



**ANNUAL MEETING  
JUNE 28, 2009**

**CHRIST CHURCH OF  
CHICAGO  
United Church of Christ**

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**AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING**  
June 28, 2009

Opening Prayer

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of June 29, 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes

Annual reports from Minister, Officers, Chairmen and Committees

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**Annual Meeting Minutes  
Christ Church of Chicago  
June 29, 2008**

**Opening prayer given by Rev. Paulo Franca.**

**Meeting called to order by Rev. Paulo Franca (Acting Moderator) at 11:50 a.m.**

**Quorum met with total of 71 (57 present, 14 proxies).**

**Agenda approved as presented.**

**Minutes of June 24, 2007 minutes approved as written.**

**Annual Reports from Officers, Chairmen and Committees – Motion made and seconded to accept reports as presented. Approved.**

- **Nominating Committee needed.**
- **Church Boards are all filled.**

**Annual Reports from Officers, Chairmen and Committees – Motion made and seconded to accept reports as presented – Approved.**

**Nominations presented, motion made to accept the slate as presented. Seconded and unanimously approved.**

**Budget presented: Gary Fujiwara – discussion:**

- **Income from Capital Campaign separated from Budget – looking at \$30,000 - 40,000. deficit.**
- **Fund Raising – looking into grants.**
- **Organ repair estimated on a 5 year plan @ \$10,000 per year.**
- **Piano Fund has \$3,500.00.**
- **Budget presented – seconded and unanimously approved.**

**This concluded the business portion of the Annual Meeting at 12:15 p.m.**

**Open Forum:**

- **Bazaar meeting to be held July 13<sup>th</sup> after Worship service.**
- **Discussion regarding scaling down washroom plans – bids being reviewed.**
- **Thank you to Mary Mantel for the successful Rummage sale.**
- **Kent Ijichi expressed our thanks to Elaine Kaneshiro and Russell Katahira for stepping up as Co-moderators.**
- **Meeting adjourned at 12:15p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Alyce K. Yamanaka  
Church clerk**

## 2008-09 Moderators' Report

By all measures, this past church year was one in which we can all look back on with a great deal of satisfaction. Christ Church ushered in more events than ever before and added significant new programming for its congregation. It truly seemed to be a watershed year in which the spiritual dimension of the congregation continued to deepen as a result of the creative efforts of our talented and inspired minister, Reverend Paulo Franca. New initiatives were also piloted that led to exciting results. Different fund raising events gained traction. And the building underwent major structural repair and decorative improvements.

As Reverend Franca recently preached, "Small seeds, when planted in God's kingdom, bear fruit in unexpected and wonderful ways." And to that end, all of the numerous events we planned yielded a surprising harvest of volunteerism, commitment and accomplishment. Time after time, these events were a great success because of talented members who gave so selflessly of their time and energy to insure its outcome. For instance, a "congregational conversation" was held early in the fall to reaffirm the direction of Christ Church and allowed us an opportunity to discuss "leadership fatigue" and to brainstorm solutions to prevent that from happening. What emerged was an important discussion on how to nurture leadership capacity, integrate new members into the life of the church, and insure our growth through expanded programming. As hoped for, under the tutelage of Lauren Cannon, our Pastoral Resident for the year, our youth took on a very visible presence in planning and leading services. The seeds of their "voices" were carefully cultivated in the hope that someday what was planted this year would grow into a leadership role for each of them in the future. Reverend Franca also hosted small groups in the parsonage which allowed members an opportunity to explore the deeper meaning of Advent and Lent. Similarly, Lauren's book discussion group also gave members the opportunity to discuss and reflect upon the meaning of their faith. Everyone agrees the musical, "100% Chance of Rain", which was conceived and led by Fran Walker, and performed by our children, was a huge success! We also hosted our 1st Annual February Fest - an evening of high energy fellowship, playful banter, good food, bad singing, and line dancing - all designed to chase those winter blues away!

