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CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

2009 Annual Report

THE CHAPEL OF THE CROSS MISSION STATEMENT

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We are:

- + Called by tradition and mission to minister in the heart of the University and local community
- + Committed to the sacramental worship of God, engaging the richness and beauty of Anglican liturgy and music
- + Growing as disciples of Jesus through preaching, teaching, service, and fellowship
- + Bringing Gospel witness to the world.



From the **RECTOR**

What a difference a year makes! We began 2009 in the throes of a major recession, which of course is not over yet. In January, the Vestry froze every line item possible, including salaries, and was prepared to draw on a major portion of our reserves just to balance the budget. We were not even sure if many pledges made in good faith could be fully honored if the economy turned even worse. But by the grace of God, people were able to fulfill their pledges and more. Not only did we not have to utilize any reserves for 2009, but a very positive pledge campaign for this new year has enabled us to begin a new momentum in budgetary goals, increasing our outreach and our care for our staff and our facilities. Your financial commitment and enthusiasm has been contagious and has generated some wonderful new energy.

That energy has been reflected in a number of ways in our parish ministry. I shall only mention several. The first is our memorable first liturgical creation cycle. On four Sundays in the fall, a time traditionally associated with the harvest, our worship focused on God's wondrous and vibrant creation and our role as grateful stewards. Highlighted by the blessing of the animals for the first time on a Sunday, we opened our doors to a whole procession of God's fauna, including a remarkable horse! Becoming more aware of the beauty and mystery all around us, we gave thanks to God in prayer, sermon, and song for the free gift of creation.

We also became more connected to the world around us through the gift of new glass doors for the church. Allowing more visibility to those passing by, these beautifully designed doors also now remind us of our call to go forth from our worship "to love and serve the Lord," especially by loving and serving others.

2009 was a year in which we made major steps forward in the area of communication. At the Annual Meeting, a bulky Annual Report consisting of specific activity summaries of about 70 parish groups was replaced by a leaner, more cohesive description of the integration of the major aspects of parish ministry, complete with inviting pictures. A power point presentation during the meeting of the parish's budget and financial health was met with equal appreciation.

Cross Roads went through several major changes. Thematic issues were ended in favor of articles every month about each important component of parish ministry: Worship and Music, Christian Formation, Hospitality and Fellowship, Pastoral Care, University Ministry, Outreach, and Stewardship. In the fall, this parish journal became primarily an electronic newsletter, available on our website in full color, with black and white printed copies available for all who wish them.

But perhaps the most far-reaching element of our communication growth has been the beginning of the Friday emails. Each week now, "Notes from the Chapel of the Cross" goes out to over a thousand email addresses, highlighting upcoming services and events and providing links to pictures, sermons, and even videos. Your encouragement for this effort has been most gratifying, and I look forward in the coming year to using this new vehicle in creative ways to continue to strengthen and unify our growing parish ministry.

Faithfully,
The Rev. Stephen Elkins-Williams



From the SENIOR WARDEN



American politicians (and some residents of the “southern part of heaven”) are fond of using the metaphor of the “city on the hill” to signal the uniqueness of America or a particular community. The original source of this phrase is the Sermon on the Mount: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid” (Matthew 5:14). But the sense of America as a utopian experiment

is more traditionally derived from John Winthrop’s sermon “A Model of Christian Charity,” which he wrote aboard the Arbella as he and the other Puritan colonists sailed toward the shores of New England: “For we must consider that we shall be as a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us.”

I have always been struck by something else Winthrop wrote in his sermon that has received too little attention: “It is by a mutual consent, through a special overvaluing providence and a more than an ordinary approbation of the churches of Christ, to seek out a place of cohabitation and consortship under a due form of government both civil and ecclesiastical. In such cases as this, the care of the public must oversway all private respects, by which, not only conscience, but mere civil policy, doth bind us. For it is a true rule that particular estates cannot subsist in the ruin of the public.”

As our hearts are touched by the devastation in Haiti and as we look back over the economic ruin wrought in the United States over the last year, our responsibilities as Christians for “the care of the public” are clear. Parishioners of the Chapel of the Cross have responded strongly to our obligations during these difficult times. Despite the drastic downturn in our economy the parish maintained a balanced budget. Pledge income and unpledged contributions during 2009, along with a freeze on clergy and staff salaries as well as program growth, permitted the Vestry to meet our increased Diocesan asking and to sustain our outreach and parish activities. This is further evidence of the dedication and growing strength of our parish community, and it has been exceeded by the success of our annual fund drive for the 2010 budget, which included a substantial increase over 2009 in pledge revenue, in number of pledges, and in new pledgers. This commitment will permit the Vestry to pursue its stated objectives for the coming year of paying our full Diocesan

Share, increasing our outreach activities to care for those in need, better supporting our clergy and staff, and continuing to maintain our current level of worship and programs.

