



**“Bringing Love and Reason to Life; Building a
Just and Compassionate World”**

Spring Congregational Business Meeting

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***Annual Report of Fellowship Committees, Groups and
Business Entities***





Boulder Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Vision:

Bringing love and reason to life; building a just and compassionate world.

Mission:

The Boulder Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a welcoming, liberal religious congregation. As a congregation we use freedom, reason and respect to uplift the human spirit, nurture the intellect, and enhance the common good. As members we:

- Create meaningful opportunities for spiritual exploration and celebration of life.
- Encourage openness and diversity.
- Care for each other through life transitions and challenges.
- Lead generous lives that fully align our resources with their values.
- Inspire awe, wonder, and ongoing inquiry through quality education for children, youth, and adults.
- Covenant to lead, sustain and grow their faith.
- Express their values through outreach and action locally and beyond.
- Share their liberal religion, Unitarian Universalism, with the greater community.

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FROM OUR MINISTER, REV. LYDIA FERRANTE-ROSEBERRY

June, 2010

Dear Ones,

As your minister, I am responsible for the spiritual leadership of the congregation.

My hope and prayer is that all that happens here at the Fellowship is a part of our spiritual formation – the enriching and deepening our lives, as we explore together the questions of both intimacy (how we are together) and ultimacy (what lies beyond us).

My hope and prayer is that this Fellowship be a place where we are collectively inspiring the fullness of being for all who come in contact with us.

My hope and prayer is that this Fellowship be a place where gifts are discovered, and talents and resources offered for the good of something greater than us all – our collective capacity to bring our vision of love and reason, compassion and justice into the world.

This year, we've embodied our vision and deepened our lives in so many ways, including:

- A successful first year for our Worship Associates Program, which trains lay leaders in the art of leading Sunday Services.
- Adult Religious Education programs that have deepened our understanding of Unitarian Universalism, Humanism, the spiritual practice of “Living by Heart” and the religious imperative to counter oppression.
- Programs for our children and youth which include OWL sexuality education for multiple age groups, UU-inspired camps, and our new Sienna Project, which is raising money to send a group of youth and adults to Guatemala to build a school.
- Enhanced musical offerings on Sunday morning and throughout the week, from the formation of new congregational ensembles and bands, to our continuing “Sunday at Four” program and our new “Sweet Noise Coffee House”.
- The creation of our “Web of Care” neighborhood connections – which will enhance geographically-based caring and deepening of relationships with those who live close to us.
- The formation of new covenant groups, as some other ones came to a close, and the growth of many new open interest groups, including an Elder Community group, a guitar circle, and a Jewish roots group.
- The creation of Boulder Valley Community Action Network (BVCAN), who, with the aid of Metro Organization for People (MOP), have taught us the skills of faith-based community organizing to add to our many other successful efforts at outreach and justice.

This year, for the first time since 2004, we were graced with the presence of an intern – Dara Kaufman-LeDonne. Dara gifted us with, among many other things, the creation of the Web of Care program, and a deep sensitivity to the work of justice. As we say good-bye to her, we know that her many gifts remain with us.

We also need to say good-bye to two other staff this year – Karin Buer, our Choral Assistant for the past year, is leaving us so that her husband can pursue a graduate degree in music in Idaho. She brought beautiful music and a warm and quiet presence. She leaves us with new ensembles to carry on her legacy.

We also say good-bye this year to Stephanie Barnhizer, who graciously stepped into the office administrator position in a time of great transition for the Fellowship. Stephanie has been the gracious glue that has kept things together during these years of great change for the Fellowship. She has offered hospitality to everyone who calls or comes by during the week, and has ensured that our building is well-cared for, in addition to being a major information conduit for us all. Stephanie will be missed as our office administrator.

It has been another full and vibrant year in our life at the Fellowship. May all that we do be done with compassion and love.

It continues to be an honor to serve as your minister,

Lydia

President of the Board of Officers and Trustees

Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Annual Report

The 2009-2010 Board of Officers and Trustees consisted of: **Officers** Diana Forrest, President; Kathy Partridge, Vice President; Don Price, Treasurer; Cindy Beeler, Secretary; **Trustees** Rusty Robison, Jean Cannella and Baldwin Ranson.

This year we were privileged to continue working with our minister Rev. Lydia Ferrante-Roseberry and were assisted in all our endeavors by our Ministerial Intern, Dara Kaufman-LeDonne. We will be sorry to lose the services of Dara who has been instrumental in developing the new Web of Care/Neighborhood Connectors program, offering an insightful A-RE program, helping with our children and youth programs and providing additional Sunday services and welcome assistance to Rev. Lydia.

In spite of the Board and congregation facing a very difficult financial fiscal year, requiring cuts in the committees' budgets and funds for additional training, BVUUF offered a full calendar of worship, social, community action, and religious education events with growth in membership and increased participation. We were unable to send anyone to the Russell Lockwood Leadership School and those attending workshops and seminars at the Mountain Desert District and with the UUA went unsupported financially.

As a result of last year's decision to move to a seven member Board, we found challenges in assigning leadership to some of the needs of the congregation and the vision of our adopted Strategic Plan. As we moved toward true functioning as a policy board, appropriate matters were delegated to the Program Coordinating Council, the Committee on Ministry, Personnel Committee, and staff.

Highlights of the year's activities:

- As a result of the Boulder County Environmental Health Business Sustainability Group Recommendations for our building, the Board approved initiating a 100% grant proposal for photovoltaic roof panels. We are hoping to know the decision of the grant proposal soon. Secretary Cindy Beeler has been a liaison with that group.
- Established an Expansion Task Force. Trustee Baldy Ranson is working on attracting members and a chair or co-chairs for it.
- Established a Task Force to administer a \$12,000 gift from a member to enact the recommendations for increasing our building's energy efficiency with Member David Larson as Project Manager.
 - Completed upgrade of Sanctuary and offices lighting to reduce energy use.
 - Interviewed vendors and collected bids for new energy-efficient furnaces.
- Increased the hours and benefits for Office Assistant Laura Murray to work on communications as a result of a member gift.
- Established an Ad Hoc Committee on Administration to review and make recommendations for staffing.
- Established a Finance Council to coordinate Stewardship, Finance Planning, Budget and Endowment Committees. The Council was able to assist Stewardship in planning for a shorter pledge drive which included a sermon by Reverend Don Southworth, an all-congregation pot luck, a luncheon for the Elder Community Group and many other activities celebrating our abundance.

My sincere thanks to all the members of the Board and the incredible staff and ministry for their support, advice, and assistance.

Diana Forrest, Board President

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE
FY 2010**

By Chair, Jean Cannella

The Adult Religious Education committee (A-RE) consists of 4 members, Virginia Baksa, Sue Middleton, Stephanie Pache, and Jean Cannella.

