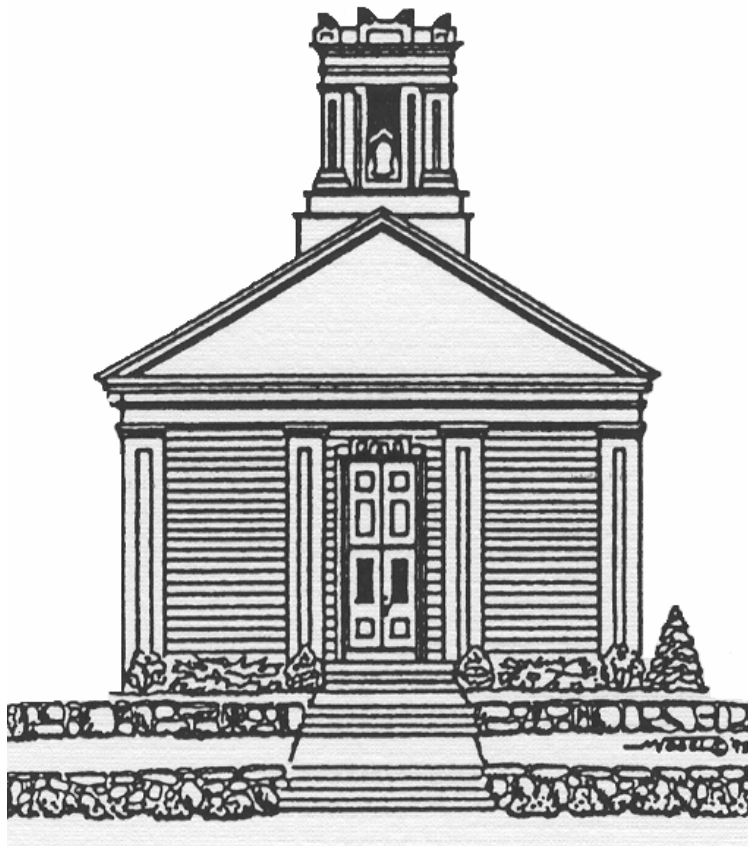


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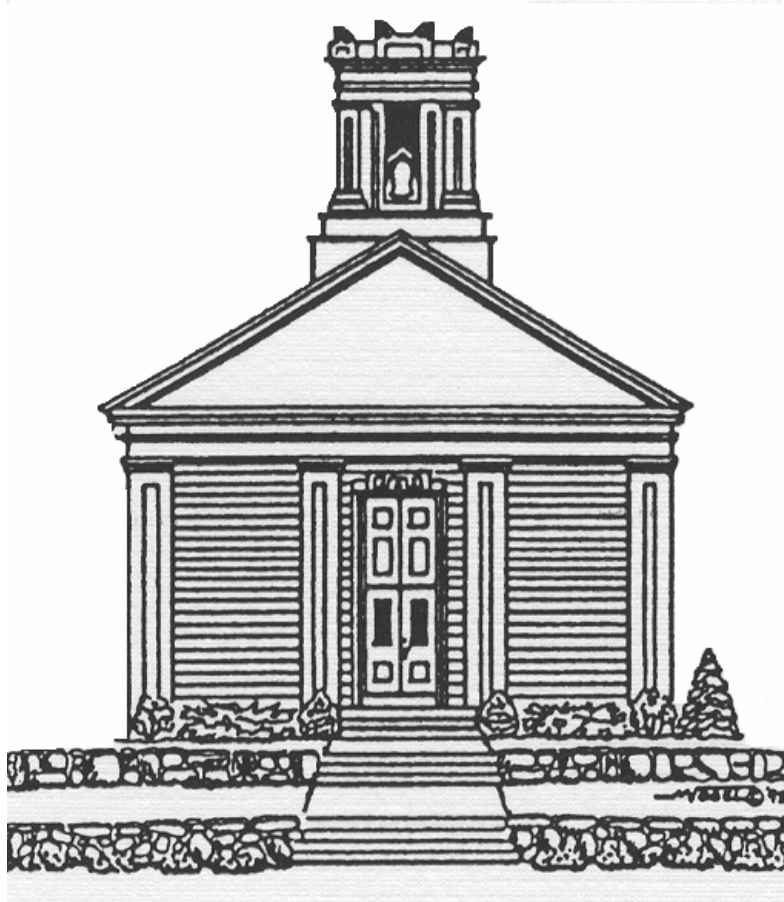


ANNUAL MEETING  
JUNE 28, 2006

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# SECTION ONE



# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

## ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

First Baptist Church in Wickford

**June 22, 2005**

Moderator Walt Horridge opened the meeting at 7:05pm and invited Pastor Cliff to offer the meeting's prayer.

A quorum was established and the meeting continued.

The Clerk read the Letter of Call.

Corrections to the Annual Report:

Our moderator advised the congregation of the corrections already noted during the board of deacons meeting, to the Annual Report. Those being:

Pg 27 – Third paragraph-Memorial fund pg 27 correction

Pg 2 Annual meeting....Personnel & Administration correction

Election of Officers:

The Moderator thanked the Nominating Committee by name for their work for completing the slate of officers for this evenings meeting

The Clerk read the Slate of Officers.

A member requested a written vote on individual officers. Some discussion ensued. Since there was only one nominee for each position, and no nominations came from the floor. A MOTION was made that the Clerk cast one vote for the slate. This was seconded and the vote passed with a single vote of dissention.

Walt expressed his thanks to all members. He has learned and appreciated all the efforts of each member, and also thanks to Cliff for being available with time and advice and his direction. At this point the outgoing moderator turned over meeting to Ken Lawrence, our new moderator.

Ken requested any questions or comments about the committee reports.

Pg 18 questions: What is the definition of an Active Member?

The Clerk explained what had been done historically and how she uses information provided to her via the Membership and Care Committee. She also explained that for the past few years the Committee had been reviewing the rolls and has sent out letters to members asking for feedback as to whether they wished to be active, inactive, or removed from member lists.

Audrey read the By-Laws Definition. Carolyn Bassett, Chairman of the current M & C Committee explained the dilemma her committee has had—specifically the words “habitually absent” and “little or no interest” to be put on inactive list. Cliff also provided some background.

On By-Laws.

A suggestion was made by a member to consider technology of the future...that being specifically in regard to how our new tapes can be used by inactive or elderly members, that even if not present at church, they still are participating (via the tape recorded services).

Harry B also provided some background of American Baptist Churches history with active vs. inactive members.

How to reconnect the inactive members...mailings, visitations, via neighborhood ministry and discussion on effectiveness of neighborhood ministry structure was also discussed.

Ginny Mancini requested to be added to the Outreach Committee

A member raised the idea of combining with Allenton Baptist Church--dialogue to see if any interest in combining churches within two miles of our church a possibility?

The Pastor was asked to explain to congregation his new role as secretary. Cliff described how the opportunity is providing accountability, collegiality and supervision to talk about confidential issues. He finds it very helpful.

A suggestion was made for next year to add the date to the Good News what date each Committee's Annual Report is due to the Church Administrative Assistant for collating into the Annual Report.

**Members noted and wished to thank Cricket to for jumping into her new position and doing such a good job in getting the Annual Report completed.**

The congregation was reminded of the financial meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Concerns:

Christian Education

Need stronger educational support for our teachers. Member would like to find ways to support our teachers.

Painting Update

Audrey advised the congregation that the bids have been opened. She was asked about the variety of bids received thus far. She will be viewing some work of the contractors to determine quality of offers. She also explained some of the intricacies of bids, and how they are affected by items such as what is stained vs. painted, treatment of the handicapped ramp & window sashes.

The meeting was closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Carole D. Konrad, Clerk

ANNUAL FINANCE MEETING MINUTES  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN WICKFORD  
July 20, 2005

Moderator Ken Lawrence opened the meeting at 7:05pm and invited Pastor Cliff to offer the meeting's prayer.

A quorum was established and the meeting continued.

The Clerk read the Letter of Call.

Linda Lawrence began her presentation with prayer. She reviewed last year's budget and expenses to reveal that overall we came under budget as far as what was spent.

In comparing last years Budgeted Income vs. Actual Income, she showed how Pledges are where we fell behind and used our reserves to fill in the shortfall.

Regarding where these funds are actually located, she explained that there are:

1. Restricted Funds (consisting of Emergency fund, Merithew fund, Exterior staining, Mission-prepaid, Prepaid Future Years Parking lot)
2. Unrestricted Funds (Royal Jones Memorial fund)
3. Memorial Fund
4. Art Festival left over funds from 2004 Festival (not 2005)
5. Pastor's Outreach Fund

Linda opened the floor for questions...Several clarifications were made on the Pastor's fund and how funds are allocated.

Linda explained that this year's budget does NOT include ANY Capital improvements for the coming years, only properties and programs, commenting that it is difficult it is to plan a budget when approximately 1/3 of church has not make a financial commitment.