As we move forward in the coming months to reenergize our capital campaign, dedicated to expanding and improving the physical facilities of the parish, it is important that we recognize both our continuing responsibilities for, as well as the means by which we achieve, “the care of the public.” Over the last 20 years as a parish, we have substantially expanded our financial support for outreach, including our recent commitment to Global Ministry. As a consequence our expenditures for work outside the parish, which in 1988 represented 14% of our budget, have now grown to 23% of our overall budget. But this financial categorization understates and misrepresents our collective efforts. Because of our location and our traditions, the facilities of the Chapel of the Cross have been, along with the volunteer contributions of the members of our parish and the time given to community service by our clergy, an important and necessary component of our caring for the public. In contrast to many other religious institutions in Chapel Hill, we have traditionally offered our facilities free of charge to members of the community. Thus our facilities also house without cost: an active and vibrant day care center, the offices of the Johnson Intern Program, meeting and storage space for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Brownie Troops, classes for Durham Tech English as a Second Language, workshops for the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC), meetings of community groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Habitat for Humanity, Justice United, The Society for Creative Anachurism, and Renewing Hearts for Women, as well as university groups such as the Progressive Baptist Coop, the Loreleis, Teach for America and even regular university classes. While the real economic value of this contributed space is difficult to estimate accurately, it likely represents at least an additional \$100,000 of support to external community groups. When we add this increasing use of our physical facilities for outreach activities to the obvious space needs of our vigorous and growing church school and University Ministry programs, we have a better understanding of the ways in which our parish can best meet its obligations for “the care of the public.”

- Dr. David D. Dill



UNIVERSITY MINISTRY

The irony of Chapel of the Cross's architectural footprint is that the best view possible is on the backside of the building where there is literally no entrance to or from the university; and yet students and faculty alike navigate the campus by referencing the church tower. Imagine how our identity might change if we built a portal that physically expresses what we are already doing emotionally and spiritually for students? That has been much on our minds as we wrestle with what changing our buildings might mean for our current and future ministry.

Episcopal Campus Ministry has many faces, many facets of ministry. There is the communion of people past and present who call Chapel Hill their home and who touch base with the church weekly, monthly, yearly and even daily as they navigate life, remembering what we mean and meant to them during their four years. There is the intense and meaningful service of Compline which takes place each Sunday night at 9:30, where over a hundred students and friends gather to refresh their spirits and seek guidance for the coming week. The only common denominator of that community is the love of silence and incense and candlelight and real anonymity. There is the Tuesday evening fellowship which offers a place at the table for everyone, literally feeding soul and body through fabulous food, song, and a chance to reflect on who God is among us. It is led by fabulous students whose work together is a testament to good Christian leadership and formation prior to their arrival here. Many come from parishes where the youth ministry is strong and viable and life giving. We benefit from that as they continue what was begun in them. For the first time this year, three of our leaders went as guests to Annual Convention and loved it, paving the way for life in the church future. One is even willing now a nominee for the Vestry! There is a late night worship service in the church which is ecumenical, largely focusing on prayer and praise, and is also totally student led. There are small groups and Bible studies that meet to form faith and help answer questions about "Who am I?" and "What would God have me to do in this world?" This semester there is an Exodus group meeting weekly in the parlor, asking those very questions as they prepare as seniors to leave Carolina. Small support groups also exist for those learning to meditate or trying to recover from addiction. There are countless students involved in outreach to the stranger, the oppressed, the sick, the friendless and the

needy. We have students working on Habitat projects, visiting prisoners in Hillsborough, participating in Relay for Life, the Millennium Village Project, Dance Marathon, Inter-Faith Council, tutoring, special services for the developmentally disabled and the list goes on. Numerous campus groups use our facilities for everything from acappella singing to actually meeting for a university class in our library. Students also gather just for fun one Friday a month to offer an alternative to drinking and a chance to solidify deeper relationships with one another whether on the ice skating rink in Hillsborough or in Raleigh at the state fair. They take care of one another remembering birthdays, honoring significant accomplishments, sharing in the sorrow of failure, and upholding one another during times of family crisis. They also keep me (as the chaplain) informed so I know what is happening in their lives. Just this morning I was on the phone with a student whose grandfather died, talking to another about how the suicide of a mentor figure had affected others among us, talked to another about a recommendation for graduate school, and made arrangements to have lunch with a recent graduate who is struggling with a meaningless job. The face you most often see is in worship, as students congregate at the Sunday services whether in the pew, as acolytes, greeters, readers, or on the altar guild. You might also see them studying in our campus center, which is always stocked with yummy snacks and leftovers from the Tuesday night meal, or sitting quietly in the chapel praying. They might even be babysitting your children or serving as a personal assistant to someone who needs more youthful legs and energy! The face I most often encounter is that of one who longs for God to be an intimate part of their daily experience. Not only is it exciting to help someone navigate that question, but it is a tremendous joy to see God's hand at work in the world about us.

It is all about navigating the landscape of the spiritual country, and I pray we can continue to be a landmark, a touchstone, a place of respite and renewal to all whose lives are influenced by our visible presence on this campus.

- The Rev. Tambria Lee



WORSHIP & MUSIC

As grain once scattered on the hillsides, was in this broken bread made one, so from all lands thy Church be gathered into thy kingdom by thy Son. (Hymn 302)

This line from one of our favorite communion hymns is a 20th century paraphrase of a passage from one of the most important non-biblical writings of the late 1st/early 2nd centuries. The Didache or Teaching was literally a compendium of early church religious and moral teachings and a guide to the liturgical practices of a substantial body of very early Christians. In it we read this remarkable sentence: “Even as this broken bread was scattered over the hills, and was gathered together and became one, so let Thy Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into Thy kingdom...” We are, of course, on very familiar territory here with the double meaning of the Body of Christ: the Bread taken, blessed, broken, given and received in the Eucharist and the Church itself. The Didache (and our hymn) give us a very striking analogy: the separate and scattered ingredients of the Bread gathered and brought together in a transcendent new reality, and the members of the Church gathered and brought together from the four corners – from “every language, people, and nation” – to form the Body of Christ in the world. It is an “organic” image: bread is more than a collection of its separate ingredients. Those components are transformed in the process of baking into a wondrous new thing. Similarly, the Church is not a loose collection of like-minded people, but that radically new thing that Christ has gathered, mixed, shaken, molded, and transformed into his Body, to be broken for the world. The life of this Body is rooted,

grounded, and perpetually renewed in the sacramental life of the church: “Those who eat my body and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.”

