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Annual General Meeting of
Lakeview United Church
January 30, 2010

Minister's Annual Report Respectfully submitted.

The Rev. Diane J. Strickland, Minister of Word, Sacraments and Pastoral Care

Faith Formation

I began this year with hope that we would find a ministry person who could help us rebuild our ministry with children and young families. God was faithful to my prayers and the prayers of others committed to this ministry, like our superb Faith Formation Committee, ably chaired by Brenda Ball. We welcomed Vicki McPhee, diaconal candidate, in the early months of 2010 and she has demonstrated exactly the kind of leadership needed to gain traction in the areas where Lakeview United Church was floundering. With her steady hand and obvious competence we have moved farther along in recovering this ministry than I dared to hope. Supporting our lay teachers with prepared lessons, meeting each Sunday with our youth group, running a successful summer day camp, launching a parent/tot drop-in, **and** leading worship on occasion (including Christmas Eve 5pm), has injected new energy, reliable presence and creative diligence into our ministry with children, youth and families. I also want to recognize lay teachers Barb Spence and Faye Forbes-Anderson, whose own commitment to our younger children throughout the entire fall of 2010 allowed Vicki to focus on developing our youth group and building those important relationships every week. Barb and Faye are humbling examples of "walking the walk", and I know they consider this ministry as a privilege. I give thanks to God to everyone whose prayers and hard work have brought us to this exciting time of positive results and new possibilities, including those who stepped up to be on Vicki's learning support group.

During Lent we had another successful Sacred Cinema program with great films in partnership with St. Laurence. In the spring we offered the Spirituality of Art event and both initiatives had several people attending from ads placed in the Calgary Herald by Elizabeth Marshall.

I enjoyed meeting with our "Reading the Bible" group and we made our way through I Kings --- discovering the birth of the Davidic myth and the record of Israel's struggle with their own choice for governance of kingship. We welcomed a new member to this "unruly" group and within no time at all she was rolling with the biblical surprises and daunting questions. We learn together and experience our faith at deep levels of challenge, humour and confirmation. I have to say it---I just love this one.

Early fall I had an absolute blast co-preparing and co-leading with Elizabeth Marshall, two afternoon sessions on early Christianities later declared heresies (the Christianities, not the sessions). Going down in history as one of my favorite lines ever (as said by Elizabeth) --The Ebionites "tweaked Judaism a bit".

Pastoral Care

Working with this committee that is chaired sensitively by Sue Spratt remains a privilege for me. This group works hard to stay on top of our parishioners' pastoral needs---including caring contact, food and rides, visits, flowers, cards, seasonal gifts and hosting support for the ministry of funerals and memorial services. These people are the finest I have ever worked alongside of in congregational ministry. I would also mention Nancy Gilleen here, who has faithfully visited and phoned many of our shut-ins for several years now, providing an ongoing personal presence of our congregation's care to people. Working closely with Nancy has been a pleasure and I trust her commitment to this ministry and her desire to grow in her own faith. I also recognize new members who joined this ministry and have added to it significantly and encouraged those who've been at it for a while now.

This past fall our whole pastoral team has been heavily taxed with an unusually high number of serious ailments, accidents, and deaths among our faith community. The team has not wavered once (although they did blink twice) in providing what was needed as best as they possibly could. They stepped up to God's call and were present to our congregation when we needed them most. With gratitude I can say that I have never been on my own at LUC in pastoral ministry. Thanks be to God. I also want to recognize that as other pieces of work landed on my task from various sources and initiatives, I found my pastoral visitation was limited to emergent needs. As we move more deeply into JNAC follow-through, supporting lay leadership and processes to get us to our goals will continue to draw upon my time. Maintaining strong lay ministry here will be necessary.

Outreach

It has been exciting to see Louise Poudrette and her committee explore new initiatives in outreach ministry as well as supporting existing ones. My main connection to their good work has been my membership on the Presbytery Local and Global Outreach Committee, providing information and status on the ecumenical housing project "Acadia Place". Through Kairos and the Calgary Community Land Trust (of the Homeless Foundation) a building with over 60 units has been purchased (matching grants programs from the government) and is being renovated for low income family housing. This

is an important project for LUC, given our past commitments to ending homelessness in our city. We will be exploring how we can be more involved in the next year as well.

