



THE HOUSE OF HOPE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Annual Report 2009

Dear House of Hope Members and Friends:

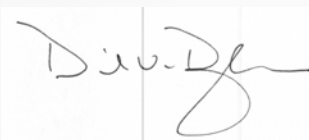
2009 was an eventful and busy year in the life of the congregation. Speaking personally, the year was most notably marked by some major staffing transitions which always makes life in an organization a bit rough. It was no exception here at the church. We said goodbye to Darlene Stensby who retired after eighteen years at the church. Shortly thereafter, we also said goodbye to Josh Heikkila who left for Ghana to become the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) regional representative in West Africa. And to make matters really interesting, Tom Forster-Smith left for a three month sabbatical.

I'm pleased to report, however, that things have stabilized a great deal with the addition of Diane Smith as our new Director of Administration, the welcome addition of Gale Robb to the ministerial staff as an interim, and the return of Tom from his sabbatical. The decision not to replace Darlene meant that the clergy responsibilities needed to be reshuffled, resulting mostly in changes for Tom and me. Essentially, Tom has assumed the responsibility of coordinating all pastoral care for the church, and I have assumed from him the responsibility for all mission and benevolence activities. A search is underway for a new full time Associate Pastor for Family and Young Adult Ministries. We are hoping to have someone here by the fall of 2010.

In the fall of 2009, the church hosted an amazing day-long conference entitled *A Celebration of Faith & Writing*. We had nearly 500 registrants from eleven states in attendance, and our writers included Anne Lamott, Patricia Hampl and Thomas Lynch. People who attended the conference loved it, and we have been encouraged to do it again. Plans are in the works for another such conference in the fall of 2010. For a church to put on and host a conference of that magnitude was only made possible through the Carl A. Weyerhaeuser Fund, for which we can be grateful.

The Session has voted to move ahead with the recommendations of the 2014 Task Force, namely to begin making the necessary arrangements to renovate and restore our historic (and badly in need of attention) building, which will be 100 years old in 2014. This will require a great deal of my focus and attention going forward, and it will require the firm financial commitments of each church member. The task at times seems daunting but the need is great, and so will be the outcome, I'm convinced.

Anticipating all that is to come in 2010,



David A. Van Dyke  
Pastor

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## THE SESSION

*Sherwood Pomeroy, Clerk of Session*

It is the Advent season, with expectation of the joy in celebrating the birth of our Lord. It is also the time we can look outside and feel the cold and see the beauty of the new white snow. And it is the time to write about The House of Hope and the joy and sorrows in our church life for 2009, and to look into the future.

Being the Clerk of Session this year has been exciting and demanding with times of anxiety thrown in. We started the year with a need to adjust the budget downward, leading to reducing funding in some programs and, with sorrow, eliminating a clergy staff position, Rev. Darlene Stensby. That is not an easy task when a long-term and loved staff member is involved. In the fall, Rev. Josh Heikkila accepted a new call for missionary work in Africa, and Rev. Tom Forster-Smith had the opportunity to have a wonderful sabbatical. A bright spot is the temporary return of Rev. Gale Robb. These changes meant clergy duties needed to be re-assigned. The congregation approved the formation of an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee who are starting their work. The Music Task Force completed its work with the Session, approving the hiring of Andrew Altenbach as Choirmaster. The Session also approved the hiring of Diane Smith as Director of Administration.

The committees of the Session, especially budget, stewardship and personnel, have been made aware that the 2010 budget will be complex. There is an expectation of a considerable decrease in income from the endowment and a troubling job market affecting personal income. At the same time, there is a need to increase stewardship to meet the wonderful vision of this church in programs, benevolence, and maintenance. Personnel addressed this by reducing staffing. Stewardship has engaged the congregation through bulletin and *Anchor* announcements and

small group discussion programs. The Budget Committee will respond to the results of the stewardship campaign by balancing expenses and income to form the 2010 budget.

Read the committee reports from the Session, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Deacons and see what wonderful programs and outreach The House of Hope provides. Recognize the important contribution this church receives from its elected officers and congregational members who serve on these committees, and all the other volunteers who help with programs. And also read through the list of staff members and be thankful for the leadership of our clergy, our music staff, and all the other staff that keeps this church in motion.

Looking to the future, the Session approved the report of the 2014 Task force. The task force has found several areas of great concern that need to be addressed as we work to keep this building functional and welcoming. The Session has agreed to proceed with a considerable capital campaign to meet these needs. The congregation will be asked to give above their annual pledge so that our facilities can be secured and updated to maintain the wonderful programs we support for now and into the future. It will be an exciting time in the life of The House of Hope as these projects proceed.

I am thankful the Session gave me the opportunity to serve as clerk. There have been many changes since I was baptized and confirmed here at The House of Hope. I am excited because I believe this can be the best of times for the future of The House of Hope. This wonderful congregation can be engaged to be the best stewards they can be in the present for the annual budget, and for the future in the capital campaign.

## Adult Ministry

*Janice Dickinson, Chair*

In support of the church's mission statement, the Adult Ministry Committee provides church members with educational offerings that are "supporting and enriching spiritually, intellectually, socially and artistically." This year's programs were the collective results of input from the Adult Education Committee with its many ad hoc members, as well as ministerial staff and church members.

Highlights for this year included:

**Didier Seminar:** Dr. Seyyed Hossein Nasr, the Didier Seminar speaker in March, spoke on "the Heart of Islam" and how it connects with the "heart" of other religious traditions. The Seminar explored Islam with the aim of deepening an understanding of the many dimensions of the tradition as well as how it is held in the hearts of its followers. Four Wednesday evening in-depth programs on "Islam: Religion and Culture" were presented in conjunction with the Didier Seminar by Dr. Nabil Matar of the University of Minnesota.

**Havel Symposium:** The scholar-in-residence for this year's symposium was David Bornstein, who specializes in writing about social innovation. He is the author of *How to Change the World: Social Entrepreneurs and the Power of New Ideas*, which chronicles and analyzes the work of social innovators who are successfully addressing social problems at scale in several countries. Other presenters included Dr. Steven Hoffman, University of St. Thomas; Dr. Joseph Mestenhauser, University of Minnesota; Roger Salway of Compatible Technology; Doug Dirks of Ten Thousand Villages; and Hussein Samatar of the African Development Center.

**Adult Enrichment Sunday Morning:** The Adult Enrichment hour on Sunday mornings is one of the mainstays of Adult Education. Highlights from this year included presentations by the Mission Trip

Travelers to South Africa; Fedwa Wazwaz on "Women and Islam"; James Calvin Schaap, author, professor of English at Dordt College on "Faith & Writing"; and Faith Partners presentations. Old favorites included the Holiday Book Gift Ideas offered by the staff of Red Balloon, and the Christmas Carol Sing-along led by Lynda and Phil Jorgenson, accompanied by Linda Smith.