The following Budget Recommendation was proposed:

Approve Expense budget as proposed, balancing the budget as required using residual 2004 Art Festival funds, (initially one third of Art festival money), and the Royal Jones Fund--and if needed, the remaining 2/3 of 2005 Art Festival fund. (Only if needed as last ditch measures as the Deaconate are working on other fundraising events.)

A Motion was made to accept the recommendations of Finance Committee. It was seconded. A request to Amend the MOTION was received.

The Amendment was a suggestion from the floor to reduce salary package for the Pastor by roughly \$10,000. Discussion about proper forum for this suggestion was discussed, and determined to be out of place, as this issue must be handled by the Personnel & Administration Committee. If a contract is to be renegotiated, the P & A Committee is proper place for evaluation and discussion. Furthermore, salary cuts should only be considered as last resort, and when 1/3 of our parishioners don't pledge, we have not reached that place yet.

The Clerk conducted a paper vote on the proposed Amendment to the Finance Board's Recommendation. The congregation was advised to write yes, if they would like to approve the reduction in salary. The amendment was defeated 29/9.

The Original Motion was restated to balance the budget, without wording that allowed use of the 2/3rds of 2005 Art Festival funds to balance budget if necessary. The Motion was carried by show of hands.

A Motion was made that the P&A and Finance Committees review the pastor's salary package. The motion was defeated by a show of hands 13/22.

Motion to 1/3 general unrestricted church budget, 1/3 outreach, 1/3 missions of Art Festival Profit passed by verbal vote.

Property committee asked for clarification on whether we should continue to pursue bids on church painting. It was agreed to continue.

Motion to adjourn was passed and Linda Lawrence ended the meeting in prayer at 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Konrad  
Clerk

# MID YEAR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

First Baptist Church in Wickford

February 8, 2006

Moderator Ken Lawrence opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

Pastor Cliff opened the meeting with insight on Baptist Churches being burned, noting these was no discrimination on black, white or mixed churches, all were victims. He closed in prayer.

Clerk read the Letter of Call.

Ken opening remarks gave summary of agenda and guidelines for the informal discussions, questions & answer period.

Update on Art Festival

The church earned roughly \$9,300 with one third going to the operating budget, 1/3 Missions, 1/3 to Outreach. Ken also reminded all present of the opportunity to sign up for this year's festival.

Finance Committee Update as of January 31, 2006 – Linda Lawrence

Linda reviewed the latest report pointing out that pledges & repeat supporting is biggest the deficit, noting actual vs. budgeted amounts. She explained that the collection plate is down and fundraisers have not yet occurred.

The good news is that we have not spent as much as we planned, but the bad news is that we are still behind-- again, primarily due to lagging pledges.

A point of clarification was made from the floor: "As we take more and more from reserves, we earn less and less from investments?" "Yes", the question was answered, that is true.

Another question: "Year over Year, is our current deficit similar to other years at this time of year? It was answered that "Yes, the pattern is similar."

\$13,957 has been given to Missions which is approx \$6,000.0 over and above what was pledged. Rate of external Missions giving has been going up continually over what was expected, more than internal 'mission' giving...to our own internal work/outreach etc.

Capital giving was also over budget by an additional \$2400 over pledged.

Last year we had a planned deficit that actualized at approx \$20,000..

Linda also reviewed specific line items and reminded the congregation that the budget is for 12months, and some areas will even out by year-end.

Linda explained that we need pledges to be caught up as much as is possible, and if you can give more than pledged, that also would be great. There are 20 more Sundays to year-end. She further pointed out that approximately \$8.00 per week is needed from each pledging unit. Additional fundraising will be addressed later in the meeting, Linda noted the auction is expected to help in this effort.

Questions from floor: "Has it been investigated if it might be cheaper to borrow money, even from an individual member, than to deplete our reserves?" & "Can some of us move pledges from missions to operating expenses?" "It was noted that it has been discussed in board meetings.

“What about Annuities? Is that under consideration?” Beth will discuss later.

By July 1<sup>st</sup> if we continue at the same rate will have used up all our reserves. There are other restricted reserves that are designated and unable to be touched.

### Stewardship- Beth Blink

Beth reviewed the results of The Color Study and pointed out the bulletin board with results and noted this meeting was also a result of that meeting to improve communication. She invited the congregation to attend board meetings. She also explained that she viewed responsible Stewardship also includes taking time to gain insight into yourself and your own mission within the church, & to learn and grow as a person is also part of stewardship of the whole person.

### Fundraising

We can either raise from within or invite others from outside of church.

Cliff agreed to be co-chairman and this will be as big an event as the Art Festival. There have been 2 persons who have come and provided appraisals. One suggestion was to sell art on EBay to reach largest audience.

There are a few pieces that might need additional research. The idea of the auction is not only about the art, church members can donate services and other items...such as frozen pies to be delivered at Thanksgiving, boat rides, etc.

Other fundraising needs to be done immediately. Some ideas being discussed were: ABCORI can talk to us about endowments, we can raise our pledges by rate of inflation, or ‘take the church to dinner’ idea, or Lenten sacrifice such as donate what you might spend on a new pair of shoes or to get your hair done.

### By-laws Update – John Armstrong

Working with the By-Laws has been a learning experience. He explained that our Constitution is submitted to the State and is used by them to continue our tax-exempt status.

John further explained that our Covenant is a contract/promise to ourselves of who we are and what we will do--just as our Board of Deacons has its guidelines as well.

The committee has reviewed the document presented and been reviewed by P & A Committee and the Deaconate It is now being presented to you and looking for congregational input. At a later date it will be voted upon.

Cliff noted that the committee would make recommendations for changes, subject to your approval, but committee not through yet.

John advised the congregation that The By-Laws meetings have been ongoing for approximately 3 years and some meetings go as long as 2-1/2 hours...long term, lengthy review has been on-going.

Ken asked those present to do their homework and communicate via phone, email etc. to committees. When the congregational meeting is called, it will be to accept or reject recommendations, not to amend or change anything! So do use this opportunity to provide input into the committee now.

### Building & Properties – Audrey Schmid

#### Paint Bids

Bids are being solicited differently, than in the past. This year the committee will create specs so that the committee will get bids the way the committee wants job done, rather than how the contractor wants the job done.

She noted that she is very glad the snow has not materialized and went on to explain the stop gap measure taken on driveway to fill cracks to minimize potholes.

#### Heating bills

Both gas and oil bills are higher than usual, while electric was down YTD.

#### Doors

Important to get congregation to help ensuring front door is locked. Bill Johnson offered to assume responsibility as part of ushering duties. Audrey noted that there is no way if someone exits the door to lock it without a key. She requested that members not exit the front door once locked, if they do not have a key.

#### Spring Clean Up

A Spring Clean up day is being planned. She is looking into the use of pavers to edge garden, and reduce trimming chores. The program details will be released shortly.

#### Kitchen items

The Kitchen committee could use a few more volunteers. She requested help in putting away supplies. Special events folks should supply their own paper supplies for each function and trash. Updated on procedures for kitchen, dishwasher: use sani-cycle rinse. Organizations who use fellowship hall DO NOT get kitchen privileges, unless a member of the church is present. Guests can furnish own food & paper supplies. No stove usage is allowed.

The Memorial Committee has been looking for a church wish list. Audrey advised as noted in her report that she submitted her recommendation for a new stove and reasons for this request.

Linda Lawrence noted that the Memorial fund has approx \$4,300 in funds that are undesignated and can be used. Question from the floor: "Has she investigated how much a replacement stove would cost?" Thus far, Audrey advised she has seen one stove that was under \$ 3,000 however this does not include installation. She plan to do further research and requested another church member go with her.

Audrey also advised the cost cutting measure that now uses reusable mugs instead of paper products each Sunday. The new church mugs cost \$2.00 each and are very user-friendly.

#### Fire regulations...

Question was asked where do we stand with fire code compliance. Committee has done some work & received letter from ABCORI requiring inspection by year end & this is why doorstops no longer on some doors, etc. She explained that the plan of corrections will be individualized by each church. ABCORI's recommendation is not to do anything until a Risk assessment has been negotiated. We will have to do something to upgrade the fire alarm systems. She noted that our balcony is one issue and that we will have to have some acceptance of changes in our behavior such as moving the library table to gain accessibility to double doors in fellowship hall etc. in order to comply with regulations.

#### Membership & Care- Carolyn Bassett

We received over 49 notes of thanks last year. Carolyn read several notes of thanks to the congregation.

Our Membership lists constantly being reviewed to clarify status. Thus far the committee has moved 44 active members to inactive or other church ranks Neighborhood ministry is under review. The Big event coming up is The Hymn Sing and Spaghetti Dinner. Folks can bring their own instruments to play with others. Please sign up. Also please sign up for Coffee Hour as well.

### Outreach- Carol Hockensmith

Carol explained that her Committee is moderately functioning since most of members are in Florida. There is planned a 'Bring a Friend Sunday' ... if you bring a friend Sunday morning, you can have a free ticket to the Spaghetti Dinner paid for by Outreach Committee on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

She also reminded us that Cliff is also currently being heard on 99.3 FM sponsoring the weather. This is a jazz station out of Newport, and between 7:15am-7:22am every morning, Cliff has a devotional message.

