

**Annual General Meeting – Resurrection Lutheran Church – February 6, 2011**

**AGENDA**

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Call to order (include determination of a quorum)

Opening Devotions

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Minutes

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(A) – 2009 Annual Meeting on February 7, 2010

(B) – Special Congregational Meeting (June 27, 2010)

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

Election of New Council Members	
2011 Budget	
Announcements	
Adjournment	
Closing Devotions	

# The PASTOR, "In Mission for Others" in 2010

## **Practicing Spirited Discipleship**

48 Sunday Services

11 Mid-week Services

4 Manor Services

3 Baptisms

2 Weddings/renewal of vows

4 Funerals/committals/memorials

6 Confirmation classes/ 1<sup>st</sup> Communion classes/ Sunday School

23 Adult Forums/Intergenerational events/study-discussion groups/ learning events

15 Hospital visits

164 Home/office visits

## **Establishing a Focused Framework**

77 Certificates/schedules/reports/ letters/cards

75 Bulletins/inserts

47 Meetings

## **Developing Effective Partnerships**

28 Clergy gathers and pastor's prayer group

34 Bible Studies (split leadership with Pr.Bill Shepherd, St.Matthais)

8 Pericope group

## **Demonstrating Compassionate Justice**

26 Socials

35 Prayer shawl/quilting groups

14 Intervention

5 Transient

## **Welcoming Diversity**

35 Lunch bunch

31 Books read

6 Biblical Magazines read

Note that this report is different this year, not in content, but in the heading titles. Each title is one of the vision goals for Eastern Synod over the next few years.

This report is an expression of the vision becoming reality in the work that done at Resurrection.

## **WORK OF WIDER CHURCH**

*-time taken with these activities recorded on monthly reports to council*

1. Dean of Atlantic Conference

2. In Mission for Others Task Force: member

3. Waterloo Lutheran Seminary Board of Governor's: member

4. Halifax Community Chaplaincy (CSC): secretary

**FYI:** 5 weeks vacation (2 used for study weeks) + two study weeks (D.Min. @ Acadia)

## A PASTORAL LETTER reflecting on 2010

Dear Congregation,

I wish to thank-you for taking the time to read this letter from my heart to yours.

This little bit of God's church that is our home is having an impact on the neighbourhood and the wider community. The groups that use the hall are genuinely thankful that our home is open to them; for many of the groups it is difficult finding space that will welcome them. Social organizations throughout the community are delighted that we engage in their mission activities and events. God is at work through us and through our home.

My heart has been warmed over the year by members who continue to serve in a wide-variety of ways: worship assistants, choir members, musicians, woman's groups, returning of recycling, altar guild, fellowship hour help, council members, Sunday School teachers, justice activities, lectors, communion assistants, tellers, ushers, nursery tenders, tithers, and many other contributions to the community.

A personal thank-you is given to David Winfield for his service as Congregational President. His leadership has changed the culture of church council, its meetings, and the culture of the way the church approaches tasks to be done. Peoples' voices have been encouraged and opportunities for input have been facilitated. The change is life-giving not only to my psyche but that of the community.

There is a matter that has been on my heart and grew in importance as the year went on. Although the community, neighbourhood, and social organizations have valued our contributions and see Resurrection as a light, I wonder how many of our lights are exhausted -physically and more important spiritually? Church attendance on many Sunday's was low; Bible Study was not attended; When events, discussions, spiritual retreats were offered, either no one came or just two or three. From literature I have read, leadership events I have been part of, and church growth seminars I have attended, we are facing a crisis as we enter 2011.

Churches that worship, pray, study, and play together are those that thrive. All the components are necessary for the health of the church community and individuals. Perhaps, I will submit, it is my leadership that in some way has undermined participation or has not stressed the importance of continued learning. Perhaps it was the topics chosen that did not stike a nerve in the membership. Perhaps I have been remiss in sharing a vision of the Kingdom of God and have not articulated the Good News so that you wish to hear and learn more. I realize that life in today's world can be chaotic and that each of us sets priorities. The Good News sheds light on the chaos -especially when time is taken to ingest this Good News through reflection, conversation, and study. We have had priorities set on service through CLWR, food bank, Seafarer's Mission, Phoenix House; but the reason behind "the doing" is running out of power, for the priority has not been on charging our own batteries.

