



CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2011

Moderator Stuart Gillette called the annual meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. and Jane Barker opened with a prayer.

The theme of this year's meeting was "Warming up our Welcome." Pastor Rob Leveridge, who staffs the New Member Committee, shared the committee's exciting and ambitious goals for 2011. Goals include having 60 new members join this year and achieving a 40% return rate for first time visitors. The committee is committed to establishing a series of steps for each visitor that would include things like a follow-up phone call, printed information about the church, etc.

Improving our environmental hospitality is another goal. To help achieve this, we divided into groups and were assigned an area of the building to visit and attempt to view through the eyes of a newcomer. Each group was asked to report back with both a short-term and long-term fix that would warm up our welcome and improve hospitality. This exercise not only made us look at our building from a different viewpoint, but also brought home the need for some fairly significant structural projects including repairs involving plumbing, plastering and stained glass windows. Lists were compiled and will be used by both the New Member and Buildings & Grounds Committees this coming year.

The meeting concluded with a time for questions and answers regarding the annual report (attached). There were no questions.

Beth Mrkvicka closed the meeting with a prayer. We adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Mrkvicka, Clerk