

# Central Union Church

Annual Report 2010-2011

United Church of Christ

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## CENTRAL UNION CHURCH STAFF

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### CLERGY STAFF

Rev. Dr. Lawrence W. Corbett	Senior Minister
Chaplain Bill Crockett	Minister of Visitation
Rev. Radigan David	Associate Minister for Park Ministry and Outreach/ Pohnpeian Minister
Rev. Nancy B. Lockwood	Associate Minister of Adult Education and Spiritual Nurture
Mrs. Gloria Imamura	Associate Minister of Children and Their Families

### PROGRAM STAFF

Carol Asuncion	Youth Coordinator
Miguel Asuncion	Administrator
Sangeet Gellhorn	Chancel Choir Director
Marie Hook	Director of Preschool and Kindergarten
Margaret Lloyd	Administrative Director of Music & Principal Organist
Tasha Sawai	Comptroller
Bridget Scott	Youth Team Leader
Rev. George Scott	Youth Team Leader
Claire Starz Butin	Children's Choir Director
Constance Uejio	Assistant to the Administrative Director of Music & Principal Organist
Nyle Hallman	Assistant Director and Organist Emerita
Rev. Dr. Edward M. Robinson	Senior Minister Emeritus

### SUPPORT STAFF

Richard Braley	Publications Manager
Evelyn Campbell Char	Bookkeeping Clerk
Leonora Espania	Director of Food Services
Tracy Jones	Accountant
Rene' Kahanamoku	Development Manager, Preschool & Kindergarten
Luana Mento	Administrative Assistant, Preschool & Kindergarten
Kellie-Ray Wilson	Facility Use Coordinator
	Receptionist
Mary Wu	Pastoral Administrative Assistant

### WEDDINGS

Marian Benham	Assistant Wedding Director
Lois Penaroza	Assistant Wedding Director
Susan Robinson	Wedding Director
Rev. Akira Shimizu	Weddings
Rev. Lawrence Wheeler	Weddings
Sandra Wong	Assistant Wedding Director

### MAINTENANCE STAFF

Eustaquio L. Aganon	Custodial Staff
Ida Cudiamat	Custodial Staff
Maximiano Cudiamat	Custodial Staff
Van Dunlap	Custodial Staff
Robinson Fredrick	Assistant Superintendent
Rinou Kong	Superintendent
Rudy Lucero	Custodial Staff
Sary Phaen	Custodial Staff

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**CHURCH COUNCIL 2010-2011**

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**Officers**

Chair:	<b>Jim Weyman</b>	Head Deacon:	<b>Jeffrey Bingham Mead</b>
Vice Chair:	<b>Dona Hanaike</b>	Head Deaconess:	<b>Valerie Tanaka</b>
Secretary:	<b>Sheree Moffat</b>	Chair, Preschool Committee:	<b>Carl Racuya</b>
Treasurer:	<b>David Yee</b>		

**1. WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE: Jeffrey B. Mead, Chair**

- Jeffrey B. Mead      Head Deacon
- Valerie Tanaka      Head Deaconess
- Dusty Santos      Ushers Ministry
- Frank Sapigao      Membership & Fellowship Ministry
- John Stepulis      Music Ministry

**2. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Elly Chong, Chair**

- Elly Chong      At-Large
- Jodee Farm      Youth Ministry
- Catherine Fujisaki      Adult Ministry
- Kara Shibata      Children's Ministry
- Ruth Terna      At-Large

**3. PERSONNEL/PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Roger Abbey, Chair**

- Roger Abbey
- Dona Hanaike
- Marion McLaren
- Harvey Miura
- Carl Schlack

**4. CHURCH ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE COMMITTEE: David Yee, Chair**

- David Yee      Treasurer
- Sanford Ching      Buildings & Grounds Ministry
- Howard Green      Budget Ministry
- John Stepulis      Stewardship Ministry
- Kara Shibata      Investments Ministry

**5. PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE: Carl Racuya, Chair**

- Jodee Farm
- George Hao
- Carl Racuya
- Frank Sapigao

**6. NOMINATIONS/GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: Howard Green, Chair**

- Roger Abbey
- Howard Green
- Ian Kinoshita
- Harvey Miura
- Carl Schlack

**7. PROGRAMS AND MISSIONS COMMITTEE: Ruth Terna, Chair**

- Elly Chong      Conference/Association Representative
- George Hao      Community Ministry
- Ian Kinoshita      Senior Services
- Dusty Santos      Women's League Ministry
- Ruth Terna      World Mission Ministry

**HISTORIANS**

- Suzanne Case, Rosemary Eberhardt

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## REPORT OF THE CENTRAL UNION CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIR

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*Dona L. Hanaike, Chair*

It has been three years since the consolidation of the Board of Trustees and the Church Council in 2008. Jim Weyman took over as Chair of the Council in the fall of 2009 and after a year and a half as our Chair, recently moved back to the mainland with his wife Linda, to be near their kids and family when Jim retired from the national weather service. Jim and Linda have contributed so much of their time and effort to the life of our Church and we will miss them. We wish them well with retirement.

If one would characterize the activities of the Church and the Council this past year and a half with one phrase, I would say we are learning to "do more with less". The recession has hit us all and the Church is finding new ways to accomplish our mission while improving accountability. On a fiscal level, we are benefiting from past actions of the Council which instituted mechanisms to strengthen our Church fiscally. This past year, we have focused administratively to institute mechanisms dealing with personnel and procedures to be legally compliant and more efficient. These actions, while hard to see, strengthen our foundations as we proceed to take on some bigger projects ahead.

This year, information technology or "IT" is the new buzz word and we have taken steps to move into the world of "social media" as a means of doing more with less. Please take a look at our new website, [www.centralunionchurch.org](http://www.centralunionchurch.org), as we learn to use this media to reach out and communicate with our members and the world. For those of you who want to stay abreast of the life of the Church but find it difficult to be on campus, you can now receive emails highlighting the activities of the week and can go to the website to read our newsletters or even hear past sermons.

On the personnel side, we've had some changes to our ministerial staff. For a while, we have been short a minister to attend to our children and families. We called Gloria Imamura to our Church and it has been wonderful to see her working with our staff and members. However, just as we thought we were seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, we lost Rev. Dean Vestal when he departed this year. We were sad to see him go and wish him the best. For the short term, we have been fortunate to have Chaplain Bill Crockett to work with visitation of our seniors. Rev. George and Bridget Scott continue to assist us with our youth and now, with our contemporary service and Rev. Radigan David has graciously taken over our ministry in the park working with the homeless.

Maintaining a historical and beautiful church is a major activity and is a continuing challenge. We have two large construction projects being undertaken which are very exciting. First, after years of planning and input gathered by our congregation, preschool parents and our staff, our new preschool is finally designed and on the verge of breaking ground. Major community fundraising has started and Phase I of the construction is targeted to begin at the end of this year or early 2012. Although it will take a few years to complete all phases of the construction, we are able to keep the preschool open in the interim and are looking forward to what we hope to be a flagship school for preschool education here in Hawaii.

The other project is the improvement of our front lawn. Part of our commitment in the redevelopment of our Parish Hall was to utilize our front lawn for additional parking. Our challenge has been to provide parking without destroying our front lawn. We'll be taking steps soon to improve irrigation and the grounds to better withstand the additional parking traffic that our lawn has endured these past few years. We ask for your patience and understanding as there may be operational procedures instituted to protect the integrity of the front lawn.

Doing "more with less" requires a shift in thinking and approach to the way we undertake our activities in the future. To address this, the Council is undertaking a strategic planning process to determine and prioritize our goals and review the

ways we accomplish them. What are our Congregation's needs in the next five plus years? Can we identify the more pressing needs of our Congregation and find ways to accomplish tasks while also reaching out to potential members of our Church? This year the Council took a first step by reviewing and adopting our Vision and Mission Statement for Central Union Church:

1. Vision – Building on a fertile foundation of faith we seek to be a beacon for churches and people in the State of Hawaii;
2. Mission – Central Union Church invites all people to hear God's story and experience God's love expressed in the life of Jesus Christ. We express our faith through excellence in worship, education, music, pastoral care, outreach, and through love and care for one another.

One of the priorities of the next Council will be to walk through this strategic planning process. We will be looking to the Congregation for support and help as we proceed.

There are many more wonderful activities of the Church being undertaken by our staff and members. Please read the reports from our staff, Council committees and ministries contained in this annual report to get a better idea of what is happening in the life of this Church.

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**ANNUAL CLERK'S REPORT**

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January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP JANUARY 1, 2010** 1,728**MEMBERSHIP GAINED IN 2010:** + 51

Confirmation	9
Confession of Faith	5
Reaffirmation of Faith	10
Transfer	17
Associate	1
Reinstated	9

**MEMBERSHIP LOST IN 2010:** - 87

Death	48
Transfer	6
Terminated	33

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER 31, 2010** 1,692**BAPTISMS in 2010** 40

Children	33
Adults	7

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**CENTRAL UNION CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING**

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May 2, 2010  
Parish Hall

**Call to Order:** The Annual Meeting was called to order by Church Council Chair James Weyman at 10:26 A.M. The Secretary announced that 104 voting members of the Church were present meeting the quorum requirement.

The Chair stated that in accordance with Article 3, section 3.5 of the Bylaws, notice of the Annual Meeting was published in the February 23, 2010 SPIRE.

The Chair stated that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the Congregational Meeting Rules adopted by the Church Council at the January 26, 2010 Council meeting.

**Invocation:** Reverend Larry Corbett gave the invocation.

**Introductions:** Chair Weyman introduced Dona Hanaike, Church Council Vice-Chair and Timekeeper for this meeting; Kate Stanley, Council Secretary; David Yee, Treasurer; Jack Lockwood, Parliamentarian; Talbert Fox, Chair Nominations and Governance Committee.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

May 6 and May 24, 2009 Annual Meeting: Minutes Approved  
January 24, 2010 Annual Budget Meeting: Minutes Approved  
March 7, 2010 Special Meeting: Minutes Approved

**Reports of the Officers:**

**Chair Weyman:** The Chair stated that his report and the reports of the Committees and Ministries are contained in the Annual Report. The Chair thanked the past Chair Suzanne Fuller, the past Comptroller Suzanne Tobin and the outgoing Council members.

**Reverend Larry Corbett Senior Minister:** Reverend Corbett noted that the work with the Preschool children and parents and the confirmation class have been especially rewarding this past year.

**Treasurer David Yee:** Treasurer Yee reported that the audited financial statements when finalized would be presented to the Church Council and that the Church is in a strong position this year due to the sale of the fire lane which has allowed the mortgage to be reduced.

**Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws:**

Talbert Fox, Chair of the Nominations and Governance Committee presented the work of the Committee regarding recommendations for amendments to voting and election procedures.

Chair Fox moved for the adoption of the following resolution: Be it resolved that Articles XII and XIII of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation be and hereby are amended by the deletion of the words "entitled to vote and present" and the substitution of the words "present and voting" therefor in each Article.

The motion was adopted by the required two thirds members.

Chair Fox moved for the adoption of the following resolution: Be it resolved that Sections 3.8B, 2.5B, 3.6, 6.9, 9.4 and 9.5 of the Bylaws be and hereby are amended by the deletion of the words "entitled to vote and present" and the substitution of the words "present and voting" therefor in each Section.

Motion adopted.

Chair Fox moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

Be it resolved that Section 4.3D of the Bylaws be and hereby is amended by the deletion of the second sentence thereof and the substitution of the sentence "Voting shall be by show of hands with admission tickets and by standing if

requested by the voting assistants, but if there be no more nominees for a particular position or positions than necessary to fill such position or positions than necessary to fill such position or positions, the Chair shall be authorized to declare the election of such nominee or nominees without a vote." therefor in such Section, and

Be it further resolved that Section 8.2A of the Bylaws be and hereby is amended by the deletion of the words "by written ballot" in the first sentence thereof, and

Be it further resolved that Section 4.3E of the bylaws be and hereby is amended by the deletion of the first three (3) sentences thereof and the substitution of the following two (2) sentences therefor: "Any meeting where there is a single nominee for Council Member or Officer said position shall be elected by a majority of those present and voting. Where the number of nominees exceeds the number of positions available, candidates may be elected by a plurality in descending order of the most favorable votes received."

Motion adopted.

**Election of Officers and Council Members:**

Talbert Fox, Chair of the Nominations and Governance Committee presented the slate of nominees for Officers and for At-Large –Members of the Church Council.

Officers: (Two years)

Chair: James Weyman

Vice Chair: Dona Hanaike

Secretary: Sheree Moffat

Treasurer: David Yee

Chair of Deacons: Jeffrey Bingham Mead

Chair of the Deaconesses: Valerie Tanaka

Preschool Chair: Carl Racuya

Officers: (Four years)

Head Usher: Kerry Krenzke

Historian: Suzanne Case

At-Large-Members:

Class of 2014: Ian Kinoshita; Dusty Santos; Carl Schlack; John Stepulis

Class of 2013: Harvey Miura

Class of 2012: John Tantlinger

Class of 2011: Kara Shibata

Chair Weyman in accordance with the recently passed amendment to Section 4.3D of the bylaws, declared that each of the nominated officers were elected to the office for which they were nominated and that the nominees for the Church Council were elected to the Church Council for the terms for which they were nominated.

Chair Weyman thanked Talbert Fox and the Nomination and Governance Committee for a job well done.

**Adjournment:**

Ruth Stepulis moved that the Annual Meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Don Huff and motion adopted.

Chair Weyman adjourned the Annual Meeting at 11:14 A.M.

Submitted by,  
Kathleen (Kate) G. Stanley  
Secretary

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## ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

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Sunday, January 23, 2011

Parish Hall ~ 10: 18 A.M.

**Call to Order:** The Annual Budget Meeting of Central Union Church was called to order at 10:18 A.M. by Church Council Chair Jim Weyman.

Upon receiving the quorum report from Secretary Moffat that 111 members of the Congregation had registered and were present, Chair Weyman, noting that the number present exceeded the quorum requirement of 100 members stated a quorum was established, pursuant to Article III, Section 3.8 of the Church Bylaws.

**Notice and Business of the Budget Meeting:** Chair Weyman stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider and approve the Church Budget for 2011 pursuant to Article III, Section 3.2 of the Bylaws.

Chair Weyman stated that in accordance with Article III, Section 3.5 of the Bylaws, notice was properly given more than twenty (20) days prior to the meeting. A description of the matters requiring approval of the members was published in the December 14, 2010 and January 2, 2011 editions of the SPIRE.

**Invocation:** The Reverend Doctor Lawrence Corbett gave the invocation.

**Introductions:** Chair Weyman introduced: Sheree Moffat, Church Council Secretary; David Yee, Church Council Treasurer; Dona Hanaike, Church Council Vice-Chair; Reverend Dr. Lawrence Corbett, Senior Minister; Jack Lockwood, Parliamentarian; Jim Case, Chair Budget Ministry; and Tasha Sawai, Church Comptroller.