This points us to the central importance of sacramental worship for the church and especially for the life of our parish. Much of our collective efforts and our resources are directed to this end: to engender, nourish, and sustain this sacramental oneness with the Lord and with one another. Essentially this can be done “wherever two or three are gathered together,” where there’s a priest and the elemental Bread and Wine, and the age-old acts of taking, blessing, breaking, and giving are carried out. From a very early time, however, Christians have wanted to delineate and set apart the places where these sacred actions are carried out, to beautify these spaces with flowers, visual art, candles, and special clothing for the leaders in worship. We have drawn upon the power and beauty of language, ritual action, and music both to honor the Creator but also to lift the worshipper out of the one-dimensional experience of secular life onto a transcendent plane where the true nature of reality can be seen and the Lord God Almighty encountered. This is a definitive element in the distinctive genius of Anglicanism and of the Episcopal Church.

The Bread analogy (and St. Paul’s analogy of one body with many members who have diverse functions) is useful for thinking about how our church carries out its worship life. There are the visible things and the (more or less) invisible. The latter are all of those things that have been done outside of worship to enable and beautify it. “Doing”



the leaflets, maintaining the buildings, wrestling with the HVAC system to avoid freezing or burning up (neither conducive to placing your mind on “higher things”), turning on and regulating the sound system, tuning the organs, filing thousands of pieces of music and setting correct ones out for rehearsals. One could go on and on. In the Episcopal Church preparing and beautifying the altar and other places like credence tables and baptismal fonts for services is especially critical for worship as we believe it should be done. This is a very complex task involving polishing, placing, and correctly “vesting” the sacramental vessels, placing the altar missal on its stand and marking it in the correct places for a particular service, counting wafers and preparing wine and water, changing hangings for the season, putting the correct liturgical day and hymns on the hymn boards, polishing and carrying candlesticks (very heavy), replacing or refilling candles, arranging flowers, and many other tasks which we don’t see, but would quickly miss if left undone.

The Bread analogy is helpful for music as well. One grain of wheat (or a whole pile of them, for that matter) does not make a loaf, and one singer (or a whole bunch of them) does not make a choir. A choir is a living “organism” in a way. By definition, singers have to breathe and move together, they have to blend and refine their individual vocal properties to create a coherent, single “thing” that can carry out the musical intentions of composers according to the single, guiding interpretation of their directors. We have around 100 singers at the Chapel of the Cross who, week after week, at almost all hours of the day or night, learn, refine, and - ultimately - sing their

hearts out in worship in pursuit of that dual objective: to glorify God and to lift those who hear them up to the throne of God. The Cantus Choir, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Parish Choir, Compline Choir – contribute hundreds of people-hours every week for most of the year. The choirs (especially the children’s choirs) make heavy demands on families, and these often unseen efforts are a necessary part of the total scene. And then, there are the organs. One pipe (or even a large pile of them) doesn’t “make” an organ. The elaborate design, building, and voicing process involves countless hours of work and highly specialized skill and artistic vision to create these unique instruments. But until someone turns on the switch and sits down to play, an organ isn’t really *being* an organ. We are blessed with a large number of gifted and generous organists who choose their music with care, practice, and finally play for the glory of God and to build up the Body of Christ.

Of course, in the One Body that is the Church, all are the ministers and all are the choir, glorifying God and building up the Church to be broken on behalf of the world.

- Dr. Wylie S. Quinn, III



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The goal of Christian Formation is to provide opportunities for people of all ages to “grow into the full stature of Christ” by living out the vows of the Baptismal Covenant. (BCP, pp. 304-305) With God’s help, I will **...continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers...**

The ministry of passing down the life-giving teaching of our living Christian Tradition includes: weekly Church School classes for small children through seniors in high school, Vacation Church School, the Youth Inquirers’ Class for high school students who wish to explore the Christian Way as a whole, classes on Christian parenting, young adult educational outings, adult education sessions on Sunday mornings, special weekday adult formation series, the Mary Harris Bible Study, a monthly book group, the Adult Inquirers’ Class for those examining their faith and relation to the Church, and intergenerational education events. New in the 2009-2010 year are two women’s Bible study groups, a support group entitled Growing with Our Aging Parents, and an additional evening series.

The ministry of Christian fellowship includes: weekly youth group (EYC) for both Junior and Senior High students, Dinners for Eight monthly dinner groups for young adults, weekly pot-luck dinners begun by Junior Choir families and expanded to include many more, and annual fellowship gatherings of parents with children 5th grade and under. In February, 2009, the dormant Guild of the Christ Child was revived and additional ministry services extended to expectant parents and parents of children under age two. To date, 31 families are part of this new ministry program with over 20 volunteers. In addition to our corporate worship services, the ministries of common prayer and table includes: Children’s Chapel, Godly Play, worship classes for children, lectio divina scriptural prayer groups, the Centering Prayer group, Awakening Heart contemplative prayer group, extraordinary youth leadership in our Youth Sunday, weekly Junior Choir, and

various liturgical ministries (such as lay reader, acolyte, and lay Eucharistic minister) that are shared by people from the 3rd grade up.

...persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord... Lent, 2009, offered a series entitled “Praying with the Saints” lead by staff and laity meeting in small groups in homes and in the church over a meal on varying days and times throughout the week. The Eumenical Holy Week Labyrinth event was again cosponsored by our parish. We offered Lenten devotional materials for all ages, suggestions for engaging in the season with families, and education on the special Lenten offering. Our Environmental Stewardship Committee helped plan and implement the new creation season for a five week period in the fall which included a five part adult education program, a special offering and concluded with the Blessing of the Animals service. The special offering for Episcopal Relief and Development’s Gifts for Life raised over \$2500.00 to purchase animals for families in third world countries.

...proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ...seek and serve Christ in all persons...strive for justice and peace... Our ministry of evangelism in word and deed included a number of mission trips featured in the “Outreach” section of this report. The youth mission trip was exceptional in its size (20 students), its administration (we designed and implemented it in-house), and in its exceeding joy. Other evangelism initiatives involving the entire parish included our annual caroling to homebound parishioners, an event on local hunger, and the Million Meals program, all intergenerational events. The Youth Inquirers took their annual prayer and justice pilgrimage to Washington, DC.

- Gretchen Jordan



OUTREACH

In the baptismal covenant we promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons, and to strive for justice and peace among all people. The key word in these promises is “all” – all people, near and far, those we meet and those we know only from descriptions and photographs. The outreach work of the parish is also the work of all of us – through our involvement, our contributions, and our prayers.

In 2009 the Chapel of the Cross sustained and increased its outreach in all parts of our parish life. The Episcopal Youth Community organized its own trip to Washington, DC, working in several community projects in inner city neighborhoods with seniors, youth, and the homeless. The Youth Inquirers’ Class continued its annual faith and justice pilgrimage to Washington. Episcopal Campus Ministry students planned a 2010 mission trip to the steel mill town of Lebanon, PA, to work with Habitat for Humanity. An adult group, in partnership with other parishes in the diocese, worked on the Gulf Coast in still-struggling communities.

The committees chartered to lead our parish in outreach, Outreach Ministry and Global Mission, do not do outreach for us, but help energize the parish and direct its resources, financial and human, into these efforts through presence, education, funding, and action. The Vestry has been especially supportive of these efforts, on behalf of the whole parish.

The challenge for Global Mission is to develop opportunities to help make the world a place where God’s people flourish. This involves sustaining our partnership with our sister parish of San Patricio in Honduras with funds to complete its building project, supporting scholarships for children at the Kwasa Centre in South

Africa and El Hogar in Honduras, contributing to the diocesan partnership with Botswana and its St. Peter Day Care Center, and supporting youth ministry in Ecuador.

Outreach Ministry efforts include maintaining presence on Sunday mornings and in parish publications, and recommending the allocation of funds from the parish budget and the ever-popular ABC Sale to over 40 organizations. The committee helps involve parishioners in a wide variety of efforts, including wood cutting and distribution to help with home heating, Project 5000 providing food to local families, resettlement of Burmese refugees, Orange County Prison Ministry, Interfaith Council cook teams, new buildings at the Freedom House recovery center, and AIDS support.

The parish’s long-term Habitat for Humanity Partnership, which includes Episcopal Campus Ministry, St. Paul AME Church, UNC, and East Chapel Hill High School, continued its tradition of building two houses locally each year and facilitating student efforts in Thailand and Honduras. The Partnership worked with Bike & Build, which leads cross-country bicycle trips to raise money and awareness for affordable housing projects to provide an all-important luggage van and host two groups for their stay in Chapel Hill.

In 2009 the involvement of many parishioners helped the new organization Justice United become an emerging force in advocating for Orange County residents whose voices are often not heard.

- The Venerable Dr. William H. Joyner



HOSPITALITY & FELLOWSHIP

Aidan Kavanaugh wrote that “Christians are not born but made. They do not just wander in off the streets either. They are honed down by the teaching and discipline of the church until their metal is tough, resilient, sharp and glowing. The enlightenment of baptism is not a flickering flame but a burst of God’s glory in those whose capacities to receive it had been expanded to their utmost.”

We spend much time in the Church honing the metal that is our spirit so that when life lays its burdens at our doorstep we are ready to respond in the spirit of the resurrection. We long to be shaped in the image and likeness of God and that is what spiritual formation is all about. That formation is intimately linked to table fellowship.

Jesus spent a lot of time sitting at table with friends and strangers; there was food and drink and conversation. The institution of the last supper which we know as Eucharist is one such event. Our parish identity is shaped by our table fellowship. Starting on Sunday morning at Eucharist; it continues through the coffee hours and in the Christian Education classrooms. We break bread with students on Tuesdays, choir families on Wednesdays, foyer dinner and young adult groups on Thursdays, and on it goes. We share coffee with friends and strangers; we show up on the doorstep of a grieving family in true Southern form with a meal. These activities are what shape our values as members of the household of God. All are welcome at our table and when we make that clear, it changes the way people understand us and the way we understand ourselves. We extend that table when we bring a bag of groceries for the Inter-Faith Council and when we fill up a bag of beans for Haiti at our diocesan convention. When we practice what we preach and let our praying shape our believing, our spirits are formed in the image of God who poured out all of who he was for the life of the world.