The early September foray in successfully refinishing the church doors actually served as the springboard for a year-long effort that led to large scale repairs and beautification efforts across many areas of the church. Roof and gutter replacement was later followed by the long overdue repair of water damaged walls, upgraded lighting, painting of the meeting room, fellowship hall, stage, downstairs hallway and narthex. Improvements were also made to the stage floor and meeting room and were then followed up by the installation of shades in the fellowship hall. And none of this could have been possible were it not for the generous financial donations of our membership as the bulk of these improvements were funded through the Capital Campaign. Your donations helped us to comprehensively improve the quality of the worship environment. Those changes in the building have given us all a boost in confidence and a renewed sense of pride in who we are and what it is that we can accomplish when committed by a single purpose. The biggest event on this year's calendar, of course, was our role in hosting the annual spring meeting for the Chicago Metropolitan Association. Many hours were spent in planning for this occasion as well over 200 people descended on Christ Church in early May. I assure you that our reputation as a gracious and welcoming community remains intact.

Aki Matsuri – the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event following the, “Aren’t we all getting too old to do this?” discussion, actually featured a new and delicious menu! ... and this spring’s Stewardship Campaign, “Built to Endure”, was an inspiring event of personal witness.

Of course, we have much to be grateful for, and at the very top of that list, should be our most sincere recognition and thanks to our dedicated church staff: Arlene Hayn, Fay Kadowaki, Pedro Ulate, Sunnie Hikawa, Fran Walker and Hue Jeong Jang, – were it not for their efforts, there is no doubt that we would not function nearly as efficiently as we do now. They truly are the mortar that binds us all and keeps this faith community strong.

And yet, despite all that we have accomplished this year, significant challenges lie ahead. The purchase of a new boiler is one we must immediately undertake, as we have been told our existing one is both unsafe and unreliable. Our financial standing, already much discussed, is a significant concern as investments have declined and giving is down in these tough economic times. But, unquestionably, our biggest hurdle remains our limited leadership capacity. If we truly are meant to thrive, it will only be because people decide to look deeper within and choose to step forward to embrace the responsibility that comes with belonging to this faith community. So we ask you all again, is this something that you are willing to do? If you are, there are no limits as to what it is that we can accomplish and our vibrancy and presence will be assured for some time to come.

Respectfully submitted by,

Russell Katahira  
Co-Moderator

Christ Church of Chicago  
June 28, 2009

Dear Christ Church Friends,

*"Thus far the Lord has helped us."* I could not think of a better way to begin my reflection on this past church year other than quoting the prophet Samuel. When God delivered the Israelites from the onslaught of the Philistine armies at Mizpah, Samuel set up a stone and named it *Ebenezer*, which means: *"stone of help."* Then he said these hopeful words, *"Until now the Lord has been our help."* Beyond any shadow of doubt, God helped and sustained Christ Church throughout the year 2008 and I hope you will be as grateful as I am for every single gift and blessing the Lord has bestowed on us.

For a small congregation, we had quite a few "big" moments during this past church year! We managed to put together another outstanding bazaar last October. The Advent and Lenten groups that met in the parsonage brought church members and friends closer to one another as we meditated on the meaning of the two most sacred seasons of the Christian year. On Christmas Eve, despite the freezing temperature and treacherous roads, over 200 people darkened the doors of Christ Church. At the candlelight service close to 20 youth sang *"Let There Be Peace On Earth"* bringing tears to the eyes of church members who had braved the inhospitable weather to worship the Christ Child on the holiest of nights. Our very first February Fest was a big hit! It was a great incentive for church families to get out of their homes in the dead of winter, despite the foot deep layer of frozen snow on the ground, to have a good time dancing, singing karaoke, playing games and enjoying a nice meal in the Fellowship Hall. The youth musical based on the story of Noah's ark - "100% Chance of Rain"- was simply an amazing experience for the entire congregation! Children of all ages, parents and a few of our young adults like Melissa Woo, Lauren Matsuo and Craig Kaneshiro turned the youth musical into a vision of what the future of this church may look like if we are bold enough to invest our resources into programs that will bring our church families together. The Maundy Thursday service had a record attendance and that was definitely a milestone in the life of our congregation. Mothers' Day was another big surprise. We had so many families in worship that we ran out of bulletins!! The youth continued to be a vital part of our church life. They led worship, volunteered at church clean-ups and served at the udon sale and the pancake breakfast. In March, the youth went to a retreat in Michigan where they spent time deepening their faith and developing a vision for the youth ministry at Christ Church. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ellen Takagi, Nicole Fujiwara and Trenton Takaki were confirmed and received as new members. And as if all these amazing accomplishments had not been enough, Christ Church also hosted the annual spring meeting of the Chicago Metropolitan Association.

