



**THE GAP
UNITING
CHURCH**

2010

Annual Report



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THE GAP UNITING CHURCH

“The Gap Uniting Church is part of the Uniting Church in Australia”

The Gap Uniting Church is a member congregation of the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod.

The By Laws of the Queensland Synod and Regulations of The Uniting Church in Australia govern the ways in which this Congregation worships together and participates within the Community.

The Synod has the responsibility for the general oversight, direction and administration of the Church’s work in Queensland. A Synod Office that includes Synod Support Services and the Department for Financial and Property Services largely handles these responsibilities. The Gap Uniting Church, the Moreton Rivers Presbytery and the Queensland Synod office work together to perform God’s work in the community.

OUR VISION

To be a contemporary Christian community, living out a real and vital faith in this changing world.

OUR MISSION

1. Knowing God

To know the love of God and to serve Jesus Christ with the Bible as our authority and God’s Holy Spirit as our strength.

2. Building a Relationship with God

To actively encourage people to strengthen their relationship with God and each other.

3. Nurturing Spiritual Growth

To nurture one another in spiritual growth building each other up in faith and love.

4. **Celebrating and Worshiping**
To celebrate the life changing power of God through innovative contemporary worship.
5. **Growing our Congregation**
To celebrate opportunities for growing numbers of people to experience the power of Jesus Christ.
6. **Reaching Out**
To share the wider responsibilities of the church.
7. **Developing Leadership**
To nurture and develop leadership in all areas of ministry.

OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

1. Growing our mission with the local and international community.
2. Growing our mission and ministry with young people.
3. Growing our congregation ministry to young families.
4. Growing the sense of belonging through welcoming/relationship strategies.
5. Encouraging the use of God-given gifts and talents in Ministry and in the life of the Church

MINISTRY TEAM

Minister
Youth, Families & Community Coordinator

Rev John Ruhle
Rev Richard Cassady

Church Office
Administration

Faye Holmes
Silvia Lopes
Sandy Nolde

Lay Preachers

Sue Fairley
Julie Price

Graham Ross

Malcolm Stirling

Church Council

Chair

Alan McLennan

Secretary

Sally Algate

Treasurer

Ruth Grieve

Congregational
Representatives

Sally Algate
Trevor Anderson
Janelle Bennett
Ruth Grieve
Ian Hayes
Hugo Joubert
Scott McDonald
Alan McLennan
Graham Ross
Margaret Shield

Elders
Representatives

Bruce Ballantyne
Lorna Cook
Lyn Orchard
Esma Ross
Barbara Waltisbuhl

Elders

Bev Adams
Mavis Algate
Bruce Ballantyne
Jeannie Ballantyne
Karen Boyd
Lorna Cook
Janice Harris
Val Jenkins
Margaret Naylor
Lyn Orchard
Alfred Prasad
Bev Preston
Margaret Reddicliffe
Barrie Rollason
Esma Ross
Graham Ross
Gwenda Spencer
Julie Stirling
Marion Thomas
Barbara Waltisbuhl
Glenda Whittred

Pastoral Carers

Bau Earle
Hazel Geddes
Estelle Gibson
Noel Logan
Dorothy Rollason
Margaret Shield
Gillian Simpson
Barbara Smith

MINISTER'S REPORT

The time has come for me to complete my second annual minister's report. As I look back over the year, I cannot help but have a sense of how we have grown. Grown numerically, grown in our worship, witness and service and grown spiritually.

It has been a joy and an encouragement to be able to present the Month of Preaching and Teaching series that we have had and the feedback has been really valued and motivating. We have journeyed together through our Discipleship services and Discipleship classes and it was a joy to have the resulting baptism and confirmations.

The month looking at Hope (Heaven, Hell, Here and Hope) was a challenge both for the presenters and the congregation. The depth of engagement with the topic, and willingness by many to go deeper, has inspired me to want to explore other challenging topics that influence our lives and faith. I look forward to sharing these with you next year!

Once again, I need to say thankyou on behalf of Katherine and the girls for the love, friendship and acceptance that we continue to receive from the congregation. As a family, we love being involved with our church family. We are also committed to our local and international community. Thankyou, especially for the support we receive to enable us to participate in the ministry and mission of the wider Uniting Church through UnitingWorld and especially in East Timor and Indonesia.

Our Ministry Team has grown this year and it is been a privilege to work with Faye, Richard, Sandy and Silvia in the roles we have. We are also looking forward to working with Kerry Marnane in the new year as she takes on her new ministry role.

I am again continually encouraged by the number of people who give so willingly of themselves to serve with passion in the many areas of ministry and mission that we engage in as a congregation. Our Church Council, Leadership Teams and many groups have again gone beyond themselves in seeking to live out our mission of showing God's love and grace to each other and our community. This report presents only a snippet of the many good news stories that we have to share.

As a congregation, we can look forward to 2011 with a sense of confidence, fun and excitement as we continue to journey together as members of God's family in The Gap.

Grace and peace,
Rev John Ruhle

YOUTH, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

2010 marks the end my initial three year placement here so I thought I would look back at the original aims and goals from my perspective and evaluate the positives of this time.

Congregational Youth / Children's and Sunday School Ministry

The hope of every local church is to have vibrant youth and children's ministries. While good leaders are an essential element, reinvigorating these programs requires the whole congregation pitching in. Parent ownership & involvement is also an essential ingredient to success. Schools, sporting or social clubs catering to young people run on this principle and we are no different. This year has been a hard slog however we are thankful for the fortitude and belief of all who invested time, energy and prayer, even when there were times when we seemed to bear little reward for our effort. As Kerry Marnane takes over this responsibility in 2011 the Ministry Team is conscious of the need for the perseverance and faithfulness of leaders, helpers and parents to bring these ministries back to a healthier status.

Community Initiatives

I recall the small steps we took with the Random Acts of Kindness and the Luncheon with the High School Staff. Along with continuing programs like Play Group, The Gap State High School Spirituality program and the 'Big Night Out' programs and I feel that as a church we have been actively present within the community. The Bike Program initiative has now run its course over the last two years and the hope that the school would continue to develop this program has proven fruitless as it does not appear to be supported by the school administration. However, the exercise gave us more confidence in running short term programs based on an identified community need as well as knowing when to bring a program to a close when that need has passed. Also, in terms of identified need, it was not surprising about the potential of the Kids Hope initiative. What was astounding were the number who volunteered to be mentors and the courage and willingness of the congregation's members to embrace a new paradigm of youth and children's engagement.

Religious Education

We give thanks or the enduring commitment of our RE Teachers and the work the do on behalf of the combined churches. We will explore other models of delivering this service in 2011.

Ordination

Thank you for your support as I moved through the ordination process last year. This addition to my skill set will give additional support to the ministry team's capabilities in delivering sacramental elements of the church's mission.

Thank you all for your continued care and support.

Yours in Christ's service,

Rev Richard Cassady

CHURCH COUNCIL

2010 has been an eventful year for our congregation. There have been many positives, not the least of which are the increasing numbers of those participating in worship, and the numbers of young people involved in Sunday School and our Youth programs. However, we certainly have had our challenges as well.

In this report I can only touch on our achievements and our challenges.

Our Strategic Directions

For nearly 10 years now we have been using a plan setting out our Vision and Strategic Directions to guide the decision-making that sets our course.

Early in 2010, Church Council chose to test and to confirm our strategies by interacting with members of our congregation through a workshop led by Duncan McLeod. The workshop was successful on a number of fronts:

We now have an updated plan that extends to 2015 that confirms our past strategies:

- › Growing our mission with the local and international communities;
- › Growing our mission and ministry with young people;
- › Growing our congregation ministry to young families;
- › Growing our sense of belonging through welcoming/relationship strategies; and adds one more:
- › Encouraging the use of God given gifts and talents in Ministry and in the life of the Church.

New initiatives like “Circles of Care” and the project in planning, “Walking on Country”, are examples that fit perfectly into the new Plan.

The Ministry Team

It has been uplifting and refreshing for everyone in our congregation to experience the style, enthusiasm and challenge of John’s approach to ministry. I personally appreciate the regular spiritual questions and challenges that John poses because of the way they test my thinking, beliefs and understandings – remember the series about Hope, Heaven and Hell, etc.??? But John is just one member of the team, (John, Richard, Silvia, Faye and Sandy), that meets regularly to discuss achievements and plans for the future.

I must also acknowledge the wider teams that help plan worship, events, etc. These efforts are genuinely appreciated by our congregation. Indeed, one of our strengths, as a congregation, is the self-direction and leadership that flows from within our congregation. The strengthening numbers participating in worship and in our youth and family programs (including baptisms) are a reflection of the work of the Team and of Richard's work in the youth, families and community areas.

We all wish Richard well in his endeavour to pursue, in part, his dreams of working with indigenous people and we welcome the opportunity to bring Kerry Marnane's talents into the team in 2011.