**Recess of Annual Budget Meeting:** Chair Weyman called a recess to the Annual Budget Meeting at 10:22 A.M. to permit the continuation of the Special Meeting to consider Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws.

**Annual Budget Meeting Reconvened:** Following the adjournment of the Special Meeting, Chair Weyman reconvened the Annual Budget Meeting at 10:31 A.M.

**Conduct of Business:** Chair Weyman stated, hearing no objection, the Congregational Meeting Rules adopted by the Church Council in January 2010 would be used for the meeting.

Chair Weyman appointed Dana Hanaike as timekeeper for any debate and appointed Jeffrey Bingham Mead, Chair of the Deacons and Valerie Tanaka, Chair of the Deaconesses to assist with the vote count.

**Introduction and Consideration of Annual Budget for 2011:** Jim Case, Chair of the Budget Ministry presented the proposed budget for 2011. The proposed budget reflects income assumptions based on estimates of income from pledges, open plate donations, wedding income and trust income. The budget incorporates recent staffing changes and it was noted the Preschool construction estimated to begin July 1, 2011 may have an effect on Wedding revenue. (Budget Detail - Attachment 1)

**Motion:** David Yee made the following motion: Be it resolved that the 2011 Budget as presented by Jim Case and as recommended by the Council be and hereby is adopted.

The floor was open for debate.

**Eleanore Chong made a motion** to amend the 2011 budget, to increase line item #150, OR-Our Wider Mission from the \$10,000 allocation to \$25,000 for the coming year. Bert Turner seconded the motion. After debate, the motion was defeated.

**Talbert Fox made a motion** to amend the 2011 budget, to incorporate an additional line item in Music Ministry Expense authorizing \$2000 in funds to be used toward choir robes. Anna Goo seconded the motion. After debate, the motion was defeated.

Chair Weyman restated the resolution: Be it resolved that the 2011 Budget as presented by Jim Case and as recommended by the Council be and hereby is adopted.

After giving the opportunity to the membership to ask questions regarding the budget and to debate the same, Chair Weyman called for a vote on the motion to adopt the Budget as presented. The motion carried by a majority of those present and voting.

**Announcements:** Chair Weyman announced he will be retiring and relocating to the Mainland. He will be resigning as Chair of the Council at the end of March. Vice Chair Dona Hanaike will take over as Chair of the Council effective April 1, 2011.

Officers of the Council will be available in front of the dais for the informal members' forum.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Roger Abbey moved to adjourn the Budget Meeting. It was seconded by Marion Huff. The motion passed.

**Adjournment of Annual Budget Meeting:** Chair Weyman adjourned the Annual Budget Meeting at 11:30 A.M.

**Closing Prayer:** The Reverend Nancy Lockwood gave the closing prayer.

Attachment 1 – 2011 Annual Budget

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheree Moffat  
Secretary

"The foregoing Minutes were approved at the Annual Meeting of Central Union Church held on May \_\_, 2011

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Sheree Moffat, Secretary"

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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

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Sunday, January 23, 2011

Parish Hall ~ 10:18 A.M.

**Call to Order:** The Special Meeting of Central Union Church was called to order at 10:18 A.M. by Church Council Chair Jim Weyman.

Upon receiving the quorum report from Secretary Moffat that 111 members of the Congregation had registered and were present. Chair Weyman, noting that the number present exceeded the quorum requirement of 100 members stated a quorum was established, pursuant to Article III, Section 3.8 of the Church Bylaws.

**Notice and Business of the Special Meeting:** Chair Weyman stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider and approve Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws pursuant to Article III, Section 3.3 of the Bylaws.

Chair Weyman stated that in accordance with Article III, Section 3.5 of the Bylaws, notice was properly given more than twenty (20) days prior to the meeting. A description of the matters requiring approval of the members was published in the December 14, 2010 and January 2, 2011 editions of the SPIRE.

In accordance with Article XIII of the Articles of Incorporation, notice of the proposed amendments was given on December 14, 2010, thus satisfying the 30-day notice requirement.

**Invocation:** The Reverend Doctor Lawrence Corbett gave the invocation.

**Introductions:** Chair Weyman introduced: Sheree Moffat, Church Council Secretary; Dona Hanaike, Church Council Vice-Chair; Rev. Dr. Lawrence Corbett, Senior Minister; Jack Lockwood, Parliamentarian; and Howard Green, Chair Nominations & Governance Committee

**Conduct of Business:** Chair Weyman stated, hearing no objection, the Congregational Meeting Rules adopted by the Church Council in January 2010 would be used for the meeting.

Chair Weyman appointed Dana Hanaike as timekeeper for any debate and appointed Jeffrey Bingham Mead, Chair of the Deacons and Valerie Tanaka, Chair of the Deaconesses to assist with the vote count.

**Introduction and Consideration of Proposed Bylaw Amendments:** Howard Green on behalf of the Nominations and Governance Committee presented the rationale for the various proposed amendments.

The following Resolutions were presented:

Be it resolved that Section 4.2A of the Bylaws be and hereby is amended by the deletion of the term "ex officio"; and

Be it further resolved that Section 6.1 of the Bylaws be and hereby is amended by the deletion of the word and parenthetical figure "two (2)" in the first sentence thereof and the substitution therefor of the word and parenthetical figure "three (3)" and by the addition of the word "Standing" between the words "Council" and "Committees" in both places where they appear in the last sentence thereof; and

Be it further resolved that Section 6.3 of the Bylaws be and hereby is amended by the addition of the following sentence:

"The number of members of each of the Standing Committees has been established by these Bylaws. But the number of members on each Standing Committee can be changed from time to time by resolution of the Council. The Council may exercise this power by establishing minimum and/or maximum numbers of members who may serve on each Standing Committee from time to time."; and

Be it further resolved that Section 7.2A of the Bylaws be and hereby is amended by its deletion in full and the substitution of the following therefor:

"Membership. With the exception of the Deacons and Deaconesses, membership on any Working Ministry of the Church shall be available to Church members and others. Only Church members may serve as Deacons and Deaconesses. A majority of the membership of each of the other Working Ministries shall consist of members of the Church. The number of members of each Working Ministry has been initially established in these Bylaws, but can be changed by such method as may be determined from time to time by the Council. This power may be exercised by establishing minimum and/or maximum numbers of members who may serve on each ministry from time to time."; and

Be it further resolved that Section 7.2B of the Bylaws be and hereby is amended by its deletion in full and the substitution of the following therefor:

"Nominating Members. Each Working Ministry shall nominate its own members, and fill any vacancies, pursuant to procedures set forth in its Charter and subject to approval of nominations and vacancies by the Council Committee supervising the particular Working Ministry. Members of Working Ministries shall be chosen shortly after the annual meeting of the Council of the Church. If at any time through resignations, expirations or otherwise, a Working Ministry fails to have a minimum number of members, the Council Committee with supervisory authority over the Working Ministry shall select new members for the Working Ministry and take such other actions as it may deem necessary to re-establish the Working Ministry."; and

Be it further resolved that Section 7.2C of the Bylaws be and hereby is amended by its deletion in full and the substitution of the following therefor:

"Term(s). Members of Working Ministries shall serve a 2-year term, except for the Deacons and Deaconesses who shall serve a 3-year term. Members may serve two (2) consecutive terms on the same Ministry, after which they must complete one term off the Ministry before serving again on that Ministry."; and

Be it further resolved that Section 8.2B of the Bylaws be and hereby is amended by its deletion in full and the substitution of the following therefor:

"Term(s). The Chair of the Council and Vice Chair of the Council shall each serve a one-year term. The Secretary, Treasurer, Chair of the Deacons and the Chair of the Deaconesses and Preschool Chair shall each serve a two-year term. The Historian and Head Usher shall each serve a four-year term. All Officers other than the Historian, Head Usher and Senior Minister will be limited to two (2) terms."

**Motion: Howard Green moved** on behalf of the Church Council that the proposed Bylaw Amendments be adopted as set forth in the handout.

After giving the opportunity to the membership to ask questions regarding the proposed amendments and to debate the same, Chair Weyman called for a vote on the motion to adopt the Resolutions as presented. The motion carried by a majority of those present and voting.

**Adjournment of Special Meeting:** Chair Weyman adjourned the Special Meeting at 10:31 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheree Moffat  
Secretary

"The foregoing Minutes were approved at the Annual Meeting of Central Union Church held on May \_\_, 2011

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Sheree Moffat, Secretary"

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## REPORT OF THE SENIOR MINISTER

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Rev. Dr. Lawrence W. Corbett

In an article "*Why Incremental Changes Won't Work*," Paul M. Dieterich writes, "North American church bodies today must learn how to engage in transformative change if they are to be faithful to their calling and effective in their ministry and mission... Transformative change is qualitatively different from incremental change. For North American church bodies, transformative change requires a break with many of the inherited ways of perceiving, thinking, and behaving that characterized both the Imperial Church (c. 312 – 1790) and the Establishment Church (c. 1790 to 1960)."

When Central Union called a new Senior Minister in the summer of 2007, it also moved to a unicameral system of governance, and adopted an entirely new set of by-laws a few months later. This was definitely a *significant* change for the location of power and authority in the congregation but we may still be realizing *incremental* change in our congregational life. *Transformative* change is a challenging, elusive and uncertain target.

The many significant changes for our congregational life have been constructive, inspiring, and quite productive. Results are evident in worship and music life, our ministry with children and youth, our fine adult education ministry, the excitement around the Preschool Capital Campaign to build a new campus over an extended period of time, our transparent administrative and financial accountability, improved appearance of buildings and grounds, and the extended reach of pastoral care into the congregation with additional clergy staff and the support of the Deaconesses and Deacons. Central Union has continued a biblical vision of justice and ministry through Community Ministry with homeless, the near homeless, and service to the larger urban neighborhood. Our intentional 21<sup>st</sup> century efforts to communicate with one another electronically have included a fine new website and a weekly "e-blast" of events in church life. Our Council leadership is a blend of men and women of diverse ethnic groups, values, history with the congregation as well as relatively new faces in the congregation.

These elected leaders, the Church Council, have adopted a mission statement, and authorized a "Strategic Design Task Force" to bring recommendations on specific ways to accomplish that mission. I am hopeful that the significant, incremental changes will continue and we'll be surprised with transformative change. In many ways, Central Union is both a healthy, historic congregation and a congregation still seeking transformation as we look to the immediate and long-term future.

The resources needed for us to thrive into the future are real. I am not afraid to speak about money and ask folks to participate with their financial resources in the mission of God. Clearly, people will give when they believe in the vision of the ministry, and in the integrity of all those involved in it. There really has been a transformation of trust in the stewardship of our financial resources.

Although I sometimes think that expressions of "*We're congregational. We have a voice,*" are an easy excuse for some to say unnecessary, hurtful words, we are deeply rooted in "reformation freedom" and the scriptures which make us viable and vital to today's culture. We may passionately disagree with one another on many issues, but we don't force conformity. Our congregational autonomy and religious liberty are very much a part of our birthright.

Although we are maturing, and celebrate the many members over eighty years of age we welcome several new persons with youthful energy, enthusiasm, and eagerness to learn. Our challenges are accepted by both the older members and the younger new ones. We are a people of much good will and resourceful abilities. We are growing in trust and genuine conviction about shared ministry. We are certainly not perfect, but we are blessed with an unusual number of highly motivated and deeply committed followers of Christ.

We are a diverse people scattered across the city and island of Oahu, and even in the face of steep gasoline prices per gallon, look forward to worshipping together, serving together, and weekly fellowship on the "Aloha Lanai." In short, we continue to seek transformative change as we have experienced incremental changes. I perceive that we are still learning and yet have a lot to learn.

We are deeply blessed with a corps of committed, talented volunteers, a steadfast church staff from the custodians who work diligently to the support, program, and clergy staff who strive to listen and learn from one another, and work together as a unified team.

Certainly, we believe that in the end, our God will make all things new in this troubled world. We worship and trust the gracious and loving Creator and Redeemer who is always renewing and remaking, always transforming. We need not fear as we face daily challenges with confidence in God's love which never fails.

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## REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE MINISTER FOR ADULT EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL NURTURE

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*Rev. Nancy B. Lockwood*

Looking back on the year that is finished, I reflect on how fortunate I am to be in this place, doing things I love doing, sharing space and living with the congregation of Central Union Church. In a ministry defined by teaching, I am taught by others: those who share classes and worship and pastoral ministries of all kinds, all who help make this church a good place to be.

Each week begins with preparation for Sunday. Liturgical planning is shared with the music department. Our goal is to think ahead so that when we meet for worship, all members of the congregation will feel the invitation to enter sacred space: a time for hearing and feeling and doing the Word we confess. When Friday arrives, and the time for sermon writing, the thoughts and experiences of a week will inform what comes to voice on Sunday.

The Thursday morning seminar has continued to be a high point of the week for me. This is serious Bible study, and it engages me in preparation that helps me grow theologically. As we work our way through sacred writings, locating them historically, discussing their continued relevance, we find that our faith is maturing and changing. I am challenged and nurtured by this group. Last May was devoted to a study of Karen Armstrong's book, A Short History of Myth. This was one of our meanders away from the usual curriculum; the detours are a special part of our time together. We have spent much of the year working our way through the oldest parts of the Bible, including a fresh look at the prophetic tradition, from Elijah forward. Other detours were The First Paul, and Karen Armstrong's The Bible, The Biography. In September we began a study of Women's Voices in the Bible, from Old Testament to New. This led to a deeper study of some non-canonical gospels, including the Gospel of Mary Magdalene. Our Lenten study has been Gospel of John, a contrast with The Last Week material from Gospel of Mark.

I have also taught several large-group sessions on Sunday morning: three weeks on A Short History of Myth, a week on The Woman's Perspective in the Bible, four weeks on The Last Week as a Lenten journey in large group. The Living the Questions programs which Dr. John Houk has facilitated this year, with the help of Dick Hubbard, has continued to tap into a hunger for faith inquiry that is something to celebrate.

The customary pastoral duties have had their share in my weekly schedule: weddings, funerals, baptismal conferences and pastoral counseling are privileged time with families and individuals. As I continue to work  $\frac{3}{4}$  time, I am finding your friendships keep me company even when I am not "at work". Central Union is a wonderful congregation of faithful people, sharing the faith journey, learning and living the love of God: I feel privileged to be your pastor.

Written in love, Nancy

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## REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

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*Mrs. Gloria Imamura*

I joined the staff here at Central Union Church on September 15, 2010, as a full time Associate Minister for Children and Their Families. I had just graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA with a Master of Divinity degree, and was excited to have a place to put what I had learned to work. It has been an exciting and challenging seven months.

