

Palisades Presbyterian Church

Annual Congregational Meeting January 22, 2006

Opening by the Moderator

Ray Bagnuolo, Interim Pastor

Declarations

- The Meeting Duly Called
- Quorum Present

Old Business: Review of 2005 Annual Committee Reports

- Pastor's Comments Ray Bagnuolo
- Clerk of Session Kim Brainard
- Adult Education Moderator
- Auditors Arnold Finck, Richard Hansen
- Christian Education John Guzewich
- Communications, Inclusion,
Nominating Kathi Tiitsman
- Deacon's Report Jennifer Shapiro
- Financial Report Committee Member
- Mission Barbara Algert
- Operations Bob Ramussen
- Parish Life Karen Consolini
- Personnel Committee Member
- Usher's Report Bob Rasmussen
- Worship and the Arts Committee Member

In Appreciation

- Comments Ray Bagnuolo

New Business

- Presentation of Budget 2006 Committee Member
- Election of Auditors 2006 Moderator
- Election of Nominating Committee 2006 Moderator
- Other New Business

Adjourn and Closing Prayer

Moderator

Palisades Presbyterian Church

Pastor's Comments Annual Congregational Meeting January 22, 2006

Ray Bagnuolo, Interim Pastor

October 1 – December 31, 2005

It has been a wonderful blessing to be called to serve the Palisades Presbyterian Church. In the last few months, I have come to admire and care for our congregation in a way that reflects who you are: welcoming, loving, wonderfully real, spiritually directed, gifted in the culinary arts, intellectually dedicated, faithful beyond measure, and much more. It is a privilege to serve you and a sacred responsibility that I gratefully accept.

As we move into the Mission Study that is ahead, the forming of a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), the interviewing of candidates, and the eventual calling of your permanent pastor – I will say what I have said before:

I can think of no more important and sacred time to serve a congregation than during such a transitional period.

We have this task before us

and a call to be caring and intentional in how we proceed. At the same time, we have our daily lives together, moving into the future through the succession of our present times together. For however long God joins us on this path, I am here as your pastor and delighted to say so!

My commitment to serve you and this community to the best of my ability is unswerving, but I'm not fooled for an instant. I know that whatever we accomplish will only happen through the Grace of God and your continued steadfast love of one another and our neighbors, as we practice the teachings of Jesus in the lives we have been called to live together.

In the ways of peace and justice that are many,

God bless us all,

Ray Bagnuolo, Interim Pastor
Palisades Presbyterian Church



CHURCH RECORD FOR 2005

PIN Number 5562

Presbytery Number 280

Church Palisades

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City/State Palisades , NY 10964

Church Phone 845 359-3147

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Email Address Palisadespc1@aol.com

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Membership

Prior Active Members: 139

Gains

17 & Under: 4

18 & Over: 4

Certified: 0

Other: 0

Total Gains: 8

Losses

Certified: 0

Deaths- 1

Other: 10

Total Losses: 11

Total Active Members: 136

Inactive: 39

Baptized: 56

Total Adherents: 231

Female Members: 85

Average Attendance: 65

Affiliate Members:

Baptisms

Child Baptisms: 0

Adult Baptisms: 0

Officers

Male Session: 5

Female Session: 4

Male Deacons: 4

Female Deacons: 8

Age Distributions of Active Members

25 & Under: 20

26 - 45: 33

46 - 55: 32

56 - 65: 25

Over 65: 26

People with Disabilities

Hearing	3
Sight	2
Mobility	1
Other	1

Christian Education

Birth 3:	8	Grade 7:	4
Age 4:	3	Grade 8:	4
Kindergarten:	3	Grade 9:	2
Grade 1:	7	Grade 10:	2
Grade 2:	4	Grade 11:	2
Grade 3:	3	Grade 12:	3
Grade 4:	3	Young Adults:	10
Grade 5:	5	Over 25:	6
Grade 6:	3	Teacher/Officer:	13
Total:	85		

Racial Ethnic Breakdown	Membership	Elders	Deacons
Asian	1	0	0
Black	1	0	1
Hispanic	0	0	0
Native American	0	0	0
White	133	9	11
Other	1	0	0
Totals	136	9	12

