

January 9, 2010  
Bouton Hall

The **Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session met in a Called Meeting** on Saturday, January 9, 2010, to consider and adopt a church operating budget for the ensuing year. The meeting was opened with devotion by the Moderator Mark Cooper at 9:40 a.m.

A quorum consisting of the following was present:

- Moderator Reverend Mark Cooper;
- Associate Pastors Reverend Helen P. DeLeon and Reverend Caressa Murray; and
- Active Elders Shallon Barboza, Cathy Black, Kathy Braeuer, Jeanette Chase, Tye Cowan, John Dewey, Gene Fisseler, John Grady, Dan Hunter, John Jordan, James Kinzler, Mary Lawrence, Jim Magnant, Joan McMillan, Randy Moore, Jennifer Paden, Jimmy Spivey, Michael Stearns and Dennis Waehner.

The following Elders, Class of 2012, were present as invited guests: Lonnie Fogle, Chris Kidwell, Andy Posluszny, and Frank Rix.

Treasurer Pat Koester was also present.

The Moderator opened the budget discussion with his perspective on the process and his expectation of what we should be able to achieve during the meeting. Mike Stearns, Chairman of the Finance team led a presentation of the estimated revenues and the proposed spending budget as compiled from submittals by all the committees.

The Finance team reported that its best estimate of pledged and non-pledged support by the congregation for 2010 is expected to be \$773,000. Following a healthy discussion by the Elders regarding their overall budget spending estimates and specific budget line items, the **Session voted to approve the following budget for 2010.**

<b>Mission/Ministry Categories</b>	<b>2010 Budget</b>
Administration	
Personnel	\$419,009
Office	\$99,700
Buildings & Grounds	\$108,700
Stewardship & Finance	\$64,881
Care of Members	\$1,100
Fellowship	\$2,100
Nurture and Education	
Children	\$6,200
Youth	\$9,350
Adult	\$3,800
Mission	\$46,000
Welcoming	\$600
Worship	\$11,560
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$773,000</b>

A summary version of the 2010 budget will be presented to the Congregation at its Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 31, 2010.

The purpose of the meeting having been accomplished, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with Prayer by the Moderator at 11:40 a.m.

  
Gene Fisseler  
Clerk of Session

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January 26, 2010  
Meeting Room

The **Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session convened a Stated Meeting** on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, in the Meeting Room. The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer by the Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper, at 7:05 p.m.

The following members of Session were present:

- Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper;
- Associate Pastor Reverend Helen P. DeLeon; and,
- Active Elders Shallon Barboza, Kathy Braeuer, Jeanette Chase, Michelle Dupont, Lonnie Fogle, John Grady, Dan Hunter, John Jordan, Chris Kidwell, James Kinzler, Mary Lawrence, Jim Magnant, Joan McMillan, Nina Moede, Randy Moore, Frank Rix, and Jimmy Spivey.

Associate Reverend Caressa Murray and the following Active Elders were excused: Andy Posluszny and Kevin Snowden. Treasurer Pat Koester, Clerk Gene Fisseler, and Mission Committee members Kimberly Glaus-Late and Jackie Allen were also present.

A quorum was declared present by the Clerk and the agenda for the meeting was approved.

**New Members** – Elder Shallon Barboza introduced Anne & Dan Reilly, who have expressed a desire to become full members of Webster Presbyterian Church, along with their two children Shannon and Steven. After learning a bit about the Reilly family and introducing themselves and their history with the church, the members of **Session voted to receive Anne & Dan Reilly into Full Membership** of Webster Presbyterian Church by letter of transfer.

**Family Promise** – The Session viewed a short video about Family Promise, a ministry dedicated to helping homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence. Recognizing that poverty is a complex problem requiring a complex response, Family Promise integrates educational outreach, programming, effective policies, and the hands-on work of thousands of volunteers in 149 affiliate chapters around the country. Church member volunteers provide food, shelter, and support services for homeless families as part of a program that educates people about poverty and the means to combat it. While the Committee continues to investigate how WPC might work with Clear Creek Family Promise, Kimberly and Jackie requested that the video be shown at the January 31 Annual Meeting of the congregation. The Session agreed to add it to the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes** – The **Session voted to approve the minutes** of the following meetings:

- Called Meeting of the Congregation, December 20, 2009; and,
- Called Meeting of Session, January 9, 2010.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Session received the Treasurer's report.

**Clerk's Report** – The Clerk referred several pieces of correspondence received to the appropriate committees.

### Statistical Report

	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Membership as of December 15, 2009	731	407	
Gains			
Transfer of Letter	+ 0	+ 0	
Reaffirmation of Faith	+ 0	+ 0	
Profession of Faith & Baptism	+ 0	+ 0	
Losses			
Transfer of Letter	- 3	- 1	Warehimes
Removal from Roll	- 0	- 0	
Death	<u>- 2</u>	<u>- 1</u>	Wolfe, Hurgeton
Membership as of January 26, 2010	726	405	
Baptized persons who've not made Professions of Faith	154		
Total children, youth and adults	880		

#### Deaths:

- Long-time church member Alice Wolfe died January 6, 2010; and,
- Church member John Hurgeton died January 11, 2010.

Memorial Services – Reverend Helen P. DeLeon officiated at memorials services for:

- Alice Wolfe on January 9, 2010; and,
- John Hurgeton on January 15, 2010.

Ordination and Installation of Officers – On January 23 and 31, the new church officers were installed and/or ordained.

- The following individuals, having been previously examined and regularly elected at the Congregational Meeting on December 20, 2009, were Ordained and installed as Elders, Class of 2012: Michelle Dupont, Chris Kidwell, Nina Moede, and Andy Posluszny;
- The following individuals, having been previously examined, Ordained and regularly elected on December 20, 2009, were installed as Elder, Class of 2012: Lonnie Fogle, Frank Rix, and Kevin Snowden;
- The following individuals, having been previously examined and regularly elected at the Congregational Meeting on December 20, 2009, were Ordained and installed as Deacons, Class of 2012: Michael Bradley, Paula Bray, Caroline Brazzel, Sandy Dwyer, Sarah Fixel, Cookie Liesenring, Jerri Terry, and Julie Yencharis;
- Joe Schwarz, having been previously examined, Ordained and regularly elected at the Congregational Meeting on December 20, 2009, was installed as Deacon, Class of 2012; and,
- Sandra Mossman having been regularly elected at the Congregational meeting on December 20, 2009, was installed as Trustee, Class of 2012.

**New Business** – The **Session voted to:**

- **Elect Pat Koester** to serve as Treasurer in 2010;
- **Elect Anne Waehner** to serve as Assistant Treasurer in 2010;
- **Elect Gene Fisseler** to serve as Clerk of Session in 2010;

- **Approve taking action** via telephone and electronic mail (email) during 2010 on matters that may come to its attention between Stated Meetings and that are suitable for such informal action, which action will be ratified at the subsequent Stated Meeting;
- **Review and approve minutes of Congregational meetings** on behalf of the Congregation;
- **Establish a Task Force** charged with the duties in 2010 previously assigned to the Vision Committee; and,
- **Elect Shallon Barboza and Joan McMillan** to serve as Commissioners at the February 6 meeting of the Presbytery of New Covenant.

The Session considered other church Elders who may be able to serve as WPC's third Commissioner and will take action via email prior to the Presbytery meeting.

**Committee/Team Assignments for 2009** – Prior to the meeting, Mark Cooper announced the committee and team assignments as listed below.

- Buildings & Grounds – Jim Magnant, Lonnie Fogle
- Communications/Outreach – Joan McMillan
- Personnel – John Jordan, Dan Hunter
- Stewardship & Finance – Randy Moore, Chris Kidwell, Jimmy Spivey
- Care – Kathy Braeuer
- Christian Nurture
  - Children's Ministry – Andy Posluszny
  - Youth Ministry – John Grady
  - Adult Ministry – Kevin Snowden
- Fellowship – Jeanette Chase
- Mission – James Kinzler, Frank Rix
- Welcoming – Shallon Barboza
- Worship – Mary Lawrence, Nina Moede, Michelle Dupont (her initial assignment)

**Team/Committee Reports** – Due to the late hour, reports were brief.

- Buildings & Grounds – The Committee reminded the Session that all meetings and activities at the church must be on the calendar in order for HVAC service to be programmed.
- Communications/Outreach – The Committee will revisit installation of an outdoor sign along NASA Parkway.
- Personnel – Within the existing approved budget, child care worker wages will be increased by \$1.00 per hour.
- Stewardship & Finance – Certain minor adjustments were made to the Committee's budget for the overall budget approved on January 9 to balance.
- Children's Ministry – Sunday, February 28 will be Children's Sabbath and Vacation Bible School is set for June 6-10.
- Worship – The **Session voted to approve the celebration of Communion** during Lent at the planned Wednesday evening services and the Easter vigil – February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31, and April 3.

**Old Business** – The **Session voted to extend for three months the terms of our existing agreements** with New Directions and the home school group, both of which meet weekly on the church campus, **and to approve two requested additional on-campus meetings** of the home school group (also under the existing agreement terms).

**Pastors' Reports** – Helen DeLeon reported that the Congregation contributed almost \$9,000 for relief to Haitian earthquake victims. In addition, there were 17 WPC

representatives at the Presbytery's recent church leader training and she will convene a meeting of those individuals to compile a report of the event.

**Upcoming meetings:**

- WPC Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 31, 2010;
- Presbytery of New Covenant, Saturday, February 6, 2010, at St. Philip Presbyterian Church;
- Session Retreat, Saturday, February 20, 2010, location to be determined; and,
- Stated Meeting of Session, Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room Hall.

The business of this Stated Meeting being completed, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer at 9:30 p.m.



Gene Fisseler  
Clerk of Session

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January 31, 2010  
Fellowship Hall

The **Congregation of Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) convened its duly called Annual Meeting** on Sunday, January 31, 2010, for the purposes of:

- receiving Staff reports;
- receiving Session Committee annual reports;
- receiving the 2009 financial report;
- reviewing the 2010 annual budget;
- voting to change the Ordained Staff Terms of Call; and,
- electing at-large persons to the 2010 Nominating Committee.

Following a spaghetti dinner, the meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper, at 12:50 p.m. Gene Fisseler, Clerk of Session, served as Secretary and declared that a quorum was present.

The Moderator and Elder James Kinzler introduced a short video produced by Family Promise, a ministry dedicated to helping homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence. Recognizing that poverty is a complex problem requiring a complex response, Family Promise integrates educational outreach, programming, effective policies, and the hands-on work of thousands of volunteers in 149 affiliate chapters around the country. Church member volunteers provide food, shelter, and support services for homeless families as part of a program that educates people about poverty and the means to combat it. A questionnaire was provided for feedback about how WPC might support the Clear Creek Family Promise.

Printed copies of the Staff reports, Session Committee reports, the treasurer's report, and the 2010 budget approved by Session, were provided to members of the Congregation. A copy of the package is appended hereto.

The Moderator directed the congregation's attention to the written reports from the Staff and the Session Committees, calling out the Committee names and chairpersons. He asked if there were any questions. There were none.

The Moderator turned the floor over to Elder Jeanette Chase who thanked the volunteers who put together the day's luncheon and presented staff members, certain volunteers, and outgoing church officers with mementos for their service.

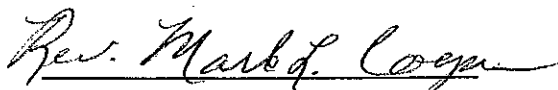
- Staff members recognized included – Mark Cooper, Helen DeLeon, Caressa Murray, Glenn Foster, Geri Foster, Judy Ford, Carolyn Bolon, Shannon King, and Linda Smith-Gregory. Office volunteers acknowledged were Treasurer Pat Koester and Assistant Treasurer Anne Waehner.
- Elders completing their service on Session – Cathy Black, Tye Cowan, John Dewey, Gene Fisseler, Jennifer Paden, Mike Stearns, and Dennis Waehner – were recognized.
- Deacons completing their service – Edna Arnold, Alfred Barboza, Michael Cooper, Dottie Evans, Pat Hunter, Elaine Lapka, Elizabeth Noriega, Jim Young - were similarly recognized.
- Outgoing member of the Board of Trustees, Dennis Rohlfing, received the congregation's appreciation.

Elder Randy Moore then reviewed church financial performance in 2009 and presented the 2010 budget adopted by Session contingent upon changes to Terms of Call for our ordained staff. There were questions asked and answered regarding the amortization period for the building loan, paying off the corner property acquisition, and putting together an inventory of church supplies and property.

Elder Moore discussed the proposed increases to the Terms of Call for the three pastors, explaining that a 3.5% increase is recommended for all plus an additional \$5,000 increase is recommended for Rev. Murray. Following questions asked and answered regarding the structure of the Terms of Call, it was moved and seconded that the proposed increases be approved. The motion passed.

Chair of the 2009 Nominating Committee, James Kinzler, presented candidates for the At-Large positions on the 2010 Nominating Committee – Cathy Black and Michael Cooper. Each agreed to serve if elected. No other nominations were received. It was moved, seconded and passed that Cathy and Michael be elected to the 2010 Nominating Committee.

The purposes of the meeting having been accomplished, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator at 1:40 p.m.



Moderator  
Rev. Mark Cooper



Secretary  
Gene Fisseler

**STAFF REPORTS**

January 2010

Dear Webster Presbyterian Church Family:

As I submit my report of the year 2009, I am very happy to be beginning my fifth year as your senior pastor. It has been a very enjoyable and a very productive time. We have made important capital improvements, such as the addition of the media equipment to our sanctuary. We have purchased the property on the corner right by the sanctuary. We have made significant changes to make some of our worship services more contemporary. While change is always difficult and needs to be undertaken slowly, changes have come rather quickly around WPC and, rather than allowing them to become points of conflict, we have tolerated them quite well.

While risking leaving out other factors and people, I would like to mention a number of things that go into making this the exciting and promising place it is. This first has to be our congregation itself. Our membership is made up of many talented and committed people who work very hard for WPC to fulfill its mission and be the kind of church we all want it to be. This is a wonderful congregation and it is a pleasure to be associated with it.

Second, we can be very proud of our congregation's commitment to mission. Our mission committee works very hard trying to figure out how we can best serve God by serving other people, and how to invest in people the funds we allocate to them for that purpose each year. (\$46,000.00 in 2010, which is in addition to the amount we raise in special offerings. For instance, funds raised for Haiti already exceed \$7,000.) Our mission committee is also hard at work looking at new ways we can improve the lives of people in our community.

Third, there is the matter of stewardship. It is nothing less than humbling to see the way the congregation has responded to its church's needs. Since 2006 our annual budget has increased almost \$100,000.00, approximately 15%. In that same time the average pledge has increased from \$2914 to \$3883, an increase of 33 %. All this has happened in times of economic downturn and uncertainty, when many churches are slashing budgets and staff. This speaks very well of the health of our church and of the commitment of its membership, and gives us great reasons to be very optimistic about our future.

Fourth, I consider our youth program second to none. It has grown significantly in recent years, both in size and in quality. Of the churches presbytery that host presbytery youth activities, we have the largest youth group. They are always busy planning mission trips and retreats, and raising money for those purposes. We need to recognize just how fine this program is and how significantly it will affect the lives of our young people. We can be very proud of our youth program. We must do all we can do to support it.

Fifth, I want to mention how happy I am to have WPC's staff to work with. Rev. Helen DeLeon works responsibly in a number of areas of the life of our church, most notably in mission and pastoral care. Rev. Caressa Murray works very effectively with our children, youth, and family ministries. We are extremely fortunate to have both Helen and Caressa with us. Linda Smith-Gregory has enhanced our Sunday School and children's ministries and has begun several new ministries. Glenn and Geri Foster enrich our church life with their musical talents in many ways and are a joy to work with, as is our wonderful organist, Judy Ford. Our bookkeeper, Shannon King, and our church secretary, Carolyn Bolon, are delights to work with and keep our office humming along nicely. They truly help make WPC a wonderful place to work. We are also fortunate to have with us our child care workers Maria

Atansova, Jeannie Green, and James Kent. They provide a welcoming and secure place where we can confidently leave our children.

We have much to be proud of and much to work on. It is time for us to turn our attention to the future and begin to work seriously on long range planning. We must begin to dream big and begin working to make those dreams come true. We will be doing this not for ourselves, but for the building of God's kingdom in our midst, and to help people who need it.

May God bless us in all our efforts.

Sincerely,  
Mark Cooper, Senior Pastor

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January 2010

Dear Webster Presbyterian Church Family:

It was the best of years; it was a difficult year. Okay, I'm paraphrasing this famous line so it fits my description of life at WPC in 2009.

We served the community and the world through our gifts, our labor, our time, our energy, and our love.

We welcomed many new members, who have become engaged and very much a part of our family.

We saw a wonderful increase in families attending worship and participating in our Children and Youth ministries.

We have experienced a full year with no staff changes! (Now that's a good year!)

We have experienced growth and confidence in the abilities of our lay leaders and in their willingness to serve God, the church, and the community.

We have a wonderful slate of new elders, deacons, and a trustee who are stepping into or returning to leadership positions.

We have worshipped, studied, prayed, eaten, and played together throughout the year.

We have been through a couple of difficult moments that, praise be to God, seemed to resolve themselves.

We have experienced the death of several members.

We have bid farewell to a few members who have moved away.

We have cried with members who have lost loved ones, experienced job loss, or experienced other difficult moments during the year.

We have held together through thick and thin; we have remembered who and whose we are more times than not.

We have much to celebrate and even more to look forward to in 2010.

Webster Presbyterian Church: you are a wonderful collection of God's people, chosen, holy, and beloved; precious, honored, and loved. I count it a great blessing that you have allowed me to serve with and among you for six and a half years. I look forward to another outstanding year of mission and ministry in 2010.