Projects and Achievements for 2010

Through persistence and attention to detail on behalf of Church Council, the Convenor of the Property, Finance and Administration Leadership Team, Ian Hayes, led us to a much better than anticipated settlement figure of some \$427,000 as insurance payout for the Old Hall. TGUC has been permitted to use this payout in any way it chooses (not merely replace the Old Hall). The November Congregational Meeting voted to use the bulk of the money to retire the debt on the main Church building with a smaller portion being used to clear the Old Hall site and make it safe.

Attention is now being focussed on replacing the April Fair shed and the garden shed, expected to be constructed over the existing concrete slab on the Old Hall site. This is a project for 2011.

Both the April Fair and the Garage Sale for 2010 were resounding successes and much credit is due to Scott and Michelle for their special efforts. But there are many other successes as well. Circles of Care are up and running and the Kids Hope program continues. The Playgroups continue at a pace and the Craft Bazaar gained its usual support.

Representatives of TGUC are participating in the Presbytery/Synod initiative to plan the future of Camp Constable, which will not be operating as a Camp after 31 January 2011. At this point in time, prospects for selling the site are being investigated by a small group, led by Presbytery and Synod representatives.

I am pleased to be able to take this opportunity to convey heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the small band of dedicated, hard working and enthusiastic people who, over a period of many years, made Camp Constable a valued and respected facility.

Challenges for 2011

Whilst the spiritual business of the Church is flourishing, by far our biggest challenge lies in the financial arena.

In 2010, we commenced the year with a deficit budget – deficit of some \$9,000. In spite of magnificent contributions from projects like April Fair, Garage Sale, Craft Bazaar, etc., TGUC in September was heading for a deficit much larger than budgeted. Accordingly, a generosity giving challenge over one weekend in September (Spring Sunday) was conducted and the giving on this occasion assisted greatly in bringing the balance sheet into respectable condition.

As a result of the insurance payout on the Old Hall, TGUC is now in a very manageable situation with respect to the Church loan. However, during 2011, the Kindergarten is expected to terminate its lease and leave a significant shortfall in income. This is compounded by the need to make some asset purchases in 2011, e.g. photocopier and ride-on mover.

Clearly, attention is required in 2011 to improving the condition of the Church finances.

Acknowledgements

We commenced the year in 2010 with depleted numbers on Church Council, i.e. 12 members. During 2010, two members were co-opted to Council. My thanks go to Hugo and Janelle for their assistance on Council and, of course, to all members of Council who not only served on the Council but also on Leadership Teams. My thanks also go to Sally who undertook the arduous task of Secretary.

It was particularly pleasing to me to note the strength of the newly elected Council for 2011. I welcome the new members and the contributions I know they will make.

On behalf of the Council and the congregation, I take this opportunity to thank all members and tireless individuals who regularly serve in critical capacities, on committees and teams that keep this Church going forward.

Thank you all.
Grace and peace.

Alan McLennan
Chairperson

KIDS HOPE AUS (KHAUS)

We have put 20 Mentors through the full KHAUS training program and at the end of 2010 there were 16 of these people actively mentoring. Unfortunately two of our number had to drop out for health and other reasons. These mentors covered 16 students selected from years 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

There are obvious benefits in the early intervention possible with the earlier years at school, but the work of the mentors has shown that the program can still have a positive influence when commencing with students in the later years.

Positive Response

Positive responses have been received from all parties involved in the program.

From the Mentors

Our Mentors have met together to share experiences and while difficulties were shared and discussed the overwhelming message that came through was very positive. They have enjoyed the time they spent with their child and have been willing to shift other activities to ensure they meet the particular time commitment. While some found that it took some months to feel they had developed a good relationship with the child, all mentors felt they had developed such a relationship by the latter part of the year.

From the Teachers

In their end of year assessments, the Teachers reported improvements in the children's ability to complete things, improvements in behaviour and attitude as well as acknowledging that the children enjoy the time spent with their Mentor. They also recommended that the children continue in the scheme as they progress into the next year of their education.

From the Children

It is obvious that the children look forward to the time spent with their mentor and come to that time with great enthusiasm. It is also obvious, as one moves among the children at the school, that they have developed a good relationship with their Mentor and that they are excited to see them around the school and at school activity.

Financial support

The monetary support of members of the Congregation and its groups has enabled the program to be maintained without drawing on church funds for other than the annual subscription paid to KHAUS.

This support is gratefully acknowledged.

2010 Mentors

The following people were active as Mentors during 2010:

Karen Boyd, Ian Hayes, Ruth Grieve, Trevor Anderson, Mark Crome, Bev Preston, Jenna Edwinsmith, John Ruhle, Jane Heywood, Shirley Sargeant, Gwenda Spencer, Fiona Preston, Katrina Arnold, Julie Stirling, Katherine Ruhle and Ian Orchard. These people all have Prayer Partners that support their work.

This KHAUS Mentoring Program is showing very positive results for one that has only been operational for such a short time and which is dealing with issues that cannot be resolved in the short term, but can take a number of years to influence.

Thanks are due to the Mentors for their dedicated efforts, to the Prayer Partners for their support of the Mentors, to members of the congregation and groups that have supported the program financially and others who have supported it with prayer. Thanks must also be recorded for the Staff at The Gap State School including the administration staff and the Teachers involved. Special thanks must be recorded to the school Chaplain Jocelyn Hayes for her wonderful support for the program.

Ian Orchard
Coordinator
KHAUS The Gap

PASTORAL CARE & SPIRITUAL OVERSIGHT LEADERSHIP TEAM

The PCSOLT, comprising of our Elders, has had another successful year. We have provided care to the whole congregation as required. We have also helped our ministry team with communion and baptisms. Communion has also been provided in people's homes for those who are unable to get to church.

In 2010 we introduced a half-hour education component before our meetings and invited anyone in the congregation who was interested to attend. Some of the topics included Grief and Loss; Pastoral Care; and Caring for Ourselves.

We also introduced 'Circles of Care' to the evening congregation at the beginning of the year on a trial basis. This trial was subsequently evaluated and considered a success so the concept of Circles of Care was introduced to the morning congregation. An elder manages each Circle of Care with the help of a pastoral carer. It was made clear that people could choose to belong to a Circle or, alternatively, they had the option to continue with the traditional model with an elder being responsible for a number of people. The main difference with the Circle of Care model is that people in the circle agree to care for two others i.e. the person (couple or family) on the left and right of them in the circle. They can then invite the elder and/or pastoral carer to become involved when there are particular needs. This model spreads the care through all the willing people in the congregation. So far 200 people (including children) have opted to be involved in Circles of Care. A board has been made to hang in the foyer of the church. On this board each person in each circle is represented. This enables people to see at a glance who is caring for whom and people can consequently pass on relevant information quickly and easily.

This year the PCSOLT accepted resignations from the following Elders: Lorna Cook, Gwenda Spencer and Alfred Prasad and thanked them for their wonderful contribution over the years. We welcome Sue Duncan, who is taking over the co-ordination of the team, and Tony Everett as new elders in 2011.

As at 31 December 2010, the membership rolls and related records revealed the following data in respect of The Gap Congregation:

Confirmed Members	216
Baptised Members	96
Members in Association	5
Adherents	<u>120</u>
	<u>437</u>

Changes to the rolls for 2010, as agreed by the team were:

By Confirmation:

Sara Devine, Shelley Edwinsmith, Robert Fleming, Kerry Marnane, Brianna Marnane, Bronte Rolls, Alistair Rolls, Sarah Taukuro, Nicholas Teixeira, Amy Teixeira, Adele Taylor.

Infant/Child Baptisms:

Declan Blundell, Aiden Cresta, Mac Chandler, Isla Isherwood, Thomas Isherwood, Eliza Jay, William Jay, Audrey Bennett Logan, Leonard Bennett Logan, Olivia Lloyd, Joshua Matus, Claire Moran, Paige Moran, William Neill, Daniel Neill, Sophie O'Reilly, Cooper O'Reilly, Tynan Trundle and Samuel Wheeley with Elders assisting at the Baptismal Services.

Follow-up with these families is maintained through Birthday cards sent by Cheryl Bettenay who looks after the Cradle Roll, Baptismal Anniversary cards sent by the Elders and Milestone Ministry Services and events.

Formally Welcomed:

Nel, Therese, Jamie and Caitie Fulloon, Joanne Bogenhuber, Mike and Miriam Prince and family, Anita Carvan Hannell and family, Renagi and Winnie Amim, and Valerie Teixeira (transferred from South Africa).

Farewelled:

Robert Page, Carrie and Stephen Maule (transferred to Bulimba U.C.), Adam and Rebecca Polkinghorne (transferred to Aspley U.C.).

We were saddened during the year by the deaths of Betty Chilton, Glenda Knights, Keith Campbell, Maurie Richards and Ian Chenoweth.

Six funeral services were held at the church during the year.

The team has enjoyed working with each other, with a great team of pastoral carers and with the ministry team to provide pastoral care and spiritual oversight to this congregation. We thank you all for the opportunity we have had in 2010 to serve in this capacity.

