



Charge Conference convenes to conduct the church's business and celebrate accomplishments

The annual Charge Conference convened on Nov. 30 at First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple to approve a slate of officers and review the year's accomplishments.

Presided by the Rev. Addison Shields, who is the United Methodist Church's Northern Illinois Conference's Chicago Southern District Superintendent, the meeting held in Dixon Chapel had the right mix for success. There were meditations and prayers of thanksgiving, thoughtful business reports from the church leadership and hymns of reflections such as "What Gift Can We Bring" and "The Trees of the Field."

The body heard of the Northern Illinois Conference's accomplishments for Harvest 2020, with the Rev. Shields reporting the establishment of a new faith community in the South Loop called the Urban Church Village. The small congregation meets at Grace Place, 637 S. Dearborn.

He said he has big plans to its growth, and he's praying for great things.

Other highlights of the meeting were:

- The Rev. Phil Blackwell's report calling for the congregation to develop a mission statement and strategic plan in 2010.
- Acknowledgement of 61 new members being welcomed to the church in 2009.
- A stewardship and commitment plan helping the church to wean itself from more than \$100,000 of Aid Society funds without reducing the staff or ministry.
- Acceptance of a slate of officers. Most notably Margaret (Peg) Isaacson will be the new head of Church Council and Jann Ingmire moves to lead the Worship Committee.

- The 2010 roster also includes the following:
Charles Emmons, *Finance Chair*
Tom Laidlaw and **Marva Andrews**,
Co-chairs Lay Leadership
Tom Hampson, *Board of Trustees Chair*
Andrew Greta, *Stewardship Chair*
Jann Ingmire, *Worship Chair*
Angela Micah and **David Pearson**,
Co-chairs Staff-Parish

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THE SENIOR PASTOR'S COLUMN

2010: A year to reclaim and dream together



John Wesley was not a trivial man. He did not make New Year's resolutions. Instead, he insisted that his Methodist followers renew their covenant with God, most appropriately in the context of a

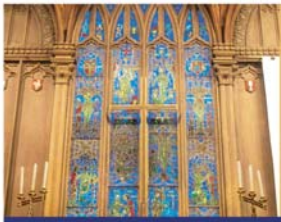
New Year's Eve service at the local chapel. The prayer of commitment (# 607 in our hymnal) is unconditional:

I am no longer my own, but thine.
 Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with
 whom thou wilt.
 Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
 Let me be employed by thee or laid
 aside for thee,
 exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
 Let me be full, let me be empty.
 Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
 I freely and heartily yield all things
 to thy pleasure and disposal.
 And now, O glorious and blessed God,
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
 And the covenant which I have made
 on earth,
 let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

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CHICAGO TEMPLE NEWS

Three-year role unfolds many blessings for departing Church Council leader

By Jann Ingmire

When the Rev. Phil Blackwell first asked me to be the Chair of the Church Council at the Chicago Temple, I laughed! I thought he surely must be kidding as I hardly felt myself worthy to take on such an important role in the church. At the end of the three years, I am no longer laughing at the thought, but still have some level of disbelief that I have been in this role.

It has been a wonderful and challenging journey for me. My faith has grown because of this opportunity. I have had the vantage point to see all the dedicated people who love God and this church so much that they give their time and their talents to be faithful disciples. It has been an amazing gift to see and hear how we can work together to accomplish the goals of bringing Christ to the world from our corner in Chicago and beyond.

I was born, baptized and confirmed as a Methodist and as the old song goes, I'll be a Methodist until I die (which I hope isn't soon!). I come from a family of several generations of Methodists. When my Grandmother Austin died, the people at the Methodist church in Kansas told my mother they would need five people to replace



her. Hence – my role model of what's expected... "to whom much is given..."