We would not have been able to do so much without the dedication of our church members, officers and lay leaders. In every vibrant church there are always committed volunteers who work behind the scenes to make sure that every program, event or activity runs smoothly, I am very thankful for the tireless work of the Church Council, Women's Fellowship, Diaconate, Christian Education Board, Ministry of Caring Committee, Trustees, Stewardship Task-Force, and for the Pastoral Relations Committee. This year, the Decorating Committee also had a pivotal role in the beautification efforts carried out prior to the CMA meeting. Thank you!

Our church staff also deserves our heartfelt gratitude. Arlene Hayn continues to do far beyond what her job description requires to make sure the church office is responsive to the ever

increasing needs and demands of all the activities and programs that have been taking place. Custodian Pedro Ulate is a real team player. He is always willing to go the extra mile in order to maintain our church building and its grounds. Despite her brief stay at Christ Church, Pastoral Resident Lauren Cannon brought energy and vitality to our youth and family ministries. She delivered sermons, led worship and facilitated a book discussion based on the book entitled, *"Tell it Like it is: Reclaiming the Practice of Testimony."* As Lauren moves on to the next stage of her life, we extend our sincere thanks for her ministry in our midst. I also want to acknowledge the singular contribution of the music ministry to our congregational life. Choir Director Sunnie Hikawa and organists Fran Walker and Hue Jang are extremely talented and we are lucky that we can delight in their gifts every Sunday morning. Lastly, but not least, I want to thank our church treasurer, Mrs. Fay Kadowaki, for her commitment and dedication. It is not easy to be a church treasurer in these daunting economic times and yet Fay has served the church diligently and faithfully.

In our effort to stay connected with our church members and friends, this past year I introduced the weekly electronic news. About 112 church members and friends from near and far have been receiving weekly e-mails with information about church events, programs, activities, meetings as well as opportunities to volunteer and to support the church financially. On the weekly e-news, there are links to our website and to the Passage so people may have access to even more information about the church. At a time when people are using the Internet to do everything from banking to shopping to participating in social networks, it is only logical that the church would also make use of this medium to do outreach. Our website for instance receives an average of 100 new visitors per month from places as far apart as Vietnam and Sweden. Last month 246 people in the United States spent 2.5 minutes on average looking at our website. Having such knowledge helps us to think more carefully and critically about the content of the website so we may attract new visitors and potential members. Recently, Craig Kaneshiro added a new landing page to the website that serves as an archive to Sunday sermons, bulletins, and issues of the Passage. Now if you miss the Sunday service, you can download it off the Internet along with the Sunday bulletin.

While 2008 was an extraordinary year on so many different fronts; our church members and friends are quite aware that we were not able to meet all our financial needs. The Capital Campaign Drive fell short of raising the \$500,000.00 we hoped would have enabled us to make our building more accessible. Even though giving remained strong over the last three years, Christ Church has been operating in the red. The reality of the economy has only aggravated our budget deficit and it has made the need to raise funds all the more urgent. It does not seem credible to affirm that the same church that has accomplished so much in just one year could be in such dire financial straits, but this is exactly where we are and Christ Church must find creative ways to face the challenges that lie ahead of us. I believe that, with God's help and the generosity of our church members, we can still turn this situation around if we do not give in to a mentality of defeatism and pessimism. Although it is difficult to raise money in these unusually difficult economic times, I certainly hope that we will meet our modest goal of \$100,000.00 for the 2009 fiscal year. So far we have raised almost 58% of the projected 2009 budget. My prayer is that our church members and friends will take a leap of faith and will consider making a special monetary donation toward the church's operating budget, so we may weather this momentary crisis.

