is dedicated to the children of this church. We thank Eric and Natalie for their countless hours loving kids and modeling faith in Jesus Christ with hundreds of kids. We thank our youth leaders and committee members for helping to make our youth programs the best in the presbytery and in the city. We thank all the members of our Church for your support of our mission and your commitment to our kids.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Hubsch and Brandon Hooper, Youth Elders



Ad Hoc Session Committee Report

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Long Range Planning Committee Annual Report

Long Range Planning Committee Members:

David Outcalt, Chair, Christine Axelrod, John Biles, Cynthia Block, Tom Keene, Tom Sadowski, Marie Steckmest, Shelley Wagner, John Whiffen.

In February of 2009, the Session created a new Long Range Planning Committee, whose purpose was to examine the work of prior planning committees to determine, first, whether the goals previously established are still applicable, and, second, how our progress toward the attainment of those goals could be measured.

We began by contacting some local Presbyterian congregations to see how they approached goal-setting and planning. We also reviewed prior strategic plans and congregational surveys. We created a new survey that was given to the congregation in the month of June. We had responses from 36% of our congregation. The survey results were analyzed and shared with Session as well as with the individual Session committees and the congregation.

In the fall we started working on another important task. Part of the search for a new Head of Staff is the creation of the Church Information Form (CIF). To determine the qualities our congregation wants in a pastor, we created a questionnaire which will be administered to small, randomly-selected focus groups in February of 2010.

We hope to complete the CIF by the first of March, 2010 so that the official Head of Staff search can begin. We are excited to contribute to this process and will continue to examine our goals as a congregation and our progress toward those goals.

Respectfully submitted,

David Outcalt, Chair

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2009 Organ Committee Annual Report

We are pleased to see the installation of the beautiful pipes which are now seen in our sanctuary and that John Todd heard the first notes played on our new organ. The organ project continues with good progress toward the completion of the remaining pipe installation and the new console. There still remains much work to be done to complete the installation of all of the pipes and related components and thereafter, the final voicing of the organ with all of the ranks of pipes playing together.

It is important to understand that there are a myriad of details involved in the completion of our new console. A modification was needed to provide more leg room for the organist. This modification has finally been completed and the special switches, wiring harness, and other delicate components are now being installed.

Manuel Rosales is taking great care with details such as the exact color of the wood for the controls and the working of each moving part deep within the organ. A few of the custom fixtures and components coming from various vendors have not yet been received and have caused some of the delays in the completion of the console.

All of the major components such as the keyboards, pedal board, second wind chest, large permanent blower and pressure regulators are on hand and ready for installation as soon as the special fixtures are available to complete these mountings. The work on our project continues non stop at the Rosales factory.

During this interim period, the playable pipes which we now hear are those which were in our previous temporary organ. We expect that the new console will be in place soon at which time the new pipes which are visible in the sanctuary as well as an additional several hundred of the new pipes will be playable. After the final voicing is completed sometime later, we will have a quality Rosales Organ which will serve us long into the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Hazen, Chair

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Congregational Committee Reports

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2009 Board of Deacons Annual Report

The Palisades Presbyterian Church Board of Deacons consists of a pastoral representative, Rev. Grace Park, a moderator, Nancy Gillette, and twenty deacons. The moderator functions as deacon to the pastors and all of the other deacons. Each deacon specifically serves a designated number of families, flock members, within the church community and, additionally, attends to temporal needs of those in our wider community, as deemed appropriate.

2009 Deacon Duties

- Deacons serve the congregation as the physical hands and arms of Christ to his church, being the first responders in time of need
- Visiting and praying for those in need
- Keeping in contact with flock members throughout the year
- Accompanying a pastor to deliver communion as requested by individuals unable to attend services
- Ordering flowers or providing meals as appropriate
- Preparing communion, including purchasing supplies and cleaning up
- Providing books to newly-baptized children
- Attending monthly meetings on a Sunday of each month, as scheduled
- Providing food post Congregational meetings as needed
- Serving as an officer of the Board, a coordinator, or on a committee as needed to fulfill the duties of the Deacons
- The Board of Deacons serves under the direction of Session and a representative of the Board of Deacons may serve on other committees as designated. Although the normal term for Deacon is three years, a Deacon is ordained for life.