Next up for me is chair of the Worship Committee. I know we have a great group of people on that committee from whom I will learn a lot. I have a couple of goals to start the new year: one is to be of support to the clergy and staff to make sure the worship services flow without a hitch, so they can concentrate on their jobs and we can make sure everything is in place. The second goal is to arrange some ecumenical services with other Christian denominations with which we can share the Lord's Table to celebrate our shared beliefs, not our differences.

I'm always open to ideas – so anyone who has a thought on how to improve the look or flow of the worship service should contact me or join us at the committee meetings which will be announced through the Carillon and email calendars.

I truly appreciate the opportunity to serve and am humbled by the role I am leaving and the one I am about to begin. It's not where I would have ever pictured myself. Isn't it funny how God works in our lives? And a marvelous blessing.

2010: A year to reclaim and dream together *(continued from page 1)*

As we enter this new year of 2010 are we as a congregation ready to pray that prayer? That really is the only prayer that we can have and still be faithful to God. Somehow we have to envision that God is calling us at this time to present the love of Christ to the world, using our presence on this corner at the heart of the city as a base for our ministry, a ministry that must extend far beyond the intersection of Clark and Washington.

During the first six months of 2010 we are going to engage in a process that will help us re-vision our ministry. All will be invited to participate at some point along the way. Specifically, we will ask ourselves, what is God calling us to do? What should our priorities be as we use our rich store of resources – our time, our talents, our prayers, our money, and our faith? We can do a hundred things here at the Temple, all of them valid ministries, but what are the two or three that we must do before all else?

We have some wonderful opportunities to "offer them Christ," as John Wesley unapologetically put it. There are thousands of new residents within a fifteen-minute walk of our church, and there are 65,000 students taking college classes in and around the Loop. How do we reach out to them?

We have a membership that extends across the city and into the

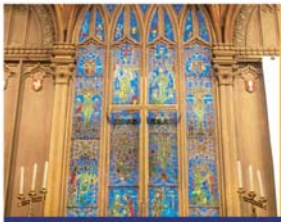
suburbs. We are blessed with a diversity that is racial, cultural, ethnic, economic, political, and in life-circumstance. But diversity cannot be a goal that we check off a list of things to do; it is a gift from God to use. How do use it to the benefit of all? More specifically, how do we knit together our membership into a context of care so that we learn to rely on, and value deeply, one another?

And then, our history and our location. We are the oldest church in the city and situated at the city's center. We are divinely placed to speak words of truth and justice and mercy to the government at all levels, to commerce, to finance, to the arts, and to the legal community. And sometimes our "words" need to be actions that speaker louder than anything we can say. What words and actions are most urgent and faithful?

It is a new year, an old prayer, and a timeless covenant. Let us dream together and then act upon those dreams.

Peace,

Phil Blackwell



CHICAGO TEMPLE NEWS

Mission Project Update



From left to right: Tomas Altamera, Jr., Rev. Cerna Castro Rand, Marites Richardson, Jan Cogswell, Leroy Picket, Brian Richardson, John Cogswell, Pastor Gladys Lucas (Marcy Newberry staff), David Myles, Kay Heidenreich, and Emily Pernell.

At right: The Marcy Newberry facilities in the Lawndale neighborhood on Chicago's South Side.



Marcy-Newberry Center project successfully completed

Twenty-two months of renovation work, spearheaded by Janice and John Cogswell and Brian Richardson, paid off at the site of Marcy-Newberry Center, 1539 S. Springfield Ave., Chicago.

The well-engineered suspended ceiling, designed by John Cogswell and constructed by volunteers, finally has been completed in the second floor of the 1930 building. And judging from the black three-ring binder compiled by Cogswell, this was quite a project. Work not only included the ceiling but also fresh coats of paint on the hallway walls and doors and installation of a new floor.

The renovations will be a blessing to those the center services, everyone from age 2 to 104 years old. Marcy-Newberry offers programs such as Head Start, childcare, after school, seniors ministry, teens ministry and adult recreation at night and on Saturdays. Among those who took a concept from paper to reality include: Marites Richardson, Warren Richardson, Emily Pernell, the Rev. Cerna Castro Rand, Dean Oorbeck, Kay and Liz Heidenreich, David Myles, Jed Starner, Courtney Scott, Jefferey Purks, Felix Lopez, Tomas Altamero, Jr., Abe Recile, Ferdie Gonzalez and Dr. Leroy Picket.