An Update on Cable program was also provided. It will start shortly on Sunday afternoons. The committee will be having a focus group on 'who we are' to be used to promote the church publicity. It will be a good exercise. It is in planning stages-- perhaps will do on some of the Wednesday nights during Lenten and/or during Sunday School. ...A comment from floor requested that the local TV programming a good free vehicle and we should ensure our channel is carrying our information and upcoming events.

A suggestion was made to the committee to include the an appeal to Wickford 'Village' image since the Chamber is also focusing on this 'Village' image in the community.

Tuesday march 7<sup>th</sup> we are hosting the American Baptist College choir.

Missions -Libby & Ken filled in for Dan Urish

The Yard sale date may need to be changed. It will be like last year: \$25.00 for table and recommended you tithe part of your proceeds. She also explained the schedule for special offerings in the upcoming year.

Christian Education – Matt Bellisle

Matt talked about the music each week in Sunday School. Pastor Cliff has been visiting. The class uses 'Veggie-tale' movies & the library, Other activities include junior church, children are also encouraged to stay in church on first Sunday of month to observe communion.

The Bowling Event is coming up and Children's Day program and Summer Bible School. The Wednesday Bible Study lead by Pastor Cliff has the topic 'Heaven'.

Kevin Burnham and Matt are putting together a PowerPoint presentation of the Children's Christmas program.

Closing Comments

Ken wrapped up the meeting, reminding folks to please sign up for coffee hour, flowers and ushering!! He communicated that he and the Deaconate hoped the meeting was helpful and reminded that in February, the Deaconate Board meeting would be held on the last Monday --Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to attend, to observe and listen. If the congregation has any questions and/or suggestions, the mailboxes have been moved back to Fellowship Hall for ease of use.

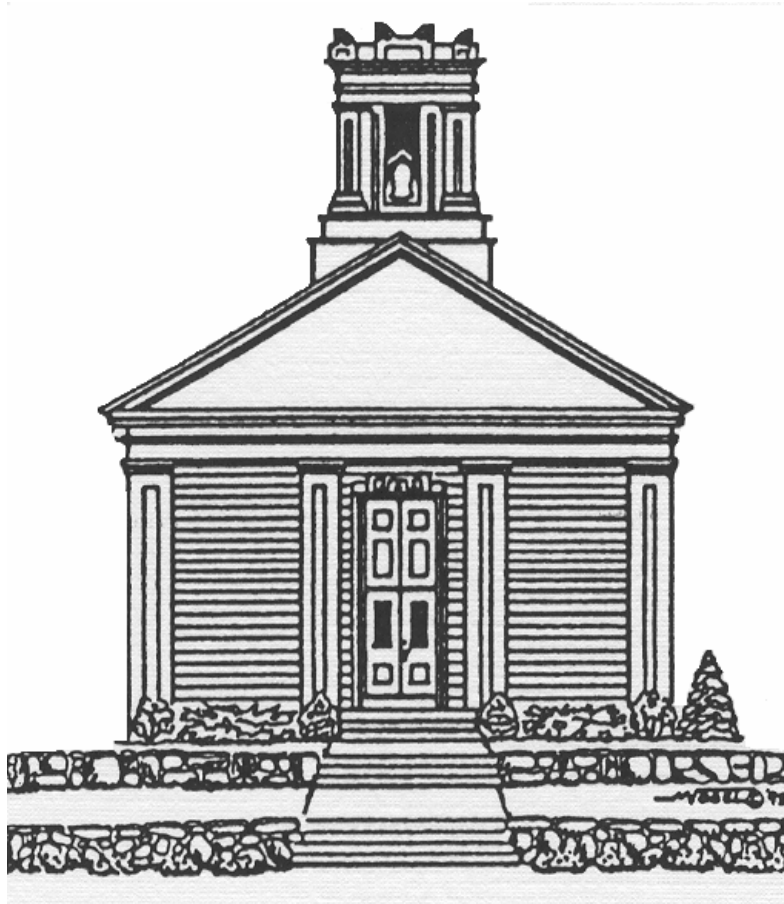
Ken's work as moderator was noted and appreciated by the congregation.  
Coffee and snacks were served in new coffee mugs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Konrad  
Clerk

# SECTION TWO



## STAFF & OFFICER'S REPORTS

## PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

I have been employed this past year in primarily the following areas:

Sermon Preparation and Sunday Worship Leadership  
Adult Sunday school Class Leadership  
Tuesday Prayer Group participation  
Wednesday Bible Study leadership  
Participation in Choir (Thursday Nights)  
Committee and Deacon's Meetings  
Reading and Study  
Consultations and Counseling  
Church Office administrative matters  
Hospital Visitation on-call  
Home visitation/Pastoral Care  
Funeral Services  
Premarital Counsel and Weddings  
Church Fellowship Dinners and Events  
New Coffeehouse Outreach Events  
Holiday Worship services and preparation  
North Kingstown Churches Cooperative Events and Lenten Services  
Member of ABCORI Board of Mission  
ABCORI Ministers' Council Executive Committee  
ABCORI Standing Committee for Ordained Ministry  
ABC Clergy Group and Supervision

These are in no particular order, but should portray various aspects of my ministry that are on going and always developing. This year has had its highlights:

Welcoming Cricket (Administrative Assistant) and Jason (Intern Pastor) back into our ministry and membership.

The Lenten Luncheons at various churches were very well attended and well received.

Our Holy Week Choral Cantata was a great experience.

The Alderson-Broadus College Concert Choir was the best live choral presentation that I have ever heard. And that is not saying enough.

I always am moved by our Christmas Eve Service.

That's to the Ladies Guild for inviting me to play piano at the Mother/Daughter Banquet.

Moderator Ken Lawrence and our entire Board of Deacons, with their committees, have navigated very well through a year of transition that now prepares us for years of growth.

I look forward to a Deacons' Planning Event this summer that will target further growth for our church.

Prepare for a wonderful year!

## MODERATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

June 2006

The first year as moderator has been a challenging but rewarding experience. My personal goals have included working to help improve communication, upgrade use of technology, committee interaction and reduction of overlap, and financial stability. We have made progress in all of these areas and will continue efforts in the next year. Additional challenges include maintenance of our physical facilities, youth programs, and by-law review.

The committee reports included in this document provide details on the activities and accomplishments for 2006-2007. The Board of Deacons, the committee members, the pastor, our administrative assistant, music director and nursery attendant all deserve a "well-done" commendation for their efforts. Their "can do", caring, and giving spirit have made my job easier and, at most times, enjoyable.

Thanks to all for your support and encouragement as we seek to follow and work for our Lord.

Ken Lawrence  
Moderator

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CLERK 2005-06

As of June 1, 2005	Active Members	201
	Transfers (out)	15
	Removal requests	4
	Inactive rolls	54
	New Members	11
As of June 1, 2006	Active Members	139

### NEW MEMBERS:

Allan & Judy Bucklin, Joseph Bullock, Edith Casey, Jason & Kristen Genest, Michele Pearce, David Terry, Wesley & Marcia Wild, Joyce Youngs

### MEMBERS WHO MOVED AWAY AND JOINED ANOTHER CHURCH

Jon & Ashley Davies, Mike, Ann, Michelle & Jennifer Wright

### MEMBERS WHO JOINED ANOTHER CHURCH

Katie Brunero, Gregg, Pam, Eliza & Lindsey Drew, Kelly Gendron, Blake Horridge, Tracey & Kayleigh Schofield

### REMOVED FROM MEMBERSHIP ROLLS (by request)

Pam Hoverter, Laurie Muddiman, Bruce & Doris Renner

### TO INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP LIST

Michelle Addison, Jackie, Brendan & Jamie Alaire, Kayla Allen, Peter Bellisle, Glenn & Cheryl Curtis, Joy, Joyce, Meagan & Nicholas Ferguson, Jonathan & Carol Frey, Karisa Bower, Kathy Foster, Becky Hall, Jessica Horridge, Shirley Jacob, Elwood & Melissa Johnson, Jan, Jim & Adam Hosmer, Greg, Patty, Greg Jr. & Erica Kirwan, Marge McMaster, Robin & Alex Miller, Mike, Beverly, Derek & Emily Miller, Andrea Morin, Bill, Sherrie, Michelle & Chris Neal, Bonnie & Ray Ortelt, Peter Ostiguy, Bob & Bette Lou Pease, Dan & Lois Pirhala, Heidi Pryor, Audrey Schmid, Regina Terrill, Dan, Ben & Cassie Webster, Heidi Wright.

\*\*The statistics above were provided by the Membership and Care Committee.