**Bible Study:** The Men's Breakfast Group (led by Rev. Tom Forster-Smith) and Wednesday morning Bible Study (led by Rev. Molly McMillan) offer a study of the lectionary selections for the upcoming Sunday Scripture lessons and other topics. Rev. Forster-Smith also taught a Kerygma Bible Study class on "Blessed Are You: The Beatitudes of Jesus" as part of the Wednesday Evening Series.

**Great Decisions:** This series of discussions on U.S. foreign policy issues is organized by Bob Mairs and Dennis Anderson. Discussions are based on topics from a reading guide from the Foreign Policy Association and led by speakers recommended by the Minnesota International Center. This year's topics were: The U.S. and Rising Powers; Energy and the Global Economy; The Arctic Age; Egypt in the 21st Century; Global Food Supply; Cuba after Castro; and Universal Human Rights.

**Wednesday Evening In-depth Series:** This year's series included: 1) a series which was presented in conjunction with "The Heart of Islam" series; and 2) a Lenten series on "Speaking of Faith" —writings from C.S. Lewis, Frederick Buechner, Krista Tippett, Barack Obama and Anne Lamott, led by Dr. Lucy Forster-Smith, Chaplain, Macalester College, which explored the writers' life stories, their big questions, their vision for life and how their faith shapes their world view; 3) Professor Jim Laine, Macalester College, presented "Understanding Ancient and Contemporary Iran -from the Persian Empire to Islamic Theocracy;" 4) "One Jesus, Many Christianities" presented by Paul Capetz from United Theological Seminary.

**Programs for Women:**  
**Women's Breakfast and Book Study Group** meets Friday mornings for breakfast, conversation and camaraderie and lively discussion of scheduled books. They sponsor the annual Advent breakfast and this year Rev. Molly McMillan was the featured speaker.

**Sunday-Weekday Connections** meet for dinner and discussion of spirituality, careers, relationships, culture five times during the year. This year's annual women's retreat featured Anne Murree with the program, "The Enneagram and Your Journey with God."

### Arts

*Ann Geery, Chair*

The Arts Committee of the Session plans and arranges monthly shows in the Cloister Gallery, provides opportunities for members and children in the congregation to display their artwork; works with the trustees' House, Property and Insurance Committee on landscaping issues. The chairperson of the committee serves on the House, Property, and Insurance Committee of the Board of Trustees.

The Arts Committee had a wonderful year with a great variety of art displayed in the Cloister Gallery. I want to express my deep appreciation and gratitude to the members of the committee, plus other volunteers, who came every month to hang new displays and recommend new artists.

In January, we had a display of pottery and painting by husband and wife artists, Meg Luhrs and Leif Bjornson. Our artist in February was James Conaway who painted in oils, charcoal, and ink drawings. Stuart T. Loughridge was our artist in March. Besides painting, he also builds most of his own frames. Our always popular Member Art Show was held in April, and we had 50 pieces exhibited. There was an amazing variety in this show, and it was all wonderful! In May, we had mother and daughter artists, Ann Jenkins and Gertrude

Jacobson. They both painted flowers, but Ms. Jenkins' paintings are in oil, and her mother, Ms. Jacobson, paints in watercolors. Carolyn Swiszczy was our artist in June. Her paintings are of places around the Twin Cities. In July, we displayed the paintings of Richard Stryker. He is a local artist who also works for The Minnesota Historical Society. In August, we had a very different exhibit entitled, "I'm Still Here" which dealt with people suffering from Alzheimer's Disease and it was expressed through the poetry of Anne Simpson and the photography of Laura Crosby. Dan Beers brought his photography of plants, water and sky to our gallery in September. In October, the Bridgeview artists were featured. These people deal with serious and persistent mental illness, and doing art helps them in their healing process. The Sunday School children had an amazing variety of art in November, and we are grateful to Jan Snell who worked with us on this show. We finished the year with an exhibit of etchings by Michael Bond. His work depicts the countryside and historical sites in Europe and the United States.

The Arts Committee was given a photograph taken in 1908 of The House of Hope Church that was located on 5th Street, and this was hung in The Assembly Room. The Art Gallery was given a fresh coat of paint the first week of 2010 by Doug Wakefield, and it looks so clean and bright. Thank you, Doug!

The Arts Committee looks forward to being involved with the ongoing restoration of The House of Hope facility.

## Children and Family Ministry

*Jody Minner, Chair*

The Children and Family Ministry Committee is responsible for providing nursery services for children from newborns to age 3, providing a Church School program for children ages 3 years through fifth grade, supporting and overseeing the House of Hope Preschool program through the Preschool Advisory Board, and providing educational, enrichment, service, and social opportunities for the church's children and families. The committee consists of three elders, six congregational members, and the Director of Children's Christian Education.

Each Sunday morning at House of Hope, approximately 150 children receive care and Christian education from six paid staff in the nursery and toddler rooms and 45-50 dedicated volunteers in the Sunday School programs. Educational activities include Sunday School curricula, the Milestones program, Children's Chapel and Club 45. Children's Chapel is for the children in grades 1 through 5. Once the children are excused from service, they gather in the Elizabeth Chapel for singing, and for learning about hymns, prayer, Scripture reading and parts of worship. Club 45 provides the fourth and fifth graders a blend of Sunday School curriculum and fellowship time.

Children at House of Hope are encouraged to develop habits of generosity through a variety of projects. The offering projects in 2009 included Heifer Project; fish banks for One Great Hour of Sharing; bag-a-meal food drive; and the second annual Chili Contest & Cabaret, which raised \$300 for Family Place in honor of Children's Sabbath.

We had a full calendar of special annual events designed to provide service, educational and social opportunities for the children, families and congregation. These events included summer programs such as Day camp, Overnight Camp and Family Camp. We were also able to participate in Bowling Night,

Children's Sabbath, Chili Contest & Cabaret, the Children's Art Show, Family Faith talk on Stewardship, Advent Celebration, and the Christmas Pageant. Families of the children at House of Hope also are supported through educational and social opportunities such as Kith and Kin Group, Parent Conversation Group, and the Parent and Family track of the Adult Education programming.

The House of Hope Preschool has 50 students enrolled in 3 different classes for the 2009-2010 school year. Each classroom has two teachers and meets for two and a half hours, three days a week. The Preschool curriculum is diverse, with opportunities for students to explore new ideas and develop age-appropriate skills. Some of the highlights include an extended day program allowing an enrichment piece to the curriculum for the Pre-K class; a Kick-Off to Kindergarten program held in the spring semester readying the older students for kindergarten; the Lunch Bunch program; and a new program, Fit and Fun Fridays, developed to teach students the importance of an active and healthy lifestyle. The Preschool celebrated its 50th Anniversary in November of 2009 with a reception for past and present teachers and families.

