

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago **2009 Annual Report**

Dear Friends,

The everyday life of Fourth Presbyterian Church is a marvel to behold. Beginning before 7:00 a.m. with the arrival of house staff and receptionists and the first parents dropping off infants in strollers and toddlers at the Children's Center, all day long until the building is secured and locked for the night between 9:00 and 10:00 p.m., Fourth Church is a busy and bright light in the city. This annual report tells a remarkable story of a remarkable church, serving its members of all ages, its neighbors, its city, and the world in the name of its Lord.



The year 2009 was a critical one. Newly appointed Executive Associate Pastor

Calum MacLeod began his responsibilities as our chief administrator. Marty Sherrod, Director of Resource Development and Communications, and Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, joined the staff and brought new energy and expertise to their positions, and the pace around here quickened. Early in the year, the Session and Board of Trustees made the very difficult decision to abandon the effort to sell air rights over the western portion of the church property and use the income from that sale as the foundation for the provision of desperately needed program space and mission expansion. The church had invested resources, energy, and countless hours in that Project Light effort, but in light of neighborhood opposition, leaders agreed that it was time to move on.

An extensive planning process called "Refreshing the Vision," chaired by Juli Crabtree and Andy McGaan and staffed by volunteer Don Allerton, involved more than 150 church members and staff and looked at every aspect of our life together and our mission (see page 12). Recommendations were referred to a Steering Committee for implementation and will assure that Fourth Presbyterian Church

continues to be a faithful, active, and growing church in the days ahead.

Part of every recommendation—indeed looming over the entire planning process—was the need for more and better space. Since Project Light was launched in 2002, 2,309 new members have joined the congregation. We need more space, and we need it now. And so Project Second Century, named for the upcoming 100th anniversary of the dedication of the church building on Michigan Avenue in 1914 and the beginning of our second century was launched (see page 11). This time we are on our own financially. An architecture firm, Gensler, has been chosen to design a new 80,000-square-foot building that will stand on the property currently occupied by the parking lot, Westminster House, and the Counseling Center. The new building will house classrooms; a dining room and kitchen; a 300-seat chapel; a large, open gathering place, or hub; seminar and meeting rooms, all arranged conveniently to the existing building. A feasibility study is underway to determine our ability to finance the new project.

In addition to the new building, Project Second Century will include the replacement of the 100-year-old roof over the sanctuary and the complete renovation and enhancement of our priceless Aeolian Skinner pipe organ. Project Second Century is the most ambitious and most exciting challenge Fourth Presbyterian Church has undertaken since the construction of the current building in 1912–1914.

Someone asked me recently, "Do we really need more space?" To provide an accurate answer, I asked Donna Gray, our Minister for Children and Families, to tell me about her space challenges. Donna told me about some amazing growth recently in the number of children and young people attending and participating in church activities. You can see it each Palm Sunday when the children and youth fill the chancel (see p. 13). Another indication of that growth and what it means—young families coming to Fourth Church—

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is the number of infant baptisms, 135 last year, 132 the year before; month in, month out, ten to twelve baptisms. No one in the history of Fourth Presbyterian Church anticipated it. One Sunday morning ninety infants, toddlers, and two- to three-year-olds crowded into small rooms, twenty-four first graders in a room the size of my office. "It just doesn't work," Donna said. "There's not enough room for them sit in a circle." Twenty-five fourth and fifth graders crowd around a table in what was the Manse dining room, thirty sixth graders are in the Manse basement, twenty-five eighth graders are in the Page Smith Room, not designed for them, with its huge portraits of former ministers looking down on them, and Senior Highs are in what we call the Crow's Nest, on the third floor, up a steep stairway, obviously not handicap accessible.

We need new facilities to accommodate the church we have become and the church we want to be and to bequeath to those who will come after us.

There is so much to love about Fourth Presbyterian Church. On a recent Sunday afternoon I attended the 4:00 p.m. worship service, which was being led by the twenty-five members of the confirmation class and their seventh grade classmates, too. I have two grandchildren

involved, and I was filled with gratitude and pride as they read scripture and sang. And when five eighth graders delivered the sermon, the proud father seated in front of me turned and reminded me that they got the job done in less time than my sermon that morning. How wonderful, I thought: all these beautiful young people. And then, when it was over at 5:00 and we were leaving the sanctuary, I looked into Anderson Hall and saw another equally beautiful sight: 155 people seated at tables of ten, each set graciously with a bouquet of flowers in the center, our neighbors, many of them homeless, all of them hungry, and a group of pleasant, friendly Fourth Church volunteers serving food, pouring coffee, cleaning the tables.

I said a silent prayer of gratitude for this good church, for its century of worship and service, for all that it has been, is, and will be in the days ahead.

Faithfully,



During 2009, the following changes took place in the church records.

