

**Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church**

# **Annual Congregational Meeting & Annual Corporation Meeting**



**For the year  
2010**

**TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**And**  
**Annual Meeting of the Corporation**

**January 23, 2011**

**Call to Order:**

**Annual Meeting was called to order at:** 10:34am

**Quorum Present:** President declared a quorum present

**In Attendance:** Bob Johnson, Ed Hilton, Lynn Rogers, Karen Ellis, Barbara Headley, John Witzmann, Sue Hartker, Jane Landstrom, Ike Landstrom, Melinda Holley, Michael Holley, Mary Ellen Costa, Dianna Wright, Miriam Hoffman, Lorelle Banzett, Heidi Reynaud, Dave Holtebeck, Rita Holtebeck, Iris Durland, Cindy Bansen, Helen Bansen, Dave Silva, Mariam Silva, Lis Green, Bob Richards, Lori Breuch, Ed Czerwinski, Barbara Czerwinski, Judy Halvorsen, jim Halvorsen, Elaine Johnson, Jan Rogers, Colleen Williams, Judy Silar, Jeff Rogers, Erin Ellis

**Administration / Communications / Announcements**

1. Annual Reports:

Karen Ellis – Temple Team – investigation into Catholic Church use. Looking into getting as much money from the property as possible. They aren't able to sell at the price they want so there were open negotiations into renting it out. We looked into that and council decided that the rental will not work out. Need to look into a vision process at this time and go from there.

Lynn Rogers – Stewardship – results of our giving for 2010 – broke even by about \$160. Want budget to be below by about 6 or 7%. Staff cost is about 60%, facilities 15%, benevolence (money allocated to Lutheran and Presbyterian Church) 12% of budget = \$15,000.

2011 budget – \$108,752 increase of \$2100 (more than 2010 budget). Factor in a 6% difference for expense vs. spending. 75-80% pledged money for the budget, rest is from faith factor. Bar is a bit higher this year. Increase for the budget due to increase in facility cost and benevolence (projected based on the budget). Also a \$1000 extra in budget for increase for staff (bonus or raise). Simply giving doubled, 4 participants to 7 participants.

**New Business**

1. Approval of 2011 Budget by the Congregation and the Corporation Officers: Ike Landstrom moves to approve the budget as is: Barbara CZ seconds motion: Congregation approved budget as is.
2. Approval/Appointment of 2011 Nominating Slate: The Nominees for council session: Jeff Rogers, Bob Richards, Denny Lott, Edie Lott and any nomination from the floor. Lynn Rogers moves to approve the nominating slate as is, Ike seconds motion. Melinda Holley asked the question: didn't we ask that husband's and wives not serve on council at the same time. Jeff Rogers: we had no other members come forward to serve on council. Jan

Rogers moves to add Melinda Holley to council, Heidi Reynaud seconds, Melinda removes herself. Elaine Johnson moves to have Ed CZ added to the slate, Judy Silar seconds. With the amended nomination of Ed CZ the nominations are closed. Approved, 2 no's: Congregation Approved.

3. Appointment of 2011 Nominating Committee (one member must be on Council/Session) Jeff Rogers will head the nominating committee as a council representative. Members from the church congregation nominations are; Iris Durland, Jan Rogers, Elaine Johnson and Sue Hartker. Lynn Rogers moves, Ike Landstrom seconds: Congregation Approved
4. Jan Rogers: Move to change the name of TLPC (to make it more of a community based), Lorelle Banzett seconds the motion. Discussion: Ike Landstrom, we are associated with a religion. Melinda Holley, the word "community" blends itself with a different kind of church. People look for a Lutheran or Presbytery. Barbara CZ table the question/discussion for the visioning process, Iris Durland seconds. Lorelle Banzett, specify when and who this will be done by. Lynn Rogers and Ed Hilton will be pursuing a very specific visioning process (by an outside resource) will start up in the next month or so. One part of that process can be looking into changing the name. There are institutes that can help assist with this process in an unbiased way. We'd be looking into who are we and where we want to go. The timeline for the vision process will be about 1yr (some issues may take longer). Motion to table this discussion for the visioning process: Congregation Approved
5. Motion to close new business Lynn and Cindy (second): Approved