Meeting times: We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month but usually do not meet on the months before a new semester begins (December and July) because our work of arranging adult classes has been completed. We are a lively and creative group. This year we have worked on creating an updated teacher information packet, a class evaluation form, and a class proposal sheet. We appreciate the generous offer of time and talent from teachers and ideas for classes from others in the congregation which we can then offer to the congregation.

Highlights FY09-10: This past year, last spring, the A-RE sponsored a class on memoir writing; this class took place during the day. In the fall, there was a class on Humanism which was attended by 12-15 people. The teacher used electronic media to add to the in-person class information. Rev Lydia Ferante-Roseberry offered a year-round class which has been attended by 10-12 people. A class about basic UU philosophy and history was given by Dara Kaufman-LeDonne, our ministerial intern, and a long-time UU and BVUUF member. For the first time, BVUUF offered a class in Longmont. This class is being led by the BVUUF ministerial intern, and is being held in a congregant's home; there are 8 participants in this class.

The A-RE is presently preparing for classes for the 2010-2011 Season.

AESTHETICS COMMITTEE

Susan Geohegan

Susan Meale

ANNUAL REPORT, 2009-2010

During the fiscal year, 2009-2020, our mission was to provide adequate, appropriate, and attractive interior decor for the sanctuary and foyer. We usually hang our two banners on either side of the central window above the dais. During the winter of 2009, we displayed on our side walls Linda Tharp-Arn's matted photographs of nearby mountains and aspen scenes. Linda received much praise for her artistic photos and the fellowship seemed to enjoy them on our sanctuary walls. The main central wall of the foyer is usually the place we display our BVUUF banner, which represents the Boulder Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at General Assembly each year.

We later employed Virginia Maguire's photos for the summer art on the side walls. Her photography, mostly florals, was also well received. After the summer, we replaced our regular banners on the front walls of the dais, many members wanting them returned, stating that they are well liked. After the Christmas decorations were hung, and removed after the holidays, we once again replaced the two well-known banners in early spring. Many folks relate to these two banners for our fellowship.

Early this spring, 2010, the two Susans created two large 7 foot banners reminiscent of Frank Lloyd Wright designs, a well known American architect and popular designer of stained-glass windows for churches throughout the West. These banners, both with colorful stained-glass quilted patterns, will reside on our front dais walls until late summer, 2010, after which we will use our original banners. The FLW banners also have been well received. Currently, selectively chosen photos of fellowship members in action in various activities are hung on the side walls. This particular photo project was begun by Rosemary Arp and Diana Forrest as an attractive setting for our stewardship pledge drive activities, to show off our intensive involvement in the fellowship. This turned into the attractive art/photography work on our walls today. Stephen Cooper is the photographer and artistic overseer of the project.

It is our intention to have other artists' works on the walls in the future and we continue to plan for fresh ideas for interior decor. The two Susans strive to keep the foyer looking neat, attractive, and clear of clutter as much as possible. With the severe lack of wall space in the foyer, we understand the use of the sanctuary as a multi-purpose room for various activities, and at times, fellowship members need to hang appropriate matter on the walls. However, the committee does specifically plan for artistic material for our walls for a set period of time in order to keep interior spaces appropriately decorated for Sunday services.

Throughout the year we have tried to plan for fresh flowers each Sunday, as well as decorate the dais table as needed by the Worship Committee, especially for holidays and special Sundays for our fellowship. Sam Hay has had much involvement with the decor here, also. We continue to plan with this committee to facilitate an attractive and appropriate appearance for Sunday morning services.

Susan Geohegan,
Aesthetics Committee chair

AUCTION COMMITTEE 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2009, the BVUUF held its 15th annual Auction on Saturday, November 7. The theme of the auction, “Sharing our Gifts,” was intended to help people think about what gifts they had to share, as well as think about gifts they might want to bid on for the upcoming holidays.

As always, it takes a lot of participants to make this a successful event. An eight person committee worked for three months, supported by 38 adult and youth volunteers who staffed auction tables, set up and took down the space, served food and wine, and much more.

TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED: \$14,000

2009 Highlights

- We had 216 items up for bid – more than ever before.
- Items drew a total of 564 bids. Parties and fun events were, as always the most popular items. Greater emphasis will be placed on encouraging people to host events next year.
- Quilts donated for the drawing raised \$800 from ticket sales during Coffee Hour and at the auction.
- The live auction of the past was given up in favor of more time to raise bids – and no one complained!
- The food donated by Fellowship members was wonderfully coordinated by Kate Harding and Juli Lamb. Kate and Juli also helped ensure a “green” auction event through compostable plates and utensils, which were taken home to a committee member’s house which she included with her curbside composting.
- Following the auction, the committee sent a survey to the listserv, from which we learned of a preference for having the auction in November (which hopefully can be done in future years). We also learned that auction-goers would be willing to pay a small donation for child-care.
- In 2009, CYRE Committee, the 20s and 30s group and some of the covenant groups once again participated in the auction as groups either through volunteering or via donations. It has been suggested that the 9th grade trip attendees may help in 2010.
- The Committee made an effort to avoid expenses by having items donated. A majority of expenses came from copies and postage. By providing attendees with a list of items rather than an auction catalog, we dramatically reduced the number of copies we made. Total expenses were \$94.01.
- The 2010 Auction will be held on Saturday, October 23, a date chosen to avoid conflicts with other Fellowship events.

Co-Chairs: Rachel Setzke and Heather Marshall

**BVUUF BOOK GROUP
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The BVUUF Book Group began in June 2004. It meets on the fourth Thursday of each month year round (we combine November/December meetings) at 7:00 p.m.

There are 16 members in the core group, and those of us who started in 2004 have read 60 books--half of the books have been fiction, half non-fiction. Want a recommendation of a good read? Contact Bev Seeds. Better yet, join us.

Beverly Seeds

BVCAN (Boulder Valley Community Action Network) Annual Report, 2009-10

BVCAN is the community organizing group of Boulder Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. BVCAN is a member of MOP -- Metro Organizations for People -- a federation of 44 congregations, schools, and youth and neighborhood associations throughout metro Denver. It represents over 65,000 people who are organizing their communities to create policy changes in a variety of areas, including education, housing, health care, public safety, and immigrant rights. BVCAN applauds MOP for being a lead organization in the Colorado coalition, All Kids Covered (health care coverage).

Through MOP we're also part of PICO, a national network of community organizers, representing over one million people in 150 cities in 17 states. BVCAN was excited to be the first MOP congregation in Boulder County. Shortly after we became a member of MOP, Immaculate Conception Parish, also in Lafayette, became a member of MOP as well. We have been partnering to talk about the concerns of our communities. BVCAN members have attended MOP public meetings, rallies, and training sessions. Marc Esenwein and Dara Kaufman-LeDonne in April traveled to Philadelphia for a week of PICO training.