On Sundays, my involvement in worship is often giving the Children's Message at the 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. services. I also serve as liturgist when needed. One to two times per month I usually preach at the 11:30 a.m. service, although I have preached at the 7:00 a.m. service on a few occasions and once at the 9:00 a.m. service. It has also been a privilege to assist in various ways with the special services – such as those held during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons or such as the recent prayer service for the people of Japan.

Another Sunday involvement has been working with the Children's Ministry to see that Sunday school classes for preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade continue during the 9:00 worship hour, and that the nursery remains well staffed for the two later services. We are using a curriculum called *Seasons of the Spirit*. It follows the lectionary lessons that we use in the worship services. It is less costly than many of the traditional curriculums, in that the lessons are all emailed to the teachers. They can decide what material they will use for each lesson and print out what they need.

Mid-week, I especially enjoy starting the day on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. assisting Preschool Director Marie Hook with auto line. It has helped me get better acquainted with the children that consistently use it, and it is truly a joy to witness the love and trust and excitement for life that these young students exude. Twice a month I am privileged to be the pastor for the preschool chapel services, held in Atherton Chapel. I think I am often the one ministered to, as a different classroom shares at each service. The faith of these children is heart-warming.

In regards to other ministries of the church, I continue to attend the Kaka'ako Park services for the homeless on Thursday evenings. I have also presided as minister for some funerals/graveside services.

Mahalo to you all for the opportunity to serve here, as together we seek to grow stronger in faith and love for God and for the community around us.

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## REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

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*Miguel F. M. Asuncion*

Once again it has been my privilege to be a part of the Central Union Church and Central Union Church Preschool and Kindergarten. My daily duties are very challenging but very gratifying. I am honored to provide service to Central Union Church.

2010 was as usual a very busy year and one that was challenging, different, and exciting under our Lord's guidance, Ministerial staff, and the Church Council leadership.

The support staff remains the busiest throughout the year. Our Weddings and Facilities Coordinator maintains a schedule of Church events and schedules facilities requests from outside-nonprofit organizations. She produces a weekly calendar of events to keep us well informed of the scheduled activities on campus. She also schedules the weddings here at Central Union Church. She works closely with the Ministers, support staff, and Wedding Directors to ensure that weddings at Central Union Church are wonderful experiences.

Weddings at Central Union Church were very successful in 2010, even with the down economy. Credit must be given to the hard work of the Wedding Ministry and the Wedding Directors. We continue to look for ways to attract couples to use Central Union Church for their wedding experience. With our storied history, the Sanctuary, and Central Union Church's facilities, Central Union Church is and will always be a wonderful wedding facility.

As always the dedicated back-office volunteers provide the Church with much needed help. We don't know what we would do without the volunteers who help prepare the *Spire* for mailing, assemble the Sunday bulletins, and help count the Sunday offerings. These tireless workers come early in the morning numerous times a week. Among our faithful Friday volunteers are the young adults who participate in our Eater Seals Program. Thank you all!

My heartfelt thank you to Richard Braley, our Production Manager, for his countless hours of creating and producing excellent quality publications for Central Union Church. His creativity and professionalism is second to none. I will not list of all his duties because his responsibilities are enormous.

The staff of the Maintenance Department under the leadership of Rinou Kong, Robinson Fredrick, and the Buildings and Grounds Ministry, do a wonderful job maintaining our 8 acres despite limited resources.

We have hired Kerry Krenzke, a long time member of Central Union Church, to build and maintain the Church's website. We now have a high quality website and are using it to promote the Church as well as to improve communications and productivity. We have asked Kerry to submit a report and describe the work that he has been doing this year.

It is a pleasure to work with the Church Program Staff, the Church Council, and its committees and ministries. We at Central Union Church are fortunate to have so many members dedicated to their Church. Being a part of the church staff is a real joy. It is a hard-working group, devoted to Central Union Church and their jobs, and communications and cooperation between everyone is excellent.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miguel Asuncion  
Administrator

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## REPORT OF THE CHURCH COMPTROLLER

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Tasha L. Sawai, Comptroller

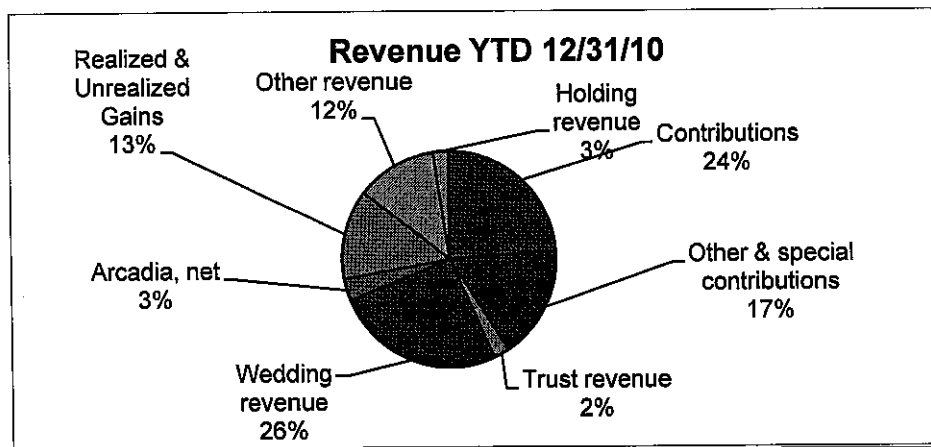
The Accounting Department continues to manage our financial affairs, dealing with the high volume of multiple activities that frequently occur simultaneously at Central Union Church (CUC). During 2010, we reached several milestones:

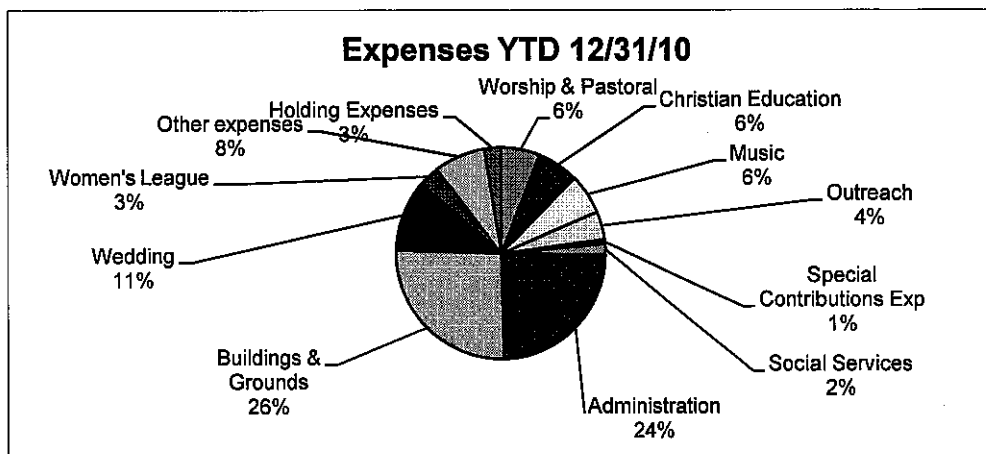
- The payment feature on the CUC website is streamlined and offers a more complete listing of contribution categories.
- We began e-filing General Excise Tax filings and paying these via Electronic Funds Transfer.
- We refined our invoicing process, thereby increasing efficiency and timeliness.
- We created a standardized format for the reporting of monthly financial statements to the Council.

We worked closely with many ministries. For the Preschool, Accounting continues to provide the fire-related information needed for the insurance companies. We continue to provide assistance with efforts to rebuild the school by recording and tracking rebuild-related information. We improved upon the presentation of the Preschool's financial statements by including a separate tracking and reporting on Dazzle and the rebuild as part of the financial statement reporting. We also negotiated directly with the hotel in order to carve out a favorable contract for Dazzle 2011. For Stewardship, we created the 2011 format for the pledge cards, and created a standardized format for reporting routine pledge updates. For the Personnel Committee, we assisted with the creation of a standardized template for policies and procedures, as well as for job descriptions. We worked with other committees and ministries with an emphasis towards providing financial information in a consistent and transparent manner.

A chart and summary of Revenues and Expenses follows. A more detailed view would show that the two largest revenue streams for CUC are Pledges and Weddings. Pledges are below budget by 23% and 7% less than what was collected last year. Wedding net profit is above budget by 25%, 17% more compared to last year. Combined, these two trends almost offset each other, falling short of budget by approximately \$50,000.

The largest expense is Salaries and Benefits of \$1.3 million which is 1.7% above budget. The second largest expense is Utilities at \$231,181 which is 22.6% above budget. The mortgage balance is \$1,419,992 with associated interest expense of \$67,507 at year end.





#### Revenue

Contributions	785,914.48	24%
Other & special contributions	561,117.67	17%
Trust revenue	77,885.18	2%
Wedding revenue	844,542.04	26%
Arcadia, net	110,803.00	3%
Realized & Unrealized Gains	441,937.70	13%
Other revenue	398,405.96	12%
Holding revenue	79,241.49	2%
<b>Revenue YTD 12/31/10</b>	<b>3,299,847.52</b>	

#### Expenses

Worship & Pastoral	166,039.65	6%
Christian Education	179,197.98	6%
Music	168,460.10	6%
Outreach	117,006.21	4%
Special Contributions Exp	21,085.33	1%
Social Services	43,279.44	2%
Administration	678,742.46	25%
Buildings & Grounds	713,424.47	26%
Wedding	301,638.23	11%
Women's League	85,524.32	3%
Other expenses	218,710.02	8%
Holding Expenses	72,077.58	3%
<b>Expenses YTD 12/31/10</b>	<b>2,765,185.79</b>	

As we continue to adapt to the trend of falling revenues and increasing expenses, we must be willing to embrace change. I have faith that through perseverance, and a shared commitment to upholding the values that we share at Central Union Church, we will sustain CUC for future generations.

Accounting consists of only 3 people. I sincerely thank Evelyn Char (Accounting Clerk) and Tracy Jones (Preschool Accountant) for their commitment to excellence. We would not be able to fulfill our mission without their many, many hours of hard work.

Being here continues to be an enormous blessing. Witnessing the various expressions of commitment to our Christian faith amazes me. These expressions of faith are multi-faceted at CUC. The Council, pastoral and support staff, committees, ministries, congregation, Preschool families and students, and community at-large all contribute to the overall fabric and extensive reach of CUC. Central Union Church truly is a special place to be. I look forward to working with the pastoral and support staff, Council, Treasurer, and congregation in the coming year. Thank you to all for your patience, time, and talents.

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## REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & PRINCIPAL ORGANIST

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Margaret Lloyd

As Administrative Director of Music & Principal Organist I am tasked to develop, coordinate and administer an effective and well-rounded Christian music ministry by encouraging teamwork and mutual support for all who are involved in the ministry of music at Central Union. Participants are persons of all ages and a large variety of music is incorporated in the worship services. Additionally, pastoral care reflects intentionality in caring for the needs of music ministry participants and their families and I believe that these shared experiences create a greater sense of community for our music 'ohana at Central Union.

**Music Staff** – Claire Starz Butin and Sangeet Gellhorn serve as Children's Choir Director and Chancel Choir Director, respectively (two part-time positions, for a combined 20 hours/week). Claire and Sangeet contribute a great deal to our choral ministry and worship experience at CUC, and the choirs are flourishing! In September, Constance Uejio was appointed as Assistant to the Administrative Director of Music & Principal Organist, effective October 1<sup>st</sup> (also a part-time position). Connie's responsibilities include serving as organist for the 7:00 a.m. contemplative worship service in Atherton Memorial Chapel; accompanying the Youth Choir, Keiki Khorale and Cherub Choir; and assisting with other tasks in the music department. Thank you all for your commitment to excellence in our ministry of music!

**Organ Scholar** – After serving for 2-1/2 years and following his graduation from 'Iolani School, Joey Fala left in August to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. In September, Jordan McCreary, a sophomore at Punahou School, was appointed as Organ Scholar. His responsibilities include serving as organist for the 7:00 a.m. contemplative worship service in Atherton Memorial Chapel once a month; presenting a Gift of Music for the 9:00 a.m. traditional worship service every two months; participating in our annual Midsummer Night's Organ Concert; maintaining a regular organ instruction and rehearsal schedule; and working with the Principal Organist to develop skills necessary to serve as a church musician. In June, the Hawai'i Chapter of the AGO sponsored Jordan as an attendee at a Pipe Organ Encounter, a one-week institute for teens held at the University of Indiana, Bloomington.

**Worship** – The most important component of our ministry of music is worship. Regular worship planning for Sunday services and seasonal services is ongoing with the clergy and music staff. A special Community Prayer Service for the people of Japan was shared on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Gift of Music** – These presentations include vocalists, instrumentalists, organists, pianists, handbell choirs, students of community musicians, and guest choirs willing to share their time and talent as a gift to us, inasmuch as the music ministry program budget no longer includes funding. Occasionally, a Congregational Hymn Sing is scheduled to introduce new hymns and to enjoy ones already known.