### **Public Announcements / Comments**

1. Lorelle Banzett: Who were the people who came forward for church growth: Jeff Rogers: Iris Durland and Elizabeth Costa, but this is not a definite role just yet.
2. John Witzmann: Very happy with the church and the two religions.
3. Sue Hartker: first week here looked for a Lutheran church and this is what she found.
4. Helen Bansen: She and Alison Costa share the job for child care – problem: no children to take care of. Helen won't charge until there are kids to care for and the space for it. Need a space for childcare.
5. Barbara Headley: Growth is very important. John's church (small like ours) started a preschool and that's how they have survived. Maybe something to look into.
6. Ed CZ: very intrigued with our two churches and the two religions.
7. Close public announcements.

### **Closing Prayer**

Meeting closed at: 11:30pm, motion to close Ike Landstrom, Mary Ellen Costa seconds: Approved  
Corporate Meeting closed at: Approved

## Pastor's Report 2010

*When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"*

**Luke 24: 30-32**

As the year of our Lord, 2010 has closed, I'm sure many of you are already thinking about what the New Year will bring. Though, it is important to reflect on what has past. Many of us have had changes in our lives; a new employment opportunity, a loved one gone to be with Christ, a new baby born, weddings and baptisms to attend. It seems as though the last year has been a roller coaster ride of emotions, but we went through it together. And the great thing about journeying through life together as a community is that when we are together, Jesus is in the midst of us...our eyes are *opened*, and we *recognize* who He (Jesus) is.

Through this journey you may have noticed a few changes at TLPC. First, we were able to really settle in to our gym worship location. After a couple of iterations, we have found a workable setup that aids in worship and is at the same time functional. Thank you to both the Worship and Temple Teams that spent many days mulling over new ideas. And thank you to all for being flexible and sharing your thoughts, ideas, and concerns with us.

This year we were able to secure a 5-year JUA (Joint Use Agreement) with the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District. Having a JUA in place provides a measure of confidence that we will have a location to meet as a church, and at the same time, provide a stable month-to-month expense that we can plan for in the budget.

The Rev. Scott Trevithick was approved by the Nevada Presbytery to serve as our parish associate for another year. While a parish associate is not a "called" position of the church, it does provide an official relationship between a church and an ordained minister. Scott has been available to preach and helps me with vacation coverage and pastoral emergencies as the need arise. It has been a blessing to share ministry with Scott and his family over the last few years.

I have enjoyed teaching Math, Vocational Technology, and now, English at Sierra Continuation High School. Now in my second year at the school (sixth in the school district) I feel like I am settling in and really making positive connections with the students. Graduation was a humbling experience as I celebrated with 20 seniors who had worked so hard to get there. It was a blessing to be a part of their journey. A few weeks ago Sierra High was presented with the California Model Continuation High School Award. Only twenty-six continuation high schools were given the award this year!

The year 2011 will most certainly be an exciting time for TLPC. I think most importantly, a renewed process of discernment will be key in prayerfully determining what our future has in store. Will we embark on new ministries? Be a part of what God is doing in Truckee? Of course, I know the answer is yes – and when we journey together, our eyes will be *opened* and we will *recognize* Jesus in our midst.

Yours in Christ,  
Ed

## President's Report 2010

This has been a very busy year for both the church and me. We have been in the gym for over a year now and have settled quite nicely. We still need a lot of help setting up and tearing down, but those are just minor stumbling blocks. Each Sunday, when I walk into the church, I feel a sense of belonging. I see everyone doing something and chatting amongst themselves and I remember, this is why I joined TLPC.

Personally, this year has been a whirlwind. I started my own company and a part-time job, which has become a full-time job. My family has grown up before my eyes and I think sometimes that my children will be out of the house before I know it. I'm so glad that they enjoy learning about Jesus and keep him in their thoughts every day.

My new job has kept me limited on my involvement with YoungLife; however, I hope that will change. I enjoy our relationship with YoungLife and with Ryan and Marea Hunter. They make YoungLife what it is today.

We have seen several new members join TLPC, which, as I have said in the past, makes me very happy to see. It amazes me that our little church seems to grow, when the larger churches are shrinking. I believe it has something to do with our belief that everyone is welcome and we make everyone feel welcome.