But it needs to be done as if we mean it. Hospitality includes being as cordial and as welcoming as one can muster, pretending as the Benedictines often remark, that you are entertaining Christ himself. Where this seems to matter most is when people are suffering. The Funeral Guild that organizes receptions for grieving families is one such moment of sheer grace. Imagine finding out your adult child is dead. You call the only church you have ever known but you rarely go to anymore and ask them if they might bury your child. They even offer to have a small reception where you might greet people after the service. What you find out at that reception are things you never would have known about your child. This is what we do when we entertain strangers in their deepest need. It forms their spirits and ours. One prime example from this past year was offering to provide a memorial service for Courtland Smith. It opened our doors to grieving students and a community left with unanswered questions even as we continued to pray for his fraternal community on a daily basis long after the television cameras disappeared. Flowers from that service were broken down and sent to the fraternity house as well as to parishioners in need who had no idea who Courtland was or why he had died. Some of those same students who attended the memorial service made their way to church on Sunday and then subsequently to Compline late on Sunday night where they could gather around a cup of tea and a cookie and simply be. Each of us can tell our stories about how we have been formed in the faith by acts of kindness within the shadow of our buildings. I hope you will share your stories with one another as we continue to articulate hospitality in this parish. It’s not just about coffee anymore!

- The Rev. Tambria Lee



PASTORAL CARE

Jesus commanded: Love one another as I have loved you. Our Lord calls the church is to be a caring community that takes care of its members. There are so many ways this love and care for one another is expressed in our parish life at the Chapel of the Cross: in our prayers for those in need; in the small arrangements of altar flowers delivered to those remembered in the prayers; in intergenerational caroling to homebound parishioners; through the cards church school children make to send to older parishioners; in the care taken in providing a funeral reception; and in the individual acts of kindness and compassion by parishioners and parish staff who reach out in concern to one another.

The clergy devote a major part of their time to pastoral care particularly to parishioners in personal crisis or life transitions. This past year the clergy officiated at 19 funerals, 29 weddings, and 38 baptisms. Each service typically represents weeks of pastoral care with individuals and families. Clergy also made regular visits to people in homes, in hospital and in the many nursing facilities and retirement communities where parishioners or their family members reside. Clergy officiated at regular worship services at Carol Woods and Carolina Meadows retirement communities; provided morning worship at Carolina House; and brought the sacraments to the sick or homebound. They regularly engaged in pastoral conversations in office, over-the phone, through email, at the church door, in a classroom, on mission trips, or over meals.

Like the clergy, the program and administrative staffs of the parish are also committed to caring for those with whom they work in the choirs, family and children ministries, youth communities, and the parish office. Expressions of care take many forms, whether a simple call or card on a birthday, conversation about personal concerns, or volunteer appreciation events.

Extensive pastoral care is also given by over 200 lay volunteers who are involved in the many pastoral groups in our parish. The Good Samaritans (eight coordinators and other volunteers) offered short term practical support to parishioners were sick or in other need. They delivered casseroles, provided transportation to health care appointments for people temporarily unable to drive; ran errands; provided short term respite for caregivers, etc. The 14 members of intercessory Prayer Chain prayed daily for the people who have requested intercession. The number of individuals prayed for daily typically exceeds 80. Directed by Gretchen Jordan and the Children and Family Ministry Committee, 30 members of the Guild of the Christ Child extended support to 31 expectant families. They made pre-delivery calls, knit baby sweaters or blankets, and delivered meals and gifts when the infants were born. Eleven Parish Care Visitors visited 22 homebound parishioners each month providing important Christian fellowship for parishioners whose frailty has caused isolation and loneliness. Fifty-four people served on five Support Teams this year to provide on-going care to individuals with critical illness. They have made friendly visits, provided transportation, brought food, helped with housework, or whatever they are able to do to ease the stress that severe illness brings. The Lay Eucharistic Ministers took the sacrament to the homebound and those in nursing homes.

There were two new ministries developed this past year. Caring for Aging Parents support group meets once a month on Sunday mornings. Naomi's Network provides social and emotional support for widows. Work continues on organizing a cooperative to support elders who wish to remain in their own homes as they age. In these and many other ways, we at the Chapel of the Cross seek to love one another as Christ loves us.

- The Rev. Victoria Jamieson-Drake



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is a broad term encompassing so many aspects of our daily lives. It is far more than giving money to the church. It represents a philosophy of life and a particular relationship to life. Stewardship at its very core is a conviction that we must address on a daily basis the issue of life direction and management of self. A life of stewardship leads a person to address his or her effectiveness and productivity in the context of everyday living.

In the church we use the words “time, talent, and treasure” to describe aspects of stewardship. Often we think of hours, projects, and the annual pledge. But there are deeper ways to define these terms. Time causes us to contemplate our tenure on this earth. We think in terms of wasted time and valuable time. But perhaps, we should also contemplate dedicated time, for accomplishment of Christ’s work in the world. So many parishioners give dedicated time to the Chapel of the Cross for the benefit of others. This is stewardship.

Then there is talent, the entity most of us say we don’t have much of. But we are a very talented parish. And we can also grow in this regard. If we engage in reflection we will have a fuller understanding of our talents and a better assessment of our gifts. We can seek new ways to use and develop those talents.