Our journey of faith will continue on regardless of the budget and, as we venture out into a new church year, let us not forget the words of the prophet, *"Thus far the Lord has helped us."*

Surely there will be many unexpected challenges and unknowns on the path ahead of us, but we must not be discouraged or fearful, for as St. Paul wrote in his Second Epistle to Timothy: *“I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him.”* We have entrusted this congregation to God’s care and the same God who has blessed us so freely and abundantly in 2008 will continue to watch over Christ Church in the new church year.

The Swedish Nobel Prize winner Dag Hammarskjöld wrote the following words in his journal:

Night is drawing nigh-  
For all that has been – Thanks!  
To all that shall be – Yes!

Be thankful for what we have accomplished and let’s say a strong “yes” to what is still to come.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paulo Justino Franca". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'P'.

**DIACONATE BOARD  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2008-2009**

Christ Church has been very busy with many activities. These activities have included: fund raisings, hosting the CMA meeting, the Family Fest, the Family Luncheon and the Youth Musical. Christ Church is well and alive and will continue to grow as evidenced by the involvement of the congregation's youth. It is particularly rewarding seeing the younger members participate in the worship services and sing along with the Adult Choir. Special thanks go out to Sunnie Hikawa, choir director and organists, and Hue and Fran Walker. Their special gifts and talents enhance the spirit of Christ Church.

Writing this report indicates that the year is coming to another end and a new beginning will start. We say this each year but in reality it is not true. The doors to Christ Church are open through all seasons, even in the harshest of winter. Worship service continues, summer Bible school seamlessly takes place, summer picnic, Night Ministry, moonlight picnics, Crop Walk and as tradition dictates, Rally Day is here.

The Diaconate Board continues to be responsible for worship, communion, music/choir bereavement ministry, membership, social concerns, fellowship, special observation and celebration.

Sadly, this year, we hold in our hearts, memories of Rosie Kawakami, Helen Kitabayashi, Betty Kushino, Tay Nagai, and Dorothy Neeno. We celebrate the baptism of Ellen Takagi and Carolynn Mia Smith, daughter of Andrea and Will Smith. A small new project (or an old one revised) is to send cards to members and friends recently not seen in Church to say "Hello, in need of transportation?" or just some news of church happenings. The Diaconate Board believes very strongly in our mission statement of reaching out to the wider community. Night ministry has had very strong support and commitment. But our principle concern has been the Crop Walk. We hope to strengthen this mission with the help of our youths as well as encourage senior members to become involved in this mission. Russell Katahira has chaired Crop Walk for many years, as did Kent Ijichi. A chairperson is needed for this year's walk.

A new project that Diaconate would like to consider and discuss is whether Christ Church is willing to partner with Church World Services in the Blanket Project. Diaconate will also continue to provide financial support to various Chicago service organizations.

Diaconate Board is seeking new members to serve on the board. The present chairperson's term has ended. Several individuals have indicated their willingness to accept the chairmanship provided they receive support. I look forward to helping facilitate this transition.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Takaki  
Chairperson

**Christian Education Board  
2008-2009**

WOW!! What an amazing year!  
Let's share some highlights.....

3 confirmands – Trent, Ellen and Nicole  
Vacation Bible School  
Pilgrim Park Youth Retreat  
Michigan Youth Retreat  
Sunday School  
Enlightening Youth Led Services  
Book Group  
Lent at the Parsonage  
Advent Education  
Youth Lock In  
Pastoral Resident – Lauren  
Involved College Grads  
Ping pong for all ages  
Improved youth space  
And on and on and...

What a terrific year! As you can see, we have highlighted just a subset of all the learnings and activities our board helped to create and/or support. Our youth are very strong right now....our goal for 2009-2010 is to keep this momentum.

Thank all of you for your support of our youth and our youth programs! The next year will bring even more fun and challenge.