Potential Giving Units:	93
Budgeted Income:	107,300
Budgeted Expense:	1,146,545

Receipts

Regular Contributions:	119,669	Bequests:	0
Capital Building Fund:	1,000	Other Income:	10,411
Investment Income:	2,095	Subsidy or Aid:	0

Expenditures

Local Program:	95,473	Per Capita Apprt:	2,717
Local Mission:	4,065	Validated Mission:	10,647
Capital Expenditures:	10,934	Theological Fund:	0
Investment Expenditures:	0	Other Mission:	250

RETURN TO MENU

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Annual Report to the Congregation - 2005
January 22, 2006
Palisades Presbyterian Church - Palisades, NY

The Palisades Presbyterian Sunday School had a fruitful and productive year. In our Sunday school we have a total of 45 children. We continue to use a Sunday school curriculum from Cokesbury called Exploring Faith®.

We have the Sunday school children divided into 4 classes.

The Toddlers class includes children from 0 to 3 years old; there are a total of 8 children in this group with an average of 3-5 students attending each week. The children in this group are offered some play time, music, and they are provided crafts relating to the Sunday school lesson and are read a story about the weeks lesson. This class uses the same curriculum as the Pre-K-K class; it is simplified to meet their level. Parents are welcome to stay in the class if their child needs them. A snack is provided in this class. In the spring we used babysitters to provide child care for those kids too young for the lessons. This fall we have not had any children/babies in this category; however babysitting services can be provided if necessary.

The Preschool-Kindergarten class includes children from 4 to 5 years old; there are a total of 6 children in this group with an average of 1-2 students attending each week. They follow the curriculum designed for children who are not ready to read yet, this curriculum provides a lesson each Sunday and a craft or activity related to the lesson. A snack is provided in this class.

The Younger Elementary class includes children in 1st and 2nd grade; there are a total of 12 children in this group with an average of 5-9 students attending each week. This class uses curriculum designed for those students just beginning to read. A craft related to the lesson is provided along with a snack.

The Older Elementary class includes children in 3rd through 5th or 6th grade; there are a total of 11 children in this group with an average of 4-7 students attending each week. The curriculum for this class includes having the children read scriptures from the bible. This class encourages student discussions about current issues, relationships with family, friends and school mates. There are often some class related crafts or exercises.

The PYOC group has about 8 children. In the spring the PYOC group met 1-2 times a week to watch a movie or engage in discussions about readings from the bible. The PYOC group also helped with the preparation for many of our mission activities including Midnight Run, Habitat for Humanity, local food drives etc. This fall an Interchurch Youth Group spearheaded by Bruce Page of the Greenbush Presbyterian Church and Jill Russell at the Naurashaun Presbyterian Church was initiated for 5-8th graders. They meet once a week on Thursday evenings for discussions dinner and activities. Weekday evenings do not seem to fit in the schedule of our kids in this group.

We try to plan additional events for the children and there families. Some of the events from the past included the following:

- April - Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- May - Trip to the Bear Mountain Zoo
- June - End of Sunday School and Teacher Recognition Day
- Sept - Church Picnic and Start of Sunday School for the fall
- Oct - Trip to Farm for Pumpkin Picking
- Nov - Advent Wreath Making & Potluck Dinner Event
- Dec - Christmas Pageant and Christmas Eve Service

I would like to take the time to give my thanks and gratitude to all of the teachers who work so hard to prepare the lessons and provide our children with an enriching atmosphere to learn about the stories from the bible and teach them about the loving ways of Jesus. They include Carrie Addressi, Carol Knudson, Laine Alston & Domenico Romero, Beatrice Rassmussen, Bruna Tarraran, Linda Gouin, Cathy Shiga-Gattullo, George Gattullo, Kathyrn Cuccia, and Deborah Tacon. I would also like to thank our babysitter from last spring Mary Polk-Bauman.