Total membership at the conclusion of 2009: 6,102
(Total membership at the conclusion of 2008: 6,041)
Persons received into membership in 2009: 236
Members transferred to other churches in 2009: 65
Members requesting removal in 2009 (apart from transfers): 42
Members removed in 2009 after being inactive for two years: 39

*We regret to record the deaths of the following persons
and wish to extend our sympathy to their families and friends.*

Clarabelle Bailey	Judith A. Cocks	John M. Linton	Marietta Munnis	Margaret S. Stone
Katherine D. Balsen	Virginia Cook	Virginia Little	Judy Neel Murphy	Jan Temple
Helen Barnick	Grace O. Davies	Diane Lund	Elizabeth A. Reeves	Harry Vincent
Mary Bidanset	Paul Galloway	Doris Meyer	Irene Riesenweber	Wendell Wenstrand
Chase Dexter Bowman	Helen Joseph	Geraldine Montgomery	Morris Custer Ritchie	Ray Zanarini
Jack Cochran	Richard William Koch	Joan J. Dixon Mooney	Richard Schade	

To learn more about the mission and ministry of Fourth Presbyterian Church and the programs and opportunities described in these pages, visit www.fourthchurch.org or call the church office at 312.787.4570. The 2009 financial report, which is currently being prepared, will be distributed at the Annual Meeting and will also be available from the church office.

We rejoice in the Sacrament of Baptism of the following children.

Avery Frances Avedisian
 Kate Alexandra Backeberg
 Jane Katherine Baker
 Margaret Maclay Baker
 Logan Wulff Balaz
 Lyla Jade Baldwin
 Madeleine Ann Bennett
 Jonah Grant Berman
 Lyla Grace Berman
 Evelyn Hicks Blackwell
 Ariana Juliet Blake
 Charlie Scott Blomquist
 Kate Cornelia Boone
 Lila Jane Borchardt
 Josephine Elizabeth Braatz
 Evan Arthur Branstad
 Megan Lindsey A. Branstad
 Benjamin Allen Bundrant
 Cecelia Milan Burt
 Jack Henry Campbell
 Harrison Brian Cavin
 William Yunhyung Choi
 Lucille Jane Chong
 Alexandra Boston Clay
 Margaret Sinclair Clifford
 Lillian Lynd Corley
 Jackson Carl Cortese
 Drew Elizabeth Crane
 Willa Fay Crosby
 William Michael Crouch
 Alexandra Rose Cruise
 Lewis Oliver Da Silva
 Kyle Thomas DeCorte
 Gabrielle Lorraine Dong
 Paul Winthrop Earle III
 Daniel Peter Ellis
 Isabel Katherine Evans
 Hattie Olivia Feddersen
 Emily Huang Findler
 Alexander Dwight Finlayson
 Bryce Alan Forester
 Katherine Jane Goltra
 Mia Alexandra Yaung Grady
 Annabel Morgan Hawk
 Wilson Robert Truong Hinchsliff

Katherine Elizabeth Hoffmeyer
 Morgan Victoria Huyser
 Cooper Bryte Jackson
 Josephine Elizabeth Johnson
 Ella Grace Jones
 John Lawrence Jordan III
 Caroline Elizabeth Kaspar
 Sophie Mei Xiang Kasper
 William Douglas Kerr
 Hannah Jane Kindig
 Lilian Grace Knapp
 Charlie Jungles Krause
 Charles Reagan Krol
 Dylan Mitchell Kwasteniet
 Jacob Theodore La Cosse
 Sophia Grace Landreth
 Annabelle Clare MacLean
 Ian Patrick Mahone
 Charles Melvon Marquez
 Ava Rose Martin
 Lila Elizabeth Dorothy Massey
 Peyton Lynn McAdams
 William Christopher McAvoy
 Caitlin Jeanne McCarthy
 Casey Jane McClellan
 Tyson James McLean
 Beckett Nathaniel McLochlin
 Riley Philip McSpedon
 Sebastian Richard Meier
 Graham Whitman Mertzlufft
 Amelie Abigail Mugg
 Anderson Philip Mugg
 Christian Brody Nunez
 Flynn James Ogden
 John Cleveland Ordway
 Lila Grace Otten
 Ella Jacquelyn Pawluk
 Camryn Katie Perratt
 Andrew Nicholas Phelps
 Samuel Francesco Allan Picciola
 Peter Karlson Pinto
 Hugh Edward Powers
 Benjamin David Rattin
 Ian Hamilton Reatherford
 Catheryne McKenna Redfield

Kate Elizabeth Retterer
 Sean Patrick Richards
 Christopher Brown Rider
 Harold DeWitt Rider
 Sarah Adams Rider
 Jacob Edward Roberts
 Caroline Chronister Rogers
 Colin Michael Ross
 Avery Jayne Schanna
 Aubrey Joy Schleyer
 Hayden Richard Schroeder
 Claire Kennedy Sigmund
 Henry Alexander Gordon Simpson
 Matthew James Sinclair
 Stephanie Amber Sinclair
 Jane Mae Skattum
 Lucy Ann Skattum
 Colton Thomas Skinner
 Brielle Lauren Smith
 Kendall Frances Douglas Sorenson
 Avery Jean Starkey
 Daphne Sophia Suckow
 Kairos Minseo Suh
 Charles Dean Sundberg
 Lane Isabel Sundberg
 Evan Michael Tax
 Philip Herbert Timmerman
 Isla Teagan Tuscher
 Blake Adams Van Osdol
 Kennedy Grace Vancura
 Noah Clelland Vest
 Evie Consance Vigerust
 Oliver Anderson von Peterffy
 Arden McLean Votypka
 Felix James Vujasin
 Miller Hobson Walden
 Pheobe Georgia Welch
 Evan Paul White
 Benjamin Richard Whitney
 Anna Elizabeth Wilcoxon
 Luke Alexander Wilkey
 Margaux Ava Wilkey
 Ethan Joseph Wynne
 Meghan Elise Zandstra
 Zachary Michael Zuber

The Boards

The belief that the people of God are called to be leaders is at the heart of the Presbyterian way.

