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THE HISTORY & CURRENT STATUS OF BCUCC GROWTH & RENEWAL GOALS & OBJECTIVES- PASTOR DAN'S SUMMARY

Broadview Community United Church of Christ was recently accepted by the UCC Church Development Committee (CDC) as an official RENEWING CONGREGATION of the Pacific NW Conference. This means that we are seen by the wider church as a promising UCC congregation with good growth potential. Just in time for Christmas, we received a first-year grant of \$9,000 from the Pacific NW Conference to help us maximize our growth and renewal goals and objectives (*see below*).

BCUCC was first encouraged to enter into this renewal process several years ago. Though we did not initially apply for a grant, it became increasingly clear that a renewal emphasis backed by adequate financial assistance would propel us toward greater functional vitality. We voted unanimously to do so, and on November 11, 2005 the Renewal and Growth Team of BCUCC presented its 3-year plan for church renewal to the CDC. In early 2006, we were given contingent approval for a grant based on pending signage plans.

Our faithful BCUCC Growth and Renewal Team continued to meet at least monthly this entire past year (*MANY have been involved in this process - Jane, Tom, Chris, Sam, Charles, Jerry, and often others- thanks to each one!*) In my estimation, this team's discerning work has been THE most exciting, Spirit-led part of our church life this past year. It's been both wonderful and frustrating, though, because getting approval for our proposed LED signage (*and secondarily, the grant made dependent on it*) has been repeatedly frustrated by contradictory feedback on what is allowable at our location under the rules of Seattle's Sign Code. We remain committed to getting new front-yard signage, but await final word on exactly what will be permitted.

Meanwhile, our enthusiasm this past year was not only about signage, but about a whole range of renewal goals and objectives. We found we could not put the brakes on these, and moved ahead as the Holy Spirit inspired us, without an initial grant in hand. Now, already having met a large portion of our stated 3-year goals (*see below*), we have our first-year grant (*with the signage contingency delayed until 2007, and a 2nd of three possible yearly grants pending*). Our renewal and growth team plans to continue to meet and work to clarify the remaining unknowns about signage in 2007, and to further strengthen our sense of purpose and effectiveness as a vital urban UCC congregation.

Below are our renewal goals and objectives (*both the ones partially or wholly achieved and the ones yet to be accomplished*):

Goal # 1- Enhance our Visibility.

Accomplished objectives: improved our website; purchased an easy-to-use domain name - (www.BroadviewUCC.org); purchased & installed new "God is Still Speaking" banner.

Partially accomplished objectives: continue to improve & update our website; purchase and distribute identity materials in both Spanish & English; propose, design, get bids on, and seek City Signage Code approval for LED signage.

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Yet-to-be accomplished objectives: purchase new signage; purchase and wear/use BCUCC logo identity clothing, grocery bags, pins, etc.

Goal # 2- Enhance our efforts at Evangelism.

Accomplished objectives: purchased a digital projector and have been hosting an ongoing series of films (Broadview Night at the Movies) which have attracted up to 40 neighbors and friends per night.

Partially or yet-to-be further accomplished objectives: we purchased additional print media advertising; we propose more, both print and radio. To host other 'soft evangelism' events (*in addition to the movies*) and to encourage/fund lay representation at various community functions.

Goal # 3- Enhance our Accessibility.

Accomplished objectives: We installed our needed additional stairway handrails, outside handicap signage, and needed striping/sectioning of our parking lot (including handicap parking, pedestrian access, and bicycle area).

Yet-to-be accomplished objectives: chancel area railings; new & improved hearing devices; further outdoor improvements for wheelchair access.

Goal # 4- Enhance our Musical Strengths for Outreach

Already accomplished objectives: We recruited and hired a new choral director/accompanist (Elena Richmond); she has helped us reach out to potential new members who love to sing. An approximately 10-member solid-core new church choir has 'formed and performed', and will continue to sing in 2007.

Partially-accomplished objectives: to hire other guest musicians/accompanists, to inspire wider participation in worship by member musicians (guitarists, etc).

Goal # 5- Improve Coordination/Enhance Leadership for BCUCC Children and Youth

Partially or yet-to-be accomplished objectives: Compile job description for a Children and Youth Coordinator (*not to do it all FOR us, but to assist us*

all in making our youth program/s effective); hire coordinator.

