



**Escalon  
Presbyterian  
2009 Annual Report**

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Escalon, California**



# EPC ANNUAL REPORT

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**ESCALON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
EXISTS TO:**

- SEEK** *To bring others to faith in Jesus Christ*
- SERVE** *In mission locally and around the world*
- SUPPORT** *Personal growth through learning, teaching and sharing God's word*
- SUSTAIN** *A Christ-centered fellowship among our members, friends and community*

**OUR VALUES**

- Christian Ed:* Bring people to accept Christ and deepen their commitment to God through a biblically based Christian education program.
- Church Life:* Develop Christian relationships through fellowship and communication with all age groups.
- Deacons:* Demonstrate Christian living as a congregation by caring for each other in times of joy and sorrow.
- Stewardship:* Develop and use resources of time, talent, treasures and prayer to carry on and expand our mission.
- Mission:* Reach out to meet the needs of people in the community and the world as a reflection of our Christian love and concern.
- Outreach:* Invite and encourage all people to join us in a life in Christ by sharing the Good News and living according to Christ's example.
- Trustees:* Maintain, improve and use church facilities in the best interest of the Lord's Kingdom.
- Worship:* Glorify God through creative, Christ-centered worship.
- Ministry:* Develop a Team Ministry involving all members – maintaining opening communication so the congregation as a whole can work toward common goals.

## 2.1 Pastor's Report

### Pastoral

I am an encourager of those who like to take calculated risks (wisdom is still a biblical virtue). I would rather have a ministry in our church take such a risk and fail at it, than to take no risks at all. This year our ministry teams – those of our Session as well as those of our Deacons – have started or expanded upon leadings of the Holy Spirit that were not present here a few years ago. I think particularly of ideas like the Salvation Army shelter meals, the Zimbabwe First Fruits mission outreach, the spiritual growth opportunities in Saturday Night Specials, the encouragement of our stewardship in Consecration Sunday, the all church events like the Christmas Dinner in the Community Center, the purchasing of property next to our church for future expansion and the growing outreach events to the Youth of our communities. All of these leadings were given to people in our congregation to, in turn, challenge our congregation. The result is God has borne fruit in these endeavors – for this I am thankful. I will continue to encourage this and ask for your prayers as well.

I've said often that, as a pastor, I'd rather be a keeper of an animal park than a curator of a wax museum. This is not to say that I consider any of you as animals – though for a few of you, I wonder at times! Yet, an animal park, though more messy, has quite a bit of life, and variety to it – freedom to explore and adventure. The wax museum, though perfectly meticulous, and everything predictably where it was the day before – is, well, dead. Our church is very much alive. There are many who desperately need this church to continue to live vibrantly in light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### Preaching

This past year we entered into three major series: in the winter/spring we worked through the Gospel of Matthew (Chapters 8-12). In the summer we engaged with the Letter of First John. And in the fall we tackled a theological series entitled “What We Believe” (a walk through the Nicene Creed).

### Leadership

This past year I served as the Moderator of the Presbytery of Stockton and transition, in 2010, into the role of Chair of Presbytery Council. It has been a busy year for the Presbytery – as the Presbytery, along with Nevada Presbytery, voted to disband the Sierra Mission Partnership (a partnership that shared staff between Nevada, Sacramento and Stockton Presbyteries). 2009 included deep discussion and deliberations on the move and 2010 will be a busy year as we formalize our own standing as a stand-alone Presbytery – particularly the formation of new staff. During the course of 2010, my time commitment to Presbytery as Chair of Council will significantly increase. I continue to participate regularly in the Escalon Ministerial Association, serving the last half of the year as President. I am also now serving on the Student Attendance Review Board for the Escalon Unified School District.

### Study Leave

In 2009, I was invited to participate in a “pilgrimage” to Israel. This trip was sponsored by a non-profit CF Foundation and facilitated through Princeton Theological Seminary. The trip, led by my friend Shane Berg, professor of New Testament at PTS, took 20 pastors to Israel for two weeks of sight-seeing, study and rest in the month of June. We visited biblical towns such as Capernaum, Nazareth, Banias, Cesarea Maritima, Nazareth, Bethlehem, and, of course, Jerusalem. We also spent time on the Sea of Galilee, the Mediterranean Sea and the Dead Sea. It was a wonderful trip – a time of reflection and refreshment as we visited pertinent biblical sites and discussed our calling to ministry. I was able to show pictures of the event at a Saturday Night Special event upon return.

### Personal

Leslie and I had quite a full year. Little David was born to us in April – and life with two boys now has changed our lives quite dramatically. We also sold our house this year and have been remodeling a fixer-

## 2.1 Pastor's Report - continued

upper to accommodate the needs of our growing family and demolition desires of my wife. We still continue to be very thankful for the personal support we receive from the congregation.

### Looking Ahead

I am excited about the upcoming year, 2010. I am excited about our forthcoming mission trip to Zimbabwe with Jeff Jarchow and Greg Foulke. It will be great to see our good friends the Giddens and to see the ways in which we can partner further with the people of Zimbabwe. I am excited about tackling the growing challenges we will face as we address the physical and spiritual needs of a church that is growing. I am excited about the new vision for our Presbytery – which is focusing itself on congregational renewal and mission outreach. I am excited to see what God will continue to do in and through this congregation – through all the peaks and the valleys that this life entails.

### Please Read On

Please take the time to read through the reports of our staff, our Session ministry teams, our Deacon's board and our officers. These volunteers have worked diligently on behalf of our church, and have encouraged the use of the gifts of many of you in our congregation. Our ministry teams provide a place for varying gifts to flourish in a variety of ways. I want to thank all the volunteers and staff of this church for their hard work and their commitment to the belief that the ministry of the local church can be life-changing, as the grace of Jesus Christ is displayed in word and in deed.

I encourage you, if you have not volunteered for a ministry team or a ministry event – take the leap of faith during this next year to use your gifts and to make a difference for the glory of the Lord and in the lives of others. For it is, as Jesus said, the two most important commands:

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength – and love your neighbor as yourself.*

## 2.2 Presbytery Report

The Presbytery of Stockton gathered four times this past year – St. John's Presbyterian (Turlock), Lincoln Presbyterian (Stockton), Patterson Federated Church and Manteca Presbyterian.

At our September Presbytery Meeting, the Presbytery voted to withdraw from the Sierra Mission Partnership, effective Dec 31, 2010. What this essentially means is that Stockton Presbytery will no longer be sharing staff with the Presbyteries of Nevada and Stockton. This will require us to rewrite our Presbytery manual of operations, redefine our ministry team structure, develop new staff job descriptions and hire our own Presbytery executive and support staff. 2010 will be an incredibly busy year – yet there is a great deal of excitement for the possibilities that exist as we move beyond a bureaucratically top-heavy structure to a more missional operation.

We welcomed new pastors to our Presbytery this year: Gus Wright to First Church Stockton, Hiromi Yanida to Calvary Presbyterian in Stockton.