Barbara Waltisbuhl
Co-ordinator

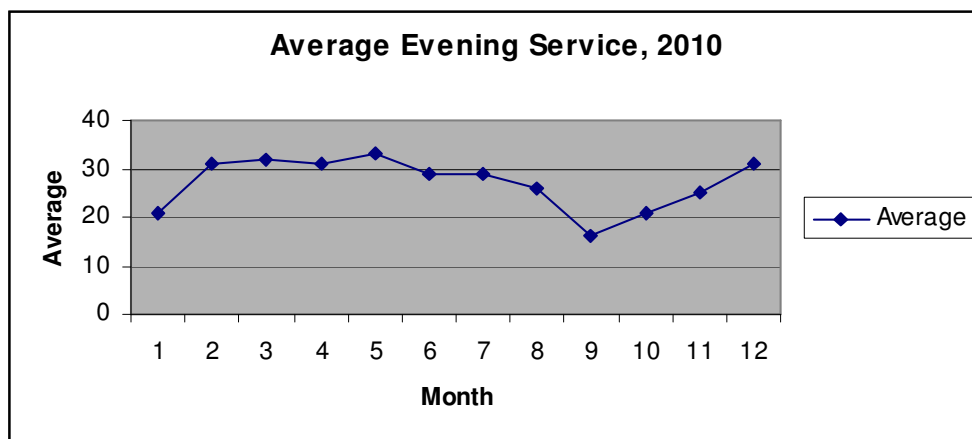
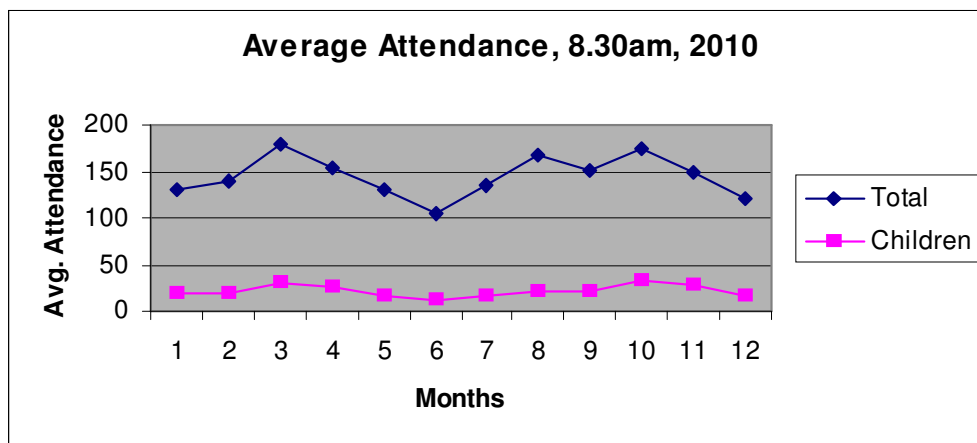
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

The attached graphs summarise attendance at the 8.30 am/Evening services in 2010. The graphs are submitted without comment or comparison with summaries for previous years.

I extend my thanks to those of our congregation, who so readily make themselves available to assist as door stewards during the year. The work done is simple, but is important in the support of the Minister and in support of members of the congregation during the conduct of the services.

I would note that the average figures do not include special events such as Christmas Carols etc. If information on such special events is needed, it is available in the attendance register.

Noel Simpson
Stewards Co-ordinator



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERSHIP TEAM

For 2010, the Christian Education Leadership Team (CELT) set itself 5 major goals:

- 1) **To support, give permission and enable activities to be continual, annual or one off events**
We supported many continuing programs (Youth Groups, Camping Programs, Bible Studies), helped to organise & coordinate the 'Journeys in Music & Grace' event, released coordinators from BEYOND, ran a Christian parenting course & struggled to find the right future for Religious Education in The Gap Schools
- 2) **To place an equal focus on 'Christian Education' rather than just youth and children's ministry**
Linking in with the Months of Preaching and Teaching, the Monday night discussion groups were highly successfully with the 'Discipleship' theme leading to baptisms & confirmations of all ages and the month on 'Hope' gathering a large crowd of over 40 eager people wanting to learn and discuss more
- 3) **To identify and limit training events that are worthwhile to leaders both present and future**
CELT identified the Ignite conference and Child Safe Church training as the essential and most beneficial training opportunities in 2010
- 4) **To write 'job descriptions' that would allow leader roles to be more accurately outlined**
Job Descriptions were written and have now been included as reference in part of the Child Safe Church process
- 5) **To ensure that we met with all Child-Safe-Church policies and procedures**
While there is a continual struggle to balance the need for protection and safety of youth & children & the administrative paperwork effort, towards the end of 2010 a new path forward was proposed & we hope to keep working on it in 2011

BIBLE STUDIES

Home Bible Groups and Studies continued to run throughout 2010. Some met frequently and others met for a shorter number of weeks to focus on a particular study before breaking. As previously mentioned, the discussion groups around the Discipleship and Hope months of preaching and teaching allowed for a deeper discussion with each other and God about our faith. Often it is easy to be challenged while listening during a service on Sunday but it is soon forgotten in our busy lives. By creating space for people to share their ideas and thoughts, an opportunity was created for people to show that they really do care about their faith. And care they do as many people turned up and explored radically challenging themes that often get

pushed to one side. In 2011 the plan is to continue to create that same safe space to share and grow together.

CAMPING PROGRAMS

The camps run this year were:

- Day Camp
- Fun Fari
- Weekend Away at the Marnane's

Day Camp was held for Primary School aged children in the June/July school holidays. Run from Tuesday 29th June to Friday 2nd July, the Presbytery-run camp attracted well over 100 children and around 40 leaders and helpers. The Gap UC was well represented, filling almost an entire bus with our children and leaders and both Rich Cassady and Kerry Marnane were on the team of directors. The camp was held at the Triple C campsite out past Samford, and provided a great bush setting for the children to explore God's wonderful creation and participate in sporting activities, bush walks, craft, cooking, music, campfire cooking, rock climbing and a wide game. The children participated in daily morning and afternoon worship services and daily devotions with their leaders. The theme for the week encouraged the children to think of themselves each as a member of God's Team of Champions and what this means for their lives. Day Camp remains an important evangelical and networking opportunity for the churches in our area.

The Moreton Rivers Presbytery ran Fun Fari in the September school holidays for children in Years 4 to 9. This program was an action-packed week of bowling, skating, movies, active games, and two trips to White Water World/Dreamworld on the Gold Coast! Numbers were smaller than other years, with about 60 children attending and only 12 leaders. From The Gap, Rich Cassady was a director and leader, and Kerry Marnane was a leader. Although numbers were down, all of the participants enjoyed their week, and the leaders were able to capitalise on the opportunity to share God's love with this important age group.

The Marnane Family hosted a whole group of people on their Noosa North Shore Block in what is a key connector for young families and new groups in our congregation. An open invitation stands to members and visitors of The Gap UC and allows for people to grow together in family units in a relaxed environment. We are looking forward to the last weekend in February 2011 already.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There were highs and lows in the primary school R.E. programme for 2010. It was disappointing that there was no R.E. for any classes at Hilder Road School again this year and only the Year 7 classes were covered at The Gap School. Richard Cassady taught these Year 7 classes and this gave Richard an opportunity not only to take the Good News to these 12 and 13 year olds but also to build up a relationship with those who may be in our Friday night programmes already or who may join them in the future. It is encouraging that the staff at The Gap School fully supported the special Easter and Christmas Services that their children, the Chaplain (Jocelyn Hayes) and our Ministry Team provided.

All classes at Payne Road School (except Year 1, which we haven't taught for many years) received R.E. lessons this year. Maarit Harden (Baptist Church), Mary-Rose Saunders (St. Peter Chanel Church), Richard Cassady and Esma Ross (Uniting Church) covered these classes.

If we take Christ's command to "take the Good News into all the world..." seriously, then surely this is a simple way to obey, without moving too far out of our comfort zone.

The R.E. teachers feel privileged and blessed to be called to this mission but often worry that this great opportunity will be lost, unless more people from the six churches in our great suburb take up this outreach challenge.

YOUTH GROUP AND KIDS CLUB

Kids Club ran an active program in 2010. Attendance numbers remained around the 20 mark, and Rich and Kerry were glad to welcome Lynda Dudman to the leadership team. Kerry withdrew from Kids Club in second semester due to study commitments, and Carly Purdie and Zach Price joined Lynda and Rich as leaders. Leaders appreciated the support from parents assisting with sign in and out supervision and provision of supper. Program highlights included: Swimming Carnival at Taylor Range, Spooky Theme night at Halloween, and an Un-Birthday Night (party games and birthday celebration for everyone).

