

April 2010

Dear Family in Christ,

May our gracious God provide each of you joy and peace as we celebrate the victory of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ this Easter season.

This is the regular report from the Board of Directors to you, the congregation, as to what has been accomplished during the first three months of 2010 and which issues are on our upcoming agenda. Again, as the servant of the congregation, the board is charged with listening and reporting to you and providing strategic guidance and direction to the senior pastor, who then carries out that strategy with the program staff within the confines of the PBG manual and By-laws.

Here are some highlights from the first quarter:

- On January 9th, the board met with and heard presentations from the program staff on strategic objectives and programs for the church's various ministries going forward. Many exciting ideas and initiatives for advancing God's kingdom here in McKinney were advanced. Some are being implemented now and many more will be soon. You'll be seeing more and more of them as we move through the year. All in all, the board is pleased with the energy, creativity and diligence of the staff.
- Closely related was the board's policy-mandated review of the senior pastor's and staff's strategic goals and the progress being made in achieving them. While much progress was noted, some goals are being impeded by lack of budget. This simply reminds us that given the continuing financial pressures of today's economy, responsible stewardship is as critical as ever. So an ongoing challenge for all of us is to set priorities that are both God-pleasing and reflective of your direction as voters to us.
- The board is also actively encouraging a much closer and more visible relationship between the church and Concordia Christian Academy so mutual understanding and support continue to grow in the coming months and years. A recent example of this effort was the Lutheran School week celebration in which attendees at both services had a chance to see and hear the school's teachers and hear the two children's choirs sing at the services.
- The board is also reviewing and amending the Policy Based Governance manual to address the various ambiguities and omissions that are naturally expected since this document has been in effect for only a little more than one year. We will continue to review and revise the manual as circumstances change and new issues emerge so that it provides a clear, efficient model with which to carry on the ministries and operations of our church.

The board, as always, asks for your constructive input on programs and issues before our congregation. The more we hear from you, the better we can understand your wishes and represent you to our pastors and program staff. We also thank you for and continue to seek your prayerful support.

Blessings in Christ,

Your 2010 Board of Directors

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