M&P

I am grateful for the hard work of this group, and their caring support of me this past year. They have created an atmosphere of sharing and trust, accountability and mutual responsibility, that allows me to move more freely in my ministry, and to try new things and take a few risks. Thank you.

Communications

It's been great to have some newspaper ads going out and also the website work of this group. I also thank Lee Miller for looking after our outdoor sign whenever possible. Newsletters began but now need a lay person to accept the work of editing and layout oversight. I was happy to support this work in this way for the first newsletters, in the hopes that it would be picked up eventually by others, but was not able to continue that work past the fall newsletter. It is great to know that Aaron Smith will be picking up this task. Thank you!

Finances & Property

It was a privilege to work with the Board as we approached Pledgefest together and also took on the **Roof-Us** campaign, with Don Rigby's terrific leadership on both projects. We have worked as a team to set financial priorities that will help LUC to celebrate their 50 year anniversary in 2012 with joy and gratitude at what we can do when we do it together. Thanks to Daryl Sedor whose great spirit for our congregation and his openness to God have made him a gift to all of us on the Board. Carolyn Bosch has given us all critical financial information and also a perspective of faith and hope as we move forward. We are grateful also to Sarah Smith and Al MacDonald for leadership and support in our financial life and personal stewardship.

Worship

Joanne Melvin and I meet regularly to plan worship together. We were both challenged by the departure of Hee-jung Kim in the summer. Volunteer musicians pitched in, and Joanne and I worked week by week through this period to create meaningful services with a consistent dedication to the worship life of LUC. We both welcomed supply accompanist Susan Woodward with open arms. Her abilities and experience removed the added stress of planning around multiple replacements with varying skillsets. Our choir continued to reveal their servant heart in musical leadership. Thank you for your liturgical partnership. Nancy Gillean and Arlene McDonald supported our sacramental ministries at LUC, and Sherry Kovats worked with me on many liturgical seasonal details. Barb Spence also continues to care for hangings, pulpit falls, and table runners. The Rev. Gerry Scharff provided pulpit supply as well as other lay leaders during the summer. Our greeters and ushers kept the traffic moving in the right direction. I thank them all.

Board

As well as our regular work, The Board formed a committee to work with the Rev. Joel S. Den Haan on values clarification for LUC. This work was mandated under the JNAC. I have been attending that group and working with Joel to hear the voices around the table and explore the stories and perspectives. The work has continued into 2011, but we hope will come to a conclusion soon. I have also done other specific pieces of work for the Board as requested.

Looking Ahead

Lakeview United Church remains vulnerable in its generational gaps, but has taken new steps this past year to meet these challenges. There can be no wavering on this issue, in my opinion. We learned in our staff vacancy that the kind of diligence, skill and accountability needed to sustain ministry to these generations requires (for us) paid ministry personnel dedicated to this call as well as lay leaders.

As our members age and need more pastoral support, the pastoral care committee will need to remain strong and renewed every year with new members. Please consider this ministry in your life.

The Board has accomplished an amazing amount of work while remaining small in numbers. How much more could the Board accomplish with new members? Each year we look for leadership in this area. Please prayerfully consider your possible participation in this leadership role. The Board works hard to keep the big picture of LUC before its decision-making process. It is a place for people who will speak for their personal ministry passions, and act for the well-being of the whole ministry Jesus has entrusted to us.

I offer thanks to all my staff colleagues here at LUC, and to all the many lay leaders "up front" and "behind the scenes" who keep our ministry going. You are an extraordinary group of people, and I carry you all with me every day. And thanks be to God whose greatness comes close to me, to Jesus whose example gives courage to me, and the Spirit who inspires me every day to imagine the Gospel already at work and looking for company.