**2.3 Director of Music Report**

**“Our purpose is to glorify God, uplift and encourage others,  
and enrich ourselves through excellence in music.”**

2009 VOCALISTS *21 participants*

CHANCEL CHOIR

- Soprano Dorthy Chapin, Joyce Fannin, Vanessa Holcombe, Barbara Jones, Leslie Onsager, Sharie Roark, Dicksie Woodward  
Alto Diane Houglan, Toney Rose, Ellen Nelson, Nel Vieira  
Tenor Dan Adams, Greg Foulke, Jeff Hood  
Bass Rick Dodge, Sean Dodge, Ralph Ingle, Grant Thompson, Clint Voorhees

ENSEMBLE VOCALISTS

Julie Bottoms, Greg Foulke, Vanesssa Holcombe, Diane Houglan, Leslie Onsager, Sharie Roark, Richard Thompson, Nel Vieira

2009 INSTRUMENTALISTS *16 participants*

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| ORGAN<br>Dr. David Jolliff  | PIANO<br>Tisha DeHaven, David Jolliff, Troy Onsager      |                           |
| GIUITAR<br>Jeff Jarchow, Mark Macsenti, Tanner Roark,<br>Richard Thompson, Troy Onsager | PERCUSSION<br>Scott Ferreira, Troy Onsager, Tanner Roark |                           |
| CELLO<br>Vanessa Holcombe   | TRUMPET<br>Jeff Jarchow                                  | PIANO BELLS<br>Tyler Hood |

GUEST INSTRUMENTALISTS

Shannon Duncan – piano, Carol Faust – violin, Juan Gutierrez – violin, Elizabeth Kidwell – violin, Donald Peterson – viola, Jana Hunn - cello

The Calendar Year 2009 was full of great musical moments at EPC. With a wonderfully talented group of church musicians and vocalists, we were able to lead and inspire worship in a variety of ways.

**CONGREGATIONAL SINGING**

We follow the advice of the Psalmist when we sing “psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.” This year we continued to embrace various styles of music with strong textual content. Our organist has skillfully led us in hymn singing each Sunday. EPC Ensemble instrumentalist and vocalists have joyfully led us in more free flowing modern songs. Whether new or old, classic or modern, joyful or contemplative, we sang with heart and skill.

**CHANCEL CHOIR and PRAISE ENSEMBLE**

In 2009 our choir membership ranged from 16 to 19 singers. Our repertoire included music from our library and new arrangements. The style of music varied from majestic hymn arrangements to simple and light tunes. At practice or in worship, the choir enjoys singing music and the fellowship that is shared. With Shannon Duncan focusing on music at her home church, we welcomed David Jolliff as our regular rehearsal accompanist.

The Praise Ensemble continues to lead modern songs with appropriate and skillful musicianship. In 2009 we had 7 core instrumentalists and 8 vocalists that rotated weekly. Grand Piano, acoustic guitar, percus-

### 2.3 Director of Music - continued

sion, and organ are the weekly instruments that provide a unique blend that take advantage of our exceptional sanctuary acoustics. This year Tisha DeHaven increased her role and became our weekly Praise Ensemble Pianist.

Each year we grow in some way. Some years more obvious, but each year growth is seen. We will continue to strive for excellence in all we do musically at EPC.

Honored to Serve,  
JOEL ADAMS  
Director of Music

### 2.3 Director of Youth Report

This past year has been full of learning experiences and fun. The youth group had fun in Calistoga at the Rock of Ages Christian Festival, summer camp at Calvin Crest, and a variety of fun events such as Mid Night Bowling, Annual Ginger Bread House Competition, Christian Night at Fun Works, Pumpkin Maze, Food Drive Scavenger Hunt and Movie nights. Wednesday nights are still the biggest part of the youth group. Average attendance is from 7 to 15 kids per week, most of the kids are from families that do not attend Escalon Presbyterian. Wednesday nights are led by myself and Andy Schmidt. I provide guidance and the weekly Biblical message and Andy leads the fun and games. This year we added Jordan DeSa to the team to add additional leadership to the youth group.

Andy (college student) and Jordan (recent high school graduate) serve as leaders in the youth group and do a very good job. They are a blessing to the youth ministry. Andy also serves at the summer camp as a counselor, and does an outstanding job. My desire is to bring them alongside me in the youth ministry and allow them to experience working with a youth group as leaders and authority figures. This will allow them to gain experience and help them in deciding if they are interested in serving in youth ministries as a profession or just as a layperson.

Summer Camp was challenging this past year. My family joined me at Calvin Crest to monitor our campers and to get a feel for the whole Calvin Crest experience. We came away with some concerns to the spiritual discernment of the staff and brought it to the attention of Pastor Troy. Overall, the kids enjoyed their time at camp and I was proud of our youth group for leading the way in spiritual maturity at the camp. My family and I plan on going to Calvin Crest this upcoming year once again. My wife Jayne and I also have opened our home on Sunday nights for kids wanting to learn more about their faith by going through the Alpha course. It has been very rewarding to see the kids taking their faith seriously. Dan Adams has helped provide wisdom and encouragement to the group, the kids love Grandpa Dan.

Some of the kids in the youth group are planning on joining another local youth group on a mission trip to Mexico during Spring Break. Dan Adams will be going with the kids to provide mentoring and leadership. Please pray for our kids that are going on this trip and for those that are on the fence of going. I would ask that all who read this would pray for our ministry and if you feel led to help out in any way please contact myself or Pastor Troy. We would love to see more participation from our adults at Escalon Presbyterian Church. We also are looking for a couple of couches for the youth room and can always use volunteers for driving kids to various youth events. Thank you and God Bless.

Mike Fahey

### 3.1 Adult Ministries

What a wonderful year this has been for Adult Ministries. Our desire to learn more and become closer to Our Lord has manifested itself in a number of solid, Bible-based study groups. There are studies available for any person being called to delve deeper into the Word, and we are fortunate to have dedicated and knowledgeable teachers that faithfully and prayerfully follow God's teachings.

The Adult Ministries Team's goals are to continue to provide opportunities to grow closer to Jesus and study the word of God in an atmosphere of love and trust while reaching out to our community to extend the Hand of Christ.

This last year, because we have a strong and encompassing group of Bible studies, rather than starting any new studies we decided to continue to support and grow our current studies and offer some opportunities for topical (one time) events and fellowship through dinner as well as some fun time together watching wholesome film entertainment. Thus, the Saturday Night Special Program. We thank Pastor Troy for showing his photos from his trip to Israel and our most recent movie night was quite enjoyable. Our next special will be about grief and suffering on March 13 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

We are also looking into a book club with Pastor Troy. He will select the book and after a predetermined time span all readers will gather for a meal and discussion. So if you are an avid reader watch for more information coming about this.

I wish to Thank my team: Ellen Nelson, Dan Adams, Scott Mayfield, Elaine Holt, Jeff Jarchow and our newest member from session, Sean Dodge. We all look forward to continuing in God's plan for our congregation and to being sensitive and open to His leading.

Your sister in Christ,  
Margy Sawyer

Below is a list of the ongoing groups at EPC. We hope you find a place where your relationship with God is nourished, challenged and enriched.

**Men With A Mission** meet on Saturday mornings at 7:00 am with Dick Nelson

**Parenting Class** meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evening of each month at 6:00 pm with Sandy Thompson

**College Age Class** meet on Sunday evenings with Sandy Thompson and Don & Janet Nickerson

**Presbyterian Women** meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 1:30 pm with Diane Houglund

**Sisters In The Spirit** meet on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm with Ellen Nelson and Elaine Holt

#### Sunday Morning Adult Teachings:

Scott Mayfield / Fireside Room

Dan Adams / Faith Center

We also have an active **In Home Study Group** who are now looking to branch out and expand to a second in home group. If you are interested contact Jeff Jarchow.

## 3.2 Youth Ministries

*“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” Psalm 119:105*

This is one of the verses that reflects our vision for the Youth Ministries team as we strive to bring light and truth to our children and youth. We are blessed with a marvelous servant team, from our Church Nursery Workers, Sunday School Teachers and helpers to our Youth Director and his assistants. We have 15-20 adults involved in Sunday School and Nursery care on any given Sunday.

