

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Day 2010

We remember those who have passed away this year

Members

Alice Wendt	6/15/2009
James Gardner, Jr.	6/22/2009
Lorena Bray	7/3/2009
Gertrude Merrill	7/7/2009
Bill Quigg	8/30/2009
Nina Hoover	9/5/2009
Donald Fesperman	9/22/2009
Margueritte Morris	10/19/2009
Jack Hagerman	12/10/2009
Dwight Mallard	1/6/2010
Sam Gardner	3/13/2010
Frank Hoggard	4/12/2010
James Gardner, Sr.	5/16/2010

Non-Members

Virgina Masters	Jan-10
Ronald Affolter	1/31/2010
Rosetta Hurd	2/12/2010
Aulsie Moore	3/23/2010
Mary Margaret Knabb Kennedy	3/31/2010

Congregational Concerns

- Sean Schultz
- Mary Gleghorn
- Jacques Sachs
- Juanita Shipman
- Lenore & Kenneth Knabb
- Virginia Wisecup
- Warren Bass
- Bob Ege
- Kay Walton
- Helen Hurst
- Charlie Lynch
- Debra Gleghorn
- Sue Brown
- Bonnie Montgomery
- Will Brown



Please keep the office informed of those who need our prayers.

Thank you!

Update: Sean is home from the hospital. Please send well wishes to:
 Sean Schultz
 4954 Sutherland Ave., Unit A
 St. Louis, MO 63109

FROM THE TREASURER

			Budgeted	Variance
May-10	Month	Year-to-date	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
Income (Contributions)	\$ 20,899.91	\$ 121,612.74	\$ 130,320.00	\$ (8,707.26)
Expenses	\$ 23,600.55	\$ 134,231.73	\$ 130,320.00	\$ (3,911.73)
Net difference	\$ (2,700.64)	\$ (12,618.99)	-	\$ (12,618.99)

Above is a summary of our May operating results. Our expenses exceeded our revenue by \$2,701 which brought our year-to-date deficit to \$12,619. Contributions were \$20,900 which were still far short of the \$26,064 needed to break even on our budget each month.

John Thurman, Assistant Treasurer

PASTOR SPEAKS

We have responded many in many ways to the earthquake in Haiti. Because of other disasters in the news the situation in this region has been almost forgotten. The suffering continues. Because of your caring response much as been done and yet, much more is needed. The following are some observations from Disciple leaders after a recent visit.

In Christ, Rev. Andrews

"Please help us to reconstruct with dignity,' could very well summarize the message we all heard again and again from our church partners in Haiti," affirmed David Vargas, President of the Disciples Division of Overseas Ministries and Co-Executive of Global Ministries.

During the pastoral visit, the delegation had the opportunity to observe the physical devastation caused by the 7.0 seismic event; participate in a memorial service for those who died when the CONASPEH central building collapsed; meet with relatives of some of those who perished, as well as with some who were injured; engage in in-depth dialogue with the leadership of CONASPEH, headed by Rev. Patrick Villier; visit with the children and staff of House of Hope, an educational program that provides a safe place for boys and girls laboring as domestic servants, young mothers, single girls, and a few older women who have been abandoned; and meet with the Director of SKDE, Herode Gaullomettre. "It was a poignant experience to see those who lost loved ones in the collapse of the CONASPEH building mourn the dead, and then celebrate the lives of those who had survived that same collapse. Among them were Francoise and Patrick Villier, who lost their son in the fallen building," Vargas observed.

"Yes, it is sad to see a nation that had experienced for decades the worst misery of our hemisphere now fall into an even more destitute condition; and it breaks your heart to realize that many (and perhaps, most) of those who were already living in substandard dwellings and subhuman conditions before January 12th, are now more vulnerable as they live in tents. Many of these tents are made of rags, sack cloth, like those four hundred in improvised dwellings we saw around one of CONASPEH's church buildings near the Cité Soleil community," said Vargas. "But, from the moment we first touch Haitian land, our delegation also learned and witnessed that one thing did remain unchanged after the January 12th catastrophe, and that is, the dignity of the Haitian people.

"If you serve us water," added Rev. Rodrigue, one of CONASPEH's national coordinators, "serve it with dignity. We know there is a lot of support for Haiti these days, but without any respect for our dignity. Please tell everyone that we do need support, but the type of support that affirms the dignity of our people."

Respect for the dignity of the Haitian people was also the main topic during the delegation's dialogue with the SKDE Director, Herode Gaullomettre. "Even when people are now residing on the streets of Port-au-Prince, Haitians still praise God. The powers of the country collapsed, but the country still exists...there are 10,000 NGOs in Haiti, most of them bringing everything already decided on the outside. They're taking advantage of the situation, but the church should do differently," said Gaullomettre. Responding to the question of what kind of help is needed in Haiti that may also affirm the dignity of the people, he added: "We need help to rebuild. Send us technicians to help us rebuild together, under Haitian leadership and using Haitian materials. We also need advocacy; listen to the people on the ground; help build the Haitian institutions; this is not a time for occupation, but a time for partnership."

Reaffirming the delegation's support for a true reconstruction with dignity in Haiti, Sharon Watkins, our general Minister and President, compared the Disciples/UCC pastoral visit and dialogues with partners in Haiti with the parable of the Good Samaritan: "On January 12th, we all became Haitian, and therefore we had to be with our family. Together in Christ we find the joy of family and the joy of resurrection. ...when friends join together, when difficulties face us, Jesus joins us."

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