Our attendance records are now kept electronically. For the year 2010 the total number of people attending TLPC each month were as follows: **January:** 220 adults / 55 children; **February:** 220 adults / 55 children; **March:** 173 adults / 58 children; **April:** 243 adults / 63 children; **May:** 244 adults / 80 children; **June:** 191 adults / 35 children; **July:** 212 adults / 58 children; **August:** 302 adults / 47 children; **September:** 211 adults / 42 children; **October:** 235 adults / 52 children; **November:** 151 adults / 33 children; and **December:** 310 adults / 73 children. The total number of attendees for the year was: 2,712 adults and 651 children.

Should there be anything that our congregation needs, please do not hesitate to call on me. I am here to serve the Lord and you.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeff Rogers  
President  
Council/Session

## **STEWARDSHIP/FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2010**

We ended 2010 with expenses exceeding income by \$160, WOW

Our 2010 budget was \$106,080 our income for 2010 was \$99,379 with expenses totaling \$99,539. Both income and expenses were 7.5% below budget.

As a congregation our charitable contribution were \$18,660, additionally Thrivent matching funds were \$2,935 for at total of \$21595 or 22% of giving.

Our stewardship emphasis for 2011 is not completely finished as of this writing. A majority of pledges are now in and it appears that the results are about the same as recent years with pledges equaling 80-85% of the expected budget for 2011.

This year a very thorough fiscal and financial audit was completed. Jim Schumann led the effort with help from Dave Holtebeck and Dow Costa. The result was very good and included a number of very helpful recommendations. Our thanks to Jim, Dave and Dow.

Our "Simply Giving" program has been very successful and continues to grow. As a reminder "Simply Giving" is a program which allows any of you to have your contributions automatically transferred from your bank account to TLPCS at no cost.

God continues to bless our ministry and blesses us with Love for each other.

Thank you for your continued support.

Blessings,

Lynn Rogers

## WORSHIP TEAM ANNUAL REPORT 2010

As always, I must start with an expression of gratitude for the dozens of servants who make worship happen each week at TLPC. You are all members of the Worship Team – worship assistants, setter-uppers, sound support, flower donors, singers and ringers, instrumentalists, bulletin producers, ushers, linen cleaners, banner makers, fellowship hosts, etc, etc. We literally couldn't do it without you. Bless you all and thank you!

Here are some highlights of 2010:

- Singing contemporary songs in preparation for worship was well-received and became a regular feature of our order of worship.
- Our sound crew (Jeff Rogers, Ryan Hunter, Bob Richards, and Pastor Ed) continued adjusting the system in a never-ending quest for good audio quality and built a rolling cabinet for the soundboard. Toward the end of the year, Cindy Bansen volunteered to help and obtained valuable on-site consultation from a local sound expert, namely Peter Bansen.
- We continued our tradition of Lenten midweek soup suppers at the Senior Center with Church of the Mountains followed by a brief service led by the pastors or lay people. TLPC hosted the Good Friday service for the first time, which required some creative staging in our brightly-lit gym. Miriam Hoffmann conducted and accompanied a combined choir for Holy Week.
- In May, Marea Hunter turned over the bulletin production to Erin Ellis. Many thanks to both women for their hard work. Council/Session approved re-instating this as a paid position.
- Although our members liked the horseshoe seating arrangement we were using at the start of the year, there were some problems with it. After some experimentation, we re-oriented 90° to a semi-circle, still gathering around the table while providing a better view of the projection screen.
- Miriam Hoffmann conducted a Hand Bell Choir for the Easter and Christmas services.
- In October we celebrated the Feast of St. Francis with a liturgy for Blessing of the Animals. A number of worshipers brought their pets while others were represented by photos.
- We replaced our wax Paschal and Advent candles with new liquid wax candles.
- Rev. Scott Trevithick, Parish Associate, led us in worship for most of Pastor Ed's absences throughout the year. Ryan Hunter (guitar) and Dave Silva/Bob Johnson (Virtual Miriam on digital piano) have helped cover for Miriam's and my absences. Some of our youth have also helped out from time to time.
- Edie Lott continues to recruit people to fill most of our volunteer needs week to week. We are all indebted to her for making sure there are people to cover the many tasks involved. Please keep Edie happy by filling in those blanks spaces!

