

St. Mark's on the Campus
2011 Annual Meeting

January 23, 2011



*... A light on the corner,
providing food human & divine*

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ADDITIONAL REPORTS PROVIDED AT MEETING

Rector’s Annual Address	will be in final report
Annual Poem by Mark Musick	will be in final report

CHURCH OFFICIALS FOR 2011

VESTRY

Class of 2012 (final year)	Opal Doerr
	Timothy Hill
	Colleen Baade
Class of 2013 (2 more years)	Don Gray
	Todd Sneller
	Lisa Sutton
Class of 2014 (3 more years)	Kate Maattala-Sirota
	Berwyn Jones
	Donna Harler-Smith
Student Appointments (annual)	Christopher Slane
Senior Warden	Lyn Forester
Junior Warden	Jim Karas
Treasurer	Stephanie Hill
Assistant Treasurer	Open
Clerk	Opal Doerr

DIRECTORS OF MINISTRIES

Acolytes & Chalice Bearers	Todd Sneller
Altar Guild	Kathy Schmutte
Lectors	Bob Stock, Pippa Lawson
Ushers	Robert Kuzelka

COMMITTEE & GROUP CHAIRS

Arts Committee	Open
Building & Grounds	Lisa Sutton
Campus Ministry	Chris Slane
Community Service Group	Kim Thomason
Finance	Mark Musick
Gathering Place	Ann Puls
Eucharistic Visitors	Jeanine Jewell
Pantry	Anne Puls
Pastoral Care	Nancy Benton-Brown
Prayer Chain	Gwen Tilley
Special Events	Nancy Benton-Brown and Opal Doerr
Worship	Fr Jerry Thompson
Administrative Assistant	Denise Meredith
Director of Music	Kurt Knecht
Christian Education	Natalie Shepard
Nursery Attendant	Margaret Fairchild
Sexton	Trevor Vargason

ST. MARK'S ON THE CAMPUS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2011 ANNUAL MEETING - January 23, 2011
Agenda

1. Opening Prayer (Fr. Jerry Thompson)
2. Appointment of Secretary: Opal Doerr (Fr. Jerry Thompson)
3. Approval of 2010 minutes
4. Further comments from the Rector
5. Report of the Nominating Committee
 - a. Acceptance of Nominations from the Floor
 - b. Election of Wardens and New Vestry Members (Fr. Jerry Thompson)
6. Reports (oral or by title):
 - a. Administrative Assistant
 - b. Adult Formation
 - c. Altar Guild
 - d. Audit Committee
 - e. Building & Grounds Committee
 - f. Campus Ministry Committee
 - g. Clergy
 - h. Community Service Group
 - i. Finance Advisory Committee
 - j. Finance and Treasurer Report
 - k. Gathering Place
 - l. Music
 - m. Nominating Committee
 - n. Pantry
 - o. Personnel Committee
 - p. Special Events Committee
 - q. Vestry and Wardens
 - r. Youth Formation
7. Treasurer's Report (Mark Musick/ Stephanie Hill)
8. Appointments (Fr. Jerry Thompson)
 - a. Student Members of Vestry: Christopher Slane
9. Election of Delegates/Alternates to Diocesan Councils
 - a. Episcopal Election (June 4th, Hastings) – Berwyn Jones, Ray Lowther, Bob Kuzelka
 - b. Annual Council (Nov 3-5, North Platte) – Berwyn Jones, Ray Lowther, Jeanine Jewell
10. Outgoing Senior Warden Remarks (Joyce Wagner)
11. Vestry Election Results (Joyce Wagner)
12. Election of Wardens (Fr. Jerry Thompson)
13. Other Business
14. Presentation of Awards (Lyn Forester)
15. Poem (Mark Musick)
16. Adjournment

2010 Annual Meeting Minutes

Reported by Opal Doerr
For the meeting on January 24, 2010

Opening Prayers -- Fr. Jerry Thompson

Appointment of Secretary – Opal Doerr

Approval of 2009 Minutes:

- Roger Wait moved that we approve the minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Connie Backus-Yoder. **Motion Approved: All.**

Report of Nominating Committee – Todd Sneller

Ballots were distributed for election of the new Vestry members. There were two changes to the ballot. Diocesan officials determined that, as a deacon, Roger Wait was not eligible to serve on the Vestry. Todd had kept Roger apprised of the possibility as soon as a question had been raised. He informed Roger of the Diocesan decision as soon as it was known, but, unfortunately, after the ballots had been printed. In addition, Lyn Forester has agreed to serve as Junior Warden, so an additional person will need to be selected to serve out her Vestry term. The four nominees who receive the most votes will serve.