We'd like to thank Jackie Nitahara for her amazing contribution to the CE board member. Jackie finished her third term as of June! THANKS, Jackie for all you do and all you contribute.

We'd also like to thank Lauren Cannon, our pastoral resident. Lauren has been the driver behind many of our youth events; activities and the leadership from our recent college grads. Lauren, we wish you the best as you continue on your journey to find a called position.

Robin Hirano

**WOMAN'S FELLOWSHIP  
2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT**

This was the sixth year the Woman's Fellowship had two Coordinators to support the Council and other Boards and attend Council meetings each month. Infrequent meetings were held with Committee heads and WF general meetings were called only if approval of events were needed.

Minister or responsible person is to contact Coordinators (Alyce or Dahlia) if help is needed so they can advise appropriate WF committee.

Coordinators for 2009-2010 will be Dahlia Toyama and Alyce Yamanaka. Jeanne Kawako has agreed to stay on as Secretary & recruiting for new Treasurer is in process. Co-Chairs for the three committees for new year are:

**Activities – Karen Nakagawa, & Juana Wong  
Hospitality – Bess Ozawa, Atsumi Ozawa & Sachi Suzuki  
House – Fay Kadowaki & Kiyoko Takemoto**

Due to busy church schedule, WF Annual Luncheon/Meeting was not held in June.

Following is a list of activities the WF has been responsible for:

- Secretary submits articles of WF events in Passage.
- When kitchen linen is used, WF committees are responsible to see that they are washed and returned to church kitchen.
- Served coffee and... first Sunday of each month. Bess Ozawa has seen to it that this takes place with Atsumi Ozawa & Rose Okabe setting up the refreshments and Kiyoko Takemoto faithfully sees that beverages are ready.
- If requested, prepared and served food for bereaved family members & refreshments for funeral receptions. Fay Kadowaki sees to it that set up is taken care of and that all goes well.
- Hospitality Committee sends out cards to the newborn, sick and bereaved.
- Udon sale on April 19, 2009 w/Chefs Gary Yamagiwa and Jon Shimabukuro. Udon grossed \$2,442 and bake sale, chaired by Atsumi Ozawa & Iku Shimizu netted \$1,142.50.
- Activities Committee organized box lunches on November 16, 2008 for 20 shut-ins/staff and another on Sunday, April 13, 2009, chaired by Juana Wong & Pat Yoshino.
- Provided desserts for the JASC Day Care once a month. Again, Bess Ozawa and Sachi Suzuki of Hospitality Committee sees to it that JASC gets their desserts.
- Set up, serving and clean-up for Christmas potluck dinner.
- Set up, serving and clean-up for Family Christian Day luncheon.
- Maki, age sushi, baked goods and contributions to handcraft goods for our annual church bazaar held on October 4, 2008.
- WF packaged and Fay & Ken Kadowaki delivered 600 bags (3 cookies each) of oreo cookies and 124 sets of hats and scarves made by Community Project group to Night Ministry for distribution to homeless on December 16, 2008.

Dahlia Toyama & Alyce Yamanaka  
Coordinators

# Trustees Report

**We will continue to invest in our church in order to make your worship experience at Christ Church very positive. But there are risks and rewards in order to keep you satisfied.**

## Highlights

- Council has recommended a salary freeze in light of the economic situation we are currently experiencing.
- Based on the current situation we need to think about renewing our commitments for other special pledging such as the building fund.
- We need to actively pursue an endowment plan for our church members to participate in.
- We need to look at other opportunities to generate income which may include seeking out other congregations to rent our space or other weekday groups looking for a place to use.
- We will continue to invest in the future of the church by providing a Seminarian for our kids.
- We have various needs to address such as a new boiler for heating, the front steps for your safety, leakage from our roofs, and the general upkeep of the church organ.

## Questions to consider

- Should we look to reduce the role of our salaried employee's to a part time status?
- Do we have an opportunity to have additional fund raising events to supplement the expenses we expect to occur?
- Issue a promissory note to a body of principles made up of church members who are willing to loan money to Christ Church at a nominal rate in order to pay off the church mortgage.
- Are we at the point where we need to think about merging our congregation with another church of similar interests?