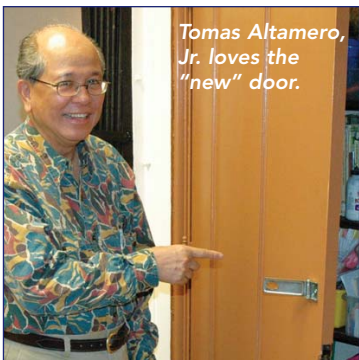
Brian Richardson and John Cogswell point up to the new dropped ceiling and light fixtures.



Pipes and wires now covered by the new ceiling



Rev. Cerna Castro Rand shows off a resurfaced and freshly painted door (above) while Marites Richardson and Kay Heidenreich (at left) show off parts of the wall that they spent weeks plastering, sanding, and painting.



Tomas Altamero, Jr. loves the "new" door.



Jan Cogswell is proud to point out that the repaired and freshly painted walls give the main activity area a professional and friendly look.



Pew Profiles . . .

Margaret (Peg) Isaacson



When Church Council holds its meeting this month, a new face will be at the helm. Margaret (Peg) Isaacson, who lives in the West Town neighborhood, takes on the role from Jann Ingmire for the next two years. And she's looking forward to the task.

We've known her as a woman with a purpose, serving in various capacities at the Temple since 1995. Her involvement includes the following: Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir, Health & Wellness Committee, a confirmation mentor and Church Council. Also, she has served on the Missions Committee, Lay Leadership Committee, Natural Church Development Task Force, led the Amigos for six years and went to the Rosebud Reservation two times in Rosebud, South Dakota.



She came to the Temple because "it is in the heart of the city, has a variety of opportunities and an excellent music program," she says. And it's these attributes that have been the source of several memorable experiences for her. One was performing

"Worthy Is the Lamb" from "The Messiah," with the Temple Strings and Winds and another was participating in a mission trip on the Rosebud Reservation twice with Temple members.

The role of chairing Church Council comes at an exciting time, as she works with the staff and congregation to develop a strategic plan and mission statement to take the Temple to the next level. What will be the premise to fuel this exploration?

"I see the Temple as a place of respite and peace in the city, an example for being Christian in the middle of the city and in the activities of the world," Peg says.

Forever, the cheerleader, Peg wants to motivate people to move beyond the pew and be more active. "I would like to see every person involved in the church's activities beyond worship. If each person gave even 1 hour a month to an area they had a passion for ... just think the things we could do!!"

GOAL
\$630,000

PLEGGED
TO DATE
\$474,743



Stewardship Update

by Andrew Greta

We finished 2009 with solid results from our stewardship pledge campaign. As of December 22, 2009 the Chicago Temple received 158 pledges representing \$474,743. We're still short of our \$630,000 goal from 250 households however. The good news is that there's still time to make your 2010 commitment! The amount you pledge isn't the most important point. What *IS* important is that we hear from you. Please take a moment to send in your pledge card if you haven't already. I also encourage you to visit our Stewardship page online where you can learn more about this year's campaign "Heeding the Call," view current updates on our status and even record your pledge online with our convenient electronic form. www.chicagotemple.org/stewardship.php As always, please reach out to me or the

church staff if you have any questions. My email is andrewgreta@yahoo.com and the phone number for the church office is 312-236-4548. Thank you and may we all embark on a happy and joyous 2010 in the life of our church.

PLEGGING
HOUSEHOLDS



GOAL: 250 TO DATE: 158



CHICAGO TEMPLE NEWS

Mission Project Update

A message from the Homeless Ministry Committee . . .

