

# *Living God's Vision*

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## **God's Vision 2010**

*for*

**FIRST  
UNITED  
CHURCH**  
*of Oak Park*

I see that one day First United Church will be so authentically Christian that your acts of love, compassion and justice will astonish everyone.

Your unashamed faith in me will burn like a beacon, attracting people of every age, race, creed and spiritual condition to create a community of life-changing worship and reconciliation. Though others have used my name to oppress, exclude and preserve their own privilege, you will bear witness to me by liberating the poor, welcoming strangers and caring for your neighbors — even when it is unpalatable, even when it requires a sacrifice of your own comfort and convenience.

Though you are accustomed to knowing, discussing and deciding things by your own power, I see that one day you will expect everyone in your community — children, youth, adults and seniors — to be shaped, challenged and transformed by the power of my Spirit. Your life together will be filled with deep connections, nurturing relationships and grace-filled prayers that extend far beyond Sunday morning.

One day every member of First United Church will live with deep spiritual humility and commitment to this shared vision. No one will be a spectator. Everyone will be actively engaged in worship and ministry. Your faith community will create a nurturing quilt of love for those who are broken and in need of healing and hope.

I see you move beyond providing charity to people in need toward working to change structures that sustain injustice. You will call congregations, charitable organizations, governmental groups and businesses in your community to join together to address the root causes of poverty, hunger, homelessness, drug abuse, gangs, crime and discrimination.

One day all of you will be sent out as advocates for all people, in our nation and around the world. You will invest your resources with joy to bring long-term, lasting change for generations to come. You are here so that my realm will come and my will shall be done, on earth as it is in heaven.



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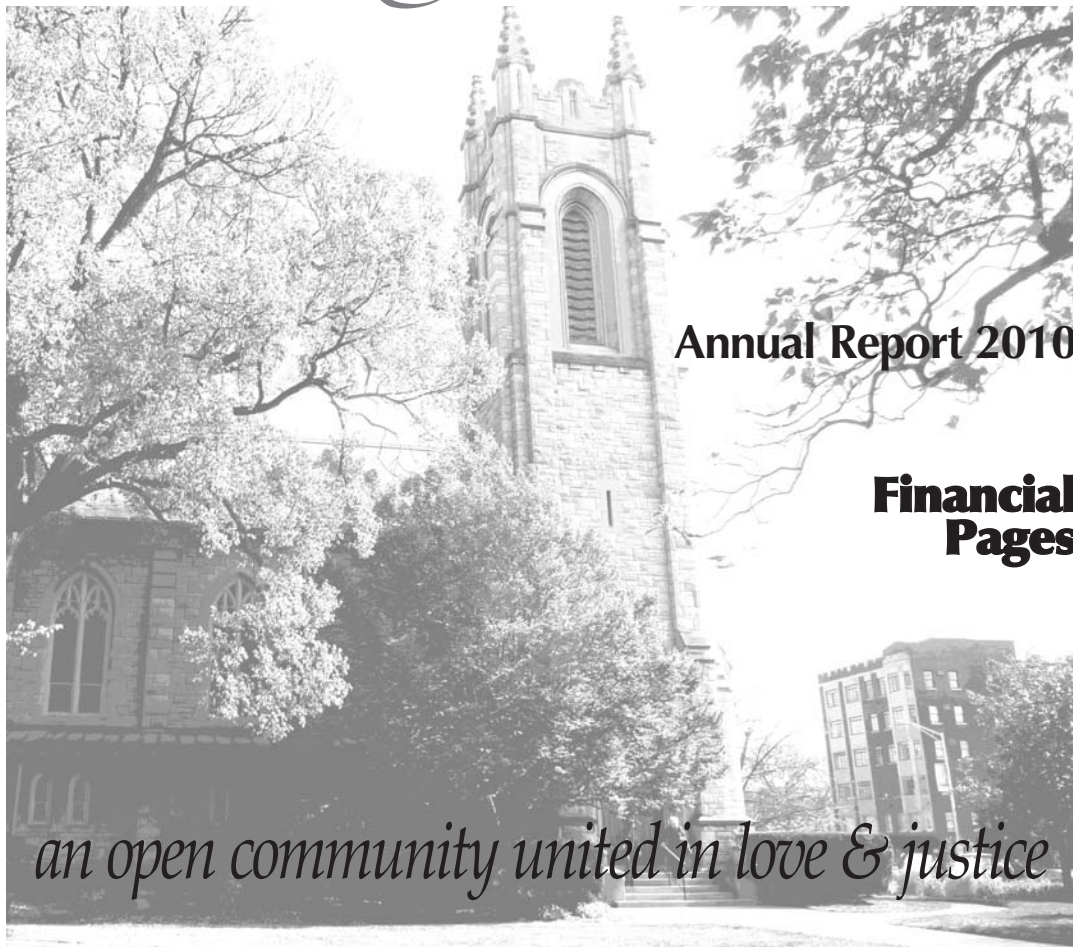
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*an open community united in love & justice*

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## Stewardship Committee

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The Stewardship Committee is a sub-committee of Finance. In past years it was formed for the purpose of managing the annual pledge campaign and was then disbanded. In 2009 we became a year round committee focusing on annual financial giving, including but not limited to the pledge campaign. We believe that the act of giving transforms us in ways we cannot predict – especially when the level of giving challenges us — because it brings us into closer relationship with God. We know it is important for members of First United to understand how the Church's finances work. We have been contributing columns to the Messenger Bell regularly (since Jan 2009) to help increase everyone's knowledge. You can find these on the web site.

