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The Ides of March—Pastor John's Report

Lost in the back of my memory is a recollection from one of Shakespeare's plays where Julius Caesar notes, "Beware the ides of March." Actually it isn't a term of foreboding as much as it merely indicates to be aware of March 15th. It was in fact March of last year when a conversation among leaders in the South Central Regional Program Council changed my life in ways that I never would have anticipated. As we shared together the successes and challenges of our local churches, leadership from East Anchorage shared their ongoing financial struggle to maintain a fulltime pastor. As the conversation expanded so did ideas including the possibility that sometime in the future it might make sense for East Anchorage and Anchor Park churches to consider a relationship of shared pastoral leadership. We left the meeting with the agreement that over the next year we would get some of the leaders from these two churches together to begin this conversation.

Of course circumstances change and when Susan Knight agreed to take on pastoral responsibilities at the Nome Church the year-long conversations got significantly condensed. Of course you know the rest of the

story and with my full support the Bishop and Superintendent appointed Bonnie and me to serve as pastors of both congregations beginning in July. The leadership from the two churches had a couple of quick meetings to share and iron out details and deal with concerns. In the end it was in fact a leap of faith for both congregations. There was a bit of anxiety on the part of all of us. In retrospect it seems the transition has gone as smooth as possible. There was some adjustment at the 9:00 am service at Anchor Park but the other worship schedules remained unchanged.

Bonnie and I have perhaps noticed the transition more than most because of the adjustments in our schedules. It seemed that all of a sudden there were two of everything - two VBS programs, two Staff Parish Committees, two Committees on Lay Leadership, two Church Councils, Trus-

tees, Finance Committees - you get the idea. We will work towards some consolidation of things so that we can reduce the number of evening meetings for all of us. I have gotten used to the Sunday morning schedule and have gotten over the anxiety of making the transition between the two churches and the short drive knowing that on most Sundays the other one of us can get the service started if necessary is helpful.

The overlapping Planning Retreat that we had in October was a helpful way to dream together about what God is calling us to do in the future. We have some BHAGs (Big Hairy Audacious Goals) waiting for both of us. As we anticipate changes into the future these are some of the things that I think will help:

- Moving to a single Staff Parish Committee for both churches with Anchor Park having an additional personnel committee to deal with support staff.
- Coordinating activities by the two Church Councils with a number of joint meetings through the year to assist in this. In this way we can better schedule things like Stewardship Campaigns, Vacation Bible School, etc.
- Continued overlapping programs. Already we have a combined Youth Program and overlapping children's pro-



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A DAY OF NEW BEGINNINGS—Pastor Bonnie's Report

Perhaps many of you are familiar with the hymn, "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" or remember singing it once or twice and were touched, as I am about how that describes our churches this year. Yes, this is a day of new beginnings, for all of us, as we explore what it means to be yoked together in what Methodists call a "charge". But I was also drawn to this hymn because it reminds me of some of my personal experiences this year. It was a new beginning for us when we saw our youngest get married in April. It was a new beginning when another of our daughters graduated from medical school. It was a new beginning when our most recent grandchild had multiple surgeries to repair her cleft lip and palate. And many other things have happened which were new ... some not so good like when our house was robbed in August. New beginnings can be scary and they can be exciting ... sometimes a little of each.

I am eternally grateful for the new beginning of our churches taking on a youth director and am amazed, week by week, as I see her ideas and her energy put into motion. And I'm amazed by the numbers of new folks who stepped forward to join our medical/veterinary team to Nicaragua, some who previously knew nothing of the project. I'm amazed by the ideas that we came up with at the Joint Visioning Retreat and how some of those dreams are already being explored. We've had lots of new beginnings,

haven't we.