The Membership & Care Committee worked diligently this past year to clean up the membership rolls. Many of the above named people have not been attending the church for many years but have not been taken off the membership rolls until now.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The enclosed profit and loss statements are for the comparable periods of July through May of the years 2005 and 2006. Total income was equal year to year. However, 2006 income included \$1200.00 per month from undesignated funds. Fortunately committee chairmen did an excellent job in holding down expenses and living within their budgets, as expenses were \$3349.36 less in 2006 in spite of increases in energy costs, etc.

Funds used to finance the shortfall in income came primarily from the Florence Friend Estate in fiscal year 2004/05 and from the Royal Jones Fund and the recently gifted Sybil Matheson Fund in fiscal year 2005/06. Our church would have to borrow if it were not for the use of these funds. However, the church ought not to rely on memorial funds to finance its operating expenses. Such is not the purpose of memorial giving, as such funds lose their meaning and are forgotten over the years. The church must live within its means, and the continued exacerbating situation of expenses exceeding income must be reversed. The proposed unified budget will help, but this is our church, and we all must do more to support it.

Harry K. Sleicher  
Treasurer

First Baptist Church in Wickford  
Profit & Loss Budget Performance  
July 2004 through May 2005

	<u>Jul '04 - May 05</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
<b>CURRENT OPERATING INCOME</b>			
PLEDGES & Repeat supporters	113,980.30	128,333.37	140,000.00
<b>Other</b>			
Church School	642.05	900.00	1,000.00
Donation for bldg use	750.00	1,375.00	1,500.00
Flowers	877.45	916.63	1,000.00
Fund Raisers/Dinners	1,761.84	2,750.00	3,000.00
Misc - Not Designated	1,422.13	2,291.63	2,500.00
PLATE- General w/ Holy Days	9,340.48	9,166.63	10,000.00
Take the Church to Dinner Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tape Ministry	61.00	91.63	100.00
<b>Total Other</b>	<u>14,854.95</u>	<u>17,491.52</u>	<u>19,100.00</u>
<b>Investment Interest</b>			
ABCORI	1,527.68	1,833.37	2,000.00
ABEC	66.68	91.63	100.00
Interest- PW & Bank Accounts	2,987.85	4,583.37	5,000.00
<b>Total Investment Interest</b>	<u>4,582.21</u>	<u>6,508.37</u>	<u>7,100.00</u>
<b>Total CURRENT OPERATING INCOME</b>	<u>133,417.46</u>	<u>152,333.26</u>	<u>166,200.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	133,417.46	152,333.26	166,200.00
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
<b>BUILDING &amp; PROPERTIES</b>			
Custodial Services	8,385.00	8,250.00	9,000.00
General Supplies	150.18	687.50	750.00
Kitchen Ad Hoc Committee	320.01	916.63	1,000.00
Maintenance Supplies	139.21	458.37	500.00
Misc/Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Snow removal/Lawn care	3,296.00	3,025.00	3,300.00
Utilities & Emergency repairs	9,633.92	8,250.00	9,000.00
<b>Total BUILDING &amp; PROPERTIES</b>	<u>21,924.32</u>	<u>21,587.50</u>	<u>23,550.00</u>
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>			
Bibles	0.00	110.00	120.00
Camp Fund	345.00	550.00	600.00
Curriculum Materials	453.26	916.63	1,000.00
Library	219.73	458.37	500.00
Supplies & Activities	62.35	450.00	500.00
Youth Group Expense	0.00	900.00	1,000.00
<b>Total CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>	<u>1,080.34</u>	<u>3,385.00</u>	<u>3,720.00</u>

First Baptist Church in Wickford  
Profit & Loss Budget Performance  
July 2004 through May 2005

	Jul '04 - May 05	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
<b>DIACONATE</b>			
Misc/Other	172.00	458.37	500.00
Retreat Expenses	0.00	458.37	500.00
Special Events inc/food	<u>75.91</u>	<u>687.50</u>	<u>750.00</u>
<b>Total DIACONATE</b>	247.91	1,604.24	1,750.00
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>			
Bookkeeper Expenses	3,387.00	2,750.00	3,000.00
Insurance	<u>6,246.00</u>	<u>5,683.37</u>	<u>6,200.00</u>
<b>Total FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>	9,633.00	8,433.37	9,200.00
<b>MEMBERSHIP &amp; CARE</b>			
Communication	0.00	137.50	150.00
Misc/Other	32.00	229.13	250.00
Special Events	248.17	275.00	300.00
Supplies	54.41	137.50	150.00
MEMBERSHIP & CARE - Other	<u>-200.00</u>		
<b>Total MEMBERSHIP &amp; CARE</b>	134.58	779.13	850.00
<b>MISSION COMMITTEE</b>			
Missionary Speakers/Events	235.00	458.37	500.00
Supplies	<u>173.70</u>	<u>183.37</u>	<u>200.00</u>
<b>Total MISSION COMMITTEE</b>	408.70	641.74	700.00
<b>OFFICE EXPENSES</b>			
"Secret Place " Magazine	356.25	275.00	300.00
Misc/Other	249.97	0.00	0.00
Office Machine/Repairs	2,246.82	1,650.00	1,800.00
Office Supplies	2,709.93	2,475.00	2,700.00
Postage/bulk mail	1,011.42	1,375.00	1,500.00
Telephone	<u>2,740.16</u>	<u>2,200.00</u>	<u>2,400.00</u>
<b>Total OFFICE EXPENSES</b>	9,314.55	7,975.00	8,700.00
<b>OUTREACH COMMITTEE</b>			
Habitat for Humanity	500.00	458.37	500.00
Local Agencies	0.00	458.37	500.00
Publicity	266.66	91.63	100.00
Sponsored Events	242.95	229.13	250.00
Supplies	96.30	91.63	100.00
Tape Ministry Supplies	<u>157.49</u>	<u>183.37</u>	<u>200.00</u>
<b>Total OUTREACH COMMITTEE</b>	1,263.40	1,512.50	1,650.00

First Baptist Church in Wickford  
Profit & Loss Budget Performance  
July 2004 through May 2005

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION	Jul '04 - May 05	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
P & A Other			
Admin Asst-Continued Ed	199.00	137.50	150.00
Admin Asst salary	12,514.10	12,312.63	13,432.00
Choir Director's salary	13,629.88	13,629.88	14,869.00
Employer Social Security	2,133.24	2,088.13	2,278.00
Nursery Attendant	1,741.74	1,529.88	1,669.00
Organist-Con't. Educ.	0.00	137.50	150.00
Payroll Expenses/Misc	104.67	0.00	0.00
Worker's Compensation	596.00	733.37	800.00
<b>Total P &amp; A Other</b>	<b>30,918.63</b>	<b>30,568.89</b>	<b>33,348.00</b>
Pastor			
American Baptist Confer-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Auto Allowance	3,666.74	3,666.63	4,000.00
Housing	26,714.33	26,851.00	29,292.00
Medical	7,128.00	7,128.00	7,776.00
Prof Expenses	319.57	1,375.00	1,500.00
Retirement	7,984.70	7,965.87	8,690.00
Salary	23,518.93	23,382.37	25,508.00
SS offset	3,513.00	3,000.00	4,000.00
<b>Total Pastor</b>	<b>72,845.27</b>	<b>73,368.87</b>	<b>80,766.00</b>
<b>Total PERSONNEL &amp; ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>103,763.90</b>	<b>103,937.76</b>	<b>114,114.00</b>
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE			
Offering Envelopes	0.00	366.63	400.00
Spiritual Gifts Program	0.00	137.50	150.00
Supplies & Campaign Materials	68.58	293.37	320.00
<b>Total STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE</b>	<b>68.58</b>	<b>797.50</b>	<b>870.00</b>
WORSHIP COMMITTEE			
Copyright License	165.00	146.63	160.00
Flowers	800.90	550.00	600.00
Guest Musicians	0.00	550.00	600.00
Guest Preachers	375.00	572.88	625.00
Music Supplies	591.55	1,100.00	1,200.00
Substitute Organist	625.00	572.88	625.00
Tuning Piano & Organ	320.00	458.37	500.00
Worship Supplies	106.20	641.63	700.00
<b>Total WORSHIP COMMITTEE</b>	<b>2,983.65</b>	<b>4,592.39</b>	<b>5,010.00</b>
<b>Total CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>150,822.93</b>	<b>155,246.13</b>	<b>170,114.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>150,822.93</b>	<b>155,246.13</b>	<b>170,114.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-17,405.47</b>	<b>-2,912.87</b>	<b>-3,914.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-17,405.47</b>	<b>-2,912.87</b>	<b>-3,914.00</b>

First Baptist Church in Wickford  
Profit & Loss Budget Performance  
July 2005 - May 2006