Summary	Actual by Quarter			Forecast	Total	Budget	Budget
	1	2	3				
General	28,136	29,764	27,940	35,072	120,912	139,500	110,000
Benevolences	0	445	918	0	1,363	1,555	1,400
Other Income	2,932	17,297	705	968	21,902	39,200	20,100
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>31,068</b>	<b>47,506</b>	<b>29,563</b>	<b>36,040</b>	<b>144,177</b>	<b>180,255</b>	<b>131,500</b>
Christian Education	1,567	3,515	4,887	4,998	14,967	8,225	10,500
Diaconate	309	347	0	0	656	5,555	1,400
Pastoral Care	11,085	15,419	16,090	16,323	58,917	55,717	58,917
Total Trustees	22,605	29,100	29,407	23,833	104,945	118,319	80,732
Worship	3,321	4,798	4,055	4,558	16,732	15,050	17,028
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>38,887</b>	<b>53,179</b>	<b>54,439</b>	<b>49,711</b>	<b>196,216</b>	<b>202,866</b>	<b>168,577</b>
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>(7,819)</b>	<b>(5,673)</b>	<b>(24,876)</b>	<b>(13,671)</b>	<b>(52,039)</b>	<b>(22,611)</b>	<b>(37,077)</b>

Cash and Equivalent	Jun 08	Jun 09	Change
Cash	93,000	59,000	(34,000)
Investments	150,000	100,000	(50,000)
<b>Total Cash &amp; Equiv</b>	<b>243,000</b>	<b>159,000</b>	<b>(84,000)</b>

### Highlights

- **We have experienced a significant drop in cash from liquidation of investments in order to fund church expenses. We have also seen our investment portfolio decrease due to the economic situation.**
- **We were on target for expenses but missed the target on pledging and other sources of income by \$50K. Mostly caused by a too aggressive budget and some fundraising which did not occur. As a result our expected loss for this fiscal year ending in June is expected to be \$52K.**
- **We have addressed some major repairs throughout the church which fixed issues with flooding both in the church and parsonage.**
- **We also updated some electrical and have undergone an electrical audit. We will need to consider the recommendations made by the inspectors during this audit.**
- **Our Board of Trustees is down to one individual and needs your help to continue our church mission.**

**MINISTRY OF CARING  
2009-2010**

In 2008, three of our home-bound or nursing home members passed away. To date, we have 14 members on our MOC list. Whenever possible, we make home visits, but mostly, telephone calls for well being checkups and/or send “thinking of you” cards.

The members of our ministry include Alyce Yamanaka, Helen Miyake, Donna Nitahara, Frances Sugai, and Kiyoko Takemoto.

Marcia Kushino

## Pastoral Relations Committee Report

June 28, 2009

In 2008-09, PRC met with Rev. Paulo Franca quarterly during his third year as full-time pastor. These meetings were a continuation of discussions which were held during the previous year. In total, counting his year as Acting Minister, Rev. Paulo has been with Christ Church of Chicago for four years.

Discussion topics of support to Rev. Paulo included:

- Communication Initiatives: Improving communications between Leaders and Rev. Paulo, understanding styles of communicating and development of tactics for smooth communications
- Pastoral care
- Community outreach
- New members
- Meeting and working with the various boards and committees; filling roles
- Adult forum study groups
- Church building concerns

The PRC noted events held/endeavors/accomplishments under Rev. Paulo during his second year 2008-09:

### 1. Wider Community

- Church Growth/Community Outreach: 11 Confirmands became members but working on challenge to receive more members. However, there is a constant flow of first-time visitors. North Side Alliance continues to meet in our building; hope for more community outreach.
- Multiculturalism/Multiracial Status into church policy: Result of October 2008 Leadership Gathering was positive towards affirming church's intention to adopt MCMRS as policy. Next step is to work with Council to write the policy and have it formally adopted.
- Long Range Plan & Work with Church leaders: Work-in-progress
- Involvement with UCC/Host Spring CMA Meeting: Involvement of church members with UCC entities is limited, but CMA May 2009 Spring Meeting was a great success. Thank you to all planners and workers whose tremendous efforts were well-received by CMA Meeting attendees.
- Worship Service: Preaching style becoming less formal including stepping down from the pulpit to give the sermon. Other changes include making the sermon style more conversational and creating more space for personal stories.