And doesn't the spirit of Advent call us to confidence and expectation ... confidence that God has led us in some new directions this year and ... expectation that our Creator has some more surprises in store, just around the corner? One of my favorite passages in the Old Testament is found in Jeremiah and it says, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." I find that very reassuring because change can bring anxiety and doubt on our part. And we may find ourselves asking God, "What's wrong with the way things are?" But the Bible constantly reminds us that God isn't satisfied with the way things are. Is God satisfied with the fact that we have

somewhere in the neighborhood of 8,000 homeless people in Anchorage? Is God satisfied with Alaska's huge rate of domestic violence, child abuse and incest? Is God satisfied with the fact that only 20% of Alaskan's attend church regularly?

On a personal note ... I haven't really helped with many baptisms or weddings this year ... or even funerals ... but I have been deeply involved with children and youth ministry, making home and hospital visits, leading worship and generally just giving an ear to everyone's stories and problems. I appreciate, so much, all of you who have stepped forward, in so many ways, to help other members of the church and to provide leadership when it was needed. I appreciate all of you who work behind the scene ... quietly doing things like folding the newsletter, getting the van in shape, showing up at Bean's Café ... bringing soup labels for a school in New Mexico ... the list is endless. But I know that John and I could never, never do all of these wonderful things without your hard work and commitment and hope.

The hymn ends with these inspiring words, "In faith, we'll gather round the table to taste and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new." Thanks for your faith and thanks for your support.

Bonnie



Pastor John's Report—continued

grams. Inviting each other into the traditions of each church (like Thanksgiving Day) are also helpful ways to share ministry.

- Begin to plan programs as joint churches to encourage our cooperating together in ministry areas. This might include such things as Volunteer In Mission opportunities, outreach ministries in the community, and fellowship events.

My continuing education opportunities for this year included: the Annual Clergy/ Professional Church Workers Retreat held in February; Sexual Ethics training sponsored by the Alaska Missionary Conference held in May; and a two week Seminar by the National Institute on Church Finance and Administration held in Atlanta, Georgia.

I continue to appreciate the outstanding

lay leadership in both of our congregations and your willingness to make adjustments and changes to accommodate our new arrangement. I am convinced that God will continue to find ways to make even better use of our relationship together.

John Campbell, December 2006



East Anchorage Church Council Report

The United Methodist Church has a form for just about everything, but the report to the Charge Conference of the Church Council is not one of them. That report is free form, so free I shall be.

2006 is a year of transition for EAUMC as in mid year we went from our one church—one charge mode in which we had operated since the church's organization in about 1969 to being one of two churches on a charge. The fact that the charge has two pastors, both of whom are wonderful, has helped to make the transition all but transparent to most constituents of both churches, I think.

One of the most effective and long serving bodies in the church is its United Methodist Women. UMW constantly challenges the people of the church to active

support of missions, to study of mission material provided by the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries, and, with its multitude of fund raising activities, to support of the local church.

The church has active education programs on Sunday mornings for adults and children, and that is something we continue to enjoy and celebrate. But one of our disappointments is that it has not had a functioning youth ministry this year, despite the fact that the constituency of the church includes several youth, some of whom have participated in youth programs in previous years.

We are in a mode of transition in United Methodist Men. We have had a marginally active UMM in the past, but this year

that program went moribund. We are currently considering ways in which we might establish a charge wide UMM program.

Herb Miller says that healthy churches have fun at their meetings, and judging by that standard, EAUMC is healthy, indeed.

On the brightest of sides, the preaching ministry of the church continues to be strong, and the Sunday morning worship service is the time and place where most of the church's people have their most significant relationship to the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Lonnie D. Brooks
Chair

Anchor Park Church Council Report

During 2006, the most spectacular happening occurred when Anchor Park United Methodist Church and East Anchorage United Methodist Church formed a two point Charge under the leadership of Pastor John and Pastor Bonnie Campbell. Early in the year, representatives from both Church Councils met and explored opportunities and possibilities. On July 30, 2006, there was a celebration of this partnership with Bishop Edward Paup and District Superintendent Rachel Lieder-Simeon. Since then, it has become a workable partnership with the coordinated efforts of the congregations and the Campbells.

Anchor Park's Church Council continues to follow the organizational structure dictated by the Discipline by making a few changes to adapt to our needs.