Before voting, the ballot was opened for nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were made. Nominees were: Todd Sneller, Don Gray, Lisa Sutton, Colleen Baade, and Donna Harler-Smith.

Nominees were given a brief opportunity to speak and then voting took place. Doug Durham and Tim Hill collected and counted the ballots while the meeting proceeded.

Reports (Oral or by Title) – *See Attachments plus additional comments below.*

- Administrative Assistant
- Adult Formation
- Altar Guild
- Audit Committee
- Building & Grounds Committee
- Campus Ministry Committee
- Clergy -- The Rev. Sidnie White Crawford thanked SMoC for being such a supportive parish. It was noted that Deacon Christine had not been asked for a report and did not submit one.
- Community Service Group
- Financial Advisory Committee
- Gathering Place
- Music
- Nominating Committee (see above and election results, below)
- Pantry
- Personnel Committee
- Special Events Committee
- Youth Formation

Treasurer's Report -- Mark Musick

2009 ended up with a positive balance of about \$860. Although pledged offerings decreased, plate offerings and faith contributions increased and largely made up the difference. Faith contributions are contributions over a pledged amount and contributions designated for specific uses.

Mark thanked Denise Meredith for her assistance as the SMOc administrative assistant. Mark also thanked Stephanie Hill who served as Assistant Treasurer in 2009. For 2010, Stephanie will be Treasurer and Mark will serve as Assistant Treasurer.

The separate collection for Outreach efforts, begun in May, provided about \$3,400 for the Gathering Place, the People's City Mission, St. Monica's, and the missionary work of Bob and Ellen Snow. This second collection is separate from the SMOc budget. It appears that continuing the second collection on first Sundays of the month will provide almost the same amount cut from the 2009 Budget for outreach.

Overages in the Office Equipment and Music/Worship line items were not due to any specific item. The overage in Payroll was a one-time cost for shifting Fr. Thompson's health insurance to be through Lincoln Public Schools, where Carol Thompson now works.

This past year, money was borrowed from the Allington Fund to pay for replacement of an air conditioning unit that failed.

The budget for 2010 is a balanced budget. Several factors helped make this possible:

- Fr. Thompson now has his health insurance through Carol Thompson's new employer, Lincoln Public Schools.
- There are no staff wage increases included – Mark suggests the budget situation be reviewed in June, and -- if possible – consider adding some amount of wage increase.
- An increase in pledges, which had initially been adjusted down, but additional pledges came in.

In 2010, we began a new fund for future HVAC replacements, which will be funded at \$100 per month. This will hopefully both repay the Allington Fund and lessen our dependence on it for HVAC replacement in the future. The Allington Fund currently has about \$32,000. The Episcopal Fund, from which we can only use interest proceeds, has \$40,000.

It was noted that 2008 Budget year ended with a negative balance, forcing use of General Funds to make up the difference. A parishioner suggested that if we have any surplus, we should consider repaying the General Fund. Parishioners can contribute to this effort by Faith Contributions which are designated for the General Fund.

Appointments – Fr. Jerry Thompson

Kelly Grey Carlisle, Nathan Schulte, and Chris Slane were appointed as Student Vestry members.

Election of Delegates and Alternates for Annual Council

Annual Council will be in Kearney, NE, on November 11 – 13. Delegates nominated: John Flint, Berwyn Jones, and Robin Mahoney. Alternate delegate nominated: Sarah Fairchild.

- Don Gray moved that the nominated delegates and alternative delegate be approved. Motion was seconded by Craig Lawson. Motion Approved: All.

Vestry Election Results

The results of the Vestry election were:

- Three-Year Term [Class of 2010]: Todd Sneller, Don Gray, and Lisa Sutton
- Completing Lyn Forester's term for two years: Colleen Baade

Election of Wardens

Having completed her term as Junior Warden, Joyce Wagner moves to the position of Senior Warden. Lyn Forester has agreed to serve as Junior Warden.

- Roger Wait moved that the new Senior Warden and Junior Warden be approved. Motion was seconded by John Flint. Motion Approved: All.

Other Business

- Fr. Jerry thanked the staff, both paid and unpaid, for their dedication to SMOc.
- Fr. Jerry also shared that the Cornerstone Board recently moved, and then tabled until next month, to disband the Cornerstone Ministry. Cornerstone has co-located here at SMOc since last August.

Drawings for Window Dedication -- Bob Kuzelka

Berwyn Jones won the drawing to dedicate the final stained glass window in the sanctuary. The raffle had been undertaken to pay for the final expenses of the windows, but upon reviewing the window finances, the raffle proceeds were not necessary for that, so all the proceeds will benefit The Pantry. Two consolation prizes – Little Marcus calendars – were also awarded to Peg Sheldrick and Kevin Cole.