If you have any questions about the program or would like to participate as a teacher or substitute teacher please contact me. In addition, if you have any suggestions for activities for the kids (especially the PYOC group) please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,
John Guzewich,
(845) 359-0160
aiyana@optonline.net

Reports for Annual Report – 2005. Kathi Tiitsman

Communications-K. Tiitsman & Henry Shaw (for part of year for 10964)

Communications/articles and church service announcements were regularly submitted as appropriate and relevant to the following publications: *The Journal News*, *The Nyack villager*, the *Rockland Review*, *Our Town*, *Rivertown*, and *Rockland County Times* as well as 10964. News items such as the Pancake Breakfast, Strawberry Festival, Ray Bagnuolo's Interim Ministry, Ray Bagnuolo's Ordination, PC USA Katrina Fund, the Manse, Worship Services, Christmas Pageant, and Sunday School were submitted. In addition, an article on Rev. Ray Bagnuolo's ordination was submitted to the *Presbyterian Welcome Newsletter*.

Inclusion Commission (serves under Mission Committee)

Members: Kathi Tiitsman (Chair), Margaret Allen, Kim Brainard, Karen Consolini, Maria Gagliardi, Mercy Garland, Bigelow Green, Sally Green, Jack Hoffmeiser, Domenico Romero, Jenna Tiitsman, and Sue Webb.

The Commission met a few times to discuss what "inclusion" means to each of us and what the scope of our interests might be in addition to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer issues. We also discussed the organizations dealing with LGBTQ issues that the church is a member of and the money we donate to each organization. In past years, of the \$700 budgeted for inclusion, we paid membership dues of \$100 to *More Light Presbyterians* and \$600 to *Presbyterian Welcome*. We postponed an in-depth discussion of the groups and polled our members for the amounts of the 2005 budget disbursement. Upon recommendation, the Commission agreed to retain the \$100 membership dues to *More Light Presbyterians*, reduce the contribution to *Presbyterian Welcome* to \$500, and add a token contribution of \$100 to *That All May Freely Serve* to honor Rev. Ray Bagnuolo and Jenna Tiitsman who both serve on its board. Further discussion on all issues will be undertaken in 2006.

Nominating Committee

Members: Kathi Tiitsman (Session Representative & Chair), Carole Lauger (Deacon Representative), Sally Green, Fred Griffing, Susan Gunn, Barbara Roggensinger (Members-At-Large), and Kim Brainard (Alternate)

The Nominating Committee had to nominate two slates of candidates this year. In addition to the annual slate, the Committee was asked by Session to replace the Elder and two Deacons who had resigned or were unable to complete their terms. The Committee met to review previous procedures and to decide on the procedures for this year's nominations. The first slate of nominations brought to the congregation was **Jack Fuller** for Elder, **Cathy Shiga-Gattulo** (for the 1 year + term) and **Ann McKie** (for the 2 year + term) for Deacons. The second slate of nominations brought to the congregation for the full three-year terms were: **Bill Menke**, **Steve VanDyk**, and **Sue Webb** for Elders and **Dallas Abbott**, **Maria Gagliardi**, **Cass Ludington**, and **Annemarie Sellinger** for Deacons. This completed the work of the Nominating Committee.

BOARD OF DEACONS

2005 ANNUAL REPORT

The deacons have a very special mission in our church. They minister in so many different ways, including sending notes to those who have been prayed for during joys and concerns, preparing and serving communion and providing a coffee hour following every service, and 2005 brought special challenges—as indeed every year must do.

During 2005, the following deacons were active for the entire year: Margaret Allen, Nancy Griffing, Richard Hansen, Carole Lauger, John McKay, Suzanne Shaw, Ivan Szendro and Janice Van Buskirk. Steve Casella now works in Lake George during the week and so cannot be with us as often, and Gretchen Keller and Robert Walker, who were active for the first part of the year, resigned from the board (their terms are being completed by Ann McKie and Cathy Shiga-Gattullo).

In January we welcomed the new deacons, selected a new chair (Jennifer Shapiro) and secretary (Margaret Allen) and asked members to assume additional board responsibilities: prayer chain (Janice Von Buskirk), home visits and transportation (Ivan Szendro), casseroles (John McKay), Pal Pres reporter (Richard Hansen), distribution of Easter lilies and Christmas poinsettias (Nancy Griffing and Suzanne Shaw), sale of parament and Christmas cards (Janice Van Buskirk) and maintenance of the deacons' closet (Gretchen Keller, later Cathy Shiga-Gattullo). Deacons attended the annual officers' retreat and training session on January 22 at the home of Marjorie and Doug Douglas. Their hospitality was much appreciated.