Our Sunday School program continues to be an exciting adventure. We have great, enthusiastic teachers and assistants who are always prepared with great lessons and activities. Our Sunday School runs from September to May. Nursery age through 6th grade students meet each Sunday morning in the choir room for singing and then are dismissed to their age appropriate classes. Our 7th - High School class meet in the youth room for Bible Study and discussion. For our students up to 6th grade we continue to emphasize Bible verse memorization with our Presbyterian Bucs and Reward Store program. Our offering for this past year went to First Fruits Zimbabwe.

Looking ahead, we have several challenges facing us in 2010.

1. Safety in our nursery is a high priority for our entire church. In 2009 we have continued to expand and improve our nursery program and check-in procedures. We will continue to update our volunteer lists, including applications, live scans, and child safety classes. We are in need for more volunteers for our nursery during church.
2. We are in need of a storage area for our Sunday School supplies, VBS items, musical costumes and props and “store” items.
3. We are facing a need for more classroom space as our students are filling our classes. It is an exciting problem to have and we will be looking for ways to alleviate this situation.

The past year we worked again with both Saron Lutheran Church and Escalon United Methodist Church to present our summer VBS program at Escalon Presbyterian Church. Our theme this year was Son Rock Kids Camp. Thanks to many talented individuals our church facility was transformed into a camping paradise, complete with fishing & swimming holes, tents and animals including a bear and moose. We were blessed with daily visits from Camper Carl, delicious snacks, crafts and an end of the week program and Bar-B-Que. Thanks to all who donated time, money and other resources.

Our annual Pancake Breakfast for camp was once again successful and all students who desired were able to attend camp. Mike Fahey and his family were able to be present during the week. Andy Schmidt served as counselor. Our youth team continues to be dedicated to the growth of our young people with many exciting things happening at their gatherings. Many students are also participating in a Sunday Night Alpha group held at the Fahey’s.

This year’s Christmas musical was “3 Wise Men and a Baby.” It was a challenging program, but our students were dedicated to learning and practicing. Over 30 children ages 2 1/2 years to 10 were involved in the musical with special help from Gavin Hood as Herod.

We also began having our Sunday School students act as greeters once a month. Our students, once again paid tribute to our veterans on November 8th with a special song and gift. This is always a special day for us.

### 3.2 Youth Ministries - continued

Lastly, I am excited to welcome Ellen Nelson to the Youth Ministries team. It will be exciting to pray and dream with her and the rest of the committee. Thanks to a marvelous congregation for your dedication to the children and youth of this church. It is a blessing to serve with you in this endeavor for the future.

Sandy Thompson

### 3.3 Church Life

*Looking back over this year of 2009, I am thankful for the opportunity that we as a Church Life Team have had in functioning as part of the Body of Christ. I believe we have been able to assist in the mission of the church to Seek, Serve, Support and Sustain.*

Church Life has a core team consisting of the following: Lorie Macsenti, Pat Brown, Patti Farhat, Angie Guevara, and Myself. Our goal is to function as facilitators, by designing and assisting with occasions for fellowship, and opportunities to celebrate through a variety of activities.

The following are some of the activities, and events that were orchestrated and supported this year: Weekly Fellowship, Ice Cream Social, Fall Kick-Off, Baby Shower for Samantha Severson, Harvest Chili Cook-Off, Saturday Night Special, Christmas Dinner, Women's Tea, and the Annual Golf Tournament.

The above events were truly a group effort, beyond the Church Ministry Team. We were in most cases the support for others from the inception of the idea, details and completion.

1. The Fall Kick-Off launched the new school calendar by introducing Sunday School Classes and fall opportunities with a meal and fun for every age.
2. The Christmas Dinner held at the Community Center provided a place for the church to invite family and friends to experience the warmth of fellowship through a holiday atmosphere, good food, music and a slide show of ongoing events and people in the church.
3. The Golf Tournament in April which raised funds to support the project in Zimbabwe, the Ice Cream Social, The Harvest Dinner, and Women's Tea provided a place of fellowship for many.

Our goal is to continue to work within the team and with others to create and support opportunities so that we as a church family can grow together in Christ. We are not about generating activities, for activity sake, but rather becoming an avenue for God's power and life to be expressed through fellowship. We want to listen to God's direction and honor Him in every event and activity, so that we become representatives of His Living, Functioning Body in our corner of the world.

Please know that this team would like to be your point of contact. Our desire is to share your ideas and help make your dreams a reality. Also, we gladly welcome additions to the Church Life team.

In Christ,  
Carol Adams  
Church Life Chair

### 3.4 Mission Outreach

The EPC Mission Team has been involved with several projects this year.

1. Our primary interest has been the continued support of the Giddens in Zimbabwe as they deliver food to a selected village. We continued an annual golf tournament to raise support for food packets as well as helping to purchase seed for some agricultural projects.
  - a. In spring of 2010 a team of three men from EPC will go and visit the Giddens in order to encourage them as well as determine whether there are some things we might be able to do.
  - b. Jeff Jarchow and Jeff Hood spearheaded the liaison with the Giddens.
  - c. This has been an informative period for us as we hear from the Giddens and share in their lives. They have been our arms and legs in a remote place.
  - d. A substantial amount of money has gone into this project. It has challenged some of us to look at how we use our own money. Some of us blow at Starbucks an amount of money which could feed a person for a month in Zimbabwe.
  - e. Jeff Jarchow will be the new elder on the Mission Team who will replace Dick Nelson.
2. Several people helped clean out the garage for a man who worked for Mission Aviation Fellowship.
3. Amazing Grace Evening. This was an event which was designed to showcase a particular problem of International Trafficking of men and women. The problem was put into historical perspective by Pastor Troy who spoke on William Wilberforce and his sustained efforts to abolish slavery in Britain. Bob Whitt spoke on Abraham Lincoln. Dick Nelson spoke on some of the current problems in California, and highlighted the ministry of International Justice Mission.
4. Sisters In the Spirit devoted an evening discussion on an International Justice Mission video on International Human Trafficking.
5. Several Members of EPC attended the Missions Conference at First Presbyterian Church in Berkeley in October and heard speakers from Uganda, Oakland and Columbia talk about joy and giving in the midst of very difficult times. This put our efforts in Consecration Sunday in a little different light.
6. C.A.R.E., an effort of the Escalon Ministerial Association, continues to be supported by our congregation. Dave Hall, and Wayne and Shirley Engel led this participation.
7. The Deacons have managed to establish a means through a liaison with El Portal Middle School to identify some needy families in our community. As a result of this, Christmas gifts were purchased for several needy families.
8. Several informal outreach opportunities are developing. Several men have gone with Don Nickerson to the California Youth Authority in Stockton.
9. Men with a Mission: this has been a study which has gone on for three and a half years. It is made up of a diverse group of men. The intention of the group is to equip and train men by giving them the basic tools of a disciple.
10. Weekly studies are occurring to help young men cope in overcoming addiction.

### 3.4 Mission Outreach - continued

11. Weekly small group Bible Studies are in process to assist men and women in their growth in Christ.
12. Mission opportunity for our youth to join with the Covenant youth in April to go to Mexicali.

Dan Adams  
Dick Nelson

### 3.5 Finance

The session of our church has agreed to a budget of over \$200,000.00 for 2010. This is made possible by our congregations' commitment during our Consecration Sunday event again this year. This budget represents our hopes and prayers to support our growing congregation.