To start our community organizing work, BVCAN completed over 125 one-to-one visits within this Fellowship to find out members' hopes and concerns for the communities in which we live. As a result of those conversations, we realized that health care was a primary concern. From that huge topic, BVCAN decided to search for possible systemic changes which could help make health care more accessible and affordable for Boulder County kids. We have had research meetings through this last year with more than 14 organizations, individuals and elected officials to learn what is happening locally. Ashlin Spinden, our super organizer from MOP, has expertly guided us through these many months of learning the ropes of organizing. Marilyn Stranske very ably worked with us during the time Ashlin was on maternity leave.

BVCAN hosted our first public meeting on May 6 -- with AcoUustics and Fellowship Singers providing music and energy for the event! State Senator (and Senate president) Brandon Shaffer, County Commissioner Will Toor and Dawn Joyce from Boulder County Healthy Kids Initiative all joined us, along with many of you. BVCAN had taken news of grant money available through Colorado Health Foundation for school district-county joint efforts in enrolling eligible kids for publicly-funded health care coverage to Boulder County Healthy Kids and Boulder Valley Schools. At our public meeting, BCHKI committed to submitting grant proposals with both Boulder Valley School District and St. Vrain Valley School District by July 15. This money can be used to employ someone to systematically check with families whose children qualify for free or reduced-cost lunches -- to help them enroll for Medicaid or CHP+ coverage, if appropriate. Our County Commissioner committed to continuing to support Healthy Kids Initiative, and Senator Shaffer committed to making sure that Colorado supports the challenge from U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sibelius to continue public efforts to have "all kids covered." We-all committed to telling others about Medicaid and CHP+.

MOP dues which BVUUF has paid to date: \$4461 (includes \$1000 for fiscal year 2008-09)

This money came from:

1. UUA grant to BVUUF for our community organizing work: \$1950 (thanks to the work of Rosemary Arp and Kathy Partridge).
2. from BVUUF Endowment: \$1597
3. BVUUF special offering Jan. 2010 - \$1234 (we used to pay dues, with \$300+ held over for FY 2010-11)

CARING COORDINATING COMMITTEE: NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATORS ANNUAL REPORT – JUNE 2010

The Caring Coordinating Committee went through a lot of changes during the 2009-2010 year. Several of the committee members left the committee.

Catherine Harada maintained most of the caring activities. She organized meals for 8 people, arranged for some visits, and sent out 41 cards (get-well and sympathy) Elena Slusser contacted several members who had had surgery or were having difficult times to offer assistance. In addition a Share-the-Care was organized for Marlys Brinkman with the members of JUC. Travis Presley and Jillian Nichols worked on keeping Fellowship members and JUC members organized. Candles of Community were recorded (1st Service by Elena Slusser and 2nd Service by Harry Albert with Sheri Price serving as a substitute.) Elena Slusser posted the Candles on the listserv which proved to be very successful and appreciated by non-attending members.

Towards the end of 2009, Reverend Lydia Ferrante-Roseberry and Intern Dara Kaufman Le-Donne started the work of organizing the congregation of the Fellowship into geographical areas so as to generate a Web of Care. A map showing the geographical locations where members lived was generated. From that map, the Fellowship was divided into the following Neighborhood geographical areas with two connectors for each area:

Longmont (including Berthoud, Firestone, Frederick)
Prue Larson & Elena Slusser
North Boulder (including part of Boulder east of 76th)
Maryann Balassa, Marky Lloyd, & Rosemary Arp
South Boulder Jillian Nichols & Travis Presley
Central Boulder Sheri Price & Kathryn DeSouchet
Lafayette & Erie Catherine Harada, Diane Witt, & Gail Evertz
Broomfield Leaders forthcoming
Louisville Vicki Ruwitch & (2nd leader forthcoming!)

In addition, a Web of Care Mission Statement and a job description for the Web of Care Connectors were developed. (See attached)

In late April, several members who had been working on the Web of Care, including Rev Lydia, attended a lay pastoral care workshop given by JUC Pastoral Minister Tracey Wilkinson.

At the close of this fiscal year, Neighborhood Connectors are organizing their neighborhoods and planning a social event and developing lists of potential care givers for their particular neighborhoods.

Marky Lloyd and Maryann Balassa were appointed the Coordinators of the Connectors.

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WEB OF CARE MISSION STATEMENT

The Web of Care is a means to extend and deepen community within the Fellowship. It will be a catalyst for neighborliness as members of the Fellowship who live near each other can meet and form social bonds. Social gatherings will enable people to go beyond interest groups such as Covenant Groups and committees to make connections with others. As it is easier to ask and to offer help to people we know, the connections made through the local Web of Care events will help us to care for members of the Fellowship when they have special short-term needs.

Web of Care Connector's Job Description:

Each connector would have a partner so that duties could be shared.

- 1) Delineate geographical area of responsibility through the use of the mapping program, list by zip code (supplied by Laura Murray.) (This is particularly pertinent to Boulder and outlying areas.)
- 2) Maintain a list of people living in the designated area by name, address, phone and e-mail.
- 3) Organize at least one social event per year, (hopefully more) so that the members of the area can become acquainted, if not already. Examples: potluck dinner, picnic, brunch after church. The event could be held at the Fellowship, someone's home, in a park, or public space. New members to the Fellowship should be given special encouragement to participate.

At this gathering, the connector would encourage the members of their geographical area sign up, as they are willing, to supply meals, transportation, child care, and visits. It should be clear that these are not long-term commitments, just a friend helping out once and a while. (The connector would maintain the list and update it periodically.)

At this gathering if members are interested they could agree to check up on one another every couple of months or so, depending if people would be willing to be called. (We had trouble with developing this sort of connection and some people do like being called and others find it an intrusion. It's something the individual geographical area needs to discuss and determine.)

- 4) A meeting of connectors would be held every couple of months with the minister to discuss any common problems.
- 5) The connector would refer any pastoral needs that arose to the minister.
- 6) Term of service would be one year though could serve an additional year if agreeable to the group.

CYRE COMMITTEE & YOUTH GROUPS

MEMBERS: Linda Spencer and Jessica Wible, co-chairs, Teresa Kneale, Darcie Matsunaga, Rachel Setzke, Don Price, Ilya Kowalchuk, Stephanie Pache, Katie Covey, DRE (ex-officio), Katy Wiley, Youth Programs Coordinator (ex-officio).

GOAL: The purpose and mission of the BVUUF Children and Youth Religious Education Committee is to provide a quality Religious Education Program for children and youth at the BVUUF.

NEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR:

- Two new intergenerational Sunday services - the Animal Blessing, Aug 29 and the Sharing of Breads Services, Nov. 23.
- Chalica Winter Camp for 3 days in December.
- New Youth Programs Coordinator Katy Wiley, off and running!
- January Intersession on "Giving" with the SJAC committee.
- Sienna Project Fundraising and School Building in Guatemala with 18 BVUUF youth and members (see report below.)
- New website pages for camps, R.E. events, Parent and volunteer responsibilities and sign ups.
- Safety.
- New Wednesday programming - 7th grade OWL, and Sienna Project dinners.
- New Youth Group program called "Shared Faiths" developed by Katy Wiley (see report below.)
- Fire Circle Sing-a-Long in April in collaboration with Bob Warden's Guitar Circle and Ellen Laverdure, to be repeated!
- Update and increase clarification of the CYRE Safety Policy.
- Use of Google Documents and Google spreadsheets for record keeping and volunteer organization.
- Sienna Project Chili Cook-off in April, in collaboration with the Sweet Noise Coffeehouse.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS:

- New Youth Programs Coordinator - Katy Wiley.
- Youth Programs Coordinator attended the MDD Advisor Training, Sept. 09.
- Service Project – Volunteers of America Denver.
- Service Project – Fundraising drive for, and educational trip to, Boulder Humane Society.
- International Service Project – Sienna Project (see below).
- Sharing Faith Program- Fellowship members from all faith backgrounds invited to share their beliefs with both high school and middle school youth groups. Seven total speakers between February and April.
- Updated Teen web-site page, T.A. sign-up links online, CON information/applications now available online.
- Middle School Mime Group – organized and led by Cynthia Rouillard.

CONTINUING PROGRAMS:

- Intergenerational services: December Giving Service, Dec. 12 and Family Christmas Eve Service, Easter.
- Services with an extended *For All Ages* component: Water Communion, Flower Communion.

- Coming of Age for six 8th grade youth.
- Ninth Grade Trip for four 9th grade youth.
- First Grade OWL for eight children.
- Fourth/Fifth Grade OWL for 12 children.
- Seventh Grade OWL for 10 participants.
- Jewish and Christian Heritage theme on Sundays for 1 semester.
- World Religions Theme on Sundays for 1 semester.
- Family Events - Pumpkin Glow, Bingo Night.
- Scholarship Fundraisers - Book Fair, Used Book Sale.
- Youth Sunday - with Coming of Age, OWL, Ninth Grade Trip and Bridging to Young Adulthood components.
- 5th Annual Fiesta Bilingual Summer Camp to be offered in June.
- CYRE Committee Annual Retreat, Friday/Saturday April 30/May 1 for Goal Setting, Strategic Plan.
- Easter Soup Hunt for the benefit of BCAP (Boulder County AIDS Project).

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS CONTINUING PROGRAMS:

- Mountain Desert District (MDD) Senior High Youth Conferences.
- Mountain Desert District Middle School Youth Conference – Fort Collins, CO.
- Planting of youth garden.
- Teen web-site page.
- Connections Newsletter articles.
- Babysitting list.
- Youth Service.
- Open Space trash removal (two events).

SIENNA PROJECT:

The CYRE department is collaborating with the Sienna Project to provide an international service learning opportunity for BVUUF youth and families. The Sienna Project is a non-profit organization that provides resources and labor to build schools in Guatemala. A dedicated group of BVUUF youth and adults, 18 total people, are focused and determined to raise \$44,000.00 for construction of a school, which will involve travel to Guatemala in Feb. 2011 to help with the construction of the school. A BVUUF Sienna Project web page has been developed and a Sienna Project update is included in each monthly BVUUF Connections newsletter.

SIENNA PROJECT FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES:

- Sweet Noise Coffeehouse bake sales.
- Wednesday Night Dinners at the Fellowship once a month.
- Valentine's Cookie Boxes.
- Fabric Art with Susan Geohegan and Susan Meale.
- Chalice note cards, created and donated by Stephen Cooper.

Upcoming:

- **August Garage Sale:** members of the congregation will donate gently used and new items to be sold to benefit the Sienna Project.

- **Hope Gala:** a Celebration of International Service, Dec. 4 at the Turnhalle Events Center, Auroria Campus, with Martin Lavanhar, founder of the Sienna Project, co-sponsored by ECTA, International, Inc. (health care in remote India and Nepal) art auction, music, other esteemed speakers.

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ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Sponsored the MDD Jr/Sr High OWL training for 21 district participants, including four of our BVUUF congregants.
- Assisted in the Sukkot Intergen Program offered by Dara Kaufman-LeDonne, ministerial intern.
- Sent representatives to Program Council and Worship Committee.
- Participated in the Committee Fair, New Member Orientation and Budget Process.
- Collaborated with the Service Auction.
- Offered a sermon on "U.U. Equation" by Katie Covey, DRE

STATISTICS:

Avg. attendance - 79

Total Enrollment children and youth – 185

MEASURE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT IN RELATION TO GOALS IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

- Move DRE toward UUA Compensation Guidelines – no progress due to budget constraints.
- Add hours to RE Assistant – no progress due to budget constraints.
- Move toward Lifespan RE program – no progress due to budget constraints.
- Increase space – no progress, but moved 7th gr. OWL to Wednesdays.
- Increase Youth Programs Director hours – no progress.
- Possible Children’s Choir Director – trial program in place for FY10/11.
- Youth Community Service Project – is wildly successful as the Sienna Project.
- Add “immersion” experiences – added the Winter Break Chalica Camp.
- Wednesday night programming – no added childcare added, but program started.
- Youth Suite space – no progress (a glimmer of potential, with the “expansion” conversation)
- Preschool space – no progress.

EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 (AS OF 01 MAY 2010):

Item or Service	Projected Cost	Actual Cost
Sunday School	\$1700	\$1274
Our Whole Lives (tuition class)	\$2230	\$2230
8 th Coming of Age (tuition class)	\$850	\$700
Camps (tuition)	\$5000	(realized in June)
TOTAL		
BALANCE (available funds)	\$9,790	\$4,204
		\$5,586

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT

2009 – 2010

Mission: The mission of the Committee on Ministry is to understand, assess, support and advocate for active, healthy and meaningful shared ministry throughout the congregational life of the Fellowship. The committee serves as one of the important channels of communication among congregants and between the congregation and the Minister.

Congregational Members: Beth Robison, Luis Uribe, Vicki Ruwitch, Connie Holden-Smith, Pat Bulthaup and Natalie Parker, Chair. Rev. Lydia Ferrante-Roseberry attends ex officio.

Accomplishments: During this first year of the new committee, members and Minister became more informed and educated, through a variety of MDD district, UUA and other resources, regarding the functions of a Committee on Ministry. In its initial Fellowship assessment process the COM met with several other key BVUUF committees to learn about and give feedback to the congregation how these groups used and referred to the BVUUF Vision and Mission to guide goals and actions. The committee served in an ongoing consulting role to the Minister. For the annual budget the committee used current UUA guidelines to review the Minister's benefits, housing and salary compensation and professional expense allowance to make recommendations to the Board. The committee recommended to the Board that plans be made and funds begin to be allocated for the Minister's sabbatical.