Pajama parties, open houses within each classroom highlighting the student's work, and the year-end picnic continue to be important parts of the ongoing program.

We experienced some changes in 2009. We changed the time of the Christmas pageant and Advent Celebration to immediately follow worship in order to encourage a greater intergenerational presence. We added Club 45 to the fourth and fifth graders' schedule, and also are using a new curriculum for children age 3 through kindergarten called "Walk With Me Preschool." Another big change is that Delores Stuff retired after serving House of Hope's children and families by working in our nursery and toddler rooms for several decades.

More information about oppor-

tunities and activities for children and families at House of Hope and the House of Hope Preschool are available on the Children and Families link on the Ministries and Education page of the House of Hope website, as well as in each month's issue of *The Anchor*.

## Membership Development and Communication

*Silvey Barge, Chair*

Membership Data:

Total membership at the end of 2009: 1575 compared with membership of 1558 at the end of 2008.

Received into membership: 58

Transferred to other churches: 8

Request removal or placed on inactive roll: 7

Deaths of active members: 26

The purpose of the Membership Development and Communication Committee (MDC) is to "Ensure that The House of Hope has a vital and growing membership by welcoming all members, nurturing new members and to ensure a vital, informed membership through internal and external communication of the congregation's mission and programs."

MDC worked towards those goals in 2009 with the continuation of enthusiastic committee members: Marilyn Bjorklund, Mary Ellen Bland, Larry Broberg, Judy Gensmer, Bruce Johnson, Charlie Macdonell, Connie Phillips, Craig Sommerville, and Don Vandenberg. Close cooperation with Charlie Macdonell and the deacon New Member Committee continued to be a joy. It was another transitional year as we bade traveling mercies to Josh Heikkila and his work in Ghana and West Africa, and welcomed Diane Smith and Gale Robb to the staff. Staff members Michelle Freyholtz, Kristin Klaustermeier, and Seng Vang provided splendid assistance to MDC.

Continuing Activities in 2009: Some 41 Welcome Team members (persons who act as mentors/liasons with new members) served as an

additional welcome and follow-up to new members following their Sunday public welcome during worship. Some 100 members responded to Marilyn Bjorklund and Connie Phillips' invitation to attend a series of congregational dinners for approximately eight people in various House of Hope members' homes. They also promoted four holiday parties in December at the homes of volunteer hosts: Jim and Judy Brooks, Kathe and Phil Bolinder, Ben and Allison Golnick, and Lynn and Norm Schindler. Again, approximately 100 people participated. Now that the program is well established, Jan Anderson is finding an abundance of volunteers to serve as the "designated friendly" greeters each Sunday morning. Committee members Emily Brenengen and Craig Alexander offered a warm welcome to first-time visitors with the delivery of a fresh loaf of bread to their homes.

New Activities in 2009: Welcome centers graciously gifted to The House of Hope by Craig and Bonnie Sommerville became fully operational. Pictures of new members were placed on an easel in the Kirk Parlour so all members might come to identify them and greet them. Website updating began in earnest and the hope is for the unveiling in May, 2010. Elizabeth Danks, a newer member of House of Hope and a graduate student at St. Thomas, has conducted a New Member Communication Survey and will share the study's results with MDC at their January meeting. The MDC proposed and the Session approved that The House of Hope become a member of the Covenant Network. The groundwork was laid for a newlyweds dinner to be hosted by David and Nancy Van Dyke in February 2010.

The MDC Committee looks forward to the work of the 2014 Campaign Committee as it strives to include more welcoming, open spaces for House of Hope members and visitors.

## Mission and Benevolence

*J. C. Bosse, Chair*

The Mission and Benevolence Committee members in 2009 were Deborah Fulton, Kyle Schmidt, Steven Yetter, Charles Macdonell, Mary Senkbeil, Jeff Shaw and J.C. Bosse (chair).

This committee is charged with the stewardship of gifts received from the members of House of Hope and administering the Theological Education Scholarship Trust.

Monthly collections for **Change of Heart** recipients were distributed as follows:

**January.** Kwanzaa Church-Lydia Project: \$620  
**February.** Hallie Q Brown Food Shelf: \$868  
**March.** Presbytery One Great Hour of Sharing: \$1,129  
**April.** Mission Trip Fund: \$2,685  
**May.** Presbyterian Clearwater Forest: \$1,290  
**June.** Feed My Starving Children: \$2,707  
**July.** Sibley Bike Depot: \$1,085  
**August.** Tree Trust: \$1,044  
**September.** African-American Aids Task Force: \$1,268  
**October.** St. Paul Area Council of Churches: \$1,644  
**November.** JC Ministry: \$1,648.87  
**December.** Bill's Pantry: \$1,497.24  
**TOTAL:** \$17,486.11

The **Mission and Benevolence budget** included the 2008 Christmas offerings of \$10,805 and the Benevolence Bash proceeds of \$14,703 for a total of \$124,132 which were distributed as follows:

**Amicus:** \$1,000  
**Central Center for Family Resources:** \$1,000  
**Central Presbyterian Church:** \$13,000  
**Covenant Network:** \$1,000  
**Family Place:** \$21,332  
**J.L. Zwane Church:** \$9,000  
**Kwanzaa Church:** \$10,000  
**Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee Services:** \$1,000  
**Neighborhood House:** \$1,000  
**Open Arms of Minnesota meal program:** \$1,000  
**People, Inc.:** \$5,000

**Piece by Piece Quilt Shop:** \$1,000  
**Presbyterian Church (USA) United Mission Support:** \$15,000  
**St Paul Council of Churches general operating budget:** \$10,000  
**Union Gospel Mission:** \$1,000  
**Walker West Music Academy Scholarship:** \$1,000

### NEW ORGANIZATIONS

**Ain Dah Yung Center:** \$3,000  
**Books for Africa:** \$500  
**Center for Victims of Torture:** \$1,000  
**Clare Housing:** \$2,000  
**Community Stabilization:** \$3,000  
**Compatible Technology:** \$1,000  
**Jeremiah Program:** \$2,000  
**Joint Religious Legislative Coalition:** \$300  
**Mara Forster-Smith PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer:** \$2,500  
**Resource Center for Churches:** \$500  
**South African Mission Partnership:** \$10,000  
**Women's Advocates:** \$1,000  
**PC(USA) West Africa (Josh Heikkila):** \$5,000

**TOTAL:** \$124,132

The committee also approved the following awards from the **Theological Educational Scholarship Fund:** (\$20,182)  
**United Theological Seminary (Jennifer Miles):** \$4,375  
**Virginia Union Seminary (Alika Gallaway):** \$2,500  
**Luther Seminary (Allana Tyler):** \$1,875  
**United Theological Seminary (Tara Parrish):** \$1,875  
**PC(USA) Theological Scholarship Fund:** \$3,432  
**McCormick Theological Seminary:** \$4,000  
**United Theological Seminary:** \$4,000  
**TOTAL:** \$22,057

In conclusion, the Mission and Benevolence Committee recognizes the dedication of our staff liaison, Tom Forster-Smith, and wishes him well in his new and challenging assignment of coordinating pastoral care. We welcome our new staff liaison, David Van Dyke.