**Choral Ministry** – Choirs in residence include the Chancel Choir/Summer Choir, Pohnpeian Fellowship Choir, *Ke Aloha Pau'ole*, Youth Choir, Keiki Khorale, Cherub Choir, Oratorio Choir and The Honolulu Boy Choir. The **Chancel Choir**, under the direction of Sangeet Gellhorn, rehearses on Thursday evenings, sings weekly for the 9:00 a.m. worship service from September through May and at seasonal services. Three-hour-long Sunday afternoon rehearsals have taken place on August 29<sup>th</sup>, October 24<sup>th</sup>, and January 24<sup>th</sup>, providing additional rehearsal time and fellowship for Chancel Choir members. The **Summer Choir** rehearses and sings weekly in the months of June and July. Our **CUC Soloists** offer vocal support and assistance as section leaders in the Chancel/Summer Choir and also sing as a vocal ensemble. Soloists who have served this year include Catherine Goto & Blythe I. Kelsey-Takemasa [soprano]; Debbie Kelsey & Pauline Taumalolo [alto]; Kalani Brady, Stephen Peters & Kawika McGuire [tenor], and Christopher Kelsey [bass]. In June, we wished Stephen well as he left for Washington D.C to accept a position with the Department of Commerce. Also in June, we welcomed Kawika McGuire. In March, we bid a fond farewell to Pauline, who was

accepted into the Curtis Institute of Music, with full scholarship! The **Pohnpeian Fellowship Choir**, under the direction of Robinson Fredrick, leads in worship at the Pohnpeian worship service at 11:00 a.m., and also sings at the 9:00 a.m. worship service once a month. In April, the Chancel Choir learned a hymn with Robinson and the Pohnpeian Fellowship Choir in preparation for a joint presentation in worship on May 1<sup>st</sup>. **Ke Aloha Pau'ole** (Love Never Faileth), a choral ensemble dedicated to singing Hawaiian hymns and repertoire, is under the direction of Debbie Kelsey, who graciously volunteers her time to lead the group. The **Youth Choir**, under the direction of Rev. George Scott, accompanied by Constance Uejio, sings for the 9:00 a.m. worship service once a month and occasionally at the 11:30 a.m. contemporary worship service. The **Keiki Khorale**, for children in grades 1–5 from CUC and the community, is under the direction of Claire Starz Butin. Weekly 60-minute rehearsals are held on Thursday afternoons. The **Cherub Choir**, for children of preschool age (ages 4-5) of CUC families and the community, is also under the direction of Claire Starz Butin. Weekly 30-minute rehearsals are held on Thursday afternoons and the choir has grown to include over 50 angelic voices! Both the Keiki Khorale and Cherub Choir participated in the 9:00 a.m. worship service for Choir Dedication & Preschool Recognition Sunday (October 17<sup>th</sup>); White Gifts Sunday (December 12<sup>th</sup>); March 13<sup>th</sup>; and are scheduled to sing again on Mother's Day (May 8<sup>th</sup>). The **Oratorio Choir** sings twice a year for the annual *Messiah* performance as well as a Spring Choral Concert. The 63<sup>rd</sup> annual performance of *Messiah*, under the direction of Sangeet Gellhorn, was presented in December by the Oratorio Choir and accompanied by chamber orchestra ensemble. This year's Spring Choral Concert included the Oratorio Choir, Chancel Choir and CUC Soloists, also under the direction of Sangeet Gellhorn. The Oratorio Choir, comprised of Chancel Choir members and community singers, presented Mozart's *Solemn Vespers* and other sacred repertoire by Bruckner, Parry and Vierne. The **Honolulu Boy Choir** continues twice-weekly rehearsals and is involved in the 9:00 a.m. worship service for Gift of Music presentations and joint choral performances with the Chancel Choir & Youth Choir, and available for seasonal services. They present an annual Christmas concert and Spring performance. At the Christmas performance, Blake Nuike, Executive Director, introduced two new members of the HBC Board of Directors: Dr. Kalani Brady and Rev. George Scott. The HBC also provides a group of working parents to assist with repair and cleaning projects at CUC on designated workdays! **Cornerstone**, an auditioned, volunteer *cappella* ensemble under the direction of Kalani Brady, includes Talbert Fox, Sangeet Gellhorn, Christopher Kelsey, Mark Looper and Kawika McGuire. The **Contemporary Worship Team**, led by Robert Shinoda and Jennifer Sojot, provides weekly musical leadership at the 11:30 a.m. contemporary worship service.

**Handbell Ministry – Beretania Bells**, an adult choir of dedicated ringers, meets for weekly 90-minute rehearsals and prepares for Gift of Music presentations during Advent and Spring. In February, members of the BB along with members of another UCC church handbell choir attended a one-hour workshop with Professor Arai, director of the Hakuoh University Handbell Choir, prior to their evening performance here at Central Union. The **Keiki Klappers & Seri Sekesek**, the handbell ministry for children in grades 1-5, meet for weekly 60-minute rehearsals on Sunday mornings and occasional extended rehearsals (with pizza to follow). Performances included a Gift of Music on Mother's Day (May 9<sup>th</sup>); a Gift of Music for White Gifts Sunday (December 12<sup>th</sup>) and a Gift of Music for the Family Worship Service on Christmas Eve.

**Organs** – Both pipe organs on our campus are under contract for regular maintenance and tuning by Scott Bosch of Bosch Organ Services in Hilo. The Æolian-Skinner organ in the sanctuary is serviced each month; the Atherton Memorial Chapel organ is serviced quarterly.

**Pianos** – Seven pianos (in the sanctuary, Atherton Memorial Chapel, Women's Building, Music Building, Parish Hall and Fireside Room) are under contract with Mozart House for regularly scheduled maintenance and tuning.

**Concerts at CUC** – Our concert series included in-house and guest groups. A performance date marked with an asterisk (\*) is co-sponsored by the American Guild of Organists-Hawai'i Chapter. The AGO Executive Board provides management, publicity, and guaranteed artist fees.

CUC concerts included:

- Honolulu Boy Choir Annual Spring Concert – May 22, 2010
- 5<sup>th</sup> annual AGO Recital – Christopher Houlihan, organist – June 11, 2010\*
- The Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus & The Honolulu Boy Choir – August 1, 2010
- Joey Fala, Organ Scholar, in Senior Recital – August 7, 2010\*
- 21<sup>st</sup> annual Midsummer Night's Organ Concert – August 22, 2010\*
- 63<sup>rd</sup> annual *Messiah* – December 5, 2010
- Hawai'i Pacific University Annual Christmas Concert – December 10, 2010
- Honolulu Boy Choir Annual Christmas Concert – December 18, 2010
- Hakuoh University Handbell Choir Concert – February 15, 2011
- Harvard Glee Club Alumni Chorus & Kyoto Men's Chorus – February 25, 2011
- Pacific Basin Music Festival Choral Concert – March 21, 2011
- Spring Choral Concert – April 3, 2011

Concerts remaining in the 2010-2011 season:

- Yale Alley Cats – May 18, 2011
- Honolulu Boy Choir Annual Spring Concert – rescheduled to June 10, 2011
- 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Midsummer Night's Organ Concert – July 2011

My thanks to Richard Braley for quality PR work and production of concert programs; the Music Ministry for their support; Carol Asuncion and **YOUTHONTHEMOVE!** for ushering at the *Messiah* (a new tradition) and the maintenance staff for assistance with set-up and facility care.

**Weddings and Funerals** – Wedding musicians were scheduled monthly. Assisting as organists for weddings were Nyle Hallman, Samuel Lam, Thomas Poole, and Constance Uejio. Soloists were Cheryl Bartlett, Mark DeMello, Catherine Goto, Blythe I. Kelsey-Takemasa, Jan Matuseski, and Lois Penarozza. (These same musicians have also assisted with funerals as needed.) I continue serving on the Wedding Taskforce that reviews wedding policies and procedures for all ceremonies at CUC.

**Volunteers** – CUC is blessed with members and friends willing to be of assistance. Volunteers graciously assist with choral librarian tasks, host choir parties, support the keiki handbell ministry, usher at concerts, provide refreshments, and contribute to the work of the music department as they are able. I am always grateful for volunteers and their gifts of time, talent and treasure to our music ministry. *Mahalo nui loa!*

**My heartfelt thanks** to all who have participated in the music ministry at Central Union Church this year and to all who continue to support our musical offerings to our members and the community!

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## REPORT OF THE PRESCHOOL

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*Marie Hook, Director*

Central Union Church Preschool and Kindergarten was established in 1928 and served fourteen students. For the 2010-2011 School year there are three (3) three-year old classes, one (1) mixed three/four year old classroom, two (2) 4-year old classes, two (2) four/five classes and one (1) 2-year old class.

The goals for the Toddler program are: exposing two-year old children to a more structured environment for a short period of time to better prepare them for "formal" preschool, assisting parents in toilet training, and skills in independence, providing information to families on child development and appropriate expectations and building community. The program had another very successful year and the demand for the Toddler Program has increased. Students attend 5, 3 or 2 days per week. Tuition is based on rate of (daily) attendance. The demand for the Toddler Program has been increased with 5 applicants for every space.

Preschool faculty is highly trained and effective. There are 26 teachers and 6 aides. Five teachers have Master's Degrees in Early Childhood Education (ECE) or related field, Seventeen of the teachers have college level degrees in Early Childhood Education, Family Resources with an emphasis on Early Childhood or related fields. The Preschool was founded as, and still is, a mission of central Union Church as a Christian based early childhood program. The Preschool completed NAEYC accreditation and was awarded accreditation for 5 years.

The Preschool Ministry continued to work on plans to renovate the campus. A Capital Campaign Committee was formed to raise the necessary funds to move forward with the new buildings. More than \$300,000.00 has been raised in pledges since January 2011. The architect is Group 70, project manager: Bower's and Kubota and contractor: Ralph Inouye. The Owner's Representative Committee is comprised of preschool staff, ministry members, Council members and CUC staff. Howard Green is chair of this committee appointed by the Church Council.

The Preschool continues to face challenges with temporary space and recreating the data that was lost in the 2008 fire. The PTA and former active parents are assisting in the efforts. The preschool is researching database programs that are specifically designed for preschools that will greatly assist the development office.

The offices and classrooms that were displaced by the fire are located in temporary space on the Church campus in the Family Life Center, Parish Hall-Makai and the old Preschool Library (adjoining the Choir Room).

The preschool opens at 7:00 am and children may stay until 5:30 pm. Tuition for the 2010-2011 school year is as follows:

Before School Care:	\$ 520.00	7:00 am – 7:30 am
Toddler and 3 year olds	\$9,900.00	7:30 am – 2:30 pm
4 and 5 year olds	\$8,775.00	7:30 am – 2:30 pm
After School Care:	\$2,503.00	2:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Tuition covers approximately 81% of the cost for an education at Central Union Church Preschool and Kindergarten. The Scholarship committee awarded \$ 32,911.00 in scholarships for the 2010-2011 school year. Financial assistance is awarded on the basis of financial need from: The Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Foundation, the Ruth McCraw/Doris Rewick Scholarship Fund, Central Union Church Preschool and Kindergarten Endowment Fund and Dazzle. Twelve (12) students were awarded scholarships for the 2010-2011 school year. In addition, six staff children received 50% tuition reimbursement for a total of \$27,452.00.

Daily activities include outdoor play, indoor play, arts and crafts story time, lunch and nap. Each classroom has the opportunity to take 4 bus excursions. Christian education is presented on a daily basis through prayer, scripture and reflection. Chapel service is held twice a month in Atherton Chapel. Classrooms take turns leading Chapel time and the

presentation of music, prayer, and Bible stories. The Senior Minister, Dr. Larry Corbett and Children's Minister, Gloria Imamura assist in greeting the children in the auto line during the morning drop - off. For the children who stay for after-school care the Preschool offers the following extracurricular activities at an additional cost: Japanese, Mandarin, Ukulele, Bricks4Kids (Lego), Early Starters (Physical Education) and Creative Movement. Cherub Choir and Keiki Korale are offered to preschool children and their older siblings at no cost. The Preschool Music teacher, Claire Butin directs the choirs. The Preschool and Church continue to actively encourage those who do not have a church home to join Central Union Church. The Preschool includes a letter of welcome from the church to be included in the Preschool registration process.

The CUPS PTA continues to be a strong and supportive presence in the preschool. PTA sponsored events for the 2010-2011 school year are: SuperStar Fitness, Snow day, Spring Event and End of the Year event. In addition to these activities and their annual workday, the CUPS PTA assists with Dazzle, the annual dinner and silent auction fundraising event.

The Preschool is grateful for the abundant blessings that have been received and looks forward to breaking ground on Phase 1 of the new campus in the Fall of 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie N. Hook  
Director

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## REPORT OF THE WEBMASTER

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*Kerry A. Krenzke*

The old website served many of our church's needs, but there was one major issue. Because it was out-sourced, it was not possible to update or change things quickly. A website advisory committee (WAC) was formed to determine the feasibility of bringing the website in-house. The WAC discussed what was wanted, needed and required in a new website and how this could best be accomplished. First and foremost, the WAC decided that a new website should adopt the KISS principle -

Keep It Simple and Straightforward.

Personnel costs were a consideration, however, the cost of employing a part-time webmaster vs paying an outside developer proved not to be a major issue. In fact, by using an in-house webmaster we gained not only convenience and timeliness, we also realized savings in printing, postage and CDs (details below).

Hardware/software costs were the next consideration. Since an existing iMac was available, startup hardware costs were minimal. Later, both the website and print iMacs were replaced, further improving productivity. For the website, this has meant even faster turnaround on projects. The old iMac now continues a useful life in the Youth Room.

The WAC felt it would be counterproductive to choose software with a long learning curve and/or with features that were unnecessary for church purposes. So nearly 4 months were spent evaluating and testing software in terms of cost, ease of use and church wants/needs/requirements.

Sandvox (Karelia Software), the software package chosen, cost only \$80 and has proven to be more than adequate for church use. Sandvox is easy to use and allows fast turnaround on projects. For example, we now put sermons on line the next day, as opposed to waiting a week or longer with the old website. As the website grew, some supplemental software (both technical and artistic) was needed and added. Nonetheless, total software costs were minimal, less than \$250.

At the time of this writing, the new website has been online for just over 6 months and is nearing 14,000 hits. The wedding page alone, an important revenue source for the church, has over 2,200 hits. The wedding page has a Japanese section and wedding music (now offering both organ and harp) is available online, all but eliminating the need/cost for the church to record/produce/package/mail CDs to prospective couples.

For those who choose to go digital, items such as The Spire, Week At A Glance, sermons and scholarship forms are available online, reducing printing and postage costs. Since the website and print use virtually identical computer systems (same type computers, somewhat different software due to differing outputs) and because the website and print work closely on various projects, this means easier file transfers and sharing of information. The website and print also share an inexpensive online subscription graphics package tailored specifically for churches.

Every effort has been made to make the website user-friendly, especially for older users and shut-ins. We feel that being a shut-in doesn't mean you should be shut out from church activities. Our website chose to use a large font, which means that our website can be easily read on a desktop, on a laptop or netbook, on an iPad or other tablet computer, it can even be read on a smartphone.

Changes, improvements and refinements to the website occur regularly. Some are noticeable, some take place "behind the scenes." Every attempt is made to keep content up-to-date. However, if/when you find any errors or see areas that you feel need improvement, please write me at

[webmaster@centralunionchurch.org](mailto:webmaster@centralunionchurch.org)

I won't feel bad or take offense, I truly appreciate that you took the time to use our website and you want to help make it even better. Mahalo to everyone who offers their input.

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## REPORT OF THE YOUTH COORDINATOR

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*Carol Asuncion*

Although the financial year of the church starts in January and ends in December, the Youth program follows the school calendar year. Youth graduate in May and June, Ministries change their leadership in May and a new year begins in June thus it makes sense to write this report in that manner.

Our year started with a retreat at Ruth Terna's house to eat, fellowship, have fun and get to know each other in an environment besides church.

Each Sunday George and Bridget Scott hold Sunday School Classes for grades 6-7 and 9 thru 12. We follow the message and how it reflects in the lives of our youth.

### **WHAT DOES THE YOUTH DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY?**

Each year we help prepare 8 meals for KauKau Wagon under the leadership of Donna Rewick, four of them with Community Ministries. The Youth enjoyed feeding the houseless at Kakaako Park; cleaning Kaupa Stream near Kuhio Park Terrace; cleaning the invasive seaweed out of Maunalua Bay and put together supplies for Operation Shoe Box. We worshiped at Kaumakapili Church and sang a song during the service. Our biggest community endeavor was the Mission trip to Kauai in June 2010 where 20 youth, and 6 adults worked tirelessly for two days pulling invasive ginger plants from Koke'e Park. It was observed that the area the youth cleaned the year before was still clear of the ginger.