This is where my heart currently resides. Church can go on as it is for a reasonable amount of time but there will be those who will notice that the menu offers no spiritual food outside of Sunday worship and they will leave to find another place of nourishment. This little bit of God's church that is our home is full of remarkable people, with remarkable gifts -used here and in the world. Are such remarkable gifts and people not worth time and spiritual bolstering and maturity? Consider how it is that you will offer, suggest, or attend spirit building events in the coming year.

Come be part of a new year where anything is possible; hope abounds.

Thank-you for 2010 and having Resurrection be, "In Mission for Others".

Hugs and Son-shine,  
Pr.Kimber

### **Interesting Tid-bits:**

- 150 Valentines delivered in the community around the church
- Engaging Grace Blog was started. Access at church web-site or [www.revkimber.blogspot.com](http://www.revkimber.blogspot.com)
- Pastor using Twitter to communicate with community. If you wish to follow her: revkimber
- Church garden appeared in comments on other peoples' blogs and in the Coast
- Participated in community safety walk in conjunction with Chebucto Links, City of Halifax
- Cole Harbour Lion's club donated 8 garbage cans full of can tabs for our recycling project
- Children who were part of a Kid's Corner all received a handwritten note from the Pastor.
- A women from the broader community has joined the quilting circle
- 15 of us Christmas carolled through the neighbour
- 26 shoe boxes were decorated and packed for the Seafarers (given out by the Seafarer's Mission)

### **BLACKBERRY USAGE**

- Phone contains addresses of those Pastor visits: when running late she is able to phone and advise so folk do not worry or think they have written down the wrong date; also notes the apartment number once she is inside the building as buzz-boards no longer post apt. Numbers
- Check emails between visits and meetings: this saves time as sometimes errands or visits can be done on way back to the church; council questions and information are passed around and answered quicker; no need to download huge amount of emails on office computer
- The screen saver is of the rosetta window from the front of the sanctuary. It has been shown to those whom the pastor visits -with the result of tears, an emotional connection to a place those visited can no longer see.
- Frees up the landline at the house for other family members.
- Pastor able to continue to work while taking family or others to appointments.
- During intervention able to take pictures of a member's apartment who was being evicted, while the landlord had not fixed items (record for future reference if went to court).
- Pastor takes pictures for the blog and church web-site.
- Has been used to make contacts during crisis situations.
- Used when Pastor's van broke down to call CAA.
- During hurricane the phone worked, where as parsonage phones did not. It also allowed for internet and email contact.
- During intervention able to co-ordinate solution through phone, internet searches, information gathering.
- When at Camp Mush for a week, school (Wolfville), dean's meetings (ON), WLS board meetings (ON) pastor was still accessible. Pastor was also able to post to her blog and tweet.
- On occasions when the pastor needs a Bible it is accessible on-line.
- Allows the German Heritage Language School who meets at the Quinpool Education Centre to use the church as an emergency shelter if the need arises because Pastor can be contacted to open the door.
- When on vacation the council president has the Blackberry in case of emergency.
- Able to attend more last minute invites from parishioners because instantly receive email instead of opening emails at the church and missing events.
- When computers are down at the house, when the office computer is being used it allows the pastor to access emails.
- When running late the pastor can phone someone else to open the church for groups needing into the hall.

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Resurrection  
**2010 President's Report**

I begin by saying that we are a very small group of dedicated individuals. I commend each member for their commitment to service. I also want to "thank you" for your generosity. I am convinced without a shadow of a doubt that we can do anything if we put our minds to it.

My time on council has come to an end and I thank you for your support.