	<u>Jul '05 - May 06</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
<b>CURRENT OPERATING INCOME</b>			
PLEDGES & Repeat supporters	102,726.23	114,082.83	124,454.00
<b>Other</b>			
Church School	574.30	916.67	1,000.00
Donation for bldg use	1,270.00	916.67	1,000.00
Flowers	160.00	916.67	1,000.00
Fund Raisers/Dinners	551.53	1,375.00	1,500.00
Funds from Reserves	13,558.60	13,557.50	14,790.00
Misc - Not Designated	2,730.19	1,833.34	2,000.00
PLATE- General w/ Holy Days	8,352.25	9,166.67	10,000.00
Tape Ministry	85.00	91.67	100.00
<b>Total Other</b>	<u>27,281.87</u>	<u>28,774.19</u>	<u>31,390.00</u>
<b>Investment Interest</b>			
ABCORI	691.93	1,833.34	2,000.00
ABEC	87.48	91.67	100.00
Interest- PW & Bank Accounts	2,679.59	3,666.67	4,000.00
<b>Total Investment Interest</b>	<u>3,459.00</u>	<u>5,591.68</u>	<u>6,100.00</u>
<b>Total CURRENT OPERATING INCOME</b>	<u>133,467.10</u>	<u>148,448.70</u>	<u>161,944.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	133,467.10	148,448.70	161,944.00
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
<b>BUILDING &amp; PROPERTIES</b>			
Custodial Services	9,156.15	9,166.67	10,000.00
General Supplies	227.39	229.17	250.00
Kitchen Ad Hoc Committee	493.01	458.33	500.00
Maintenance Supplies	119.00	229.17	250.00
Misc/Other	21.98		
Snow removal/Lawn care	1,150.00	2,750.00	3,000.00
Utilities & Emergency repairs	11,029.96	9,166.67	10,000.00
<b>Total BUILDING &amp; PROPERTIES</b>	<u>22,197.49</u>	<u>22,000.01</u>	<u>24,000.00</u>
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>			
Bibles	0.00	55.00	60.00
Camp Fund	-35.00	275.00	300.00
Curriculum Materials	0.00	458.33	500.00
Library	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies & Activities	55.19	229.17	250.00
Youth Group Expense	0.00	458.33	500.00
<b>Total CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>	<u>20.19</u>	<u>1,475.83</u>	<u>1,610.00</u>

First Baptist Church in Wickford  
Profit & Loss Budget Performance  
July 2005 - May 2006

	Jul '05 - May 06	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
<b>DIACONATE</b>			
Misc/Other	-348.00	0.00	0.00
Missionship Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Retreat Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Events inc/food	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total DIACONATE</b>	<b>-348.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>			
Bookkeeper Expenses	444.73	458.33	500.00
Insurance	6,227.00	5,729.17	6,250.00
<b>Total FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>6,671.73</b>	<b>6,187.50</b>	<b>6,750.00</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP &amp; CARE</b>			
Communication	0.00	45.83	50.00
Misc/Other	-25.00	45.83	50.00
Special Events	134.69	183.33	200.00
Supplies	0.00	45.83	50.00
<b>Total MEMBERSHIP &amp; CARE</b>	<b>109.69</b>	<b>320.82</b>	<b>350.00</b>
<b>MISSION COMMITTEE</b>			
Missionary Speakers/Events	286.11	275.00	300.00
Supplies	154.97	183.34	200.00
<b>Total MISSION COMMITTEE</b>	<b>441.08</b>	<b>458.34</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>OFFICE EXPENSES</b>			
"Secret Place " Magazine	15.70	0.00	0.00
Misc/Other	43.75	91.67	100.00
Office Machine/Repairs	2,278.25	1,833.33	2,000.00
Office Supplies	938.11	2,291.67	2,500.00
Postage/bulk mail	478.46	1,100.00	1,200.00
Telephone	1,740.24	1,833.33	2,000.00
<b>Total OFFICE EXPENSES</b>	<b>5,494.51</b>	<b>7,150.00</b>	<b>7,800.00</b>
<b>OUTREACH COMMITTEE</b>			
Habitat for Humanity	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Agencies	0.00	458.34	500.00
Publicity	-653.08	91.67	100.00
Sponsored Events	324.11	229.17	250.00
Tape Ministry Supplies	363.16	275.00	300.00
<b>Total OUTREACH COMMITTEE</b>	<b>34.19</b>	<b>1,054.18</b>	<b>1,150.00</b>

First Baptist Church in Wickford  
Profit & Loss Budget Performance

July 2005 - May 2006

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION	Jul '05 - May 06	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
<b>P &amp; A Other</b>			
Admin Asst-Continued	0.00	0.00	0.00
Admin Asst salary	17,451.27	13,750.00	15,000.00
Choir Director's salary	13,629.88	13,629.92	14,869.00
Employer Social Secu-	2,561.37	2,200.00	2,400.00
Medical	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nursery Attendant	2,054.59	1,529.92	1,669.00
Organist-Con't. Educ.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll Expenses/Misc	203.86	91.67	100.00
Worker's Compensation	523.00	733.34	800.00
<b>Total P &amp; A Other</b>	<b>36,423.97</b>	<b>31,934.85</b>	<b>34,838.00</b>
<b>Pastor</b>			
American Baptist Con-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Auto Allowance	3,666.74	3,666.67	4,000.00
Housing	26,851.00	26,851.00	29,292.00
Medical	7,128.00	7,128.00	7,776.00
Prof Expenses	427.88	916.67	1,000.00
Retirement	8,037.37	7,965.84	8,690.00
Salary	23,382.26	23,382.34	25,508.00
SS offset	3,513.00	4,125.00	4,500.00
Pastor - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Pastor</b>	<b>73,006.25</b>	<b>74,035.52</b>	<b>80,766.00</b>
<b>Total PERSONNEL &amp; ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>109,430.22</b>	<b>105,970.37</b>	<b>115,604.00</b>
<b>STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE</b>			
Offering Envelopes	266.95	366.67	400.00
Spiritual Gifts Program	59.02	137.50	150.00
Supplies & Campaign Materials	103.17	183.33	200.00
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE -	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE</b>	<b>429.14</b>	<b>687.50</b>	<b>750.00</b>
<b>WORSHIP COMMITTEE</b>			
Copyright License	165.00	146.67	160.00
Flowers	92.50	550.00	600.00
Guest Musicians	0.00	0.00	0.00
Guest Preachers	375.00	572.92	625.00
Music Supplies	429.05	550.00	600.00
Substitute Organist	625.00	572.92	625.00
Tuning Piano & Organ	165.00	293.33	320.00
Worship Supplies	141.78	458.33	500.00
<b>Total WORSHIP COMMITTEE</b>	<b>1,993.33</b>	<b>3,144.17</b>	<b>3,430.00</b>
<b>Total CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>146,473.57</b>	<b>148,448.72</b>	<b>161,944.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>146,473.57</b>	<b>148,448.72</b>	<b>161,944.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-13,006.47</b>	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-13,006.47</b>	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>0.00</b>

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN WICKFORD

Account Status

May 31, 2006

## Assets

Paine Webber	\$110,332.72
Washington Trust Main Account	\$7,482.50
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$802.35
Fleet Bank Account	\$164.22

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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$118,781.79</b>
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## Restricted Funds

Emergency Fund	\$5,000.00
Exterior Staining Fund	\$23,846.00
Merithew Fund	\$25,000.00
Parking Lot Fund	\$1,875.00
J. Genest Seminary Scholarship	\$2,000.00
S. DuBose Scholarship	\$424.00
2005 Art Festival Fund	\$836.71
May Missions Received	\$1,066.50
Pastors Discretionary Fund	\$802.35

## Unrestricted Funds

Sybil Matheson Fund	\$50,000.00
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## Memorial Funds

Mort Curry Fund	\$2,500.00
Susie Brown Kochhan Fund	\$336.94
Memorial Fund	\$5,094.29

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<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$118,781.79</b>
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**MEMORIAL FUND**  
**MAY 31, 2006**

Gifts Received

Susie Brown Kochhan Music Fund	\$471.00
Memorials	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$571.00