Presentation of Awards – Opal Doerr

The Awards Committee selected Nancy Benton-Brown and Darrell Brown as winners of the Extraordinary Service Award for their service and leadership on the Pastoral Care and Special Events committees.

The Awards Committee also decided to present the Peek Award this year. The Peek Award recognizes long term, enduring service to SMOc. The award is not given annually – only when an individual is observed to be worthy. The [surprised!] recipient was *Bob Kuzelka*.

Annual Poem – Mark Musick

An epic of consistently high quality!

Adjournment

- John Flint moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Andrea Nelson. Motion Approved: All.

2010 Senior Warden's Report **Reported By Joyce Wagner, Senior Warden**

I would like to thank Fr. Jerry and the vestry for a productive but challenging year. A special thank you to Opal for recording the minutes at each meeting, to Stephanie and Mark our dedicated treasurers, and to the outgoing members; Ray Lowther, Doug Durham and Julie Lowe.

A recap of 2010:

Personnel committee met several times to review and revise the policy and procedure's manual, letters of agreement, and evaluation forms. An evaluation was conducted on Fr. Jerry this fall. The remaining staff evaluations need to be completed by Fr. Jerry. Both Anne Puls and Joyce Wagner are available to be contacted to fill in for Denise when she is either ill or on vacation.

On May 5, a vestry retreat was held at Doane College Lincoln on the 4Mat model about different learning styles which was interesting and productive.

May 22 was a special day as Bob Schlismann our curate was ordained at Holy Trinity Episcopal church. St. Mark's members assisted with the reception.

A big thank you to Chris Slane for organizing the Waters of Hope in Nebraska to raise funds for a well in Sudan which generated just under \$13,000.

September 26, an appreciation reception for Christine Gosh was given at Lisa Sutton's home for her many years of service as our deacon. She is greatly missed.

Bob Kuzelka chaired the committee to investigate the possibility of installing a columbarium in our church. The survey results are in favor of this addition.

An anonymous member has generously given a substantial gift to install solar panels.

The discernment committee for Chris Slane consisted of the chair Robin McDannel, John Orr, Bob Kuzelka and Joyce Wagner. We met several times and highly recommended that Chris pursue the priesthood.

Many thanks to the parish for your dedication and hard work that makes SMOC so special.

2010 Administrative Assistant **Reported by Denise Meredith**

My fourth year at St. Mark's on the Campus was one of stable, routine office procedures. This year, I have enjoyed working closely with Treasurer Stephanie Hill – as accounting continues to be a large portion of my weekly routine. We continuously refine every aspect of the bookkeeping system to ensure that accurate contribution records are provided, bills are paid in a timely manner, bank account statements are balanced, detailed reports are provided on a regular monthly basis, payroll and payroll taxes are submitted accurately, and well organized records are provided to the audit committee.

We have continued the mass e-mail list to communicate when we need a replacement in the service party, or need to quickly forward information to a group of parishioners or committee members. Our altar flower dedications have increased by encouraging parishioners to sign up by email, which has kept us receiving enough in flower income to cover all of the cost of flowers for the year. We also updated our existing phone system so that the interference witnessed by the old system has been eliminated.

The Pantry tracking system was streamlined with a computer spreadsheet tracking how many families and individuals were served, as well as what agencies were making requests, and monthly reports were provided to Anne Puls. Thanks to Anne Puls and a large group of volunteers helping in the pantry this year, it is routine for clients to get their orders within hours of their request.

I especially enjoy the creative projects I am involved in, like publishing the Roar, the many hours of Waters of Hope paperwork with Chris Slane, printing stuff for Big Red Welcome, and helping with materials for other Campus Outreach activities. We changed printers last year, and we are very happy with the quality and reduced pricing we are now receiving from Pioneer Printing. We have also discussed a possible future purchase of updated software which will improve the technology on our website.

I have appreciated the working environment in the office, which continues to be a wonderful example of caring and compassion toward employees as individual people – and especially toward the challenges sometimes faced by a working mother with active children! I am also grateful for the available vacation time, much of which is already planned for 2011 - first as a chaperone for my oldest daughter's band trip to Florida for a few days in March, and another week taking my church's youth group on a mission trip this summer.

Working with Father Jerry in the office has been the best employment experience I could ever ask for. Ongoing expressions of appreciation from Father Jerry, Kurt, Father Bob, and many of the parishioners at SMOC leave me looking forward to many years at St. Mark's on the Campus.

2010 Adult Formation Reported By Father Jerry Thompson

During 2010, we offered both Adult Forum opportunities and a class about prayer during Lent. The prayer series was led by Robin Mahoney, one of the trained spiritual directors in the parish.