Love, Helen  
Associate Pastor, Rev. Helen P. DeLeon

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January 2010

Dear Webster Presbyterian Church Family,

"My cup runneth over" as I reflect on 2009. This past year has been one of many blessings and challenges – both in life and in ministry. Jonathan and I had a tough year as he diligently searched for a church to serve. It was hard to watch him work three part-time jobs and struggle through the search process. However, God's timing is truly perfect and remarkable. In the fall of 2009, Jonathan began conversations with St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of Needville, Texas, and soon everyone knew that it was a match! Jonathan was elected as their pastor on September 13, and was ordained on December 5.

A six year journey of preparation and searching had come to fruition and a new journey fulfilling God's call to serve as pastor began. As you can imagine, this lifted the cloud of stress and worry on our lives and sparked a renewed trust in where we are geographically, and in God's timing, call and purpose for our lives. I admire Jonathan's endurance, perseverance, and deep sense of vocation. Thank you all for your prayers, thoughts, and support!

In ministry, I found myself watching with amazement as ministries unfolded and people became excited about what God was / is doing through this church and in their lives. We transformed GIGL into a children's chapel where children experience God and learn about worship in a sacred space. Adults, who may have never imagined themselves leading, now serve as worship and story leaders for children's chapel, preschool Sunday school teachers, and youth sponsors. We embarked on a new ministry called "Milestones Ministry" where we celebrate the milestones in our journey of faith and ask ourselves, "How are we fulfilling the baptismal promises we make to children, youth and adults?" We began a Mommy & Me group for mothers of infants and toddlers, and now have a Sunday morning parenting class. Our youth stepped out of their comfort zones to explore their faith and be Christ's hands and feet through mission trips, Presbyterian conferences, and ministry with and for those in need.

My hope for 2010 is that we further learn how to live as a community of faith and be the body of Christ – to one another and to this community. When you live and journey together as a community of faith, there are bound to be bumps in the road. But how you approach those bumps, maneuver around them, and even sometimes shift gears, reveals one's understanding of what it means to live as the Body of Christ. The Apostle Paul wisely advises, "Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another." (*Romans 14:13*).

We are called to love one another, clothing ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Whether we are experiencing the blessings or challenges of our personal lives or life as a community of faith, we do well to remember and embody these words from Colossians:

"Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe

yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God." (*Colossians 3:13-16*)

It is only then that we will be equipped and empowered to go out into the world to teach, baptize and make disciples.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Caressa Murray

## **WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2009 ANNUAL SESSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

The Buildings & Grounds Committee mandate is to maintain the church property in a usable and welcoming condition as economically as is practical within our budget. The church property consists of a full three city blocks, four buildings, three parking areas, a play ground and associated lawn, trees, shrubbery and miscellaneous equipment. The maintenance of all of this is accomplished by the Grace of God with funds from the budget and donations by members of time and money.

Many members of our church contribute to the total effort that is required to light, clean, and repair the buildings, pay the utility bills, cut the grass and maintain the landscaping. Without the help of these dedicated members of our congregation, Webster Presbyterian Church would not look and function as well as it does today.

Major contractor projects managed & completed in 2009 were:

- Administration Wing Roof Replacement: Replaced flat commercial roof covering offices, library, and Bouton Hall
- Fire Alarm Circuit: Replaced zone circuit card giving false alarms; system continues to bark false alarms, although much less often now
- A/C Circuit Short: Repaired the shorted circuit feeding the Bouton Hall abandoned A/C condenser during the replacement due to a rusted conduit breached during the repair
- Office & Hallway Carpet: Cleaned
- Drain Clearing in Bouton Hall Kitchen: Clogged drain caused numerous other water problems, including ice machine reduced effectiveness, dish washer overflow, and more

Major B&G projects completed in 2009 by B&G directly were:

- Water Damage: Repaired water damage caused by roofing contractor in Bouton Hall and multiple leaks in the Bouton Hall kitchen caused by plugged sewer lines near the road
- Electricity Costs Reduction: Implemented daily checks on thermostat settings around the church that reduced our power consumption by 45% (over \$20,000).
- HVAC Thermostat Automation Test: Installed and tested three computer-controlled thermostats (two in Sanctuary, one in Bouton Hall) that can be monitored or controlled remotely and will eliminate daily t-stat checks while preserving the savings; system costs less than \$5,000 and yield an annual savings in excess of \$20,000

- Youth Project Support: Worked with youth to build new benches for playground
- Sanctuary Narthex Roof Leak: Repaired leak to sanctuary narthex roof
- Landscape Irrigation: Installed and managed use of watering hoses for landscaping
- Bouton Hall Ramp Removal: Removed the ramp leading from Bouton Hall to the Gallery and built a step

Major projects planned for 2010:

- NASA Parkway Sign Replacement: Assist a team to purchase and install a new sign with some of the money remaining from the building fund post-refinancing.
- Fellowship Hall Acoustical Improvements: Assist the A/V team in making sound improvements within the remaining funds from the building fund post-refinancing
- Use of Facilities Policy Rewrite: Support rewrite of the policy since multiple exceptions to the policy have rendered it unenforceable; at issue are the pricing for members versus non-members and what non-member groups are eligible for use.
- Electricity Contract: Expires in June; renegotiation should reduce rate by 10-30%
- Bouton Hall Ceiling & Light Fixtures: Replace all
- Thermostat Automation: Complete computerized automation and remote monitoring of all thermostats
- Fellowship Hall Foundation Assessment: Complete the damage assessment and repair as necessary. Include preventative plan for watering during dry seasons
- Landscaping Irrigation System: Install an underground irrigation system for garden areas
- Adopt-A-Garden: Provide church members with assistance and signage to support improved landscaping, as well as youth mission support of elderly members to assist this project
- Lift Work: Rent a lift for a week to replace Sanctuary ceiling lights, repair faulty projector, align all projectors, replace bulbs in parking lot fixtures, and repair east-side sanctuary gutter

B&G continues to look for opportunities to improve operations and repairs that will result in savings. By managing our budget in this way, we hope to release unnecessary B&G funds to other committees that may use it to serve God in more direct and meaningful ways. For example, by reducing electricity costs by at least \$20,000, among other things, the Youth will for the first time ever pay a significant amount of the sponsor expenses related to their mission trip out of their budget. That, in turn, will improve adult sponsorship for the Youth, which will further the youth members' spiritual development. A more committed youth membership will make Webster Presbyterian Church a more vibrant youth sanctuary.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Magnant

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#### CARE OF MEMBERS COMMITTEE

Members of Care	Number of volunteers	Leaders
Circle of Pray-ers	50+	Jeanie Camp ('09), Jackie Hart ('10), Kim Kinzler('11)
Stephen's Ministry	8	Julie Yencharis, Connie Carden
Deacon Board	26+100	Michael Cooper, Moderator; Ed Tobia, ViceModerator
Addiction Ministry	3	Jerri Terry
Minister liaison	5	Helen DeLeon

1. The Circle of Pray-ers is comprised of approximately 50 praying volunteers who continue to pray for 2-5 persons per day (60-80/month) plus those serving in the military. When requested for a person to be placed on the Circle of Prayer they usually remain there for two weeks unless the request is specified differently. All those on the orange slips on Sunday mornings are placed on the Circle on Mondays each week and those in the Sunday bulletin.
2. The Stephen Ministers are scheduled as recommended by the Deacons, and requested of Helen DeLeon. We have two support Stephen Ministers and six available trained Ministers that are currently serving. The membership has had the opportunity to be assisted in spiritual/emotional need throughout the year. The Stephens Ministers meet monthly to support each other and for continuing education and continue to work in the background to our visible church.
3. The Deacon Board provided support to families in crisis throughout the year. They made visits to hospital rooms, rehab facilities and to the homes of those who were ill or injured and/or recuperating from surgery taking care of 25 Zones. They held monthly meetings to conduct their service.

Deacon Training Sessions were held in the following areas:

- Introduction to the Spirituality Center & Explanation of Labyrinths by Helen DeLeon
- Making Hospital Visits & Praying with Others by Helen DeLeon
- Hospice Care by Jill Cooper; Improving our Listening Skills by Jamee Wilson
- AED Training by Michael Cooper

#### Deacon Team Accomplishments

- Immediate Care Team worked with the pastors and families to plan, coordinate, and implement funeral receptions for the following members: Dix Beeson, Marion Putnam, Betty Ulrich, Ruth Struben, Dale Wolfe, Gordon Ferguson, and Brian Littleton.
- Young at Heart Team planned and coordinated at least monthly social and educational events for our over 50 age group at WPC. There were an average of 15-20 participants that toured the Cathedral, Terra Cotta Warrior Exhibit, Lone Star Drilling Museum, Pinball Museum, and the Funeral Museum among other events.
- Our Hospitality team worked with other committees at WPC to provide hospitality for the following events:
  - Volunteers for the Biblical Story Telling Training (February 21)
  - Deacons served as a "Ministry of Presence" when they served as Greeters and Mentors for visitors to the Spirituality Center during the Lenten Season
  - Provided refreshments and facilitated the discussion at the Summer Round Tables Kick-off (May 31)
  - Sponsored the *Health Yes!* Screening and served as greeters (June 27)
  - Participated in the Stewardship Luncheon (October 18) Tables of Service.
  - Planned and coordinated two Deacon Fellowship events (Visit to La Madeline after one of our meetings and our Christmas Party)
- The Transportation Team coordinated transportation as requested.
- Our Communication Team coordinated with the WPC office and the folks who publish the WPC newsletter and Worship bulletin to make sure the members of the Church know about all of the opportunities afforded to them. They took

pictures of all of the Deacons and posted the Deacon Board in the Education Building so that Church members can know who their Deacon is and what he/she looks like. They also represented the Deacons on the WPC Session Communication Committee.

- Our Community Service Team coordinated four Blood Drives this year (April, June, September and November) and continues to stock the ICU Baskets in the St. John Hospital ICU waiting room.

Deacons also assisted with Welcoming New Members, Baptisms, and obtaining Emergency Contact information for the Mission Committee's Hurricane Preparedness group. Deacons prepared monthly, the communion elements for our Worship Services and other special communion services. They monthly lead the congregation in the Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer during Sunday Worship.

After a two-year drive, the Deacon Board was finally able to purchase three AEDs for our WPC campus. The money for one of these life saving machines was obtained through donations from many of our Church members and the other two were donated by two individuals. These have been placed centrally in each of our buildings and training continues to be offered to church members.

4. Addiction Ministry is a new ministry that is being started through "Care of Members." The Mission Statement is "Our WPC Addiction Ministry Team will provide hope by giving information, extending support, and offering referrals to families suffering from addiction(s)."

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanette Chase, Elder Chair

## COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

The WPC Communications Team was established to enhance communications among church leaders, church members, and the community which we serve. The establishment of the Outreach function reduced the role of the team with regard to communications external to the church in 2009. For 2010 these two functions have been consolidated.

Activities of the team in 2009 included:

- Publication of the Webster Press Newsletter – Although the scope of the newsletter has been reduced because of budget considerations, the use of color and format continue to contribute to the readability of the newsletter. The team leader responsible for the newsletter is Joyce Sens, who has established and maintains a known schedule for submission of articles, and for publication. The use of the office copier and bulk mailing keep expenses as low as possible.
- Publication of updates for the Church Directory – Updating of the church rolls by another committee allowed us to publish an updated insert for the directory.
- Inventory of Welcoming and Stained Glass Brochures – These were updated as needed. The Communications Team had hoped to broaden the scope of its brochure printing to include articles on all the church ministries. Because of conflicting schedules within the team, we were not able to.

Goals and activities for 2010 include:

- Establishment of the Outreach function.
- Printing of brochures on the ministries of the church.
- Maintain publication of the Newsletter

- Establish a team to help with the web site.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Jordan, Elder

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### **CHRISTIAN NURTURE**

As a Christian community of faith, Webster Presbyterian Church seeks to encounter the loving God, nurture followers of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs.

"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28: 19-20)

The Christian Nurture Committee of WPC is designed and commissioned to guide and enable people of all ages to develop their faith and grow in their relationship with God and others. Christian nurture is a life-long process of searching, learning, listening, discovering, exploring one's faith and caring for others. From children to older adults, we seek to educate, equip and empower people to live as Christ's disciples in this world through faithful worship, study, and action. We accomplish this through large and small groups, inspired teachers, committed mission opportunities, meaningful fellowship, care giving and enthusiastic study of the Word. Our hope is that those under our guidance and care will discover and utilize their gifts and abilities for the glory of God and become who God has called them to be.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Dewey, Elder

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### **ADULT MINISTRY**

Members of the 2009 Adult Ministry Committee are Rev. Helen DeLeon (Staff), Jane Markley (Covenant Groups), Ed Tobia (Sunday School Committee), Bill Dixon (Special Events), Liz Loynes (Bible Study Groups), Kaylin Dupree (Library), Elizabeth Stoltz (Women's Ministries) and John Dewey (Chairman). This year we established a formal Women's Ministry, with a representative to the Adult Ministry Committee and a separate line item in the budget.

#### Adult Christian Education

During the past year we were fortunate to introduce new Sunday school teachers, as well as visiting teachers from outside WPC. They all provided a variety of interesting discussions. We were successful in offering classes on the Scriptures and classes addressing personal and social issues. Two of the most successful classes were the "Social Justice" and "Interfaith Dialogue" series, with outside speakers who addressed a particular social justice issue for the first series, and represented the Ba'hai, Jewish, Muslim, and Hindu faiths-the series closed with Rev. Mike Cole, our General Presbyter. These series were made successful with the dedication of Pastor Helen DeLeon and her coordination. There are other exciting classes planned for the year 2010. Please join us.

Special Events Board

This Board was formed in 2008 and is responsible for bringing special events to WPC and the local community. Our first event, offered in early 2009, was a *Biblical Storytelling Workshop*. Based upon the successful attendance, we are hopeful to continue this workshop. In a different venue, we conducted two Bird Watching/Migration lectures, led by Dr. David McDonald

Covenant Groups

Currently there are six active Covenant Groups that meet regularly for study and fellowship. The members of these groups care and pray for one another and use Christian books or videos as a catalyst for discussion. In 2010, under the leadership of Jane Markley, it is hoped that a seventh group will be formed.

Study Groups

There are presently three Study Groups: *Tuesday Morning Bible Class*, *Joy Connection* and *Wednesday Morning Break* for women. There also is a *Wednesday Evening Adult Book Study Group*. The Tuesday Morning Class is made up of 15 to 20 men and women and is led by Rev. Cooper. The Morning Break consists of 15 women, meets on Wednesday mornings and is currently being led by Liz Loynes, with Rev. DeLeon as its pastoral support. The Wednesday Evening Study Group meets on Wednesday evening at 6:30. You are encouraged to join one or all of these groups.

Women's Ministries

*The Women's Retreat* is normally an annual Fall event at which WPC women enjoy the opportunity to escape for a weekend of spiritual renewal. The 2008 retreat, postponed due to Hurricane Ike, was held in the Spring at the John Newcombe Tennis Ranch, and the usual fall retreat was held at Camp Allen. Both were successful events, with over 50 women attending each.

*Sisters-in-Faith* is a unique program that brings women together, two at a time, for weekly chats and monthly outings, for nine months. A SIC (sister-in-charge) plans the event so the sisters get to know one another. The next round will open in September 2010.

Library

The WPC Library was re-energized in 2009 and, through a very dedicated committee has been reorganized and re-vitalized and is OPEN for business. The Committee is working to computerize the card catalog. Stop by and browse anytime.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Dewey, Chairman

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

*To encounter the loving God, to learn to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ, to share the Good News, to change the world.*

2009 was an exciting year for the YMC. The number of youth activities along with the number of youth participating in them has grown. This would not have been possible without the support of the congregation, the tireless work of the youth team leaders, the commitment of the numerous volunteers and parents, and the dedication of the youth themselves.