This commitment manifests itself in a style of “representative democracy” that is unique in the worldwide church. This representative democracy is embodied in the boards of the church: the Session, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Deacons. The officers who serve on these boards have been identified for their gifts of leadership and commitment to the life and ministry of this congregation and are elected to three-year terms by the congregation. These elections are held each February. Officers are then ordained and installed in May (*see photo on facing page*), when they begin their term of service.

This report gratefully acknowledges all those who served as officers during 2009: those whose term ended in May, those whose term began then, and those whose term continued throughout the year.

The Board of Deacons

At the heart of Deacon ministry is service and care. Outreach Care continued to serve at Sunday Night and Monday Night Suppers (Fourth Church also serves a Friday Night Supper once a month) and to coordinate the Summer Tennis Camp. Care of Creation worked in all areas to educate and raise awareness on conservation and “going green.” Angels on Call, Bridge Teams, Care Teams, and Caring Connections ministry (which provides home communion and visits from Deacons) supported people in times of need.

Deacons also continued to enjoy offering hospitality on Sundays, connecting people with volunteer opportunities and providing church tours. The board’s Intercessory Prayer Committee and Deacon Prayer Chain continued to nurture and support members in their prayer life and to lift up in prayer those in need. Through the ministry of Network Calling, each member of the congregation is also invited to offer prayer concerns that are then named in Morning Prayer.

Ended their term of service in 2009: Dan Alvarez, Gayle Birdsong, Stewart Bradley, Chelsea Bumpus, Ed Coke, Bennie Davis, Austin Garfield, Alison Gerlach, Michael Hires, Deborah Johnson, Barbara Maloof, Jeffrey McGuire, Melanie Oh Pierce, Cris Ohr, Joe Pixler, Gail Riggs, Leon Rinkenberger, David Smith, Stanley Smith, Seth Tuscher

Continued their term of service: Mark Agerton, Barbara Anderson, Nicholette Andrews, Lisa Armstrong, Annette Bacon, Mary Bartholomaeus, Agnes Boateng, Rick Bogaard, Linda Bracken, Judi Braskamp, Eloise Foster, Louise Gram, Roberta Hayes, Judah Howard, Joseph Jeffrey, Christopher Jones, Kurtis Kossen, Maggie Lewis, Heather Major, Rebecca Ann Nilsson, Zoa Norman, Beverly Pace, Brad Pierce, Joleen Preuninger, George Smith, Douglas Trapasso, Kristi Walker, Roger Wilson, Doris Yancey

Began their term in 2009: Brooke Bonner, Ron Bottrell, Wydetta Carter, Cary Donham, Blair Eklund, Elaine Filus, Ron Gedey, Cynthia Joho, Jennifer Keller, Kevin Kickhaefer, Tracy Koogler, Jean Marie Koon, Melanie Morgan, Robert W. O’Brien, Sebastian Olsen, Arlene Raine, Gary Rayl, Mark Schimmelpennig, Douglas Voyles, Eran Wade

Staff liaison: Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care



Officers elected at the February 22, 2009, Annual Meeting of the Congregation are ordained and installed during worship on May 17, 2009.

The Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees oversees the financial, legal and property affairs of the church. The standing committees of the Trustees include

- **Joint Finance**, composed of members of Trustees, Session, and Deacons, which ensures the church is functioning on a sound financial basis
- **Investment**, which develops investment strategy and appoints managers and advisers to manage the church's invested funds
- **Audit**, which ensures compliance with sound financial controls and laws; it reviews audit results with church-appointed independent auditors
- **Development**, which studies and recommends appropriate action on all proposals for fund-raising and development
- **Legal Affairs**, which provides oversight and assistance regarding all legal affairs affecting the church, including Chicago Lights
- **Property**, which ensures systems and procedures are in place to adequately maintain all church property in proper working order; it monitors maintenance needs and expenditures

Ended their term in 2009: Deborah Bricker, Rebecca Dixon, Susan M. Hill, Marc Miller, Bob Parsons, Dennis Thorn

Continued their term of service: John Berghoff, Clyde Bowles, David Crawford, Melanie Ehrhart, Elizabeth Foster, Douglas Grissom, R. Thomas Howell, Roger Nelson, Sandra Nelson, Jeanne Olofson, Elizabeth Patterson, Sara Pfaff, Richard Sabol, Joe Sifferlen, Charlotte Wager

Began their term in 2009: Paul Branstad, Philip Calian, Jan Feldman, Pamela Jameson, Forrest Lammiman, Deborah Mitchell

Staff liaisons: John M. Buchanan, Pastor; Robert Holben, Director of Business Administration; Calum I. MacLeod, Executive Associate Pastor; Lisa Radetski, Director of Individual and Planned Giving; Martin Sherrod, Director of Resource Development and Communications

The Session

The Session is the primary governing body and designated authority on almost every important element related to the operation and ministry of a Presbyterian church. Fourth Church's Session is specifically responsible for receiving new members, setting a vision for outreach and mission, providing for worship and the administration of the sacraments, and for approving budgets and helping lead fund-raising programs in support of those budgets. Its overall focus is to sustain and enhance Fourth Church's historic mission as a great beacon for the acceptance and sharing of God's love, for uplifting "the least, the last, the lost, and the lonely," and for inclusivity and hospitality.