New to Adult Forum was a "summer session". Topics included a series of classes about other religions led by our Curate, Father Schlismann; a six-week course about mysticism in Judaism, Christianity and Islam led by Father Thompson; a book study also led by the Rector; a class about hypotheses regarding the writing of the Bible led by Dr. Bob Stock; and a class about a Bach anthem led by Dr. Pamela Starr.

I am especially pleased by the involvement of other people in facilitating our conversations. We have a wealth of talent in the parish, and many can be offering their talents for the continued faith formation of other parishioners.

2010 Altar Guild Reported By Kathy Schmutte

Altar Guild sets out chalices and cruets, bread for the Eucharist, cleans up after the service, which involves filling candlesticks, washing linens, and washing chalices, as well as changing frontals when the season changes. Altar Guild personnel for 2010 were: Opal Doerr, Don Gray, Kathy Schmutte, and Joyce Wagner. If anyone would like to serve on Altar Guild, speak to Father Jerry or one of the Altar Guild volunteers.

2010 Building and Grounds Reported By Lisa Sutton

This year we have been lucky not to have had major needs for the building. There have been minor maintenance items (electrical fixtures, plumbing leaks) which have been cared for mostly from our internal labor source of Mark Musick, Don Gray, and Todd Sneller.

Outside building upkeep included the painting of the west fascia board and windows. Todd Sneller took this project on and also took off vines from the brick walls and did some of the cleaning of the area behind the bushes. Other volunteers have cleaned under the west shrubs, removing garbage, cutting out weed trees and putting down additional cedar chips. This has been done several times through the year. Thank you.

We had a spring and fall cleanup for pruning trees and shrubs, cutting back of grasses, spreading cedar chips and cutting back perennials. Our working crews included Dean Settle, Don Gray, Mark Musick, Bob Kuzelka and Lisa Sutton.

Lisa Sutton's Spring planting included additional perennials in the front beds, pansies for Easter in the courtyard planters and summer flowering plants and greens in the planters for the rest of the season.

This year Bob Kuzelka and the Columbarium Committee have continued to bring that project forward with proposals for a courtyard option and an inside option in the north end of the church. The committee is hoping for a decision and moving forward with this project in the near future.

The Building and Grounds committee has also been working with Father Jerry on looking at Solar panels for the church that have been proposed by an anonymous donor with a gift for their cost. This is an exciting and very beneficial gift for the church and we will be giving a report to the parish as we learn more about the options and possibilities that are available.

With budget decisions cutting back on some of the inside maintenance efforts that we have paid for in the past, we will be taking over some of those efforts with parishioner labor. Stripping and waxing the lounge floors is one of those projects, so please consider being a part of what Mark Musick has called a "fun family project".

In addition to the increased interior maintenance needs we are asking that some of you consider becoming part of the volunteers that will be needed for outside projects - in particular the snow removal. Several of our Building and Grounds committee have been taking care of this job for many years and would love to have some of our younger members joining in the practice of helping with both the shoveling of walks before services each Sunday and during the week when we have new snow. Just let us know if you can help and we will let you know where the snow blower, shovels and ice melt are kept.

Thank you to all parishioners and our Sexton Trevor Vargason who help keep St Marks the safe, clean and inviting church that we call our spiritual home.

2010 Campus Ministry **Reported by Father Jerry Thompson**

This year saw the departure of Kelly Grey Carlisle, who had been a visible and active presence in this ministry for several years. Therefore, the ministry is somewhat in transition. This fall we did some of the things we have done in the past, as well as planned for the spring semester.

During the fall we again had a presence at Big Red Welcome; offered watermelon in the courtyard the first day of classes; sponsored a Labor Day picnic, which was well-attended, mainly by parishioners; an evening of pumpkin carving; a tailgate party (too bad we lost the game!); and the continuation of study lounge. For the spring, the committee will be sponsoring Shrove Tuesday with Wee Brazen Hussies, a Celtic singing duo, as well as movie nights and other events.

One of the new ministries that began in 2010 is the Contemplative Eucharist. This liturgy (referred to as SPACE) is designed to give worshippers time and a dedicated space to quietly pray. The liturgy is in darkness except for candlelight; the music is specifically for this service; and there is considerable silence within it. The liturgy has been well-received, although we would like to see more students attending; plans are underway for continued development.

2010 Christian Education **Reported by Natalie Shepard**

We had another successful year. Our numbers are down in our Primary and youth classes but our nursery numbers are up. The youth sponsored a baby shower for newborns in need. Our staff continues to provide fun and thought provoking lessons.