*[Please see the Appendix for letters of acknowledgement from benevolence grant recipients.]*

**Mission and Benevolence,  
continued**

**Community Service Committee of Deacons**, distribution of benevolence funds.

**Family Night Out:** \$10,000

**Project Home:** \$5,000

**Sponsor-A-Family Christmas Program**, gift certificates for groceries: \$3,500

**Feed My Starving Children:** \$2,500

**Liberty Plaza Program:** \$2,000

**Southwest Area Meals on Wheels:** \$2,000

**Minnesota FoodShare:** \$2,000

**Hallie Q. Brown Food Shelf:** \$1,750

**Women's Advocates:** \$1,500

**Jeremiah Program:** \$1,000

**Kwanzaa:** \$500

**National Night Out:** \$300

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** \$200

**Faith Partners:** \$3,500

**Loaves & Fishes:** \$5,000

**Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church Joint Projects:** \$2,000

**Pastor's Discretionary Fund:** \$2,250

**TOTAL:** \$45,000

**The Houses of Hope Fund**

Kyle Schmidt, Chair

The Houses of Hope Fund funded 14 grant requests totaling \$175,000 in support of affordable housing in the Saint Paul area during 2009. We are grateful that this fund, established in 2000, continues to make a difference in providing affordable housing for families in our community

In 2009, grants were made to the following organizations:

**Jeremiah Program**

We provided \$15,000 to the Jeremiah, which provides safe, affordable housing, childcare and mentoring for single mothers and their children in St. Paul.

**Rondo Community Land Trust**

A grant of \$25,000 was given to the Rondo Community Land Trust to assist in the purchase of a HUD single-family home on Hague Avenue which will be made available to a low income family.

**Community Stabilization Project**

The Community Stabilization Project was provided with a grant of \$10,000. This is an organization in our neighborhood that helps low-income families avoid homelessness

and works for affordable housing in Saint Paul.

**Habitat for Humanity**

Three grants totaling \$49,000 were made to Habitat for Humanity. A grant of \$40,000 was provided for the construction of a home at 1604 Case Avenue in Saint Paul. Faith Builders, a coalition of neighborhood churches that has been working on Habitat for Humanity projects for the past four years, received \$6,000 for its two week build in June and \$3,000 funded Saturday workdays for the House of Hope.

**Aurora St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corp.**

A grant for \$12,000 was made to finance Phase III of a 5 home capital project in the Frogtown/University neighborhood.

**The Learning Institute**

\$5,000 was provided for plumbing rehab in two apartments for low income residents.

**People, Inc.**

Received \$10,000 to fund programs for the chronically homeless.

**Project for Pride in Living**

A grant of \$12,000 was awarded to help fund construction of 44-unit apt. building at W. 7th and Springfield St. for homeless and low-income housing.

**Wilder Foundation**

The Wilder Foundation received \$15,000 for the Jackson St. Village, a transitional housing project that provides housing for homeless and low-income residents.

**Energy CENTS**

Was provided \$10,000. CENTS is a non-profit whose mission is to provide energy saving measures for low-income housing residents in St. Paul.

**The Family Place**

\$7,000 was granted as part of \$30,000 request made to the Mission & Benevolence Committee of the Session. Mission & Benevolence granted \$21,000. The Family Place provides daytime shelter for homeless families in St. Paul and runs Project Home.

**Pastor's Discretionary Fund**

Received \$5,000 to accommodate housing needs in our church community.

**Mission Sewing Group**

The Mission Sewing Group serves under the auspices of the Mission and Benevolence Committee. The group currently makes quilts, baby items, hats, mittens and scarves. Some members meet at church twice a month and others knit or sew at home. In 2009, we donated \$520 in goods to the Women in Transition program at the St. Paul YWCA. The donation consisted of 20 blankets/quilts, 12 pair of mittens/gloves, 16 hats, 4 pair of slippers, and 1 baby sweater. We donated \$145 in goods to the Community of Peace Academy which included 20 pair of mittens/gloves, 8 hats, and 1 scarf. We donated \$128 in goods to the Presbyterian Homes in Arden Hills in the form of 16 clothing protectors. Fabric and materials donated to us which we were unable to use, we redistributed in 1 box to the Dayton Avenue Clothing Center and 3 boxes to Piece by Piece Quilt Shop. We collected Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup labels that were sent to the Navajo Mission in Rock Point, Arizona. In addition to the labels, we donated \$100 to the medical clinic at the Mission. Our group would like to thank all members who donated their time, talent, and materials to Mission Sewing this year and for the memorial donations received in members' names.

## Personnel

Paul Solon, Chair

The House of Hope Church is fortunate to have a talented staff and we are all grateful for their devoted service. The Personnel Committee has had a challenging year working to help them fulfill our mutual hopes for their ongoing success. In addition to its regular duties of supervision and advising, the committee undertook to prepare formal guidelines for use in ministerial personnel reviews beginning next year. However, the committee has spent most of its time this year dealing with personnel changes. Two personnel searches were brought to successful conclusions: the re-staffing of the church's music program was happily completed with hiring of Andrew Altenbach as Choirmaster and our office team has been immensely strengthened with the addition of Diane Smith as Director of Administration. On a less happy note, the Personnel Committee was compelled by budgetary circumstances to make a recommendation, which the Session reluctantly accepted, that the size of the church's ministerial staff be reduced. The subsequent retirement of the Rev. Darlene Stensby and departure of the Rev. Josh Heikkela for a new position then unexpectedly created a need to hire a new Associate Pastor. In preparation for the search, the committee consulted with the Rev. Dr. David Van Dyke regarding reconfigurations of ongoing ministerial assignments. Thereafter the committee drafted a proposed job description to be considered by the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee in its current search which we anticipate will be concluded in 2010.