I would like to thank the congregation for its faithful giving this last year as our giving goal was met even in this trying financial time. I would also like to thank all of the Finance Team members on our committee this year which included Jerry Hougland, Diane Hougland, Jeff Jarchow, and Robert Whitt for their help and flexibility during this year. We welcome anyone to the Finance Team who would like to lend their gifts to our committee.

In God's Service  
Michele Hood  
Finance/Stewardship Chair

### 3.6 Trustees

In 2009 Trustee representation on the Church Session consisted of Wayne Engel and Bob McCune. Moving into 2010 Wayne Engel will be replaced on Session by Rick Jones. Many thanks to Wayne for his faithful dedication to our church.

The 2009 Trustee Committee was comprised of Rick Dodge, Wayne Engel, Richard Hogue, Dave Hall and Bob McCune. 2009 was a very productive year for the Trustee Committee. The following were projects started and completed in 2009:

1. We had one work day in the summer and completed a great deal of gardening and clean up around the facility and window screens in the facility were replaced.
2. Remodeled the Fireside Room.
3. Refurnished the Fireside Room with a new conference table and chairs.
4. Acquired the Manse house to allow and plan for future church growth.
5. Revamped facility signage.
6. Secured new floor coverings for the Fireside Room and the Sanctuary. Installed hand sanitizer stations throughout the facility.

In 2010 the following are the focus projects for the Trustee Committee:

1. Replace all carpet in the church office, conference room, choir room and the 2 classrooms.
2. Commence and complete the salvage of the Manse house.
3. Plan and complete tear down of the Manse house - to include all city and county permits for destructions. We will also negotiate in advance any impact fees for future use of the property.
4. Organize a working plan to accommodate the growth needs of the church and how to utilize the newly acquired property.
5. Complete the update and lighting of the church monument sign.
6. Work days as needed.

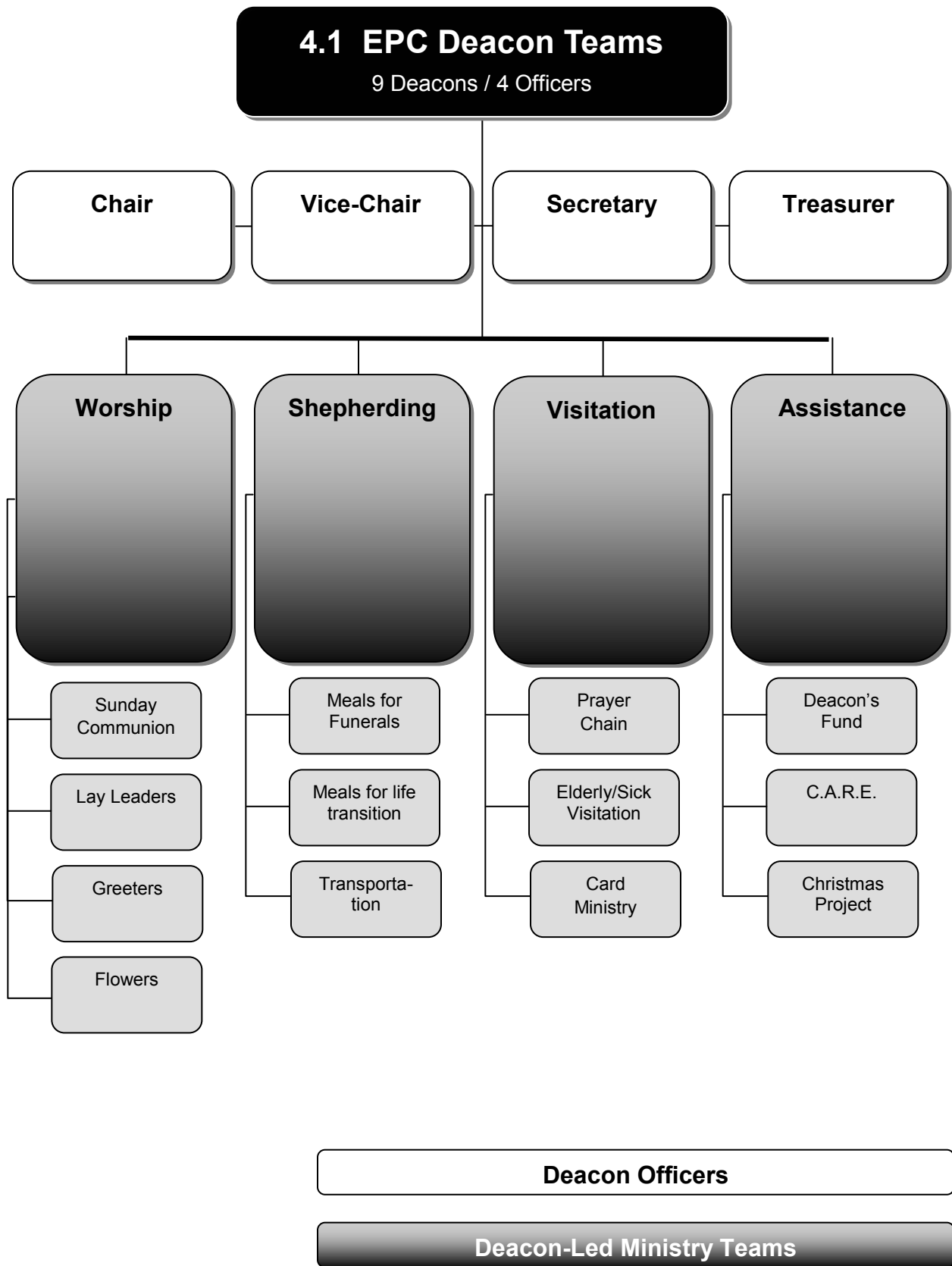
The Trustee's thank the entire congregation for the support and input received in 2009. We encourage your support and welcome your input for our projects in 2010.

Our church is stronger because of our faith in God and our faith in each other.