Our thanks go out to our 2010 Staff:

Primary Grades - Kim Thomason and Nita Sipple; Youth - Sarah Fairchild, John Orr, Don Gray, and Opal Doerr; Music - Gwen Tilley; and Nursery - Margaret Fairchild

2010 Clergy Report—Priest Associate **The Rev. Gretchen R. Naugle**

Thank you for the opportunity as your Priest Associate to write this annual report for St. Mark's. Since I have been busy serving two successive assignments for the diocese as interim rector this past year, I have not been able to be physically present with all of you on Sunday morning--although please be assured that you continue to be in my prayers regularly and faithfully--and hope you do the same for me!

In April 2009, I began an 18-month interim with the wonderful people of Grace in Columbus, and my last Sunday there was to be September 26, 2010. It was a great experience, and I was especially delighted when the people decided to call The Rev. Ellie Thober, who I had first met (along with her husband, Bob) while I was serving as the interim here at St. Mark's in 2004-2005.

My personal expectation was to have some "down-time" beginning in October--but it soon became clear that God had other plans for me. In late August, I received a phone call from The Rev. Judi Yeates, Canon to the Ordinary, asking if I would be willing to RETURN to where I had served for 9 months in 2006--Christ in Beatrice, St. Luke's in Wymore, and St. Charles in Fairbury. After taking a deep breath and offering a quick prayer "Why me, God?" I agreed--because the answer clearly was

"Why NOT you, Gretchen?" My first Sunday with these 3 wonderful groups of people was October 6th, and from the beginning, I have been warmly welcomed and told over and over again how much they "love and enjoy" having me with them once again—and so I have begun to think of myself like their "prodigal daughter" in so many ways. My Letter of Agreement indicates two years, so now I know where I will be for the near future—and I am most pleased!

Since I have wanted to maintain some connection with all of you at St. Mark's, I asked Fr. Jerry to continue to include me on the list to celebrate the Eucharist on Tuesday at 12:30 about once a month, and he graciously agreed. I also continue to be on the St. Mark's prayer chain, and also try to visit any of you, "my beloved St. Martians", when hospitalized or in other times of need, and so I hope you will continue to keep me informed when those needs arise.

May God continue to bless and guide each one of you in 2011!

2010 Clergy Report—Priest Associate The Rev. Sidnie White Crawford

This is a short and sweet report. Beginning in January and continuing through Easter, I supplied at Christ Church, Beatrice, Nebraska. As a result, I was seldom in attendance at St. Mark's, and was forced to cancel the Sunday Bible Study. In May I left for the summer in Stroudsburg, PA. This fall I was on leave from the university, and so stayed in Pennsylvania, working on various academic projects. While absent I was elected an alternate delegate from the Diocese of Nebraska to the next General Convention of the Episcopal Church (2011). I am happy to be back home at SMOC!

2010 Community Service Group Kim Thomason

The St. Mark's on the Campus Community Service Group can add another year to its impressive record. For the 16th year in a row, we participated in the Lincoln Paint-a-Thon. This year was just as successful as the past. Even though our group was smaller than normal, we accomplished our task and we had a good time doing it.

On August 14th we met at the home of Darlene Gabriel at 7541 Steinway Road. Most of her house was brick; however there was an addition and a large deck that needed painting. Plus she had two sheds in the back yard. The work wasn't particularly challenging but there was a lot of area to cover, so it took us awhile. Everyone got to work painting and by the afternoon, it looked great. Mrs. Gabriel was so impressed and so grateful.

Highlights this year included a large shade tree, providing relief for much of the area (but not quite all) and as usual, some good, fun fellowship. We were also invited to have lunch in the finished and air-conditioned basement and that was a treat. And we were spoiled with a delicious lunch provided by other members of St. Mark's.

Thanks to all of the people who came out to clean, scrape and prime the surfaces during the week or to paint the surfaces on Saturday morning. It is because of these volunteers that we have been so successful. Thanks also to everyone else who contributed to the paint-a-thon with financial or food donations. Each contribution matters and all people contribute to the success of the project. Let's continue to support this ministry to our community for years to come!

2010 Finance Advisory Committee Reported By Mark Musick

"Thank you" goes to the entire parish for financially supporting St. Mark's on the Campus, your contributions to the church is greatly appreciated. The largest effort in 2010 for the Finance Committee was to prepare the budget for 2011.

Due to the future reduced Diocese support for Campus Ministry, \$15,500 in revenue will need to be found from other sources. Cuts were again made in budgeted expenses for 2011. Salaries for staff were not able to be raised for the third year in a row. Disappointingly, the pledge goal identified for 2011 was not achieved. Therefore, the faith contribution line in the budget caught the shortfall.

Finances will continue to be monitored by the Finance Committee during the upcoming year, and you will be kept informed of the status. All this said the church remains very stable financially as we enter 2011. A blessing from God!