### 2. Diaconate

- Nurturing New Leadership: Facing challenges to nurture board leadership because board leaders are spread thin, but working on innovation to structure and tasks to see if leadership emerges in a different form.
- Integrating members new and old into activities: Ongoing.

### 3. CE Board

- Youth Program/Youth Director: Lauren Cannon was hired and worked successfully with Youth Program and Adult Book Readings.
- Adult Forums: Changed direction to offer Advent and Lenten Series on Friday evenings, which worked well for those with families.

4. Council

- Leadership Style and Training: Work-in-progress; see Diaconate notes above.

5. Trustees

- Members: Recruiting new members is a challenge.
- Building: Much has been done in building renovations.

6. Stewardship: Giving and Number of pledges increased in 2008, and new leaders were recruited for 2009 Campaign.

7. Ministry of Caring: New support group chaired by Marcia Kushino

8. Capital Campaign Fund: Funding source (Illinois Retirement Research Foundation) was identified but stipulations were unable to be met; new sources will be investigated.

9. Continuing Education: Took courses to assist with church administration duties such as web design and course on the History of UCC.

In his third year Rev. Paulo is acquiring more skill and experience as to the nature of Christ Church and its strengths and challenges. He is taking creative steps to encourage more participation/more activities so the church will be vibrant. We look forward to assisting him in accomplishing his goals for 2009-10.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Ogawa, Jon Shimabukuro, Karen Nakagawa, Jane Kaihatsu, Chair

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

June 28, 2009

Membership Year 2008-2009	189
Confirmed:	
Nicole Fujiwara	+1
Ellen Takagi (baptized)	+1
Trenton Takaki	+1
Loss during year:	
Tay Nagai (deceased – 8/08)	-1
Betty Kushino (deceased – 8/08)	-1
Helen Kitabayashi (deceased – 8/18/08)	-1
Dorothy Neeno (deceased – 1/18/09)	-1
Rosie Kawakami (deceased – 2/6/09)	-1
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>187</b>

OFFICE	OFFICER	END	TERM
<b>Co-Moderator</b>	Elaine Kaneshiro	2010	1st
<b>Co-Moderator</b>	Russell Katahira	2010	1st
<b>Council Clerk</b>	Lois Shikami	2010	1st
<b>Treasurer</b>	Fay Kadowaki		
<b>Special Treasurer</b>	Donna Nitahara		
<b>Passage Editor</b>	Arlene Hayn		
<b>Members-At-Large (3)</b> <b>3 Terms - 2 years</b>	Tracey Shimabukuro	2010	1st
	Alyce Yamanaka	2010	1st
<b>Diaconate Board (8 or more)</b> <b>3 Terms - 2 years</b>	Barbara Kurokawa	2011	2nd
	Mary Mantel	2011	2nd
	Bess Ozawa	2011	2nd
	Harriet Ito	2010	2nd
	Will Smith	2010	2nd
	Frances Sugai	2011	1st
<b>Christian Education (6 or more)</b> <b>3 Terms - 2 years</b>	Robin Hirano	2011	1st
	Josie Sugai	2011	1st
	Carla Imon	2010	1st
	Nancy Takagi	2011	2nd
<b>Trustee Board (6 or more)</b> <b>3 Terms - 2 years</b>	Kent Ijichi	2011	2nd

**Delegate to Illinois Conference & CMA:**

**Stewardship Task Force**

Sharon Hidaka  
Sue Takaki  
Gary Fujiwara  
Sachi Suzuki

**Ministry of Caring**

Marcia Kushino  
Alyce Yamanaka  
Donna Nitahara  
Helen Miyake  
Kiyo Takemoto

**Decorating Committee**

Russ Katahira  
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