The Youth Ministry Committee is comprised of the following teams: Sr. High Planning Team, Junior High Planning Team, Youth Resource Team, Youth Worship Planning Team and the Youth Mission Team. The coordinated effort of these teams made it possible for the following:

#### Jr. High Youth Ministry Activities

- Weekly PYC, Wonderful Wednesday Program and Sunday School for 18 youth
- Super Bowl of Caring mission project
- Easter baskets for the residents of Regency Village
- Cleaned out and organized rooms and closets in WPC's educational building
- Confirmation Class and associated Mentor Program for 2 youth
- Conclaves at Cho-Yeh in the spring
- Jr. High youth trip to Jr. High Jubilee at Mo-Ranch
- Midnight Madness, the annual youth planning and fellowship kickoff event
- Collected items and packed Seafarer's Christmas boxes
- First Jr. High mission trip – Hurricane Ike repairs in Galveston and High Island

#### Sr. High Ministry Activities

- Weekly Sunday School, PYC and Wednesday Connections program for 25 youth
- Big / Little Sibling Program to incorporate and welcome new ninth graders
- Luncheon for high schoolers and college students to talk about college life
- Conclaves at Cho-Yeh in the spring
- Built playground benches and picnic table for WPC's playground
- Summer series on Dating
- Synod of the Sun Youth Workshop in Tulsa, Oklahoma attended by 11 youth
- Mission Trip fund raisers – Super Bowl Sandwiches, Sweetheart Dinner Dance, Car Washes, Christmas Post Office
- Mission Trip – over 30 youth and sponsors travelled to Bridge City, Texas to assist with Hurricanes Ike and Rita relief
- Annual Summer Fellowship and Planning Retreat in Kingwood
- Presbytery involvement with three PYCC youth representatives and two PYCC adult leaders

#### Combined Jr. High and Sr. High Ministry Activities

- Youth Worship Services continued throughout the year – youth help plan and lead this service. Youth Sunday and the Hanging of the Greens service were especially memorable.
- Youth Musical program "I.M.A.G.E"
- Lenten Spirituality Center for our congregation
- Setup and support of the Spirituality Center at the Presbytery "Focus" at Grace Presbyterian Church
- Trip to Houston Museum for "Birth of Christianity" exhibit
- Hosting of two Youth Cluster events with other youth within New Covenant Presbytery
- Hosting a pool party and movie night for youth mission groups from Grapevine and Allen that traveled here to support Hurricane Ike relief
- Astros Game with youth from First Presbyterian of Austin
- Support for WPC Vacation Bible School in June
- Trip to Mo Ranch over Labor Day weekend with 150 other Presbyterian youth
- Crop Walk
- Fall Presbytery-wide Youth Rally
- Attended A.D. Players in December

As we begin 2010, it is the hope of the Youth Ministry Committee that we will, with God's help and guidance and the support of our wonderful congregation, meet the challenge of our vision and, through the growth of our youth's faith, change the world.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Grady, Elder

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## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Vision: We will prepare the children of WPC to go out into the world as Christians

### Highlights of Children's Ministry Accomplishments

- Our WPC children wrote and presented the liturgies as well as performed the musical "Through the Roof" for the Children's Sabbath on February 15.
- The campus was illuminated with God Sightings during our Intergenerational VBS "Crocodile Dock" in June. Our tiny tadpoles ages 1-3 had their own Saturday morning VBS.
- Birth-to-Three Ministry welcomed many new babies. Mommy and Me group was created to help build relationships and nurture faith journeys for the families.
- Renovation and Reassignment of the Nurseries; Children's Library/Music Room to provide safe age appropriate spaces.
- Our new Children's Chapel during the 11:00 a.m. worship service enables our preschool to third graders to encounter and worship God while learning the meaning and actions of corporate worship. The children are so proud of their "church"
- Active Parenting Class, during Sunday School hour, assists parents in the spiritual journey raising our children in Christian way.
- On August 23, a dynamic and energetic Intergenerational Rally Day/Ministry Fair "God at Work" opened the new Sunday School year.
- Children and their families celebrated Advent with caroling in a local nursing home; advent wreaths and family devotionals; Children's interactive Lessons in Carols; and lessons for Sunday School/Children's Chapel created by teachers and staff.
- Small Group/Large Group Sunday School format incorporated a twice a month music opening session with Cappi McNeill.

### Goals for 2010

- Children's Sabbath February 28, 2010
- Human Sexuality Course, Come To the Waters and Come to the Table Workshops, Parenting Workshops and Bible and Me Classes
- Family Fellowship Activities including outreach to the community with a Fall Festival
- WPC Milestone Ministry, birth to 12<sup>th</sup> grade family component
- Engage children and families to participate in Children's ministry offerings/ activities
- Creation of our own intergenerational VBS based on Heifer Project Noah's Ark.

We send a special thanks and appreciation to all the children, parents, youth helpers, team members, shepherds; childcare staff and volunteers who have positively impacted our children's ministry.

*"And his mother treasured up all those things on her heart. Jesus grew in wisdom, stature and favor with God and Man" Luke 2:51-52*

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Black, Elder

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## **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

"The goal of the Fellowship team is to provide the congregation a time to connect in life outside of Worship Services and Sunday School. Having this time set aside to meet people new to the church as well as visiting with other members and old friends is important and gives everyone the opportunity to really get to know each other and to share experiences whether happy or sad."

The 2009 Fellowship Committee hit the ground running last January and never stopped. Accomplishing the multitude of tasks that are performed day by day, week by week, month in and month out, requires a special group of volunteers that are willing to work above and beyond the norm. Our committee for 2009 included: Jennifer Carr, Carole Kloves, Lois Phillips, Nancy Spivey, Dana Strahan, Carol Young and Elder, Joan McMillan.

Our volunteers provided 36 Wednesday Night Dinners including the Thanksgiving feast, which altogether fed over 2,000 people. Our dinner cooks usually number 4-5 regulars but include a total of 22 people who add their services throughout the year. For the Thanksgiving Feast, held for the first time in the Fellowship Hall where we fed about 200 people, we were able to get all of our regular cooks and several more to help with that monumental task. We cooked eight turkeys, numerous pans of vegetables, rolls, cranberry sauce, gravy and more including the Cardens "smashers", and like the loaves and the fishes, we had enough to feed the multitude of people that gathered in thanksgiving that night. Attendees happily supplied the fabulous desserts.

We provided 52 weeks of Wholy Grounds Coffee service from 9:30 a.m. to 30 minutes after the second service each Sunday. There are 1- 3 people who do the majority of the work, at times we are able to get one or two more to help out. Wholy Grounds started out the year serving approximately 8-10 people each Sunday. In December, we could count on serving anywhere from 20 to, at times, nearly 30 people, especially on our newly introduced, Hot Shot Sundays where we provide specialty coffees and hot chocolate. For the December Christmas music service, we provided pots of hot wassail and gingerbread. Many people enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the Wholy Grounds Java Spot and will read the Sunday paper while waiting to go to services.

The Fellowship Committee, which had eight regular members along with a dozen regular souls and many more that help at each event, provided three potlucks: a Mother's Day luncheon, our first Lunar Communion luncheon and our October fall luncheon. We fed approximately 450 individuals in those three events.

The Early Riser's Breakfast cookers, led by Ed Boyer, cooked nine breakfasts and fed about 675 people. They also cooked breakfast for the Adult Education ministry for special events. Ed has a group of about 10 volunteers cooking breakfasts. While under the auspices of Fellowship, Ed provides breakfast on his own as part of his contribution to the church and we are grateful for his gifts. Ed and Anna Mae also provide an annual Gingerbread making workshop each November for the church members and their families and friends.

The Fellowship team and as many volunteers as we could get provided meals for the January annual meeting and the Stewardship dinner, held the August Ice Cream Social and our first Craft Fair; held the annual Shrimp Boil which brought out a record number of attendees and required many more people to help haul tables and chairs, food and equipment to the park and back; painted Bouton Hall and made new curtains; cleaned out the entire kitchen and supply room and revamped the storage spaces and decorated the fellowship and Bouton halls for Christmas as part of Hanging of the Greens. We also helped many other ministries on their particular events wherever help was needed.

Without the wonderful giving spirit of the people of this church, we would not have been able to accomplish all that we do. It is through your kind words of encouragement that we persevere when we are tired. It is because of your generous donations to our events that we are able to continue to try to provide a true spirit of fellowship which bolsters the hearts of all.

As the elder of the fellowship team for 2009, I would like to give a heartfelt Thank You to the team and to the dozens of you who have participated in any way during this year. You are the best!

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan McMillan, Elder

### **MISSION COMMITTEE**

The goal of the Mission Committee is to be the eyes, ears, hands, and feet of WPC, to identify appropriate avenues for member service, as we SHARE GOD'S HEART WITH THE WORLD.

WPC is a mission-oriented church and contributes to all PC(USA) special offerings throughout the year (Pentecost, One Great Hour of Sharing, Peacemaking and Christmas Joy Offering) as well as contributes to the PC(USA) Mission Initiative.

Locally, we support:

- Bay Area Turning Point
- Camp Cho-Yeh
- English as a Second Language, ESL
- Habitat for Humanity
- Houston Campus Ministry
- Meals on Wheels
- Interfaith Christian Ministries Food Bank/Resale Shop/ and Christmas Store
- Interfaith Worker Justice
- Meals on Wheels
- Presbyterian Outreach to Patients
- Samaritan Center
- Crop Walk

We accomplish this through monetary contributions, as well as the volunteer hours of over a hundred WPC members. This year, WPC was a key participant in the Habitat for Humanity

Women Build. Members and staff are key leaders at Bay Area Turning Point, ICM; Interfaith Worker Justice and Habitat for Humanity.

Nationally and internationally, we contribute financially to:

- The Ubuntu project, a care program for children in South Africa who have been affected by AIDS
- The Institute for Civility in Government
- Vellore Christian Medical Center (our \$500 contribution pays room/board AND TUITION for one year for a nursing student...an amazing return on our investment)
- CEDEPCA
- Christmas International House. Bud Allison is the area coordinator, and serves on the national board of directors.

Additionally, Webster Presbyterian supported its very own community outreach programs, like the Webster Technology Center. Under development is Family Promise of Clear Lake, which will help newly homeless families to get back to independence.

*Webster Presbyterian Church in mission: seeing, hearing, going, touching...taking God's heart to the world.*

Respectfully submitted,  
James Kinzler, Elder

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## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The Personnel Committee serves WPC in the following ways:

- Support of the leadership and staff in the fulfillment of their calling to the work and mission of the WPC ministry
- Develop and implement policies and procedures to foster a healthy and positive work environment
- Manage personnel and staff issues that arise within our church and make appropriate recommendations to Session
- Ensure good stewardship relating to WPC staffing

The Personnel Committee members are: John Jordan (Elder), Janis Edwards, Dorothy Kennedy and Chair Kathy Braeuer (Elder).

Major items accomplished in 2009 included the following:

- Reviewing and finalizing the job description for the position of Children's Ministry Coordinator (previously named Children's Sunday School Superintendent/Sunday School Coordinator)
- Reviewing pay level of Child Care workers and recommendation for an hourly increase in 2010
- Completing and reviewing staff performance evaluations
- Job descriptions and appropriate revisions were made in our agreements with the Co-Directors of Music and Fine Arts, as well as with the Part-time Organist/Accompanist

Special thanks to John Jordan, Janis Edwards and Dorothy Kennedy for their dedicated service as Personnel team members in 2009.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Braeuer

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## **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Committee members for 2009: Randy Moore, David McDonald, Carlos Noriega, Roy Phillips, Treasurer Priscilla Koester, Rev. Mark Cooper, and Committee Chair Mike Stearns

*Strong Roots Nurture Growth and Faith; God Calls Us to the Future*

The Committee's 2009 goals for the year included:

- Providing frequent presentations of information to the Congregation through the monthly WPC Newsletter and "Minutes for Stewardship".
- Monitoring and analyzing monthly financial contributions and expenses and reporting observations to Session;
- Continuing the initiative to transform the process for funding WPC mission and ministries into a continuous, year-round effort;
- Insuring that the audit/financial review of WPC financial transactions was completed for the year 2008 by the Audit Committee;
- Monitoring the process of updating membership rolls;
- Managing the process of refinancing of the maturing loan on WPC property and also securing additional funds for capital improvements; and,
- Initiating a revision of policies and procedures for Stewardship and Finance Committee

Summary of Committee Activities for 2009

1. Campaign for Renewal of Letter of Commitment for 2010:
  - Provided monthly updates to congregation on the status of YTD financial contributions and expenses through the newsletter; provided quarterly updates and offers of thanks to congregation for time, talent and financial contributions through "Minutes for Stewardship" during Worship Services; and provided quarterly contribution summaries to congregational members;
  - A special task force was formed in July to undertake
    - The production of a video that would highlight the historical roots of WPC and the growth of its mission and ministries into what they are today and
    - A slide show that presented photos of fellowship events over the recent history (since 1960) of WPC. The task force included Pastors Helen DeLeon and Caressa Murray, representatives from Session committees over all ministries and mission, and A/V team representatives Chuck Moede and Robert Cravens. The purpose of the video was
      - To provide a "handout" summary on CD of our church to new members and visitors, and
      - As part of the presentation at the scheduled October 18 Stewardship Luncheon. The Title of the video production was "Strong Roots Nurture Growth and Faith; God Calls us to the Future";
  - During the last week in September, a letter to the Congregation requesting a Letter of Recommitment was sent by regular mail/email to all active members in the congregation who have made contributions during the last two years;

- A Stewardship Luncheon was held on October 18; the theme of the Luncheon was "Strong Roots Nurture Growth and Faith; God Calls Us to the Future"; the Fellowship team arranged for a catered Mexican meal and dessert was provided by Elders and their spouses; table centerpieces, whose theme was to emphasize various aspects of our mission and ministries, were created by members of each Session committee; a short brochure was provided to all luncheon attendees summarizing the 2010 proposed operational budget and a few of the key aspects of our current mission and ministry efforts; a slide show of previous Fellowship events was shown during the first part of the Luncheon and a video, titled "Strong Roots Nurture Growth and Faith; God Calls Us to the Future" was shown during the second part of the Luncheon; a general summary of the 2010 goals by committee for our operational budget was then presented from representatives from several Session committees; in conclusion a request was made for all members to provide support of our mission and ministries in 2010;
  - As of January 10, a total of 180 commitments had been received from the congregation in the total amount of approximately \$693,500 toward the continuing support of WPC mission and ministries during 2010; this level of committed support will allow WPC to fund an operational budget of \$773,000, which is an increase of approximately 4.1% over actual contributions received in 2009 and 8.7% over actual expenditures incurred in 2009 (see summary in table below).
2. WPC Loan Refinancing:
- In February and March, bids were solicited from four different lending institutions to refinance maturing five-year property loan in the amount of approximately \$590,000; the new loan bids included an additional amount of \$120,500 that would be used to finance capital improvements and repay funds borrowed from the Building Fund which were used to purchase the NASA Parkway corner property; the solicited lending institutions included Frost Bank, Chase Bank, Sterling Bank, and Amegy Bank.
  - The loan terms offered by Amegy Bank included:
    - A 5-year term with a 20-year amortization rate,
    - A floating (adjustable) interest rate tied to the Prime Rate; the interest rate would be Prime Rate - 0.25% with a minimum Prime Rate defined as 5%; the initial interest rate was therefore 4.75%, and the rate would increase only when the Wall Street Journal posted Prime Rate exceeds 5%;
    - A cap on the interest rate of 7%;
  - On April 5, the Congregation approved the motion to borrow \$120,500 in extra funds, as part of the property loan refinancing, to pay for Administration Building and Bouton Hall roof replacement, repay funds borrowed from the Building Fund used to pay for the NASA Parkway corner property, to purchase a new sign to be placed on the NASA Parkway corner property, and to make acoustic improvements in the Fellowship Hall;
  - On May 4, WPC closed a new property loan in the amount of \$710,000 with Amegy Bank according to the terms listed above.
3. Audit/Financial Review of financial transactions for the year 2008:
- In May, the Audit/Financial Review Committee composed of Robert Cravens, Tye Cowan, and Dick Mills recommended that the Steve Duncan Company be retained to provide guidance to conduct a financial review of WPC financial transactions for the year 2008; bids to provide such services had been taken and evaluated in 2008; a contract for services was executed and the review process was initiated in June and completed in early July;

- The review concluded that WPC financial procedures are adequate but, as part of the final report, recommendations were received from the Audit/Financial Review Committee in regard to procedures in six areas that would improve internal controls on financial transactions; these included procedures for: a) reconciliations, b) debit card use by our pastors, c) designated funds and endowment fund, d) borrowed funds, e) timecards, and f) auto mileage reimbursement;
  - The formal report from the Audit/Financial Review Committee was presented to Session in the November stated meeting;
  - Henceforth, plans are to continue audit/financial reviews on an annual basis.
4. Initiative to update membership rolls:
- The formation of the task force, that was approved by Session in October 2008, to undertake the task of updating WPC membership rolls, was completed under the guidance of chairman Roy Phillips in January;
  - The task force has completed its review of the membership rolls and letters have been sent to inactive members requesting that they agree to being removed from the WPC membership roll;
  - The new membership rolls will be finalized by mid-2010 once sufficient time has been allowed for all inactive members to respond to the letters of inquiry.
5. Initiative to Update Policy & Procedures for the Committee:
- In February, the Committee established a Policy & Procedures subcommittee, composed of Randy Moore and Carlos Noriega, that assumed the task of compiling and revising associated policies and procedures;
  - Particular focus was placed on updating of policy and procedures with respect to Designated and Exchange Funds due to observed negative balances present in many of the funds;
  - New policies were subsequently formulated to address observed issues with these Funds; Financial Review/Audit recommendations were also incorporated;
  - The Subcommittee for Policy & Procedures continues to further refine policy and procedures for Session approval in 2010.
6. Other continuing developments: Initiative to create Reserve Fund: it remains the intention of the Committee to submit a proposal to Session to form such a fund when annual contributions exceed annual expenses.

<b>Financial Summary – 2009 Operating Budget</b>			
		<b>Actual 08</b>	<b>Actual 09</b>
Total Receipts	Pledged, non pledged, loose plate, & other	\$ 725,311	741,456
Total Expenses		\$ 743,334	\$ 709,849
Net Receipts		(\$ 18,023)	\$ 31,607

<b>Other Contributions and Fund Cash Balances</b>		
2009 Building Fund Balance	Includes funds borrowed for new WPC sign and acoustics improvements in Fellowship Hall	\$29,802
2008 Exchange & Designated Funds Balance	Excludes Mission Funds; includes: adult and youth mission trips, Women's Retreat, Wednesday night dinners, Shrimp Boil, fund raisers, etc.	\$ 27,136
2008 Mission Designated Funds Balance		\$ 11,133
Endowment Fund Balance		\$35,709

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Stearns, Elder

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## **WELCOMING COMMITTEE**

*With Christ's love, we welcome, engage, and connect God's children to our family of faith.*

Hosting Team — The major accomplishment of this team in 2009 was the purchase and placement of Guest Parking Signs. The hopes are that they will make guest feel welcome from the moment they arrive on our campus and also allow our hosts to more easily identify guests.

Connection Team — This team struggled with membership throughout the year. One couple joined then later left due to other commitments. A new couple has been identified to possibly serve in 2010.

The team purchased 150 PBA-free water bottles to replace the more expensive coffee mugs used in the past. Several of these were also donated for use by the Christmas International House.

The comments from guests and new members alike continue to show the importance of this team in our guests' decisions to join WPC.

Engaging Team — This team developed a mission statement that reflects all three teams of the Welcoming Committee: *With Christ's love, we welcome, engage, and connect God's children to our family of faith.*

In an effort to help new members more easily identify their own spiritual gifts and ways that they might best serve WPC, the team took the Hawk Spirituality Gift Inventory. While the results were enlightening, the team ultimately decided not to use this as a tool with new members. They felt that the "mystical" gifts questions that were included on the inventory might perhaps give the wrong impression of our church.