A lot has taken place. We have a LOT to celebrate! We have a way yet to go. Thanks be to God!

BROADVIEW BANTER by Jennie Bloch-Garcia

If you haven't met **Brooks and David Ladwig**, you need to find time to chat with this charming couple. These newlyweds met through the magic of the internet. Reportedly, at their first meeting, David caught Brooks and prevented her from falling into the Ballard Canal. You will rarely meet a more charming person than Brooks whose talents include fundraising, French, and Japanese.

Speaking of stylish, **Sam Wilson** is sporting new green rectangular glasses? Someone say trend setter? Tres chic! Speaking of glasses, recently parishioners asked if our beloved **Pastor Dan** was also sporting new spectacles. To everyone's surprise, he just recently found his glasses after a month of searching. The missing specs were lost in their glasses case. Suspicious Broadview minds speculate if this is all a plot of Sam's to secretly drive Dan insane. Stay tuned. . . .

More new members are joining the Broadview community of our lovely congregation. **Christie Dickerson** is one such recent addition. This is her first experience at a church and she enjoys the choir, book group, and services. She confessed that her favorite Christmas gift was a red area rug, and her hobby is going shopping at the mall.

Another fabulous new face is that of **Angela Burke**. Angela's beautiful auburn hair has been gracing our Sunday mornings for some time now, and she has made some exceptionally lovely treats for coffee hour. She lives in the neighborhood with her two sons. Her favorite Christmas gift was a new (used) "pearly white" car. Her favorite thing about her new car is that on the stereo there is a little screen where dolphins and mermaids swim across while music is playing.

Now, you may be thinking, "Hey, my car doesn't have dolphins and mermaids. I need a new one." Don't worry. **Kay Groves and Jerry Watson** want you to store away any new or like new gifts you received for the holidays and save them for everyone's favorite posh evening: The Broadview Auction. All Broadview
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Broadview Church Interest & Talent Inventory

Please circle all those that indicate areas of current interest or ability

Please sign name _____, & put in offering plate or mail.

Bible Studies, Book Groups, Discussion Forums
 Women's Spiritual Growth
 Men's Spiritual Growth
 Storytelling; Poetry; Humor

Dream Team for Special Events; Work Crew for Fun Activities
 Driver for Seniors & Special Needs Members
 Visiting Shut-ins, Hospitalized; Visiting in General
 Send Get Well & Birthday Cards
 Prepare & Publish new PICTORIAL Directory
 Regularly update NAME TAGS & keep them in order
 Coffee Hour Host _____time/s per mo/yr

Baby/Toddler Nursery Care
 Children's Spiritual Growth
 Youth Group/Teens Spiritual Growth
 Youth Service Projects
 Mentoring or Tutoring Youth; Assisting Teachers
 Pet-sitting; House-sitting

Leading hikes, sailing trips, games; sports; crafts; dance; recreational outings

Building Maintenance & Upkeep
 Provision of Supplies- Kitchen, Office, as needed
 Yard & Garden Care
 Furniture Design; Cabinet Making Skills
 Energy Efficiency; Sustainable / Renewable Practices
 Seasonal Decorating, Flowers, etc.

Pledging to My Church (saying what I'll give financially)
 Offering Steward (help tally gifts once per mo.)
 Financial Investing; Long-term financial wellness
 Stewardship Team- (Promote use of our time, talents & financial resources
 to maintain our church & extend its mission)

Peace / Social Justice activism
 Community Organizing

Church Visibility and Advertising; Evangelism (inviting others); Accessibility

See other side too

Meet quarterly with a "Worship Dream"Team
 Greeter- Help make all feel welcome on _____ Sunday of the month or at special events
 Sunday Usher (help receive the offering, provide mike, assist visitors, etc.)
 Worship Leadership- Practice Public Speaking
 Sing in Choir; Play Guitar; Piano; other _____

Represent us at one or more Church Council of Greater Seattle gatherings
 Represent us @ Annual Meeting, UCC Pacific NW Conference, Yakima, May 4-5, 2007

Print Journalism
 Historian- BCUCC Historical Archivist
 Librarian
 Language Skills (e.g., Spanish, sign language)