Children and Youth Ministry 2010 Respectfully submitted by Vicki McPhee

I became the Children and Youth Enthusiast in April and for the first few months I set about learning my way around and getting to know the people that make the Lakeview congregation what it is. I got in contact with all the families that were currently attending or had attended Lakeview in the past five years, letting them know that Lakeview was committed to weekly Sunday School and Youth Group programs. I updated our church website with information regarding the different children, youth and intergenerational events taking place at Lakeview. I also worked with the Sunday School volunteer teachers to program and lead Sunday School/Youth Group until the end of the school year. The Sunday School/Youth Group had small but consistent followings in the spring each Sunday.

At the beginning of the new school year I was in contact again with the families that have been connected to Lakeview over the years, inviting the children and youth to join us on Sunday mornings for fellowship, learning, discovery, spirituality, discussion and friendship. In the fall, the older kids began to meet separately from the younger kids. I took on the role as Youth Group Leader for those youth in grades 7-12. The Sunday School, grades 1-6, continued to have shared leadership by volunteers from the congregation using lessons that I prepared by using the abundant resources that Lakeview has for children and youth ministries. During the fall, Sunday School had a consistent attendance of 4 or 5 each Sunday, with a couple of Sundays having many more children. The Youth group has had a consistent 6 or 7 youth each Sunday. We have continued to follow the lectionary in Sunday School and Youth Group so that both the adults and the young people of our congregation are learning about the same scripture each week. A big thank you to the volunteers that have helped with Sunday School or Youth in 2010: Barb Spence, Faye Forbes-Anderson, Gwen Jamieson, Sarah Smith and David Townsend

We did a few special activities with the children and youth in 2010. The Youth met a couple of times in the fall on Friday evenings—carving pumpkins and cooking dinner and offering hospitality to a visiting youth group from Kindersley. The Youth also assisted in hosting the Father's Day Sundaes Sunday by cooking hot dogs and serving ice cream. The children and youth dressed up on Halloween Sunday and scared the change out of everyone's pants. Over \$400 was counted by the kids that Sunday. All proceeds went to UNICEF. And, of course, there was the Christmas play, Believe! We had 14 children and youth show up with the adults for Sunday rehearsals to prepare for the wonderful one-time show in the middle of Advent. The sanctuary was packed and everyone had a fun time acting and singing.

Over the fall and into Advent I organized the Everything You Wanted to Know About Advent day, organized White Gift Sunday in which nearly \$1000 was raised and many bags of food were donated for local families in need of assistance. I also had the joy of organizing the 5 pm Christmas Eve service, a wonderful time of family, children, youth, singing and of anticipation.

Faith Formation chose to run a one week Summer Day Camp in July. The Camp was a very fun time—the best week of the summer according to one grade 5 camper. We learned about a different bible story each day, took a field trip to the Science Centre one day, did baking, had a water balloon fight, jumped in a bouncy house, put on an Advent pageant and did a lot of singing! The week would not have been the success that it was without some very dedicated volunteers: Andrea Shippey-Heilman, Trevor Warner, Daryl and Lesley Sedor, Faye Forbes-Anderson, Jean Scott, Brittany Shippey-Heilman, Etta Campbell, Gail Vermeulen, Amy Campbell, Brenda Ball, Galen Kovats, Silas Kovats, Gwen Jamieson, Nancy Rose

As I look forward to 2011 I anticipate an exciting year. The children and youth are preparing the message and leading the service on January 30th. I will be leading confirmation classes and Religion-in-Life beginning in January. The Junior High students will have the opportunity to attend the Junior High Youth Rally with me in March. There are two intergenerational gatherings planned—one in Lent and the other around Pentecost. There is also an exciting opportunity for the youth of our congregation to attend a national gathering of youth and young adults in Toronto this summer. As I will be attending Rendez-Vous 2011 in August as a workshop leader, I will be able to chaperone any Lakeview youth who wish to attend.

As with any great program in church life, success is not possible without volunteers. As we go into 2011, we have a few Sundays during which there are no volunteers to teach Sunday School. There is also the occasional need for a volunteer to help out when I am unable to lead the Youth Group. If you are interested in helping out for one Sunday morning or a handful, please contact me at 403-242-5760 ext 224 or at lakeviewyouth@telus.net And know that you are not alone! You will have the opportunity to meet the other teachers/leaders, receive assistance and support in planning your Sunday lesson. Any time that you have will be much appreciated by the children and youth.