Treasure seems to be very straight forward. But it is also complicated. Our world engenders fear and doubts. We never seem to have enough to protect ourselves from the unpredictable. But, God asks that we step forward in faith to commit our treasure to His church and His work. The foundation of our faith calls for a reciprocal relationship with God.

We accept His sacrifice for us by responding with unfettered gratitude. Gratitude is the recognition of all that has been given freely for us. Our treasure is fundamentally linked to our understanding of our covenant with God.

Stewards are committed people who work and live within their means and who try to manage their lives well. They

are also spiritual people who are on a pilgrimage to God. They begin their journey in one place and then travel some distance to another place. Each does it for his or her own reasons. There is an individual character and meaning. On this pilgrimage to becoming a Christian steward what can one expect to encounter spiritually?

Grace - The practice of stewardship is a spiritual lifestyle in which the grace of God holds a significant place. Grace is a state of being that God freely bestows. The person responds with offers of time, talent, and treasure. Over a period of time this growing desire to give from the self can develop deep spiritual meaning and roots in the self. Giving is a key element in how grace spiritually empowers a person’s Christian growth.

Community - Stewardship nurtures a growing freedom to give which results in setting the self in its proper place. This leads to a change in attitude about life in general. And it can often occur within a community. Any Christian person or group may choose to take up the philosophy of stewardship and practice in just about any context and begin a pilgrimage. The pilgrimage is one of giving, the goal being a deeper sense of glorifying God and a deeper spirituality and personal investment in Christ’s saving covenant. The decision to become a pilgrim has a mystical result. Those who begin this pilgrimage may share nothing in common but they all end at the same holy shrine: Jesus Christ and service to Him in the world.

In very concrete terms, this parish supported the Chapel of the Cross during 2009, a year of considerable economic uncertainty. In fact the budget for 2009 has been concluded in the black. Interestingly, the years 2007, 2008, and 2009 have had almost the same pledge amounts. When the church called for increases in pledge levels for 2010, the congregation responded. We can now anticipate a stronger year with more stable funding.

- Kristine Dahlberg

2009 At a Glance

TOTAL PLEDGES

546

AVERAGE PLEDGE AMOUNT

\$2,369

TOTAL REVENUE FROM PLEDGES

\$1,283,240

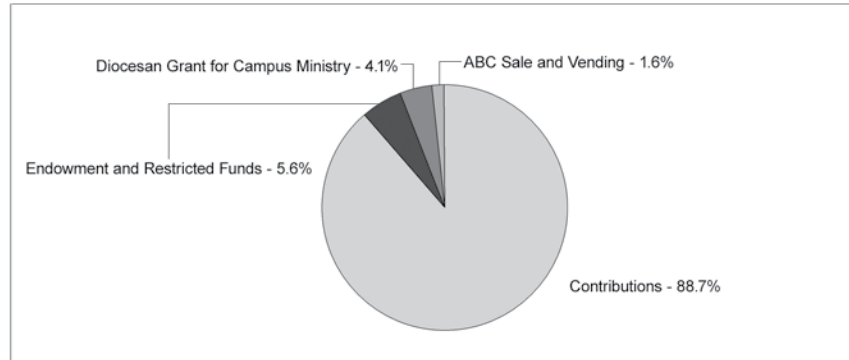
% OF REVENUE FROM CONTRIBUTIONS

88.7%

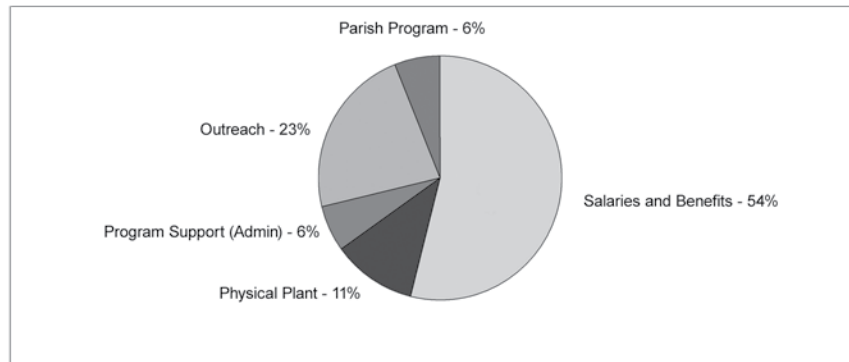
MEDIAN PLEDGE AMOUNT

\$1,400

SOURCES OF REVENUE



EXPENDITURES



% OF REVENUE USED FOR OUTREACH

22.9%

MONEY RAISED FROM ABC SALE

\$27,000

PLEDGES BY RANGE

RANGE	NUMBER	TOTAL AMOUNT	AVERAGE	MEDIAN
\$4000 or Greater	89	\$678,406	\$7,623	\$6,000
\$1500 to 3999	178	\$413,418	\$2,323	\$2,210
\$1499 or Less	279	\$201,606	\$723	\$660
Total	546	\$1,293,430	\$2,369	\$1,400