Web site Development
 Computer Graphics
 Blogging

Film Buffs / Movie Selection
 Photography; Fine Arts
 Radio, TV Advertising
 New Tech Media
 Produce BCUCC Video Documentary

Contemplative Prayer Coach
 Yoga Guide
 Marshal Arts

Preventative Health Care
 First Aid

Baking and Cooking Skills
 Quilting and Sewing
 Logos on T-shirts

Member Gifts Discernment (help discover / utilize hidden talents)
 Interviewer / Writer to submit stories about our lives for our newsletter
 Prepare, publish, widely distribute updated LINKING LIST (lists hobbies, interests)

Pastor-Parish Relations Team (a future option- current team already at work)
 Personnel Team (to care about, help make church staffing decisions)

OTHER _____

See other side too

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members are encouraged to practice the art of re-gifting to benefit the Broadview Budget.

Our darling Broadview Church employee, **Mary Mackenzie**, was caught listening to the Seahawks game during church last Sunday. Mary fessed up that she planned to continue listening to the game during the Church Council meeting, explaining that she was entitled due to her P.K. (Pastor's Kid) status.

Word for the wise; if you had considered attending a camp at Pilgrim Firs, don't plan on getting too much sleep. Our dear playwright **Carrie Hylander** recently attended a church camp weekend and got only four and one-half hours of sleep. I'm sure she and her friends were reading the Bible and praying into the wee hours of the morning.

MOVIE SERIES ANNOUNCEMENT

Stewardship & Social Justice are offering a 4 movie discussion series over the winter months.

We'll be meeting at the church on the **last Friday of the month at 7 PM**. The schedule for the series is:

January 26th: Who Killed The Electric Car?

February 23rd: Grand Canyon

March 23rd: Terrorstorm

April 27th: Pay It Forward

SUNDAY READINGS

January 2007

January 21, 2007

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Better Together

Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19

1 Cor 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

January 28, 2007

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Living Love

Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6

1 Cor 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

February 4, 2007

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

A Surprising Catch

Isa 6:1-8, (9-13); Ps 138

1 Cor 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

February 11, 2007

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Surprising Teaching

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1

1 Cor 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

February 18, 2007

Last Sunday after Epiphany

God's Glory

Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99

2 Cor 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)

February 21, 2007

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isa 58:1-2; Ps 51:1-17

2 Cor 5:20b-6:10; Matt 6:1-6, 16-21

February 28, 2007

First Sunday of Lent

A Joyful Remembrance

Deut 26:1-11; Ps 91:1-2, 9-16

Rom 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

BIRTHDAY LIST JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

January

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|------------------|------|
| Bob Squaglia | 1/2 |
| Maureen Tverberg | 1/10 |
| Ruth Hylander | 1/10 |
| Craig Swanson | 1/12 |
| Brittany English | 1/20 |

February

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|----------------|------|
| MaryAnn Smith | 2/2 |
| Christy Qualin | 2/4 |
| Rita Slenning | 2/7 |
| Scott Pinegar | 2/21 |
| Jan Studyvin | 2/27 |

SHAREHOUSE JAN-FEB

January – Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

February – Disposable Razors and Laundry Detergent

JOKE

Submitted by Dan Stern

CHURCH SMILES

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.

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SUNDAY CLUB

Sunday Club will be visiting members not able to attend Sunday worship services on the last Sunday of the month beginning January 28th. If you would enjoy a visit and haven't heard from us recently, let Pastor Dan know. An adult accompanies several children bringing "church" (a bulletin & cookies) for a 15-20 minute visit.

13TH MONTH GIVING CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all who stretched their budgets and found extra to give to the 13th month campaign. We met our goal of NOT taking any money from the endowment fund during 2006! We have great plans for 2007 and hope to avoid taking money from the endowment fund again in the coming year. Further details of the proposed budget for 2007 can be found on the church website as well as at the annual financial meeting after church on Sunday, January 21st.

WEBSITE UPDATE – <http://www.broadviewucc.org>

The website continues to be updated, currently we have changed and also have added some new links: Included are separate 'links' and 'pictures' pages, audio sermons are put up on the web on a regular basis, .pdf files of sermons and Steeple News are kept pretty up to date. If you would like copies of the sermons either audio (on CD) or hard copies, they can be made available upon request (if they have been recorded or retyped).