### **WHAT DOES THE YOUTH DO FOR OUR CHURCH?**

The youth are no strangers to our church for every Sunday you see the acolytes, Worship Person, youth collecting offering and on the first Sunday of the month a Youth or Full Circle person reads the scripture. They also sing once a month.

As for other activities we help serve and entertain the seniors at the Over 80's party; carry the Thanksgiving bags to the office to be sorted; help the Children's Ministry with Advent crafts; help carry and sort the White Gifts; usher for Messiah; participate in the Christmas Drive Thru ; present to the church the "Christmas Open House"; sing on Christmas Eve 11 pm service; plan, cook, entertain and clean up for Shrove Tuesday; help with Palm Sunday; decorate the cross for Easter; and lead the 6am Sunrise service for our church and community.

### **WHAT DO WE DO FOR FUN AND RECOGNITION?**

In the summer we like to do things we don't get to do in the rush of the school year. We experienced a train ride in Ewa Beach. Budge Rewick who volunteers there showed us how they use a special cart to check the tracks. The ride was special and the scenery was spectacular. They hiked Maunawili with Mark Taum in the lead. They swam in the cold stream. The movies was fun for everyone especially enjoying the cool theater.

We hold two events to recognize our Youth. The first is Graduate Recognition Sunday . In this event we honor our seniors who will be graduating from high school and moving from a protected place to experience new things in the world. Combined with this event we also honor our volunteers who give of their time, money and energy helping the Youth. Our second event is Confirmation. These eight graders and a ninth grader have studied for one year under Reverend Corbett to learn what our church stands for and how each of them fit into Central Union. This year we had 7 who chose to be confirmed and become full fledged members of this church.

## **THANK YOU**

We thank the people of this church for supporting the Youth in all their endeavors. We sell chili, park cars for the carnival at Punahou and run an auction for Shrove Tuesday. Each time you have been very generous.

## **WE HAVE PLANNED**

The Youth are embarking on a Mission Trip to Louisville Kentucky on June 5, 2011. They will stay in a dormitory at Jim Harper's church. George and Bridget Scott, Radigan David with Full Circle Francis Sapigao, Age Girangaya, and Rachel Moriyama will take 20 youth with them.

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## REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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*Eleanore Atherton Chong, Chair*

Through its Working Ministries—Adult Education Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Children's Ministry—the Christian Education Committee provides opportunities for growth in the Christian faith through faith based education and spiritual nurture.

Both the Adult Education Ministry and the Youth Ministry have continued on the path set in earlier years. For adults these include Learning Tree classes on Sunday mornings and educational activities (Bible study and the Thursday seminar) during the week. A full youth program encompasses Sunday morning education and choir opportunities as well as year round special events such as Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Punahou Carnival parking, Summer Mission Trips and the Easter Lock-In and Sunrise Worship. Rev. Nancy Lockwood and Carol Asuncion staff these ministries.

The Children's Ministry has caused the real excitement this year with the hiring of Gloria Imamura as full-time Minister to Children and Their Families. In addition to undergoing rigorous preparation for her ordination by the Oahu Association of the United Church of Christ, Gloria has become fully immersed in providing staff advice and support for the Children's Ministry and all the activities for which it is responsible. The Sunday School continues its use of the "Seasons of the Spirits," a lectionary-based curriculum. In addition, the children gather once a month for a learning-worship activity led by the Rev. George and Bridget Scott and assisted by the Youth. Year round activities also include the White Gift Service at Christmas, the donkey on Palm Sunday, Easter's Egg Hunt, as well as seasonal craft workshops.

After a number of year's hiatus, the Children's Ministry is once again planning a Vacation Bible School (July 25-29 and August 1-5, 2011).

Many thanks go to the Committee members who also act as liaisons to the Working Ministries. The members of the Committee, all of whom are at-large members of the Church Council are:

Jodee Farn	(liaison to Youth Ministry)
Cattie Fujisaki	(liaison to Adult Education Ministry)
Kara Shibata	(liaison to Children's Ministry)
Ruth Terna	(Committee Secretary)
Eleanor A. Chong	(Committee Chair)

Thank you for the privilege of serving our beloved church.

Faithfully,

Eleanor Atherton Chong

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## REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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*Howard Green, Chair*

The Nomination and Governance Committee has general jurisdiction over nominations of officers and church council members, and matters involving church governance such as bylaw amendments and interpretations.

With respect to Nominations of Council Members, the Committee endeavored to find candidates for the Council who would expand the membership of the council to new and younger participants who have been active in ministries not previously represented on the council, and who could bring new perspectives to the council. We have been gratified to find high quality candidates who meet these objectives.

The Committee has also been monitoring governance under the new bylaws of the church and has proposed a number of amendments which were aimed at the following general purposes:

1. An amendment to shorten the time period for service as chairman and vice chairman of the council from two years to one year. This was needed to ease the burden on the office holder.
2. An amendment that allows the Council to vary the size of the ministries to permit greater participation.
3. An amendment to allow individuals to serve on more than one ministry at a time, which was especially needed in the case of people with skills needed at more than one ministry.
4. An amendment allowing the council to vary the size of committees so that committees could be larger or smaller than previously specified in the bylaws, to permit flexibility as committee workloads change.
5. Several amendments aimed at making the voting process easier to understand, and quicker to facilitate efficient voting at meetings of the members.
6. Several amendments to correct technical errors in the bylaws.

The committee has been gratified that to date, its proposed amendments have been endorsed by the council and adopted by the membership. We will continue to monitor the operation of the bylaws and make suggestions for improvements where we think the improvements will enhance the operation of the Church.

Respectfully Submitted

Howard Green,  
Chairman

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## REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL AND PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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*Roger Abbey, Chair*

The Personnel and Pastoral Relations Committee has responsibility for:

- Work in conjunction with the Senior Minister, Administrator, and Comptroller to provide direction on personnel matters in accordance with established Personnel Policies and Procedures;
- Review Central Union Church Personnel Handbook for Employees;
- Review employee compensation and benefits (i.e. vacation, insurance, pension, etc);
- Review employment and hiring descriptions and contracts;
- Inform and advise Council on personnel policies;
- Review and advise the Council on conflict of interest questions posed by Council members or management employees of the Church;
- Periodically review existing policies and procedures of the Church for compliance with existing laws and current practices and make recommendations to the Council when appropriate;
- In the area of Pastoral relations:
  - Provide an avenue for sensitive and careful discernment in matters of concern to the Ministerial Staff, their families and their relationships to Central Union Church and provide a channel to discuss conflicting beliefs and cultivate an open, affirmative and creative relationship by, between and among the Ministerial Staff, the member(s) of the congregation, and the member(s) of the Church staff;
  - Foster a trusting climate at Central Union Church that helps the ministerial staff, the members of the congregation, and the Church staff, to fulfill the Church's mission while safeguarding information and maintaining confidentiality of the individual.
- Attend to such other matters of personnel and pastoral relations, which may occur or be raised by the Council, Committees, Ministries, or Staff.

During the past year the committee has undertaken the following tasks:

- Approved the hiring of the new minister for children/youth/young families;
- Approved the hiring of an Assistant to Administrative Director of Music and Principal Organist;
- Approved the Senior Minister's interim plan to cover a departing minister's duties;
- Completed the Senior Minister's evaluation;
- Approved the final draft of the Personnel Handbook;
- Approved the dissolution of the three-person Pastoral Relations Panel commissioned by the former trustees;
- Approved a full time receptionist position;
- Approved the up-dated Job Descriptions for all of the Church Staff.

Five members of the Church Council comprise the committee membership:

Roger Abbey (chair) Donna Hanaike, Carl Schlak, Marion McLaren and Harvey Miura.

Staff support is provided by Rev. Dr. Lawrence Corbett, Administrator Miguel Asuncion and Comptroller Tasha Sawai.

Thanks for the privilege of serving our church.

Respectfully,

Roger Abbey

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## REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND MISSION COMMITTEE

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*Ruth Terna, Chair*

Ruth Terna, Chair

Elly Chong, Vice- Chair

Ian Kinoshta, Secretary

The Program and Mission Committee provides opportunities to members of the congregation and wider community for mission , service, outreach, and improvement in the name of Christ through programs for our seniors, our community, our global community, and our denomination.

The Program and Mission Ministries shall have six members and the ministries consist of the (i) World Mission Ministry,(ii) Community Ministry, (iii), Conference and Association Representatives, (iv) Women's League, (v) Senior Services.

### COMMITTEE ACTIONS

1) Establish Four Special Events, Assign to Ministry and Develop Budget.

- a) Renewal Sunday - Membership & Fellowship Ministry
- b) Palm Sunday - Deacons & Deaconesses
- c) Fourth of July - Preschool. Music Ministry, Deacons & Deaconesses
- d) Christmas Party - Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry, Christian Ed Committee
- e) \$7,000 to be divided as needed for each event.

2. Budget for Conference and Association assessments.

- a) \$ 8, 435 based on 1,687 membership.
- b) Additional \$40.000 CUC contribution for 2011.
- c) Other expenses relating to Conference/Association meetings are \$1,840 at current level.

3. Christmas Offering - Traditionally the Christmas Offering has been dived up equally between Veterans of the Cross, World Missions and Community ministries. The 2010 Christmas offering was divided four ways adding church maintenance. On behalf of World Missions and Community Ministries Programs and World Mission Committee is following through and asking Council to restore the three way split. Both Ministries projected their budget with the understanding there would be the traditional three way split of the funds from the Christmas offering.

### CONFERENCE AND ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE - Elly Chong

We continue in our efforts to strengthen our covenantal relationship with other settings of the United Church of Christ.

Our clergy and congregation hold standing in the Oahu Association of the United Church of Christ. Gloria Imamura, our Associate Minister for Children and their families, is seeking ordination by the Association and is hard at work with the Association's Church and Ministry Committee.

Central Union provides financial support to the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ and also participates in receiving all - church offerings on behalf of the denomination. These offerings include: One great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, and the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the cross.

Central Union members continue to serve on various committees and boards of the association, conference, and wider church.

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## REPORT OF THE WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

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*Jeffrey Bingham Mead, Chair*

Central Union Church's Worship and Evangelism Committee meets every other month on the first Wednesday afternoon. Our duties and responsibilities entail supervising and supporting Membership and Fellowship, Deacons, Deaconesses, Ushers and the Music Ministry. The committee serves in an advocacy role to the Church Council on matters requiring Council approval. Our charter was submitted and approved by the Council. It has been posted on the church web site.

The ministries under the umbrella of our committees work together, ensuring that worship services are meaningful, that the sacraments are dispersed efficiently and that Central Union's spiritual programs are effective in the worship experience. For example, on any given Sunday -and at special services such as the prayer service for Japan- appropriate ministries assist in greeting church family members, visitors and guests by fostering an atmosphere of spiritual comfort.

Worship and Evangelism assists in coordinating such activities and special services as Laity Sunday, Renewal Sunday, Christmas Eve, the prayer service for Japan earthquake and tsunami victims, Easter, Lent, the annual July 4 Picnic, and much more. Member ministries work in unison with the ministers to greet parishioners at all service, with the dispensation of the sacraments on Communion Sundays, approving budgets and new members for our various ministries. More details will be found in the individual ministry annual reports.

For the 2010-2011 church year I was privileged to work with an outstanding group of dedicated individuals representing some of the most important ministries at Central Union Church. My thanks and aloha are extended to the ministers as well as to Valerie Tanaka, Frank Sapigao, John Stepulis, Dusty Santos and those who came as their ministry representatives if they were not available. For the 2011-2012 church year Head Deaconess Valerie Tanaka will assume the chair's role. I wish her much success for the coming year, and ask that our church family support her leadership.

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## REPORT OF THE ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRY

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*Dr. John Houk, chair pro tem*

**The Adult Ministry Team:** Members of the ministry in 2009 were: Mark Jenssen, chair, Lita B. Cooke, Nancy Ekern, John Houk, Dougie and Dick Hubbard, Carol Owen, Joy Chong-Stannard, Nancy Evans Tudor.

The Adult Education Ministry meets four times a year to plan and implement programs designed to encourage adult growth in Christian faith. On Sunday morning, through most of the year, we offer large and small group programs and presentations. They may be facilitated or taught; they are both clergy and lay led; they attempt to be responsive to the questions and the lives of contemporary Christians. Other small groups meet during the week, for study and discussion and prayer.

**Learning Tree programs** have included:

Congregational Business meetings and topics of recurring interest [flu shots]

**Living the Questions:** a study for progressive Christians. This group has grown into an on-going seminar group of nearly 40 people who have also engaged a curriculum written by Dr. Walter Brueggemann and two eight-week studies about **Uppity Women of the Bible**. Dr. John Houk has continued to facilitate this group, ably assisted by Dick Hubbard. and Carol Owen.

**Special Presentations** by Rev. Lockwood: Three weeks on A Short History of Myth, by Karen Armstrong; an introductory session to The Feminine Perspective in the Bible; a four-week Lenten series on The Last Week by John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg

**Rewick Renewal:** A group of 10-12 people who meet regularly for study and fellowship. This year, they have discussed several books, and completed a Disciple Study of The Psalms. It is led by Nancy Evans Tudor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. John Houk, chair pro tem

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## REPORT OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUND MINISTRY

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*Submitted by Sanford Ching*

The Buildings and Grounds (B&G) ministry is responsible for the maintenance, repair and protection of Church property, including the Pre-school, the Manse located on McKinley St. and a cemetery. This includes routine repairs and maintenance of all 11 buildings, lawn maintenance, trees, walkways and driveways.

Special thanks to Miguel Asuncion, Administrator, and Rinou Kong, Maintenance Supervisor, for overseeing our hardworking maintenance staff who not only keep our buildings & grounds in excellent condition but also do many other support efforts; e.g., setting-up and moving furniture and assisting with the many services and other activities on campus.

The B&G ministry oversaw repair and upkeep on a number of projects this year:

- Repaired Atherton Memorial Chapel spire
- Installed an improved video monitoring system to increase campus security. A lockbox was added to the Fireside room for better control.
- Digitized all campus building drawings and plans to have permanent records
- Extensive tree-trimming to improve the health, safety and beauty of the campus
- Repaired the uneven concrete areas and applied root abatement measures to the shower tree in front of the Music building. This was done to prevent future buckling of the concrete slabs. A low tile wall and plants were added around the shower tree to further beautify the courtyard.
- Replanted a section of lawn in front of the Sanctuary. Stricter parking controls were implemented to limit parking on the grass.
- New air conditioner for the Von Hamm room and Sound room in the Sanctuary
- Repaired the speaker/amplifier system for the Chancel and choir loft
- Reroofed the Manse

The Church Council relegated the long-standing front lawn repair problem to an Ad Hoc Front Lawn Committee. The committee is awaiting bids to replant grass at the Diamond Head end of the campus.

