

# **Beach United Church**

## **celebrating our Ministry**

What we've been doing on the voyage



**Annual Report 2010**

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## **2010: Year In Review** Surfing the Waves

Ministry in Progress (MiP), our vision statement, has been given to our church leaders and the congregation at large.

“Wider Ministries” ideas are being explored and developed to help us define who we are, what we are, and what we may become through:

- Reducing our carbon footprint by including solar panels as part of the re-build
- Expanding our “food” ministry to meet interests and needs of our wider community

Council has also been developing a long-range financial overview.

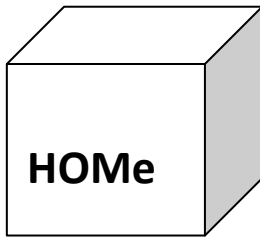
### **Smaller Puddles We Jumped In!**

- Expansion of Council portfolios to meet identified needs: separating “Environmental Stewardship” from “Service”; creating “Income Development” to support our Treasurer’s role.
- The Chair’s Circle was developed as a less onerous way to engage in Council leadership and to encourage people to consider assuming these roles in future.
- Christmas Bazaar—fun and fundraiser!
- Drum-a-thon—raising money to support the Dondi Project

Finally, as we face our upcoming relocation, let us find many ways to come together to maintain our friendships and to support each other.

**With great appreciation to our wise and dedicated Council members, ministers, and staff and to our energetic, talented, and devoted members of the congregation, our heartfelt thanks.**

Past Chair—Ron Fitton      Present Chair—Jane Dickson  
Upcoming Chair—Lee Muirhead



## **HOME project (Housing Our Ministries)**

has been working with our BUC Council and congregation to plan for our new building.

- Organizing a number of congregational tours to various sites in Toronto (“site safaris”) to get ideas of what other churches and organizations have done to renovate their buildings. (March/April 2010)
- Working with Council to understand and articulate our BUC vision and mission, which our new building will house and support. (February/March 2010)
- Determining our space needs for the new building, as we decrease our footprint, conserve energy and welcome the community. (April/May 2010)
- Hiring Black and Moffat Architects to work with us as we design and build our new building. (September 2010)
- Developing conceptual designs for the new building. (December 2010)
- Identifying a temporary site to house our ministry during building construction (January/February 2011).

We are currently beginning work on detailed design of the building. We expect to begin construction in fall of 2011.

Thanks go out to the volunteers who have participated and supported the HOME project thus far, especially the members of the HOME Commission:

Neil Bailey, Leigh Bowser, Nanci Harris, Linda Hawke, Abigail Johnson, Martin McFarland and Bob Torrance, Karen Watson, HOME Chair

# **Supporting our Ministries**

You will now see two portfolios on Council directly within this report:

Communications (Chris Bell: [homebells@sympatico.ca](mailto:homebells@sympatico.ca))

Property Care (Bob Torrance: [bobtorrance@sympatico.ca](mailto:bobtorrance@sympatico.ca))

These portfolios support the ongoing ministry of other Council portfolios, which is also the role of our Ministry and Personnel Committee.

**Ministry and Personnel** *oversees the roles and functions of paid leaders and employees.*

Committee members: Marc Doucet, Jim Patterson, Pat Plue, Brian Bell, Jim Winn (Chair). In 2010 we continued to bring support and stability to the church amalgamation process.

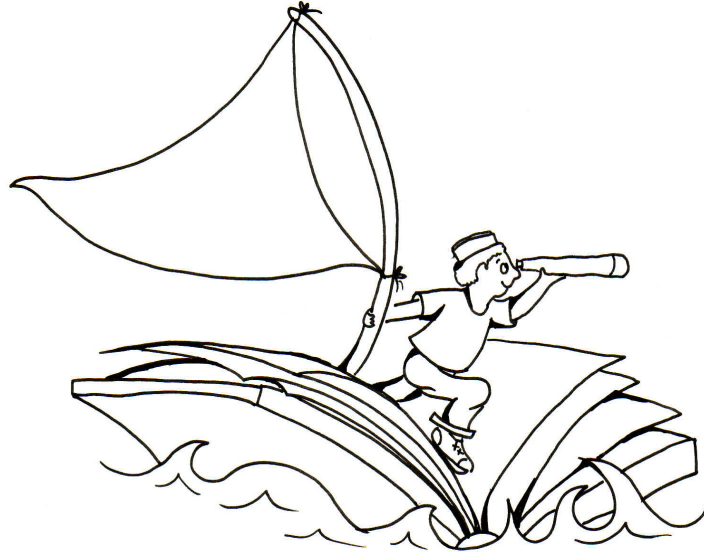
A number of staff transitions were worked through:

1. Bidding farewell to Ann Morwood as Retired Supply Minister.
2. Welcoming Kwasi Kissi as a half-time Ministry Staff with a focus on social justice, community outreach, and aspects of pastoral care.
3. Changing Fenella Best's contract from hourly to salary. Fenella focuses on communications: website, newsletter (heartBeat), and support for worship.
4. Bidding farewell to Luis Piexoto as he moved to be closer to his family and welcoming Murray Brooks into the East Building.