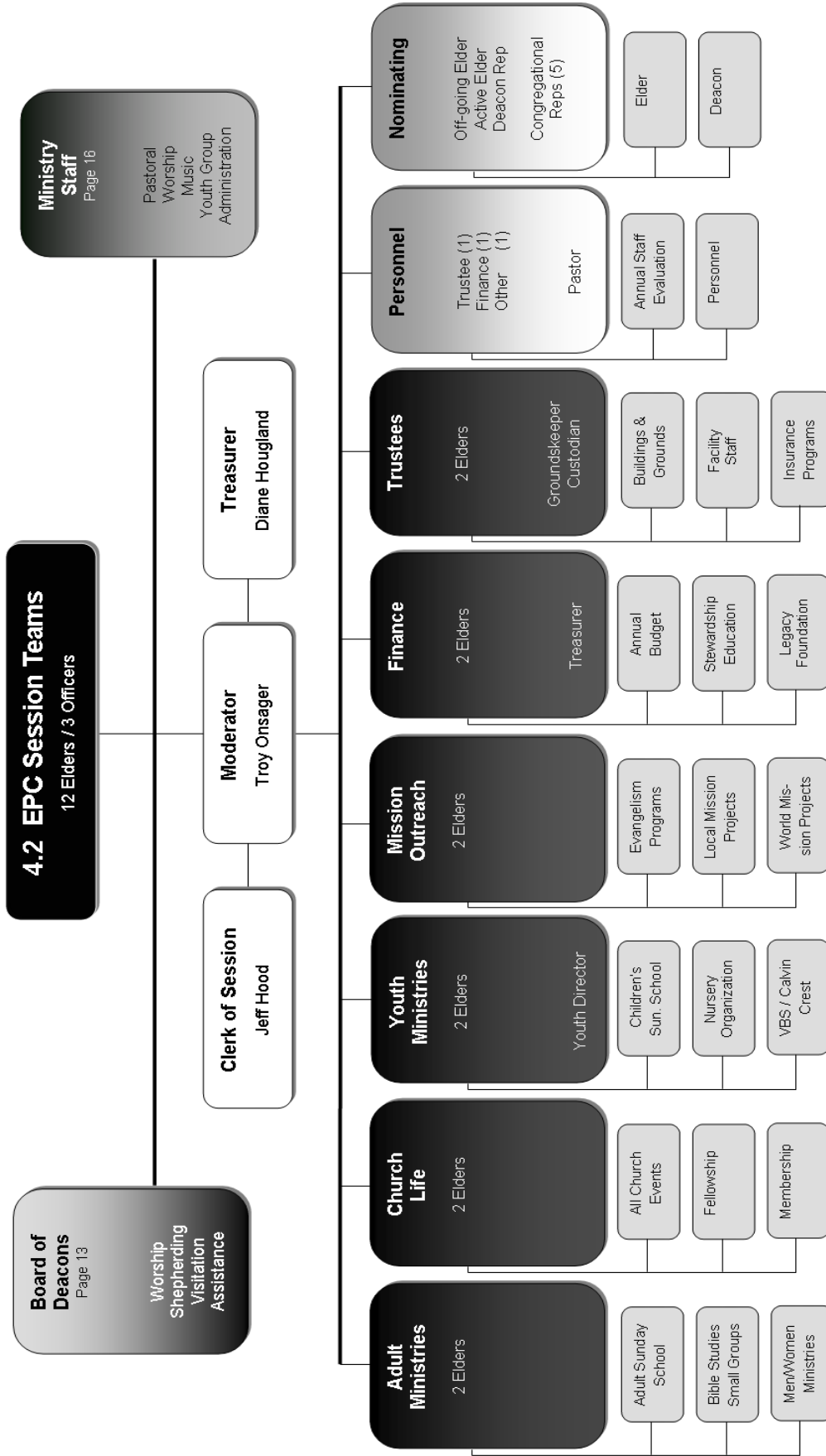
We are honored to serve you!

Respectfully,

Trustee Committee



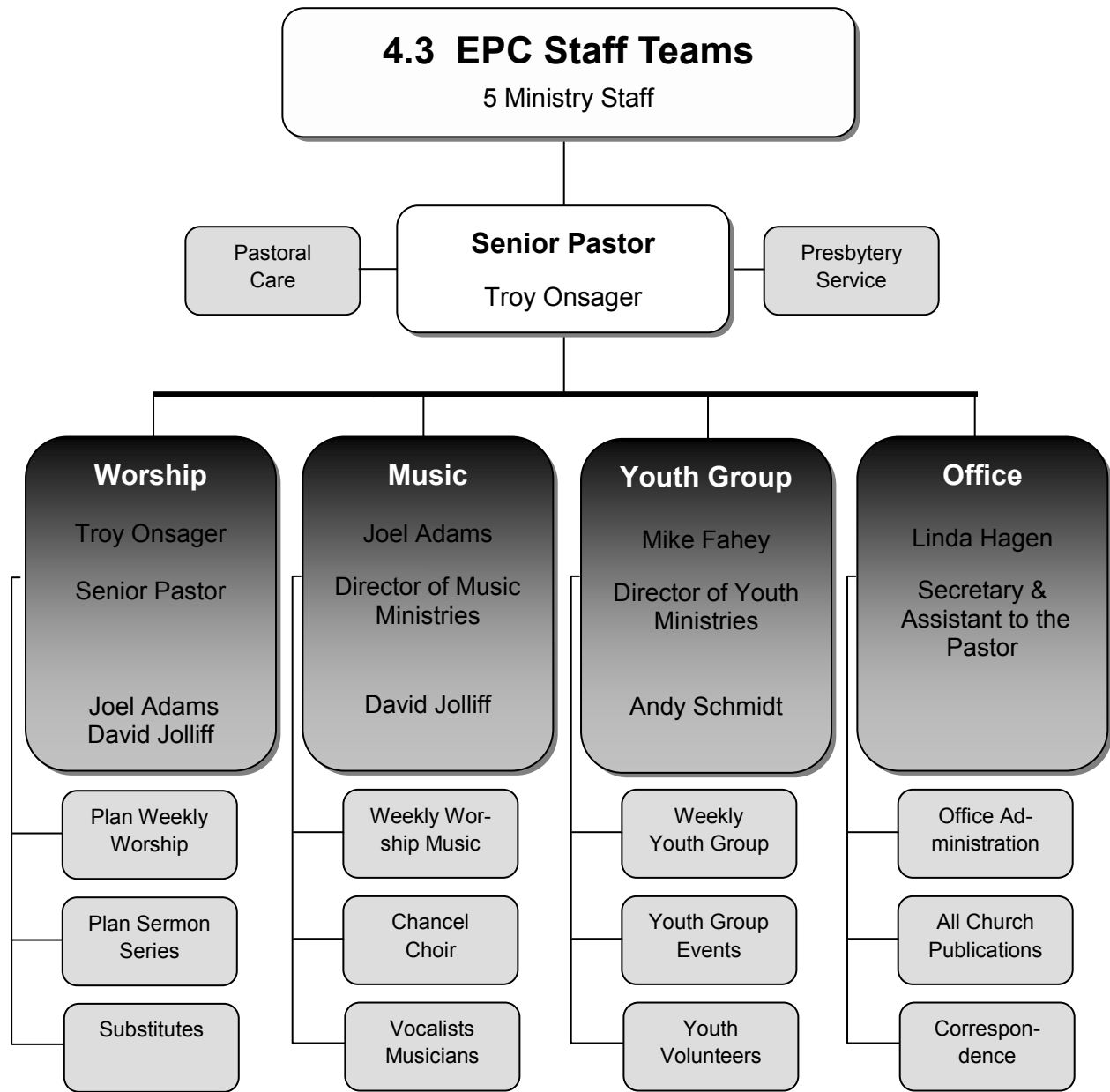
# Session Flow-Chart



**Session Officers**

**Elder—Led Ministry Departments**

**Elder—Led Administrative Departments**



**Senior Pastor Responsibilities**

**Staff-Led Ministry Teams**

## 5.1 Board of Deacons

The Board of Deacons would like to thank the congregation for their generous donation on Deacon Sunday and your support for our Annual Yard Sale. Not only were we able to raise funds with the yard sale but we were able to provide a service to the community with items that were priced to be affordable by those in need. Without the financial and volunteer support we would not be able to accomplish the Lord's work for our congregation and the community.

Your monthly food donations of our focus foods continue to increase what we have been able to give to the C.A.R.E. Program. These donations continue to make a difference in the community as the need continues to grow in these trying economic times. The Deacons have also supported C.A.R.E. with a direct monetary donation to be used as needed.

We had losses this year within our church family and the Deacons were able to help with two of the memorial services. The loss of a loved one is an emotional and stressful time and we are thankful that we were able to be there and help support the families.

With your volunteer support the Deacons were able to fund a Saturday meal for the Modesto Salvation Army in the months of January, February, and March. The Deacon's would like to say thank you to the entire congregation and to those of you who participated and were able to see the joy of the people as they ate and their thankfulness for the simple necessity of a basic meal. We look forward to continuing this project in 2010.