Many thanks to the Aid Society and the Temple Fund for underwriting the cost of the facilities at Grace Place, which is a space to house the joint ministry of the Temple and Grace Place's mission to assist the homeless and needy. Also, it extends a heartfelt thank you to the members and friends who provide both the funds and material contributions that allow the ministry to continue.

These contributions are all second-mile givings, since the Ministry is not included in the 2009 Operating Budget of the Temple. The committee currently serves about 150 needy persons each week. Because of the cold weather, there's a need for large-sized men's and women's winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves for visitors. Also, there's a need for money to not only buy food but also bus passes to assist clients in attending their job interviews and medical appointments. Also, we extend a heartfelt thank you to the members and friends who provide both the funds and material contributions that allow the ministry to continue.

Those interested in donating should contact the Rev. Claude King at claudc@chicagotemple.org or Bob Green at robertgreen1906@att.net.

Operating Budget of the First United Methodist Church

Please note: Our Pledged/Non pledged giving is 5% below our 2009 budget; thank you for helping to "Close the gap".

December Pledged Giving	\$ 55,134
December Non-Pledged Giving	\$ 27,490
December Christmas Giving	\$ 12,287
Monthly Cost for Church Operations	\$ 84,739
Extra to Operating Funds	\$ 10,672

Thank you for generous giving for non-budget church ministries

Homeless Ministry	\$ 2,122
Music/Fine Arts Ministry	\$ 75
Tutoring Center	\$ 2,296
Heifer Project	\$ 5,755
Mission Chile, Philippines, projects	\$ 222
Capital Campaign	\$ 27,615
UM Student Day, World Communion	\$ 50

For more information contact Charles Emmons, Chairperson of the Finance Committee cemmons0220@sbcglobal.net or call 847.421.1040.

The deadline is January 7 for joining the "Wesley Tour" April 8 through 18, with The Rev. Phil Blackwell leading the way to significant Methodist locations in Oxford, Bristol, Epworth, and London. The group also will visit Bath, Liverpool, York, and Cambridge. Brochures are available in the office. Phil would welcome any inquiries. As of now, 15 people are registered to go.

CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS

Please Remember These Persons In Your Prayers

Peg Isaacson's father	Maria & Elizabeth Elizondo	James Humble
Ralph Neyland	Beth Jacobs' mother	Mildred Kretz
Nati Oro	Louise Foote	Esther Penalzoza
Jim Daniels	Azucena Munoz Tressler,	Edward Clay Jr.
Marti Zimmerman, Mother	and her mother and sister	Irene Stull
of Kristen Hower	Yvonne Scott	Alice Inouye
Ausbie & Etta Lenoir	Stella Amaefule	John Romans
Sheila Lockhart	Aida Roque	Priscilla Zapatka
Amy Schutt	Jessica Taylor	Mourning the loss of
Dorothy Emmons	Martha & Rudolph Chavez	a loved one
Ed Gabriel	Darlene Grass' grand-	Bernie and Kathy Mayer,
Joann Contos	daughter, Abbey	mourning the loss of
Marilyn Dugas	Doris Galloway's sons,	Bernie's mother, Dorothy
Ponnamma Benjamin	Erik & Allen	Mayer
Annie M. Geiger	Joyce Rimel	Pat and Jim Rollins, in
Mrs. K. Samuels, mother	Edith Smith's husband	the loss of Pat's mother
of Mukesh Kumar	Tim Weiss	The family of Synetta
Randy Heller	At Home	Austin
Maureen Moroney	Barbara Schubert	Gina Calabro, in mourning
Anita Phillips	Delbert Brown	the loss of her parents,
Dorothy White	Florence Bos	Bob and Barbara Worley
Jason Chamberlain	Teresita Crisostomo	The family of Lorraine
Pat Patton's friend Ruth	Extended Care or Rehab	Gribbens
Stamper's son, Scott Austin	Edna Walters	
Chili Shears' father & sister	Henrietta Brown	
Verlane Franklin		