Additionally, a position paper on police checks was presented to Guiding Council and annual salary reviews and budgets were prepared as part of the Year End process.

***Our ministry is also supported by our investment in the staff, the building, and program administration.***

# Learning & Growth



Life-long learning is our goal! So, for all ages and stages we invite engagement with relevant social and theological questions. We do this in the weekday lecture series, on a Sunday morning, or out in the community.

We also link with other groups. So you find us learning as we are “Cooking with Soul” and growing as we engage in the “Knitting Circle”.

Come sail with us on this exciting voyage of discovery!

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# Service



We offer educational opportunities around social justice issues and engage in greening projects in our church and community.

We also initiate and maintain long-term projects and activities that provide support to those experiencing challenges, e.g. Inter-Faith Lunch Program

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# Community Care



Caring for each other is an important part of being in community. We visit, send cards, and ask how people are doing. Sometimes a warm smile makes all the difference 😊

We have met and listened to specific groups in our community e.g. baptismal families. Remember, community extends far beyond our church building!

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# Worship & Music



We have continued our Circles of Ministry whereby volunteers were engaged as Scripture Readers and Prayer Givers. We also received feedback on worship and will expand on that feedback by creating a more formal feedback group. (Contact Barry if interested.)

Joint planning meetings have been held with “Learning & Growth” around the Sunday morning faith exploration experience.

Music circles include Taizé, Jazz Vespers and with inspiration from the Dondi Project, we are exploring a drumming group.

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# Congregational Development



We encourage opportunities for the congregation to get involved in activities initiated to develop a deeper engagement with one another and our community.

We have paddled into new waters through:

Cooking with Soul

Speaker Series

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## **Beach United Church Trustees**

Leigh Bowser (Chair), Kathy Clemens, Jean Collins, Rosalie MacFarlane, Martin McFarland, Jim McKibbin, Jane Monro, Audrey Slater, Abigail Johnson (ex officio).

### ***Changes in membership:***

Three Trustees resigned in the past year: Mark Gardhouse in April 2010, Jean Dempsey in October 2010, and Mary Campbell in January 2011. We are grateful to Mark, Jean and Mary for their dedicated work and generous contribution of time and expertise as Trustees for Beach United Church.

### ***Decisions passed:***

#### **March 10, 2010 - two decisions related to the sale of items from the Beach West property**

The Trustees of Beach United Church approve the sale of the following items:

- a. the organ at 140 Wineva Avenue
- b. the facade of the non-functional organ pipes at 2 Bellefair Avenue
- c. the pianos declared surplus at the November 24, 2009 meeting of Council
- d. the items listed for sale and disposal at 2 Bellefair Avenue (moved by Jim McKibbin and seconded by Rosalie MacFarlane)

The Trustees asked Council to reconsider selling the antique pump organ, which may be considered a heritage item. Council is asked to report to the Trustees on this matter before the Silent Auction on March 27, 2010.

(moved by Jane Monro and seconded by Jean Collins)

#### **March 25, 2010 - approving the sale of the Beach West property**

Whereas, the Finance and Property Team of Toronto Southeast Presbytery at its meeting of October 26, 2009 consented to the sale of 2000 Queen St. East (Beach United Church West) and to terms set in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale dated September 30, 2009, and

Whereas, the Building Sale Committee of BEACH UNITED CHURCH has negotiated with the purchaser and recommended changes to the Agreement of Purchase and Sale, as set out in the Amendment to Agreement of Purchase and Sale and Waiver of Conditions (Amending Agreement) dated March 14, 2010, and

Whereas, the Council of BEACH UNITED CHURCH has directed the Board of Trustees of BEACH UNITED CHURCH to proceed with the sale of the property as per the Amending Agreement dated March 14, 2010, and

Having reviewed said Amending Agreement on March 25, 2010, IT IS MOVED BY Jane Monro and SECONDED BY Jean Collins

That the Board of Trustees of BEACH UNITED CHURCH requests the approval of the Toronto Southeast Presbytery to the sale as per the Agreement of Purchase and Sale dated September 30, 2009 and the Amendment to Agreement of Purchase and Sale and Waiver of Conditions dated March 14, 2010.

**September 15, 2010 - endorsing and approving the decision of the Housing Our Ministries (HOME) Commission to hire an architectural firm for the Beach East renovations**

The Trustees of Beach United Church endorse and approve the decision of BUC's Housing Our Ministries Commission to engage Black & Moffat Architects for the renovation of BUC's building at 140 Wineva Avenue, according to the terms of the contract dated September 15, 2010 (moved by Martin McFarland and seconded by Jim McKibbin).