Ended their term in 2009: Mark Bereyso, Lisa Doak, Sam Evans, Arlene Faulk, Carol Gates, Ann Kingstrom, Jeremy Lewis, Lewis C. Lofgren, David Miller, Francis Ntowe-Fankam, Janet Reed, Tony Ruger, Mary Schaafsma, Len Tomaka, Claudia Winkler

Continued their term of service: LaDonna Black, Andrew Brickman, Don Coe, Linda Crane, Allison Pay Crawford, Debbie Frisch, Lisa Garay, Kim Grady, Fred Henry, Jerry Johnson, Liz Kurman, Carl Leigh, Gregory Lewis, Ross Lober, Mark Nelson, Llani O'Connor, Kathi Rodak, John Shorney, Rob Sinclair, Evadney Stephens, Alison Thomas, Paul Vogel, Stephanette Walker

Began their term in 2009: Stewart Bradley, Vern Broders, Ed Coke, Lloyd Culbertson, Jacob Dorn, Janet Krehbiel-Pieracci, Brian McCrea, Marc Miller, Judith Monroe, Melanie Oh Pierce, Beth Rizer, Catherine Sigmar, Seth Tuscher, S.L. Van der Zanden

Sam Evans, Clerk of Session
Sara Pfaff, Deputy Clerk of Session
John M. Buchanan, Moderator

The Session carries out its various responsibilities through the several committees that report to the Session. Those individual committee reports make up the remainder of this 2009 Annual Report and include a listing of those who so graciously gave of their time and talent in serving on these committees during 2009.

Adult Education

The mission of the Adult Education Committee is to draw participants into the many realms of God's activity, emphasizing the intersection of faith and life through the Academy for Faith and Life, Bible study groups, Michigan Avenue Forums, the Borden Library, tape and transcript ministries, officer training, and collaboration with other church programs and committees. Our overarching purpose is to provide adult education of varying lengths and intensities for members of Fourth Church, friends of the church, and the larger community.

In 2009, special events commemorating the 500th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin were held, including a lecture at the Newberry Library, home of historical Calvin artifacts, and a Saturday morning program that included panel discussions and lectures on topics connecting Calvin with today's Presbyterians. This initiative was extremely well received, and the committee is incorporating relevant learning into its plans going forward.

The diversity of adult education programs continues to attract increasingly large classes, providing topic choices ranging from the theological to the practical, and classroom environments ranging from lectures to highly interactive discussions.

Committee members: Michael Ban, Larry Braskamp, Martha Brown, Ted Davis, Kim Douglass, Christian Freberg, Allison Graham, Peg Griffiths, Amy Gulinson, Fred Henry, Karen Heiser, Jeff Lehn, Carol Lobbes, Ross Lober, Missy MacLeod, Dave Miller, Eric Olson, Allison Pay Crawford, Jo Preuninger, Tom Roos, Linda Vander Weele, S. L. Van der Zanden.

Staff liaison: Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship

Chicago Lights

Chicago Lights is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that changes lives one at a time by offering hope and opportunity to individuals and families who face the challenges of aging, poverty, and access to education and healthcare. Chicago Lights fosters literacy and education, alleviates hunger and homelessness, and advances health and wellness through eight outreach programs: Literacy and Arts at the Near North Magnet Cluster Schools, the Center for Life and Learning, the Center for Whole Health, Chicago Avenue Outreach, the Elam Davies Social Service Center, Free Write Jail Arts and Literacy at the Nancy B. Jefferson Alternative School, Summer Day, and Tutoring.

In 2009, Chicago Lights welcomed Vicky Curtiss as Executive Director and Marty Sherrod as Director for Resource Development and Communications. Stacy Jackson was named Associate Executive Director. Sunday Night Supper relocated to Anderson Hall, where it now serves 155 persons weekly. Dance and drama instructors began teaching classes twice a week throughout the school year in Cabrini-Green's elementary schools. Courses specifically designed for men were made available by the Center for Life and Learning. The staff of the Free Write program at Nancy B. Jefferson School took a lead role in expanding arts opportunities for students. Plans began to transform the Community Garden into the Chicago Avenue Urban Farm to provide development and job training for neighborhood youth.

Members of the Board of Directors: Jean Ban, Mark Beckman, Mark Bereyso, Betty Bergstrom, Dianne Bowman, Ed Coke, Delia Coleman, Ted Davis, Robert Doak, Jay Frey, Patsy Habicht, Francia Harrington, Suzanne Kickhaefer, Karen Lamb, Larry McCracken, Mark Nelson, Alison Thomas, Nancy Unglaub, Harry Vincent, Sylvia Wynn, Allison Youngblood

Staff liaison: Victoria G. Curtiss, Executive Director of Chicago Lights and Associate Pastor for Mission

Children and Family

The Children and Family Committee is responsible for the nurture and faith of children from birth through fifth grade. It oversees a monthly baptismal seminar for parents having their children baptized and the Sunday morning nursery for infants and toddlers. It is also responsible for the Sunday School program, which serves children as young as age three. In 2009, the committee adopted and implemented the Child Protection Policy and worked with the Youth and Congregational Life Committees to develop ways for the church to be more inclusive of children, youth, and adults with disabilities. The *Good News Letter* for families was moved to an electronic format, though a monthly activity card is still mailed. For the second time, a parent luncheon was hosted for adoptive parents, pre-adoptive parents, and their children. Sixty-one Bibles were given to kindergarten children, and forty-three Bibles were given to fourth-grade children.