## Stewardship

David PeKarna, Chair

The year of 2009 was again a rather challenging one, and at the same time a very satisfying one, for this Stewardship Committee. It was challenging because of the very significant economic downturn that began in the last quarter of 2008 and which continues to exist. It was satisfying because notwithstanding the economic difficulties, the members of The House of Hope Church as a whole continued and even increased their giving to the level that was necessary to support the operating budget of this church for 2009. Overall, pledge giving for 2009 exceed the 2008 amount by some 6.7%

The committee continued its efforts to promote the understanding that church stewardship is about much more than just pledging in support of the annual operating budget. Church stewardship encompasses dimensions of "giving" that go well beyond just the financial dimension. The committee continued in its efforts throughout the year to emphasize the broader dimensions of stewardship through articles in *The Anchor* and in a series of bulletin inserts.

In order for church stewardship to flourish, there must exist a "climate of giving"; and for House of Hope, it should be even stronger than that which exists at the present time. In order to foster this, a new initiative was undertaken that involved organizing a number of small group gatherings for church members. This was done with the help of a number of deacons serving as meeting hosts, and a number of trustees and elders serving as discussion group facilitators. Some similar small group conversations are being planned that will be held throughout all of next year, and not just in the fall of the year around the time of Pledge Sunday.

Looking ahead to 2010, it is hoped that our members will continue to increase their level of generosi-

ty as happened in both 2008 and 2009, and to demonstrate by this and other acts of stewardship that we are all committed to continuing and growing an even stronger mission program and benevolence outreach at The House of Hope Presbyterian Church.

## Worship, Sacraments and Music

Linda Smith, Chair

The Worship, Sacraments and Music Committee had another exciting year with many special speakers, seminars and music. On February 1, bagpipes led the Sunday procession as we celebrated Macalester Sunday with greetings from their president and the message given by Eily Marlow. On March 15, the Motet Choir and Bach Chamber Players presented Mendelssohn's *Psalm 95* as special music in the service; and on March 21 our organist Aaron David Miller and our interim organist Charles Echols performed a special concert at House of Hope for J. S. Bach's birthday. The concert was sponsored by Minnesota Public Radio and culminated at House of Hope after an all-day series of performances at various other churches.

On April 5, Palm Sunday, and April 12, Easter Sunday, we had morning services at 9 and 11 with brass performing at Easter. The traditional Tenebrae Service was held on Maundy Thursday, April 9; and on Good Friday, April 10, the Motet Choir and Bach Chamber Players performed the Mozart *Requiem*. On April 26, Bach's *Cantata #4* was performed as special music in the service.

On June 1, we were pleased to have our Interim Choirmaster, Andrew Altenbach, accept the job as Choirmaster. We now have our Organist and Choirmaster in place. Thank you to the Music Task Force for making this possible.

Our Choir School has continued to flourish and in June of this year they produced a compact disc of var-

ious choral selections that is available for purchase.

The fall brought a change to the 8:15 chapel service. It was decided to try it at 8:30 to see if there may be more participation. October 25, Reformation Sunday, brought the bagpipe procession again and Dr. Barrie Shepherd as guest preacher. November 19 marked the 30th anniversary of the Fisk Organ. In the November 22 service, prelude and postlude music from the original dedication concert was performed by Aaron Miller. Linda Smith gave a brief announcement concerning the Fisk.

Seminars and symposiums were presented with great success. On March 6, 7 and 8, the Didier Seminar's speaker was Seyyed Hussein Nasr and his presentation was "The Heart of Islam." October 10 brought a new Faith and Writing seminar featuring Anne Lamott, Patricia Hampl, and Thomas Lynch. It was a great success with 500 people attending from 18 states. On October 24, Dr. David Bornstein was the featured speaker of the Havel Symposium and his topic was "Social Entrepreneurship."

Christmas Eve service times this year were at 4, 5:30 and 10:30 p.m.

**Music at Four Series.** The 2009 Music at Four Series began on February 8 with the Summit Hill Brass, led by trumpeter David Baldwin. Other events included an early music duo called the Flying Forms on March 29; Sumunar Gamelon Ensemble performing music from Indonesia on September 27; Craig Cramer, virtuoso organist and professor of music at the University of Notre Dame, on November 1; and the Advent Service of Lessons and Carols featuring the House of Hope Motet Choir, Choir School, and Handbell Choir on December 13.

**Elizabeth Chapel Organ Recital Series.** Featured artists in this series included Dr. Christopher Wallace on January 25; Raymond Johnston on March 8; Paul Boehnke, organist, and Julie Elhard, violist da gamba, on October 11.

**Carillon Recital Series.** During the month of July, each Sunday featured a nationally known carillonneur playing at 4 p.m. on our Noyes Memorial Carillon.

**Communion and Baptism.** The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated six Sundays in the main sanctuary at 10 a.m. and the first Sunday of each month and each Sunday during Lent and Advent in the Chapel at 8:30. In addition, Communion is celebrated on Ash Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary, and on Maundy Thursday at noon in the Chapel and 7:30 in the Sanctuary. Twenty-two persons were baptized at The House of Hope in 2009.

### Youth Ministry

*Kathy Samilo, Chair*

The Youth Committee worked hard in 2009, with the Middle School, Confirmation classes, and Senior High youth programs were quite busy at House of Hope.

In February, a group of high school youth participated in the St. Paul Area Council of Churches Teen Interfaith Service Day volunteering at local sites.

After the service on Youth Sunday, a silent and live auction where the youth offered to do "ugly jobs" for adults in the church was the result of the youth's desire to raise money for the kids in the church in Egypt that Medhat Yowkem came from.

On June 7, House of Hope youth and adults staffed the parking lot during Grand Old Day (a cold, rainy, dreary day) to help raise money for youth programs.

Later in June, six high school youth and chaperones traveled to South Africa to a mission in Malungeni, where they finished painting the church that House of Hope volunteers have helped build over the past several years.

In August, twenty-one Senior High youth and chaperones went on a mission trip to Denver for a week.

There they worked in inner city volunteer projects such as soup kitchens and homeless shelters. They also worked on a project to rehabilitate homes for the elderly.

In April and in early December, high school youth babysat at the church for parents who wanted "a night out." Money earned helps to support youth programs at House of Hope.

An inter-generational event, "Senior to Senior" occurred in late fall. After the 10 a.m. service, high school students instructed adults in the church in how to operate technological gadgets such as cell phones, iPods, laptops, MP3 players, etc. The event was very successful and adults requested this occur again after the Christmas holidays so that they can find out how to run the new technology toys they received as gifts.

Sixteen students were confirmed in May. In late summer, surveys were sent to parents of students confirmed over the last few years asking for feedback on the confirmation process at House of Hope. Parents were also invited to a Sunday evening meeting at Church in order to solicit feedback. Some changes may be implemented into the confirmation process as a result of the feedback.

Middle School students attended a snow camp in February and a number participated in an overnight lock in at the Meeting House in April. In April they sponsored a clothing drive for Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church. In the fall they attended a retreat at Camp St. Croix. The youth also sponsored a family for Christmas in the "Adopt a Family" program. A gift wrapping party for this event was held in December.