Some of the more outstanding achievements will be mentioned:

- Angelia Liston, Executive Director, Anchorage Faith and Action Congregations Together (AFACT) made a presentation

about the organization which encourages a relationship between churches and community members dealing with neighborhood issues. The Church Council moved to become a member, but further action was put on hold with the prospect of including both churches.

- The Outreach Ministry has designated a mission moment during each month to make the congregation aware of the many outreach services participated in by Anchor Park Members. (Beans Café, Clare House, FISH, Food Bank, Brother Francis Shelter, etc.)

- Currently, there are three active Christ Care groups. Toni Brewster attended the Equippers Training in May.

- The Trustees are to be commended for the excellent care given to the physical structure of the church. The roofing project resulted in a better-insulated roof restricting heat loss. The erection of the Steeple is postponed until next spring. The new commercial dishwasher is a great asset to the kitchen.

- A new part time Youth Director, Julia Taveprungsenukul, has been welcomed to the staff. She began work on September 15th and will be working 10-12 hours a week.

- Vacation Bible School was a joint venture with First UMC, August 7-11th at their location. There were 25 students from Anchor Park with 13 adults and youth assisting.

- Another Nicaragua Medical Mission trip has been organized at Anchor Park with twenty-one participants, six from Anchor Park.

- United Methodist Women continue to be very active with two groups. The annual Holiday Auction resulted in a contribution of \$4,000 for various mission projects.

- Anchor Park's Church Council Retreat was held October 13-14th with participa-

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Recommended Lay Speakers

The following persons have completed both the Basic and Advance Lay Speakers courses and are recommended to continue as Certified Lay Speakers:

1. Loleini Saafi
2. Finau Malupo
3. Sione Fakasiieiki
4. Kathy Fakasiieiki
5. Kato Finau
6. Siaosi Ulukivaiola
7. Talakai Finau
8. Ofa Pulu
9. Vika Pulu
10. Fisiihone Ve'a
11. Manatu Tavo

12. Tupu Vaka
13. Tuipulotu Kongaika
14. Unitoni Kongaika
15. Simone Seluini
16. Ofa Finau
17. Lupe Saafi
18. H.J. Robinson
19. Ann Jache
20. Richard Speirs

The following person has completed the Basic Lay Speaker course and is recommended to continue as a Local Lay Speaker:

1. Tina Westlake

Membership Report—Anchor Park

List for removal by Church Conference Action Second Year:

Liana Long

Ronald Louis Krene

Anchor Park Church Council Report cont'd

tion of East Anchorage. District Superintendent, Baltimore/Washington Conference, Rev. Chris Holmes was the facilitator. Both churches were represented in joint sessions. Later, in separate sessions, Anchor Park developed two new goals:

Develop a new ministry for seniors in the church and community with a special focus on transportation.

Develop a Latch-Key program for students at the Airport Heights Elementary School.

In retrospect, the year was an exceptional one with increased membership and many new avenues for worship. We look forward to a new year with God's blessings, the creative efforts of Pastor John and Pastor Bonnie, and the continuing dedication of the Anchor Park congregation.

Lina W. Perry, Chair



East Anchorage United Methodist Church Lay Leadership 2007

Church Council

Council Chair	Lonnie Brooks
Lay Leader	Loralee Willis
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Lonnie Brooks
Alt. Lay Member to Annual Conference	Loralee Willis
Chairperson of Finance Committee	Omer Carey
Chairperson of Staff Parish Relations Committee	Jasper Hart
Chairperson of Trustees	elected by trustees
Secretary of Church Council	Valerie Butler
Church Treasurer	Valerie Butler
Assistant Treasurer	Charles Sloan
Financial Secretary	Kathy Wilder
Chairperson of Nurture, Outreach, Witness (NOW)	Louise Hart
Coordinator of Children's Sunday School	Vicki & Ricky Smith
President of UMW	elected by UMW
Historian	Louise Hart