Your willingness to give made our Christmas Gift Tree a wonderful success. The look of happiness and joy in the faces of the kids as they received their gift from Mr. and Mrs. Claus was a sight to behold. The parents joy at seeing their children's happiness was expressed in big smiles and words of thanks. We were able to deliver gifts to 27 children and grocery store gift certificates to 11 families.

The Deacons continue to support the congregation through the set up of communion, arrangements for weekly flowers for the sanctuary, prayer chain for our church family, calls, cards and visits for those in need and arranging for lay readers and greeters.

We have been able to give to the following organizations monetary donations to support their work in the community: Sober Grad Night Escalon High, Haven of Peace Shelter Stockton, Escalon Ministerial Association, Gospel Mission Stockton, Gospel Mission Modesto and the C.A.R.E. Program.

2010 will bring a new year with new challenges and opportunities to serve our congregation and our community. We pray that God will be in our hearts and minds to serve as He would have us do. We look forward to the support of the congregation to do this important work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Hall

**5.2 Deacon Treasurer's Report**

**Checking Account**

**Balance January 1, 2009** **\$3,134.40**

**Income**

Miscellaneous Contributions	765.00	
Deacon Sunday	2,637.00	
Yard Sale	1,634.00	
Returned Donation	200.00	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$5,236.00</b>

**Total** **\$8,370.40**

**Expenditures**

Stamps	178.80	
Cards & Envelopes	133.15	
Yard Sale	365.00	
Helping Hands	1,562.26	
Salvation Army Dinner	416.72	
Calvin Crest	300.00	
Escalon Ministerial Assc.	300.00	
C.A.R.E.	300.00	
Haven of Peace	300.00	
Gospel Center Rescue Mission	300.00	
Modesto Gospel Mission	300.00	
EHS Sober Grad Night	300.00	
Bibles	143.92	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$4,899.85</b>

**Checking Balance December 31, 2009** **\$3,470.55**

**Savings Account**

**Balance January 1, 2009** **\$1,687.72**

Interest for 2009 3.04

**Savings Balance December 31, 2009** **\$1,690.76**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patti Farhat, Deacon Treasurer

**6.1 Clerk of Session Report**

Welcome to the second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!

Please join me in Thanking our Session Elders; Lorie Macsenti, Wayne Engle, Michele Hood, Dick Nelson, and our Deacons; Nancy Schmidt, Charlie Dodge and Ellen Nelson. Thank you all for your faithful service, as our Class of 2009, to our Congregational Family.

Some highlights to close out last decade in 2009, Pastor Troy accepted an additional role as Moderator for Stockton Presbytery. A triple Baby Shower was held in March. A small idea to support local needs in Zimbabwe blossomed into something wonderful. We rang in One Great Hour of Sharing. Troy was able to participate in a uniquely special opportunity to visit the Holy Land. VBS was again a crowning event at EPC this summer. The unfortunate dissolution of the Sierra Mission Partnership became a reality. The second Consecration Sunday was held, as were the spicy & tasty Harvest Dinner and our always festive Church Christmas Dinner. We ended the year with another unique opportunity to re-acquire the previous Manse property adjacent to EPC. Just to name a few!

It is most comforting and reassuring listing the many needs supported by EPC. Our local efforts to C.A.R.E. have been recognized and will be joined in 2010 by the other local Churches. Team Z ministry support, to The Giddens in Zimbabwe, has inspired an initial Mission Trip, on an international level. On the spiritual level, Pastor Troy continues to lead, supported, and/or participated in many events, groups, and associations.

This year, we warmly welcomed nine new members. We sadly lost five from our congregation; Carmen Walls, Greg Wann, Dale Gentry, Rose Snyder, and Betty Hagan.

Session Elders and Deacons serving this year are:

***Session Elders***

<u><i>Class of 2010</i></u>	<u><i>Class of 2011</i></u>	<u><i>Class of 2012</i></u>
<i>Dan Adams</i>	<i>Sean Dodge</i>	<i>Jeff Jarchow</i>
<i>Carol Adams</i>	<i>Lorie Macsenti</i>	<i>Rick Jones</i>
<i>Jerry Hougland</i>	<i>Bob McCune</i>	<i>Ellen Nelson</i>
<i>Margy Sawyer</i>	<i>Sandy Thompson</i>	<i>Steve Reader</i>

***Deacons***

<u><i>Class of 2010</i></u>	<u><i>Class of 2011</i></u>	<u><i>Class of 2012</i></u>
<i>Cheryl Hall</i>	<i>Patti Farhat</i>	<i>Pat Brown</i>
<i>Dave Hall</i>	<i>Marsha Love</i>	<i>Charlie Dodge</i>
<i>Grant Thompson</i>	<i>Tom Love</i>	<i>Ruth Paz</i>

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Hood  
Clerk of Session

**6.2 Statistical Report**

**2009 Statistical Report**

**Active membership January 1, 2009** **146**

**Gains**

By Affirmation of Faith	9
By Re-affirmation of Faith	0
By Restoration to Active Roll	0
By Certificate of Transfer	0
By Baptism and Confession of Faith	0

**Total Gains** **9**

**Losses**

By Death	3
By Transfer to Inactive Roll	0
By Letter of Transfer	0
By Deletion from Roll	0

**Total Losses** **3**

**Active membership December 31, 2009** **152**

**Plus Affiliate Member(s)** **1**

**Necrology**

<i>Carmen Walls</i>	<i>February 11, 2009 *</i>
<i>Greg Wann</i>	<i>February 19, 2009</i>
<i>Dale Gentry</i>	<i>April 8, 2009 *</i>
<i>Rose Snyder</i>	<i>August 10, 2009</i>
<i>Betty Hagan</i>	<i>December 25, 2009</i>

Infant Baptisms	0
Adult Baptisms	0
Weddings	0
Funerals	4
Session Meetings	
Regular	11
Special Called	1
Congregational Meetings	2

**New Members in 2009**

*Jason & Courtney Jericoff,  
Greg Foulke, Ruth Paz,  
Sal & Michelle Sandoval,  
Andy Schmidt,  
Richard & Corinne Thompson*

Respectfully Submitted

Jeff Hood  
Clerk of Session

*\* Long Time Friend of EPC*

**6.3 Nominating Committee Report**

The Nominations Committee met several times in September and October to prepare a list of candidates for the positions of Deacons and Elders. After much consideration the list was finalized. All persons selected and presented to the congregation at a meeting in November agreed willingly.

**For Deacons Class of 2012:**

Charlie Dodge, Pat Brown and Ruth Paz

**For Elders Class of 2011:**

Sean Dodge - Adult Ministries  
 Lorie Macsenti - Church Life

**For Elders Class of 2012:**

Jeff Jarchow - Mission Outreach  
 Steve Reader - Finance  
 Rick Jones - Trustees  
 Ellen Nelson - Youth Ministries

This slate was nominated and elected to office at the Congregation Meeting in November.

**A big Thank You to the Committee Members:**

Joel Adams, Bobbie Betcher, Lisa McCune, Sean Dodge, Marsha Love, and Randy Schmidt.