2010 Treasurer's Report Reported by Stephanie Hill

Thank you to all who have contributed financially to St. Mark's this year. The good we do as a parish wouldn't be possible without your help.

We've had a remarkable year financially. Despite our ups and downs, we have ended the year just slightly better than even, about \$55 in the black. That is some pretty amazing budgeting, and kudos should go out to those involved in the budgeting process, including Mark Musick, the Financial Committee, the 2009 Vestry, and Denise Meredith.

We continue to collect for the General Outreach Fund with a second offering on the first Sunday of each month. This year, we bettered our donations by almost \$580. Funds were distributed equally between St. Monica's, People's City Mission, Gathering Place, and the Snow's missionary fund.

A brief word regarding new lines at the end of the report: In late 2009, Fr. Bob joined our congregation. He was paid in 2010 according to Diocesan instruction with funds from the Diocese. The funds we received, however, are in excess of the monies we were to pay out. This has left us with a balance that will be paid or returned per further Diocesan instruction. I am working with the diocese to get this resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

Thanks again to all of you who have given of your time, talents, and/or treasure. I look forward to continuing to work with you in 2011.

2010 Financial Report Reported by Stephanie Hill (see next page)

Financial Report December 2010

INCOME	2010 DEC	2010 TOTAL	+OVER/ -SHORT	2010 BUDGET	2011 BUDGET
Contributions					
- Pledge contributions	17,380.21	197417.78	-14239.22	211657.00	192282.00
- Faith contribution	4084.00	8791.50	+6199.15	2592.35	17432.20
- Flower Income	930.00	2397.50	+247.50	2150.00	2300.00
- Christmas Offering	1779.00	1879.00	+379.00	1500.00	1500.00
- Easter Offering	0	1506.00	+6.00	1500.00	1500.00
- Plate offering, general	750.50	7523.18	-3476.82	11000.00	9000.00
Total Contribution Income	24,923.71	219,514.96	-10,884.39	230,339.35	224,014.20
Diocesan Grant in Aid	0.00	25000.00	+0	25000.00	9500.00
Miscellaneous Income					
- Designated Income	0	75.00	+75.00	0	0
- Interest Income	4.96	270.78	-1229.22	1500.00	300.00
- Other Misc Income	0	0	0	0	0
- Use of Church Income	1000.00	3582.63	+982.63	2600.00	2480.00
Total Miscellaneous Income	1004.96	3928.41	-171.59	4100.00	2780.00
TOTAL INCOME	25,928.67	248,443.57	-11,055.98	259,499.35	236,294.20
EXPENSES	2010 DEC	2010 TOTAL	+OVER/ -SHORT	2010 BUDGET	2011 BUDGET
Campus Ministry	243.23	8667.93	-8332.07	17000.00	9500.00
Continuing Ed / Sabbatical	360.00	2024.77	-250.23	2275.00	2100.00
Diocese Asking	2820.75	34028.25	-1971.75	36000.00	26000.00
Education Expenses	124.05	2037.32	-162.68	2200.00	2100.00
HVAC Replacement Fund	100.00	1200.00	0	1200.00	1200.00
Insurance	0	4805.00	-445.00	5250.00	3650.00
Kitchen Supplies	0	212.85	-187.15	400.00	300.00
Legal and Professional Fees	0	349.00	0	349.00	350.00
Misc Expenses	0	331.79	-118.21	450.00	25.00
Office Equipment	135.85	4539.86	-611.29	5151.15	2970.00
Office / General Admin	980.56	7875.96	+1073.96	6802.00	7170.00
Repair & Maintenance	496.52	6402.72	+1809.72	4593.00	5150.00
Travel	510.00	941.58	+441.58	500.00	500.00
Utilities	338.70	9862.37	-1137.63	11000.00	10400.00
Worship and Music	323.67	3271.36	-1148.64	4420.00	2970.00
Payroll Expenses	22364.15	161836.83	-72.37	161909.20	161909.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	28,797.48	248,387.59	+11,111.76	259,499.35	236,294.20
Net Income after Expenses	-2868.81	+55.78	+55.78		
GENERAL FUNDS BALANCE		December 31, 2010			68,400.34
UNRESTRICTED CD BALANCE		December 31, 2010			12,470.49
RESTRICTED FUNDS BALANCE		December 31, 2010			95,514.52
TOTAL BALANCE OF ABOVE FUNDS		December 31, 2010			176,385.35
PANTRY FUNDS BALANCE		December 31, 2010			3,155.54
RECTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND		December 31, 2010			517.09
2010 GENERAL OUTREACH GIVEN		December 31, 2010			4025.14
AMOUNT PAID BY DIOCESE FOR SUPPORT OF FATHER BOB					21,016.80
AMOUNT PAID BY ST. MARK'S FOR FATHER BOB					13,743.31

2010 Food Pantry Reported by Anne Puls

Our Pantry Program was very busy again this year. It supplied a week's food supplies to 598 people (300 families) in 2010. (That compares to a similar number in 2009--- 624 people and 303 families.) We still accept requests from all agencies who ask, but much of our "business" comes from Matt Talbot, Fresh Start, Veteran's Center, Friendship Home, Health and Human Services, St. Monica's, and Centerpointe.

