

**Goldendale United Methodist Church**  
**CHARGE CONFERENCE**  
**November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

**Meeting attendance by sign in sheet:** Pat Beeman, Brian Wanless, Lynn Wanless, Claudine Wade, Michael Macy, Ernie House, Mavis House, Larry Gourley, Dede Gray, Mary Gosney, Ray Gosney, Ruth Bruns, Linda Anderson, Linda Hay, Mike Hay, Barb Stout, Dwayne Williams, Sharon Williams, Barbara Fridley, Vicky Allen, Mary Huycke and Brittany Allen.

Mary Huycke, District Superintendent of Seven Rivers District, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. She explained that a Charge Conference was like a yearly checkup.

**SPECIAL REPORT:**

Mary then wanted to know from the group what good things had happened around our church during the past year. People in attendance began naming such things as the Soup Kitchen, Backpacks for Kids, Christmas Dinner Boxes, Covenant relationships with missionaries through the Front Porch Project, Farmer's Market where proceeds go towards missions, donating school supplies to local schools, donating coats and hats to Warm Springs Indian Reservation children, housing the Christmas Cantata for many years, holding a shrimp feed fundraiser for a Church in Louisiana who was suffering from the oil spill, having an average of 60+ attendees at Church Services each Sunday and being able to put a A/C unit in the Sanctuary. Brian Wanless then presented a slide show presentation showing all the above mentioned items! Mary Huycke asked us why we did all these things. We see a need, we care, and we act!

Barbara Fridley asked the question: "Why are we concerned about not having children here?" Getting older and church growth were two answers thrown out. Mary Huycke suggested that maybe we should replace the word "FOR" to "WITH".... With the children, with the fellow helpers of the Soup Kitchen, etc. If people that are involved with other activities in our church feel like they are part of something bigger they may become more involved in our church.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:**

Would like to do something at the beginning of the New Year where the new committee members might give us insight for "new vision" in the Church. Our Church is always busy "DOING" which is a really good thing and something we most likely won't stop in the upcoming year. Would like to see us work on the "WITH" instead of "FOR" and connect with Community groups that help in the Soup Kitchen on Tuesday nights.

**TRUSTEE REPORT:**

Lots of work has been done this past year with many work days around the Church and parsonage. Kitchen was remodeled, new electrical circuits were labeled and new furnaces and an a/c unit for the sanctuary was put in. Upcoming projects for the New Year will include quite a bit of concrete work both at the Church and Parsonage.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

Linda Clemens will not have a report until the end of the year.

**CERTIFICATION REPORT:**

Larry Gourley submitted his Lay Speaker's Report and Mary Shane will turn in hers by the end of the year as she was absent from the meeting. Pat Beeman motioned to continue to certify both Larry Gourley and Mary Shane as Lay Speakers for the upcoming year. Barbara Fridley seconded the motion. Mary Huycke called the vote and it passed unanimously.

**SPR REPORT:**

Barbara Fridley reported that three teenage girls had volunteered their services for Nursery Duty for the 2011 year. Barbara Fridley motioned to recommend the Pastor's Compensation Package for the 2011 year with a 3% raise. Pastor's total package for 2011 is \$46,459.00. Mavis House seconded the motion. Mary Huycke called the vote and it passed unanimously.

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Brian Wanless reported that at the last Church Council meeting in October the Council had voted to approve both proposed budgets in for the 2011 year. We will ask for a 25% decrease in apportionments which we can make budget with but will aim to actually pay the 100% apportionments if we at all can.

**NOMINATION REPORT:**

After review of the printed nomination report for 2011 it was determined that we still needed two members for the class of 2013 under nomination committee. Mary Huycke asked if anyone present wanted to be on the committee or if anyone would like to nominate someone else. Michael Macy, Mary Gosney, Michael Hay and Vicky Allen were names presented. All four people said they would be willing to be on the committee. Mavis House motioned that these four people be accepted. Barb Stout seconded the motion. Mary Huycke called the vote and it passed unanimously.

**FROM THE DISTRICT:**

Mary Huycke said the Bishop's goal for the upcoming year was four things:

1. Ways in connecting with the local community outside the Church doors.
2. 5% attendance increase in Worship Services.
3. 100% of Church's apportionments being paid.
4. 10% increase in professions of faith.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Claudine Wade, Recording Secretary**

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