During 2010 your council has done a lot of things:

✓ Annual general meeting	February
✓ I attended seminar entitled "Serving as a Board Member."	March
✓ Laptop purchased for Treasurer	March
✓ Blackberry leased for Pastor	March
✓ Congregation Workshop on Vision	April
✓ Easter breakfast	April
✓ New hall tables	May
✓ Congregational meeting re. boiler	June
✓ Attended Synod Assembly 2010	June
✓ Hot water heater replaced	July
✓ New to us, Washer and Dryer for parsonage	September
✓ Additional potluck lunch	October
✓ Migration of our financial Power Church software to online	November
✓ Conrad Bursary recipient selection	November
✓ Water in the office	December
✓ Newsletter start up after privacy forms processed	December
✓ New caroling event	December
✓ 2011 budget preparation	December
✓ Christmas pot luck lunch	December
✓ Various councillors on duty	Every Sunday

In addition to all this, members of council and the congregation do many other regular tasks, from preparing monthly financial reports, planning and practicing music, nursery supervision, ushering and organizing coffee/tea time. I could go on and on. It is a perfect time to take a moment and say, "Bless you for your service and thank you for your friendship."

I continue to hear good things about our website. I have received and processed many requests to add content to it. Most recently, I have added an explanation of our church logo. I look forward to keeping it current in 2011. Please visit our site and to spread the word:

<http://users.eastlink.ca/~lutheranchurch/Index.html>

In January 2011 we met to discuss planning for the future. In this session/workshop we talked about our church building and parsonage. We need this open discussion to ensure the small number of volunteers work efficiently and are given guidance.

I want to publicly thank our treasurer, Nancy McQuade. This position holds great responsibility and I thank her for her service. In addition, I thank Sandra Powell for her role as assistant to the treasurer and Tim McNabb as financial secretary. They work very hard for you and me.

In light of this past years heating problem we will be seeking a constitutional amendment to allow the church council to approve emergency expenditures pending a congregational meeting. The wording of this amendment will have to be carefully prepared to allow enough leeway for council to act without

giving room for abuse.

From our Constitution (on our web site):

ARTICLE IX

Congregational Council and its Officers

Section 1. At its annual meeting the congregation shall elect a Congregational Council of not less than six nor more than twenty-four members for terms of three years each with approximately one-third of the terms expiring annually.

a. No member of the Council shall be eligible to service more than two consecutive terms....

<b>Terms of Council Members</b>	President	David Winfield	Jan 2008 - Jan 2011	Leaving
	Councillor			
	Secretary	Sandra Powell	Jan 2011 - Jan 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> term
	Treasurer	Nancy McQuade	Jan 2009 - Jan 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> term
	VP	Marion Maclaine	Jan 2010 - Jan 2013	1 <sup>st</sup> term
		Shawn McQuade	Jan 2010 - Jan 2013	1 <sup>st</sup> term
		Uli vom Hagen	Jan 2010 - Jan 2013	1 <sup>st</sup> term

Sincerely,  
David Winfield

**MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS - AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2010**

	Baptized	Confirmed	Notes
Jan. 1/10	357	242	<i>This is the figure reported in the 2009 Annual Reports.</i>
<b>Added:</b> Baptism	4		Jaylen reddick, Emma Psooy, Isaac Cunningham, Neveah Randall
Transfer (Child)			
Adult Baptism			
Confirm- ation			
Transfer (Adult)	3	3	Ida Magerlein, Sandra Ward, Sandra Malchuk
<b>Subtotal</b>	364	245	
Removed: Death	1	1	Aino Brzak
Transfers, moved, inactive	17	8	These people requested to be removed from the membership. The information was gathered during phones calls made in the spring by Marion McLaine from church council. (names below)
<b>Dec. 31/10</b>	346	236	

**Members removed:**

Those who were only in the baptismal registry –Ashley Comeau, Alexander Himmelman, Johnathan Himmelman, Nikolaus Himmelman, Adam Nonamaker, Laura Nonamaker, Taylor Norwood, Mark Norwood

Those who were baptized and confirmed members –Sarah Bradfield, Daniel Grantham, Kirk Himmelman, Sherry Johnson, Emmanuel Lange, Graham Nonamaker, Ryan Norwood, Tracey Norwood, Jonathon Vienot

**Additional information for 2010 from our Parish Registers:**

Marriages: Christina Thibeau and Jeffrey morris, jari Virtanen and Crystal Redden

Non-Member Funerals: Fritz Magerlein, David Brady, Wanda Tacreiter

## 2010 PROPERTY REPORT

This year has been very busy with smaller, unexpected projects with the exception of the new church boiler and water tank. After the new boiler was installed and paid for by an anonymous donor, there were smaller projects planned and contracted out. Due to several different setbacks they have not been completed to date, but are still on our to-do list.

