

Stewardship Report

THANK YOU: First I want to thank each and every one of you for your support of the goals and mission of Balmoral Presbyterian Church. This Church is a great place, alive with your spirit of love, compassion, and the process of discernment of God's will.

RECAP THE STEWARDSHIP PROCESS:

1. SESSION: As each of you know, the Stewardship Process is vested in the Session. The Session discusses and sets the priorities for the Church, compares those priorities to the Balmoral's mission, and adjusts the priorities to fit the mission of the Church.
 - a. 2011: In this process Session reviewed the 2011 Stewardship priorities. Those priorities were the following (WHAT WE DISCERNED WERE OUTREACH PRIORITIES):
 - i. Increase the use of the Balmoral Church Building, recognizing that this building itself is a mission of the church
 - ii. Support our staff and our minister, acknowledging that they lead us in effectuating our mission
 - iii. Increasing and continuing our service and outreach projects in the community
 - b. 2012: The Session then challenged the Stewardship Committee to determine the emphasis for 2012.
 - i. The Stewardship Committee is comprised of a member of each committee of the church and representatives from the congregation. This structure gives us the ability to listen to all of the voices of the church in order to discern your heart for this church and its mission.
 - ii. The Stewardship Committee discerned that in 2011 this church had dedicated itself to the 2011 priorities and that with God's guidance great strides had been made. However, whatever strides were made had spurred the church to understand itself and to want to continue the path to effectuate its priorities. So The Stewardship Committee discerned that the priorities of 2011 continued to be the key heart of this church
 - iii. In addition, however, the Stewardship Committee discerned that for 2012 there was a need for us as a church to strengthen our relationships and activities among ourselves. Quite frankly, from observing the activities of Grace Korean American Presbyterian Church and Circle of Faith, we recognized that our focus in Outreach, while critical, should not detract from our love of just being together ourselves in fellowship (WHAT WE DISCERNED WERE INREACH PRIORITIES).

1. So without abandoning (and in fact with increasing) our Outreach Priorities we at the same time discerned a mission to work on our Inreach Priorities.
 2. So for 2012 it is our goal to strengthen our connection with one another and our sister congregations—Grace and Circle of Faith
 3. We seek to increase our fellowship opportunities and create opportunities to get to know one another even better
- iv. In light of this discernment, the Stewardship Committee determined not to seek to increase the budget for 2012. We understand that economic times are still difficult, that money is tight, but we have complete faith that God will provide for us as we fulfill what we have discerned as his Will for us
- c. Effectuating our Discernment
- i. Session oversees the three committees of the church:
 1. OUTREACH Committee—this committee coordinates the use of our building by various organizations, keeps our commitment to serving our community strong, organizes outreach activities and donations
 2. FORMATION Committee---this committee coordinates all Sunday Studies, Youth activities, Fellowship events, Worship, Lent
 3. OPERATIONS Committee----this committee coordinates property, work days, administration, human resources, communications and technology

You will be seeing the Session and each of our three committees working on INREACH in 2012 to bring about:

1. Publishing of an annual calendar with all activities of the church so everyone can plan to take part in our events and activities
2. Publishing a picture directory and inviting Circle of Faith and Grace to be a part of the directory so all of us can get to know and recognize one another
3. Asking each of you to share in the directory by writing a paragraph about yourselves so we can share the places we have worked, the schools we have attended, our origins, places we have volunteered, members of our families, where our hearts lie in activities to which we are dedicated
4. Communicating more effectively about fellowship events and adding fellowship opportunities so that we can get together more often
5. Upgrading our website to increase its usefulness as a resource for our members
6. Providing information to our congregation and others using this building about who to contact with questions about our ministries
7. Improving our communication process with the church membership

Our new Treasurer, Kay Dawson, will discuss the budget with you, how we keep our tradition of balanced budgets in this challenging economy and bring us up to date on decisions that have been made to keep our ministry healthy and strong.

Thank you.