Youth Group numbers grew significantly in 2010, with average attendance around 12 youth. Rich and Kerry did their best to run a varied program, and appreciated the support from key parents such as Faye Holmes. Due to increasing numbers, a helper roster was introduced to both Kids Club and Youth Group, to provide much-needed

support to the leaders. This allowed parents and people from the congregation to help out once or twice where they could, providing supper and leadership. Highlights of the year included: a trip to Toowoomba for a day at Easter Fest, the \$5 Masterchef challenge, and a break-up party at the Holmes family's newly finished pool.

JOURNEYS IN GRACE AND MUSIC

Geoff Bullock and Stu Larson visited The Gap in September for a day seminar followed by a concert at night. Listening to how Geoff and Stu have experienced God's grace challenged us to think about how we can show the grace of God as well. They both shared their music later the same evening and Geoff shared the next day during AM Worship. We hope to make the idea of a seminar and night concert an annual event and widen the audience in further years.

PARENTING COURSE

Following on from our congregational 'Dreaming Dinner', CELT in turn had its own dreaming time and received the message that a parenting course and discussion/support group was in high demand. Hugo Joubert stepped forward to lead and over a number of weeks, 6 to 8 parents met to work through various issues and situations. While attendance was not as high as we had hoped, there are further opportunities that we believe can be used to grow this group and help other parents looking for support.

Looking Forward to 2011

2011 will bring many new challenges but more excitingly, new opportunities. We face the real need for more leaders, but what a wonderful need to have. Families, adults and children in our community are reaching out to learn more and be apart of God's plan. CELT plans to continue to look at its' responsibilities and how it is structured so that we can provide the best oversight and support to all leaders and attendees going into the future.

Scott McDonald
Convenor

SUNDAY SCHOOL

I took over the coordination of the Sunday School at the beginning of 2010 following on from Cathy Orchard who had fulfilled this role for several years & who is still very involved and supportive.

Teachers for 2010:

The following teachers and helpers have been involved this year:

Eloise Clare,
Kerry Marnane,
Matt Smith,
Bev Preston,

Cathy Orchard,
Steve Bennett,
Kath Ruhle,
Ruth Grieve,

Carol Woodrow,
Faye Holmes,
with Rich Cassady and Ross
Carseldine as relief teachers.

We were sad to say good bye to Kerry Marnane & Eloise Clare during the year, but were very excited to welcome Fiona Harris (a very experienced kids program leader) in fourth term. Ruth Grieve & Carol Woodrow came on board on a rostered part time basis & it was great to have the relief for those who were there every week. Terry Edwinsmith continues to be our trustworthy treasurer & notes attendances most weeks and Bev Preston is very faithful in supporting our Sunday School as our elder.

Program Format Semester 1, 2010

At the beginning of 2010, we continued with the structure of the previous year with:

- Under School Age
- Years Prep*, 1, 2 & 3 (*We aim to be flexible with the children in their prep year as it may be appropriate to move them during the year to the next class.)
- Years 4, 5, 6
- Years 7,8

However, we introduced a new group in 2010 for the older high school students with a different format to the other classes with an emphasis on discussion & exploration. This study group is guided by Steve Bennett & known as "Digging In" Study Group. These groups met on a Sunday morning, during term time usually starting in worship at 8.30am with children having lessons from 9am (approx.) to 9.40am. These lessons are intentionally linked to the worship themes in order that families are able to further explore the topic at home. Once a month, on the first Sunday, we joined together as a whole Sunday school to share music, drama, stories, puppetry & craft in a multi-age approach to learning & to explore our faith concepts in a different way.

Program Format Semester 2, 2010

Towards the end of semester 1 we felt that we needed to make some changes to the format of Sunday School & some of us spent time discussing our hopes & dreams & ways to better meet the needs of our families & our teachers.

One of the greatest challenges we face in planning is the irregular numbers in attendances. We want to offer as high a quality of Sunday School as possible which requires a great deal of time spent planning & preparing but weeks when we had only small numbers of children attending were very discouraging for the teachers.

Rev Rich Cassady suggested some ideas that initially didn't appear very different from what we were doing, but offered more support between the classes & for the teachers.

1. The first change was that the children's address in church became part of the "lesson content". Whilst we have always attempted to link worship & Sunday School, this time in worship now forms a critical part of the Sunday School lesson.
2. Secondly; following moving out of worship & into Sunday school, we spent time in communal worship & further explored the lesson (ages under school age to year 8) as a group. This included the birthday & offering time plus music & games.
3. It was after this teaching time that we then split into the age appropriate classes where the lesson was "unpacked" via a craft or worksheet.

The new format, with the linkage to the children's address in church & then extended teaching time altogether (aged 3 to year 8) has been very successful. It addressed the issue of the pressure on individual teachers & has helped with the impact of the fluctuations in class numbers. However, it was intensive adapting the material to our situation for Kath Ruhle & me. We have also had some very exciting new songs (thanks to Kath Ruhle & Fiona Harris) & the kids have really enjoyed learning them.

Curriculum Change

We decided to move away from Seasons of the Spirit, the material that we had been using for some years & decided not to renew this material.

In Term 3 we worked through a series of lessons on Jesus' teaching of the parables, largely put together by our own team. Term 4 saw us learning about the Beatitudes - utilizing The BEE Attitude material from the IMPACT series by Rev Mark Griffiths.

"Digging In" falls into its own category although Steve Bennet was given the option of linking in where appropriate.

Attendance Figures

Whilst numbers continue to fluctuate we do have a very large number of children on our rolls. If everyone came we would probably have in excess of 60 children. Attendances, in fourth term particularly, were excellent with 30-40 children involved each week from age 3 through to the older high school group.

Advent Events

For the last two weeks of Sunday School we focused on the Christmas story. Steve Bennett directed a Christmas Play which was performed at the carols service on the 12th December. This was a wonderful contribution to a popular service which saw many from the wider community attend. It was narrated by Steve & Kath Ruhle who both oversaw the rehearsals & the costumes & props were organized by Fiona Harris.

Sunday School celebrated the year with a break up “party” on the 12th December after morning worship & we distributed presents to the children & thank you gifts to the teachers. The cost of the children’s gifts was covered by a donation from Day Fellowship’s “GUCCE”.

Next year – GROW!

We are very excited about 2011! We are going to continue with a similar format with the only major change involving the youngest group (aged 3 to 5 years) who will not join in with the together time each week but will have their own space & structure whilst following the same themes. The teachers also agreed to recommend to CELT that we purchase the highly recommended Gospel Light Sunday School material - God’s Big Picture.

We have been searching for a new, contemporary name for Sunday School – one that appeals to kids but is also understood by those within & outside the church. We have followed a “garden theme” & our Sunday School program will now be called “Grow”.

“Grow” a place where little sprouts are nurtured and loved by the Gardener
and grow into strong healthy, wise plants.

It’s a new year, a new name, a new curriculum, a new format, new energy – It is an exciting time to be tending our garden! I would like to acknowledge & thank those who support our Sunday School, in order that the younger members of the congregation can know Jesus Christ as their friend!

Faye Holmes
Convenor

MISSION, OUTREACH & COMMUNITY SERVICES LEADERSHIP TEAM

2010 has been a challenging and rewarding year for the MOCSLT with strong support from the congregation and community for the many activities and groups that come under the responsibility of this leadership team as listed below. Our thanks are extended to the leaders of all these groups and the volunteers who are helping to spread Christ's love throughout the community:

- Support for Uniting World projects
- Support for refugees
- 'Lunches for those who eat alone'
- Simply Sharing Week
- Friendship groups
- Prison ministry
- Communiy food pantry
- 'Homeless Connect'
- First Steps in Music
- Playgroups
- Mens group
- Ladies Day Fellowship
- Circle of Friends
- 'Fit after 50'
- Walking group
- 'GUCCE'

On behalf of the congregation, donations were made as follows:

International

- East Timor Children's Foundation \$1000
- Simply Sharing Week \$630 (incl \$130 congregation donation)
- Uniting World Eye Care Project \$1000
- Uniting World Loans for Freedom \$1000 (attracting Fed. Gov. Ausaid subsidy)

Australia

- Frontier Services \$1000
- Shalom College \$500
- Nungalinga College \$500

Local

- Request from school chaplain \$300 (for school camp fees for 2 children)

A morning tea for Amnesty International was held 23 August 2010 and raised over \$800. The guest speaker, Chaman Shah Nasiri from Afghanistan, spoke on his experiences as an asylum seeker. Chaman's father died after prolonged torture by the Taliban and his brothers have disappeared. His family sold most of what they owned to raise the \$4000 US he needed to escape from Afghanistan. Early this year he became an Australian citizen but continues to worry about his family who fled to Pakistan. He pointed out that seeking asylum is legal under the United Nations Refugee Convention and that 90% of asylum seekers arriving by boat are found to be genuine refugees fleeing war and terror.

We would like to express our appreciation for donations from the congregation for Lent Event, the Christmas Bowl Appeal, and the Christmas 'Giving Tree'. Gifts left under the tree were distributed through Prison Chaplaincy to the families of prisoners. Special thanks go to Brian Edwards, Frank Shield, Graham Ross and Harold Carrodus for making sure the lights on the front wall of the church were up and running in time for the Christmas Carol Service.