A number of the youth also participated in Project Home In October and also helped with the Blood Drive In March.

## **Nominating Committee**

*Tim Sheldon, Chair*

The members of the 2009 Nominating Committee included: Dennis Anderson, Mary Ellen Bland, Kathe Bolinder, Kelly Holden, Mike Nord, Mary L. Senkbeil, Lee Jamison, Tim Sheldon, Mark W. Westra, with David Van Dyke serving as the staff member.

Committee meetings were held biweekly, beginning on August 20 and lasting through October 2009. The committee solicited nominations from the congregation, committee, and church staff. This year, the committee considered 210 members of the congregation to serve as officer candidates. The final slate of church officers and the eight-member APNC was filled on October 27, 2009. On Sunday, November 14, a congregational meeting was held. The congregation unanimously approved all church officers at that meeting.

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## **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*Gerry Stenson, President*

In accordance with the rules of the Book of Order, the restated Articles of Incorporation of The House of Hope Presbyterian Church outline the purpose of the Board of Trustees as responsible to the Session for the management of the church properties, real and personal, of the corporation; accept and execute deeds of title for such property; hold and defend title to such property; and manage any permanent special funds for the furtherance of the purpose of the church. These responsibilities are carried out through three committees: House, Property and Insurance; Investment and Audit; and Endowment Gift. The trustees also recommend a treasurer to the Session and are responsible for the church legal counsel. In addition, trustees serve as representatives to the Session committees: Budget,

Nominating, Personnel, Stewardship, and Long Range Planning as well as serving on the Music Task Force.

2009 was a full year with many considerations and activities undertaken by all three trustee committees, including working with the Session to form and staff a Financial Resources Task Force, whose work is on-going. Mid-year, a new Director of Administration, Diane Smith, joined the staff and quickly became a valuable resource both to the church and to the trustees in their work. The trustees would like to acknowledge and thank Michelle Freyholtz, Assistant for Administration and Stewardship, for the many extra duties that she added to her workload and performed so well during the search process for the new Director of Administration in order to maintain our financial functions. Doug Wakefield, Facilities Manager, along with other staff members, provide assistance to the trustees with the conscientious attention to the church's physical plant and financial position. Following are reports from the trustee committees.

### **The Investment and Audit Committee**

Kathleen Shubert, chair

The Investment and Audit Committee manages the Endowment Fund and other special funds on behalf of the congregation, arranges for an annual audit of financial operations, recommends policies concerning the management of such funds, recommends to the Session a prudent annual draw from the Endowment Fund and funds available if needed to support church operations, and reviews the effectiveness of financial managers and auditing services.

In 2009 the committee welcomed a new Director of Administration mid-year about the same time as the 2008 audit was being completed by the CPA firm of Larson Allen LLP.

Recommendations from the

audit were reviewed and clarified and brought before the trustees, resulting in implementation of certain management changes. Larson Allen LLP will again perform the audit for 2009.

The challenging economy and turbulent markets eased somewhat in 2009, and the Endowment Fund improved from a market value of \$17,953,000 December 31, 2008 to \$20,480,988 December 31, 2009, a gain of 14% for the year. Working with our Northern Trust managers, the committee decided to redeem two funds and purchase two similar alternatives to eliminate a risk factor which the difficult economy had revealed. That process is close to completion. To address potential future risks, the committee is considering a plan for broadened diversification and modification of asset allocation ranges.

The declines in investment markets, which caused declines in the value of our Endowment Fund, and the resulting negative impact on the church's operating budget were high priority issues for officers and staff in 2009. Since the church is strongly endowment dependent, market value declines impact the income available to the operating budget. A joint task force of Session members and trustees (Financial Resources Task Force) was authorized by the Session to address income sources, variability and a sustainable balance of income from member giving and the Endowment Fund. They will report to the Session by June 1. At the same time, the Investment and Audit Committee examined the formula used to calculate the "average market value" of the Endowment Fund. This calculation has been based on a trailing twelve quarters, a common approach among non-profits. After a review of current non-profit endowment practices and with a desire to prudently ease the impact of Endowment Fund declines on budget planning, the committee recommended to the

trustees a modification to a trailing twenty quarters. It was passed by the Board of Trustees and the Session.

Adjustments made and in progress necessitated an update of Endowment Fund policy documents. The committee is working on these revisions and plans to submit them, once they are complete, for approval by The Board of Trustees and the Session.

A long view of the performance of the Endowment Fund dated September 9, 2009, showed that since inception with Northern Trust on October 1, 2002 the church had withdrawn a total of \$8,877,409. Total investment income (Net of Fees) in that period was 8,271,012. The committee continues to be mindful of the long-term purposes and health of the Endowment Fund, in order that it may advance and ensure long-term support of The House of Hope Presbyterian Church and its mission.

The committee thanks Michelle Freyholtz and Diane Smith for their important contributions to the work of the Investment and Audit Committee this year.

### **House, Property and Insurance Committee**

David Pearson, Chair

It is the responsibility of the House, Property, and Insurance Committee to: develop the church capital budget; recommend and purchase capital equipment; recommend and purchase personal property; ensure proper maintenance and repair of real property; ensure proper maintenance and repair of personal property; ensure that an accurate inventory of personal property is maintained; provide adequate risk protection from liability, for property and personnel; request emergency funding to prevent unacceptable losses or to fund unanticipated emergency repairs; assess needs for additional space and facilities.

This committee's 2009 activities included replacement of deteriorated flat roofs in the areas of the Kirk Parlour and the art gallery, repair of lights in the north Portland parking

lot, replacement of storm windows and trim painting at the Manse, repair of stone cracks in walls of the Administrative wing and in the Garth area, removal of diseased trees in the southwest corner of the church yard and replacement of several leaking windows in the Education Wing. Church insurance was also reviewed and adjustments made to coverage.

### **Endowment Gift Committee**

Christelle Langer, chair

It is the responsibility of the Endowment Gift Committee to: encourage bequests, planned gifts, and gifts to the Endowment Fund of the Church; educate the congregation about the Endowment Fund; establish a process for the review of all offered gifts and bequests; make recommendations to the Board of Trustees and/or the Session for acceptance of such gifts; acknowledge gifts; and recognize donors. Members of the committee met throughout this past year with representatives from other large congregations in the Metro area to share best practices, documents and tools for conducting major capital campaigns and building endowments. The information gathered is communicated to the 2014 Fundraising Committee for consideration in their planning. In FY09, House of Hope received \$108,625.08 in total distributions from Trusts, Funds, Bequests, including \$3184 from collections for Houses of Hope.