- As I mentioned in my report last year, one of the biggest challenges for a nomadic church such as ours is the weekly task of setting up and tearing down. It is a critical role, mostly behind the scenes, that is easily taken for granted. The servants who show up an hour early week after week to set up our worship space and who stay to make sure everything is put away again deserve special mention. The core of our set-up team this year has been Denny Lott, Edie Lott, Jeff Rogers, Bob Richards, Karen Ellis, Jim Halverson, Lynn and Jan Rogers, and Deb Strassman along with Miriam Hoffmann and me. Please remember to thank these people throughout the year. The Temple and Worship Teams will be working together in 2011 to organize this process so that it goes as smoothly as possible and distributes the workload among a trained cadre of willing volunteers.

Respectfully,  
Lorelle Banzett, Worship Planner  
Worship Team Leader

## **Annual Fellowship Report 2010**

2010 has been a wonderfully enjoyable & challenging year for Fellowship.

One of our big events every year is the Lenten Soup Supper series. This has always been a delightful fellowship opportunity followed by a thought provoking presentation. It certainly was in 2010 and we intend to make it so for 2011. Thanks for your help with set-up, beverages, and clean-up Sara Beaman, Judy & Jim Halverson, and Dave & Rita Holtebeck. If anyone is interested in helping with set-up and beverages or with signups, please E-mail Molly. I will continue with supplies, storage, and getting everything there.

Heidi Reynaud organizes the small group dinner rotation. These dinners have been a delightful part of our fellowship activities. I've met some new folks and gotten better acquainted with some I hardly knew. Thank you Heidi.

The three Donner Lake Fun Days in June and August were a terrific success with lots of fun for all in spite of one rainy one. Thanks to all who participated. Probable Fun Day dates for 2011 will be available soon.

Edie Lott schedules the rotation for fellowship hour after church and reminds us. Thank you Edie and all who have participated. Call Edie if you would like to join those of us who contribute or if you would be willing to substitute when someone can't meet the assigned date. Any TLPC folk should be comfortable with the financial and time commitments involved. Home-baked is wonderful but store-bought is just fine. It is nice to have some fruit, vegetables, or cheese for those who need to be careful of sugars. The only preparation we have room for is putting goodies on trays. All other prep needs to be done at home.

Thanks to all those who are making fellowship happen for the kids by organizing youth and multi-generation events, Hunters, Rogers, Silvas, Lotts, Breuchs, and so many others. THANK YOU!

Special thanks to: Denny & Edie Lott for the many parties they've had (Christmas Party, Join Hands Day Party, Truckee day Party, etc)., Dave & Rita Holtebeck for the Friday hiking group, Marion Silva for the second Thursday Ladies Breakfast, and Liars Club for the men's breakfast. I also thank everyone who prepared fellowship hour or a dinner party or did anything else to get folks together.

Molly Person

## **Member Care Annual Report 2010**

Member Care's mission is to recognize the life events of members and friends of TLPC including:

Birthdays  
Anniversaries  
Marriages  
Births  
Baptisms/confirmations  
Illnesses  
Deaths

Recognition is made primarily by sending appropriate cards, and also by coordinating 'together' email updates, making phone calls and visits, helping with meals and receptions, and sending flowers.

In 2010 Member Care sent:

140 Birthday cards  
47 Anniversary cards  
30 Get well cards  
8 Bereavement cards  
25 Miscellaneous cards

Submitted by Lis Green  
Member Care Team Leader

## Social Outreach Team Report 2010

This congregation's outreach of Christian love to brothers and sisters here at home and in countries around the globe shows what a wonderful family of faith Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian (TLPC) is. As a Lutheran/Presbyterian Congregation, our participation in the local Nevada County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has greatly expanded our ability to raise funds for the "least of these." We are able to obtain matching funds for almost every social outreach related offering we hold, plus help several local families.

Outreach goes on all year at TLPC, and begins in late January or early February with our Souper Bowl of Caring offering. Souper Bowl Sunday was February 1<sup>st</sup>. The total raised was just under \$300. We received matching funds from Thrivent. The money went to the ELCA Hunger Appeal.