Thanks also go to those people who continue to bring groceries for the Community Food Pantry. The Milestone Ministry committee ran two well-attended barbecues for Baptismal families throughout the year. Thanks go to Barbara and Alan Waltisbuhl, Elaine and Peter Varley, Frank and Margaret Shield, and Beryl and Brian Edwards for organising this programme. After many years they have decided to move on to different areas of ministry and so a new committee will be needed to take on this valuable outreach activity.

It was with regret that we received resignations from Bill Gibson and Graham Ross because of health concerns and great sadness on hearing of Bill's passing away early in the new year. They both did wonderful work over many years. I too am resigning as Frank and I plan to do some travelling in 2011. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the MOCS team for their support, guidance and loyalty during 2010.

The team is grateful to Ross McDonald for offering to step in as MOCS convenor for 2011. I am sure he will bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the role. I am also sure that he, like me, will have the full support of the MOCS team and the congregation. It is a privilege to help other people even if only in small ways, and we thank God for the opportunity to do so.

Margaret Shield
Convenor

WALKING GROUP

It was quite surprising that we managed to do all the 2010 walks on the allocated dates because all were preceded by rain or had rain fall at some time on the day. The exceptions were the week-end at Alexandra Headlands and our final walk for the year at the end of October.

As usually happens, our time away were highlights of 2010. Twenty-three people spent four days in mid March at Camp Panorama, Tamborine Mountain with quite a lot of rain falling at times which made for some rather muddy tracks. The walks in that area are always lovely.

During the week-end at Alexandra Headlands we enjoyed good weather, good fellowship, good food and good walks.

The numbers of walkers ranged from thirteen at the September walk on a very overcast day to twenty-eight at Alexandra Park at the end of August.

The obvious pleasure and appreciation shown by walkers in this group makes it a pleasure to lead. We are always keen to welcome more people. It is a great way to get to know others as walkers mix around during the outing.

Lynelle & Peter Watson
Joint Co-ordinators

FAMILIES MINISTRY

Playgroup

Throughout 2010, The Gap Uniting Church playgroup was held four mornings a week during school terms. Over 60 families registered with Playgroup Queensland and many more families visited. There was a real mix of people who became a part of this community – children, mums, dad, grandparents, family day carers and a lot of people from other countries. It was wonderful to watch these people growing closer to each other throughout the year and to watch the children's faces light up as they arrived at "this fun place".

We have had a wonderful team of over 20 volunteers who have helped make playgroup such a special place. These volunteers have co-ordinated, prepared craft, provided morning tea, cleaned up, played games with children, cuddled babies, answered many phone calls, looked after finances and been a listening ear and friendly face to many adults and children. A BIG thankyou to all those volunteers.

It has been exciting to see some of our playgroup families being involved in Milestone Ministry events and also our family services during the year. We were also thrilled when some Thursday Playgroup mums got together to organize a large fundraiser at the church to help the QLD flood victims.

Playgroup in 2011 will continue as it has during 2010. Also, our playgroup space may be used on Saturdays by a PlayConnect Playgroup for families of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder or Developmental Delay. We will find out more about this in the next couple of months.

If you would like to have lots of fun and join the 2011 playgroup team please talk to Karen Boyd or Katherine Ruhle.

The Playgroup Team

First Steps in Music

First Steps in Music, under the banner of MOCS, began in February, 2010. Its purpose was to work alongside playgroup in providing another quality program for families in our local area. Throughout the year, there was an overwhelming response with the three classes filled to maximum numbers (35 families). Some of these families were church and playgroup families but over half of the participants were new to our church community. It was wonderful to see so many parents and children having fun together while singing, moving, tickling, bouncing, playing and experimenting.

During 2011, it is hoped that there will be seven music classes run throughout the week catering for children aged from 6 months through to 9 years.

Katherine Ruhle
Coordinator

LUNCHEONS FOR THOSE WHO EAT ALONE

Ten luncheons were held in 2010 instead of the usual eleven. Our April lunch was cancelled as it fell on Easter Day. With an average attendance of 35 guests, these first Sunday gatherings in the Upper John Knox Hall have been thoroughly enjoyed for the friendship, fellowship and good food. We welcomed quite a few newcomers during the year and sadly lost some members through death and others by their moving into care.

A few times during the year we enjoyed speakers who came to share with us: Lorna Cook who told the story of the history of this group, Chandra Seluanayagam who spoke of her trip to India and an orphanage she visited there and Bev Adams who had visited some of the towns that had been so badly damaged in the Victorian bushfires.

At our Christmas lunch we were entertained by a small group of young people from the congregation who sang beautiful carols. Each guest received a hand-made tree decoration containing sweets from the Ladies Day Fellowship and a very generous hamper of goodies and a Christmas card made by the Walton Bridge Brownies and Guides. Everyone was surprised and delighted with their gifts.

These lunches would not be the success they are without the dedication and hard work of the dozen or so helpers who set up the tables on the Saturday making the area look very attractive and inviting, cook delicious four course meals and serve them, host the lunches, wash up, dry up, clean up, drive some of the guests who have no transport and deliver them home afterwards and those who are on hand to lend an ear to the guests who just want to have a chat.

It is a joy to be able to serve in this way.

Esma Ross
Coordinator

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP

In 2010 the Senior Friendship Group members and helpers have enjoyed a great year of fellowship and fun. During the year we welcomed 11 new members however, we were saddened by the deaths of three members; Beryl Freeman, Jillian Nagel, and Joan Smith.

The Friendship Group had 42 members and 15 carers and drivers. Other people supported us in emergencies, which was great.

The program was varied including a podiatrist, police officer and singing groups. One of the highlights was the day David Gibson came to help us celebrate Queensland Day and educate us on the past history of Queensland. What an exciting day!

The second half of the year was fraught with mishaps. Brothers James had the wrong date (even though contact was made the week before!); the rain made it impossible for The Gap State School Senior Strings to venture out, and the entertainer for our birthday celebrations fell ill!

On each of these occasions we were able to substitute an alternative program. Games and competitions and interviews of members about their life and a quick call from John to offer Katherine's help gave us good impromptu entertainment on these three days. Thanks Katherine. These programs were appreciated by all who felt they were great days.

The members tell us that they feel loved and supported by the caring people in this group.

Several helpers visit members who are sick, hospitalised, or lonely. This is an inspiring ministry which is well received by the elderly members and the carers feel privileged to serve in this way. We continue to feel blessed by knowing and caring for the members.

We appreciate the drivers who collect the members from their homes and return them afterwards. We find some difficulty in finding male drivers as some of our older drivers find difficulty in lifting wheelchairs and walkers.

A highlight of each meeting is the morning tea. A big "thank you" to the people who prepare the delicious homemade goodies. This time provides a great sharing opportunity for the members and carers and is greatly appreciated by all.

Barbara Smith
Coordinator

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group had a successful year holding nine activities for the year with attendance ranging from 8 to 23 men. The program comprised presentations followed by morning tea at the church, visits to museums, art galleries and Old Government House, use of a home workshop for building models, a train trip to Caboolture followed by lunch, and the break up morning tea and lunch at Camp Constable.

Alan Waltisbuhl and Brian Edwards
Coordinators

LADIES DAY FELLOWSHIP

At our last meeting we heard about a new beatitude – “Blessed are those who stay” – stay charged, stay connected, stay interested, and most of all, stay with us! I would like to pay a tribute to the members of this Fellowship who are blessed to be a blessing by their staying powers.

Betty Chilton, a much loved member of our group, sadly passed away during the year after a long illness. Shirley Campbell recently lost her dear husband Keith, and we hold her and Betty's family in our prayers.

Activities during the year included supplying morning tea for World Day of Prayer, hosted by our Church, and donating fourteen trays of slices for The Gap High School Chaplaincy information evening. There were outings for our combined birthdays lunch, and to the Mission Thanksgiving Service at St. Andrews, Creek Street, and a craft morning preparing gifts of boxed sweets for Eat Alone members for Christmas.

Catering has again occupied much of our time. Monthly Probus morning teas, after funeral refreshments etc., and the \$4500 profit has been distributed to the Haiti Appeal, Thanksgiving Service, Burke & Wills Frontier Services, Claire Lee memorial, Avgas for McKay Patrol, Prison Ministry, lunches for Youth Discipleship classes, Church Council, and Church carpet cleaning.

A full list of donations is contained in the Financial Statement.

Many thanks to all who have worked so hard to achieve these wonderful results – this includes those outside our group who regularly and generously offer support, an

amazing team effort. Thank you to all Fellowship members for your continued support, enthusiasm, and confidence. A special thank you to those who quite regularly stretch the boundaries to ensure things are accomplished. To all who have held positions, thank you for jobs well done. To our ever efficient Secretary, Jenna Edwinsmith, a big thank you. To Treasurer Alma Schofield, thank you for successfully managing the finances.