Goals for 2010 – 2011: The COM will broaden formal opportunities for members and friends to reflect upon their experiences in the Fellowship and to give feedback on their roles in ministry, both as members of various Fellowship groups and as individuals, according to the COM's mission and purpose and in alignment with the BVUUF Vision and Mission and the Strategic Plan. The original charter of the committee will be reviewed and revised to update and accurately define the current functions of the COM. The committee will continue to review and make recommendations to the Board regarding overall Minister compensation.

BVUUF Communications Committee

Committee members: Susan Bateman, Chairman, Stephanie Barnhizer, Office Administrator, *Sunday News* Editor, Calendar Editor, Mary Leonard, UUA and MDD Liaison, Dave Leonard, Website Overseer, Laura Murray, Newsletter Coordinator & Website Editor, Kristen Zoellner, News Release Co-Editor, Rev. Lydia Ferrante-Roseberry, *ex officio*

Goals and accomplishments:

The Communications Committee has been active throughout this fiscal year. Meetings were held monthly during the year. Following February 2010, the committee began meeting every other month, relying on the committee Yahoo Group/List-serve and email to maintain coordination. Meetings were held on Wednesday evenings along with the informal weekly Wednesday service and then on Friday mornings from 10 to 11 AM on the second Friday of every other month.

Stephanie Barnhizer was the Communications Cluster representative to the Program Council.

The website team, under the leadership of Laura Murray kept the web site current throughout this year. The website supported online bidding for the auction and online pledging for the canvass campaign.

Laura Murray compiled and published the BVUUF Connections newsletter throughout the year (with Susan Bateman assisting with the proofreading and minor editing). The current and past BVUUF newsletters are always available on the website. As Office Administrator, Stephanie Barnhizer maintains the calendar on the website. The CYRE Coordinator, our Office Administrator and others are able to personally update their website pages; other members have been trained by Laura Murray in directly updating their areas of the website, including many newsletter submissions.

Due to budgetary cuts, we have not been purchasing ads in the local papers. Kris Zoellner has been responsible for all News Releases.

Individual committee members have been responsible for the regular and timely production and updates of internal communications including the website, monthly *Connections* newsletter, weekly Order of Service, and weekly *Sunday News*. In addition, Mary Leonard has communicated regularly with the congregation regarding denominational affairs via listserv postings and newsletter articles.

The Communications Committee has an operational responsibility to “assist BVUUF committees, groups, members, and friends in designing and producing articles, brochures, and other forms of communication.”

The committee works to support the Fellowship-wide goal of cutting costs and saving natural resources – we continue to encourage members to access *Connections* online via a monthly announcement from the listserv. Laura Murray compiles the online version of *Connections*, and mails about 40 paper copies.

Expenditures for fiscal year 2009-2010:

Operating Budget 2009-2010	\$ 600.00
Total expenses through April 2010	
No Ad Costs (terminated the ads)	\$291.00
<i>Dex East Yellow Pages (terminated)</i>	
<i>Yellow Book</i>	0.00
<i>Boulder Daily Camera</i>	0.00
<i>Colorado Home Town Newspapers: Louisville Times/Lafayette News/Erie Review/Superior Observer</i>	0.00
Total expenses expected 2009-2010 fiscal year	\$ 500.00

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS, 2009-10

Mary Leonard, chair

This “committee” (of one) uses the Fellowship listserv and Connections to let members and friends know about upcoming Unitarian Universalist (UU) events (and how to participate) or UU news from the world beyond our congregation. Please contact Mary Leonard for more information.

You’re invited to join the committee!

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOULDER DENVER CLUSTER OF THE MOUNTAIN DESERT DISTRICT (MDD)

Congregations in this cluster are: BVUUF, Boulder UU Church, Open Circle UU, Jefferson Unitarian Church, Prairie UU Church, Columbine UU Church, First Universalist Denver, First Unitarian Denver.

Dave and Mary Leonard are now serving as BVUUF representatives.

MDD stretches from Canada to Mexico; the annual meeting was held in October 2009 in Fort Collins. Rev. Nancy Bowen is District Executive, and she works in (and out of) the district office in Denver.

The cluster is sponsoring a new PR PROJECT (Public Radio Project) which has the goal of raising money in congregations to underwrite UU messages on area public radio stations. Eight UU congregations are so far participating.

MDD CHALICE LIGHTERS: UUs who are CHALICE LIGHTERS agree to donate at least \$10 four times a year in support of congregations in the Mountain Desert District (who have applied for grants) as they strengthen and expand their facilities or services. The Fellowship benefited greatly from an August 2004 grant -- nearly \$8000 to help with remodeling projects in our new Lafayette home (ADA-bathroom and expanded RE office/kitchen area). Contact Linda Dixon or www.mdduua.org to become a CHALICE LIGHTER.

UU ASSOCIATION: Rev. Lydia, Diana Forrest, Kathy Partridge, Dave and Mary Leonard plan to be in Minneapolis June 23-27 for the Unitarian Universalist Association’s annual General Assembly. See www.uua.org and www.uuworld.org for more UU news. UU World (magazine) is mailed to members four times a year.

THE ELDERS COMMUNITY GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2010

In May 2009 Ron Gould sent an e-mail to older members of the Fellowship to see if there was interest in forming a group. Twenty people responded affirmatively. Our first meeting was July 2009 at the Gould's home. We sent topics of interest to discuss, and these were ranked in August. Our next meetings were at the Fellowship, with many different topics discussed and social times included. We invited speakers to lead four meetings. One of our favorite speakers was the Reverend Lydia Ferrante-Roseberry. We now meet once a month in the afternoon, on the second Saturday.

Ron Gould was the coordinator for the first six months, and Bev Seeds was the coordinator for the next six months. We now have 32 members on our list-serve. We invite interested members of the Fellowship to attend our meetings.

**FELLOWSHIP WOMEN Afternoon Group
2009-2010**

Fellowship Women Afternoon Group participants have enjoyed getting together each month, September through May, on the fourth Thursday (2-4 PM). We first met in September 2001. One of our incentives in starting a daytime group was realizing that several of us were no longer able to drive at night. You don't need to share that fate to come to our meetings. The group is "open"; all Fellowship women are invited. We have a few more members currently, so meetings usually involve 8-12 women. We take turns hosting the group in our homes. We enjoy being together for friendship -- through conversation, refreshments and discussion. Rev. Lydia met with us one early spring afternoon, and we look forward to having ministerial intern, Dara Kaufman-LeDonne, meet with us in May -- to talk about Starr King School for the Ministry. Mary Leonard has been coordinating the afternoon group.