2009 At a Glance

THREE PLEDGE RANGES: DISTRIBUTIONS BY AGE: AVERAGE PLEDGE

Age Group	Pledges \$4,000 or Greater			Pledges \$1,500 to \$3,999			Pledges Less Than \$1,500		
	Number	Pledge Total	Average Pledge	Number	Pledge Total	Average Pledge	Number	Pledge Total	Average Pledge
100&over	1	\$5,000	\$5,000	0	\$0		0	\$0	
90-99	2	\$13,320	\$6,660	5	\$9,200	\$1,840	9	\$7,720	\$858
80-89	15	\$118,382	\$7,892	11	\$20,700	\$1,882	26	\$22,256	\$856
70-79	16	\$146,390	\$9,149	44	\$104,532	\$2,376	50	\$34,372	\$687
60-69	28	\$196,316	\$7,011	49	\$115,262	\$2,352	44	\$29,475	\$670
50-59	13	\$107,450	\$8,265	28	\$66,594	\$2,378	45	\$33,820	\$752
40-49	8	\$62,548	\$7,819	21	\$50,310	\$2,396	34	\$27,710	\$815
30-39	2	\$9,500	\$4,750	4	\$10,560	\$2,640	22	\$12,990	\$590
20-29	0	\$0		1	\$1,500	\$1,500	7	\$4,865	\$695
<20	0	\$0		0	\$0		0	\$0	
Unknown	4	\$19,500	\$4,875	15	\$34,760	\$2,317	41	\$27,398	\$668
Totals	89	\$678,406	\$7,623	178	\$413,418	\$2,323	278	\$200,606	\$722

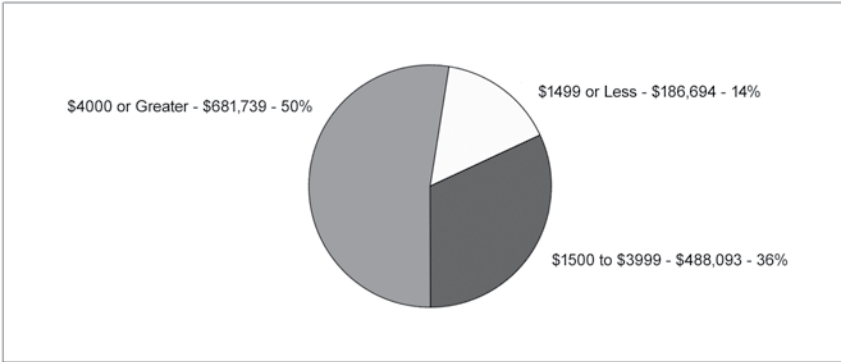
TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

1,748

NUMBER OF PLEDGING UNITS

546

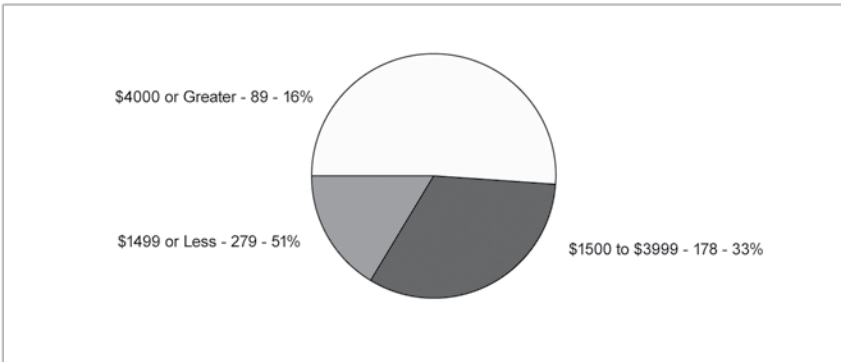
AMOUNT OF PLEDGES BY RANGE



TOTAL ADDITIONS

97

NUMBER OF PLEDGES BY RANGE



TOTAL BAPTISMS

38

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

REVENUES	2009	2008	2007
Pledges	1,283,240	1,249,550	1,263,313
Prior Year Pledges, Plate and Unpledged Contributions	165,069	152,104	98,129
Endowment and Investment Income	90,697	126,582	135,630
Campus Ministry Diocesan Grant	66,142	69,404	65,498
Misc: ABC Sale Receipts, Vending	27,312	27,587	27,361
TOTAL REVENUE	1,632,460	1,625,438	1,589,931
EXPENDITURES	2009	2008	2007
Outreach	375,410	374,496	363,936
Parish Program	98,117	95,469	92,213
Program Support	91,203	98,708	98,500
Salaries and Benefits	879,146	871,039	856,603
Physical Plant	179,519	199,698	212,523
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,623,395	1,639,695	1,623,775

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS	2009	2008
Cash	502,813	453,905
Certificates of Deposit	924,515	906,591
Investments: Diocese	1,210,014	1,062,996
Investments: Vanguard	656,800	553,767
Securities in Transit	20,224	51,649
Prepaid Expense	10,012	10,192
Accounts Receivable	7,482	6,123
Discounted Beneficial Interest in Assets Held by Others	181,857	177,474
Other Assets	-	-
Total Assets	3,513,717	3,222,695
LIABILITIES		
Prepaid Pledges	95,697	108,576
Employee Withholding	7,045	6,180
Accounts Payable	15,271	21,245
Accrued Annual Leave	41,759	39,931
Due to Special Funds	3,265,862	2,967,746
Other Liabilities	-	-
Total Liabilities	3,425,635	3,143,679
FUND BALANCE		
Beginning Balance	79,016	93,484
Current Year Change	9,066	(14,468)
Total Fund Balance	88,082	79,016
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	3,513,717	3,222,695

PARISH REPORTING

MEMBERSHIP 2009 2008 2007

Total Active Membership	1748	1645	1668
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ADDITIONS

By Baptism	38	38	18
By Confirmation	24	33	25
By Letter of Transfer	35	59	37
Total Additions	97	130	80