MUSIC DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT Respectfully submitted, Joanne Melvin, Music Director

2010 was another year full of challenge to the ministry of music at Lakeview United Church. We applied many lessons learned from the challenges of 2009.

We know now to expect that the calendar year begins with the flight of the snowbirds. The chancel choir shrinks to about half its pre-Christmas season size. As we did in 2009 we met this challenge by scaling back the scope of anthems to choose those most accessible to a smaller group of singers and by offering a mix of solos, and small ensemble pieces as well as full choir pieces. In 2009 we had replaced our annual Passiontide cantata performance with a series of songs and anthems specially selected to tell the story over the whole of Holy Week, and we decided to repeat that plan in 2010. Building on our successful teamwork in previous Advent-Christmas and Passiontide services, Diane and I collaborated to weave together music and the Word throughout the services of Holy Week to tell the Passion story in a liturgical setting.

Once again we adjusted to a new demographic as the snowbirds returned in the spring ready to jump in right where they left off. Our increased numbers and renewed energy in the choir throughout the spring enabled us to continue learning and performing brand new music right up through the end of June!

The combined energy of returning choir members and the faithful, steady singers that were with us all year, enabled us to continue to offer special music in solos, duos and small ensembles of church members after the choir season ended and through most of the summer.

A new challenge came at the end of the summer when our accompanist of two years, Hee-Jung Kim announced her acceptance of a faculty position back in her home country of Korea. What an opportunity for Hee-Jung! What a loss for us!

During the remaining weeks of the summer and the first weeks of the fall I was more grateful than ever for the musicians we have in the congregation, as we scrambled to fill accompanist duties week to week. My heartfelt thanks go to pianists Eleanor Creasey, Karen Hagg and Brenda Ball, the Kovats family (piano and guitar), Rick Anderson (guitar), and Fiona Hayes (flute) for volunteering their services during these critical weeks.

A search for a permanent accompanist was initiated, applications were received and interviews held. In the meantime we were put in touch with pianist/organist Susan Woodward, who agreed to serve as supply accompanist. Susan directs and accompanies several choirs in town, and is familiar to several of our choir members who sing in her other groups. We are blessed to experience her top-notch musicianship, flexibility and encouraging way with all of our musicians. Susan continues to serve as supply accompanist until a decision is reached regarding the permanent position.

For the Christmas season the choir requested that we perform a "book" cantata again after a hiatus of four years. Diane and I reviewed several choices and selected Pepper Choplin's "I Heard the Prophet Callin'" for its fresh musical approach and liturgical adaptability. The music, based on North American folk idioms was written for choir and a small orchestra that includes guitar, accordion and pennywhistle in addition to standard symphonic instrumentation. Scripture readings and the minister's message were woven between the musical numbers to create a joyful retelling of the Christmas story.

The services for Advent and Christmas, including "Longest Night," two Christmas Eve services, Boxing Day and Epiphany gave our singers and instrumentalists the opportunity present seasonal music from many different styles, ranging from mediaeval to classical to zydeco and jazz. It was a season of musical riches.

My thanks go to my staff colleagues, and to the many LUC music ministry volunteers: choir members, seasonal singers, ensemble singers, soloists, accompanists, instrumentalists, sound technicians, music librarians, organizers of special events, social conveners...and more! Thanks for sharing your love, talent, creativity and time. And thanks to the congregation for your participation, support and feedback and for your energetic singing in worship.

"Take up his song of love and go into the world. Take up his song of love in every moment."
(MV #213)

Report from the Church Board submitted By Daryl Sedor for The Official Board of Directors

One of the highlights of our year has been the addition of a new staff member, Vicki McFee, who joined us April 1st in the role of "Children's Ministry Enthusiast" as we awaited the final report from the Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC). Vickie is indeed a valuable addition to our paid ministry staff. She is a student working towards a Diaconal Ministry designation and has a great deal of experience working with youth in the United Church. Her enthusiasm and imagination compliment the work of Diane whose role as sole minister has been large since before her sabbatical in 2009.

The Board extends a BIG THANK YOU to Diane and Vicki for their tireless service to the congregation. We are indeed fortunate to have such capable, knowledgeable, and caring leadership in ministry.