After participating in the creation of "Strong Roots" a video produced by the Stewardship and Finance Committee, the team decided that the Open Door Class would benefit greatly by using "Strong Roots" as a visual element. Once in place, it actually reduced the length of the class by about an hour, lessened the number of speakers needed, and influenced a more participatory style of interaction instead of the previous lecture format.

The team introduced quite a few families and individuals for membership throughout 2009, including Sherwin and Maureen Bigueras (children Aaliyah and Angelo), Pam Carter, Danny and Erin Parraz (Rylee, Carter and Nicholas), Will Powers, Alicia Ruiz, Michael and Miriam Schoen (Ian), John Stoker, and Ken and Sue Thompson. And for the first time, the team also had the pleasure of introducing two confirmands for membership: Henry Haws and Kellen Gregory. The team will present Dan and Anne Reilly with their children Shannon and Steven in 2010. These new members have joined as the result of hard work on the part of all three Welcoming teams as well as countless others at WPC who make our guests feel that they belong. "It just felt like home" is a common response when we ask new members why they chose to be a part of our church family.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shallon Barboza, Elder

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Worship Team of WPC not only wants to provide opportunities for people to engage in acts of worship, but also to encourage people to participate fully and regularly in them. In addition to helping create a meaningful experience of worship on Sunday morning to members and visitors, the Worship Team is responsible for scheduling and coordinating the following:

- Special worship services, including such services as Lunar Communion (the 40th anniversary service this year received world-wide attention!), Youth Worship, the Selah Service and the Lent Noon devotionals;
- A team of ushers who provide assistance to members and visitors, as well as see that things are where they are supposed to be on Sunday mornings;
- Communion (prepared by our Board of Deacons);
- Sanctuary Guild days to clean and organize the Sanctuary;
- Flowers for Sunday morning; and
- Seasonal planning and decorating for Lent, Advent, and Pentecost. This year the Worship Team also sponsored an in-house Advent devotional written by WPC's elders, deacons and pastors.

A constant in the life of this congregation is the presence of so many talented musicians! We have all been blessed by their remarkable talents and have enjoyed the gifts of the Faith

Choir, Joyful Noyz, the Children's Choir, Youth Choir, Children's Ringers, Youth Ringers, Carol Bells, Carillon Ringers, the Recorder Concerts, Webster Strings and many, many fine individual instrumentalists who gave of their talents so generously. All have added new and exciting dimensions to our worship. In addition, we have had several music programs throughout the year, including special music prepared for the Lenten and Advent seasons. We are indeed blessed by the many talented children, youth, and adults who lead and participate in our music programs under the leadership and guidance of Glenn and Geri Foster.

We continue to have two different styles of worship at our Sunday morning services. While the 11:00 service remains a traditional style service, the 8:30 service is more contemporary, with music led by our praise band, Joyful Noyz. At some of our worship services during the year, we have had liturgical dancers and story-tellers add a new dimension to how we see and hear the message of the Gospel. Also, in addition to the Youth Sunday service, the youth led a special Hanging of the Green service in November and led several youth worship services throughout the year. On World Communion Sunday, we had a guest preacher, Rev. LaDonna Sanders Nkosi, lead us in worship and share her experiences with the Ubuntu Global Village in Durban, So. Africa. As a result of all this, the A/V function of WPC continues to expand! Heartfelt thanks go to our dedicated A/V volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents. Audio sermons and music from Sunday services are now available online at our website.

In the coming year, we will continue to provide more opportunities for us to experience God together as a worshipping community. My sincere thanks to the Worship Team of 2009: Dennis Waehner (Elder), Jennifer Paden (Youth Elder), Chuck Moede, Mark Cooper, Helen DeLeon, Caressa Murray, Glenn and Geri Foster, and Judy Wilson and a big welcome to the new elders on the 2010 Worship Team: Nina Moede and Michelle Dupont (Youth Elder).

Together in Christ's service,

Mary Lawrence, Chair, Worship Team

<b>2009 FINANCIAL SUMMARY</b>			
<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>			
	<b>Actual 2009</b>	<b>Budget 2009</b>	
<b>Receipts</b>	\$742,000	\$741,456	
<b>Expenses</b>	\$742,000	\$709,849	
<b>Net Receipts</b>	\$0	\$31,607	
<b>2009 FINANCIAL SUMMARY</b>			
<b>Other Contributions and Cash Balances</b>			
	<b>Start</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>End</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	(\$11,702)	\$679,866	\$29,802
<b>Designated Funds</b>	\$22,167	\$59,589	\$28,142
<b>Mission Funds</b>	\$9,323	\$27,439	\$11,134
<b>Exchange Funds</b>	\$7,260	\$53,370	(\$1,005)
<b>Endowment Fund Balance</b>	--	--	\$35,709

**WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
2010 BUDGET**

APPROVED BY SESSION JANUARY 2010

<b>Mission/Ministry Categories</b>	<b>2009 Budget</b>	<b>2010 Budget</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>
<b>Worship</b>	\$8,000	\$11,560	\$3,560
<b>Nurture &amp; Education</b>	\$11,000	\$19,350	\$8,350
<b>Fellowship</b>	\$1,800	\$2,100	\$300
<b>Mission &amp; Care</b>	\$42,100	\$47,700	\$5,600
<b>Administration</b>	\$609,000	\$627,400	\$18,400
<b>Stewardship &amp; Finance</b>	\$70,100	\$64,890	(\$5,200)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$742,000</b>	<b>\$773,000</b>	<b>\$31,000</b>

## PROPOSED TERMS OF CALL

Following a year without an increase (except a Presbytery-mandated \$250 education allowance increase), the Personnel Committee recommends to Session and the Congregation an increase of 3.5% to the Terms of Call for every member of the pastoral staff.

Furthermore, as part of a multi-year effort to adequately and appropriately compensate our associate pastors, the Personnel Committee recommends to Session and the Congregation an additional increase of \$5,000 per year to the Terms of Call for Associate Pastor Caressa Murray.

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>2009 Terms of Call</b>	<b>Proposed 2010 Terms of Call</b>
<b>Mark L. Cooper</b>	<b>\$122,790</b>	<b>\$127,088</b>
<b>Helen P. DeLeon</b>	<b>\$ 72,355</b>	<b>\$ 74,887</b>
<b>Caressa Murray</b>	<b>\$ 58,563</b>	<b>\$ 65,613</b>

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 2009	Operating	Designated	Bldg Fund	Prepaid Pledge	Total
<b>Cash at Beginning of Year</b>	(\$30,221.04)	\$38,699.26	(\$11,701.75)	\$51,201.00	\$47,977.47
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Operating Revenue	741,455.63				741,455.63
Designated Contributions		65,563.18	749.00		66,312.18
Exchange Funds		45,106.22			45,106.22
Designated Contributions for Missions		29,249.64			29,249.64
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(49.89)				(49.89)
Increase in Accounts Payable	0.00				0.00
Change in Prepayments	(1,438.08)				(1,438.08)
2010 Contributions Received in 2009				34850.00	34,850.00
2009 Contributions Received in 2008				(45,000.00)	(45,000.00)
2010 Contributions Received in 2009					0.00
Prepaid Contributions Trf. To Operating Fund				(6,201.00)	(6,201.00)
Amegy Mortgage			720,619.51		720,619.51
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	739,967.66	139,919.04	721,368.51	(16,351.00)	1,584,904.21
<b>Disbursements:</b>					
Operating Expenses	709,849.48				709,849.48
Designated Expenses		59,588.75	10,619.51		70,208.26
Exchange Funds		53,370.26			53,370.26
Designated Contributions to Missions		27,439.02			27,439.02
Bldg. Fund Capital Expenses-roofing			69,077.07		69,077.07
Payoff Frost Note			586,907.71		586,907.71
Closing Costs			9,001.73		9,001.73
Interest Expenses			4,259.16		4,259.16
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	709,849.48	140,398.03	679,865.18	0.00	1,530,112.69
<b>Net Cash Receipts</b>	30,118.18	(478.99)	41,503.33	(16,351.00)	54,791.52
<b>Current Cash Balance</b>	(\$102.86)	\$38,220.27	\$29,801.58	\$34,850.00	\$102,768.99

**Webster Presbyterian Church  
Summary of Revenues and Expenses**

Accounts	Actual 2009	Budget 2009
<b>Revenues</b>		
Contributions		
Pledged	\$675,491.93	\$692,000.00
Non-pledged	\$64,545.99	\$50,000.00
Other Revenue	\$1,417.71	\$0.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$741,455.63</b>	<b>\$742,000.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Worship	\$7,716.65	\$8,005.00
Nurture		
Children	\$5,161.21	\$5,433.21
Adults	\$3,493.59	\$2,928.00
Youth	\$3,044.74	\$2,750.00
<b>Total Nurture</b>	<b>\$11,699.54</b>	<b>\$11,111.21</b>
Fellowship	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Care: Deacons/Stephen Minister	\$994.76	\$1,700.00
Mission	\$39,894.29	\$40,400.00
Administration		
Personnel	\$403,689.29	\$396,339.40
Office	\$95,007.00	\$97,908.00
Building & Grounds	\$80,559.01	\$116,000.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$579,255.30</b>	<b>\$610,247.40</b>
Stewardship & Finance	\$68,488.94	\$70,100.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$709,849.48</b>	<b>\$743,363.61</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$31,606.15</b>	<b>(\$1,363.61)</b>

**Webster Presbyterian Church  
Summary of Restricted Accounts -  
2009**

	Beginning Balance	Restricted Revenue	Restricted Expenses	Restricted Balance
<b>Temporary Restricted Accounts</b>				
<b>Designated Mission Gifts</b>				
CEDEPCA	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
Christmas Intl. House	\$2,073.19	\$2,262.39	\$2,841.87	\$1,493.71
Community Assistance	\$0.00	\$1,070.00	\$1,070.00	\$0.00
CROP Walk	\$0.00	\$1,015.00	\$1,015.00	\$0.00
ESL Program	\$4.39	\$293.31	\$297.70	\$0.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$50.00	\$689.00	\$739.00	\$0.00
Heifer ARK Project	\$2,521.69	\$716.70	\$0.00	\$3,238.39
Heritage Presby. Church	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
Hurricane Relief-Ike	\$3,128.72	\$0.00	\$3,128.72	\$0.00
ICM	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
Joy Offering	\$0.00	\$5,103.25	\$70.00	\$5,033.25
Louisiana Mission Trip	\$756.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$756.25
Meals on Wheels	\$0.00	\$853.92	\$853.92	\$0.00
Missions	\$143.38	\$403.26	\$75.00	\$471.64
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$0.00	\$3,950.66	\$3,950.66	\$0.00
Peacemaking Offering	\$0.00	\$4,528.00	\$4,528.00	\$0.00
Pentecost Offering	\$0.00	\$6,599.15	\$6,599.15	\$0.00
Seafarer Center	\$70.00	\$120.00	\$190.00	\$0.00
Ubuntu	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,000.00	\$50.00
Vellore, India Hosp. & College	(\$500.00)	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Webster Patriots	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Other	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Designated Mission Gifts</b>	<b>\$9,322.62</b>	<b>\$29,249.64</b>	<b>\$27,439.02</b>	<b>\$11,133.24</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>				
Memorials	\$1,728.84	\$4,951.16	\$3,463.68	\$3,216.32
Worship	\$2,205.32	\$17,414.33	\$9,811.50	\$9,808.15
Mission	\$2,150.67	\$23,786.15	\$21,979.02	\$3,957.80
Nurture	\$7,502.71	\$618.11	\$5,935.73	\$2,185.09
Building & Grounds	\$3,254.55	\$8,195.11	\$6,322.62	\$5,127.04
Care	\$167.38	\$200.00	\$111.10	\$256.28
Fellowship	\$2,459.26	\$10,348.42	\$10,542.17	\$2,265.51
Administration	\$2,698.44	\$49.90	\$1,422.93	\$1,325.41
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>\$22,167.17</b>	<b>\$65,563.18</b>	<b>\$59,588.75</b>	<b>\$28,141.60</b>
Building Fund	(\$11,701.75)	\$721,368.51	\$679,865.18	\$29,801.58
Exchange Funds	\$7,259.48	\$45,106.22	\$53,370.26	(\$1,004.56)
<b>Total Temporary Restricted Accounts</b>	<b>\$27,047.52</b>	<b>\$861,287.55</b>	<b>\$820,263.21</b>	<b>\$68,071.86</b>

**Permanently Restricted Accounts**

Endowment Fund	\$35,709.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,709.70
<b>Total Permanently Restricted Accounts</b>	<b>\$35,709.70</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$35,709.70</b>

February 23, 2010  
Meeting Room

The **Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session convened a Stated Meeting** on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, in the Meeting Room. The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer by the Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper, at 7:05 p.m. The devotion centered on the discussions from the recent Session retreat.

The following members of Session were present:

- Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper;
- Associate Pastors Reverend Helen P. DeLeon and Caressa Murray; and,
- Active Elders Shallon Barboza, Jeanette Chase, Michelle Dupont, Dan Hunter, John Jordan, Chris Kidwell, James Kinzler, Jim Magnant, Joan McMillan, Nina Moede, Randy Moore, Andy Posluszny, Frank Rix, Kevin Snowden and Jimmy Spivey.

The following Active Elders were excused: Kathy Braeuer, Lonnie Fogle, John Grady, and Mary Lawrence. Treasurer Pat Koester and Clerk Gene Fisseler were also present.

A quorum was declared present by the Clerk and the agenda for the meeting was approved.

**New Members** – Elder Shallon Barboza introduced Debra and Tom Writer and Katherine and Joe LeCour, all of whom had previously expressed a desire to become full members of Webster Presbyterian Church. After learning a bit about the Writers and LeCours – Joe has been ordained as a deacon and as an elder – the members of Session introduced themselves and their history with the church. **Session voted to receive Debra & Tom Writer and Katherine & Joe LeCour into Full Membership of Webster Presbyterian Church.** They all come to Webster by letter of transfer.

**Approval of Minutes** – The **Session voted to approve the minutes** of the following meetings:

- Stated Meeting of Session, December 15, 2009;
- Stated Meeting of Session, January 26, 2010; and,
- Annual Meeting of the Congregation, January 31, 2010.

**Treasurer’s Report** - The Session received the Treasurer’s report.

**Clerk’s Report** – The Clerk referred correspondence received to the appropriate committees.

**Statistical Report**

	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Membership as of January 26, 2010	726	405	
Gains			
Transfer of Letter	+ 2	+ 1	Reillys
Reaffirmation of Faith	+ 0	+ 0	
Profession of Faith & Baptism	+ 0	+ 0	

Losses		
Transfer of Letter	- 0	- 0
Removal from Roll	- 0	- 0
Death	<u>- 0</u>	<u>- 0</u>
Membership as of February 23, 2010	728	406
Baptized persons who've not made Professions of Faith	156	(+2) Reillys
Total children, youth and adults	884	

### Team/Committee Reports

- Buildings & Grounds – The committee reported that progress is being made on upgrading the HVAC thermostat controls system. A church workday is set for Saturday, March 20.
- Care of Members – Jill Cooper, Kathy Braeuer, and Helen DeLeon will work to develop a ministry to respond to the immediate needs of our seniors.
- Communications/Outreach – The committee's suggestion of reordering Fellowship acoustic work and installation of a new sign along NASA Parkway. It was determined that, due to the specificity of the Congregation's action in April 2009, moving the acoustic modifications ahead of the sign would require Congregational actions.
- Adult Ministry – Ann Beall, a recently retired Presbyterian minister, is set to serve as the featured speaker for the Women's Retreat in the fall.
- Youth Ministry – The Jr. Highs raised approximately \$800 for ICM through Souper Bowl of Caring. The Sr. Highs raised approximately \$1,100 through their Super Bowl Sub Sandwich and Valentine Dance fundraisers.
- Children's Ministry – The Session voted to approve a special offering to be collected on Sunday, June 13, following Vacation Bible School, for the International Heifer Project.
- Fellowship – The committee explored reasons for the low attendance at January's annual meeting – lack of adequately promoting the lunch and that child care was available.
- Mission – The team reported that the Congregation generously contributed more than \$8,300 to the Haitian earthquake recovery fund.
- Stewardship & Finance – There was general discussion among the Session about how to read and understand the church budget.
- Welcoming – A retreat for the Welcoming Teams is set for February 27 at Helen DeLeon's home.
- Worship – The Committee is looking at alternative Sunday morning worship schedules for the summer.

**Old Business** – It was determined the Congregation should be provided new Time & Talent surveys so that the committees know who can be called upon for support.

**Pastors' Reports** – Mark Cooper referred the Session to a list of ideas brainstormed at the Session Retreat and challenged the members of Session to consider what it would be like if WPC: doubled worship attendance; focused on going out rather than bringing in, formed a men's ministry group, a food ministry, or a seniors' ministry; developed a new vision statement; and created a center for Christian studies.

Helen alerted Session members that a scam was circulating among WPC members' email addresses and asked each to advise church members to contact the church office if they received a message suggesting a member is stranded abroad and needs cash.

**Upcoming meetings:**

- Stated Meeting of Session, Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room Hall.

The business of this Stated Meeting being completed, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:55 p.m.

  
Gene Fisseler  
Clerk of Session

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March 23, 2010  
Meeting Room

The **Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session convened a Stated Meeting** on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, in the Meeting Room. The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer led by the Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members of Session were present:

- Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper;
- Associate Pastors Reverend Helen P. DeLeon and Reverend Caressa Murray;
- Active Elders Shallon Barboza, Kathy Braeuer, Jeanette Chase, Michelle Dupont, John Grady, Dan Hunter, John Jordan, Chris Kidwell, James Kinzler, Mary Lawrence, James Magnant, Joan McMillan, Nina Moede, Randy Moore, Andy Posluszny, Frank Rix, Kevin Snowden and Jimmy Spivey.