Members at Large

Adriana Brooks		Tina Westlake
LaVerne Beck	Jodi Martinez	Sylvia Kaderman

Finance Committee

Omer Carey, Chair

John Campbell (pastor)	Valerie Butler (Treasurer)
Lonnie Brooks (Chairperson of Church Council)	Charles Sloan (Asst. Treasurer)
Loralee Willis (Lay Leader)	Frank Willis
(Chairperson of Stewardship – elected by Finance)	Adriana Brooks
(Rep. of Trustees – elected by Trustees)	Louise Hart
Kathy Wilder (Financial Secretary)	Jasper Hart, Chair SPRC
Bill Parkhill (Asst. Financial Secretary)	Donna McCartney (Asst. Financial Sec)

UMC/CME Congregational Liaison Committee

Jasper Hart, Chair of SPRC	
Marilyn Hanson	Representative from Trustees
John Campbell	Donna McCartney, Rep from Sunday School



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Nurture, Outreach, Witness (NOW) Committee

Louise Hart (Chair)

Bonnie Campbell (Pastor)	Loralee Willis (Lay Leader)
Linda Baker	Vicki & Ricky Smith, Coordinators of Sunday School
Beth Leffingwell (Director of Music)	Louise Hart (Historian)
Montine McKinney	Bonnie Curtis
Sylvia Kaderman	Andrew Smith
Diane Kent	Brie Loidolt
LaVerne Beck	Jodi Martinez

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Lonnie Brooks (Lay Member to AMC)	Loralee Willis (Lay Leader)	
2007	2008	2009
Mike McVee	Donna McCartney	Marilyn Sloan
Jasper Hart (Chair)	Tina Westlake	Andrew Smith
	Rick Hao	

Board of Trustees

2007	2008	2009
Sharon Jaeger	Marilyn Hanson	Bill Parkhill
LaVerne Beck	Rob Gaiser	Valerie Butler
Bill Kent	Jim Fling	Tom Baker

Committee on Lay Leadership

	John Campbell (Chair)	
2008	2007	2009
Donna McCartney	Tina Westlake	<i>LaVerne Beck</i>
Omer Carey	Louise Hart	<i>Bill Keller</i>
	Loralee Willis, Lay Leader	

Other Offices

Audit Committee Chairperson	Charlie Sloan
Birchwood Representative	
Membership Secretary	Bonnie Curtis
Communion Steward	Jodi Martinez
Greeter Coordinator	Louise and Jasper Hart
Usher Coordinator	Ben Bodewitz



**Anchor Park United Methodist Church
LAY LEADERSHIP For 2007**

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair	Lina Perry
Vice Chair	Ann Jache
Lay Leader 2005-2008	Lupe Saafi
Lay Member to AMC 2005-2008	Richard Speirs
Alternate Lay Member to AMC 2005-2008	Sheri Whitethorn
Alternate Lay Member to AMC	Elnora Ouding
Chair of the Tongan Fellowship Council	To be elected
Lay Leader of the Tongan Fellowship	to be elected
Chair of the Trustees	elected by Trustees
Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee	Jo Anne Hayden
Chair of Finance Committee	Lant Platner
Treasurer	Richard Speirs
Financial Secretary	Janet LaBelle
Recording Secretary/ Secretary to Church Council	Brian Hayden
Christ Care Coordinator	Toni Brewster
Outreach Ministries Team Coordinator	Pam Bell
Hospitality/ Witness Ministries Team Coordinator	Walt Garrett
Youth Ministry Team Coordinator	Julia Taveprungsenukul
Stewardship Ministries Team Coordinator	Owen Bell
Education Ministries Team Coordinator	Vicki Packer
United Methodist Women President	Deloyce Soliai and Grace Arai
Youth Representative	Micah Brewster
Church School Superintendent	Lesieli Ulukivaiola
Historian	Larry Hayden

Board of Trustees

Class of 2007	Class of 2008	Class of 2009
Jack Perry	Tom Packer	Richard Linton
Robbie Robinson	Pae Utu	Pat Liss
Mary Ellen Mitchell	Harry Ricker	Kenneth Brewster