As we look forward in faith to another year together remember to:

Watch your thoughts, they become words!
Watch your words, they become actions!
Watch your actions, they become habits!
Watch your habits, they become character!
Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny!

Janice Harris
President

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

We met nine times over the year – welcoming new members during that time and we have all enjoyed each night.

Our activities included some really good quizzes which woke up our brains! We brought in old items from home that we hadn't used in years, but couldn't bear to throw out, including clothing that didn't even fit us any more. We played Scattergories, Balderdash and Beetle games. In June we had a very enjoyable dinner at Siam Gardens which was organised for all the ladies in the church congregation, and it was a good attendance. Then in November we celebrated the end of the year on a Christmas theme.

We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Church Foyer and the evening entertainment is on a voluntary basis with a small supper provided by the host/s. All those attending enjoy a time to catch up with one another.

As the group name has been mixed up with the **Circle of Care** groups we are changing our name back to **Evening Fellowship**.

Our first get together for 2011 will be Wednesday 23rd February at 7.30 pm so please feel free to join us – no meetings - just fellowship and fun!

**Jenna Edwsmith
Coordinator**

GUCCE

We have again successfully run four terms of craft classes with up to 35 participants, and provided childminding for up to 8 little ones. There is always a happy, chatty atmosphere, and many new friendships have blossomed over the years. During morning tea break we have a short devotional time.

Ongoing Scrapbooking has been provided all year under Elaine Wallis' talented direction. Other classes have been Jewellery, Knitting and Crochet, Block of the Month Quilt making needlework, Card making and Paper Craft, Fleece rugs and cushions, Christmas medley items, and of course UFOs.

Numbers have been very encouraging all year, and we continue to be delighted at the high percentage of community ladies enjoying the classes. Each person pays a nominal \$3 per week and \$3 per child for childminding. Childminding is running smoothly with the assistance of two enthusiastic and creative playgroup parents – a female and a male, with children often doing their own craft.

We really appreciate our quiet helpers – Trevor Anderson, and our Ministers John and Richard, who assemble the craft tables, and Alan Wallis who transports Elaine's large quantity of scrapbooking materials.

GUCCE committee members are – Jenna Edwsmith, Faye Holmes, Vanessa Marlow, and Janice Harris, who are always on the lookout for teachers and new ideas.

We look forward in faith to our seventh year, and trust that outreach to the community will continue to grow.

Keep crafting.

**Janice Harris
For the GUCCE team**

PROPERTY FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION LEADERSHIP TEAM

2010 has been another busy year for our church, and in reading this report we need to reflect on the time and effort of the many people that make this all happen. For the committees that report through this team, thank you for your time and commitment. I encourage you to look at the various PFALT team group reports that are included in this annual report.

Our Church site

There remain some outstanding matters in relation to the clean up and repair of our property from the 2008 storm. What remains is to clear up the old hall site, rebuild the April Fair and garden sheds; there is some land repair work to grounds damaged by machinery brought into the church after the 2008 storm and some asphaltting repairs of the roadway near the Lower John Knox building.

Quotes are now in hand for that work which is expected to be completed over 2011

Church financials

The decision was made not to rebuild the "Old Hall" and that the bulk of the insurance monies that have been received will be used to retire existing church debt.

From an operational perspective, the 2010 financial results finished at a deficit of \$8,688 against the budgeted deficit of \$9,972. That result reflects a number of unplanned and unavoidable expenses namely:

- An unexpected and unbudgeted levy applied by the Synod of \$3,300 (2 X \$1,650 per ordained clergy) to bolster the reserves in the Minister's Church Beneficiary Superannuation Fund;
- Significant increases over the projected budgeted amounts for Council Rates/Water levy and Electricity totalling some \$3,400; and
- A shortfall on the budgeted giving program.

The 2011 budget presented at and passed at the November Congregational meeting looks for a balanced outcome, but it needs to be remembered that it made no allowances for any large capital expenses.

There remains a challenge to this congregation to lift its level of giving if we are to maintain the scope of its mission and outreach programs.

The total offerings this year were well short of budget, and this remains a challenge for us as a congregation. In 2010 we had a special gifting event (our spring (celebration) Sunday)) which raised just over \$16,000 which was in addition to our regular giving and for 2010 this brought us closer to our budgeted giving figure.

For 2011 the budgeted figure for giving has been left at the 2010 level. If we exclude the special offering effort that happened in 2010, the challenge we have is to lift our aggregate gifting level by approximately 10% over the 2010 result.

There is an ever increasing reliance on our fund raising activities to fund our mission and outreach activities, and we need to remain conscious of the importance of our various events (Garage Sale / April Fair / Christmas Craft Bazaar and other smaller events) make to the life of this church and its ability to fund its various mission and outreach programs.

Property Committee

This small team continues to do a wonderful but often an unrecognised job in maintaining our property and overseeing all the necessary work that needs to happen, ranging from the more mundane tasks such as mowing rosters, church cleaning, and working bees to special building and maintenance projects.

With all the programs and activities we now run on the church property, there is little available space that is not being used on a daily basis, which creates its own workload in maintaining our property as a safe and pleasant place to be.

It is becoming increasingly evident that there are limitations to the number of volunteer resources we have available to maintain our property and we need to plan for an increasingly use of paid labour which will add further demand on our financial resources.

April Fair/Garage Sale

These remain our major fund raisers for the year and they represent a wonderful opportunity for our church to witness into the wider community. Scott McDonald and his committee plus the some 200 plus volunteers on the day make the April Fair an “awesome” event in our church and community calendar. This is fast becoming a double act with the garage sale (as a prelude to the April Fair) establishing its own image as an important event in our yearly calendar.

Scott has indicated 2011 will be his last year as Chairperson of April Fair and he deserves a special thanks for the work he puts into ensuring the success of these events.

Building Finance Task Group

There is another small group that continues to raise funds which are then applied directly against our building loan. The Christmas Craft Bazaar is one of their key activities and like the April Fair and the Garage Sale, this event provides a wonderful opportunity for our church to witness into the local community.

The Cemetery Trust

This small group oversees one of the few remaining “cemetaries” still active in the Brisbane area.

Their work ranges anywhere from the arranging and digging of graves, internment of ashes in the appropriate niches, the maintenance and repairs to gravesites to the necessary record keeping that is involved.

That work is handled in a most professional and seamless manner and this committee need to be thanked for their efforts.

In summary

To all that are involved in the work of this church, and especially those on our various committees, accept simple but very heartfelt thanks for all the effort and support that you have and continue to provide to this church.

Ian Hayes
Convenor

CEMETERY TRUST

Leadership Team: Property, Finance & Administration

Group: The Gap Uniting Church Cemetery Trust

Our Purpose: To Oversee the operation of the Cemetery and Memorial Walls

Our Activity:

- To arrange for the digging of Graves and recording of burials.
- To record the reservation of niches in the Memorial Wall.
- To place the ashes containers in their appropriate niche, secure the plaque and record details in the register.
- To oversee the maintenance of the grounds and to effect any necessary changes.

Annual Statistics:

Burials: 0

Interments: 10

Reservations: 16

Niches available: 116 = 16.98%

Special Comments:

It should be seriously considered that the next section of Memorial Wall be planned for construction along the High School fence after the pre-school vacates the premises next year, and while we have access to get into the Cemetery during High School breaks, as there is no space to get machinery and materials in during semesters.

We would like to thank the men on the Grounds Roster for keeping the grass & weeds down in the Cemetery.

Alan Wallis, Registrar

Jeff Hilder, Asst. Registrar

CAMP CONSTABLE

Administration

The day-to-day management of the camp was carried out by a property committee consisting of members of the Ashgrove Avenue, Ashgrove West, and The Gap Churches.

Site Usage

There were reasonably good bookings for 2010, particularly at the Cabins.

Closure

As was mentioned in the 2010 annual report the committee has been concerned for some time about the ability of the existing committee to continue to effectively manage the day-to-day operations of the camp. Early in 2010 the committee wrote to the three Church Councils advising them that the existing committee would be unable to continue to manage the camp after 31 January 2011 and suggested four options for the Church Councils to consider. The committee handed over the camp to the care of Presbytery and Synod on 01 February 2011.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported the camp over the last 40 plus years.