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## **THE BOARD OF DEACONS**

David Quimby, Moderator

During 2009 the deacons actively supported The House of Hope in worship, benevolence and virtually all other aspects of congregational life. They provided the ushering services every Sunday plus special occasions, and supported numerous community and congregational activities. For the first time, the deacons hosted Stewardship Conversations and assisted with actively engaging the congregation in dialogs about stewardship. Special thanks to the deacons who hosted an event facilitated by the members of the Session and the trustees. The following committee reports provide more than a summary of the activities for 2009; they represent the commitment and the dedication that makes The House of Hope a special place for worship.

### **Community Service**

Steve Yetter, Chair

Community Service actively supported House of Hope's community outreach activities throughout the year with a budget of \$45,000 from Mission & Benevolence funds.\* We supported volunteer activities at several organizations including Loaves & Fishes, Project Home, Feed My Starving Children, Jeremiah Program, Red Cross Blood Drive, Women's Advocates, and Southwest Area Meals On Wheels. In August we supported the neighborhood's National Night Out event, which had a record attendance of over 300 people. We also provided financial support to several programs including YWCA's Transitional Housing Program, Sponsor-A-Family Christmas Program, Minnesota Food Share and the Hallie Q. Brown Food Shelf. \*Please see the Mission & Benevolence Report of Session for allocations of these funds.

## **Congregational Care**

Carie Essig, Chair

Congregational Care successfully completed a year of congregational support and new initiatives. First, the team sent letters to House of Hope families who lost loved ones throughout the year. For sympathy cards, we implemented a system where each member of the committee accepted the responsibility for writing cards for one or two months and worked with the clergy and staff to make sure that notes were delivered when needed to families. Second, we hosted two teas for the residents of Presbyterian Homes in Roseville. This year, members of the kindergarten classes made gifts for the residents—flowers for Mother's Day and turkeys for Thanksgiving. Residents were thrilled to receive the gifts and many families turned up to serve tea and deliver the gifts personally. Several members of the congregation also played music at the teas, a real treat for everyone. Many wonderful ministries such as the prayer shawl ministry and Befrienders are also congregational care initiatives. The deacon committee will be working with the leaders of these other groups to help extend care to each and every member of the congregation.

## **Funerals**

Kay Kruse and Carolyn Talmage,  
Chairpersons

This committee assists with ushering at funerals and providing receptions after services. In 2009 the committee ushered and/or provided receptions for 21 memorial services. Our committee bade farewell to the following special people: Marilyn Palmer, Dick Magnuson, Morton Cravath, Andrew Reichwein, Robert Mikasen, Viola Barnhart, Dr. Yang Wang, Lucy Cantwell, Kelly Davis, Diane Stratton, Robert Milton, Marge Hennesy, Donald DeCoster, Marjorie Bowers, James Brodie, Phyllis Sittko, Jean Lommen, Douglas Young, Leonard Berg, June Dahl, and Ed Koepke. Thank you to our hard-working deacon committee and a special thanks to non-active deacons and non-deacons who have graciously volunteered this past year. We couldn't have done it without you!

## **Intercessors**

Linda Lane, Chair

Sixty-three House of Hope members currently serve on the Intercessors Guild and set aside one day each month to pray for those on House of Hope's prayer list. This past year, over 75 postcards were sent to House of Hope members and friends whose names were added to the Intercessor's List. We received several heartfelt communications this past year from those who received postcards thanking the Intercessors for their prayers.

## **New Members**

Charlie MacDonell, Chair

One of the primary activities of the committee is to assist in the Prospective New Member Classes which occur monthly. Committee members handle the set-up and other arrangements in the Church Library in advance of each class. They also greet and welcome prospective members as they arrive, and assist the pastors during the class. Prior to each scheduled class, members of the committee make phone calls to prospective new members to invite them to the class and answer questions. During 2009, the committee worked with the staff to improve the church records for maintaining information about prospective members and to refine how the records can be used by the deacons to improve the phone contact efforts and provide follow-up data for prospective new members. Members of the committee also assist in the preparations in advance of the worship services during which New Member Recognition occurs. Committee members assist the new members as they gather before the service and as they sign the Book of the Covenant and get photographed before they go to the Sanctuary for congregational recognition during the service.

In 2009, the committee worked closely with the Session's Membership Development and Communication Committee. This continued the successful collaboration established in 2008 to manage membership issues of mutual interest.

## **Social Events**

Elizabeth Wedel, Chair

The deacons Social Events Committee coordinated two major events in 2009. The first was the Ice Cream Social on June 14, 2009. After the 10 a.m. service, church members were treated to ice cream cones and dishes on the front lawn. Music was provided by the Stomp N' Dixie trio. We had many scoopers as usual and many other volunteers who helped set up and clean up afterwards. Special thanks to Bonnie Alton for obtaining the ice cream. The second event was the Benevolence Bash in September. We coordinated the volunteers for the event. The Benevolence Bash raised \$15,000.

## **Ushers and Acolytes**

Ansis Viksnins and Ann Johnson,  
Chairpersons

The deacons continued to perform one of the more visible functions of the deacons: usher for services of worship. As in past years, all deacons were assigned to an usher team responsible for one Sunday of each month, 5th Sundays on a rotating basis, and at least one special service. To support the increased attendance at worship services, the committee adopted a policy of "Active Ushering" to optimize seating for the congregation. The benefits of these policies were especially beneficial during the peak attendance services of Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## The House of Hope Mission Statement

As Christians and Presbyterians, we believe in the grace and promises of God, as revealed in Scripture, and in Jesus Christ, who makes clear both the character of God and humanity in its most gracious form.

We gather to glorify God; to experience and express God's love; to explore together the meaning of Jesus' teaching in our time; to build a community that reflects God's grace; and to deepen our faith through worship, learning, fellowship and service, guided by God's spirit.

We are committed to using our resources in service to others, and to supporting and enriching our members spiritually, intellectually, socially and artistically.

Soli Deo Gloria  
November 7, 1994

### CHANGES IN RECORD

During the year the following changes took place in the church records:

The total membership at the end of 2009 was 1575 compared to 1558 in 2008.

Received into membership:  
Confirmation, 17 and under: 16.  
Profession of Faith, 18 and over: 15.  
By Certificate, 18 and over: 26.  
Other gains: 1. Total gains: 58.

Transferred to other churches:  
8. Request removal or placed on inactive: 7. Deaths of active members: 26. Total losses: 41

We regret to record the deaths of the following members and friends of The House of Hope. We extend our sympathy to their families and friends.