The “Kids Helping Kids” Mission Benefit, run by the children of the church, gathered eighty-three books for and contributed \$1,000 to Erie Charter School. Children from Erie attended the benefit, and some Fourth Church children visited Erie to deliver the books in person. The 11:00 a.m. kindergarten/first-grade class, after studying the shepherd boy David, made sheep ornaments in December with the rest of the Sunday School children and their parents; these ornaments were available for purchase at Coffee Hour. This endeavor allowed the class to procure an entire flock of sheep (six sheep) from Heifer Project International. Sunday School as a whole remains strong, with the support of thirty-eight volunteer teachers, while the week of Vacation Bible School in August continues to be a very popular event.

Committee members: Steve Bumpus, Lisa Doak, Elizabeth Foster, Claudia Garfield, Jim Garner, Laurie Garrett, Peyton Hutchinson, Mira Lee, David Love, Brian McCrea, Maggie McGuire, Paul Pieper, Hilary Scott, Catherine Sigma, Evadney Stephens, Debbie Whitmore, Allison Youngblood

Staff liaison: Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families

Congregational Life

The Congregational Life Committee seeks to engage a growing congregation in the life of the church beyond Sunday worship ministries of fellowship and volunteer service, as well as lay leadership. To that end, it oversees and supports the programs

- Common Connections Ministry, which supports the mission of fellowship groups seeking to inspire people, by their love, to live out the church’s mission, to give what is most precious to them, to befriend one another, and to serve one another and the world
- Volunteer Ministry, which manages the recruitment and facilitates the work of volunteers in various ministries of the church and agencies with whom Fourth Church shares a mission
- L.E.A.D. (Leadership, Education, and Development) Ministry, which supports and engages the leadership talent of the church
- The Oral History Committee, which preserves the voices and memories of those who have played a role in or observed the life of the Church over the past century
- The Multicultural Initiatives and Resource Committee, which works to increase the multicultural inclusivity of our church
- The Interfaith Resource Committee, which supports our community’s efforts to deepen our Christian faith by engaging with other faith traditions

The committee also supports the Hospitality Team and oversees congregational meals, Coffee Hour on Sundays, the Book of Common Prayer, Christian Fellowship, and the ministry of many small groups. In 2009, the Cycling Club, Christian Century Groups, Young Adults, and Young Couples groups joined already existing small groups.

Committee members: Annette Bacon, Betty Bergstrom, LaDonna Black, Rick Bogaard, Dianne Bowman, Wydetta Carter, Don Carter, Carol Gates, Elinor Hite, Melissa Litton, Sue Lopatka, Janet Love, Ed Miller, Judy Monroe, Roger Wilson, Zoa Norman

Staff liaison: Joyce Shin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Ecclesiastical Relations

The mission of the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee is to maintain relationships with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Presbytery of Chicago and constituent groups, as well as with ecumenical and interfaith partners. This committee is also responsible for the Pastoral Residency program, which brings seminary graduates to Fourth Church for two-year residency programs; there were three pastoral residents this year. Decisions about “covenantal agreements” and Presbytery Overtures are reviewed by this committee before going to session.

This committee has seen a church alive in the steady number of Fourth Church members who explore a call to ordained ministry of Word and Sacrament. They do so under the care of this committee and its subcommittee, Seminarian Care Committee, and the Session. As many as ten people at one time are at some stage of that discernment process—a remarkable way that we also serve to keep the broader church “alive”!

Committee members: Mark Bereyso, Sam Evans, David Love, Diane Meister, Ann Petersen, Tony Ruger, Mary Schaafsma, Paul Vogel, Gretchen Wahl, Stephanette Walker, Katie Whitmore

Staff liaison: Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism

Evangelism

The Evangelism Committee provides the “umbrella” for subcommittees and task forces related to the welcoming of visitors to Fourth Church throughout the week and inviting people into full membership in the life of this congregation. A large network of volunteers supports all these efforts—greeters and sanctuary hosts; lay teachers for Inquirers’ Classes; Invitation Committee members who telephone and write visitors; New Member Brunch Committee members who host new members on the third Sunday of each month. The Evangelism Committee hosts three open houses each year, which draw hundreds of visitors from around the world.

A special focus in 2009 was the overhaul of the “Shepherds” program addressed by an Assimilation “SWAT” team chaired by Don Allerton. A church alive is committed to seeing that new members are well-integrated into the life of the church within the first year of membership, and an exciting new program will be implemented in the coming year that will keep new member classes “together” for special events and service opportunities.

Committee members: Don Allerton, Nan Birmingham, Stu Bradley, Bob Day, Val Henry, Arnie Lenters, Kathleen Rodak, Stanley Smith, Paul Vogel

Staff liaison: Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism

Mission

The Mission Committee, made up of Advocacy, Funding, and Global subcommittees, in 2009 added a fourth subcommittee whose purpose is to strategize a process for increasing the congregation's involvement in mission. In 2009, the Mission Committee focused on a few particular areas: Education Finance Reform, HIV/AIDS, and Native American issues; the committee continued to focus on issues faced by returning veterans as well. The subcommittees of the Mission Committee strive to plan programming around its priorities. Letters regarding various issues were available for signatures at Coffee Hour throughout the year. During the year, \$142,500 in grants was awarded to sixty-six nonprofit agencies. Global mission trips were planned to the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations in South Dakota, Guatemala, Cuba, and the Chicago Avenue Garden. This "Urban Plunge" weekend at the garden was a wonderful collaboration of the Mission Committee, the Chicago Lights Garden Committee, Congregational Life, Young Adults, and residents of Cabrini-Green—working together, learning together, and growing and nurturing friendships. Building relationships, building community, and caring for one another is mission at Fourth Church.