Legacy Saturday volunteers continue to do tremendous work the second Saturday of each month doing maintenance projects that are beyond the scope or time constraints of the maintenance crew. For example, they repaired the concrete sidewalk along the driveway and Admin. Bldg courtyard; repaired & removed stains from the folding chairs in the Parish Hall; weeded, cleaned & restriped the lines in the Punahou parking lot; power-washed mildew from buildings & cleaned out storage areas.

Our buildings and grounds are used extensively by Church members as well as by many community organizations from morning until early evening. As our buildings & grounds grow older and activities demand increase usage, they will require more attention in order to provide the type of surroundings that we all desire and enjoy. The B&G ministry remains committed to continue maintaining them in the best possible condition. The ministry would like to hear any B&G concerns you may have. Write them down including your contact phone number to call and place it in the B&G mailbox in the Admin Building.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sanford Ching

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## REPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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*Submitted by Gloria Imamura*

The part-time Director of Children's Education, Katherine Hofman, resigned in May of 2010. John Stepulis planned and directed the summer Sunday school program with the help of the Children's Ministry Committee members and volunteers.

A full time Associate Minister for Children and Their Families – Gloria Imamura - was brought on staff September 15, 2010. Although her work here includes some of the customary pastoral duties such as preaching and funerals, she has worked closely with the preschool and with the Sunday school children.

The Sunday school continues to use the *Seasons of the Spirit* curriculum. It is a "green" curriculum, in that the lessons are emailed to the teachers, and they can print up the resources they wish to use for their lessons. This also means that it is a cost-saver, as the purchase price is less costly and we are hopefully wasting less in the way of unused workbooks, etc. It coordinates with the lectionary, so that the children are often hearing and learning about the same Bible passage that is the theme for the day in the worship services.

There has been an effort to continue the interaction between the older youth and the young children. Most months had one Sunday where the three Sunday school classes for children joined together in the Children's Ministry room, and George and Bridget Scott led a program with the older youth for the younger children. A few of these Sundays were craft-making events, where the older youth assisted the younger ones with the various craft projects.

Plans are currently under way for a Preschool Vacation Bible School this summer. It will happen during the weeks of July 25-29 and August 1-5.

Much thanks is due to the Children's Ministry members and Sunday school teachers. They have been patient with staff transitions and have faithfully served and loved our keiki. Thanks, too, to the Scotts and the youth who are willing to build relationships with the young.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY MINISTRY

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*Donna Rewick, Chair*

**“ . . . let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.”**

[John 3:18]

**Community Ministry's actions include:**

- **Thursday Banquet In The Park** - 125 meals are provided weekly and a worship service is held for the homeless. The 4th Thursday of the month a hot meal is provided and respective ministries of the church take a turn in serving one time a year.
- **Wednesday Bible Study & Lunch** - 30 meals are provided weekly at Old Stadium Park.
- **Next Step Shelter** - 175 meals are provided on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.
- **Family Promise** - Quarterly, 14 in-transition adults and children are hosted for a week (meals, sleeping arrangements) at CUC.
- **Kau Kau Wagon** - Quarterly, 200 meals are provided to KKW's weekly Saturday lunch outreach in Chinatown.
- **Winners For Life** - Financial support provided to help keep the afterschool program in operation during the school year.
- **Food Pantry** - Partnering with the Deacons (Blue Bags for Food), non-perishable food items are collected/distributed.
- **Emergency Assistance to individuals** - On a case-by-case basis.
- **White Gifts** - December of each year gifts donated by church members are then distributed to several agencies and park ministry participants.
- **Women In Transition** - Financial support provided to UCC Transition House.
- **Christmas Offering** - Tradition has our ministry being responsible for the distribution of part of the annual offering; our portion, \$3,618 purchased a PA system for the Pohnpeian Ministry outreach with the balance offsetting the cost of room dividers for Family Promise.

**Community Ministry** continues its emphasis on helping the congregation be aware of and relate itself to community issues and providing assistance to community organizations requiring help in our responsibility as a loving and faithful church extending Christian concern and action.

As a ministry we focus on four priorities:

- Youth
- Women In Transition
- Elderly
- Homeless

Everyone in our congregation is welcome to come help with any of the outreaches and services Community Ministry does.

**“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD,  
plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”**

[Jeremiah 29:11]

Thank you to the members who have worked faithfully during this past year:

*Martha Balkin, Shauna Candia, Lee Champion, Phyllis Freund, Scott Harada, Ken Harding, Lili Harris, Kathy Ingoglia, Elspeth Kerr, Carolyn Kuahulu, Ronny Lynn, Joy Marshall, Bob McLaren, Laurie Nakama, Donna Rewick, Gerre Scott, Kari Wilhite, and Becky Woodland.*

**A special thank you goes to our former Staff Liaison, the Rev. Dean Vestal; our former Church Council Reps, Ray Pratt and George Hao; our current Church Council Rep, Dusty Santos; and our current Staff Liaisons, the Rev. Radigan David and Mary Wu.**

*Joyfully Praise Him!*

*Donna Rewick*

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## REPORT OF THE DEACONS MINISTRY

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*Jeffrey Bingham Mead, Chair*

*"I first look up to heaven and remember that my principal business here is to get there; I then look down upon the earth, and call to mind how small a space I shall occupy in it when I come to be interred; I then look around in the world and observe what multitudes there are in all respects more unhappy than myself. Thus, I learn where true happiness is placed, where all our cares must end, and what little reason I have to repine or complain." The Friend. Honolulu: November 1844.*

The Deacons Ministry of Central Union Church traces its liturgical and leadership roots to the New Testament. With the seeds of the Christian Church sown, cultivated and thriving the Twelve Apostles quickly realized that something had to be done. Seven men of good character and sound reputation were chosen, and from there the servant leaders today known as the deacons was born.

This has been an eventful year for the Deacons Ministry. Central Union Church is truly blessed to have among its numbers a group of such dedicated and talented servant leaders.

The Deacons Ministry held a successful retreat on September 25 in the Fireside Room. We emerged re-energized, refocused and renewed in our commitment to the church. We were reminded that deacons are servant leaders who serve with gracious hospitality –not for glory. God's recipe for us is to seek inward substance through faith, extend that inward substance humbly but courageously to those we serve while also exercising Christian leadership.

We came away with a new definition of meekness –that it is not "weakness," but knowing who we are and knowing our limitations –not to be construed as a lack of power. We are here to be friends with the congregation and among ourselves. As servant leaders we are task-oriented, centering around the worship experience; that we are honest, do not have all the answers and that we have our limitations; that we long for a strong deaconate –not a strong personal image; that we deplore incompetence even when it makes us look better; that meekness and humility has a wonderful, spiritual dimension, and that we must do our best to be strong, compassionate listeners.

The deacons continued the tradition of working closely with our ministers and the deaconesses to provide kindly encouragement and gracious smiles through varied ministry activities.

With a new procedure the deacons continued to serve communion with the deaconesses. Deacons serve as greeters at church services. We offer food and spiritual sustenance with the ministers to the homeless, shut-ins and those among our church family facing burdens and challenges. Our ministry sponsors scholars through its Deacons Theological Scholarship Fund. We have served at numerous baptisms and funerals, Laity Sunday, Renewal Sunday, Christmas Eve services and more. The Deacons Blue Bag Food Drive has been a resounding success, all thanks to the generosity and support of our caring church family members.

What's next? The year ahead looks promising. We call upon the men of Central Union Church to join our ministry and to serve with God's grace. Those qualifications include being a male member of the church; living life with reverent character and reputation, and by the liturgical traditions of the United Church of Christ; embracing servant leadership and walking in submission to God's Word; and guides and ministers to the congregation with our pastors. Indeed, our best days are ahead!

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## REPORT OF THE DEACONESSES MINISTRY

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*Valerie Tanaka, Chair*

Members of the Ministry: Valerie Tanaka, Chair; Sandy Brown, Vice –Chair; Jackie Lane, Secretary; Melissa Goo, Treasurer; Liz Benton, Peggy Ching, Billie Clayton, Anita DiMauro, Chloe Dooley, Dee Helber, Imelda Joaquin, Sue Johnson, Bonnie Kealoha, Sun Konno,

Dr. Adrienne Lau, Marylyn Lee Loy, Pili Lee Loy, Sally Mist, Sarah Moriyama, Joan Murata, Jasmine Nickerson, Regina Shimomura, Ruth Stepulis, Elaine Stroka, Janice Trubitt, Elsie Tuttle, Merrill Uno, and Janet Weick. Our staff liaison is Rev. Dr. Lawrence Corbett.

As in the past, the Deaconesses assist in various duties consisting of committees: Communion, Nominating, Roses (for newborns), Visitation, Lay Readers (coordinating readers January- June), Funerals and Greeting. Each month we help to prepare communion for the 7am, the 9am and 11:30am services. One of our flagons was leaking so it was repaired but deemed unusable since they solder the metal joints and acid is used. With the help of a generous donation in memory of Dudley Pratt, a new communion set was selected and purchased in December, 2010. The communion silver was polished and cleaned with the help of the Deacons in October. Ruth Stepulis graciously accounted for and tallied all communion pieces, used for all 3 services. A new format of serving communion at the 9am service was implemented at the request of Rev. Corbett (to reduce the number of falls down the chancel steps) and is now working very well, after a couple of practice sessions and some tweaking to the procedures.

The Deaconesses were in charge of Laity Sunday services in September, 2010. Speakers were Carolyn Winston (7am), Dr. Elizabeth Ignacio (9am), and our very own Deaconess-sister, Joan Murata (11:30am). We assisted with serving at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic, helped to serve with the Park Ministry in February, 2011 and help the ministers with home communion celebrating the Christmas and Easter holidays. For Renewal Sunday, the Deaconesses assisted with food prep, manned our Deaconesses table and handed out flyers and magnets. We were also instrumental in assisting at Annual church meetings to insure that church members signed in, verified attendees numbers in order that quorum be established, and assisted with vote tallying.

This past year, we again assisted several women in crisis within our church community by providing much needed rental monies, monies needed for medicines, and monies needed for cleaning services for an elderly church member who was hospitalized. We also visit our home bound, sick and/or elderly women church members before Christmas and Easter, sending holiday greetings and letting them know that CUC is a caring church. The Deaconesses assisted with Rev. Dean Vestal's Farewell, presenting him with a custom stole also from the Deacons. The Deaconesses took the lead of the Palm Sunday breakfast, another successful CUC event.

As Deaconess Chair, I attend bi-monthly Worship & Evangelism committee meetings, monthly Council meetings and attended the 'Aha Mokupuni meetings held in Lihue, Kauai; Kunia; and Kailua, Hawaii. It is indeed enriching and fulfilling to learn more about Christianity and the UCC mission. I will serve as Chair of the Deaconesses Ministry for 1 more year and will be heading the W & E committee going forth.

The Deaconesses are a wonderful, strong group of faithful women "sisters" of various ages, ethnicities and backgrounds who are very willing to help and support our ministers and our church. We continue to look for new Deaconesses. Mahalo dear Deaconesses, for your hard work, your support, your continued faith and commitment.

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## REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP & FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

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*Jolene Gerell, Chair*

The mission statement of the Membership and Fellowship Ministry is to nurture and elevate the joyful experience of knowing God through Jesus Christ, conduct the process of membership into Central Union Church, foster fellowship among all members of the church, and share a welcoming spirit with our members, neighbors, friends, and guests.

In April of 2010, I was asked by our Senior Pastor, Rev. Corbett to assist in the "rebuilding" of this committee as there were only 2 members comprising of the committee and one had tendered his resignation, thereby leaving just 1 member on the committee. Needless to say, it has been a challenging year.

The end of April, we invited all those who had joined the church in 2009 and 2010 and had 20 attend a luncheon held at the Willows. We asked for volunteers to serve on the committee and at our first meeting in May, we had 8 people attend and 14 at our June meeting. We currently have 9 members who have faithfully served on the committee. While in the past this committee has been in charge of the Palm Sunday Brunch and the Independence Day Picnic, it has been unrealistic to undertake these events with so few members. We are thankful to the other ministries for taking on the responsibility of these events and hopefully, we will be able to assume these events once membership in this committee increases.

Our "big" project for the year was Renewal Sunday held in September with the theme "Central Union Church....A Good Place to Be....Faith, Families, Fellowship."

Working with the PreSchool Director, Marie Hook, invitations to attend on that Sunday were sent to all the preschool families and the children participated in our worship service. We had games and activities with the families in mind and Renewal Sunday was a great success. Not bad for 8 to 9 members doing everything from planning to cleanup.

We are currently soliciting thoughts and ideas for fellowship by articles in our church bulletin and the Spire. We should have some activities and events planned for all some time soon.

The membership and fellowship committee welcomes all who would like to be a part of this vital ministry of our church.

Faithfully,

Jolene Gerell, Chair

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## REPORT OF THE MUSIC MINISTRY

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*Cheryl Looper, Chair*

It has been another busy year filled with glorious music! We are all blessed to have access to the many choirs in residence at Central Union Church: Chancel Choir, Summer Choir, Pohnpeian Fellowship Choir, Cherub Choir, Keiki Khorale, Youth Choir, Oratorio Choir, Ke Aloha Pau'ole (Hawaiian Vocal Ensemble) and The Honolulu Boy Choir. We also enjoy the hand bell choirs (Keiki Klappers, Seri Sekesek and Beretania Bells), Contemporary Worship Team, CUC Soloists and the musicians from all over the world who share their talents at the Gift of Music held each Sunday morning.

All of the magnificent music would not be possible without our wonderful staff; led by Margaret Lloyd, Administrative Director of Music and Principal Organist (who also directs our hand bell choirs). Sangeet Gellhorn directs our Chancel, Oratorio and Summer Choirs. Claire Starz Butin leads our children's choirs and teaches music at the preschool. Rev. George and Bridget Scott direct our Youth Choir. We are so pleased to complete our staffing with the addition of Constance Uejio as the Assistant to the Administrative Director of Music and Principal Organist.

Our congregation and the community enjoyed concerts at CUC throughout the year, including the phenomenal performance of *Messiah* in December 2010 and a Spring Choral Concert with Mozart's *Solemn Vespers* in April 2011.

The Music Ministry welcomed new members in May 2010 and met every other month. We had a few additional meetings to work on projects including updating our ministry charter. Our ministry also improved our revenue accounting (by creating one new account and renaming another one) to better capture and account for funds received at our musical events. We also hope to establish an annual fundraising event and build a concert volunteer group to facilitate this and other music events at CUC.