Viola Pauline Barnhart  
Leonard J. Berg  
Marjorie Jeanette Bowers  
James Hobe Brodie  
Omar D. Brown  
Lucy J. Cantwell

John Robert Clayton  
Morton A. Cravath  
June W. Dahl  
Carolyn (Kelly) Earl Davis  
Iva (Belle) Ehlers  
Marjorie Campbell Hennesy  
Mary E. Johnson  
Helen G. Karpen  
Edwin E. Koepke  
Jon Eric Ljungkull  
Jean Lommen  
Richard Carl Magnuson  
Robert Mikasen  
Roger Cole Miller  
Robert Homer Milton, Jr.  
Ethel Leore Mitchell  
Marilyn Elizabeth Palmer  
Andrew Roger Reichwein  
Phyllis Caroline Sittko  
Diane Merlow Stratton  
Yang Wang  
Mary Marcelline Westermeyer  
Douglas Stanford Young

We rejoice in the Sacrament of Baptism of the following:

Hugo Michael Bailey  
Elias Cash Brasel  
Violet Marilyn Dady  
Lola Kay Dambow  
Lily Pascale Deer  
Alexander Phillip Djadoo  
Owen James Elsen  
Josie Annine Hellyer  
Carter Dale Holden  
Ethan Robert Johnston  
Juliet Marie Kottke  
Mya Rose Lee  
Leo Benjamin Mayer  
Ashley Elaine Michaels  
Thomas Moyers  
Richard Magnuson Romans  
Quinn David Sanderson  
Grant David Sherwood  
Jack Smithberg  
Ethan Harley Sutherland  
Christian Ryan Weispfenning  
Laura Williamson

*Clergy*

David A. Van Dyke	<i>Pastor/Head of Staff</i>
Thomas W. Forster-Smith	<i>Associate Pastor</i>
Gale Robb	<i>Interim Associate Pastor</i>
Medhat Yowkem	<i>Parish Associate</i>

*Staff*

Andrew Altenbach	<i>Choirmaster</i>
Teddy Altman	<i>Administrative Assistant for Pastors and Programs</i>
Sofia Ardalan	<i>Choir School Director</i>
Janice Dickinson	<i>Wedding Coordinator</i>
Ameen Ford	<i>Custodial Staff</i>
Michelle Freyholtz	<i>Assistant for Administration and Stewardship</i>
Fernando Garcia	<i>Custodial Staff</i>
Paige Hagstrom	<i>Preschool Director</i>
David Johnson	<i>Carillonneur</i>
Mee Ae Kim	<i>Child Care Coordinator/Custodial Staff</i>
Kristin Klaustermeier	<i>Receptionist</i>
Aaron David Miller	<i>Director of Music/Organist</i>
Jan Snell	<i>Director of Children's Education</i>
Diane Smith	<i>Director of Administration</i>
Karen Smith	<i>Accountant</i>
Kirsten Falc Uhlenberg	<i>Handbell Choir Director</i>
Seng Vang	<i>Support Staff</i>
Doug Wakefield	<i>Facilities Manager</i>

Robin Solac, '10  
 Carolyn Talmage, '10  
 Don Vandenberg, '10  
 Elizabeth Wedel, '10  
 Joyce Wells, '10  
 Rolf White, '10  
 Troy Archbold, '11  
 Marsha Arndt, '11  
 Joshua Columb, '11  
 Margie Crone, '11  
 Benjamin Gensmer, '11  
 Ben Golnik, '11  
 David Jones, '11  
 John King, '11  
 Laura Merriam, '11  
 Jennifer Miles, '11  
 Anita Nelson, '11  
 Trudy O'Leary, '11  
 Leon Sawicki, '11  
 Mickey Scott, '11  
 Andrew Sherwood, '11  
 Myrtis Skarich, '11  
 Linda Trouten, '11  
 Silvester Vivic, '11  
 Linda Walters, '11  
 Ryan Weispfenning, '11

**Youth Deacons:**

Brian Daily Arndt, '09  
 Tierney Broberg, '09  
 Luke Horstman, '09  
 Sidney Schluter, '09  
 Emma McCartney, '09  
 Michael Peterson, '09

Officers who served during part or all of 2009 :

**THE SESSION**

Silvey Barge, '09  
 Mary Ellen Bland, '09  
 Chris Cheney, '09  
 Elly Clark, '09  
 A. J. Cook, '09  
 Janice Dickinson  
 Ann Geery, '09  
 Julie Jensen, '09  
 Gregg Johnson, '09  
 Mary Peterson, '09  
 Sherwood Pomeroy, '09  
 Stuart Weeldreyer, '09  
 J. C. Bosse, '10  
 Sara Fabel, '10  
 Julie Korte, '10  
 Bill Liike, '10  
 Jody Minner, '10  
 David PeKarna, '10  
 Kathy Samilo, '10  
 Tim Sheldon, '10  
 Linda Smith, '10  
 Paul Solon, '10  
 Byron Wertz, '10  
 Chris Wilson, '10  
 Philip Bolinder, '11  
 James Brooks, '11  
 Carolyn Egeberg, '11  
 Deborah Fulton, '11  
 Judy Gensmer, '11  
 Donald Gruber, '11  
 Dorothy Hyde, '11

Roger Jensen, '11  
 Robert McKinnell, '11  
 Kyle Schmidt, '11  
 Heidi Staloch, '11

**THE BOARD OF DEACONS**

Liz Boyd, '09  
 Jane Flad, '09  
 Ronald French, '09  
 Mark Haveman, '09  
 Lili Herbert, '09  
 Ann Johnson, '09  
 Andrew Karre, '09  
 Linda Lane, '09  
 Verlène Larson, '09  
 Charles Macdonell, '09  
 Tom Peterson, '09  
 David Quimby, '09

Elizabeth Schaller, '09  
 Paul Schluter, '09  
 Suzanne Stenson-O'Brien, '09  
 Geoff Stevens, '09  
 Nick Thompson, '09  
 Ansis Viksnins, '09  
 Jim Wall, '09  
 Steve Yetter, '09  
 Ann Yuska, '09  
 Dorothea Anderson, '10  
 Kathe Bolinder, '10  
 Larry Broberg, '10  
 Roxie Burleigh, '10  
 Carie Essig, '10  
 Carey Favorite, '10  
 Bruce Johnson, '10  
 Michael Jordan, '10  
 Kate Kruse, '10  
 Maren Mahowald, '10  
 Chris McHugh, '10  
 Clive Reece, '10  
 Craig Sommerville, '10

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Dave Pearson, '09  
 Jack Sjoholm, '09  
 Gerry Stenson, '09  
 Ann Wilson, '09  
 Chris Langer, '10  
 Kathy Schubert, '10  
 Charles Stewart, '10  
 Mark Westra, '10  
 Karen Florez, '11  
 David Phillips, '11  
 Ann Tulloch, '11  
 Ted Weyerhaeuser, '11

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## **Appendix**

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