We had a successful summer camp with 20 participants. Each day had a different Bible story, crafts and adventure. With the help of volunteers under the leadership of Vicki, everyone had a great time. Thank you to all of you who assisted with this program.

Later in the year, Vicki and the youth hosted a group from Kindersley, Saskatchewan. Our youth served a hot meal and dessert and stayed to play board and card games after dinner. In appreciation a card of thanks and a donation was made to Lakeview from the Kindersley group. Thank you to Vicki, volunteers and youth for your hospitality to the Kindersley folk.

Along with Diane's services, music is favorite part of our worship and for this we appreciate and thank the choir, Joanne and her talented team of musicians. Sadly our accompanist, Hee-Jung left us to take a position in Korea. We wished her well with a presentation of an original painting by our own Peter Prest. The Board extends appreciation to all those who came forward and contributed talent and accompaniment until the position is filled.

The Board extends thanks to Karen, our office administrator who capably seems to undertake every type of request even the unexpected ones. Her husband Graham Tufts and her family have taken on the janitorial, gardening, and snow removal jobs. Our thanks to Karen, Graham, Christine, Maxwell and Pierce for your service to Lakeview United.

The long awaited JNAC report was given to the congregation in June. The first 2 (of 7) recommendations have been fulfilled. The third recommendation is now in process and almost complete. Diane, along with a team of members, has been meeting with Joel den Hahn (regional resource) from Alberta & Northwest Conference "to engage the congregation in its spiritual and emotional values". Their report should be ready for the AGM in January. The Board wishes to thank those who have been involved in this important step towards fulfilling our JNAC process.

The United Church celebrated the 85th anniversary and we were partnered with Kensington United in PEI Presbytery. We received a banner from the Kensington folk and we sent a video where a number of our congregation sent well wishes to them. Thank you to all who were part of this, and a special thank you to Silas Kovats for editing and compiling the video.

Other events worthy of note:

- our successful blood donor clinic
- Job's Daughters assisted with Service
- our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
- our annual garage sale
- the annual Sacred Cinema during lent
- the Scout Parade for Remembrance Day

All the above events were a great success and extended our outreach to the outer community. The Board extends their thanks to all involved in these events.

The latest endeavor launched by the Board is our pledgefest "Roof-Us" campaign. Thank you to Don Rigby for leading us through the campaign kick-off and all those who gave presentations. Our goal is to raise \$150,000 for a new roof and other renovations by Lakeview's 50th anniversary in 2012.

Thank you to all our committees and to the official board who are few in number but are a committed and dedicated group. Our rich life as a community of faith depends on the contributions given by each and every member of the congregation. The Board recognizes these and gives thanks: thanks to God for bringing us together; thanks to all for being here and giving joyfully of your time, talent and resources.

Report of the Board of Trustees 2010 Hank Klassen Chair Board of Trustees Lakeview United Church

The Board of Trustees of Lakeview United Church had a very quiet year. This was due to the hard work of the Board in previous years getting policies in place for space usage and rental policies. Thanks to the hard work of our Office Administrator Karen Bigalke, rental agreements are in place for all our short and long term renters.

The City of Calgary annual property assessment for 2009 was received. The 2009 assessment is \$4,060,000 compared to 2008 when it was \$2,160,000. The assessment includes the value for both buildings and land.

The insurance coverage for the building remains at \$2,884,248. The premium of \$7378.00 for 2010-2011 remains the same as 2009-2010. The National office of the United Church of Canada has instituted a church wide group insurance for Officers and Directors Liability coverage. This new program will save Lakeview about \$300 per year in costs for this type of coverage and also increase the coverage amount. Lakeview has applied to be covered under this plan and we should hear in the new year if the program is moving forward.

Thank you to my fellow trustees Al MacDonald, George Zvanchuk, John Martin, John Lamb, and Don Greenfield for all their wise council throughout 2009.

Report from the Communications Committee submitted by Craig Cheffins

The Website continues to be a blessing for Lakeview United. Aaron Smith has improved upon and maintained the website throughout the year. An appeal was made to the congregation through the bulletin for a webmaster but no volunteers came forward.