Thank you to our volunteers who have helped us so much throughout the year. We continue to get support for our music library, children's and hand bell choirs, concerts and when we need to assist serving at the Banquet at the Park and man a table at Renewal Sunday. We also thank our Council liaison, John Stepulis, who has been both a logical voice of reason and a passionate advocate for our ministry.

We formally recognized our Music Program at the October 17<sup>th</sup> – Ministry of Music and Preschool Recognition Sunday, but we also informally say a thank you every time we smile or applaud after we hear music ring through the halls at Central Union Church.

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## REPORT OF THE SENIOR SERVICES MINISTRY

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*Suzie Schulberg, Chair*

Susan Johnson, Vice-Chair and Eleanor Wentworth, Secretary

Central Union Church's Senior Services Ministry had a wonderful, productive year! The success of the ministry's efforts and hard work is a direct result of the support, commitment, belief and faith of its members in working to promote the physical, spiritual and emotional health among seniors in our Congregation.

Below are the highlights of our Committee over the year:

- **Over 80's Party:** The Ministry enjoyed coordinating the *Over 80's Party* this year! The "Classic Movies" themed costume party was a hit! The youth did a wonderful job helping us serve our guests, as well as providing a wide variety of entertainment. We were thrilled that Rev. Corbett was able to join us and provide the invocation. The Over 80's Party always reminds our Ministry members why we LOVE being on this Ministry!!
- **Wheels of Faith:** Bob Coulter continues to coordinate this program that provides transportation for senior church members who no longer can drive to-and- from church for Sunday services and special events. Bob has developed a system for identifying church members in need, recruits volunteer drivers, and coordinates transportation. Thanks for all you do Bob!
- **Anniversary Sunday:** This event was a Senior Services Ministry Team event all the way! Our Ministry attended all three services to assist in recognizing members of the Congregation who have been members for over 50 years.
- **Health Education:** Bob Coulter coordinates this program which promotes healthy lifestyle and behaviors, including diet, exercise, health screenings, through education and awareness activities. Expert speakers educate church members and the public on a wide range of health topics, such as hearing, high blood pressure, and cancer.
- **Flu Shots:** On Sunday, October 3, 2010, The Senior Services Ministry partnered with HMSA and sponsored the 2nd Annual Flu Clinic at Central Union Church. Approximately 50 flu shots were given to members of the congregation. The Ministry plans to partner with HMSA in 2011 to sponsor another flu clinic that would be available to CUC congregation members as well as members of the community. Many thanks to former Senior Services Ministry member, Adrienne Lau for coordinating this event.
- **The Senior Center:** Ruth Stepulis has assumed responsibility and oversight of the Senior Center. Her responsibilities include oversight of
  - the Senior Center,
  - exercise and computer classes, and
  - future additional activities that are approved/endorsed by the Senior Services Ministry.Ruth also functions as liaison between the Senior Services Ministry and the Senior Minister. Ministry member Eleanor Wentworth serves as the Ministry's liaison to Ruth. Ruth has done and continues to do an outstanding job as the coordinating programs and providing oversight at the Center. The increased attendance at the Senior Center is a direct result of Ruth's planning and coordination of a diverse variety of programs, speakers and field trips for Center participants.

Mahalo and aloha to each and every individual who offers time and/or resources in reaching out to our seniors at Central Union Church.

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## REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

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*Respectfully Submitted, Alan K. Hirota*

This Stewardship Ministry is responsible for the solicitation of pledges from the Church Membership as a part of determining the annual budget. In 2011, we were also given the added responsibility of coordinating all fund raising in the Church. The Ministry was also changed from a seasonal effort for the stewardship drive to a year-round effort.

The multifaceted pledge campaign involved efforts made before and after Commitment Sunday on November 7, where the members of the church submitted their pledges. These efforts included;

- Speakers who presented moments of mission during the Sunday services in the months of October and November. The speeches of the speakers for each week were tied into specific committees and ministries selected for those weeks.
- The development, printing and mailing out of informational packets and pledge cards to the membership.
- A successful effort by John Stepulis to urge council members to submit their pledges early
- A telephone campaign organized by Jann Boxold to follow-up to make sure packets and pledge cards were received and to urge members to pledge.
- Members of the Ministry also participated in a work group organized by Miguel Asuncion to develop a more sophisticated and reliable membership data base. Among the many benefits of this effort will be a better base of information that can be available to the Stewardship Ministry for it's fund raising.

The membership responded and, as of April 1, 2011 has pledged \$628,626, which is 90% of our goal of \$700,000. The efforts of the Ministry will continue throughout the year.

The Ministry has also begun the effort to coordinate the fundraising in the church. The role of the Ministry will be that of a clearing house to keep track of all fundraising efforts and to avoid overtaxing the members of the congregation with multiple overlapping fundraising. The effort above was only accomplished with the contribution of the following;

- Ministry members: John Stepulis, Jann Boxold, Lisa Ignacio, Carl Johnsen, and Albert Turner.
- Volunteers who spoke at Sunday Moments of Ministry
- Volunteers who folded and stuffed envelopes for mailings
- Volunteers who made calls during the telephone campaigns
- Members of the staff and clergy including Rev. Larry Corbett, Miguel Asuncion, Tasha Sawai, Marie Hook, and the graphics work of Richard Braley.

Per direction of the Church Council the Stewardship Ministry will be increased to 15 members to tackle the year round effort. The Ministry has requested that the different ministries of CUC submit names of members to participate in this effort.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alan K. Hirota

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## REPORT OF THE USHERS

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*Darlene Krenzke, Acting Head Usher*

Before worshipers arrive, ushers open doors, turn on lights, straighten pews, distribute the Ritual of Friendship, test microphones, and light candles. We rope off pews for baptisms, communion, new members, choirs, or special visitors. Ushers help worshipers up the steps or push their wheelchair. Ushers try to note where family members sit so they can seat spouses together and children with parents. Ushers supervise the exit of children after the children's sermon, count the worshipers, collect the offering, and record the sermons. After the service ends, ushers deposit the offering, then clean and straighten Atherton Chapel, the Sanctuary, and/or the Parish Hall, recycle bulletins, and collect/sort the Ritual of Friendship pages.

Thank you to all the dedicated people who give of their time and effort to enhance the worship experience at Central Union Church:

...to the those who regularly assist at the 7:00am and 11:30am services;

...to the 7:00am worshipers who regularly come after the service to help set up for the 9:00am service;

...to our dedicated youth who assist with the collection of the offering at the 9:00am service and to the parents and full circle youth who fill in when the high school youth are singing;

...to the many volunteers who help clean up after the services without being asked; and

...to the many volunteers who usher at the Maundy Thursday, Easter, and Christmas Eve services passing out bulletins and candles, cleaning candles, and collecting offering. Without you, these special services would not run smoothly.

All are welcome to join us in passing out bulletins, collecting the offering, and cleaning up for all services. There are no age limits and on-the-job training is provided. To volunteer, speak to any of the ushers when you arrive, or jump in and lend a hand. Many hands make the job go faster. All assistance is greatly appreciated.

Mahalo,  
Darlene Krenzke  
Acting Head Usher

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## REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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*Ruth Chang, Chair*

All women of Central Union Church are members of the Women's League. Many have served directly or indirectly in its ministry and program. We gratefully acknowledge their contributions and involvement.

The Executive Board is comprised of 7 elected officers and 8 appointed committee chairs, together with the representatives from the Church Council, Deaconesses, and Woman's Board of Mission. In 2010, the Executive Board met monthly to plan programs and review progress.

Each year, 2 general membership meetings are held to which all women of the church are invited. At our May 14, 2010 meeting, new officers were installed and scholarship students were introduced. At the December 11, 2010 meeting, the budget for 2011 was passed.

The Thrift Shop is managed by Harry Price and staffed by over 25 faithful and cheerful volunteers from the Women's League. In 2010, \$74,149 were raised from personal contributions and net income from the Thrift Shop. These funds were distributed as follows:

- 30% to Central Union Church.
- 21% to UCC national, local and women's board of mission for Pacific Island ministries.
- 18.9% to nonprofit organizations in our community such as Waikiki Health Center, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, HIS, etc.
- 26.6% for 19 scholarship grants.
- 0.9% to Central Union Church programs (e.g., Winners for Life, Sanctuary Flower Fund, Women's Building Fund).
- 0.4% for the Special Need Benevolence (including \$1000 for a church special need and \$500 for farewell party honoring Rev. Dean Vestal).

Every Sunday, beautiful floral arrangements were made possible by the Flower Committee. In addition, the committee arranged special decorations for Christmas and Easter. The Scholarship Committee awarded \$1000 each to 19 worthy college students from 150 applicants.

In service and fellowship, amidst laughter and fun, the Women's League serves the Lord with gladness.

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## REPORT OF THE WORLD MISSIONS MINISTRY

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*Nicanor F. Joaquin, Md, Chair*

WORLD MISSION MINISTRY - Ruth Terna

The World Mission Ministry continues to work tirelessly to determine the best way to use our limited resources in helping other around the world and bring the word of Christ.

The following are programs that are being supported by CUC. Much time goes into researching each project before offering support.

- 1) Donald Camara, A medical student in Sierra Leone, West Africa to study medicine and become a village physician. This project is through Carol Owen, who goes to Sierra Leone to oversee this project.
- 2) Ongoing projects in Philippines help UCC with their ministry training of the ministers as well as construction of much needed place to worship. This project is through Samuel and Remy Sonson.
- 3) In Swaziland Africa, through the effort of Margie Smith, projects in helping build farming facilities and also source of income to Christian care givers of children orphaned by AIDS.
- 4) The UCC church conference office in Pohnpei Federated States of Micronesia through Rev. Radigan David with the renovation and additions of bathroom facilities to permit participations of all genders of the conference offices.
- 5) Glorian Daihoiboi of Pohnpei Federated States of Micronesia to attend 2011 Agricultural and Community Development Program at the Asian Research Institute (ARI) based in Tokyo, Japan founded under the UCC sponsorship. Susan Wong oversees this project.

Respectfully yours,

Nicanor F. Joaquin, Md

Chairman, World Mission Ministry

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## REPORT OF THE YOUTH MINISTRY

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*Charlene Lorenzo, Chair*

Youth Ministry Chairperson: Charlene Lorenzo / Youth Team Leaders: George & Bridget Scott / Youth Coordinator: Carol Asuncion

The Youth Ministry is proud of its accomplishments and participation from its members, parents and youth. Our focus this year is to increase youth participation, encourage parent volunteer and welcome new members. During this year we have planned many fundraisers such as the Punahou Carnival Parking & Shrove Tuesday Dinner & Silent Auction, which happens to be our biggest and successful fundraisers.

Our younger youths had the opportunity to take a trip to Kauai to learn about our land, plants, hands on activities and fellowship with one another. This was a very rewarding experience for our youth and they came away with lasting memories.

Our high school students went on a mission trip to San Francisco to help feed the homeless, do clean-up work for various businesses and fellowship. This was part of the *Youth With A Mission* (YWAM) program in San Francisco. The students stayed in housing provided by YWAM. Our high schoolers came away with life learning experiences and memories.

The Youth Ministry provides Confirmation Classes for 8th graders, Graduation Recognition for high school seniors and an opportunity to lend their wonderful voices to our outstanding Youth Choir led by our very own Rev. George Scott.

Some of the other activities our young people get involved in are, the Chili Sale in September, making sandwiches for the KauKau Wagon to help the community, collect & put together school supplies for Kuhio School, participate in the church's Christmas Drive-Thru, pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, help with Thanksgiving food-drive, gathering of White Gifts, help with the Over 80's party and Palm Sunday brunch, decorate the cross the day before Easter and are responsible for the 6 AM Easter sunrise service.

In 2010 we visited the Hawaiian Railroad Society, hiked at Maunawili and pulled invasive seaweed from Maunalua Bay.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene Lorenzo

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## REPORT OF THE CHURCH HISTORIANS

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*Suzanne Case and Rosemary Eberhardt, Historians/Archivists*

Historians Suzanne Case and Rosemary Eberhardt, with one or two volunteers, spend each Monday morning organizing and filing information about the activities of Central Union Church. We are also available by appointment. This has been quite a productive year.

Most importantly, Rosemary has created a spread sheet where we can record every person who has ever been a member of Central Union, from 1887 to date. The information is available in many different forms, but is difficult to access. Each person is assigned a number when they join the church, and the names have been recorded by hand in large black ledgers since the beginning. BUT, this essentially means that the only organization is by number, that is, chronologically. The new system will allow us to sort by name. This will be an immense improvement.

In order to move more rapidly, we use two computers. Rosemary is entering the names only, and wonderful volunteer Dee Helber follows by entering all other information we have - e.g., addresses; family members; birth, baptism, marriage and death dates; when they left this church and why; the next church they joined, etc., etc. We have information on more than 14,000 current and former members to enter; the good news is that the initial phase - names only - is up to the half-way mark, member # 8568 in 1955. (Of course, our computer work is backed up every working day, both on- and off-site.)

We have been able to assist several Council ministries: the Preschool is trying to develop an alumni list; we located information on the beginnings of the Counseling Center and Aloha Week; we located an earlier copy of the Personnel Manual for comparison purposes; we help locate information in trustee/council minutes.

We file constantly! We file paper copies of member information after SOME of that information has been transferred by the staff to the current CUC data base. In other words, we have more complete information on current and former members than the administration has in its current data base.

Consequently, we receive many small requests for information, often for genealogical purposes. For instance, one Arizona request for information from the 1840s required several hours of research and about two hours to create the report. There is no charge for this service, but we include information so that a donation can be made to the church if desired.

An exciting new project this year was to share the information we have about members of the Portuguese Evangelical Church/Pilgrim Church (a church formed by CUC in the 1890s and supported by us until 1940) with the Portuguese Historical and Genealogical Society volunteers, who are creating a data base of ALL Portuguese people who have come to Hawaii from the early 1800s on - their data base includes over 250,000 individuals.

Another new excitement for Archives is connected with Central Union's marvelous new website, thanks to our master webmaster Kerry Krenske. He decided to put the whole book *Central Union Church 1887-1988*, written in 1988 by Jean Dabagh and Suzanne Espenett Case, on the website - the whole book including pictures, footnotes and sources, not an easy task. As a consequence we are getting new requests for information from all over the website world! Thank you, Kerry.

And Suzanne writes "Some Time Ago..." - a small article for each issue of the Spire.