Wayne Engel and  
 Sandy Thompson Co-chairpersons

## Treasurer's Report - 2009 Balance Sheet

### ASSETS

#### CASH

Bank of the West Checking Account	\$ 35,809.20
Wells Fargo Bank	\$ 1,172.00
New Covenant-B	\$ 6,207.94
New Covenant-H	\$ 3,213.09
New Covenant-R & P	\$ 12,712.33
Synod-767A	\$ 21,380.59
Synod-767C	\$ 31,793.20
Synod Engel Memorial	\$ 88,899.02
Synod-Downer Trust MDC767-10160	\$ 33,659.60
Synod-Downer Trust Fund	\$ 15,898.43
Synod-Downer Trust-MDC767-00393	\$141,345.95
New Covenant-Downer	<u>\$ 39,498.34</u>
Subtotal Cash	\$431,589.69

#### OTHER ASSETS

Note Receivable (Pastor)	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
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#### TOTAL ASSETS

\$481,589.69

#### LIABILITIES

Taxes Payable-Payroll	\$ 2,287.15
Note Payable (Bridge Loan-Presbytery)	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>

#### TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$ 32,287.15

#### TOTAL FUND BALANCE

\$449,302.54

#### TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

\$481,589.69

## Treasurer's Report - 2009 Receipt & Disbursements

RECEIPTS

CONTRIBUTIONS

GENERAL FUND	\$ 202,851.20	
MISSIONS	\$ 14,642.00	
MEMORIALS	\$ 970.00	
ORGAN FUND	\$ 910.00	
MUSIC FUND	\$ -	
MISCELLANEOUS FUND	\$ 3,425.88	
BUILDING & GROUNDS FUND	\$ 650.00	
ENGEL MEMORIAL FUND	\$ -	
CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 2,642.00	
PASTOR STUDY LEAVE FUND	\$ -	
DOWNER FUND	\$ 169.00	
YOUTH FUND	\$ 300.00	
HARRIS MEMORIAL	\$ -	
PASTOR HOUSING	\$ -	
REAL ESTATE	\$ 8,576.37	
RESERVE FUND	\$ -	
<b>SUBTOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 235,136.45</b>	<b>\$ 235,136.45</b>

OTHER INCOME

MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 2,503.10	
<b>SUBTOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 2,503.10</b>	<b>\$ 2,503.10</b>

INVESTMENT INCOME

INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	\$ 15,320.73	
CHANGE IN VALUE-EQUITY ACCTS	\$ 8,908.17	
<b>SUBTOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 24,228.90</b>	<b>\$ 24,228.90</b>

TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS \$ 50,041.15

TOTAL INCOME AND TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS \$ 311,909.60

DISBURSEMENTS

OPERATING EXPENSES

PERSONNEL	\$ 153,106.03	
TRUSTEES	\$ 30,140.62	
CHURCH LIFE	\$ 3,108.85	
ADULT MINISTRIES	\$ 608.18	
MISSION OUTREACH	\$ 1,705.68	
MISSION SUPPORT	\$ 10,000.00	
WORSHIP & MUSIC	\$ 5,778.72	
YOUTH MINISTRIES	\$ 4,953.53	
FINANCE	\$ 882.00	

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES \$ 210,283.61 **\$ 210,283.61**

TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS \$ 49,617.79

DESIGNATED FUNDS & MISSIONS \$ 145,705.05

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 405,606.45

**Treasurer's Report - 2009 Fund Balances**

<u>FUND DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BALANCE @ JAN. 1, 2009</u>	<u>YTD INCOME</u>	<u>YTD EXPENSE</u>	<u>BALANCE @ DEC. 31, 2009</u>
General Fund	\$ 40,916.44	\$ 205,391.29	\$ 197,524.56	\$ 50,358.91
transfer from Engel		\$ 1,575.74		
Missions Fund	\$ 869.32	\$ 14,642.00	\$ 10,259.00	\$ 7,294.37
transfer from Engel		\$ 2,042.05		
Memorial Fund	\$ 7,353.24	\$ 970.00	\$ 4,495.96	\$ 3,827.28
Organ Fund	\$ 5,557.06	\$ 910.00	\$ -	\$ 6,467.06
Music Fund	\$ 446.05	\$ -	\$ 374.26	\$ 71.79
Reserve Fund	\$ 45,244.72	\$ 4,832.78	\$ 71,803.58	\$ 24,273.92
transfer from Pastor Housing		\$ 46,000.00		
Miscellaneous Fund	\$ -	\$ 3,425.88	\$ 3,425.88	\$ -
Pastor Housing	\$ 102,000.00	\$ -	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
transferred to Reserve Fund				
Gus Harris Memorial Fund	\$ 1,087.60	\$ 483.49	\$ -	\$ 1,571.09
Lloyd Engel Memorial Fund	\$ 91,387.05	\$ 3,716.36	\$ 2,586.60	\$ 88,899.02
transferred to GF & Mission Fund			\$ 3,617.79	
Camp Scholarship Fund	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,642.00	\$ 2,742.00	\$ -
Buildings & Grounds Fund	\$ 5,378.49	\$ 1,359.29	\$ 2,022.30	\$ 4,715.48
Pastor Study Leave Fund	\$ 471.14	\$ -	\$ 471.14	\$ 423.36
transfer from GF		\$ 423.36		
Downer Fund	\$ 230,232.05	\$ 14,282.06	\$ 12,759.05	\$ 231,755.06
Youth Fund	\$ 560.76	\$ 300.00	\$ 787.91	\$ 72.85
Real Estate Acquisition Fund	\$ 11,395.47	\$ 8,913.30	\$ 46,736.42	\$ (26,427.65)
Totals	\$ 542,999.39	\$ 261,868.45	\$ 355,988.66	\$ 449,302.54
Transfers		\$ 50,041.15	\$ 49,617.79	
Grand Totals	\$ 542,999.39	\$ 311,909.60	\$ 405,606.45	\$ 449,302.54

**2010 Budget**

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	2009 Actual	2009 Budget	2010 Budget	Budget Difference
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>				
CONTRIBUTIONS - Genl Fund-Pledged	162,993	167,729	166,217	-1,512
CONTRIBUTIONS - Genl Fund-Non Pledged	35,031	26,717	46,562	19,845
CONTRIBUTIONS - Loose Offering	4,828	5,442	4,800	-642
OTHER INCOME - Genl Fund	2,503	500	1,750	1,250
INTEREST INCOME - General Fund	37	26	26	-
INTEREST INCOME - Reserve Fund	0	1,400	0	-1400
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>	<b>205,392</b>	<b>201,814</b>	<b>219,355</b>	<b>17,541</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>				
<b><u>PERSONNEL</u></b>				
<b><u>MINISTERIAL PERSONNEL</u></b>				
SALARY EXP - Pastor	41,026	41,026	41,712	686
HOUSING EXPENSE - Pastor	19,500	19,500	22,000	2,500
PENSION/MEDICAL - Pastor	19,066	19,066	20,069	1,003
MILEAGE REIMBURSE - Pastor	2,167	2,200	2,200	0
STUDY LEAVE - Pastor	1,000	1,000	1000	0
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY	270	300	300	0
CELL PHONE - Pastor	660	660	660	0
SALARY EXPENSE - Secretary	17,028	17,028	17,555	527
PAYROLL TAX - Secretary	1,303	1,303	1,343	40
WORKERS COMP (all employees)	2,068	1,529	1,611	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>104,088</b>	<b>103,612</b>	<b>108,450</b>	<b>4,839</b>
<b><u>MUSIC PERSONNEL</u></b>				
SALARY - Organist	12,320	12,320	12,985	665
PAYROLL TAX-Organist	1,004	942	993	51
SALARY - Accompanist	2,750	4,000	4,600	600
PAYROLL TAX-Accompanist	149	306	352	46
SALARY- Music Director	11,500	11,500	13,529	2,029
PAYROLL TAX-Music Director	880	880	1,035	155
CONTINUING ED-Music Director	0	500	500	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,603</b>	<b>30,448</b>	<b>33,994</b>	<b>3,546</b>
<b><u>OTHER PERSONNEL</u></b>				
SALARY-Janitorial	11,244	11,244	11592	348
PAYROLL TAX-Janitorial	860	860	887	27
CONTINUING ED-Youth Director	0	500	500	0
LIVESCAN (Fingerprints)	506	-	250	250
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,610</b>	<b>12,604</b>	<b>13,229</b>	<b>625</b>
<b><u>YOUTH MINISTRY PERSONNEL</u></b>				
SALARY - Youth Worker	7,200	7,200	8,000	800
PAYROLL TAX-Youth Worker	551	551	612	61
WORKERS COMP (All C/E employees)	55	50	61	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,806</b>	<b>7,801</b>	<b>8,673</b>	<b>872</b>
<b><u>TOTAL PERSONNEL</u></b>	<b>153,107</b>	<b>154,466</b>	<b>164,346</b>	<b>9,880</b>
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL LESS YOUTH MINISTRY</b>	<b>145,301</b>	<b>146,664</b>	<b>155,673</b>	<b>9,009</b>