We are active members of the Community Collaborative of Tahoe Truckee, a regional collaborative comprised of community advocates and service providers from the Truckee Tahoe area that vision and work together to create a safe and healthy environment for children, youth, and families. Throughout 2010 TLPC has been involved in a Homelessness Task Force of the Collaborative. The task force is identifying the homeless population in the area and exploring ways to better serve them.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> we held an offering and service holding up "One Great Hour of Sharing. We collected over \$500. We are probably the only Presbyterian Church whose offering is matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans!

On June 5th we participated in "Join Hands Day." A crew of youth and adults from TLPC participated in Truckee Cleanup Day. We had a great party afterward that was paid for by Thrivent.

Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church is in its 10th year as a Bread for the World Covenant Church. At times we have a letter-writing table during coffee hour writing to our electing officials advocating for hunger related bills and issues. In this way we use the gift of our citizenship to help hungry people.

We are participating in the Lutheran and Presbyterian coffee project; offering fairly traded gourmet coffee for members to purchase. What an easy way to help our neighbors. We call it sharing, "a cup of justice." We have fair trade coffee and chocolate available for purchase on Sundays and also use it at coffee hour.

Six years ago we began a Recycling for Stand With Africa project. We began collecting and bringing to church items with the CA redemption symbol. At present our garage looks like a mini-recycling center. This year we collected \$756 worth of CRV recyclables. In July this money was matched and went to "The Lutheran Malaria Initiative." A special worship service and a celebration were held. A special thanks goes to Denny who puts in countless hours on the recycling project.

In November a request for money to allow Project MANA (our local Tahoe/Truckee food bank) to purchase turkeys and other holiday food for local families was responded to with an offering. This offering is over and above our regular support of Project MANA as a line item in our budget. We collected over \$500 and Thrivent matched a large portion of it. In addition to this, many of our members are involved in volunteering with MANA.

Also in November, an African Potluck and presentation on International Health Partners (IHP) was held. Several hundred dollars was collected. Thrivent matched \$235 of it. A group made up of TLPC and members and others from the community are continuing to meet, with the hope of raising funds and eventually going to Africa to start a Physical Therapy Unit at the IHP site in Tanzania.

As a congregation, we adopted four families for Christmas this year. Many gifts were purchased. This year Thrivent donated \$400.00 towards the purchase of grocery gift certificates. The families had all of their Christmas needs met. This act of love certainly made Christmas more meaningful for those of us who participated.

We also had an Alternative Christmas Fair in November that was open to the community. In addition to allowing the purchase meaningful gifts from Heifer Project and the ELCA Good Gifts catalogs, almost \$1,600 in African Fair Traded handcrafts were sold by Asante.

Having Ed as our pastor is a tremendous boost to the spirit of social outreach at TLPC. He constantly reminds us that we are here to serve "the least of these." After putting this all down on paper and looking at it, I am amazed at the outreach of Christian love that pours out of our small family of faith here in Truckee, but we dare not be satisfied until the last hungry child is fed!

Working towards God's perfect justice,

Edie Lott, Social Outreach Team Leader

## **Education Team Report 2010**

- Adult Bible Study & TLPC Book Club has continued.
- This year we had four (4) of our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders take part in first communion on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and I would like to thank Rita Holtebeck for teaching the class again this year.
- Amanda, Elizabeth, & Thor were confirmed by the church on May 9<sup>th</sup> and I would like to thank Lori Breuch and Edie Lott for a great job on teaching these young adults.
- Sunday school continues to use "Here We Stand" for confirmation (6-8th grad), "Witness" for 1st-5th grade (both programs from Augsburg Publishing), and PreK/K are using a preschool program from Augsburg.
- We also did summer movie nights at The Rogers House.
- Denny & Edie Lott performed about a half of dozen or so bike rides this past summer, with all age groups.
- Our High School and Middle School children went to WoodLeaf and Washington Family Ranch in Oregon Summer Camps put on through YoungLife and we also had four (4) elementary children went to Mount Cross in the Santa Cruz Mountains.
- We took a year off of from Vacation Bible School with Church of the Mountains this past year.
- A Children's Christmas Program was presented the last Sunday in Advent.

Julie Rogers  
Christian Ed Leader