**TOTAL NUMBER OF WEDDINGS: 653**

Total Number of Member/local Weddings: 79

	<u>Date of Wedding</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>
1.	1/2/2010	Kimura, Brandon Mikala	Hashimoto, Lauren Naomi
2.	1/2/2010	Harvey, Ryan James	<b>Mott, Carolyn Louise</b>
3.	1/2/2010	Johnston, Sean Kanao	Lum, Jamie Chui Wah
4.	1/9/2010	Tuimalealifano, I'amafana L.V.	Jorgensen, Dana Elizabeth
5.	1/9/2010	<b>Kelsey, Quinn Kamakanalani</b>	Owens, Marjorie Lynn
6.	1/10/2010	<b>Currivan, Andrew Morgan</b>	Teruya, Kimm Marie
7.	1/16/2010	<b>Chan, Wilson Gin Hung</b>	Lam, Stephanie Chi Ming
8.	1/16/2010	Tolentino, Ashley Ribao	Yap, Sadie Ann Kalena
9.	1/17/2010	Kato, Vernon Katsumi	Kim, Michelle Yungja
10.	1/28/2010	King, Lorne Boyd	Russell, Gladys
11.	1/30/2010	Kim, Reuben S.	Kim, Rae M.N.
12.	2/25/2010	Lio, Sengwai	Zhang, Aiyen
13.	2/27/2010	Yamaguchi, Chad Tomokazu	Sasano, Darryin Leanne
14.	2/27/2010	Choi, Christopher	Matsumoto, Nicole
15.	3/6/2010	Enomoto, Grant Takeo	Wong, Amanda Ellaine Fujimura
16.	3/20/2010	Castillo, Marc Ryan	Jim On, Brandi Mei Ling
17.	3/20/2010	Thyng, Marc	Siu, Kristin M.
18.	3/27/2010	Chow, Michael Curtis	Eguchi, Kristen Mallia
19.	3/27/2010	Murakami, Marcus Min	Kuhn, Lana Marie
20.	4/17/2010	Wilson, Kevin John Jr.	Von Herring, Melody
21.	4/24/2010	Youngstrom, Sisuo	Semens, Ionie
22.	5/1/2010	Nishimura, Michael Stephen	Sohn, Kristen Hyobee
23.	5/8/2010	Sato, Hideyuki	Otsuka, Emiri
24.	5/15/2010	De Guzman, Vincent	Floros, Vicky
25.	5/15/2010	<b>Lau, James Anthony</b>	Perry, Yvette Kay
26.	5/17/2010	Onuma, Robert Toshiyuki	Sakane, Kanae
27.	5/22/2010	Swenson, Eric Wood	Kushida, Yukiji
28.	5/23/2010	Ueda, Akio	Wakayama, Chika
29.	6/1/2010	Fung, Chun Yip	Luo, Xiao Huan
30.	6/4/2010	Harada, Hiroyuki	Mochida, Miho
31.	6/5/2010	Cummings, Shane Scott	Magalion, Megan, Marie
32.	6/5/2010	Oyama, Toshiyaki	Hatakeyama, Sayaka
33.	6/5/2010	Rodriguez, Jimmy	Kishimoto, Jessica Kimiko
34.	6/5/2010	Warren, Brian David	Rodrigues, Lori Allison
35.	6/13/2010	Sizemore, Perry Owen	<b>Weick, Maren Luana</b>
36.	6/19/2010	Duquecolon, Juan Pedro	Yuhashi, Loma Linda
37.	6/20/2010	Laurel, Christian Hammett	Lau, Winnie Wing-Yan
38.	6/26/2010	Ching, Terence Kwai Hin	Kuniyuki, Marisa Yuri
39.	6/27/2010	Hui, David	Jeng, Grace
40.	7/5/2010	Lavarias, Adrian Lyle	Wang, Jessica Yan-Kay
41.	7/10/2010	Okubo, Nathan Tetsuo	Catalan, Noelle B.
42.	7/10/2010	Jensen, James Alexander IV	Yurugenera, Elena Luouna
43.	7/17/2010	Yung, Brandon Wai Ho	Sakata, Jaimie-Lynn Miyuki

44.	7/24/2010	Nakamaejo, Jason Fumio	Cruz, Encarnacion A.B.
45.	7/24/2010	Rice, Jeremy Christopher	delaCruz, Miriam Miguel
46.	7/25/2010	Abranyi, Neil Francis	Nakamura, Makiko
47.	7/31/2010	Yee, Howard Jyun Tung	Rae, Stephanie
48.	8/7/2010	Oshiro, Lance, Hidenari	White, Nancy Sayuri
49.	8/9/2010	Miller, Scott Franklin	Itamura, Chika
50.	8/14/2010	Bielik, Matthew Brian	Medeiros, Jennifer Keliilanae
51.	8/26/2010	Park, Dal Ho	Sue, Mary
52.	9/4/2010	Agcaoili, Rodel Calbero	Saculles, Rachel Arsenal
53.	9/6/2010	Albert, Jeffrey Marshall	Fraize, Elizabeth Jean
54.	9/18/2010	Yamashita, Brandon Kazu	Lopez, Esther Marie T.
55.	9/18/2010	Murai, Nozomu	Tomizawa, Rin
56.	9/25/2010	Kagaya, Osamu	Hayashi, Chikage
57.	9/25/2010	Lim, Daniel Jin Hoon	Jung, Hyun Kyung
58.	10/1/2010	Becker, Scott Roy	dos Santos, Romana Nogueira
59.	10/1/2010	Masuya, Tadao	Sakakibara, Risa
60.	10/2/210	Oda, Jason Yashiro	Goo, Dana Kuroda
61.	10/5/2010	Tobias, Daniel Lewis	Masuko, Maki
62.	10/7/2010	Ogawa, Nobuhiko	Amekawa, Rie
63.	10/9/2010	Aea, Kamuela Matthew K.	MacLeith, Aubrey Allyson
64.	10/9/2010	Cowan, David Allen	Kawasaki, Shari Sachi
65.	10/10/2010	deGuzman, Ronald Ortiz	Yoshida, Priscilla Bernal
66.	10/15/2010	Shin, William Joongkee	Li, Veronica Jong Eun
67.	10/17/2010	Thompson, Alan Harry	Lin, Ruth Mee Fung
68.	10/24/2010	Nakamura, Hideki	Satsuna, Hisae
69.	11/5/2010	Okano, Ken Robert	Nakayama, Kaori
70.	11/6/2010	Fa'avi, Derek Duane	Salakielu, Sinaitakala Fotuleva
71.	11/20/2010	Kohler, Henry George	Massey, Judith Lee
72.	11/20/2010	Ablan, Jonathan John	Cabural, Lynette Cortez
73.	11/23/2010	Nogiwa, Daisuke	Tsuji, Saori
74.	11/26/2010	Kobayashi, Hironori	Fujiki, Arisa
75.	11/28/2010	So, Alan Ka Lun	Duong, Kimberly Anh
76.	12/3/2010	Imai, Kei	Yoshito, Maki
77.	12/4/2010	Yamane, Lee Shoji	Yoshida, Trisha Lee Mieko
78.	12/20/2010	Almazan, David Bonoan	Shibata, Tae
79.	12/30/2010	Komin, Dmitriy	Rosales, Kathleen Sui Lin

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**REPORT OF BAPTISMS 2010**

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**January 2010**

Jan. 17      **Aiden Kala'i Gerell,**      born Dec. 14, 2008, son of Randal Keola and Erin Kili'ohu Gerell

**February 2010**

Feb. 07      **Glynis Clare Kai'ulani Chung,**      born May 3, 2008, daughter of Raymond K. Chung and Kathleen  
T.      **Baldrige**  
Feb. 10      **Kaedan Sovanareth Kong,**      born Jan. 16, 2009, son of Philina Kong  
Feb. 14      **Emily Mariko Oshiro,**      born Dec. 7, 2009, daughter of Kelly and Charmaine Oshiro  
Feb. 21      **Elijah Malanai Johnsen,**      born Oct. 13, 2009, son of Mellisa Lani Johnsen

**March 2010**

Mar. 21      **Charles Michael Schulberg,**      born Oct. 5, 2009, son of Jeffrey Michael and Suzanne Orr  
Schulberg  
Mar. 21      **Lucas Asher Niles**      born Apr. 20, 2009, son of Andrew Leo and Jessica Sachiko Niles

**April 2010**

Apr. 4      **Joshua Matthew Konno-Lum**      born Jun. 20, 2009, son of Jason Edmund W.L. Lum and Lisa Yuri  
Konno  
Apr. 4      **Jason Edmund W.L. Lum**

**May 2010**

May 2      **Ailie Marina Kaji**      born Jan 1, 2009, daughter of Kevin and Kaori H. Kaji  
May 2      **Elisa Runa Kaji**      born Nov. 18, 2009, daughter of Kevin and Kaori H. Kaji  
May 2      **Kevin Kaji**  
May 2      **Kaori Kaji**  
May 16      **Genesis Denny Kilafaken**      born Oct. 4, 2009, son of Melvin Kilafaken and Carla Livai  
May 23      **Sarah Ellen Mudrick**      born May 13, 1996, daughter of Carol and Eleanor Mudrick  
May 23      **Sydnee Lihong Halcro**      born July 13, 1996, daughter of Douglas and Deborah Halcro  
May 23      **Kaylah Wen Halcro**      born Oct. 16, 2000, daughter of Douglas and Deborah Halcro  
May 30      **Mark La'akea Cusumano**      born July 29, 2009, son of Michael Kalani and Rochelle Iwalani  
Cusumano  
May 30      **Faith Hi'ilani Vidinha**      born Aug. 24, 2009, daughter of Richard and Janel Vidinha  
May 30      **Abigail Christine Tegeler**      born Oct. 5, 2009, daughter of Joshua and Tiffany Pinkston  
Tegeler  
May 30      **Marlo Dean Santos**      born May 30, 2002, son of Lawrence Edwin Santos and Lois  
Ludwig  
May 30      **Marshall Edwin Santos**      born Aug. 12, 2004, son of Lawrence Edwin Santos and Lois  
Ludwig  
May 30      **Marty Tristan Santos**      born Dec. 12, 2007, son of Lawrence Edwin Santos and Lois  
Ludwig  
May 30      **Marcus Tashwin Santos**      born Feb. 19, 2009, son of Lawrence Edwin Santos and Lois  
Ludwig

**June 2010**

Jun. 6      **Jacob William Schmidt**      born Sep. 5, 2009, son of Gregory W. Schmidt and Abigail S.  
Harada  
Jun. 6      **Olivia Sutima Schmidt**      born Sep. 5, 2009, daughter of Gregory W. Schmidt and Abigail S.  
Harada  
Jun. 6      **Gregory W. Schmidt**  
Jun. 6      **Abigail S. Harada**

Jun. 20	<b>Robert Kenneth Fleming</b>	born Apr. 10, 2010, son of Todd Robert and Kathryn Chun Fleming
Jun. 20	<b>Neiomi Edwin</b>	born Aug. 27, 2009, daughter of Widell and Shirley Edwin
Jun. 27	<b>Kalena Nicole Malie Stietzel</b>	born Dec. 16, 2009, daughter of Keleko Moses Stietzel and Kalei Chandler-Ah Sing
<b>July 2010</b>		
<b>August 2010</b>		
Aug. 8	<b>Bryan Mun Wai Tanaka</b>	
<b>September 2010</b>		
<b>October 2010</b>		
Oct. 10	<b>Matthew Foster</b>	born Aug. 24, 1998, son of Kevin and Shirley Foster
Oct. 10	<b>Shirley Foster</b>	
Oct. 16	<b>Emma Sofia Honukulani Walden</b>	born May 17, 2010, daughter of Bradley James and Ashley Devon Adams-Walden
<b>November 2010</b>		
<b>December 2010</b>		
Dec. 11	<b>Rylan Takiti Gasilos</b>	born Oct. 7, 2010, son of Kenneth and Nicole Gasilos
Dec. 12	<b>Landon Solano Lau</b>	born Jan. 12, 2010, son of David CH and Norelyn S. Lau
Dec. 12	<b>Kira Anne Xiaojue Schweikert</b>	born Aug. 8, 2006, daughter of Mary Patricia Schweikert
Dec. 19	<b>Tysen Luke Ruiz</b>	born May 28, 2009, son of Ryan-Jason and Erica Ruiz
Dec. 19	<b>Ethan Khunatham White</b>	born June 2, 2010, son of Benjamin Orr and Nipaporn White

**Total number of children (33) and adults (7) baptized: 40 TOTAL**

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**IN MEMORIAM**  
**REPORT OF DEATHS RECORDED 2010**

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<u>Deceased Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Age of Deceased</u>
Bond, Benjamin Jr.	01/09/10	86 years old
Hollier, Richard "Dick"	01/18/10	79 years old
Peyton, Johanna E.	01/24/10	87 years old
Chun, Jacqueline	02/09/10	80 years old
Burum, Bernice	03/17/10	88 years old
Hargrave, Ruby	03/14/10	84 years old
Donnelly, Howard C.	03/09/10	90 years old
Short, Clarence	04/10/10	93 years old
Uyeoka, Ralph I.	05/09/10	90 years old
Malak, Marell E.	05/13/10	93 years old
Midkiff, Marjorie	05/19/10	90 years old
Pratt, C. Dudley	05/26/10	82 years old
Knez, Eugene	06/05/10	94 years old
Harada, Toshiko	06/23/10	87 years old
Peck, Betty P.	07/10/10	94 years old
Chu, Esther L.	07/15/10	91 years old
Saffery, Samuel	08/12/10	99 years old
Capello, Reba	08/27/10	74 years old
Taft, Kenneth B.	09/02/10	91 years old
Withington, Grace	10/12/10	95 years old
Broadbent, Barbara	11/09/10	88 years old
Marnie, Cynthia H.	11/25/10	92 years old
Arnott, Elizabeth	12/29/10	89 years old
Smith, Jean A.	01/01/94	72 years old
Dyke, Meta	06/01/95	90 years old
Gulledge, William H.	07/05/95	82 years old
Finnan, Howard F.	04/12/99	85 years old
Lee, Lei K.	08/29/99	82 years old
Kella, Polly J.	03/10/00	80 years old
Slipher, David C.	07/15/00	89 years old
Matsunaga, Herbert T	07/23/00	67 years old
Werth, Dolores J.	04/26/01	86 years old
Haas, Howard L. Sr.	02/09/02	90 years old
Haas, Elizabeth	06/24/04	92 years old
Hewson, Bertha E.	02/06/05	84 years old
Hewson, John F.	11/11/05	88 years old
Foley, John	12/10/06	74 years old
Newbold, Cecelia S.	02/10/07	87 years old
Salvani, Valentine	10/09/07	89 years old
Jefferson, Mary Jean	06/06/08	90 years old
Glatt, Florence E.	06/20/08	90 years old
Glatt, Harold, H.	06/23/08	94 years old
Dorr, Nancy	08/21/08	86 years old
Susott, Kathryn	02/15/09	90 years old
Lazarnick, Verna	03/29/09	92 years old
Dumont, John	06/24/09	72 years old
Stenstrom, Patsy T.	09/18/09	82 years old
Bowman, Yvonne F.	10/20/09	93 years old