

COUNCIL PRESIDENT 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

December 31, 2009 brought a different ending for the calendar year than any of us anticipated. With the dedication of the North Wing on December 6, 2009, Saint Nicholas Day, the expected occupancy of the building was to be the immediate next step. Though our timetable was not accurate, we ended the year one inspection away from our Use & Occupancy Permit. There were positive steps in December: our expanded parking lot area was lit for Christmas Eve Services; the cornerstone and time capsule were in the hands of our building contractor; the modulars had been moved off the property. Progress was evident even if the steps were very small.

Administratively the rest of our church life was lived in relative calm. The transition to a solo pastor church after Pastor Wendy was called in August to her own solo pastor position occurred smoothly. We were able to complete the business of the church in the two regularly scheduled congregational meetings required by our constitution with no special meetings called. The third annual "Incoming and Outgoing Council Orientation" was held on November 21, 2009. Our purpose to bring new members on board before the beginning of the new year and to give outgoing members the opportunity to share words of wisdom has continued to be a beneficial endeavor. Now we are ready to begin 2010.

The Council is continuing its work on the church's personnel policy. A Task Force on North Wing Priorities is taking shape. Saint Nicholas is now a sponsor for both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, two groups which will make good use of the North Wing every week. The implementation of our new logo has provided an uplifting focus pointing us toward the future.

In 2010 Council will be reworking the Ministry Areas defined in our Continuing Resolutions so that the structure stated in the Resolutions will mirror our discipleship church concept of Love God, Love Others, Teach and Learn, and Serve the World under which we are operating. Our Constitution states that continuing resolutions shall be enacted or amended by a two-thirds vote of all members of the Congregation Council (C18.02)

We will face challenges in 2010. With Pastor Greg's decision to go on Leave of Call, our Call Committee, once elected by the congregation (C13.05), will begin its work immediately. Filling the open Sponsorship/leadership positions is a priority. Settling into the North Wing is exciting. Being about God's work in the world is our goal. Using the time, talents, and treasures of all members of Saint Nicholas, old and new, will provide the strength and courage to be present in God's time. Collectively we are the church called Saint Nicholas. Together we will do what we need to do to navigate successfully throughout 2010.

Thank you to all congregational members who have served or who are currently serving in leadership and teaching roles and on the many committees. A special thank you to Tim Schwartz, our North Wing construction manager, who visited the property many mornings and evening before and after he went about his normal work day. Thank you also to all the families of these members for supporting the efforts of your family member in the continuing work of the church.

Through it all we worship. We love God, love others, teach and learn, serve the world. We thank God for all that we are given, and give back accordingly. We strive to fulfill the mission of Saint Nicholas: Growing and empowering disciples of Jesus Christ for the ministries of God's work in the world.

Respectfully,

Ann Wolfgang
Council President