In the spring, we had a successful cleanup day and managed to get most of the indoor cleaning done, but had to wind up early due to the amount of community usage of our fantastic facilities.

We have hired Mr. Ian McNab for this year's winter snow clearing and he will be monitored by Tim McNab. Although Jeannetta, our custodian, has had several health problems over the past year, she has arranged for other individuals to carry out her duties in her absence with our approval. She will remain as our custodian for the coming year.

On the radar for this coming year are the existing contracted jobs of Nursery Stained Glass repair (Sattler's Stained Glass Studio) and exterior door repair (Woodcrest Construction).

2010 has proven to be very challenging with multiple jobs such as:

- light bulb replacement
- several minor furnace repair calls
- fuel tank structure removal
- ant farm and frame removal in office window
- mouse extraction and monitoring of traps (yes, mice...it's an old building)
- new kitchen stove and juice glasses replaced (both of these were donated)
- kitchen sink plumbing issues corrected
- office flooding cleanup and repair to baseboard heater
- chime problems investigated
- parsonage pressure washing and tree trimming
- general grounds maintenance
- parsonage washer and dryer replacement
- new kitchen taps installed in parsonage
- church rain gutter cleanout

If I was to list all of the minor jobs conducted over the past twelve months, it would be just as long as this report. I will say that this is a very old building and requires attention on a daily basis to continue to serve us and our community for almost ten decades.

After saying that, it has been very challenging juggling the arising and outstanding tasks at the church with those of my own household and it would make it so much easier and more efficient if we had a bank of people that could identify their skills (professional or otherwise) that we could call on to lead smaller projects and existing maintenance issues. Please consider this as we head into a new year of

property maintenance challenges. There are several jobs that have be addressed in the coming months that we would like to call on the congregation for assistance. These include, but are not limited to:

1. Oil tank structure re-roofing;
2. Humidex repair investigation;
3. Ramp non-skid pad installation;
4. Ramp doorbell repairs;
5. Downstairs cleaning closet cleanout;
6. Outdoor debris cleanup;
7. Windsor St. steps painting;
8. New Gym/Conrad Room floor quotes;
9. Sanctuary altar arch painting;
10. Down stairs classroom repairs; and
11. Tree trimming outside front of parsonage

If any of these projects interest you or if you think that you may be able to assist with them, please contact myself or David Winfield, and I will make sure that you have all the information that you need to assist you with the completion of your task.

Shawn McQuade

Property Chairperson

REFLECTING ON

*The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection;*

*a Church that is in Mission for Others*

**We Practice Spirited Discipleship**

**We Welcome Diversity**

**We Demonstrate Compassionate Justice**

**We Establish a Focused Framework**

**We Develop Effective Partnerships**

## Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

### Sunday Morning Services - Average Attendance

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Q1 : Jan - Mar	73	74	82	70	76	79	70	79	69	62	57
Q2 : Apr - Jun	87	75	84	74	79	76	77	71	66	66	55
Q3 : Jul - Sep	68	67	59	69	66	55	57	57	55	47	40
Q4 : Oct - Dec	81	95	86	91	80	81	87	76	65	65	58
<b>Annual Average</b>	77	78	78	76	75	74	73	70	64	60	52

### Nursery Report

15 people including 4 young people took turns in the nursery during church services in 2010-11. 3 others were there after church on Easter and summer Sundays.

Holly and Cameron Rasmussen, Elizabeth, Catherine, and Alan Polvi, and Rebecca Crouse came up with a new set of nursery rulers. And a new children's listing method is set up.

Thanks to everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Holloway