Cameron Struble
Honorary Secretary
Camp Constable Committee

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CELT ACCOUNT FINANCIAL REPORT – 2009/2010

Opening Balance		2022.00
Income	Bank Interest	<u>4.94</u>
		2026.94
Expenditure	Youth Group TV Cabinet	<u>824.73</u>
		1202.21
Bank Balance as at 31.12.2010		1202.21

Audited
(signed) I. Hayes
07/02/2011

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
FINANCIAL REPORT – 2010**

Opening Balance at 4.1.10	\$560.03
Income - collections	\$199.45
Interest	\$0.47
	<hr/> \$759.95
Less outstanding cheque	\$210.25
Less cheque No. 2777	\$22.45
	<hr/> \$527.25
Less outstanding deposit	\$15.10
	<hr/> \$512.15
Balance at UCIS 31.12.10	\$512.15
Term Deposit at UCIS 31.12.10	\$1000.00

**(signed) T. Edwsmith
Treasurer**

**Audited
(signed) J. Boyd
Honorary Auditor
23/01/2011**

EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY TGUC PLAYGROUP

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

Income	
Attendance Fees (\$3)	\$3,008.38
Total Income	<u>\$3,008.38</u>
Expense	
Bank Charges	\$122.50
Cleaning	\$1,610.00
Equipment Purchases	\$272.24
Social Functions - Milestone Ministry	\$330.08
Operating Expenses	\$1,190.14
Printing and Stationery	\$97.80
Qld Playgroup Assn Conts	\$140.00
Total Expense	<u>\$3,762.76</u>
Net Expense	<u><u>(\$754.38)</u></u>

(signed) K.D. Boyd
Treasurer
20/01/2011

The foregoing Statement of Income and Expenditure and accompanying Balance Sheet are in accordance with records kept.

(signed) A.D. Prasad
Honorary Auditor
20/01/11

EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY TGUC PLAYGROUP

BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 31, 2010

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Current/Savings	
Commonwealth Bank	\$610.87
Cash Float	\$60.00
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Total Current/Savings	\$670.87
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$670.87
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LIABILITIES	-
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NET ASSETS	\$670.87
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EQUITY	
Retained Earnings	\$1,425.25
Net Income	(\$754.38)
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TOTAL EQUITY	\$670.87
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(signed) K.D. Boyd
Treasurer
20/01/11

**THE GAP UNITING CHURCH COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE
LUNCHEONS FOR THOSE WHO EAT ALONE**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
1 JANUARY 2010 TO 31 DECEMBER 2010**

<u>Income</u>		
Lunch Monies		\$2,688.00
Donations	\$865.70	
Interest	\$3.30	\$869.00
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$3,557.00</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Provisions - cash purchases	\$1,724.10	\$1,724.10
Equipment Purchases - Fan, table cloths, broom		\$321.50
Donations to the Gap Uniting Church		\$0.00
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$2,045.60</u>
<u>Surplus for year</u>		<u>\$1,511.40</u>

Auditor's statement below

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010**

Petty cash held at 01/01/2010	\$6.25
Bank Balance at 01/01/2010	\$2,444.92
	<u>\$1,836.95</u>
<u>Plus</u> surplus for year	\$1,511.40
	<u>\$3,962.57</u>
<u>Represented by</u>	
Cash at Bank (note 1)	\$3,962.57
Cash retained as Petty Cash (to be deposited)	\$0.00
	<u>\$3,962.57</u>

(signed) Noel A Logan
Treasurer
20/01/2011

Auditor's Statement: I certify that in terms of the records produced to me and to the best of my knowledge and belief that the above Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Financial Position represents fairly the transactions for the period 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010.

(signed) B M Rollason
Honorary Auditor
25/01/2011

**SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE
01/01/10 – 31/12/10**

Balance 01/01/2010		\$957.09	
Receipts			
Meeting contributions	\$1378.35		
Bring & Buy	\$294.50		
Donation The Gap UC (Brisbane City Council grant)	\$545.00		
Interest	\$0.05		
TOTAL	\$2217.90	\$2217.90	
			\$3174.99
Expenditure			
World Vision Sponsorship	\$528.00		
Stamps & Cards	\$50.00		
Red Cross Haiti Appeal	\$100.00		
Donation 2009 – The Gap UCA	\$250.00		
Christmas Party 2009	\$124.77		
Programme costs	\$682.25		
Christmas Party 2010 - Food	\$217.95		
Entertainment	\$100.00		
Donation –The Gap UCA	\$400.00		
TOTAL	\$2452.97	\$2452.97	
Balance as at 31/12/2010			\$722.02

Audited & found satisfactory
(signed) A. Prasad
Honorary Auditor
28/01/11

**LADIES' DAY FELLOWSHIP
STATEMENT – RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE
1ST JANUARY – 31ST DECEMBER 2010**

RECEIPTS	\$	EXPENDITURE	\$
Probus Catering	4,171.50	Donations	
Interest	2.22	Thanksgiving Service	200.00
Subscriptions	85.00	St Mary's Rehab Khamman	200.00
Miscellaneous Catering	175.00	Haiti Appeal	200.00
Sundries	55.00	Gap UC Council	2,000.00
Funeral/Don/Catering	2,220.00	1/2 Funeral Donation	500.00
World Day of Prayer	676.25	Discipleship Meals	90.00
Total	7,384.97	Prison Ministry	200.00
		Uniting World Projects	500.00
		Birthday Fund	50.00
		Burke and Wills Patrol	300.00
		MacKay Patrol Av. Gas	370.00
SUMMARY		Sub Total	4,610.00
Opening Balance	693.22		
Receipts	7,384.97		
Total	8,078.19		
Less Expenditure	7,404.20		
Balance Cash Book	673.99		
		OTHER	
Bank Reconciliation		Probus Catering	1,107.00
Balance UCIS	763.99	Misc. Catering	328.00
Less unrepresented Cheques		Petty Cash	
		Electrolux Sweeper	159.00
		Foyer Carpet clean	250.00
		World Day of Prayer	676.25
		Diaries Frontier Svces	25.00
		UCAF Affiliation Fee	35.00
		Xmas Gifts Eat Alone	25.00
		Dollies	23.10
		Funeral Flowers	165.85
Total		Sub Total	2,794.20
Cash Book Balance	673.99	Total Expenditure	7,404.20
MSS INVESTMENT			
Opening Balance	1,500.00		
TOTAL MSS	1,500.00		
Total Day Fellowship Funds			
UCIS operating acct.	673.99		
UCIS Investment acct.	1,500.00		
TOTAL	2,173.99		

A. Schofield
Honorary Treasurer
29/01/2011

Audited and found satisfactory
(signed) B.M. Rollason
Honorary Auditor
29/01/2011

**GUCCE
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2010**

	\$
Opening balance 1.1.10	854.02
 Income	
Fees	2 590.90
Interest	<u>1.07</u>
	3 445.99
 Less Expenses	
Babysitting	1 875.00
Petty Cash	70.00
Donations:	
Palm trees for church	25.96
Kids Hope BBQ	93.75
The Gap U.C.	250.00
Kids Hope – Mentors mtg	50.00
The Gap U.C. Sunday School	<u>95.00</u>
	2 459.71
 Balance at 31.12.10	 986.28
 Balance at UCIS 31.12.10	 986.28
 Petty Cash balance	 3.74

J.O. Edwsmith
Treasurer
03/02/2011

Audited and found satisfactory. New procedures adopted at the GUCCE Members meeting on 02/02/2011 relevant to the approval of expenditure are noted and are considered adequate.

(signed) B.M. Rollason
Honorary Auditor
03/02/2011

**THE GAP UNITING CHURCH CEMETERY SPECIAL ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES YEAR ENDED 30/11/2010**

Income		Expenditure	
1 st Dec 2009 Balance at bank	\$254.77		
Columbarium	\$3,858.00	Columbarium	\$212.14
Cemetery	\$90.00	Cemetery	\$352.00
Interest	\$1.48	T/s UCIS MSS A/c	\$3,000.00
		Balance	<u>\$640.11</u>
Total	<u>\$4,204.25</u>		<u>\$4,204.25</u>

Reconciliation

30/11/2010 Balance as per Cash Book	<u>\$640.11</u>
30/11/2010 Balance UCIS A/c 1001131S4 Statement No. 112	\$640.11
Invested The Gap UCA Parish Mutual Support Scheme A/c no. 1001131S74	<u>\$34,000.00</u>
Total Funds	<u>\$34,640.11</u>

A. Wallis
Honorary Treasurer/Registrar

(signed) B.M. Rollason
Honorary Auditor
14/12/2010

**APRIL FAIR COMMITTEE
Profit & Loss Statement
For the Year Ended 30 June 2010**

Fair Income	
Fair stalls	\$38,538.60
Fair Surplus/Shortfall	\$250.30
Fair Donations	\$540.75
Count house Float	\$926.00
Insurance allowance	\$1,800.00
Total Fair Income	\$42,055.65
Change	
Fair Change	\$4,020.00
Garage Sale Float	\$660.00
Change Surplus/shortfall	\$2.00
Total Change	\$4,682.00
Gross Profit	\$37,373.65
Fair Expenses	
Fair Stalls	\$3,297.79
Fair Overheads	
Administration	\$54.75
Equipment	\$1,489.00
Total Fair Overheads	\$1,543.75
Total Fair Expenses	\$4,841.54
Operating Profit	\$32,532.11
Other Income	
Hire of Equipment	\$540.00
Correction for Merchant adjust for FY08-09	\$68.50
Interest	\$0.11
Total Other Income	\$608.61
Other Expenses	
Cheque from FY 08-09	\$10.00
Bank Fees	\$104.14
Contribution to Parish	\$30,000.00
Insurance allowance (to be retained in church funds)	\$1,800.00
Total Other Expenses	\$31,914.14
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$1,226.58