Members Celebrating A Birthday

January 1	January 8	January 16	January 24
Tracie Link	James Gurchek	Rosemaria Martinelli	Sarah Smith
Patricia Jessie	January 9	January 17	January 25
Leif Opland	Emmett Benito	Mary Ann Gardner	Jennifer Schramm
Erik Opland	January 10	Donsanell Nash	Irene Stull
Peter Gichinga	Marjorie June	Carol Emmons	January 26
January 2	Sarah Walker	Jed Starner	Clare Hutchinson
Mary Johnson	January 11	January 18	January 27
Latoya Sanders	Elizabeth Sumera	Daniel Pollock	Priscilla Inawat
January 3	January 12	Deborah Mueller	January 28
Nenette Alonzo	John Davies	January 19	Miles Guillen
Noel Mabalay	Jodi Kinner	Elpidio Salanga	January 30
January 4	Mofolarin Walter-	Melissa Tompkins	Ann Beckerdite
Aaron Kock	Johnson	January 20	Laura Wyatt
Jerry Sparks	Denise Yates	Angelina Felix	January 31
January 5	January 13	Campbell Guillen	Karranja-Roshummari
Emiliana Pernell	Joscelynn Tomaw	January 21	Willis
Francisco Bibay	Mark Rand	Geneva Worley	Michelle Forte
January 6	Clare Loper	January 22	
Chealon Shears	January 14	D. Carlene Fretland	
Marsha Streby	Kwang Oh	Hal Forsyth	
January 7	Ellie Barczak	Leeana Carleton	
Sophia Hague	January 15	January 23	
Heidi Nelson	Harrison Benson	Natividad Oro	

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

Friday, January 1

New Year's Day
Office Closed

Saturday, January 2

5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon

Sunday, January 3

8 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 9:30 am-Sunday School Classes
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Monday, January 4

6 pm-Temple Handbell Ens. Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Tuesday, January 5

6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Wednesday, January 6

7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE
 3 pm-Tutoring Center. Pierce
 6 pm-Temple Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Thursday, January 7

5:30 pm-EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Sky Chapel

Friday, January 8

6:30 pm-TAIZE WORSHIP SERVICE. Dixon

Saturday, January 9

5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon

Sunday, January 10

8 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 9:30 am-Sunday School Classes
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 12:15 pm-Open Hands. Heritage Room

Monday, January 11

6 pm-Temple Handbell Ens. Rehearsal. Choir Rm.
 6 pm-Finance Committee Meeting. 420

Tuesday, January 12

6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm

Wednesday, January 13

7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE
 3 pm-Tutoring Center. Pierce
 6 pm-Temple Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Thursday, January 14

5:30 pm-EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Sky Chapel

Saturday, January 16

5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon

Sunday, January 17

8 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 9:30 am-Sunday School Classes
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 12:15 pm- Fine Arts Committee. 3rd fl. Conf. Rm.
 12:15 pm-Mabuhay Fellowship. James
 12:30 pm- College-Age Group. 420

Monday, January 18

Dr. Martin Luther King Day
Office Closed
 6 pm-Disciple VII. Pierce 2

Tuesday, January 19

11:30 am-1pm-Disciple I.
 6 pm-Disciple I. Pierce 2
 6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Wednesday, January 20

7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE
 6 pm-Temple Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Thursday, January 21

5:30 pm-EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Sky Chapel

Saturday, January 23

5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon

Sunday, January 24

8 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 9:30 am-Sunday School Classes
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Monday, January 25

6 pm-Disciple VII. Pierce 2
 6 pm-Temple Handbell Ens. Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Tuesday, January 26

11:30 am-1pm-Disciple I.
 6 pm-Disciple I. Pierce 2
 6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Wednesday, January 27

7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE
 6 pm-Temple Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Thursday, January 28

5:30 pm-EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Sky Chapel

Saturday, January 30

5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon

Sunday, January 31

8 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 9:30 am-Sunday School Classes
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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