2009 Board of Deacons

Class of 2009: Lyla Corrales, Dave Ditmars, Nancy Gillette, Mary Hagerth, Margaret Knowlton, Evelyn Moyer and Bill Walker

Class of 2010: Vivian Chen, Dixie Cleary, Janet Devine, Pat Haight, Cathy Nadel, Marti Sadowski and Marie Steckmest

Class of 2011: Vidda Brough, Lyn Carter, Jan Gong, Tove Hoch, Joan Kaczorowski, Margaret Keene, and Mav Wojciechowski

2009 Deacon Officers

Pastoral Representative:	Rev. Grace Park
Moderator:	Nancy Gillette
Secretary:	Jan Gong
Treasurer:	Dave Ditmars
Care Notes & Baptism Books:	Janet Devine
Memorial Services:	Lyla Corrales
Daily Bread Corps:	Lyla Corrales and Mary Hagerth
Communion:	Dave Dealey , Vivian Chen and Marti Sadowski
Nominating Committee Deacon:	Marti Sadowski

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2009 Board of Deacons Annual Report continued:

2009 Deacon Calendar

January 11	Deacon Installation at both Services
January 11	Deacon meeting (In-service by Rev. Eric Schaefer)
January 31	Deadline for new deacons to mail letter of introduction to their Flock
February 1	Deacon Retreat and Luncheon in Janes Hall (In-service by Rev. Grace Park)
March 8	Deacon meeting in Library (In-service by John Whiffen)
April 5	no meeting
April 10	Deadline to mail Easter cards to Flock
April 26	Deacon Sunday - set up tables with food on patio with Deacon partner
May 3	Deacon meeting in the Library
June 7	Deacon meeting in Library
June 7	Serve food after Congregational Meeting
July 2009	No meeting
August 2009	No meeting
September 13	Deacon meeting in Chapman Lounge
September 13	Serve food on patio after Congregational Meeting
October 4	Deacon meeting in Library
November 8	Joint Elder/Deacon meeting in library
November 8	Deacon meeting in Chapman Lounge
December 6	Final Deacon gathering - gratitude luncheon and final year end tasks.
December 6	Celtic Concert by Bill Walker. Funds go into Deacon fund. Deacons provide food during intermission.
December 15	Deadline to mail Christmas cards to all Flock members

2009 Deacon Treasury

Balance as of December 31, 2008	\$ 4,962.91
Balance as of December 31, 2009	\$ 3,754.54

Acknowledgements

Practical structures and Deacon flow charts were set up in 2009 for the care of the congregants, teaming with the Stephens Ministers and Pastors as needs arose or changed.

The church had an inordinate number of member needs in 2009, necessitating a wide array of caretaking on the part of the Deacon Board. This past year, the Deacons organized memorial services, visited the sick, injured and incapacitated bringing meals, cards, and flowers, acted as drivers for hospital and doctor visits, and made home communion visits. All of this required the Deacon Board to serve in a more time consuming capacity than usual. The Deacons were marvelous, dedicated and tireless workers. God blessed them in their selfless toils.

The Deacons thank our mentors and pastors for the guidance and support provided in helping us to serve God's people. We also thank the numerous volunteers throughout the congregation and community-at-large who aided our efforts in service throughout the year, especially Barbara Fugle who faithfully coordinated the church's on-line Prayer Chain.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Gillette, Deacon Moderator

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2009 Lamplighters' Annual Report

"The aims of the Lamplighters are to bring together adult members of the church who are desirous of a social life centered within the church utilizing the highest principles of Christian Fellowship and to cooperate with all other organizations in promoting and contributing to the projects and work of the church. These aims are within four broad categories: fellowship, outreach, faith, and stewardship."

The above information, taken from the Lamplighters' By-Laws, outlines the goals and directions of this organization. All members and friends of the church are encouraged to participate in events and to attend the monthly meetings usually held on the first Friday of each month. The meetings begin at 6:45p.m. and are held at a home of a member. Meetings of the Lamplighters are open to all interested parties.