**Audited
(signed) W.J. Boyd
20/12/2010**

**CAMP CONSTABLE
BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 2010**

Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash On Hand			
Cheque Account	75,090.47		
Imprest Account	200.00		
Total Cash On Hand		<u>75,290.47</u>	
Total Current Assets			75,290.47
UCIS			14,398.85
Term Deposit			0.00
Fixed Assets			
Land		<u>240,000.00</u>	
Total Fixed Assets			240,000.00
Mowers & Tools			
Mowers & Tools		<u>53,830.00</u>	
Total Mowers & Tools			53,830.00
Buildings & Improvements			
Bldgs & Imprv Cabin Section		555,140.00	
Bldgs & Imprv Camping Section		<u>211,270.00</u>	
Total Buildings & Improvements			766,410.00
Furniture and Fixtures			
Furniture & Fixtures Cabin Sec		83,340.00	
Furniture & Fixtures Camping		<u>27,460.00</u>	
Total Furniture and Fixtures			<u>110,800.00</u>
Total Assets			<u>1,260,729.32</u>
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
GST Liabilities			
GST Collected	30,790.90		
GST Paid	<u>-29,468.14</u>		
Total GST Liabilities		1,322.76	
Customer Deposits		<u>90.91</u>	
Total Current Liabilities			<u>1,413.67</u>
Total Liabilities			1,413.67
Net Assets			<u>\$1,259,315.65</u>
Equity			
Retained Earnings		1,239,052.98	
Current Year Earnings		22,404.03	
Historical Balancing 2008		-720.00	
Historical Balancing 2009		<u>-1,421.36</u>	
Total Equity			<u><u>\$1,259,315.65</u></u>

(signed) S. Davis
Honorary Auditor
07/02/2011

**CAMP CONSTABLE
PROFIT & LOSS - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010**

Income	\$	\$	\$
Cabins			
Cabins	32,932.30		
Total Cabins		32,932.30	
Camping Grounds			
Tent Sites	703.64		
Permanent Tents	2,784.10		
Total Camping Grounds		3,487.74	
Other Revenue			
Telephone Calls	0.54		
Total Other Revenue		0.54	
Total Income			36,420.58
Cost Of Sales			
Total Cost Of Sales			0.00
Gross Profit			\$36,420.58
Expenses			
Marketing Expenses			
Advertising	710.55		
Total Marketing Expenses		710.55	
Operating Expenses			
Supplies	104.50		
Total Operating Expenses		104.50	
Employment Expenses			
Honorarium	5,081.63		
Total Employment Expenses		5,081.63	
Occupancy Costs			
Electricity	3,714.41		
Telephone	1,196.05		
Gas	1,549.00		
Insurance	1,731.00		
Miscellaneous	85.20		
Repairs and Maintenance	5,206.32		
Total Occupancy Costs		13,481.98	
Improvements			
Grounds	226.36		
Total Improvements		226.36	
Total Expenses			19,605.02
Operating Profit			\$16,815.56
Other Income			
Interest Income		4,307.56	
Government Grant		1,180.91	
Donations		100.00	
Total Other Income			5,588.47
Other Expenses			0.00
Net Profit (Loss)			<u>\$22,404.03</u>

(signed) S. Davis
Hon. Auditor
07/02/2011

**FINANCIAL REPORT
THE GAP UNITING CHURCH**

**PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT
01/01/2010 THROUGH 31/12/2010**

	2010 Budget	2010 Actual to 31 Dec
Income		
Offerings	200000	179822.69
Spring Sunday		16137.12
Donations General	500	1219.30
Support from church groups (aggregate)	1000	3150.00
April Fair / Garage Sale	28000	30000.00
Pre-school lease	21500	21488.00
Pre-school reimb of operating costs –prorata	2000	2000.00
Other Property Use	10500	9008.64
Events Income - Geoff Bullock		906.41
Interest	200	596.73
Total Income	263700	264328.89
Expenditure		
Ministry team		
Minister - Stipend	46474	46476.00
Salary related	588	588.00
Telephone - Mobile Minister	300	397.71
Telephone - land line Minister	420	
Vehicle/Travel Allowance	10358	10356.00
Beneficiary Fund	6450	6468.00
Beneficiary Fund Special Supplement		1650.00
Continuing Education	960	960.00
Other Minister Expenses	750	490.00
Youth Families and Community Worker	46474	46476.00
Salary related	588	588.00
Telephone - Mobile	300	

	2010 Budget	2010 Actual to 31 Dec
Vehicle/Travel Allowance	10358	10356.00
Superannuation	4183	4188.00
Beneficiary Fund Special supplement		1650.00
Continuing Education	960	960.00
Other Ministry Expenses	200	68.14
Housing Allowance	11424	11424.00
Elders	100	322.09
Worship Expenses	1000	1720.10
Confirmation Resources		274.82
Worship - Copyright	800	631.57
WPCLT - Software		136.36
Worship - Banners	100	
Registration and conferences	500	270.00
Worship - Outreach & Special Services	250	
Christian Education Material	1000	283.84
Religious Education Material	1200	1200.00
Leadership Training	500	-72.18
Christian Ed Sundries	100	
Advertising and Promotion	1200	971.53
Internet Expenses	500	414.10
Directories	100	-5.06
Youth and family activities FNY/ CAFÉ	250	
Mission & Service Outreach Contribution	41000	41004.00
Donations to International Projects	2000	3500.00
Donations to Australian Projects	3000	2000.00
Donation to local projects	1000	300.00
Milestone ministries	300	
Chaplaincy 10% of April Fair	2800	3250.00
Chaplain	5000	5000.00
Kids Hope Australia	800	500.00
Catering	200	174.63
Church Office		
Office Administrator	32500	29661.53
Office Administrator SGC	2925	2850.13

	2010 Budget	2010 Actual to 31 Dec
Library	250	-77.18
Annual Reports	300	205.27
Petty Cash Expenses	100	
Telephone - office lines	900	1003.81
Loose office equipment	1000	
Photocopying (Canon)	1200	1023.45
Photocopying (external)	-240	-47.85
General office expenses	2100	2190.57
General Finance Expenses	0	295.45
Stewardship	1000	
Interest on Loan	30000	32348.01
Interest MSS Offset	-30000	-31885.36
Grounds and Maintenance	2500	1179.10
Pest Control	750	436.36
Repairs and Maintenance	3000	3323.80
Projector/Lighting		1278.99
Equipment offsets/donations		-2225.50
Insurance	3800	3969.00
Insurance Claims	500	260.36
Electricity	6000	7628.32
Consumables - cleaning etc	750	1156.21
Cleaner (contract)	3500	3229.07
Cleaner (salary related)	300	182.15
Cleaning offsets	-1400	-1530.00
Carpet cleaning	750	227.27
Chubb Fire Service		369.44
Rates, Sewerage & Water total	5600	7361.79
Manse maintenance	500	215.13
Small ticket items furniture equip	600	3415.74
Operational expenditure	273672	273016.71
Operational result	-9972	-8687.82

**BALANCE SHEET
AS OF DECEMBER 2010**

Assets

Current Assets

Cash On Hand	
PCP S11 Parish Collection Plan	\$3,203.09
PCP S11.2 Other Rentals	\$10.41
S1.9 Cash settlement old hall	\$426,668.14
Insurance Claim	\$547.95
Petty Cash Advance	\$200.00
Total Cash On Hand	\$430,629.59
Total Current Assets	\$430,629.59
Building Project	
Buildings Aggregate	\$992,371.39
Blg Project - Professional Fee	
Total Building Project	\$992,371.39
GST Assets	
GST Collected (A)	(\$1,013.27)
GST Paid (A)	\$850.42
GST Clearing	(\$14.34)
Total GST Assets	(\$177.19)
Total Assets	\$1,422,823.79

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Playgroup and Creche	\$166.84
Christmas Bowl	\$800.00
Storm Damage Donations	\$6,104.49
Choir Funds	\$187.75
Ministry Training	\$440.05
Pastoral Care a/c	\$261.83
First Steps in Music Daily Fee	\$4,774.10
First Steps in Music Admin	\$290.00
KR Salaries First Steps	(\$5,140.00)
KL Salary Related First Steps	(\$506.60)
Total Current Liabilities	\$7,378.46

Long-Term Liabilities	
L70 - Loan New Building	\$427,726.85
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$427,726.85
Total Liabilities	\$435,105.31

Net Assets \$987,718.48

Equity

Building Fund	
Blg Fund - Donations	\$1,634.10
Blg Fund - Wishing Well	\$331.75
Blg Fund - Christmas Bazaar	\$2,087.62
Total Building Fund	\$4,053.47
Capital Replacement Reserve	\$6,713.23
Net Worth	\$985,639.60
Current Year Earnings	(\$8,687.82)
Total Equity	\$987,718.48

Ruth Grieve
Treasurer

Audited
(signed) T. Edwsmith