In February we said goodbye to Rev. Dae Jung, and moved on without a pastor for the next few months. It was business as usual, but with a degree of sadness. Personal deacon's lists were distributed and all deacons were encouraged to establish contact with the members and friends on their lists and to express their desire to be available during times of need.

Easter came early this year and many donated lilies, purchased and arranged in the sanctuary by Frances Pellegrini and Ann Gray, were distributed to members and friends who had an illness or loss during the previous six months.

June brought the annual Strawberry Festival and we were very happy to receive support from retired deacons who stepped in to help us out. As usual, it was a big success in spite of a rival "show" elsewhere in Orangetown.

In October we rejoiced in the arrival of our new interim pastor, Ray Bagnuolo, whose encouragement and advice at all our meetings thereafter has given us a new sense of purpose.

One of the deacons' responsibilities is to provide receptions following funeral or memorial services for church members. Sadly we had this opportunity twice in the late fall, for Pam Stiles and for Liz Finck. Their families, Parish Life and all church members worked with us closely and we are grateful for the support and good food that they contributed.

Christmas brought a successful sale of parament and Christmas cards. This year we had an incredible array of donated poinsettias, and we are so grateful to Frances Pellegrini for purchasing such beautiful plants and arranging them in the sanctuary with such artistry.

It has been my privilege to serve as chair during 2005 and I shall always be grateful for the dedication and support of my fellow deacons.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Shapiro

**PALISADES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NET WORTH STATEMENT 12/31/2005**

ASSETS

Checking	\$ 13,505.47
Investments	
Merrill Lynch Ready Assets	\$ 4,968.11
New Covenant Fund	\$ 46,952.08
Oikocredit USA	<u>\$ 10,250.00</u>
Total Investments	\$ 62,170.19
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 75,677.66

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Alarm Fund	\$ 5,635.00
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,269.99
Music & Organ Fund	\$ 5,434.30
Pastor's Community Fund	<u>\$ 2,087.87</u>
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$15,528.06
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	\$60,147.60

1/10/2006

1/12/06

Treasurers Report, 2005 Year End Summary

As of 12/31/05 our net worth was \$75,677.66, of which \$15,528.06 are restricted funds, leaving a balance of \$60,147.60 in available funds.

Total budgeted income for 2005:	\$107,300.00
Total budgeted income received in 2005:	<u>\$118,167.16</u>
Difference:	\$ 10,867.16

Total budgeted expenses for 2005:	\$114,454.00
Total budgeted expenses paid in 2005:	<u>\$113,518.70</u>
Difference:	\$ 935.30

Total Budgeted Income received in 2005:	\$118,167.16
Total Budgeted Expenses Paid in 2005:	<u>\$113,518.41</u>
Difference:	\$ 4,648.75

Total All Income received in 2005:	\$140,142.65
Total All Expenses paid in 2005:	<u>\$131,753.89</u>
Difference:	\$ 8,388.76

We finished the year in the black having made our 2005 budget, thanks to generous response to our special pledge appeal in May, and an anonymous and unexpected one-time gift of \$9,000.00 in October. We begin 2006 with a checking account cash balance of \$13,505.47.