Faye Forbes Anderson worked to get a newsletter off the ground and Lakeview United Staff contributed greatly this new endeavour. Volunteers are needed to sustain this valuable communications tool.

This year, in addition to the Calgary Herald advertisement for Services surrounding Christmas, Lakeview United also posted an advertisement for Services during Holy Week in April. The committee priced out improvements in the coroplast signage on Church Property as well what it would take to have the City of Calgary erect signs in the community. It was decided that additional signage expenditures would be better considered after the hiring of a Marketing Coordinator, which should take place in 2011 following completion of the JNAC process this year.

Lee Miller has provided a great service to Lakeview United in updating and maintaining the Outdoor sign.

Faith Formation and Christian Education Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ball (Chair)

I begin with a follow-up from last year's annual report. In January 2010 we reported that we were in a time of rebuilding in the area of children and youth ministry. What we knew was that we were a well-established church with a congregation that values children's ministry. We knew we had strong staff support, experienced volunteers, and great facilities. What we needed was someone to help us create a lively spiritual home for children and their families.

It was recommended that a job description be created for a part-time contract position to bring someone on board at Lakeview specifically dedicated to children's ministry. The goal was to look for someone to establish and maintain contact with our children, provide key Sunday morning multi-age programming, and foster relationship with young families. The description included someone who was creative and flexible, a strong communicator, and able to work independently; someone with good organizational and time management skills, a lively faith, and a sense of humour. Thus the position of "Children's Ministry Enthusiast" was created and approved by the Board, and as of January 2010 we were awaiting the next step in the process.

In March we were very pleased to announce that while looking for just the right person to fill this position Vicki McPhee found us. She arrived with lots of experience, education, faith, and enthusiasm! Vicki's position began April 1st, and we feel blessed to have her with us. She has been working whole-heartedly for our children; busy creating, communicating, drafting, leading, mailing, organizing, participating, phoning, planning, reactivating, researching and renewing.

Also with regards to the children and youth programming, a big thank you goes out to Barb Spence and Faye Forbes Anderson who have been consistently teaching the younger children this fall with assistance from Sarah Smith. Vicki

focused her Sundays on the youth group. We look forward to what 2011 holds in store for our children and youth and remain grateful to have Vicki leading the way.

In the spring the Faith Formation Committee began work on developing the Fall 2010 theme. Working from the desire to focus on exploring how our spirit needs to be nurtured (revealed, known, expressed, grown) and seeking ways to do that (eg. through prayer, service, generosity), our Fall 2010 theme emerged:

Shine, Spirit, Shine

Growing our Spirituality Together

Room was also left in the calendar this fall to allow time for the JNAC visioning and discerning process to proceed.

Some 2010 highlights:

Sacred Cinema Lent series

Children's event - Bread baking for communion

Spirituality of Art - evening discussion with Rev. Diane

Youth Sundae Sunday and hot dog lunch - Father's Day

Summer Camp for grades 1 to 6 - July 19th to 23

Study groups

Monday Morning Bible Study

First Kings study – Wednesday mornings with Rev. Diane

(study on Second Kings will begin January 12, 2011)

Study on Early Christians – 2 night event with Rev. Diane and Elizabeth Marshall

Parent and Tot drop-in every other Thursday, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. with Vicki

All Saints Day Kids Quest Parade – funds raised for UNICEF

Children's Christmas Pageant "Believe"

- a big thank you to Joan Greenfield, the cast and crew for a delightful and meaningful Christmas play.

Thank you to my fellow committee members: Gwen Jamieson, Elizabeth Marshall, Lesley Sedor, Daryl Sedor, Joan Greenfield, Rev. Diane Strickland. Thank you for your faithfulness to our congregational family. Thank you to all our program leaders, our volunteers, and our congregation. Thank you for your time, your talent, and your support. We look forward to 2011 – growing our spirituality together.

Ministry and Personnel Annual Report Respectfully submitted by Ted Prince

Committee Membership: Ted Prince (Chair); Jack Grant, Marlyn Townsend & Kathy Sharp

The most important issue which took place in 2010, was the JNAC report submitted to the Board in May.