## 2010 Budget

	2009 Actual	2009 Budget	2010 Budget	Budget Difference
<b><u>MINISTRY TEAM EXPENSES</u></b>				
<b>TRUSTEES</b>				
OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,997	1,200	1,200	0
CUSTODIAL/GARDEN SUPPLIES	623	550	550	0
POSTAGE	353	500	500	0
NEWSLETTER	305	300	300	0
TECHNOLOGY EXPENSE	1,081	500	500	0
UTILITIES	3,490	5,000	5,000	0
TELEPHONE/DSL INTERNET	1,419	1,400	1,400	0
WATER, GARBAGE, & SEWER	1,350	1,300	1,300	0
GARDENING SERVICES	3,300	3,600	3,600	0
LIABILITY/PROPERTY INSURANCE	3,978	4,083	4,203	120
MAINTENANCE-CHURCH-Minor	644	800	800	0
MAINTENANCE-COPY MACHINE	560	700	700	0
MAINTENANCE-CHURCH-Major	5,000	5,000	7,500	2,500
CARPET CLEANING	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
PER CAPITA TAX	2,251	2,267	2,512	245
PROPERTY TAXES	476	500	3,117	2,617
MISCELLANEOUS	2,315	300	300	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,142</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>34,482</b>	<b>5,482</b>
<b>CHURCH LIFE</b>				
ACTIVITIES & SUPPLIES (KITCHEN)	3,109	2,000	4,000	2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,109</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>ADULT MINISTRIES</b>				
CURRICULUM (formerly called Discipleship)	600	1,600	1,750	150
TRAINING WORKSHOPS	0	300	300	0
LENDING LIBRARY MATERIALS	0	300	300	0
SUPPLIES	0	100	100	0
CHILD CARE	0	100	100	0
MAILINGS	8	100	100	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,650</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>MISSION OUTREACH</b>				
VISITORS PACKETS	0	150	150	0
OUTREACH PROGRAMS	850	1,500	1,500	0
ADVERTISING	856	900	900	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,706</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>GENERAL MISSION</b>				
GEN MISSION SUPPORT	8,000	8,000	9,000	1,000
MISSION INTERPRETATION	0	100	0	-100
THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION FUND	500	500	0	-500
ETHNIC MINISTRIES PRESBYTERY	400	400	0	-400
MINISTERIAL ASSN DUES	100	100	100	0
CALVIN CREST DONATION	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
C.A.R.E.	0	0	500	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,100</b>	<b>10,600</b>	<b>500</b>

## 2009 Budget

	2009 Actual	2009 Budget	2010 Budget	Budget Difference
<b>WORSHIP &amp; MUSIC</b>				
SANCTUARY SUPPLIES	512	700	700	0
AUDIO MINISTRY	310	500	-	-500
PULPIT SUPPLY	500	600	600	0
PULPIT SUPPLY MILEAGE	148	150	150	0
SUBSTITUTE ORGANIST	400	400	400	0
GUEST MUSICIANS	980	1,200	1,500	300
MUSIC MATERIAL	1,429	1,300	1,300	0
COPYRIGHT AUTHORIZATION	283	350	350	0
MAINTENANCE-Instruments	1,115	1,400	1,500	100
CONCERTS	102	500	1,000	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,779</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>FINANCE &amp; STEWARDSHIP</b>				
STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES & SUPPLIES	882	1,400	1,400	0
FINANCIAL SEMINARS	0	200	200	0
BACK UP ACCOUNTING SERVICE	0	300	300	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>TOTAL MINISTRY TEAM EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>52,226</u></b>	<b><u>55,150</u></b>	<b><u>63,682</u></b>	<b><u>8,532</u></b>
<b><u>GRAND TOTAL (LESS YOUTH MINISTRY)</u></b>	<b><u>197,527</u></b>	<b><u>201,814</u></b>	<b><u>219,355</u></b>	<b><u>17,541</u></b>

	2009 Actual	2009 Budget	2010 Budget	Budget Difference
<b><u>YOUTH MINISTRIES (DOWNER FUND)</u></b>				
EXPENSE DOWNER FUND (unbudgeted)	1,520	-	-	-
CALVIN CREST CAMP FEE	690	2,000	2,000	-
S.S. SUPPLIES & GIFTS	439	750	750	-
S.S. CURRICULUM	430	1,100	1,600	500
CHILD CARE/BABYSITTING	-	500	500	-
YOUTH FELLOW-Program Expense	1,141	2,000	2,000	-
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	254	500	500	-
BIBLES	-	300	500	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,474</b>	<b>7,150</b>	<b>7,850</b>	<b>700</b>
<b>Youth Personnel (from above)</b>	<b>7,806</b>	<b>7,801</b>	<b>8,673</b>	<b>872</b>
<b><u>GRAND TOTAL YOUTH MINISTRY</u></b>	<b><u>12,280</u></b>	<b><u>14,951</u></b>	<b><u>16,523</u></b>	<b><u>1,572</u></b>

## 6.4 Financial Review

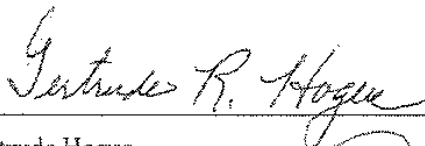
On January 19, 2010 the Financial Review Team of Dave Hall, Gertrude Hogue, and Robert Whitt examined the books and records of the Escalon Presbyterian Church, the Downer Fund for Christian Education and the Deacons Fund for 2009.

It is the opinion of the Financial Review Team that the financial statements correctly reflect the financial position of the Church, Deacons, and the Downer Fund.

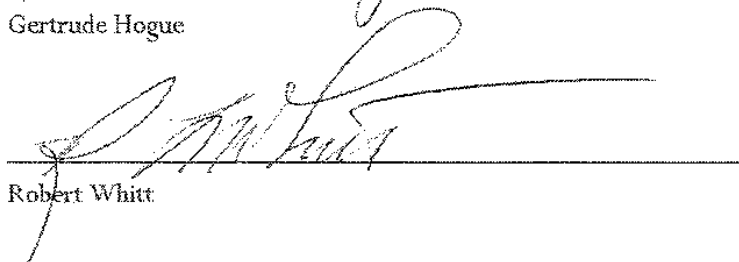
Reported as complete the 19th day of January, 2010.



Dave Hall



Gertrude Hogue



Robert Whitt