The 2009 Lamplighters' Board:

Co-Presidents: Mary Hagerth and Nancy Van Vlack

Vice Presidents: Dick and Lyla Corrales; David and Jennifer Kanaar; Tom and Marti Sadowski

Secretary: Joan Kaczorowski

Treasurer: Jerry Kaczorowski

Meeting Coordinator: Arlene Rogers

Financial Report: Lamplighters does not receive funds from the Church, but raises funds through events held at the Church. Our beginning balance as of January 1, 2009 was \$2177.28. Our ending Balance as of December 31, 2009 was \$2594.65. During 2009 the following funds were disbursed: February - \$550 for the Lead Stephen Ministers class; May - \$500 for the Cinco de Mayo fund-raising party.

2009 Lamplighters' Events:

Valentine's Party, February 13: This event was co-chaired by Cheryl Vigna and Janie Harding. Attendees had a choice of two movies provided by Sylvia Boyd. John Vigna made pulled pork sandwiches, Nancy Van Vlack made potato salad and Jennifer Kanaar provided a Caesar salad. There was also dessert, popcorn and a no-host bar. There were 49 attendees.

White Elephant Party, February 20: This event was co-chaired by Vivian Chen and Joan Kaczorowski. A social hour began at 6:30 pm followed by a dinner of pizza, salad and dessert. A gift exchange brought forth a lot of activities as participants jockeyed for presents. There were 26 attendees.

Easter Basket Stuffing, March 26: This event was held at the home of Cheryl and John Vigna with Easter goods provided by the Vignas. Volunteers stuffed 45 baskets with cookies, candy, and toys. John Vigna provided a wonderful dinner for the attendees, after assuring that all of the baskets were properly filled. The baskets were delivered by Lamplighters and Deacons to members and friends of the Church.

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Cinco de Mayo Party, May 2: This event was chaired by Tom Sadowski, held at Gilbert's restaurant, and sponsored by the Lamplighters as a Fallderol offering. There were 27 attendees.

Ladies Tea, May 17: This wonderful tea was a joint Lamplighter/Fellowship event with ladies sponsoring individual tables. Tea and delectable sandwiches and sweets were served. Margaret Knowlton orchestrated a fashion show featuring clothing from her boutique, "Foreign Affairs". There were 90 attendees.

Guys and Dolls, May 30: John and Cheryl Vigna chaired this event which was a musical directed by Janie Harding at Santa Monica College. Following the matinee, the Vignas hosted a BBQ at their home.

Hollywood Bowl, June 19: This event was chaired by Tom Sadowski. The group met at the park near the Veterans Hospital for a picnic dinner before carpooling to the Bowl. Jade Brode volunteered to pick up the picnic dinner from Gelson's. Everyone enjoyed a great evening featuring the variety show at the Bowl.

Fourth of July, July 4: The annual bar-b-que was held on the lawn beside Janes Hall. Lyla Corrales chaired the event. Lamplighters cooked hamburgers and hotdogs for attendees. Tables were decorated in a patriotic theme. The evening concluded with fireworks visible from the deck of Janes Hall. There were 72 people at the party.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hagerth and Nancy Van Vlack, Co-Presidents

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2009 Presbyterian Women Annual Report

Although we have no formal organization of Presbyterian Women at our local church, all women are considered Presbyterian Women and are active in all activities: Circles, Prayer Groups, Bible Study Groups, Fellowship Groups, Evangelism Committee, the Lamplighters, Prayer Chain, Choir, and Bell Choir. They volunteer at Turning Point and Daybreak and participate as Deacons, Elders, and Trustees of the church. They provide leadership in fundraisers such as the Fallderol and the Spring Rummage Sale. They visit shut-ins at Christmas time with home baked cookies and caroling.

In the past year, we sent \$500 to Presbyterian women of the Pacific Presbytery and \$35 for the Least Coin Offering.