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Class of 2007	Class of 2008	Class of 2009
Lotu Utu	Jo Anne Hayden, Chair	Joe Talbott
Sue Shaffer	Bob LaBelle	Crystal Hayden
David Oglesby	Bob Mitchell	Scott Pate
Lay Leader, Lupe Saafi and a Lay Member, Richard Speirs		



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Committee on Finance

ChairLant Platner
 A Lay Member to Annual Conference.....Richard Speirs
 Chair of the Church CouncilLina Perry
 Chair or Rep. from SPRCJo Anne Hayden
 Chair of the Trustees to be selected by trustees
 Chair of Stewardship Ministries Team Owen Bell
 Lay Leader Lupe Saafi
 Financial Secretary.....Janet LaBelle
 Assistant Financial Secretaries Jeannette Cornell and Jo Anne Hayden
 TreasurerRichard Speirs
 At Large Member..... Tressa Whitten

Committee on Lay Leadership

2007	2008	2009
Bob Mitchell	Loleini Saafi	<i>Peggy Willing</i>
Ann Jache	Jeannette Cornell	<i>Lisa Talbott</i>
	Mike Knapp	<i>Owen Bell</i>

Lay Leader shall also be a member. Pastor Chairs this committee.

Parsonage Committee

ChairKathy Fakasiieiki
 Chair of TrusteesElected by the Trustees
 Chair of SPRC.....Jo Anne Hayden
 Parsonage FamilyJohn and Bonnie Campbell

Youth Ministry Team

Julia Taveprungsenukul, Chair
 Crystal Hayden Susan Williams

Christ Care Ministries

Toni Brewster, Chair
 Bonnie Campbell Ann Jache Patti Bruce, Equippers



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Worship Ministries Team

cares for the worship setting, decorations, and support including ushers and acolytes.

Deanna Platner, Chair

Paraments	Lant and Deanna Platner
Acolyte Coordinator	Kathy Fakasiieiki
Coordinator of Ushers	Tom Packer
Sound System Coordinator	Jack Perry
Communion Stewards	Marilyn Gardner and Sheri Whitethorn

Outreach Ministries Team

Pam Bell, Chair - ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy.

Clare House	Grace Arai
F.I.S.H.	Peggy Hicklin
Bean's Café,	Nancy Mattson
Hands Up Mission,	Pam Bell
Habitat for Humanity,	Robbie Robinson
Food Bank,	Lant Platner
Missionary Support	Hone Vea
St. Francis Shelter	Lupe Saafi
Social Justice Committee Representative	Sheri Whitethorn
Nicaragua Medical Mission	Rebekah Briscoe

Witness/ Hospitality Ministries Team

Walt Garrett, Chair – evangelistic efforts, communications, lay speaking ministries, and other expressions of witness to Jesus Christ.

Kim Whitaker	Kenda Garrett	Shawn Briscoe
Cindy Kirkham		

Education Ministry Team

Vicki Packer, Chair. Coordinate educational opportunities for the church including: Sunday School, youth fellowship, adult education, Disciple Bible Study. Would meet periodically and include church school teachers, youth workers and adult education teachers.

Church School Superintendent	Lesieli Ulukivaiola
Virginia Niusini	Toni Brewster
Lisa Talbott	Lotu Utu
Rachel Morse	

Other Offices

Membership Secretary	Patti Butcher
Auditor	Bob Shaffer
Wedding Coordinator	Lina Perry
College Connection	Lisa Deckert



Recommendation for Pastoral Compensation for 2007

		<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>
Pastors		<u>2006 Adjusted</u>	<u>2007 Recommended</u>
	Sr. Pastor Salary	\$47,531.00	\$49,000.00
	Associate Pastor Salary	\$41,225.00	\$43,000.00
	Sr. Pastor Continuing Education	\$1,250.00	\$1,550.00
	Associate Pastor Continuing Ed	\$1,250.00	\$1,550.00
	Pastor Auto Allowance	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
	Sr. Pastor's Business Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,800.00
	Associate Pastor Business Exp	\$1,500.00	\$1,800.00
Total		\$98,256.00	\$102,700.00

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