The Gilbert Fund
Annual Report 2009-10
Boulder Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

There are times when the needs of nonprofit community service organizations exceed their funding. In 1986, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship created a special fund to meet some of these needs in Boulder County. It was named the GILEBERT FUND in honor of the Fellowship's first minister, the Rev. Rudy Gilbert. Contributions form the Fund of recommended by the Social Justice Action Committee and approved by the Fellowship's Board. Members and Friends are the source of contributions to the Fund.

Here are the more recent contributions from the Gilbert Fund:

2009:	Boulder Shelter for the Homeless, Building Fund 1/09	2000
	Children's Alley (YWCA) 4/09	300
	Parenting Place 4/09	300
	Boulder Shelter, Building Fund 12/09	2000
	Boulder Shelter, Fresh Milk Weekly (approx.)	700
2010:	Project YES 4/10	500
	Interfaith AIDS Coalition 4/10	200
	Boulder Shelter, Fresh Milk Weekly (approx.)	350

Since 1986, approximately \$96,180

Social Justice Action Committee would like to acknowledge recent contributors to the Gilbert Fund, with our gratitude and thanks: Rosemary and Larry Arp, Jean Cannella and Elena Slusser, Diana Forrest, Dick and Catharine Harris, Chris and Wayne Itano, Dianne Ladd, Katie Lapins, Dave and Mary Leonard, Charrie Malde, Jean Messimer, Kathy Partridge, Vicki Ruwitch, Jack and Michelle Schmitt, Beverly Seeds and Lorraine Wilson.

The contributions they gave make possible our 5th and final contribution to the Building Fund of the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless. The Fellowship had made a pledge of \$10,000 to the Shelter's 2003 new building. \$5,000 came from an anonymous gift; \$5,000 came through Gilbert Fund monies.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GROCERY CERTIFICATE (GIFT CARD) SALES PROGRAM FY0910

By Elizabeth Robinson

THE PROGRAM: The Fellowship has established gift card relationships with Safeway, Vitamin Cottage and King Soopers, local grocery merchants that offer bulk sales of gift cards at a 5% discount of actual value. The cards are available to congregants for purchase during Sunday social time, or by contacting Elizabeth Robinson. The Fellowship is able to support the budget through these sales, as described below.

THE 2009/10 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET included income in proceeds of \$4,000. Actual sales to the end of May 2010 were \$60,100 from which the Fellowship will net in proceeds the amount of \$3,050. In order to achieve the \$4,000 goal, total sales for the month of June 2010 would need to be just under \$20,000.

THE 2010/11 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET includes income of \$4,500 which would necessitate total gift card sales of \$90,000. This goal would be more assured if:

- 90 individuals purchase \$100 in gift cards each month x 10 months; or
- 45 individuals purchase \$200 in gift cards each month x 10 months.

The current scenario is the following:

- 20 to 30 individuals consistently purchase gift cards on a monthly basis.

RECORD OF SALES THE PREVIOUS THREE YEARS:

5 Months:

2008 JAN TO MAY	2009 JAN TO MAY	2010 JAN TO MAY
\$23,650	\$31,325	\$32,565
Net 5%: \$1,182.50	Net 5%: \$1,566.25	Net 5%: \$1,628.25

12 Months:

FY08 JULY TO JUNE	FY09 JULY TO JUNE	FY10 JULY TO MAY
\$65,565	\$64,115	\$61,000
Net 5%: \$3,278.25	Net 5%: \$3,205.75	Net 5%: 3,050

GOAL FOR FY10/11: To add Sunflower Market gift cards. There is a Sunflower Market near McGuckins hardware in Boulder, and another will be opening in Lafayette sometime in the coming year. The additional option of these gift cards may very well help to increase sales.

MEMBERS & NEWCOMERS COMMITTEE

Annual Report

Sheri Price, Chair

Membership: 11

Mission:

- Support the vision & mission of the Fellowship
- Attract & welcome, mentor and assimilate newcomers
- Support the ongoing needs of current members

2009-10 Accomplishments:

- Participated in 2009 Engagement Party with the goal of explaining & recruiting new committee members for Greeters, Welcome Table, Sunday Morning Set-Up & Coffee Crew
- Introduced, promoted & sold at cost permanent name badges
- Coordinated logistics for 3 New Member Orientations emphasizing participation in the life of the Fellowship by getting connected, serving & stewardship
- Participated in 12 “Chats with Lydia”
- Updated & centralized current contact information for staff, Board & Trustees, committees, activities & other items of interest
- Improved communication with Fellowship Administration by including office administration as adjunct committee member
- Worked with & funded Caring Committee on the start-up phase of the Web of Care project
- Coordinated 3 Recognition Sundays for new members signing Membership Book
- Received & took action on issues, questions & suggestions from members

2010-11 Goals:

- Participate in 2010 Engagement Party
- Continue sales of permanent name badges
- Continue participation in “Chats with Lydia”
- Continue coordination of New Member Orientations
- Update contact information as changes occur
- Continue coordination of Recognition Sundays
- Introduce & promote “Fellowship Ambassadors” for visitors & new comers
- Coordinate an all-Fellowship potluck recognizing new members who have joined the Fellowship from June 2009-June 2010
- Report committee activities quarterly in Connections newsletter
- Continue working with office administration to improve communication to & within the Fellowship

MUSIC COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010

Members: Sue Wood, Chairperson, Marlys Brinkman (Choir Director), Marcia Pasquer (Music Coordinator), Melissa Williams, Catherine Harada, Rett Paparella

I. Responsibilities: The Music Committee is committed to supporting the Fellowship Singers and assisting Marlys Brinkman, Director. The choir numbers are steady, with 20 active members. They usually meet four times per month for rehearsals. These occur on 3 Monday evenings, and before Sunday performances. The choir sings one Sunday each month for both services. This year the choir also sang for the BVCAN meeting. Julie Morris donates her time as pianist to the choir at all rehearsals and performances. On 2 different Sundays, a small group of the choir performed for the service. This committee is also helpful to Marcia with her organization of music at the Sunday morning services. Members of the committee actively supported the Sunday at Four concerts. There were four of these concerts this year. Summer 2009, the committee chair participated in the interviews for a part time choir/music assistant. Currently, the entire committee participated in a visioning meeting to decide the direction of the music department next year.

II. Coordinating Relationships: Two members of the committee alternated attending meetings of the Worship Committee.

III. Future plans: Next year Melissa Williams will be organizing children's choirs. Marcia will be resigning as Music Coordinator next year. She will stay until a new person is found.