Lonnie Fogle was excused.

Treasurer Pat Koester and Clerk of Session Gene Fisseler were also present.

A quorum was declared present by the Clerk and the Agenda for the meeting was approved.

**New Members** – The Moderator turned the floor over to Elder Barboza who proceeded to introduce prospective new members Emily Garland, Michelle Kane, Hilary & Stephen McLellan along with their baptized son, Patrick, and Jennifer & Scott Hermstein along with their son (not baptized), Logan. All of the adults in the group had expressed interest in becoming members of WPC. After the Session learned a bit about them and they received an introduction to the Session members present, Rev. Cooper asked a series of questions regarding their faith and commitment to the church. Being satisfied with their answers, the **Session voted to receive into full membership of Webster Presbyterian Church:**

- Emily Garland by reaffirmation of faith;
- Michelle Kane by reaffirmation of faith;
- Hilary & Stephen McLellan by transfer of letter; and,
- Jennifer & Scott Hermstein by reaffirmation of faith.

The Session took pause for a few minutes of fellowship with the new members.

**Spiritual Leadership Development** – Rev. Cooper led the first of the Session's monthly discussions based on the The Habits of Highly Effective Churches by George Barna. The topics covered the six pillars of church effectiveness, the prevalence of ineffective Protestant churches across the U.S., positive and negative habits and behaviors of churches, and the nine habits that make a difference.

The **Session voted to approve** the minutes of the February 23, 2010, Stated Meeting of Session.

The Session received the Treasurer's report.

**Clerk's Report** – The Clerk referred correspondence received to the appropriate committees.

### Statistical Report

	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Membership as of February 23, 2010	728	406	
Gains			
Transfer of Letter	+ 4	+ 2	LeCours, Writers
Reaffirmation of Faith	+ 0	+ 0	
Profession of Faith & Baptism	+ 0	+ 0	
Losses			
Transfer of Letter	- 0	- 0	
Removal from Roll	- 0	- 0	
Death	<u>- 0</u>	<u>- 0</u>	
Membership as of March 23, 2010	732	408	
Baptized persons who've not made Professions of Faith	156		
Total children, youth and adults	888		

**New Business** – The Session voted to approve a transfer letter for Stephanie & Joey Lane. The Session voted to elect Shallon Barboza, Joan McMillan, and Pete Koester to serve as Commissioners at the April 6 Presbytery of New Covenant special meeting regarding the unification plan for St. Philip and Central Presbyterian Churches.

### Team/Committee Reports & Motions

- Buildings & Grounds – The committee hosted a successful volunteer workday on March 20. Proposals for landscaping services have been solicited and are being reviewed.
- Care of Members – A task force has been formed, headed by Jill Cooper, and will investigate opportunities for providing assistance to WPC seniors.
- Christian Nurture – WPC's Easter Sunday schedule is filled – worship, a breakfast, and intergenerational lesson plan.
  - Adult Ministry – The committee is investigating the possibility of hosting a workshop conference featuring United Methodist Church of the Resurrection Rev. Hamilton.
  - Youth Ministry – WPC family members graduating from high school, undergraduate university programs and post-graduate programs will be recognized in May.
  - Children's Ministry – Lauren Balletto will share leadership of VBS in June 2010. Plans call for a single worship service on Sunday, June 13, followed by a picnic.
- Communication/Outreach – In response to a request for approval to purchase electronic display for an outdoor sign, members requested a complete proposal – plan view, elevations, construction and electrical details, and cost breakdown.

- Fellowship – Dates for several fellowship events have been set: Table Top Brigade – April 17; Summer Bash – June 27; Shrimp Boil – September 25; and, October Festival – October 31.
- Mission – The Session voted to approve the use of the Meeting Room for approximately two hours each week by the 12 to 15 members of Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse.
- Personnel – The committee is refining some of the numbers in the 2010 budget.
- Stewardship & Finance – The 2010 Terms of Call for all the pastors are being finalized.
- Welcoming – An Open Door Class is scheduled for the afternoon of April 18. A New Member Reception is set for May 23 at Rev. DeLeon's home.

**Old Business** – The Session voted to ratify its earlier electronic election of Elder Jennifer Carr to serve as WPC's Commissioner to the February 8, 2010, Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

#### **Pastors' Reports**

- Rev. Murray encouraged members of Session to visit the youth-sponsored spirituality center during Lent.
- Rev. Cooper will order 13 copies of Barna's book for members of Session.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates** – The Presbytery of New Covenant will convene a special meeting on April 6, 2010. The next Stated Meeting of Session is slated for April 27, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

The business of this Stated Meeting being completed, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer at 9:15 p.m.



Clerk of Session  
Gene Fisseler

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April 27, 2010  
Meeting Room

The **Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session convened a Stated Meeting** on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, in the Meeting Room. The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer led by the Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members of Session were present:

- Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper;
- Associate Pastors Reverend Helen P. DeLeon and Reverend Caressa Murray;
- Active Elders Shallon Barboza, Kathy Braeuer, John Grady, John Jordan, James Kinzler, Mary Lawrence, Joan McMillan, Nina Moede, Randy Moore, Andy Posluszny, Frank Rix, Kevin Snowden and Jimmy Spivey.

Active Elders Jeanette Chase, Michelle Dupont, Lonnie Fogle, Dan Hunter, Chris Kidwell, and James Magnant were excused.

Treasurer Pat Koester and Clerk of Session Gene Fisseler were also present.

A quorum was declared present by the Clerk and the Agenda for the meeting was approved.

**New Members** – The Moderator turned the floor over to Elder Barboza who proceeded to introduce prospective new members Kristin and Bryan Smith along with their seven-month old daughter Chloe (not baptized). All of the adults in the group had expressed interest in becoming members of WPC. After the Session learned a bit about them and they received an introduction to the Session members present, Rev. Cooper asked a series of questions regarding their faith and commitment to the church. Being satisfied with their answers, the **Session voted to receive Kristin & Bryan Smith into full membership of Webster Presbyterian Church** by reaffirmation of faith. The Session took pause for a few minutes of fellowship with the new members.

**Approval of Baptism** – The **Session voted to approve the baptism** of Chloe Smith, daughter of new members Kristin and Bryan Smith.

**Spiritual Leadership Development** – Rev. Cooper led a discussion based on The Habits of Highly Effective Churches by George Barna. The topics addressed included church leadership and pastoral leadership in the context of the origins of Presbyterianism.

The **Session voted to approve** the minutes of the March 23, 2010, Stated Meeting of Session.

The Session received the Treasurer's report.

**Clerk's Report** – The Clerk referred correspondence received to the appropriate committees.

### Statistical Report

	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Membership as of March 23, 2010	732	408	
Gains			
Transfer of Letter	+ 2	+ 1	McLellan
Reaffirmation of Faith	+ 4	+ 3	Garland, Kane, Hermstein
Profession of Faith & Baptism	+ 0	+ 0	
Losses			
Transfer of Letter	- 2	- 1	Lane
Removal from Roll	- 0	- 0	
Death	<u>- 1</u>	<u>- 1</u>	Manison
Membership as of April 27, 2010	735	410	
Baptized persons who've not made Professions of Faith	157		(+1) McLellan
Total children, youth and adults	892		

**Wedding** - Laura Soto (NM) & Jose Lopez (NM), April 17, 2010; officiated by Rev. Helen P. DeLeon.

**Death** – Long-time member Robin Manison died April 10, 2010

**Memorial Service** – A memorial service was conducted for Robin Manison April 14, 2010.

**New Business** – The **Session voted to approve transfer letters** for Dennis Edwards and for Karen and Brett Harris. The **Session voted to elect** Randy Moore, Kevin Snowden, and Joan McMillan to serve as Commissioners for WPC at the May 8 Stated Meeting of Presbytery of New Covenant at Northwoods Presbyterian Church. The **Session elected** Andy Posluszny, Laura Grady, and Nancy Spivey to serve as members on the 2010 Nominating Committee.

#### **Team/Committee Reports & Motions**

- Care of Members – The Senior Care ministry team met April 21 and planned a luncheon for May 18 for seniors.
- Christian Nurture
  - Adult Ministry – The committee considered the impact on the Christian Education program of the Worship Committee’s proposal to offer a single worship service during the summer and ultimately endorsed the proposal.
  - Youth Ministry – Seven youth are signed up to attend Synod Youth Workshop.
  - Children’s Ministry – The **Session voted to approve** a revised WPC Child Protection Policy with an effective date of June 1, 2010.
- Communication/Outreach – The **Session voted to approve the purchase** of a new sign to be installed/constructed at the corner of NASA Parkway and Austin Street.
- Fellowship – The committee has modified the Kitchen Guidelines for review by the B&G Committee.
- Mission – The committee is reaching out to the Servant Savior Church that recently suffered a fire to determine if there is a need WPC can fill.
- Personnel – The committee is addressing part-time employment issues.
- Stewardship & Finance – The **Session voted to approve** the opening of bank accounts to accommodate gifts of mutual funds to the church.
- Welcoming – The committee is looking into providing valet parking for senior members and guests.
- Worship – The **Session voted to approve** a WPC-League City Methodist Church patriotic concert with musicians from both churches on Saturday, July 3, at 2:00 p.m. in the WPC Sanctuary. The **Session voted to approve** the change in the Sunday Christian Education and Worship Service schedule for the summer as follows:
  - 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. – Christian Education for all ages
  - 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
  - Theme – Adventure in Worship
  - Beginning June 13 (coinciding with VBS Celebration Sunday Service) and continuing through August 1

#### **Old Business**

- The **Session voted to ratify** its earlier electronic vote to approve a request for WPC to host an overnight gathering of our Presbytery’s Youth Triennium delegation beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 14, and continuing until noon, Saturday, May 15.
- The Session received a report from the Special Meeting of the Presbytery of New Covenant on April 6, during which St. Philip and Central Presbyterian Churches merged into a single congregation.

**Pastors’ Reports** – Helen reported that the Wolfe family has offered WPC a significant financial gift in memory of Dale & Alice Wolfe. James Kinzler, Joan McMillan, and Pat Koester will join with Helen to look into various opportunities.

#### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

- The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery of New Covenant is set for May 8, 2010.
- The next Stated Meeting of Session is slated for May 25, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

The business of this Stated Meeting being completed, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer at 10:00 p.m.



Clerk of Session  
Gene Fisseler

May 23, 2010  
Meeting Room

The **Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session convened a Called Meeting** on Sunday, May 23, 2010, in the Parlor. The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer led by the Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper, at 9:50 a.m.

The following members of Session were present:

- Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper;
- Associate Pastor Reverend Caressa Murray;
- Active Elders Shallon Barboza, Jeanette Chase, Lonnie Fogle, John Grady, Chris Kidwell, James Kinzler, Mary Lawrence, James Magnant, Joan McMillan, Nina Moede, and Jimmy Spivey.

The Moderator turned the floor over to Rev. Murray who introduced four members of WPC's 2010 Confirmation Class. Some of their parents and family members were also introduced. After Caressa's brief description of the Confirmation Class process and the order of the day, Elders broke into smaller groups and met with the Confirmands and spent some time reviewing their statements of faith, discussing the confirmation class experience, considering the impact of the process on class members, and contemplating the gifts the Confirmands bring to WPC and to the greater church. The Session reconvened and Rev. Cooper posed the questions required of new members and upon hearing their answers, the **Session voted to receive, by their affirmation of faith, into full membership of Webster Presbyterian Church** the following:

- Cole Anderson
- Abbey Menard
- Amanda Bradley
- Catherine Spivey

The business of this Stated Meeting being completed, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer at 10:30 a.m.



Clerk of Session  
Gene Fisseler

The **Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session convened a Stated Meeting** on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, in the Meeting Room. The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer led by the Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper, at 7:05 p.m.

The following members of Session were present:

- Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper;
- Associate Pastors Reverend Helen P. DeLeon and Reverend Caressa Murray;
- Active Elders Shallon Barboza, Jeanette Chase, Michelle Dupont, Lonnie Fogle, John Grady, Dan Hunter, John Jordan, Chris Kidwell, James Kinzler, Mary Lawrence, James Magnant, Joan McMillan, Nina Moede, Randy Moore, Andy Posluszny, Frank Rix, Kevin Snowden and Jimmy Spivey.

Active Elder Kathy Braeuer was excused.

Treasurer Pat Koester and Clerk of Session Gene Fisseler were also present.

Also present were Sylvia & Jack Kinzler, Sandy Murphy, Roy Phillips, and Dennis Waehner, representing the membership roll review team.

A quorum was declared present by the Clerk and the Agenda for the meeting was approved.

**New Members** – The Moderator turned the floor over to Rev. Murray who introduced nine members of WPC's 2010 Confirmation Class. Some of their parents and family members were also introduced. After Caressa's brief description of the Confirmation Class process and the order of the day, Elders broke into smaller groups and met with the Confirmands and spent some time reviewing their statements of faith, discussing the confirmation class experience, considering the impact of the process on class members, and contemplating the gifts the Confirmands bring to WPC and to the greater church. The Session reconvened and Rev. Cooper posed the questions required of new members and upon hearing their answers, the **Session voted to receive, by their affirmation of faith, into full membership of Webster Presbyterian Church** the following:

- Daniel Black
- Nick Brazzel
- Drew Fixel
- Joe Godwin
- Zane Januhowski
- Daniel Montgomery (contingent upon his baptism)
- Cortland Murphy
- Reagan Smith
- Andrew Stearns

The Session took pause for a few minutes of fellowship with the new members.

**Member Roll Review Committee** – The committee reported on its efforts over the past year. After reviewing attendance and financial records, the letters were sent to several hundred members on the rolls to determine whether they wish to remain active members of WPC. After following a disciplined process specified in the Book of Order, the committee recommends the removal of 353 names. Following discussion, questions and answers, the Session requested that the list of names be provided to the Session for review by all Active

Elders prior to the next stated meeting. It was further requested that the list of the balance of active members also be presented for comparison and review.

**Spiritual Leadership Development** – Rev. Cooper led a discussion based on the The Habits of Highly Effective Churches by George Barna. The topics addressed included spiritual leadership at WPC and where does it originate.

The **Session voted to approve** the minutes of the April 27, 2010, Stated Meeting of Session.

The Session received the Treasurer's report.

**Clerk's Report** – The Clerk referred correspondence received to the appropriate committees.

### Statistical Report

	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Membership as of April 27, 2010	735	410	
Gains			
Transfer of Letter	+ 0	+ 0	
Reaffirmation of Faith	+ 6	+ 1	Smith; 4 Confirmands
Profession of Faith & Baptism	+ 0	+ 0	
Losses			
Transfer of Letter	- 3	- 2	Edwards; Harris (2)
Removal from Roll	- 0	- 0	
Death	<u>- 0</u>	<u>- 0</u>	
Membership as of May 25, 2010	738	411	
Baptized persons who've not made Professions of Faith	154		(+1) Smith; (-4) Confirmands
Total children, youth and adults	892		

**Memorial Service** – Rev. Helen P. DeLeon officiated at the service for Mary Helen Wooten, mother of WPC regular guest Kevin Wooten, at the Earthman Funeral Home in Baytown, Texas, on May 1, 2010.

**New Business** – The **Session voted to approve the baptism** of Daniel Montgomery.

### Team/Committee Reports & Motions

- Buildings & Grounds – The committee is looking into repairs or replacement of the Fellowship Hall HVAC, Bouton Hall HVAC, and telephone system.
- Care of Members – The committee sadly reports that Deacon Julie Yencharis is moving away in June. The Nominating Committee will begin the search to fill her position on the Board.
- Christian Nurture
  - Youth Ministry – The **Session voted to approve** the celebration of communion on the Youth Mission/Musical trip. The **Session voted to approve** a Youth carwash on June 27 as a fundraiser for "Stop Hunger."

- Children's Ministry – The committee reported that VBS preparations are on track.
- Communication/Outreach – Session webpage distribution list is updated. Work on the NASA Parkway sign is underway.
- Fellowship – The Session **voted to approve** the committee's request to publish and sell a cookbook before Christmas 2010 to raise funds for the Fellowship Hall acoustic improvements.
- Mission – Eleven WPC members volunteered in May at the ICM food pantry.
- Stewardship & Finance – The committee reported that WPC is "in the black" going into the summer vacation season.
- Welcoming – The committee will hold its next meeting "off campus" to see if the members of the committee can engage more of the community.

#### Old Business

- The **Session voted to ratify** its earlier electronic vote to elect Ralph Fixel to fill the remaining open seat on the Nominating Committee.
- The Session **ratified its earlier electronic vote** to approve WPC hosting a seminar led by Rev. Dennis Dewey.
- Commissioners to the Stated Meeting of Presbytery reported that the multicultural worship service was quite exciting.

**Pastors' Report** – Helen recently preached at Oaks Presbyterian Church and she, along with Shallon Barboza, will be participating in a pastor installation service in Bay City.

**Next Meeting** – The next Stated Meeting of Session is slated for June 29, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

The business of this Stated Meeting being completed, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer at 9:30 p.m.