The Lorene Replogle Counseling Center is entering its thirty-fourth year as the mental health mission outreach of Fourth Church. The fifteen-member staff provides clinical services ranging from psychological counseling to spiritual direction for individuals and couples. Additionally, in 2009 the Counseling Center staff provided education and supervision to four graduate students, led quarterly grief groups, presented various relationship seminars, assessed and referred persons to resources for concerns beyond the scope of the Counseling Center, and led premarital seminars on Saturdays for couples getting married.

Committee members: Lisa Armstrong, Greg Batton, Mike Boyer, Cindy Borski, Crystal Bush, Lola Coke, Sylvia Decker, Sue Felty, Debbie Frisch, Kim Grady, Marty Hansen, Courtney Hye-Martin, Elaine Hierholzer, Don Horvath, Betty Hutchison, Allan Kayler, Peyton Randy Keller, Judy Kerch, Janet Krehbiel-Pieracci, Carl Leigh, Rae Lewis-Thornton, Carol Lobbes, Cheri Lundin, Barbara Maloof, Megan McAleer, Rob McClung, Ruth Mortensen, Francis Ntowe-Fankam, Melanie Oh Pierce, Ken Ohr, Brad Pierce, Janet Reed, Edna Schade, Mark Schimmelpfennig, Joan Sessions, Sherry Sherman, Anne Stelle, Mary Talen, Eran Wade, Gretchen Wahl, Roy Youngblood

Staff liaisons: Victoria G. Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission; Vicki Reynolds, Director of Mission

Nominating

The Nominating Committee is made up of representatives from the Session, Board of Deacons, and Board of Trustees, plus members-at-large elected by the congregation at the February congregational meeting. The committee is responsible for nominating thirteen Elders (including one youth), eighteen Deacons (including two youth), seven Trustees, seven Nominating Committee members, and four Chicago Lights board members.

Soon after the newest class of officers was ordained and installed on May 17, the committee began its work gathering recommendations for candidates for the next class. After collecting names from Fourth Church members and staff of those felt to have gifts for leadership and a commitment to the life and ministry of the church, the committee prepared to present its slate of candidates to the congregation for election at the February 2010 Annual Meeting. As always, the committee found its challenge to be distilling the slates from so many potential and proven leaders with which our congregation is blessed.

Committee nominating 2009 candidates: Rita Bennett, Gerry Bloomer, Martha Brown, Lisa Garay, Judy Kerch, Arnie Lenters, Carol Lobbes, Sue Lopatka, Sara Pfaff, Joe Pixler, Mary Schaafsma

Committee nominating 2010 candidates: Mark Bereyso, Dianne Bowman, Hope Daniels, Jan Feldman, Lisa Garay, Karen McCracken, David Miller, Melanie Oh Pierce, Beverly Pace, Tony Ruger, Cecy Szuba

Staff liaison: Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism; Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate

Personnel

The Personnel Committee is committed to providing leadership and support to the staff of Fourth Church, from the Pastoral and Program staff who lead the worship and outreach programs, to the house staff who maintain the facilities, to the administrative support team who assures the smooth running of many of the programs. Fourth Church is blessed to have a strong and committed staff. The Personnel Committee works behind the scenes to assure that a positive work environment is fostered and maintained through the development and administration of policies, the creation of staffing plans, and the administration of an annual objective-setting and review process.

Committee members: Arlene Faulk, Jan Feldman, Joan Hall, Hugh Halverstadt, Jerry Latherow, Carl Lingenfelter, Marc Miller, Chris Pfaff, Beth Rizer

Staff liaisons: John M. Buchanan, Pastor; Calum MacLeod, Executive Associate Pastor

Project Second Century

In the spring of 2009, Fourth Presbyterian Church completed a strategic planning process, called “Refreshing the Vision” (see page 12), which looked at the entire life of this congregation with a view to the future to which God calls us.

That planning process looked at everything this church does here and in the world and identified the central and immediate need for Fourth Church as more space—additional, well-designed, efficient space:

- Classrooms for growing Sunday School and youth programs, which have dramatically outgrown the current facilities
- Seminar and classrooms for adult education
- Meeting rooms for the many church and outside groups that meet here
- A versatile chapel space for worship, lectures, and recitals
- A dining room and kitchen facilities and a spacious, welcoming hub or gathering place for this growing congregation, which is more than twice the size the congregation was when this facility was built

The Session and Trustees established a committee to address those needs and named the project *Project Second Century (P2C)*, marking this congregation’s second century on Michigan Avenue, which will begin in 2014.

The P2C Steering Committee established three subcommittees—Building, Finance, and Communications—and they went to work. In December, those committees made an exciting progress report to the Session and Trustees and presented basic concepts for a new four-story, 80,000-square-foot building on the west side of the Fourth Church property where the parking lot, Counseling Center, and Westminster House are now located. Other immediate needs include the rebuilding of the magnificent Aeolian Skinner pipe organ, a treasure badly in need of an overhaul; the replacement of the nearly 100-year-old sanctuary roof; and the need to add to the endowment to support the new building and the programs that will go into it.