Catherine Harada will be chair of the committee next year, with assistance from Sue Wood

IV. Committee Expenditures: Expenditures are on target. The budget was very lean. It was supplemented by a fifth Sunday Collection which was dedicated to the Music Department. This allowed some music to be purchased, and some professional musicians to be hired for Sunday morning services.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FY 2009-2010

A. **Membership of Committee** Sue Wood, Su-Esta Scott (co-chairs), John Lamb, Vicki Ruwitch, Pam Bennett, Stephen Cooper, Rosemary Arp (ex-officio)

B. Process

Committee convened in November. Recommended 2 new committee members due to resignations. Kathy Partridge became Vice President of the Fellowship, and Kristin Mitchell resigned for personal reasons. The new people are Pam Bennett and Stephen Cooper, and were appointed by the Board.

Requested Nominations for leadership positions was posted in the Connections and the Sunday News. Committee members followed up with personal e-mails or phone calls in January. All the names were reviewed and people were recommended to be asked for the following positions: Secretary and Trustee, 2 new members of the Committee on Ministry, and one new member for the Nominating Committee.

The process proceeded more smoothly than last year. This was mainly due to two reasons. The current President and Vice President agreed to continue for another year. The review last year was so thorough that we had ideas for names for some of the positions.

C. **Final Slate** recommended for approval by the membership

Board of Officers

Diana Forest President

Kathy Partridge Vice President

Treasurer Don Price

Secretary (new) Christine Itano

Trustee (new) Sue Middleton

Trustee-(continuing) Baldy Ransom

Trustee- (continuing) Jean Cannella

Committee on Ministry (2 new members needed)

Katie Lapins

Keith Searight

Nominating Committee 1 new member needed

Stephen Cooper-was appointed by the Board and needs Fellowship approval

Pam Bennett-was appointed by the Board and needs Fellowship approval

Catherine Harada-new

D. **Nominating committee** was asked to consider a wider range of responsibility. They agreed to develop a local leadership development workshop. This process began at a MDD workshop in December attended by Sue Wood and Vicki Ruwitch and the Ministers. In the spring the co-chairs Su-Esta Scott and Sue Wood explored the idea through discussions with 2 people who were Dean of the Russell Lockwood Leadership School, MDD, local Ministers and Board Members. Nominating Committee devoted parts of most regular meetings, and 3 long meetings dedicated to developing the workshop. The workshop is titled "Sharing Our Gifts to Build Community and will be held on September 18, 2010. Details will be finalized in May and over the summer. This "working agenda" will be included with this report.

E. **No major concerns or expenditures.** This was an excellent, working committee.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT
June 2010

Mission: The Personnel Committee provides advice and recommendations regarding employee hiring and firing to the Board and the Minister as requested. The committee provides advice and recommendations to employees with supervisory responsibility regarding all personnel matters for all employees (including, but not limited to, assistance with writing employee position descriptions, advertising for position openings and interviewing prospective candidates), with the exception of the Minister. The committee implements Board approved personnel management and administrative activities and ensures that all personnel related information needs of the Fellowship members and staff are met.

Members: Those who have served on the committee for fiscal year 2009 – 2010 are Elena Slusser, Vicky Santibanez, Janet Warden, Gini Fink, Judy Holleman and Natalie Parker, Chair.

Accomplishments by the close of the 2009 -2010 fiscal year will be to have completed the new BVUUF Personnel Policy Manual; to standardize employment agreements/ contracts; to assist in the employee promotion of the newly created Communications Coordinator position; and to assist in the position creation and hiring of a full-time Office Manager.

Goals: Early in fiscal year 2010 – 2011, the Personnel Committee will assist in filling the newly created Music Director position. The Personnel Committee stands ready to serve when needs arise, relating to the mission described above.

PROGRAM COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEMBERS: For the year 2009-2010, the Council (PCC) Chair was Kathy Partridge. Each Fellowship Committee is part of cluster, which is represented on the PCC by a Team Leader (and alternate) to the PCC. The 2009-2010 Clusters and their Team Leaders were:

- **Education** (CYRE, A-RE): Teresa Kneale and Stephanie Pache
- **Outreach** (SJAC and its Task Forces, BVCAN, Welcoming and Interfaith AIDS Coalition): Dianne Ladd
- **BVUUF Community** (Covenant Groups, Caring/Neighborhood Connectors, Members & Newcomers): Susan Meale and alternate Sheri Price
- **Worship** (Worship services, music, aesthetics): Lorraine Wilson and alternate Sheila Brown

GOAL AND PURPOSE: The Program Coordinating Council (PCC) is the “hub” of all programmatic activity at the BVUUF. A standing committee reporting to the Board, it is chaired by the elected Vice-President of the Congregation.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The PCC met monthly from August through June. Each meeting includes a Ministers and Ministerial Intern report, reports from each cluster, discussion of program related policies and issues as requested by the Board and the Minister, and coordination of activities. We reviewed (and declined) a proposal from Centus to base a therapist at the congregation. We vetted the Worship Associate applications (next year this will move to the Nominating Committee). We offered input on the FY 2010-2011 budget. We met with Coming of Age youth in April. Additionally, the PCC focused on several special projects during the year:

September 20, 2009 “Engagement Party” - Our annual committee fair after each service was well attended. Participation by committees was strong, with tables set up on the west patio, offering information and treats. We evaluated the Engagement Party as successful for marketing and outreach, but not so much for actually signing up new committee members.

“Wednesday Night at the Fellowship” - The PCC coordinated the move of most main committee meetings and some RE classes to Wednesday evenings, and tried weekly suppers and worship prior to the meetings. Results were mixed. Most successful: the institutionalization of Wednesday evening as a staffed “open” night at the Fellowship; the Sienna Project Beans and Rice fundraising suppers held almost monthly with regular attendance of 1-2 dozen; and special events like the Sukkoth and Hanukkah celebrations, where participation went as high as five dozen parents and children. Interest dwindled on the other nights, and we never attracted a coordinator. We have decided to suspend weekly suppers/worship, focusing on special supper events, but will continue the Wednesday committee schedule.

Service Pledge - In January, the PCC distributed a form listing ways to serve the congregation. Sixty people responded. These responses were put into an online database, which can be accessed by committee chairs on the “Movers & Shakers” Google group. This form is currently distributed by Members and Newcomers committee and can be accessed on the website. We also asked staff to start listing Service Opportunities on the website, listserv, and Sunday news. While a good start, we still need to strengthen our recruitment and retention.

MEASURE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT IN RELATION TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

The PCC is a coordinating committee with oversight on the activities of committees outlined in section V of the Strategic Plan. We feel we offered good coordination and communication, but might have done more to measure and set milestones for clusters toward their goals as outlined in the Strategic Plan. We also might have used the Strategic Plan in a more disciplined way when we reviewed the budget at the request of the board.

EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 (AS OF 01 MAY 2010)

Item or Service	Projected Cost	Actual Cost
	50	0
TOTALS	\$50	0
BALANCE		\$50

SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT, 2009-2010

MEMBERS: Co-chairs Camille Hook and Dianne Ladd
Maryann and John Balassa, Amanda Birmingham, Marc Esenwein, Mary Leonard, Carrie Malde

TASK FORCE LEADERS:

Interfaith Aids Council - Ron and Jennifer Gould
CROP walk - Dianne Ladd
EFAA Apartment # 11 - Ellen Laverdure, Stephanie Soder
Mitten Tree - Lisa Kahn
Share - a- gift - Rachel Setzke
Reverse - trick or treat - Ellen Laverdure, Jessica Wible
BCAP soup hunt - Teresa Kneale
Homeless Shelter - Rusty Robison
Adopt -a-road - Jan Cheney
CSAW - Su Esta Scott
UUSC - John Balassa
Sienna Project - Katy Wiley
BVCAN - Rosemary Arp, Marc Esenwein

GOALS: To inspire and coordinate the involvement of members of the BVUUF in community outreach and social activism, and to effectively manage the donations to the Gilbert Fund and from the Gilbert Fund to non-profits in Boulder County.

COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR INCLUDE:

1. Advised and assisted task forces in implementation of projects in support of the committee's goals:
Boulder County AIDS Coalition (BCAP) – Easter soup can hunt, bagging groceries for homebound clients in October and April
 - Boulder Shelter for the Homeless –Serving meals monthly
 - Boulder County Interfaith Aids Coalition – Food drives in April
 - BVCAN – Healthcare initiative to support registration of all eligible children in Boulder County
 - Community Food Share – food drives in November and December
 - CROP Walk – Coordination of hunger walk in October
 - EFAA – Monthly collection of items for apartment #11, Mitten Tree in December
 - Reverse Trick-or-treating - Halloween project to give out fair trade chocolate
 - Rothman Open Space Cleanup – quarterly cleanup
 - Sienna Project – ongoing fundraising projects
 - Share-a-gift – Toy collection in December
 - South Boulder Road Cleanup – bi-annual cleanup
 - UUSC – Guest at Your Table in October, selling holiday cards in December, Justice Sunday participation in March
2. Participated in Children and Youth Religious Education (CYRE) project to teach and facilitate learning about philanthropy in January.
3. Coordinated Our Community in Action (Lafayette S'Elebration Days) on April 24, 2010 to do community cleanup and projects in partnership with Project YES. Over 60 members of the Fellowship volunteered to garden and do cleanup at Angevine Middle School, sorted books at the Lafayette Library, worked on ice skating rink renovations at the YMCA, sorted food and other items at Sister Carmen Center, and painted and gardened at Patchwork School and Pioneer Elementary School.

4. Coordinated the disbursements from the Gilbert Fund to non-profits in Boulder County (see Gilbert Fund Report)
5. Advised BVUUF Board on charitable organizations for our "Fifth Sunday Plate".
6. Created new SJAC structure:
 - a) Meetings quarterly between September and June, instead of monthly.
 - b) Task Force potlucks to coincide with SJAC meetings with a goal of cross categorical socializing
 - c) Will request approval of putting UUSC dues as a line item on BVUUF budget (as are BVCAN dues).
 - d) Will create "community conversations" table around SJAC task forces (once or twice monthly) between services.
 - e) Will determine if SJAC needs a budget separate from Gilbert Fund.

No expenditures for fiscal year 2009-2010

See Gilbert Fund Report for donations made to non-profits which were recommended by SJAC.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT FY2010

The annual Stewardship pledge drive was conducted in the month of April. The campaign consisted of offering and highlighting programs and events for friends and members to develop a deeper connection with the Fellowship. Some of these events included a special Sunday service featuring the Rev. Don Southworth and a potluck, a campfire sing-a-long, a movie night and more.

Leading up to, and during the two weeks of the pledge drive, various messages, both informational and feel-good, were presented to the congregation to inform about the pledge drive and to promote pledging. The messages were delivered through mail, email, the list serve, the website, the bulletin and Sunday announcements. The idea of Fair-Share Giving, or pledging 5% of income, was promoted to a much greater extent than in past years.

For the three Sundays involved, a pledging table was set up for members to make pledges. In addition, on-line pledging was available. The pledging table was extended by another week. Currently, the stewardship committee is currently making calls to the remaining open pledges.

Pledges to date are at about \$300,000; roughly \$15,000 short of last year's pledges. I use "about" as remaining pledges continue to trickle in. What do we make of the numbers; it is hard to say. While some additional pledge dollars are expected, it will be challenging to match last year. So, the numbers are disappointing. Considering the current economic situation, they may not be too bad. Currently, the numbers are 5% off of last year's. Information I've seen regarding fundraising in general indicate that receipts for the non-profit sector, including churches, are down. However, I have been unable to find strong data regarding the actual trends. The committee is working on an email survey to send to the congregation to gather feedback and give greater insight into future activities.

The Stewardship Committee members include Dee Walters, Keith Searight, Renee Price, Marshall Deacon and Monty Meduna. In addition, Bob Harada assisted with the follow-up calls.

WORSHIP SERVICES COMMITTEE

Members: Sheila Brown – Chair, Beth Robison – Co-chair, Fred Denny, Chris Jung, Larry Laverdure, Theresa Lee, Linda Spencer, Ethel-Marie Underhill, Ellen Valentine, Melissa Williams, Lorraine Wilson, Diane Witt

Goal: The purpose and mission of the Worship Services Committee is to coordinate, oversee and execute a yearlong program of quality worship services that nurture, inspire and challenge the Congregation to grow spiritually and intellectually.

Accomplishments during this fiscal year:

- Planned, developed and carried out Worship Associate’s Training in fall that allowed WA’s to select the services they wished to be involved with through the winter and spring, and also a training in spring that resulted in 3 new and 11 renewing Worship Associates ready to lead services in the minister’s absence or assist the minister, when present.
- Reflected monthly on the past month’s Sunday Worship Services with an eye toward affirming the creative efforts of all and finding ways to continue building the quality of services.
- Secured ministers or speakers from the community as well as the ministerial intern to lead services, when appropriate.
- Edited and gained Board approval for the Worship Services Committee Charter.
- Developed worship services for the summer built around the theme “Living Our Seven Sources”.
- Designed a liturgical year built on thematic worship.

Measure of accomplishment in relation to goals in the Strategic Plan:

The WSC accomplished the goal in the Strategic Plan of expanding to a 12-month planning calendar. The WSC also achieved its stated goal of developing a Worship Associates Program.

Expenditures for fiscal year 2009-2010 (as of 01 May 2010)

Item or Service	Projected Cost	Actual Cost
Worship Associates Trainings	\$200	\$0
Guest ministers/speakers	\$1000	\$1129
TOTALS	\$1200	\$1129
BALANCE		\$ 71