We received close to 5,000 pounds of food from the Food Bank last year and over 4,000 pounds of food from you at St. Mark's and the other Episcopal churches in Lincoln. In addition, with the monetary contributions St. Mark's received from many of you, we purchased approximately 2000 pounds of food from Wal-Mart and Super Saver. The Food Bank responds to the needs of all Southeast Nebraska and was short on many items throughout the year, which caused us to shop elsewhere for our needs. Anything that does not fit our menu is given to the Gathering Place or the City Mission.

Denise Meredith is the contact person for requests from the Pantry and distributes the groceries to those in need. Sometimes, she keeps us busier than we would like to be. Thank you, Denise, for coordinating our efforts to feed those who are hungry. Again this year, my husband Jerry has been a good friend to the Pantry program, carrying much of the food we get from the Food Bank and Wal-Mart to the basement and helping me stock the shelves. Others who have helped the Pantry program this year are: Peg Sheldrick, Loris Purtzer and Molly Durham, Andrew Thompson, Oliver and Opal Doerr, and Brody Allen. Thank you all soooooo much!!!!

The Pantry always seems to be in good shape at the end of the year due to the generous hearts of those who support it. As I said last year, I do expect it to be another year of constant need for those less fortunate, so your continued support of the Pantry is appreciated — and necessary!!!!

Thanks again for all you do in support of the Pantry program.

2010 Gathering Place Reported By Anne Puls

Volunteers from St. Mark's continue to serve the Gathering Place on the second Tuesday of each month. We put the food out, serve it, and clean up afterwards. We have enough volunteers so that most of the time, we only serve once a quarter. The time commitment is about 2 hours on the day we serve — from 4:30 to 6:30. We serve between 80-100 people on an average night.

If you are interested in serving with us at the Gathering Place or want to know more about this ministry, contact me or any of the current volunteers, who are: David and Anne Frye,, Kathy Jacobsen (from Holy Trinity), Craig Lawson, Andrea Nelson, Loris Purtzer, Kathy Schmutte, Dean Settle, Steve Sim, Nita Sipple, Todd Sneller, Lisa Sutton, Fr. Jerry Thompson, Carol Thompson, Andrew and Elizabeth Thompson, Susan Ugai, Joyce Wagner, Mark Watt and Marcia White. Thanks to all of our current volunteers for another job well done, this year.

2010 Music Reported By Kurt Knecht

I always write my annual report with a great deal of thankfulness in my heart. The music program at St. Mark's on the Campus is healthy and strong. We are able to offer a wide range of musical events of incredibly high quality that is far beyond the capacity of many larger congregations. The reason we are able to do this is the incredibly gifted servant musicians that are part of our congregation. They willingly offer their gifts to God and this community. I am also helped administratively by Denise. Father Jerry's wisdom and counsel make even the tough decisions go smoothly.

I believe that the center of a church music program should be the main Eucharist on Sunday mornings. The choir has seen growth in both quality and quantity in 2010. We currently have about 18 regular singers and several more occasional singers. The choir continues to learn an amazing amount of music in a very short rehearsal time. The singers give freely of their time each week in order to help this congregation perfect its praises. What an astonishing and humbling thing in which to participate! Some of this year's highlights have been the *Viderunt Omnes* by Perotin, the Pinkham *Christmas Cantata*, *See, see the Word* by Gibbons, and the premiere of my setting of Lady Julian of Norwich's text "I it am" on the occasion of the Bishop's visit. As much as I would like to take credit for everything that happens, it is really a community process. We rely on the many gifted ears that are in the rehearsal for advice. In particular, I need to thank Donna Harler Smith and Holly Heffelbower. Donna is always available for technical vocal advice and diction. Holly conducts the choir on many Sunday mornings when I am playing the organ. I am also grateful to Rebecca Fischer, Jonah Sirota, and Jim Karas for providing willing instrumental support for special pieces whenever I ask. In my former parishes, I often paid money for musicians of far lower quality who were just coming in to play a gig. To be able to work with so many gifted singers and instrumentalists who also understand and care about what we are trying to accomplish spiritually is a rare and beautiful gift. I am also thankful for Burns Davis and Jessica Freeman for always being willing to substitute for me when I am out of town.