Expenditures

Susie Brown Kochhan Music Fund	\$329.00
Memorials	<u>359.00</u>
TOTAL	\$688.00

Balance in fund as of 05/31/06

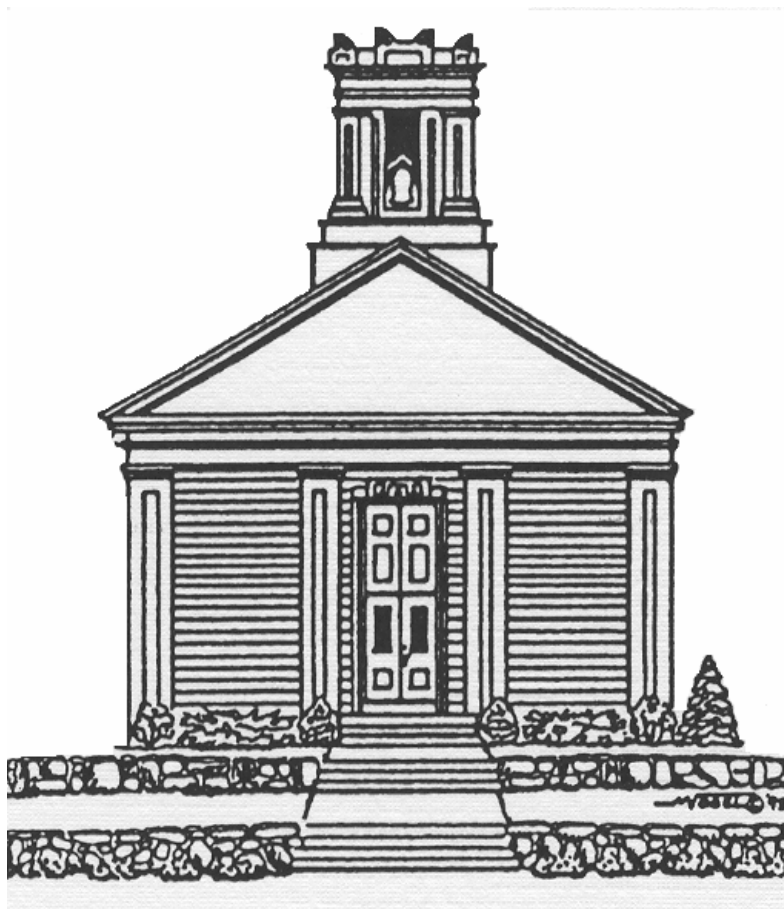
Mort Curry Memorial Fund	\$2,500.00
Susie Brown Kochhan Music Fund	336.00
Memorials	<u>5094.00</u>
TOTAL	\$7,930.00

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

On October 11, 2005 I compared the June 30, 2005 Account Status Report presented recently to the Diaconate with the bank and investment account balances maintained by the Treasurer. June 30, 2005 was the close of the Church's fiscal year, and after adjusting for some minor timing payments and prior period, stale dated items, I found the bank and investment accounts in agreement with the Account Status Report.

Gordon Lawrence  
October 13, 2005

# SECTION THREE



# MINISTRY COMMITTEE REPORTS

ANNUAL REPORT  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Submitted June 2006

**2005-2006 Committee Members**

Matt Bellisle (Chair), Karen Lambiase, Sally Andrews, MaryLou Mills, Beth Blink, Wendy Jackman, Mary Alice Gunn, Barbara Bullock

**2005-2006 Sunday School Teachers**

Holly Pierce (Nursery Care and Pre-K), Barbara Bullock (Pre-K) Wendy Jackman, Beth Blink and MaryAlice Gunn (K-5<sup>th</sup>) Matt Bellisle (Jr and Sr High), Pastor Hockensmith (Adult) Karen Lambiase (Music), Cindy Bellisle (Crafts) *Substitute Teachers*: Cindy Bellisle.

The Christian Education committee met approximately monthly from July'05 through June '06 with all meetings held within the Chapel Building.

The theme for this Sunday School year was "Our God is an Awesome God", and our goal was to encourage the youth to recognize the glory of God and the gifts that he has given to us. Prior to the start of Sunday School classes the Committee decorated the Chapel building and prepared the building for class.

The Sunday School year began on September 11<sup>th</sup>, Rally Day with a total of 12 students registering for classes and an average attendance of 8 students each week. The Christian Education Committee hosted a pizza and salad picnic held on the church lawn following the morning service.

Each week the Sunday School was opened by a period of announcements, a collection of offering, and a group prayer. Musical selections, chosen by Karen Lambiase were learned during this time. Once a month the youth shared their musical talent by singing during the worship service. During the Fall months, Pastor Hockensmith led the opening session on the first Sunday of each month. One Sunday per month the Sunday school utilized the library upstairs in the Chapel Building. Craft activities were also provided on a monthly basis.

Continuing Programs:

**Adventure Club (1<sup>st</sup> –6<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Adventure Club was held twice during Junior Church time with lessons led by MaryLou Mills,. The lessons included group interaction in Bible based games, activities, crafts and lessons.

**Junior Church (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

Junior Church was coordinated by Matt Bellisle and was held weekly during the Church Service with the exception of the first Sunday of each month when it was encouraged that the youth attend the worship service after having spent time with the Pastor during Sunday school. Monthly lessons/messages were provided by the Missions Committee and weekly messages/activities were provided by committee members. The activities varied from crafts and gifts for others, to videos, lessons and activities to explore the Bible.

**Christmas Play – "Just Another Christmas Story".**

This year the Christmas Play was scaled back in an effort to minimize disturbance to the Sunday School classes and the adult Choir volunteers. This included the reuse of sets, and props prepared in previous years. The play was the presentation of a Christmas play that was having difficulties with everything from the actors, to the animals even the set and lighting failed. However, through the cooperative effort of many individuals the play came together and shared the meaning and the gift of Christmas with the congregation. This year's play drew from an increasing pool of talented and willing actors and featured contemporary Christmas music.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bowling Event**

The Committee sponsored our third annual bowling event this spring at KB Lanes in North Kingstown. Approximately 20 bowlers showed us some unique bowling styles while enjoying the fellowship of our friends. A \$5 dollar fee was charged to cover the rental of the lanes, and snacks. Fun was had by all and we look forward to continuing this enjoyable event in future years.

### **Children's Day**

The Sunday School youth will be providing musical selections during the worship service on June 11<sup>th</sup>, during which advancements and acknowledgement will be presented. Following the service, the Committee will be sponsoring a pizza and salad picnic. During the picnic the Sunday School youth will exchange memory verses for scoops of ice cream. We need a lot of ice cream again this year.

### **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

FBCW youth attended VBS at Canonicus as part of the 2005 Co-Op Vacation Bible School. Volunteer teachers and coordinators from our Church assisted in the planning and implementation phases of the week. FBCW provided the closing picnic lunch which was coordinated by Matt Bellisle with the help of Liz Leonard and Carolyn Bassett.

This year the Sunday school youth will also be taking part in the VBS program. FBCW will also be providing the closing picnic lunch again this year.

### Classroom Changes

In continued response to safety concerns, the Sunday School classes were relocated to the main floor of the Chapel Building. At this time the upstairs area provides an activity space with a television.

### Curriculum

A new curriculum, based upon the Lectionary was prepared by Beth Blink and MaryAlice Gunn. This curriculum was developed for three class levels; Pre-k, Elementary School, and Jr-Sr High. Each week the lesson included crafts, activities and instruction. Additional material and activities were also prepared and presented with the curriculum by the teachers. For the younger grades the 'VeggieTales' series of videos was utilized as a point of discussion and example. These borrowed videos use the slogan "Saturday morning fun, Sunday morning values" and were entertaining for young and old. To facilitate use of the videos a large television and VCR were obtained through donation and are located within the Chapel Building.

### Library

The library was maintained by Jeri Bellisle. The library both upstairs in the Chapel Building and in Fellowship Hall were maintained in a neat and orderly fashion that made the areas accessible to all. While not funded through this years budget, book donations provided a variety of additions throughout the year.

This year has provided continued development and growth for the Sunday School youth. I have enjoyed serving as chairman and being a teacher, and I look forward to what God has in store for the Sunday school in the coming year and beyond.

Peace,

Respectfully Submitted

J. Matthew Bellisle, Chair

# FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

2005-2006

The members of the Finance Committee were Harry Sleicher, Lyman Davenport, Dick Gammell, Gordon Lawrence, Ken Lawrence and Linda Lawrence, Chair. Pastor Cliff was also an active participant in committee activities. Although, not a member of the committee, Cricket Genest was a vital part of the committee providing bookkeeping support.

The committee worked to encourage management and control of expenses and looked for ways to increase income in an effort to minimize the projected deficit for the year.

In addition to the monitoring of cash flow, investment funds and preparation of the budget, other items addressed included:

- Conducted the annual finance meeting July 20, 2005
- Consolidated bank accounts into Washington Trust
- Successfully resolved an art festival deposit issue with Bank of America
- Audit of the financial activities for the 2004-2005 fiscal year was completed by Gordon Lawrence
- Provided monthly financial updates in the Good News
- Annual review of the insurance policies of the church by Dick Gammell
- Bookkeeping responsibilities transferred to Cricket Genest as part of her administrative assistant job responsibilities
- Conducted a midyear congregational financial update meeting February 8, 2006
- Sponsored coffee hour Oct. 30, 2005
- Chose to maintain the garden outside the kitchen as our “adopt-a-spot”
- Conducted two joint meetings with the Stewardship committee to:
  - Decide how to use a donated art collection to raise funds. A silent auction was held for church members. Further sales efforts will include the art festival and through consignments.
  - Established a unified budget format for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

Detailed income, expense and account status statements are included in the Treasurer’s report.

Thanks to the hard working committee and to Mary Jean Johnson for her faithful recording of weekly giving and to Treasurer Harry Sleicher and bookkeeper, Cricket Genest for their many hours of service.

Linda Lawrence, Finance Chair

## MEMBERSHIP & CARE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2005-06

Members: Pat Curry, Breta Gammell, Cholly Kochhan, Linda Lundblad, Elaine MacKay, Al Schmid, Jan Soban and Carolyn Bassett – Chairperson

The committee had had a busy and productive year. A big “thank you” to everyone who has helped us with fellowship hour, collations, dinners, making phone calls and sending cards.