In 2010 we prepared inserts to go with the quarterly financial statements, continued Messenger Bell articles, contacted all new members requesting a pledge to the annual budget, sent thank you notes to all persons who made a pledge in 2010, and did follow up for any who had not turned in a pledge by October 17th. We continue to encourage all members to pledge to support the 2011 budget. A pledge in any amount is joyfully appreciated!

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*Combined Operations*

Statement of Financial Position

<b>Assets</b>	<b>Dec 31, 2009</b>	<b>Dec 31, 2010</b>
Cash	\$ 129,539	\$ 103,387
Investments at cost	2,543,319	2,410,781
Unrealized Investment Gains	165,697	309,155
RISA Loan	25,000	25,000
Chicago Community Trust Loan	40,000	40,000
Presbyterian Foundation Gifts	56,299	55,399
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,959,854</b>	<b>\$ 2,943,722</b>

**Liabilities**

Building Loan - US Bank	\$ 250,000	\$ 172,500
Restricted Operating Funds	125,812	104,682
Net Capital Project Unfunded	(244,438)	(172,500)

**Endowment Funds at Market**

General Endowment Fund	\$ 878,023	\$ 896,102
Special Mission Endowment Fund	1,365,554	1,379,161
Pastoral Housing Fund	311,327	310,623
Women of the Church Fund	31,945	—
Priebe-Nursery School Support Fund	22,433	24,616
Gebhard-Christian Mission Travel Fund	64,208	68,798
Alice Flowers-Music Fund	56,480	61,911
Harrison-Forest Home Cemetery Care	31,811	34,890
Haines- Jr Hi Scholarship Fund	5,000	5,000
Haines- Sr Hi Scholarship Fund	5,000	4,100
Presbytery Foundation-Memorial Gift	11,408	8,412
Presbytery Foundation-Charitable Interest	44,891	46,987
	<b>\$ 2,828,080</b>	<b>\$ 2,840,600</b>

Fund Principal & Net Activity	\$ 10,400	\$ (1,560)
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 2,969,854</b>	<b>\$ 2,943,722</b>
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Operations of the First United Nursery School and First United Evening Division are not included here.

## Sources and Uses of Funds

<b>General Operations Sources of Funds</b>	<b>Actual 2009</b>	<b>Approved Budget 2010</b>	<b>Actual 2010</b>	<b>Approved Budget 2011</b>
Pledge Income	\$ 622,197	\$ 636,500	\$ 650,969	\$ 629,125
Mission Endowment Draws	158,342	142,719	144,719	131,631
Other Endowment Draws	91,686	88,673	88,673	77,997
Other Income	169,321	119,500	127,586	122,250
<b>Total Sources of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 1,041,546</b>	<b>\$ 987,392</b>	<b>\$ 1,011,947</b>	<b>\$ 961,003</b>
<b>Uses of Funds</b>				
Pastoral & Admin.Staff	\$ 551,510	\$ 521,241	\$ 537,269	\$ 539,582
Admin & Building	253,438	230,000	250,460	214,261
Faith in Learning	24,885	22,830	23,666	21,925
Faith in Worship	18,851	17,915	19,928	17,940
Faith in Community	10,840	13,070	11,770	12,514
Faith in Action	171,622	165,919	170,414	154,781
<b>Total Uses of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 1,031,146</b>	<b>\$ 970,975</b>	<b>\$ 1,013,507</b>	<b>\$ 961,003</b>
<b>Net General Operations Fund</b>	<b>\$ 10,400</b>	<b>\$ 16,417</b>	<b>\$ (1,560)</b>	<b>\$ —</b>

## Endowment Operations

<b>Sources of Funds</b>	<b>Actual 2009</b>	<b>Actual 2010</b>
Investment Income	\$ 455,749	\$ 246,572
Endowment Funds Received	3,730	—
Investment Expenses	(7,678)	(7,288)
<b>Total Sources of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 451,801</b>	<b>\$ 239,284</b>
<b>Uses of Funds</b>		
Draws from Endowment Funds	\$ 251,595	\$ 225,865
<b>Total Uses of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 251,595</b>	<b>\$ 225,865</b>
<b>Net Sources of Endowment Funds</b>	<b>\$ 200,206</b>	<b>\$ 13,419</b>

### Gifts were received in memory of the following in 2010:

Beth Drews  
 Bobbi Isserman  
 Eugene Kearly  
 Susanne Keller  
 Betty Miller  
 Ida & Anne Robinson  
 Glen Toppen