The total estimated cost is \$48 million. There is \$16 million in the bank from Project Light five years ago. So the challenge is approximately \$32 million. During the first

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months of 2010, there will be preliminary planning and strategic conversation with church leaders necessary to launch a capital campaign later in 2010. Also during those months the architect will begin work on moving from basic concepts to final plans and designs for the new building.

The December progress report and the recommendations of the P2C Steering Committee were unanimously and enthusiastically approved by the Boards, and the committee will continue to keep the congregation apprised of developments as Fourth Church boldly moves forward into its second century on Michigan Avenue.

Project Second Century Steering Committee members: Juli Crabtree, David Crawford, Lloyd Culbertson, Beth Davis, Doug Grissom, Maggie Lewis, Andy McGaan

Staff liaisons: John Buchanan, Pastor; Robert Holben, Director of Business Administration; Calum I. MacLeod, Executive Associate Pastor; Martin Sherrod, Director of Resource Development and Communications

Refreshing the Vision

In the fall of 2008, Fourth Church began the task of creating a new long-range plan for the congregation. Under the leadership of the Refreshing the Vision Steering Committee, several task force teams met and provided input, which was also requested of the entire congregation through a general survey that fall and a more detailed survey in March 2009. The results of the surveys and task team meetings showed an extraordinary convergence of opinion and consensus of views regarding Fourth Church's vision themes, prioritized programmatic goals, and capital needs.

In April, the committee presented its report, based on these opinions and views. It noted that the congregation is not calling for a radical change of direction but rather is calling for a dramatic expansion of programs, member involvement, and physical space to better serve the ministry of Jesus Christ in Chicago and the broader world. Much of the input in this process called for expanded programs that demand the creation of additional space to overcome current facility constraints. Particularly lifted up were opportunities to enhance the social outreach dimension of Fourth Church's mission; to serve the growing youth, children, and family populations; and to continue close coordination and collaboration between Chicago Lights and the church's mission activities.

Fostering engaging relationships in all aspects of church life and strengthening connections across natural groups was a common theme of task team reports and survey results. There is a common desire to help this large church feel smaller to its membership. And it is also deemed imperative to increase member participation in ministry work and in financial support for the church.

In submitting its final report in April 2009, the Refreshing the Vision Steering Committee asked the staff to begin addressing no- or low-cost programmatic recommendations that could be implemented immediately, such as working on ways to incorporate lay leadership and increased roles for youth and children in worship. A Project Second Century Steering Committee (whose report appears on pages 11–12) was created and given responsibility for the building process related to the vision and long-range plan.

Refreshing the Vision Steering Committee members: Mark Bereyso, Debbie Bricker, Delia Coleman, Juli Crabtree, Doug Grissom, Elinor Hite, Marilee Hopkins, Maggie Lewis, Andy McGaan, Jeanne Olofson, Karen Otto, Marty Sherrod, Allison Youngblood

Staff liaisons: John M. Buchanan, Pastor; Calum I. MacLeod, Executive Associate Pastor

Resource Development

The Resource Development Committee (RDC) is a committee of the Board of Trustees and of the Session, appointed to study, recommend, and implement appropriate action on fund-raising activities. The committee's particular responsibilities include encouraging giving as an expression of discipleship; developing, overseeing, and implementing all fund-raising activities undertaken on behalf of the church and Chicago Lights; encouraging and supporting planned giving and major gifts to the church; and matching interested donors with current funding needs.

The first year of the combined Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, as implemented by the RDC, was a great success. The positive feedback and results from the 2009 effort led to the 2010 Annual Appeal theme, "Called to Be a Church Alive." That appeal has generated 1,186 commitments totaling more than \$3.5 million to support all the many moments in which this church will come alive in 2010.

Committee members: Mark Agerton, Betty Bergstrom, Gerry Bloomer, Stu Bradley, Debbie Bricker, Lloyd Culbertson, Rebecca Dixon, Sam Evans, Susan Hill, Chris Horsman, Jerry Johnson, Ann Kingstrom, Jean Marie Koon, Liz Kurman, Marc Miller, Deborah Mitchell, Sandy Nelson, Llani O'Connor, Jeanne Olofson, Ginger Pillman, Beth Truett Haagen, Seth Tuscher

Staff liaisons: Lisa Radetski, Director of Individual and Planned Giving; Martin Sherrod, Director of Resource Development and Communication

Worship, Music, and the Arts

The coordination of the many worship opportunities at Fourth Church is at the heart of the work of the Worship, Music, and the Arts Committee. The committee and its members work with ushers and communion servers, musicians, lay participants, and pastors, who lead and assist in the services to provide faithful worship and preaching in the Reformed tradition and a warm welcome for the many who come through the doors each week. Through the subcommittee of the Fine Arts Council, the committee also provides for musical and artistic expressions beyond the worship services that contribute to the life and work of the church.

In June of 2009, Fourth Church welcomed a new worship opportunity with the creation of the Fourth at Four worship service at 4:00 p.m. This service, which replaced the 6:30 p.m. Vespers service, provides an additional opportunity for worship in the Reformed tradition while doing so in a more casual setting with additional involvement from member volunteers and guests of Sunday Night Supper.