The executive summary included the following:

1. Lakeview United Church continues to support one full-time Ordained Minister in the well-defined role and responsibilities, with the current job description, that no change be made to Diane Strickland's existing pastoral relationship;
2. The Presbytery be requested to designate a position for a Congregational Designated Minister, which will be a permanent part-time Youth and Children's Ministry position;
3. The official Board of Lakeview United Church undertakes to engage the congregation in its spiritual and emotional values in order to provide support for the position of Marketing Strategist.
4. Lakeview United Church hires someone with marketing and communication expertise (the "Marketing Strategist") on a contract basis to design a growth plan for Lakeview United Church;
5. The Presbytery be requested to designate a position for a Congregational Designated Minister, which will be a permanent part-time Growth Leader position.

Vicki McPhee has been the Children's Ministry Enthusiast, and has fulfilled our expectations wonderfully. We have seen an increase in the interest and enthusiasm, especially from the youth in the congregation. We take this opportunity to thank her for all the hard work she has done.

Hee Jung Kim, our accompanist from late 2009 was offered a wonderful job opportunity in Korea, and so on short notice accepted and returned there. We wish her every success in her new position.

Joanne Melvin managed to persuade Susan Woodward to step in as accompanist this fall. Susan is an accomplished pianist and organist and we are all enjoying hearing the organ again.

Caretaking duties have been assumed by Graham Tufts; Our thanks to him and his son.

We would like to extend special thanks Karen Bigalke for the exceptional job that she does on our behalf.

The committee enjoyed the opportunity to have a staff get-together in May at the Grant's. Unfortunately, not all the staff and significant others could attend, but we will continue this tradition.

Finally we continue to ask everyone to thank Diane Strickland for all that she is and does.

Much hard work awaits the congregation, Board and our committee next year to implement fully the JNAC report. However, the basic building blocks are in place and we look forward enthusiastically to the challenges of 2011.

DANNY BROWNING MEMORIAL LIBRARY Respectfully submitted, Gwen Jamieson

The library continues to be an important resource for our many study groups. With fewer children in the congregation, the children's section does not get as much use as it used to, but it is still valuable for the Sunday School and summer day camp. This year we added 47 books to the adult section and 15 to the children's section.

The donation of some very good books by members of the congregation is very much appreciated.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Respectfully submitted, Gwen Jamieson

The Monday Morning Bible Study group continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays from September through November and January through April. The leaders are Gerry Scharff, Nancy Gillean, Arlene MacDonald and Gwen Jamieson. During the past year we completed the study of I and II Samuel. Following a decision to study the Psalms we asked for a list of the members' favourite Psalms, and the leaders gathered a variety of resources for the study of these Psalms. We began this study in September, and will probably complete it by spring. It is amazing how these ancient writings still speak to us today.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT: Submitted by Louise Poudrette

Our committee - Hank Klassen, Pat Tusz, Lorna Flack, David Townsend, Murray/Nancy Rose and Sandra Browning devoted time and energy to better serve the needs of our immediate community and the community at large. We organized a Blood Clinic; a few days of help at the Food Bank. Your generous donations were distributed to serious causes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members for their cooperation and their faithful devotion to help others.

Our Foster Children – respectfully submitted by Midge Gilchrist

Our sponsorship of two children and their families through Plan Canada began in 1975.

Emerson-David (8) lives with his parents and younger sister in El Salvador. "David started his second year in primary school, and enjoys class and playing with his classmates"- Francisca (mother).

Xiaoning (15) lives with his parents and older sister in rural China, when he is not living away at school. "in June 26th, I just finish my entrance exam to high School. In the busy year I feel very happy. Summer is my favorite season because I can swim in the river." – Xiaoning

Plan programs include community development, education, nutrition, sanitation and provision of clean drinking water. In spite of their problems both families socialize with friends, participate in community activities and try to maintain a positive outlook.