The organ continues to be a gem of the community and an attraction for both the organist community and the University. We hosted a concert by Eastman professor Hans Davidson. It was an incredible pairing of artist and instrument. It also turned out to be the send off concert for Gene Bedient which seemed apropos since this was one of the first instruments he built (and one of his favorites). We hosted an all Bach concert by Julie Yoon. Our building was used so that students could make recordings. One of the most promising developments was the strengthening of our ties with the University music program by hosting a Bach's Lunch Concert. The concert featured student conductors, singers, and instrumentalists performing Bach cantatas and motets. I am pleased to report that we will continue to host these events in the coming year. There will be 2 or 3 each semester. We have also had several guest musicians for regular services coming from the student community of both UNL and Nebraska Wesleyan. Students also use the organ for practice, and it is used for lessons once or twice a semester. I believe that we need to continue to make our building and organ available for students. We should also support them by attending the concerts when they perform here. Imagine how many students would be attracted to St. Mark's if we developed a reputation for supporting their free concerts in our building!

One of the great joys in my life over the past year has been developing the SPACE service with Father Jerry and Jonah Sirota. I believe that by faithfully nurturing this service, we will see it bear much fruit. I never imagined that I would be able to participate in a church service with such

incredible musical freedom. There was even a night that included prepared piano and an improvisation on an Indian Raga. One of the principal reasons for the success and meaningfulness of the service is the commitment and energy of Jonah. He has been an inspiration for those of us that attend. He has offered his gifts without complaint even though coming to the service involves sacrificing the already limited time he gets to spend with his family. For this, those of us involved with SPACE are grateful to Kate and Taavi for letting us have him.

Finally, I would like to continue to express my thanks to the Vestry for entrusting the musical stewardship of the congregation to my care. I look forward to continuing to work with all of the gifted musicians in our congregation and working to build a music program that is worthy of the great tradition that we have inherited.

2010 Pastoral Care Committee Reported by Nancy Benton-Brown

A Pastoral Care Committee was formed in 2007 at the request of Fr. Jerry Thompson and the Vestry. Six caring individuals continue to volunteer for this important ministry that provides help to fellow members of our congregation in times of emergency. At these times, Pastoral Care will provide transportation to and from appointments, prepare light meals (soup or a casserole), make home and hospital visits, or a phone visit, as well as other short term home help as is possible. Many, many thanks to all who have volunteered to participate.

In August of 2007, after compiling a member database that includes the children of our parish, Pastoral Care began sending Birthday cards to St. Marks on the Campus members on behalf of our church family. In addition, the committee sends Get Well and Sympathy cards when appropriate.

In late 2007, Pastoral Care began sending Thinking of You cards and notes to those members who are shut-ins or are experiencing a prolonged recovery. We are now sending 'prayer pillows' (a new pillow with a newly made, brightly colored pillow case) to members who are ill. Healing prayers for the recipient are offered as the pillow case is being made. In November of 2009, we began a voluntary program of individual reciprocal prayer. Roughly twenty to twenty-five percent of our active members are participating. Hopefully, that number will increase when we change "links" sometime in February of 2011. Your thoughts on how we might better serve one another are always welcome.

2010 Personnel Report Submitted by Joyce Wagner

The committee consisted of Joyce Wagner, Lyn Forester, Anne Puls, Don Gray and Lisa Sutton. The policies and procedures manual and letters of agreement were reviewed and revised. The manual will be given to the vestry at the January vestry meeting. Evaluation forms were developed for the staff. Fr. Jerry's evaluation was conducted this fall. The remaining staff's evaluations need to be completed by Fr. Jerry. It was made known that the office should remain open when Denise is ill or on vacation. Both Anne Puls and Joyce Wagner are available to be contacted to fill in when Denise is ill or on vacation. Many thanks to Anne for the many hours spent working on the policy and procedure manual.

2010 Special Events Committee
Reported by Nancy Benton-Brown and Opal Doerr

The Special Events Committee hosted three pot luck dinners in the past year, in addition to the annual Easter Vigil and Christmas Eve dessert gatherings. Working with the Campus Outreach Committee, several seasonal and themed events were added to the year's activities.

The Committee appreciates your cooperation in the use of the alphabetical suggestions for items to share at potluck events. Splitting the alphabet helps ensure that there is a variety of food items on the buffet table. We do our best to rotate the categories, so that you are not asked to bring the same thing each time.

Many thanks from the committee to all who helped with set-up and clean-up for these events and to the congregation for their support and participation.

2010 Welcoming & Diversity Committee
Reported by Tim Hill

The Welcoming and Diversity Committee is re-focusing for the coming year to assist with the push for new church members. Anyone with ideas for recruiting new members is encouraged to discuss them with any member of the committee.