The Fine Arts Council partnered with the Silk Road Theatre in 2009 to bring to Fourth Church a staged reading of *In the Crossing*, a play featuring themes about reconciliation relevant to Muslims, Christians, and Jews. In addition, the Fine Arts Council expanded its volunteer involvement by creating an "Arts Crew" for the selection and review of visual arts items that become a part of displays in the Loggia.

Worship, Music, and the Arts Committee members: Blake Anderson, Jay Frey, Michael Hires, Jerry Johnson, Jean Marie Koon, David Miller, Kristen Mueller, Rob Sinclair

Fine Arts Council members: Linda Baker, Wydetta Carter, Nancy Stevenson Greenberg, Barbara Joabson, Jerry Johnson, Janet Krehbiel, Tom Mullaney, Callie Thompson

Staff liaisons: Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship; John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Youth Ministry

The mission of Fourth Church Youth is spiritual development among youth in grades six through twelve. This spiritual development involves four central elements: discipleship, service, fellowship, and worship. To do this, we must create and nourish an environment in which youth are accepted, known, and loved for who they are. The goal of our ministry is youth who have discovered a deeper sense of wholeness by integrating God and spirituality into their lives and have developed a foundation for continuing spiritual growth as young adults and beyond.

As we continue to develop a quality ministry for youth, we envision a cutting-edge urban youth ministry at Fourth Presbyterian Church that offers the youth of this congregation and city what they don't experience in the rest of their lives: a community of love and acceptance grounded in faith that prophetically engages our culture while living in it.

While numbers never tell the *full* story of success in youth ministry, here are two that at least tell a *compelling* story about the growth of youth ministry. First, more than fifty youth participated in the Pancake Breakfast in 2009. Compare this to the fact that Senior Highs averaged about five youth per Sunday in 2006. Second, Youth Ministry set an attendance record at the September 2009 Kickoff, with more than 100 youth coming to the first gatherings of the school year.

A highlight of 2009 was the Senior High work camp trip to Belfast, Northern Ireland. Thirty-two youth and twelve adults participated in this transformative trip of learning, service, and relationship-building with youth in Belfast. The impact of this experience has continued into the current program year as youth work on translating encounters with peacemaking and reconciliation in Northern Ireland to their own experience of living in a divided society in the United States.

Committee members: John R. Buchanan, Steve Bumpus, Jacob Dorn, June Dorn, Lies Garner, Suzanne Leonard, Greg Lewis, Jeremy Lewis, Robin Moore, Janet Reed, Anne Rossley, Martha Sabol, John Shorney.

Staff liaison: John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

Surrounded by children and youth in the chancel, Minister for Children and Families Donna Gray (center, with stuffed donkey) delivers a Palm Sunday message.



Legacy Gifts

Fourth Presbyterian Church legacy gifts from members—through wills, trusts, or other estate gifts—ensure the continued vitality and development of Fourth Church from one generation to the next. Such gifts recognize that stewardship of God's creation is a lifelong endeavor. In making these gifts, individuals leave an extraordinary legacy to their loved ones and to the church community. We are deeply grateful to the following members and friends who have made provisions for Fourth Presbyterian Church in their estate plans.

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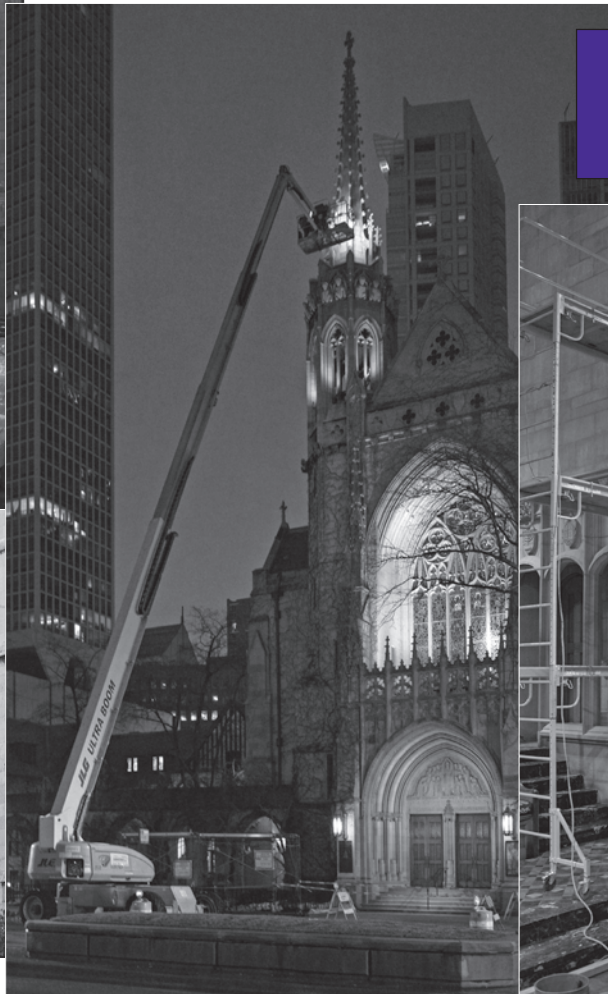
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Some of the projects performed at Fourth Church during off-hours and on weekdays in the past year include continued work on cleaning and restoring the stained-glass windows (*interior and exterior scaffolding shown at far left*); partially closing Michigan Avenue so that workers in a crane can check the tuckpointing on the steeple (*center below*); and carefully removing the sounding board over the pulpit for refinishing and structural reinforcement (*lower right*).



**“During the Week”
at Fourth Church**