The membership rolls have been brought up to date. Those who no longer attend church were sent a letter requesting to be either removed from the membership rolls or placed on the inactive list. We had a very good response.

The “Over 80’s Luncheon” was held on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. We had, as our guests, the members of the First Baptist Church of North Kingstown (Allenton) who were over 80 and their Pastor. Audrey Schmid was the chef and John Armstrong was the Master of Ceremonies. We had 65 people attending.

A collation was held for the family of Dale Connery-Kelly and for the family of Thelma Curry.

On February 19<sup>th</sup> the Worship Committee joined with Membership can Care in hosting a spaghetti dinner and hymn sing. Karen Lambiase coordinated the dinner preparations. It was a wonderful joyous evening.

The Neighborhood Ministries list has been revised.

Cholly Kochhan continues to send out her meaningful notes and encouragements to those on the prayer list.

We continue to remember our shut-ins with visits, notes and phone calls.

Respectfully submitted:

Carolyn Bassett – Chairperson

## MISSION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2005-06

*“ .... Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”*

The dedicated members of the Missions Committee were Ellie DeMello, Melanie Gibson, Gail Gurnon, Cathy Horridge, Karen Lambiase, Mary Ostiguy, Angie and Jim Speights, Libby and Dan Urish (chair).

We were privileged to have Nancy Bancroft, ABCORI President, provide a dinner presentation about the Kodiak Baptist Mission in January. An offering of \$117.00 was sent to the Kodiak Baptist Mission.

Cathy and Walt Horridge gave an inspirational account of their mission trip experiences to La Romana at a dinner in May. An offering of \$260.00 was sent to the Good Samaritan Hospital at La Romana in the Dominican Republic.

The children of the church learned about our missionaries and their work during “Children’s Church Time” the last Sunday of every month. Members of the Mission Committee led the children.

The First Baptist Church family in Wickford has been most generous in their concern and contributions to Christian World and National Missions. A total of almost \$20,000 during the past year has been contributed to needy organizations and individuals as examples of our Christian love and caring to the world.

Mission contributions come from pledged giving, monthly and special offerings and specific fund raising events. As of the end of May pledged offerings in the amount of \$11,251.95 have been sent to the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island (ABCORI) to be distributed with 20% to local missions (RI Baptist Fund) and 80% going to the national and foreign mission fields (United Mission Basics). The other funds received were distributed as follows:

La Romana missionship support	\$1950.00
Wycliffe Bible Translators in Indonesia (Mike and Adrienne Bucklin)	500.00
La Romana Good Samaritan Hospital, Dominican Republic	260.00
Andover Newton Theological Seminary student support	424.00
Hurricane Relief in the U. S. (through RI Council of Churches)	1000.00
Bacone Indian College in Oklahoma	574.10
Kodiak, Alaska Baptist Mission	117.00
Alderson-Broadus College	574.10
South Providence Ministries (July)	210.00
Heifer Project International (April)	392.56
World Missions (October)	607.50
Retired Ministers and Missionaries (December)	513.00
America for Christ (March)	244.50
One Great Hour of Sharing (includes Hurricane Katrina relief) (May)	892.00

In March a church yard sale was sponsored by the Mission Committee which netted \$848.00, with half to go to church operations and half to missions (support of Andover Newton Seminary student). Much fun and fellowship was shared by those who bought and those who sold!

Additionally, hundreds of soup labels were collected for Bacone Indian College, and some 209 of your old eyeglasses were collected to send to Haiti for use at the Cape Haitian Eye Center.

In His Service,

Dan Urish, Chairman

## ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

During the program year of 2005-2006 the Outreach committee was involved in responding to a variety of needs in our local community as well as providing funds for the recovery efforts of Katrina. We provided funds to the Food Pantry of Rhode Island which went to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina who were relocated here in Rhode Island. We also provided funds to the Red Cross who were also instrumental in caring for the victims here in Rhode Island. Some money collected also went to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, again to support the recovery effort. Habitat for Humanity also received money from our committee to further their on-going efforts.

We have an on-going local mission to the Food Pantry located here in North Kingstown. Food is collected in Fellowship Hall. Our church, specifically Carol Chasse, has been responsible to staff the Food Pantry distribution to families in need on each Wednesday. Carol has been faithful this year in making calls to our members to secure teams of two people for each Wednesday. Barbara Bullock has committed to taking over for Carol for the next several months while she moves to a new home. We continue to need people to serve on Wednesday nights for distribution.

We sponsored the concert choir from Alderson-Broaddus College in West Virginia. We housed and served dinner to about 50 young people and were blessed by their performance.

For the past two months on the first Saturday we have sponsored a Coffee House held in the Stafford House. Pastor Cliff and his friend Richard Sheehan, along with others (Joe Lambiase, Jason Genest and Norm MacKay) have entertained us with live music from the 50's, 60's and 70's. We enjoyed wonderful fellowship and hope that over time this will be an event to improve our visibility to the community as we invite friends and neighbors.

We are in the process of planning another outreach avenue to the community in which we hold a weekly book discussion group for those who are exploring Christianity and the Church.

We have been fortunate to have several donors who have funded publicity throughout this year. Through their generosity we were able to provide for an ad in the Saturday Providence Journal and also a radio spot on 99.3FM out of Newport. We hope to explore additional opportunities for this type of outreach in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hockensmith, chair

Sally Hilton, Carol Chasse, Madge Phillips, Herb Davis, Barbara Bullock

ANNUAL REPORT - 2005-2006  
PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Personnel and Administration Committee is limited to five members plus the Moderator and the Pastor. Members for the past year were John Bellisle, Mary Alice Gunn, Walter Horridge, Norm MacKay, and Ruth Sleicher. Serving on the Bylaws Subcommittee were John Armstrong, Breta Gammell, Bill Johnson, and Ruth Sleicher.

This year the P&A Committee has

Hosted a visit by the ABCORI Listening Team and shared a summary of its observations with the Board of Deacons,

Established a Pastoral Support Team on a one-year trial basis,

Reworded the list of rules and procedures for the Board of Deacons which has been approved,

Developed a job description to include bookkeeping responsibilities for the Administrative Coordinator, and

Conducted ongoing staff review.

The Bylaws Subcommittee recommended changes in Sections II, III, and IV that were approved by the Board of Deacons, brought to the congregation for a vote, and approved by that body as well. Work continues on further changes.

I am grateful to the members of the committee and its subcommittees for your wisdom, commitment, and patience.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Alice Gunn, Chair

## STEWARDSHIP ANNUAL REPORT YEAR 2005-2006

It has been a colorful year for our committee. We ran the Color of Personality Study with Ken Weiboldt. I feel that this has helped open the congregation's minds to the differences of other people. It was so good to see us laugh together and learn about one another.

The Colors of Ministry, which took place in March and April with Rev. Cliff Hockensmith as our instructor was a good introduction to understanding Spiritual Gifts. A wonderful fish dinner was planned and organized by Karen Lambiase which was a highlight for all who attended.

Paul Alexander has been a big influence in our campaign. He has provided guidance and the 4 skits that were used for the campaign. In the fall he will also provide an opportunity for estate planning or planned giving for members of the church.

Time and Talent cards were placed in the bulletins for 2 Sundays. I think next year they should also be sent with the pledge cards because so many are absent each week.

For the fund raising campaign 4 skits were planned and merged into the services. "Stepping out of the boat in faith" and "God will make us fishers of men" was our theme.

The biggest change in our campaign was to change from a designated budget to a unified budget.

Pledge Sunday was May 21 and as a result of this campaign the latest figures are that we have received 54 pledges who have pledged \$128,849.00. Several pledges have increased and some are new.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2005-06  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN WICKFORD

Videotaping of our church services became a reality thanks to volunteer Andy Pearce. He has used his own equipment to record, edit and deliver the DVDs to Cox Cable for broadcast on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 PM on Channel 14. Thanks Andy.

We are exploring the possibility of pew cushions, with some samples now in the Sanctuary. Cost estimate is \$5600.00. Let us know how you feel about this.

Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, an organ recital in memory of Betty Davenport was held, with John Hubert performing.

Thanks to Lyman Davenport, we now have the ability to bring the audio of any service from the Sanctuary to the fellowship hall and also to the nursery.

The annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical service was held at St. Paul's on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, with Rev. Hockensmith as speaker.

At the request of the Board of Deacons, our committee and Membership and Care, established "Communion to Shut-ins Guidelines". To carry this out, people were trained, and are available to serve communion, on request, for shut-ins.

We revised the "Worship Committee Guidelines" at the request of the P & A Committee.

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas program, written by Matt Bellisle, was outstanding, after which the Christmas dinner was held in the fellowship hall with Karen Lambiase as head chef.

On Dec 18<sup>th</sup> a "Messiah Sing" was held at our church. It was organized by Elaine Alexander. It was a great evening, and hoped to be an annual event.

