

July 2010

Dear Family in Christ,

Blessings from our loving, all-powerful God who has given us the victory over sin, Satan and death through our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit dwell in and guide our congregation as we strive for the Gospel in the greater McKinney area and beyond.

This is the regular report from the Board of Directors to the congregation for the second quarter of 2010:

- In cooperation with the senior pastor and staff, the board prepared for and ran the spring voters' meeting. The board continues to refine the spring and fall meeting process to encourage members to speak out, while at the same time managing the venue by placing some reasonable limits on debate of individual issues and how they will be resolved. The board hopes by having voters' meetings of predictable length and structure, more voters will opt to attend in the future.
- As most of us know in these recessionary times, limited finances continue to be a reality for our church. The board spent considerable time in cooperation with the senior pastor and staff to prayerfully discuss, weigh and decide on the best ways to be faithful stewards while advancing the Gospel to our mission field. The resulting budget presented and passed in our spring meeting was just the first phase. Dealing with how to delegate funds continues to be an ongoing issue, and will likely persist throughout the year.
- On May 19, the board met for a full afternoon with and heard updated presentations from the program staff on strategic objectives and programs for the church's various ministries going forward. The staff's progress on goals presented in the first quarter was also reviewed, with revised goals being presented and discussed.
- Also on May 19 and in virtually all its meetings, the board reviewed the current situation and anticipated outlook for Concordia Christian Academy, examining and evaluating all options. While many unknowns continue to exist, the board at its May meeting voted to continue to support the ministry of our school and preschool, while reviewing and evaluating the status and outlook of this ministry on a continuing basis. As always, enrollment numbers are a critical factor, but challenging to predict and impossible to control.
- The board continues to review the Policy Based Governance manual and evaluate possible changes. A key area addressed this past quarter was legal aspects of contribution policies, such as administration of certain funds, tax deductibility issues, and others. As these issues are clarified, the board will report any revisions to the Congregation.

Once again, the board wants to hear your comments. We have heard from many of you this past quarter and appreciate your taking the time to bring us your thoughts, concerns and suggestions. Many of the issues before us are complex and challenging to resolve. But with the Holy Spirit's guidance and the help of your continuing constructive input, God's church will not only prevail, but grow. As always, we thank you for and continue to seek your prayerful support.

Blessings in Christ,

Your 2010 Board of Directors

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