Clerk of Session  
Gene Fisseler

<b>CHURCH ROLLS REVIEW COMMITTEE</b>			
Names to be removed from WPC Rolls			
Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name
Alvarez	GeBron	Hopping	Ronald
Anderson	Julie	Hopping	Desiree
Ashby	Jeff	Houseman	Rita
Ashby	Paige	Hudnall	Patricia
Atchison	Rick	Hughes	H.
Atchison	Pat	Inkofer	Walter
Baker	Lisa	Inkofer	Marie
Ball	John	Janicik	Elena
Ball	Beth	Janicik	Thomas
Barclay	Maurice	Janicik	Laura
Barnett	Jessica	Jenkins	Suzie
Barnett	Alexandra	Jowell	Lisa

Barnett	Charles	Karrick	Chester
Barr	Robert	Karrick	Joann
Beasley	Lynda	Kimmins	Mike
Beck	Patricia	Kimmins	Becky
Bellah	James	Kimmins	Michael
Bellah	David	Kline	Amy
Bellah	Gordon	Koehler	Lee
Bellah	Kathleen	Koehler	Jill
Berry	Ronald	Koehler	Gary
Berry	Genelle	Koehler	Yvonne
Black	Mercer	Koehler	Becca
Boehm	William	Koos	Timothy
Boehm	Mary	Kozina	Tim
Boehm	Katherine	Kozina	Yvonne
Boehm	William	Krafick	Joseph
Bonham	Michael	Krafick	Donna
Boyd	Cameryn	Kuhfeldt	Charles
Boyd	Noel	Kuhfeldt	Sheryl
Boyd	Ruth	Kyle	Donald
Brackett	Robert	Lane	Joseph
Brackett	Mitchell	Lane	Isabel
Brackett	Katherine	Lane	John
Brackett	Robert	Lane	Leah
Braeuer	Nathaniel	Lawson	Russell
Braeuer	Susan	Leewright	Martha
Brennan	Tara	Leewright	Larry
Brennan	Matthew	Leewright	Rosemary
Brennan	Stephen	Leewright	Robert
Bright	Zachary	Leewright	Leslie
Bright	Heather	Lepidi	Michelle
Brister	Jordan	Lewis	Gerald
Brister	Yannet	Lewis	Joyce
Britton	Catharine	Lewis	Jacqueline
Britton	James	Little	Nancy
Britton	LaRetta	Logback	Quinten
Britton	Amanda	Logback	Cory
Brogdon	D.	Logback	Tal
Brogdon	Melody	Logback	Stephanie
Brown	Catherine	Lopez	Jiselle
Brown	Jacob	Lopez	Jiana
Brown	Kyleigh	Lopez	Janice
Brown	Jilliayn	Luczkowski	Cherral
Brown	Lesley	Lueking	Lauren
Buhner	David	Lueking	Olivia
Buhner	Kay	MacGregor	Robert
Butler	Mary	Mach	Sara
Caraway	Kippy	Magee	Beverly
Carden	Kenneth	Martin	Blair
Carden	Russie	Martin	Walton-Gray

Carey	Beverly	Martin	Michael
Chase	William	Martin	Gage
Chase	Jillian	Mathis	Kyle
Chase	Bradford	McDonald	Patrick
Chitnis	Susan	McFellin	James
Clark	Robert	McFellin	Nan
Clark	Carol	McGill	Robert
Clark	Nancy	McGill	Elise
Clary	Frances	Mezzino	Meredith
Clary	Fischer	Mezzino	Rita
Conley	Tierney	Modesett	Daniel
Conley	Quaylon	Modesett	Caitlin
Copeland	Dru	Modesett	James
Cork	Mackenzie	Modesett	Karen
Cornell	Charmian	Monk	Courtney
Cousimano	Dakota	Montgomery	Stephen
Cousimano	Dillon	Murphy	Sheri
Cousimano	David	Murphy	Shane
Dantone	Harold	Murphy	Seth
Daubenspeck	John	Naylor	Rodney
Daubenspeck	Janet	Naylor	Julia
Davis	Wyatt	Naylor	William
Davis	Dylan	Naylor	Annie
Davis	Ashley	Noland	William
Davis	Frank	Noland	Michelle
Davis	William	Oden	Lynn
Davis	Cynthia	Oden	Gail
Dean	Marian	Odom	Kurt
Dees	Reed	Odom	Kristin
Dees	Isaac	O'Rourke	Allison
Dees	Ruth	O'Rourke	Meghan
Denyszyn	Eleanor	O'Rourke	Sean
Denyszyn	Matthew	O'Rourke	Cheryl
Denyszyn	Jonathan	Parrott	Lisa
Dietz	Joan	Parrott	Nancy
Doan	Robert	Peeples	Bob
Douglas	Kathleen	Peeples	Emily
Duncan	Stephen	Peterson	Joshua
Duncan	Kathryn	Peterson	Daniel
Duncan	Emory	Peterson	Lynn
Dyson	Marianne	Peterson	Mary
Earl	Paul	Phillippi	Nathan
Earl	Phyllis	Phillippi	Elmer
Earl	Paul	Phillippi	Susan
Edwards	Dennis	Pillow	Jason
Elliott	Mark	Puffer	Julianna
Ellison	Steve	Puffer	Emily
Ellison	Debra	Putnam	Julie
Ellison	Eric	Reed	Lisa

Ellison	Erin	Roy	Casey
Elsner	Carl	Ryan	Freeman
Etnyre	Brian	Ryan	Nancy
Etnyre	Christine	Ryan	Dwayne
Etnyre	David	Ryan	Curtis
Etnyre	Vance	Schimnowski	Karen
Etnyre	Laurie	Schrock	Susan
Evert	Mark	Schuwerk	Robert
Evert	Martha	Schuwerk	Suzanne
Evert	Amanda	Scott	Shirley
Evert	Daniel	Scott	Grace
Field	Scott	Sigler	Amber
Field	Elisa	Sigler	Lisa
Fowler	Charrise	Slater	Lynn
Fowler	Cassandra	Smith	Michael
Fowler	Clay	Smith	Phyllis
Fowler	H. George	Smith	Richard
Geehan	Kelli	Smith	Dallas
Gibbons	Rebecca	Smith	Stephanie
Gibbons	Lynn	Smith	Douglas
Gibson	Kristin	Smith	Dana
Gibson	Roger	Smith	Kevin
Gibson	Elizabeth	Spuhler	Jennifer
Goeckler	Megan	Spuhler	Erika
Goeckler	Steven	Spuhler	James
Grable	Carley	Spuhler	Wanda
Gray	James	St.John	Kirstin
Gray	Gayle	St.John	Karin
Green	Michelle	St.John	William
Green	Patricia	St.John	Maegan
Grimm	Christine	Steinkamp	Christine
Grimm	Arlynn	Tucker	Kristina
Gross	Matthew	Tucker	Catherine
Grubb	Elizabeth	Tucker	Douglas
Grubb	Jim	Ulrich	Julia
Grubb	Kenneth	Ulrich	Katherine
Hahn	Alana	Ulrich	Elizabeth
Hahn	Justin	Vick	James
Hahn	Jennifer	Voyles	Nash
Hahn	George	Wahl	Mildred
Hall	Amy	Walker	Ryan
Hall	Louis	Walker	Rachael
Hall	Jo	Wall	Raina
Hamblin	David	Wall	Robby
Hamblin	Dotty	Wells	Buford
Hamblin	Colleen	Wells	Julia
Hamblin	Katie	Whitehead	Richard
Harlow	Ashley	Whitehead	Cathy
Harlow	Rick	Whitehead	Elizabeth

Hart	Kathryn	Whitehead	Margaret
Haycraft	Logan	Whitehead	Michael
Haycraft	Joshua	Wiley	Katherine
Haycraft	Christopher	Wilson	Laura
Haycraft	Cynthia	Wilson	Robert
Haycraft	Thomas	Wilson	Joanne
Haycraft	Jane	Wilson	Mary Patricia
Hayes	Nicholas	Wolfe	Rebecca
Hayes	Peter	Wolfe	Brad
Hayes	Betsey	Wood	Sharron
Henkel	Griffin	Wycoff	Tori
Henkel	Georgia	Wycoff	Ross
Henkel	Lisa	Zimmerman	Robert
Henson	Mario	Zimmerman	Tonda
Henson	Lisa	Zimmerman	Cozette
Holstein	James	Zimmerman	Zoya
Hopping	Reed	Zrubek	Kimberly
Hopping	Grant		

June 29, 2010  
Meeting Room

The **Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session convened a Stated Meeting** on Tuesday, June 29, 2010, in the Meeting Room. The meeting was opened with prayer led by the Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper, at 7:05 p.m.

The following members of Session were present:

- Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper;
- Associate Pastors Reverend Helen P. DeLeon and Reverend Caressa Murray;
- Active Elders Shallon Barboza, Kathy Braeuer, Jeanette Chase, Lonnie Fogle, John Grady, Dan Hunter, John Jordan, Chris Kidwell, James Kinzler, Mary Lawrence, James Magnant, Joan McMillan, Nina Moede, Randy Moore, Andy Posluszny, Frank Rix, and Kevin Snowden.

Active Elders Michelle Dupont and Jimmy Spivey were excused.

Acting Clerk of Session Dennis Waehner was also present.

The Session voted to approve Dennis Waehner as Acting Clerk of Session for this meeting.

A quorum was declared present by the Clerk and the Agenda for the meeting was approved.

**Spiritual Leadership Development** – Rev. Cooper led a discussion based on The Habits of Highly Effective Churches by George Barna.

The **Session voted to approve** the minutes of the May 23, 2010, Called Meeting of Session.

### Statistical Report

	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Membership as of May 25, 2010	738	411	

Gains			
Transfer of Letter	+ 0	+ 0	
Reaffirmation of Faith	+ 9	+ 0	9 Confirmands (the other 4 were added in May)
Profession of Faith & Baptism	+ 0	+ 0	
Losses			
Transfer of Letter	- 0	- 0	
Removal from Roll	- 0	- 0	
Death	<u>- 0</u>	<u>- 0</u>	
Membership as of June 29, 2010	747	411	
Baptized persons who've not made Professions of Faith	147		(-8) Confirmands (D Montgomery not baptized); Hermstein
Total children, youth and adults	894		

### Baptisms

- Daniel Montgomery was baptized; Rev. Caressa Murray, presiding.
- Logan Maxwell Hermstein, son of Jennifer and Scott Hermstein, born May 23, 2009, was baptized June 20, 2010; Rev. Helen P. DeLeon, presiding.

### Team/Committee Reports & Motions

- Buildings & Grounds – The committee is looking into repairs or replacement of the Fellowship Hall HVAC and Bouton Hall HVAC.
- Care of Members – The committee is continuing to build the new Senior Ministry Team to address issues facing our senior members.
- Christian Nurture
  - Youth Ministry – The Youth Musical on-the-road was a big success with 370 people attending at various venues. A total of \$1500 was raised to support youth trips.
  - Children's Ministry – Vacation Bible School had an average of 60 people attending each night. Participants contributed \$500 for the Heifer project. Rally Day is scheduled for September 12.
- Communication/Outreach – Work on the NASA Parkway sign is progressing.
- Mission – The committee urges our participation in the August 7 Presbytery-wide Day of Service. Many opportunities are being offered locally and the committee will publicize them as the date nears.
- Stewardship & Finance – The **Session voted to approve** the Membership Review Team's recommendation adjusting the rolls to 677 confirmed members and 104 baptized persons who've not made a Profession of Faith.
- Welcoming – The committee held its June meeting at "Coffee Oasis". This off-site meeting sparked interest among the clientele with regard to the ministries and missions of WPC.
- Worship – The committee is planning Lunar Communion and the Patriotic celebration concert with League City Methodist. The committee has begun Advent planning.

**Old Business** – The **Session voted to ratify** its earlier electronic vote to approve the Baptism of Logan Hermstein.

**Next Meeting** – The next Stated Meeting of Session is slated for July 27, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

The business of this Stated Meeting being completed, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:40 p.m.



Acting Clerk of Session  
Dennis Waehner

July 27, 2010  
Meeting Room

The **Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session convened a Stated Meeting** on Tuesday, July 27, 2010, in the Meeting Room. The meeting was opened with prayer and a devotional led by the Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper, at 7:05 p.m.

The following members of Session were present:

- Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper;
- Associate Pastor Reverend Caressa Murray;
- Active Elders Shallon Barboza, Kathy Braeuer, Jeanette Chase, Michelle Dupont, Lonnie Fogle, John Grady, John Jordan, Chris Kidwell, James Kinzler, Mary Lawrence, Joan McMillan, Nina Moede, Randy Moore, Andy Posluszny and Jimmy Spivey.

Associate Pastor Reverend Helen P. DeLeon as well as active Elders Frank Rix, Dan Hunter, Jim Magnant and Kevin Snowden were excused.

Treasurer Pat Koester and Acting Clerk of Session Dennis Waehner were also present.

The **Session voted to approve** Dennis Waehner as Acting Clerk of Session for this meeting.

A quorum was declared present by the Clerk and the Agenda for the meeting was approved.

The **Session voted to approve** the minutes of the May 25, 2010, Stated Meeting of Session and the June 29, 2010, Stated Meeting of Session.

The Session received the Treasurer's report.

### Statistical Report

	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Membership as of June 29, 2010	678	381	New numbers recommended by the Membership Review Team & accepted by the Session in the June Stated meeting
<b>Gains</b>			
Transfer of Letter	+ 0	+ 0	
Reaffirmation of Faith	+ 0	+ 0	
Profession of Faith & Baptism	+ 0	+ 0	
<b>Losses</b>			
Transfer of Letter	- 0	- 0	

Removal from Roll	- 0	- 0	
Death	<u>- 1</u>	<u>- 1</u>	Hurgeton
Membership as of July 27,2010	677	380	
Baptized persons who've not made Professions of Faith	104		
Total children, youth and adults	781		

**Wedding** – Mallory Connell and Brandon Simpson, non-members, were married on July 24, 2010, Rev. Helen P. DeLeon, presiding.

### **New Business**

- The **Session voted to approve** a transfer letter for Louis Dietz to Ocala West United Methodist Church, Ocala, Florida. The above Statistical Report does not reflect this transfer because the roll removal team had already removed Mr. Dietz before the transfer letter got to session.
- The Nominating Committee presented a report where they have found two Deacon Candidates to fill two unexpired terms. The **Session voted to approve** a congregational meeting for this vote on August 8, 2010 after the 10 a.m. service.

### **Team/Committee Reports & Motions**

- Buildings & Grounds
  - City of Webster Fire Marshall performed an inspection and noted a few minor issues. These will be addressed immediately.
  - Quilter's Guild has requested use of Fellowship Hall. The **Session voted to approve** Buildings and Grounds to draw up a contract for the Quilter's Guild, and report back to session for further approval.
- Care of Members – The committee is continuing to build the new Senior Ministry Team to address issues facing our senior members. August 8<sup>th</sup> begins the assisted parking ministry.
- Christian Nurture
  - Youth Ministry – Michelle Dupont delivered a report on the Triennium conference at Purdue University. The youth team will deliver a report on this summer's mission activities on August 15, 2010.
- Communication/Outreach – The new NASA Parkway sign is up and running. Not all aspects of the sign are yet complete. Rainy weather has hampered the contractor.
- Mission – The committee urges our participation in the August 7 Presbytery-wide Day of Service. Activities will include building fences, removal of old carpet and painting at the ICM resale shop.
- Stewardship & Finance – The pledge letter has been drafted. Session feedback into that pledge letter is the next step. Planned 2010 Stewardship Lunch is October 3. This date coincides with World Communion Sunday.
- Worship
  - **Session voted to approve** Communion to be held at the Selah service on December 19.
  - The Worship Committee would like to ask a committee to create a list of items that need to be purchased so that when people want to give gifts to the church, there is a list to work from. Stewardship and Finance recommended holding this discussion as part of the budgeting process.
  - **Session voted to approve** a plan for WPC to host the Reverend Dennis Dewey in a storytelling program in combination with a choir performance featuring the WPC choir as well as other local choirs. The event is estimated to occur in

January, 2011. WPC would charge an admission fee to cover the costs of Rev. Dewey as well as any additional musicians and food that might be required to host the event. The Worship Committee will report back to Session in October, 2010 with details of the planned event.

- o **Session voted to approve** the sale of tickets for a planned Madrigal Dinner on December 12, 2010 at 5 p.m. Admission fees would cover the cost of the food and any supplies that might be required to host the event.

**Next Meeting** – The next Stated Meeting of Session is slated for August 24, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

The business of this Stated Meeting being completed, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:30 p.m.



Acting Clerk of Session  
Dennis Waehner

August 8, 2010  
Sanctuary

The **Congregation of Webster Presbyterian Church convened a Called Meeting** on Sunday, August 8, 2010, in the Church Sanctuary. The Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper, opened the meeting with prayer at 11:00 a.m. Gene Fisseler, Clerk of Session, was appointed Secretary and a quorum was declared present. The Moderator stated the purpose and the agenda for the meeting: to receive a report from the Nominating Committee and to elect two members to serve in unfilled seats on the Board of Deacons.

The Moderator introduced and turned the floor over to Shallon Barboza, Chair of the Nominating Committee. On behalf of the church, Shallon expressed appreciation for the service provided by the two Deacons whose seats need to be filled. She placed the names of Coco Motley and Jim Young, both of whom have served the church in this capacity and have expressed interest in rejoining the Board, in nomination.

The Moderator then opened the floor for additional nominations. Hearing none, it was moved, seconded and passed that nominations be closed.

The Moderator called for a voice vote and the Congregation of Webster Presbyterian Church voted to elect the following members to its Board of Deacons.

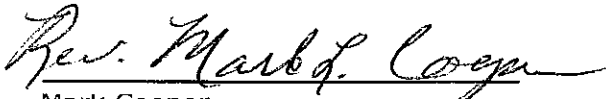
**Coco Motley**

**Jim Young**

Coco and Jim were asked to stand and received a round of congratulatory applause.

The Moderator thanked the Nominating Committee, its Chair, and the newly elected Deacons for their service to Webster Presbyterian Church.

The business of the meeting having been accomplished, the meeting was adjourned by the Moderator at 11:05 a.m. with prayer.