Financial support is provided through the Outreach Committee. We thank them for taking on this responsibility, and you for your ongoing interest and participation

PASTORAL CARE REPORT 2010 Respectfully submitted Sue Spratt

This year the Pastoral Care team was comprised of: Nancy Rose, Barb Penhale, Estelle Collins, Jean Scott, Sherry Kovats, Betty Hamilton, Barb Spence, Patricia Baker, Daryl and Lesley Sedor, Sue Spratt, and, happily, 3 new members, Sandy Browning, Joan Casey, and Debbie Griffin.

Our team would like to thank Nancy Gillean who, though not an official member of PC, manages to visit every shut-in at least twice a year with her love and often a prayer shawl.

2010 was a busy year and included:

- ~ 4 memorial receptions
- ~ Organization of monthly teas at Glamorgan Care Centre
- ~ Coordination and collection of Christmas gifts for Glamorgan Care Centre
- ~ Delivery of 14 orchids at Easter to nursing home members and shut-ins
- ~ Delivery of 20 poinsettias to church members at Christmas in nursing homes, hospitals and shut-in at home
- ~ Sending cards to those who are ill in hospital or at home and sympathy cards
- ~ Sending birthday cards to children of the congregation
- ~ Visiting church members who are ill
- ~ Providing transportation if needed
- ~ Coordinating delivery of food to those who are temporarily unable to look after themselves
- ~ Ensuring that the confidential prayer chain is always up to date and active

As our congregation ages our committee seems to get busier and busier. I wish to thank you, our family at Lakeview, for your generous response when called to assist, especially when we request food. We would ask, further, that if you are aware of anyone who needs our extra help, a visit from the minister, or a phone call from one of us, to please contact a member of the Pastoral Care team. Our hope is that nobody is forgotten.

If anyone is interested in this rewarding ministry please contact any one of us.

The Women's Friendship Circle Respectfully submitted Sue Spratt

The Friendship Circle meets once a month from September to May on the 4th Tuesday at 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Our purpose, as the name suggests, is to get to know one another and have interesting and varied programs.

Our program usually includes a book discussion, a speaker and a movie night as well as a meeting to feature the "Grandmothers to Grandmothers" program started by the Stephen Lewis Foundation which receives our support. We also have started and continue with the Prayer Shawl Ministry so loved by our church members who have been on the receiving end. Many are made, many are given out.

The November meeting sees us setting up a mitten tree in the Fellowship Hall with the mittens (and hats) going to the Children's Cottage. On the same evening we bring baking and prepare plates of goodies for shut-ins and various members of the congregation which we then deliver before Christmas.

On Palm Sunday the Friendship Circle provides lunch after the service, frequently involving fancy sandwiches and often fellowship as we prepare them.

We usually close the year with a pot-luck in May or June. This past year we went on a retreat to Kings Fold Retreat Centre instead and started in the fall with a pot-luck dinner.

This is a group of women of all ages who enjoy each others' company and we sincerely welcome new members.

Luc Ladies Annual Report by Viola Flowers

The LUC ladies met on the 1st Monday of each month except July and August to cut and sort Campbell soup labels . This year, we sent 25000 labels to the Killarney and Richmond Schools, who purchased school supplies, crayons and equipment in exchange for them.

With proceeds from our famous shortbread cookies we donated to Meals on Wheels, the Drop in Shelter, Calgary homeless Families, and the Mustard Seed. The LUC Ladies also hostess the annual Garden Party which raises money for plants in our planters and maintenance for the Church Garden. We also assist the office with many of mail outs received by the congregation such as newsletters, Pledgefest etc.

CARZ : (Canadians Assisting Roan in Zambia) Respectfully submitted Sue Spratt

Many of you in the past 3 years have supported **CARZ (Canadians Assisting Roan in Zambia)**, an initiative started by a group of UC youth following a trip in 2008. We are happy to report a true success story. Your donations have resulted in a formerly destitute African community becoming self-sufficient in such a way that we will be winding up our support at the end of this year. As of December 30, 2010, \$38,500 has been sent to the grandmothers' bank account. Two businesses, a chicken and egg venture and a market garden are self sustaining to the degree that they bring in money as well as feed the community. Their 4 room school is almost completed and ready to open in the New Year. Our final donation will be in the neighborhood of \$6000 which will finish and furnish the school. Our commitment to Roan will have been fulfilled! Thank you to all who supported this worthwhile venture.