Women and men wishing to collect pennies for the Least Coin Offering may turn them into the office marked for the Seekers/Magdalene Circle or to Gloria Schmidt. This offering was begun by an Indian Christian woman, Shanti Soloman, so that people all over the world could participate with the least coin of their country. The fund is administered by Church Women United at offices in Geneva, Switzerland and is responsible for building hospitals and schools and orphanages everywhere there is need.

Women of the Congregation are also encouraged to contribute to the "Celebration Giving" (envelopes in the pledge boxes) with cash and checks made out to the church with a notation to Presbyterian Women. This offering supports the mission of Presbyterian Women, U.S.A. and also some of the mission activities here at our own church, such as the filling of the "Dorothy Bags" for the homeless women at Daybreak in Santa Monica.

Women of the Congregation are encouraged to join any of the many circles and prayer groups. Notices of meeting times and places are printed in the monthly Activator of the church and in the bulletins on Sunday morning.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Schmidt



Pacific Palisades Nursery School Report

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2009 Palisades Presbyterian Nursery School Annual Report

PPNS School Staff

Director	Julie Baczewski
Administrative Assistant	Diana Adams

Teachers

Donna Furukawa
Tarsis Espinal
Debbie Wallin
Ellen Parmelee
Joanna Clark
Sue Quinn
Jenni Pineda
Kellie Zaleski

Teaching Assistants

Brittany Adams
Liz Cooke
Lynda Olivar
Maria Sandoval
Sandra Neustein

Outdoor Classroom Specialist

Cindy Corrales

Toddler Group Program

Facilitator Kelly Meehan

Nursery School Advisor

Rev. Eric Schaefer

2009 continues to show us God's plan for us with continued success in our nursery school. We have caring teachers and aides; parents who work so hard helping their children grow and develop and their wonderful children who make everyone smile, as part of our community. What a blessing to be surrounded with people who love what they do; and show God's love in how they conduct themselves everyday. It is nothing short of inspirational.

The National Association of Education for Young Children (NAEYC) re-accreditation for our school is continuing with parent surveys, classroom portfolios and program portfolios providing their Validator with a look inside our program using pictures, documents and drawings. It is a long and time consuming project, but one that will pay off multifold when completed.

The steering committee for the Outdoor Classroom Project (OCP) was comprised of five directors from other preschools, selected from 4000 submitted proposals, to present at the NAEYC National Conference in Washington DC, November 2009. The multimedia presentation was quite an achievement and put our nursery school on the cutting edge of quality programs servicing young children. Upon my return to work, I wrote about the experience and found my December Activator Article published in the Palisades Post! Presenting at a national conference and being published in our local newspaper, my year ended on a high note!

Our Outdoor Classroom had an addition this past summer: a new music area and dramatic play area. The children have fun playing an Akimba and drums as they continue their gross motor skills on the yard. Their imaginations take flight with the addition of our dramatic play area where dancing and singing shows take place daily as well as imaginary trips, role-playing, and general childhood make-believe and fun.

We have recently sent home the re-enrollment forms for our currently enrolled families who get their first choice of days for their children. Their forms will be returned by early February and then plans for the newly applied families will take place. Our classrooms will be filled with the incoming families leaving just a few spaces open for families who move into the community in the summer and after September.

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January 2010 began with the addition of a new classroom for our youngest children: Red Room 2! We are able to enroll additional children into our program with the flexibility of our 2, 3, or 5 day programs. Many of our local preschools have stopped having partial days and only offer a 5 day program making PPNS more desirable with those families that only want their children to be enrolled either 2 or 3 days.

Our extracurricular teachers, Hugo Montes (Gymnastics), Sylvia Schorn (Woodworking), and Lou Stratten (Music and Movement) continue to come during morning school hours and provide the children with gross and fine motor skills and practice. All three teachers are part of our morning program without any additional costs for our families.

We have continued with our parent education program by inviting Kehillat Israel's parent body to join us in hosting child development experts from Empowered Parenting to speak at our morning program. I am looking forward to coordinating a spring event with PPPC member, Margaret Keene.

Chapel continues every Wednesday with Pastor Eric. We have had more parents participating in our Morning worship. This year has found several new members to PPPC coming from our nursery school; a goal we have continued to reach over the past several years.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Baczewski
PPNS Director

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