Mark Cooper  
Moderator



Gene Fisseler  
Secretary/Clerk of Session

August 24, 2010  
Meeting Room

The **Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session convened a Stated Meeting** on Tuesday, August 24, 2010, in the Meeting Room. The meeting was opened with prayer and a devotional led by the Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members of Session were present:

- Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper;
- Active Elders Shallon Barboza, Kathy Braeuer, Jeanette Chase, Michelle Dupont, John Grady, Dan Hunter, John Jordan, James Kinzler, Jim Magnant, Joan McMillan, Randy Moore, Andy Posluszny, Frank Rix, Kevin Snowden, and Jimmy Spivey.

Associate Pastors Reverend Caressa Murray and Reverend Helen P. DeLeon along with Active Elders Lonnie Fogle, Chris Kidwell, Mary Lawrence, and Nina Moede were excused.

Treasurer Pat Koester and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Jim Ingram were also present.

A quorum was declared present by the Clerk and the Agenda for the meeting was approved.

**Special Funds Committee Report** – Jim Ingram delivered a semi-annual report from the WPC Special Funds Committee as specified by the Congregational Resolution establishing the Committee. The **Endowment Fund** balance as of June 30, 2010, was \$43,077.82. The **Special Gift Fund**, which includes memorial gifts and gifts for designated purposes, is reflected in the Temporary Restricted Funds portion of the monthly Summary of Restricted Accounts maintained by the Treasurer. The Special Funds Committee is working with the Chair of the Stewardship & Finance Committee on a proposed amendment to the Congregational Resolution for consideration later in 2010. The purpose of the amendment is to streamline administration of the Special Gifts Fund and to transfer responsibility for its administration to the Stewardship & Finance Committee. The Special Funds Committee would retain an oversight role for the Special Gifts Fund and there would be no change regarding the Endowment Fund.

**Spiritual Development** – Rev. Cooper led a discussion regarding the facilitation of genuine worship.

The **Session voted to approve** the minutes of the July 27, 2010, Stated Meeting of Session.

The Session received the Treasurer's report.

### Statistical Report

	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Membership as of July 27, 2010	677	380	

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Gains			
Transfer of Letter	+ 0	+ 0	
Reaffirmation of Faith	+ 0	+ 0	
Profession of Faith & Baptism	+ 0	+ 0	
Losses			
Transfer of Letter	- 0	- 0	
Removal from Roll	- 0	- 0	
Death	<u>- 1</u>	<u>- 0</u>	Cade
Membership as of August 24, 2010	676	380	
Baptized persons who've not made Professions of Faith	104		
Total children, youth and adults	780		

**Death** – David Cade passed away on July 28, 2010.

### Memorial services:

- A memorial service was held for David Cade on August 2, 2010, co-officiated by Revs. Mark Cooper and Helen P. DeLeon.
- A memorial service was held for Virginia Hurgeton on August 7, 2010, officiated by Rev. Helen P. DeLeon.

**Transfer** – The Session voted to ratify its previous electronic vote to approve the transfer of long-time member Ed Czerwinski to Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church in Truckee, California.

**New Business** – The **Session elected Elders Joan McMillan and Pete Koester to serve as Commissioners** to the September 9, 2010 budget meeting of the Presbytery of New Covenant.

### Team/Committee Reports & Motions

- Buildings & Grounds – The Session was advised that significant and expensive HVAC upgrades are in the works for the Fellowship Hall.
- Care of Members – The Committee will make arrangements for creating a reserved van accessible parking slot in the lot nearest the Sanctuary.
- Christian Nurture – Rally Day is set for Sunday September 12.
  - Adult Ministries – Rev. Steve Spidell will present a four week study on "Ecological Theology" beginning in October.
- Communication/Outreach – The **Session voted to approve the Committee's proposal to engage J. Pamela Photography** for a new member picture directory, on-line and hardcopy, at no charge to WPC.
- Fellowship – More than 400 recipes have been received for the fundraiser cookbook. The proceeds from the \$20 cookbook (expected cost is \$6) will go toward the project to improve the acoustics in the Fellowship Hall.
- Mission – The Committee reported that Houston Interfaith Worker Justice, an organization for which Rev. DeLeon serves as Steering Committee President, has received a grant and held its first Gala Fundraiser on August 19.
- Personnel – The **Session voted to approve the maternity leave package for Rev. Caressa Murray**: six (6) weeks (additional) medical leave with no change in compensation as specified in her Terms of Call.
- Stewardship & Finance – Planning is underway for the stewardship campaign; there will be no luncheon this year.

- Welcoming – An Open Door class was held on August 22 with four prospective new members attending.
- Worship – The Committee will be soliciting feedback regarding our single worship service offering during the summer.

**Next Meeting** – The next Stated Meeting of Session is slated for September 28, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

The business of this Stated Meeting being completed, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer at 9:15 p.m.

  
Clerk of Session  
Gene Fisseler

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August 29, 2010  
Parlor

The **Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session convened a Called Meeting** on Sunday, August 29, 2010, in the Parlor. The meeting was opened with prayer led by the Acting Moderator, Reverend Helen P. DeLeon, at 12:15 p.m.

The following members of Session were present:

- Moderator, Reverend Helen P. DeLeon;
- Head of Staff Reverend Mark Cooper;
- Active Elders Shallon Barboza, Kathy Braeuer, Jeanette Chase, Michelle Dupont, Lonnie Fogle, John Grady, Dan Hunter, James Kinzler, Randy Moore, Joan McMillan, Frank Rix, Kevin Snowden, and Jimmy Spivey.

A quorum was declared.

The Moderator and Shallon Barboza introduced Ms. Jane Wood. A former missionary in Africa and South America, Jane has been visiting with our congregation for some time and has indicated she is interested in becoming a member of WPC. After being introduced to the Elders present, sharing about her missionary career, and answering questions, a vote was called. The **Session voted to receive Jane Wood**, by transfer of letter, into full membership of Webster Presbyterian Church.

The business of this Called Meeting being completed, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer at 12:30 p.m.

  
Clerk of Session  
Gene Fisseler

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September 14, 2010  
Bouton Hall

The **Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session convened a Called Meeting** on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, in Bouton Hall. The meeting was opened with a prayer led by the Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper, at 7:00 pm.

The following members of Session were present:

- Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper;
- Associate Pastors Reverend Helen P. DeLeon and Reverend Caressa Murray;
- Active Elders Shallon Barboza, John Grady, Chris Kidwell, James Kinzler, Mary Lawrence, James Magnant, Joan McMillan, Nina Moede, John Jordan, Dan Hunter, Frank Rix, Kevin Snowden, Randy Moore, and Jimmy Spivey.

Elder Jimmy Spivey served as Acting Clerk. The Moderator turned the floor over to Elder Randy Moore, Chair of the Stewardship & Finance Committee. Randy explained the purpose of the meeting was to share with Session the Stewardship Fall Campaign timeline of events, to present attendance and financial data from 2007 to date, and to prioritize the committees' proposed increases. Randy turned the floor over to Elder Jimmy Spivey who presented the campaign timeline, the historical attendance and financial data to the Session.

#### **TIMELINE**

- September 14 – Session meets to prioritize budget increases
- Week of September 26 – Stewardship Letters and Pledge Card mailed
- October 3 – Stewardship Minute for Mission
  - Stress request to receive pledges early for effective Session planning
  - Pledge Cards in pews
- October 17 – Stewardship Breakfast & informational meeting
  - Stewardship sermon
  - Representative from one or two Committees to speak
  - Session pledges received by this date
- October 24 – Special Stewardship offering – drop pledge cards in baskets in chancel
- October 31 – Pledge deadline
- November Session Meeting – Finalize 2011 budget support
- January – 2011 Annual Meeting

#### **ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

- Attendance has been flat from 2007 -2009
  - Averaged 300 per Sunday
  - Averaged 15,600 per year
  - 2010 attendance trending slightly less than 2009
- Since 2007, Session has budgeted more than receipts

Jimmy also presented the proposed budget increases received from all the committees. The proposed increases were as follows:

<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>	\$15,000.00	Fellowship Hall Acoustics upgrade: Estimate by AV team/Worship Committee
<b>Care of Members</b>	0	
<b>Communication/Outreach</b>	5,000.00	Pay balance of the NASA Parkway sign cost
<b>Christian Nurture</b>		
▪ <b>Adult Ministry</b>	1,200.00	

▪ Youth Ministry	650.00	
▪ Children's Ministry	1,100.00	
Fellowship	0	
Mission	10,000.00	\$ 1,000 – Family Promise \$ 2,000 – New Mission Development \$ 2,000 – Presbytery \$ 5,000 – Community Assistance
Personnel	17,906.86	Staff salary increases, 3%
Stewardship & Finance	35,000.00	\$30,000 to payoff mortgage loan (10 yr) \$ 5,000 for reserve fund
Worship	9,000.00	\$ 5,490 – AV equipment upgrade, microphones, wireless mics, etc. \$ 1,690 – AV Maintenance – Earsets, etc.
Welcoming	300.00	
<b>TOTAL*</b>	<b>\$95,156.86</b>	

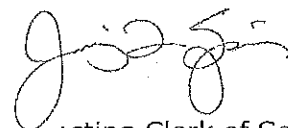
\*2010 budget = \$773,000

The Committee Chairs went through the details of their proposed increases and the rationale behind them. Committee Chairs answered questions from Session members regarding their proposals.

Elder Randy Moore presented the proposed stewardship letter to be sent to the Congregation. Session decided that the proposed increases would not be itemized in the letter; rather the items would be generally described as initiatives the Session would like to accomplish in 2011. Once the Congregation's pledges are tallied following the October 31 deadline, Session will prioritize the 2011 expenditures in its Stated November meeting. The final budget will be presented to the Congregation at WPC's annual meeting in early 2011.

A consensus was reached by Session regarding the language in the letter that will be mailed out the week of September 26.

The business of this Called Meeting being completed, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer at 9:00 pm.



Acting Clerk of Session  
Jimmy Spivey

September 28, 2010  
Meeting Room

The **Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session convened a Stated** Meeting on Tuesday, September 28, 2010, in the Meeting Room. The meeting was opened with prayer and a devotional led by the Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members of Session were present:

- Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper;
- Associate Pastors Reverend Helen P. DeLeon and Reverend Caressa Murray;
- Active Elders Jeanette Chase, Michelle Dupont, Lonnie Fogle, John Grady, Dan Hunter, John Jordan, Chris Kidwell, James Kinzler, Mary Lawrence, Nina Moede, Joan

McMillan, Randy Moore, Andy Posluszny, Frank Rix, Kevin Snowden, and Jimmy Spivey.

Active Elders Shallon Barboza, Kathy Braeuer and Jim Magnant were excused.

Treasurer Pat Koester and Dennis Waehner were also present.

The **Session voted to approve** Dennis Waehner as Acting Clerk of Session for this meeting.

A quorum was declared present by the Clerk and the Agenda for the meeting was approved.

**Spiritual Development** – Rev. Cooper led a discussion regarding evangelism.

The **Session voted to approve** minutes of the following meetings:

- August 8, 2010 Called Meeting of the congregation.
- August 24, 2010 Stated Meeting of Session.
- August 29, 2010 Called Meeting of Session.
- September 14, 2010 Called Meeting of Session

The Session received the Treasurer's report.

### Statistical Report

	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Membership as of August 24, 2010	676	380	
Gains			
Transfer of Letter	+ 1	+ 1	Wood
Reaffirmation of Faith	+ 0	+ 0	
Profession of Faith & Baptism	+ 0	+ 0	
Losses			
Transfer of Letter	- 1	- 1	Czerwinski
Removal from Roll	- 0	- 0	
Death	<u>- 1</u>	<u>- 1</u>	Hendershot
Membership as of September 28, 2010	675	379	
Baptized persons who've not made Professions of Faith	104		
Total children, youth and adults	779		

**Death** – Ruth Hendershot passed away on August 28, 2010.

**Memorial Service** – A memorial service was held for Ruth Hendershot on September 11, 2010, officiated by Helen P. DeLeon.

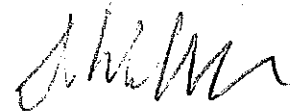
**Transfers** – The **Session voted to approve** transfer letter for Onalee McEwen and Christie (Tubb) Torano.

**Team/Committee Reports & Motions**

- Buildings & Grounds – The team continues to address the aging HVAC units throughout the campus. Second opinions are being solicited from Tharling AC in an attempt to maximize the church buying power with regard to HVAC repair.
- Care of Members – The Senior Ministry Team reported that the Parking Assist program is in full swing, usually assisting four to six seniors on Sunday mornings. The new Buddy System (calling our seniors daily who are homebound) is set to begin soon.
- Christian Nurture
  - Adult Ministries – New parent covenant group started Wednesday, September 8. They will meet in parent's room on the first floor of the Education Building on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Great news! Exploring another potential group of folks from the Friendswood / Pearland area is set for Sunday, September 26 – pray for this group's sensing a call to form together.
  - Youth Ministries – Agreed on the need for a College Ministry under Youth to support those 18 to 23 who are currently enrolled at a local college or that return from college. This group would lead into a Young Adults Ministry that would cater to age 23-30ish. The **Session voted to approve** the Youth Ministry Committee request to host a "Post Office" in the narthex during the advent season.
  - Children Ministries – Plan to repeat Get Ready, Get Set, Worship! (Baptism and Communion workshops) next Spring.
- Communication/Outreach – The committee is developing policies and procedures regarding the material displayed on our new electronic sign. The committee is soliciting input from all session committees for message content.
- Fellowship – Planning is underway for a baby shower for our beloved Pastor Caressa.
- Mission – WPC's faithful annual participation will continue this October 24 in the Bay Area Crop Walk.
- Stewardship & Finance – Stewardship season is underway with a planned Stewardship Breakfast on October 17.
- Worship – Advent planning is underway.

**Next Meeting** – The next Stated Meeting of Session is slated for October 26, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

The business of this Stated Meeting being completed, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:45 p.m.



Acting Clerk of Session  
Dennis Waehner

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October 26, 2010  
Meeting Room

The **Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session convened a Stated Meeting** on Tuesday, October 26, 2010, in the Meeting Room. The meeting was opened with prayer and a devotional led by the Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members of Session were present:

- Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper;
- Associate Pastor Reverend Caressa Murray;
- Active Elders Shallon Barboza, Jeanette Chase, Michelle Dupont, Lonnie Fogle, Dan Hunter, John Jordan, Chris Kidwell, James Kinzler, Mary Lawrence, Jim Magnant, Joan McMillan, Nina Moede, Randy Moore, Andy Posluszny, Kevin Snowden, and Jimmy Spivey.

Clerk of Session Gene Fisseler was also present.

Associate Reverend Pastor Helen P. DeLeon along with Active Elders Kathy Braeuer, John Grady, and Frank Rix were excused.

A quorum was declared present by the Clerk and the Agenda for the meeting was approved.

**New Members** – The Moderator turned the floor over to Elder Barboza who introduced prospective new member Kitty Marquardt. After the Session learned a bit about Kitty and she was introduced to the Session members present, Rev. Cooper asked a series of questions regarding her faith and commitment to the church. Being satisfied with her answers, the **Session voted to receive** Kitty Marquardt into full membership of Webster Presbyterian Church.

**Spiritual Development** – Rev. Cooper led a discussion regarding theological growth.

The **Session voted to approve** the minutes of the September 28, 2010, Stated Meeting of Session.

The Session received the Treasurer's Report.

### Statistical Report

	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Membership as of September 28, 2010	675	379	
Gains			
Transfer of Letter	+ 0	+ 0	
Reaffirmation of Faith	+ 0	+ 0	
Profession of Faith & Baptism	+ 0	+ 0	
Losses			
Transfer of Letter	- 2	- 1*	Tubb; McEwen*
Removal from Roll	- 0	- 0	
Death	<u>- 1</u>	<u>- 0</u>	Jones
Membership as of October 26, 2010	672	378	
Baptized persons who've not made Professions of Faith	104		
Total children, youth and adults	776		

### Births

- Tory Danielle Merritt was born October 6 to parents Kimberly & David Merritt (members)
- Aiden Raynor Wilcox was born August 12 to parents Christy (member) & William Wilcox and grandparents Kimberly Glaus-Late & Eric Late (members)

**Wedding** – Elaine Schulz (member) and Daniel Dunn (non-member) were married in Alvin, Texas; Rev. Helen P. DeLeon officiated

**Death** – Long-time WPC member, Faith Choir member, organist, and church music composer Ken Jones passed away on October 8, 2010.

**Memorial Service** – A memorial service was held for Ken Jones on October 16, 2010, officiated by Mark Cooper.

#### **New Business**

- The **Session elected Elders Shallon Barboza, Mary Lawrence, and Nina Moede** to serve as WPC Commissioners at the November 13 meeting of the Presbytery of New Covenant to be convened at St John's Presbyterian Church, 5020 West Belfort in Houston.
- The Session approved the baptisms of:
  - Shannon M. Reilly, born September 8, 2000, daughter of Anne & Dan Reilly; and,
  - Steven P. Reilly, born March 16, 2004, son of Anne & Dan Reilly.