A Hymn Sing and spaghetti supper, sponsored by Membership and Care and Worship, was held Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Cliff Hockensmith and Jason Genest were song leaders and musicians. It was lots of fun.

We worked on revising the order of Worship, and made a few changes to help it move along more smoothly.

The Alderson Broadus College Choir performed Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>, with a pot luck supper preceding. This 50 member choir was absolutely spine tingling!

Lenten season was a busy time with Wednesday luncheons, Three-Tuesday night "Colors program", including one fish dinner, Maundy Thursday Cantata, Good Friday "Stations of the Cross", Sunrise and regular Easter Services with a pancake breakfast packed in between.

Pledge Sunday was held May 21<sup>st</sup>.

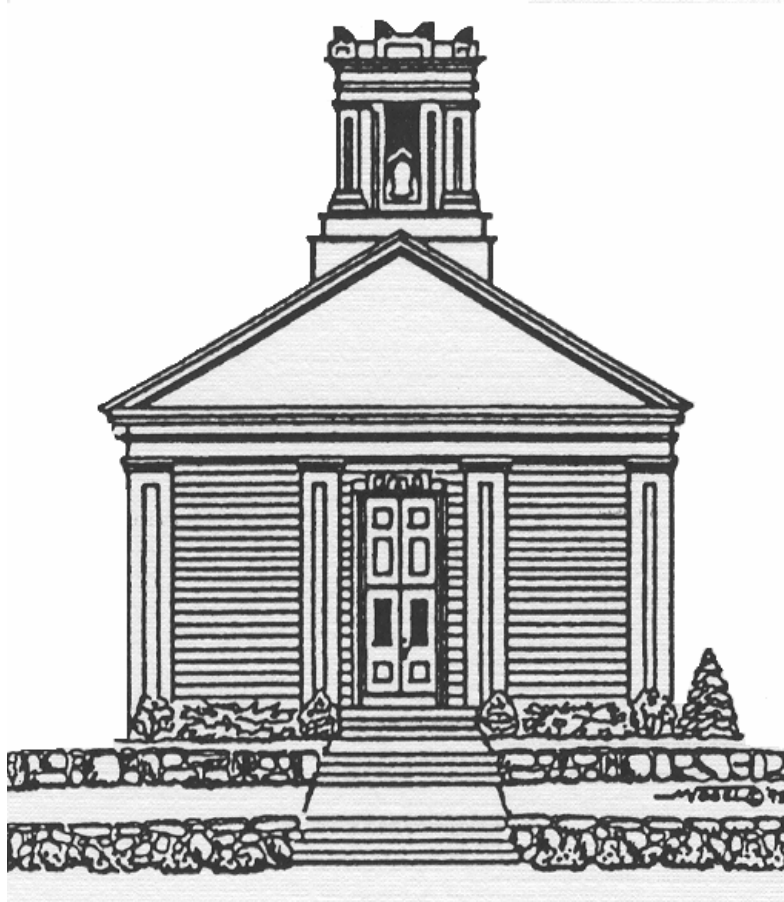
11 new members were voted in on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and will receive the Right Hand of Fellowship in June.

Average church attendance was down considerably this past year, but this Spring we are experiencing a serious increase. We will switch to summer services on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

We sincerely thank all the people who ushered for church services this past year.

Elaine Alexander, John Armstrong, Barbara Bullock, Mary Beth Burnham, Ginny Mancini, and Bill Johnson, Chairman

# SECTION FOUR



## OTHER REPORTS & BUSINESS

## WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL REPORT

The Women's Guild started the 2005-2006 year with a pot luck luncheon. What great cooks we have! The wonderful food and fellowship got us fired up for another year of work to support our mission projects and other Guild commitments.

Regular meetings of the Guild are held on the second Wednesday of each month. We check on the status of our work for the Wickford Art Festival and discuss our support for local, state, national and international mission projects at a short business meeting which is followed by a program and refreshments.

The Wickford Art Festival is an important event to the Guild each year because proceeds from the sale of our handmade items, jewelry and "oldtiques" are our only money making event. Craft sessions to work on items for the Festival are held on each Wednesday (excluding the second Wednesday) of the month. Many thanks to those committed Guild women who work on projects all year and to everyone in the Church and beyond who contribute items for the sale, work on our tables during the sale and help with set up and clean up. One-half of our Festival proceeds go to support our mission and other projects each year, and the remaining half is added to the proceeds from other Art Festival sales.

The Women's Guild supported the following this year:

Donated money to hurricane relief and joined the Mission Committee in supplying items for health kits and layettes for hurricane relief;

White Cross--Supported missionary work among Palestinian refugees and in Pakistan; provided bandage strips and surgical masks for the Congo; Sent 2 little girls' dresses and sewing supplies to the Philippines; Supported the Spanish Church which meets at Calvary Baptist Church with gifts of clothing, Bibles, school supplies and toiletries; and Gladys Sherman and some of her friends knitted 50 pairs of mittens for South Providence Neighborhood Ministries.

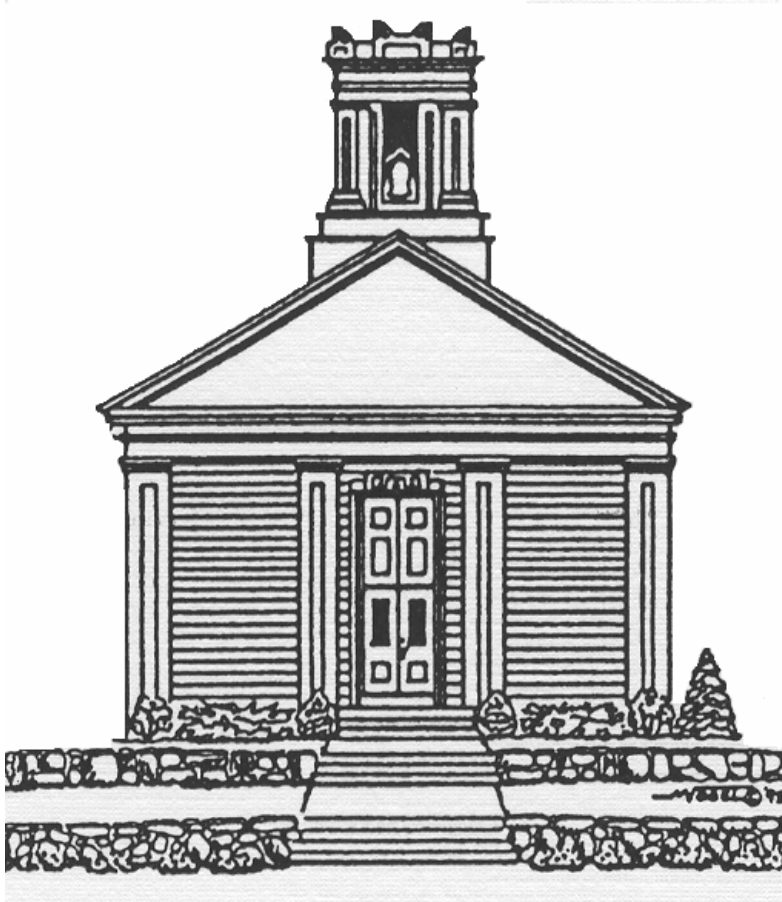
LaRomana: Once again the Guild provided \$400 for supplies and 3 layettes to the Horridge's for their mission trip to LaRomana.

\$200 was sent to Bacone College.

Guild members also helped with the North Kingstown Food Bank and contributed personal items (to be distributed at Christmas) to the North Kingstown Welfare Department.

The Women's Guild has had another busy and fulfilling year. 52 women and girls attended our annual Mother-Daughter Pot Luck Dinner in May, and many Guild members and friends enjoyed a delicious lunch at Gregg's in June. We invite all church women and their friends to join us in September as we start another year of service, fellowship and fun.

# SECTION FIVE



## ADDENDUMS TO ANNUAL REPORT

ADDED JULY 2006

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 19, 2006

The congregation voted to accept the proposed changes to the sections of the By-Laws listed below.

Article II - Membership

Article III Section 1 - The Pastorate; Selection of a Pastor(s)

Article III Section 2 - The Pastorate; Duties of the Pastor(s)

Article IV Section 1 - The Board of Deacons - General Responsibilities

Article IV Section 2 - The Board of Deacons - Composition

Article IV Section 3 - The Board of Deacons - Terms of Office

Article IV Section 8 - The Board of Deacons - Assistant Officers

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS REVIEW  
JUNE 2006

I have conducted a review of the Church financial accounts as reported to the Congregation in the 2005-2006 Annual Report Booklet.

The review included:

- verification of account balances included on page 22, Account Status May 31, 2006. Those balances were found in agreement with the statement balances received from Paine Webber, Washington Trust and Fleet Bank.
- tracing of randomly selected operating account invoices and payments to assure consistency, reasonableness, and conformance to established Church payment procedures and budget authorizations. All transactions and payments were found to be accurate and timely.

Gordon Lawrence  
June 27, 2006