REMOVALS

Total Removals	48	78	91
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PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms	38	38	18
Marriages	29	24	27
Burials	20	25	15
Confirmation	24	27	25
Reception	3	3	4

PLEDGE UNITS

Number of Pledging Units	546	557	581
Average Pledge	2,369	2,309	2,188
Median	1,400	1,295	1,200
New Pledging Units	70	57	79

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Gifts to Date	1,588,651
Committed, Signed Pledges	564,399
Verbal Pledges	1,128,083
Total Pledges Plus Verbal Pledges	3,281,133
Committed Planned Gift Pledges	2,142,000
Verbal Planned Gift Pledges	255,000
Total Planned Gifts Plus Verbal Planned Gifts	2,397,000

Capital Campaign Numbers as of December 31, 2009

Work Outside the Parish Budgeted Items Total		\$375,410
Diocesan Share		\$232,475
Episcopal Institutions		
Kanuga Conferences		\$200
St. Augustine's College		\$200
St. Mary's School		\$200
Thompson Child and Family Focus		\$200
University of the South		\$200
	Episcopal Institutions Sub-Total	\$1,000
Episcopal Seminaries		\$15,511
Yates Scholarship (Virginia Theological Seminary)		\$200
Iglesia El Buen Pastor		\$1,500
Inter-Faith Council		\$13,000
Habitat for Humanity		\$3,575
Community Organizations		
A Helping Hand		\$2,000
Alamance-Orange County Prison Ministry		\$3,000
Alliance of AIDS Services-Carolina		\$1,500
Augustine Project, Church of the Holy Family		\$2,000
El Centro Latino		\$2,000
Family Violence Prevention Center (Chapel Hill)		\$1,500
Freedom House		\$2,000
Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund		\$2,000
Orange County Rape Crisis Center		\$2,000
	Community Organizations Sub-Total	\$18,000
Deacon's Discretionary Fund		\$500
Discretionary Outreach		
Alamance-Orange County Prison Ministry		\$500
Alliance of AIDS Services-Carolina		\$1,000
Blue Ribbon Mentor Advocate		\$500
El Centro Latino		\$250
El Futuro, Inc.		\$1,000
Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry		\$800
Faith Connections		\$500
Family Violence & Rape Crisis Services - Chatham County		\$2,000
Freedom House		\$1,000
Friends of Orange County Dept. of Social Services		\$1,700
Grape Arbor Development Corp.		\$1,000
Inter-Faith Council for Social Services		\$1,250
Orange County Organizing Committee		\$1,500
Stop Hunger Now		\$1,000
TABLE		\$1,000
Urban Ministries of Durham		\$2,000
	Discretionary Outreach Sub-Total	\$17,000
Johnson Intern Program		\$15,000
Church of the Advocate		\$17,500
Scouts		\$150
Child Care Center Scholarship		\$1,000

Global Outreach	
Diocese of Honduras, La Esperanza de Jesus, Kim & Mike Miller	\$500
Diocese of Honduras, San Patricio	\$5,000
Diocese of North Carolina, St. Peter's Daycare, Mogoditshane, Botswana	\$1,000
El Hogar Ministries (General Support)	\$500
El Hogar Ministries (Student Scholarships)	\$1,500
Episcopal Relief & Development, Al Ahli Hospital, Gaza	\$200
Global Mission Program Support	\$299
Hand in Hand Ministries, HIV Outreach Center, Belize City	\$300
Kwasa Centre, South Africa	\$2,000
SAMS, Cameron & Roberto Vivanco, Ecuador	\$500
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Medicine, Honduras Mission	\$200
	Global Outreach Total
	\$11,999
ABC Sale Disbursements	
A Helping Hand	\$2,000
Alliance of AIDS Services-Carolina	\$500
Augustine Project, Church of the Holy Family	\$1,200
Club Nova	\$4,000
Dispute Settlement Center	\$1,500
El Futuro, Inc	\$500
Extraordinary Ventures	\$750
Family Violence & Rape Crisis Services of Chatham County	\$2,000
Family Violence Prevention Center	\$2,000
Freedom House Recovery Center	\$1,500
Fuel Up at Harrison School	\$1,000
Inter-Faith Council for Social Services	\$500
Meals on Wheels	\$2,000
Orange County Rape Crisis Center	\$2,000
Our Children's Place	\$500
Overcoming Obstacles	\$500
Project Compassion	\$1,800
Project Homeless Connect	\$250
Student Health Action Coalition	\$2,000
TABLE	\$500
	ABC Sale Disbursements
	\$27,000
Non-Budgeted Expenditures	
ECM Mission Support	\$1,977
Youth Mission Trips & Support	\$14,974
Global Mission Support	\$41
Diocese of Honduras, Theological Seminary Support, Cesar Funez	\$1,000
Refugee Resettlement	\$135
Designated Contributions for Other Organizations	\$28,673
	Non-Budgeted Expenditures Total
	\$46,800
Clergy Discretionary Fund Expenditures for Outreach	\$19,904

In Kind Contributions from Parishioners (partial list) - ABC Sale Items, including those donated after sale to other organizations, Project 5000 boxes, Clothes and Gifts for Thompson Child and Family Focus

In Kind Contributions by Parish to Other Organizations (partial list) - Meeting space for community groups and programs, Space for Preschool at the Chapel of the Cross, Office Space and Support for Johnson Intern Program

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