#### **Team/Committee Reports & Motions**


- Buildings & Grounds – Work will soon begin on the Bouton Hall HVAC system and the church office hot water heater.
- Care of Members – A blood drive is scheduled for the Sunday immediately following Thanksgiving.
- Christian Nurture
  - Children's Ministry – The **Session approved the following:**
    - A **special offering** to be conducted on Sunday, February 27, during the Children's Sabbath, our children-led worship service, to benefit the Heifer International Ark Project which offering should raise the remaining funds needed to purchase a \$5,000 ark of animals for Heifer Project.
    - **Solicitation of donations** from the Congregation of \$1,000 – \$450 for operating systems, \$200 for software, and \$350 to run internet cables to Education Wing to support four donated computers for children's Sunday school and Wednesday night curriculum/activities.
  - Youth Ministry – The **Session approved the following:**
    - Youth mission collection of funds on Sunday, February 6, 2011 – SouperBowl of Caring
    - Sunday, February 6, 2011 fundraiser – Super Bowl Sub Sandwiches Sale
    - Fundraiser on Saturday, February 13, 2011 – Sweetheart Dinner Dance
    - Fundraiser on Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14, 2011 – Youth Musical and Dinner

with the monies raised by the three fundraisers being used to underwrite the cost of 2011 Youth trips.
  - Adult Ministry – The **Session approved the following use of funds** received from Kroger's neighbor-to-neighbor program – the first \$500 to support the Women's Retreat and any additional funds to go to the general operating fund.
- Communication/Outreach – Guidelines are needed to better manage the length of articles submitted for publication in the church newsletter.
- Fellowship – The church cookbook fundraising effort is drawing to a close.
- Mission – The **Session approved the sale of Christmas cards** to serve as a fundraiser for Christmas International House Mission.
- Stewardship & Finance – Pledges have been received from 121 families and 70 to 80 additional pledges are expected.
- Welcoming – Session was advised that there will be a request for a Called Meeting to accept new members who cannot join Session at its regular Tuesday night meeting.

- Worship – Advent activity, music, and worship planning is underway.

**Next Meeting** – The next Stated Meeting of Session is slated for November 23, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

The business of this Stated Meeting being completed, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:45 p.m.

  
Clerk of Session  
Gene Fisseler

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November 23, 2010  
Meeting Room

The **Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session convened a Stated Meeting** on Tuesday, November 23, 2010, in the Meeting Room. The meeting was opened with prayer and a devotional led by the Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members of Session were present:

- Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper;
- Associate Pastors Reverend Helen P. DeLeon and Reverend Caressa Murray;
- Active Elders Shallon Barboza, Jeanette Chase, John Grady, John Jordan, James Kinzler, Mary Lawrence, Jim Magnant, Joan McMillan, Nina Moede, Randy Moore, Andy Posluszny, Frank Rix, Kevin Snowden, and Jimmy Spivey.

Active Elders Kathy Braeuer, Michelle Dupont, Lonnie Fogle, Dan Hunter, and Chris Kidwell were excused.

Treasurer Pat Koester and Clerk of Session Gene Fisseler were also present.

A quorum was declared present by the Clerk and the Agenda for the meeting was approved.

**New Members** – The Moderator turned the floor over to Elder Barboza who introduced prospective new members Elizabeth East, Calvin Nelson, Paula Walker, and Dorothy Miller. After the Session learned a bit about each of the guests and they were introduced to the Session members present, Rev. Cooper asked a series of questions regarding their faith and commitment to the church. Being satisfied with their answers, the **Session voted to receive Elizabeth East** (by transfer of letter), **Calvin Nelson, Paula Walker, and Dorothy Miller** (the latter three by reaffirmation of faith) into full membership of Webster Presbyterian Church.

The **Session voted to approve** the minutes of the October 26, 2010, Stated Meeting of Session.

The Session received the Treasurer's Report.

### Statistical Report

	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Membership as of October 26, 2010	672	378	

Gains			
Transfer of Letter	+ 0	+ 0	
Reaffirmation of Faith	+ 0	+ 0	
Profession of Faith & Baptism	+ 1	+ 1	Marquardt
Losses			
Transfer of Letter	- 0	- 0	
Removal from Roll	- 0	- 0	
Death	<u>- 0</u>	<u>- 0</u>	
Membership as of November 23, 2010	673	379	
Baptized persons who've not made Professions of Faith	104		
Total children, youth and adults	777		

**Birth** – Judd Smith was born November 10, 2010, to parents Kristen & Bryan Smith (members).

#### **New Business**

- The Session directed the Clerk to invite the Board of Deacons to join the Stated Meeting of December 28, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room.
- The **Session voted to call a Special Budget Meeting on December 7, 2010**, at 8:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room.

#### **Team/Committee Reports & Motions**

- Buildings & Grounds – New lighting has been “installed” in the drive-thru parking lot.
- Christian Nurture
  - Children's Ministry – The Playground Improvement Joint Service Projects team will reach out to the Buildings & Grounds Committee, asking for a B&G representative on the Projects team.
  - Youth Ministry – A potential destination for the 2011 Youth Mission Trip is Gallup, New Mexico, where participants will work with impoverished members of the Navajo Nation.
  - Adult Ministry – Having received Session approval for participation in Kroger's Neighbor to Neighbor program, a presentation is being developed for the Congregation.
- Fellowship – The Committee has assembled a lengthy list of items it would like to acquire for the Kitchen off Bouton Hall and Fellowship Hall Warming Room. The Cookbooks are at the printer and will be shipped December 13.
- Mission – Seven students have signed up for Christmas International House and four WPC families are set to serve as hosts.
- Stewardship & Finance – The Committee moved that the Session approve the transfer of funds from three Designated/Exchange accounts to cover the unfunded portion of the cost for the NASA Parkway sign, the purchase of which the Session approved earlier in the year. After considerable discussion, the Session voted to table action on the motion until the next Stated Meeting.
- Welcoming – The Committee continues to celebrate our new members.
- Worship – Worship plans and other Advent activities were reviewed. The Advent devotional of daily readings was completed and ready to be mailed out prior to the start of Advent.

**Old Business**

- Nominating Committee – Upon receiving a report from Shallon Barboza, Chair of the Nominating Committee, the **Session voted to call a Special Meeting of the Congregation on December 19, 2010**, for the Nominating Committee to deliver its report to the Congregation and for elections of a Trustee, Deacons and Elders.
- The Session received a report regarding the November Presbytery meeting from Mary Lawrence, Nina Moede, and Shallon Barboza. Fifteen amendments to our PCUSA Constitution were voted on and 14 of them were approved, for the most part, by voice vote. The last amendment on the agenda pertained to Ordination Standards and was similar to the amendment rejected in 2009. The discussion surrounding the vote was diverse and respectful and the amendment was defeated – 144 ayes and 156 nays with 3 abstentions.

**Pastors' Reports** – Rev. DeLeon announced that Presbytery will be hosting officer training on January 22, 2011. Rev. Murray expects that her maternity leave will begin soon and that she will miss the next few meetings.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- A Called Meeting of Session is set for December 7, 2010, at 8:00 a.m.
- A Called Meeting of the Congregation is set for December 19, 2010, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.
- The next Stated Meeting of Session is slated for December 28, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

The business of this Stated Meeting being completed, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer at 9:10 p.m.



Clerk of Session  
Gene Fisseler

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December 19, 2010  
Church Sanctuary

The **Congregation of Webster Presbyterian Church convened a Called Meeting** on Sunday, December 19, 2010, in the Church Sanctuary. The Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper, opened the meeting with prayer at 12:10 p.m. The congregation voted to approve Dennis Waehner as Acting Clerk for this meeting. A quorum was declared present by the Clerk. The Moderator stated the purpose and agenda for the meeting: to receive a report from the Nominating Committee and to elect Church Officers, Class of 2013.

The Chair of the Nominating Committee, Shallon Barboza, introduced the members of the committee:


- Andy Posluszny – Vice Chair;
- Cathy Black;
- Michael Cooper;
- Ralph Fixel;
- Laura Grady;
- Nancy Spivey;
- Elizabeth Noriega (Youth representative); and,
- Reverend Mark Cooper (ex officio member).


Ms. Barboza reported on the Committee's work and commended its efforts. The members of the Nominating Committee were acknowledged by the Congregation. Ms. Barboza placed the following names in nomination for the positions indicated.

- To serve on the Board of Trustees – Dennis Waehner
- To serve on Session – Arland Actkinson, Carl Allen, Jennifer Carr, Courtenay Clifford, Kimberly Glaus Late, and Tim Murray.
- To serve on Session as Youth Elder – Marshall Godwin
- To serve on the Board of Deacons – Pam Carter, Mary Goeckler, Joan Littleton, Jane Markley, and Jeanie Murray.
- To serve as Youth Deacon – Aresha Bagheri

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. There were none for any office. Roy Phillips moved to end nominations and elect the entire slate of nominees by acclamation. The motion was seconded and the Congregation elected the nominees by acclamation.

The business of the meeting having been accomplished and upon a motion made, seconded, and passed, the Moderator adjourned the meeting with prayer at 12:25 p.m.

  
Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper

  
Secretary, Dennis Waehner

December 28, 2010  
Meeting Room

The **Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session convened a Stated Meeting** on Tuesday, December 28, 2010, in the Meeting Room. The meeting was opened with prayer and a devotional led by the Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members of Session were present:

- Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper;
- Associate Pastor Reverend Helen P. DeLeon;
- Active Elders Shallon Barboza, John Grady, Dan Hunter, John Jordan, James Kinzler, Mary Lawrence, Joan McMillan, Randy Moore, and Andy Posluszny.

Associate Pastor Reverend Caressa Murray and Active Elders Kathy Braeuer, Jeanette Chase, Michelle Dupont, Lonnie Fogle, Chris Kidwell, Jim Magnant, Nina Moede, Frank Rix, Kevin Snowden, and Jimmy Spivey were excused.

The follow members of the Board of Deacons were present:

- Liz Clifford, Kim Harano, Cookie Leisenring, Judy Ota, Joe Schwartz, Jerri Terry, Ed Tobia, and Jamee Wilson.

Treasurer Pat Koester and Clerk of Session Gene Fisseler were also present.

A quorum was declared present by the Clerk and the Agenda for the meeting was approved.

**New Members** – The Moderator turned the floor over to Elder Barboza who introduced prospective new members Cindi Wood and her son, Bronson Morrill. After the Session learned a bit about each of the guests (they are the daughter and grandson of long-time

members Wilma & Ken Wood), they were introduced to the Session members present. Rev. Cooper asked them a series of questions regarding their faith and commitment to the church. Being satisfied with their answers, the **Session voted to receive Cindi Wood and Bronson Morrill**, both by transfer of letter, into full membership of Webster Presbyterian Church.

**Deacon Report** – The Moderator of the Board of Deacons, Kim Harano, introduced the Deacons in attendance and gave a brief and helpful overview of the Deacons' operations. The 24 Deacons meet monthly and serve the needs of the congregation through geographical zones. Activities under the purview of the Deacons include:

- Memorial service receptions for members and non-members
- Church blood drives
- Young-At-Heart group trips and events
- Communion element preparation
- Preparation of "care" baskets for St. John's Hospital ICU
- Deacon training

Following comments by the Deacons and questions by the Session, a musical "report" by the Singing Deacons was presented, which was warmly received by everyone present.

The **Session voted to approve** the following minutes:

- Stated Meeting of Session, November 23, 2010, as amended;
- Called Meeting of Session, December 7, 2010, as amended; and,
- Called Meeting of the Congregation, December 19, 2010, as amended.

The Session received the Treasurer's Report.

### Statistical Report

	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Membership as of November 23, 2010	673	379	
Gains			
Transfer of Letter	+ 1	+ 1	East
Reaffirmation of Faith	+ 3	+ 2	Nelson/Walter, Miller
Profession of Faith & Baptism	+ 0	+ 0	
Losses			
Transfer of Letter	- 0	- 0	
Removal from Roll	- 0	- 0	
Death	<u>- 1</u>	<u>- 1</u>	Jones
Membership as of December 28, 2010	676	381	
Baptized persons who've not made Professions of Faith	108		(+4) Shamika Tuttle, Grady, Reilly, Reilly
Total children, youth and adults	784		

### Baptisms:

- Shannon M. Reilly, born September 8, 2000, daughter of Anne & Dan Reilly (members), was baptized on November 28, 2010, with Revs. Helen P. DeLeon, Mark Cooper and Caressa Murray co-officiating
- Steven P. Reilly, born March 16, 2004, son of Anne & Dan Reilly (members), was baptized on November 28, 2010, with Revs. Helen P. DeLeon, Mark Cooper and Caressa Murray co-officiating

- Aidan Robert Grady, born February 27, 2009, son of Katie Grady (member), was baptized on December 26, 2010

**Deaths** – Long-time member Virginia (Ginny) Jones died on December 26, 2010

### **New Business**

- The **Session voted to affirm** its earlier electronic approval of the baptism of Aidan Robert Grady, born February 27, 2009, son of Katie Grady (member)
- The **Session voted to approve the baptism** of Tory Danielle Merritt, born October 6, 2010, daughter of Kimberly & David Merritt (members)
- The **Session voted to approve the transfer** of letter of Jack Ronald Cox, Jr. to Grace Presbyterian Church, Plano, Texas
- The **Session voted to call two meetings**:
  - Special meeting of Session to adopt a 2011 budget meeting on January 9, 2011; and,
  - Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 16, 2011.
- The Session determined that new church officers will be ordained/installed during the worship services on January 9, 2011.

### **Team/Committee Reports & Motions**

Since the meeting was convened during the holiday season, a limited number of committee reports were briefly shared.

- Communications & Outreach – A direct mailing promoting WPC's advent season programs was made in November to reach approximately 3,400 residents in Webster and portions of League City.
- Fellowship – The cookbooks arrived early and have been distributed and sold during Advent. Sales will continue in January in Narthex and Wholy Grounds. Twelve dollars per cookbook benefits the Acoustic Solutions fund for the Fellowship Hall.
- Mission – Christmas International House activities include a square dance at WPC, a New Years Eve party at the Allens' home, and a farewell party at the Brackett home.
- Stewardship & Finance – With 186 pledges submitted, the congregation has committed \$677,000; and, the current projections for 2011 budget stands at \$763,000. The **Session voted to approve** the transfer of \$2,000 from the Wedding Exchange Fund and the balance (\$729.57) of the Maintenance (Capital) Fund to cover the unfunded balance associated with the purchase of the NASA Parkway sign. There was no action taken on the item tabled from the November meeting.


**Old Business** – Nominating Committee Chair Shallon Barboza reported that the slate of new elders is complete but that the slate of deacons is three short of her goal.

**Pastors' Report** – Presbytery of New Covenant's Church Officer Enrichment is set for Saturday January 22, 2011. WPC new church officer training will be held on February 5 and the Session will meet in retreat on February 19.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- A Special Budget Meeting of Session on January 9, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.
- The 2011 Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 16, 2011, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.
- Presbytery's Church Officer Enrichment on January 22, 2011, at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church.
- The next Stated Meeting of Session on January 25, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.
- WPC new church officer training on Saturday, February 5, 2011.
- WPC Session retreat on Saturday, February 19, 2011.

The business of this Stated Meeting being completed, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:30 p.m.

  
Clerk of Session  
Gene Fisseler

**Annual Webster Presbyterian Church Board of Deacons  
Report to Session  
December 2010**

Thank you for your ongoing support, prayers, and encouragement of this wonderful ministry. I have been privileged to serve as Deacon Moderator this year, along with Joann Letson as Vice Moderator and Jamee Wilson as Secretary/Treasurer. Their leadership and support was invaluable to the work of the Deacons.

Our Board met the first Thursday of each month to share news and needs in our assigned zones, and to report on any ongoing programs or projects, to learn and sharpen our ministry skills through training, and to support and encourage each other in our faith and ministry together. A synopsis of our monthly activities:

January 2010	Annual Deacon retreat led by the Rev. Helen DeLeon, Kim Harano, Jamee Wilson, and Joann Letson, to review the structure of Deacon activities in the congregation, and to review specific tasks, such as communion preparation and ICU care basket maintenance.
February 2010	Training on hospital visiting, led by the Rev. Steven Spidell. Liz Clifford introduced a new ministry involving delivery of the Sunday flowers to shut-ins.
March 2010	Deacon committee formation and meetings.
April 2010	Bud Allison led the Deacons in a skills assessment review and discussion.
May 2010	Jackie Hart gave a presentation on the role of the Deacon during the time of bereavement for families.
June 2010	Ava Sloan from Brookdale Senior Living spoke about the special needs of seniors and the community support system that is available.
July 2010	Meeting cancelled due to heavy rains.
August 2010	Michael Cooper discussed the newly formed Senior Care Ministry program and goals, and how Deacons can use and assist this ministry.
September 2010	Michael Cooper provided AED training to the board.
October 2010	Helen DeLeon and Kim Harano spoke about an online program called Take-a-Meal, and discussed zone realignments due to roll clearings.
November 2010	No training event, committees met after the regular meeting.

December, 2010      Annual Christmas Party for the Deacons, hosted by Helen DeLeon.

- Our Deacon Board worked to stay in regular contact with congregants, provided support to families in crisis throughout the year, visited members in the hospital, in rehabilitation, and in their homes. The Community Service committee received a Gold Level Award from the Blood Bank, and coordinated several blood drives. Our Youth Deacon, Sarah Fixel, was instrumental in blood drive coordination this year.
- The Communications committee developed and installed Deacon Frames and wrote several articles for the newsletter. The Transportation committee arranged for rides as requested, The Young at Heart Committee coordinated these outings for our 55+ aged members: Nolan Ryan Museum, Bayou Bend, Astros game, Sea Center, Neutral Buoyancy Lab, Museum of Natural Science Magic Show, the play "Get Smart", Galveston tree sculpture tour, Museum of Natural Science Mummies of the Silk Road. The Immediate Care committee worked with pastors and families to coordinate memorial receptions for the following people: Ginny Jones, Peggy Brennan, Ken Jones, Ruth Hendershot, Robin Manison, Virginia Hurgeton, David Cade, Charlene Wilson, and Alice Wolfe.
- Additionally, Deacons supported these routine duties: Prayers of the People, weekly refreshment of a care basket at the St. John ICU waiting room, weekly delivery of altar flowers to shut-ins, monthly communion elements preparation, and monthly meeting devotionals.
- Deacons also assisted with welcoming new members, baptisms, and obtaining emergency contact information for our congregants.
- Our work is eased by a loving, caring congregation, which knows no end to giving when called. We are grateful for the support of our Elder Representative, Kathy Braeuer, and our Staff support, the Rev. Helen DeLeon, and are humbled by this unique call to service.

In His name,

Kim Harano  
Deacon Moderator, 2010

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