Respectfully submitted,

Bigelow Green
Treasurer

Palisades Presbyterian Church			
Income Comparison: 2005 Actual-2006 Budgeted			
Budgeted Income	2005	2006	
	Actual	Budget	
All Pledges Received In 2006	80,900.90	82,000.00	
Plate	9,046.51	9,000.00	
Unrestricted Gifts	12,580.00	3,500.00	
Parish House Use	10,411.00	9,500.00	
Pancake Breakfast	428.00	400.00	
Strawberry Festival	2,401.75	1,800.00	Net Income After Expenses: \$1,690.94
Fall Festival (Cancelled)	0.00	0.00	
Benefit (The Big Kahuna)	590.00	0.00	
Theater Benefit	1,614.00	1,000.00	Net Income After Expenses: \$1,014.00
Interest/Dividends	195.00	195.00	
Total Budgeted Income	118,167.16	107,395.00	
Non Budgeted Income			
Fund Raisers			
Variety Show	1,049.00	0.00	
Cinco De Mayo Dinner	263.00	0.00	
Miscellaneous			
Church School	59.65	0.00	
Greeting Cards	92.00	0.00	
Repayment of Bank Fees	10.00	0.00	
Transfer From ML MM	541.31	0.00	
Gifts For Manse Clean-Up	1,000.00	0.00	
O&R Manse Close-Out	293.87	0.00	
ML Payment	5.68	0.00	
Total Fund Raisers & Misc.	3,314.51		
Total Usable Income	121,481.67		

Budgeted Income	2005	2006	
	Actual	Budget	
Passthroughs			
Gifts For Dae	965.00	0.00	
Gifts For Ray	315.00	0.00	
Habitat For Humanity	0.00	0.00	
Youth For Seniors	905.00	0.00	
OGHS	4,083.00	0.00	
Tsunami Relief	1,225.00	0.00	
Christmas Decorations	250.00	0.00	
Lillies	372.00	0.00	
Pointsettias	230.00	0.00	
Retreats	0.00	0.00	
UNICEF	38.95	0.00	
Transfer ML to Covenant	7,065.93	0.00	
Katrina Flood Relief	1,300.00	0.00	
People To People	460.56	0.00	
Scandinavian Dinner	98.00	0.00	
Gifts To Restricted Funds			
Alarm Fund	0.00	0.00	
Memorial Fund	1,175.00	0.00	
Music And Organ Fund	0.00	0.00	
Pastor's Community Fund	177.54	0.00	
Reserve Fund	0.00	0.00	
Total PT & Restricted Funds	18,660.98	2,006.00	
Total Non Budgeted Income	21,975.49		
TOTAL ALL INCOME	140,142.65	109,401.00	

Palisades Presbyterian Church

Expenses Comparison: 2005 Actual - 2006 Budgeted

	2005	2006	
Budgeted Expenses	Actual	Budget	
Ministerial			
Rev. Jung	28,367.19		
Pulpit Supply/Moderator	5,634.36		
Rev. Ray Bagnuolo	8,748.51		
Salary		19,500.00	
Housing Allowence		5,850.00	
Social Sec. Offset		1,940.00	
Pension & Health (Inc.D&D)		9,600.00	
Insurance		260.00	
Professional Expenses		1,500.00	
Study Leave		1,000.00	
Pulpit Supply		600.00	
Miscellaneous		500.00	
Total Ministerial	42,750.06	40,750.00	
Operating Expenses: Church			
Capital Expense	0.00	3,000.00	
Maint, Repair & Supply	6,652.56	6,000.00	
Insurance			
Property & Liability	6,440.00	6,500.00	
Worker's Compensation	273.00	300.00	
Disability	58.08	60.00	
Taxes	213.05	235.00	
Utilities:			
O&R	7,473.54	8,400.00	
United Water	19.13	300.00	
Total Church	21,129.36	24,795.00	
Operating Expensees: Manse			
Capital Expense	10,934.00	0.00	
Maint., Repair & Supply	2,210.37	2,000.00	
Insurance (In Church Policy)		0.00	
Taxes	1,487.48	1,570.00	
Utilities:			
O&R	2,694.58	0.00	
United Water	538.65	0.00	
Total Manse	17,865.08	3,570.00	
Mission			
General Mission	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Local Mission	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Inclusion Contribution	700.00	700.00	
Per-Capita	2,716.71	2,750.00	
Total Mission	9,416.71	9,450.00	

Budgeted Expenses-Cont.	2005	2006	
	Actual	Budget	
Organist & Music Services			
Maintenance & Repair	270.00	500.00	
Music/Musicians	417.08	400.00	
Organist-2006 Gross Salary- \$10,722.30 (2006 PCUSA COLA Increase. Is 4.1%)		10,725.00	
Organist-2005 Net Salary	9,119.78		
Organist-Fed.Tax, SS & Medicare	1,485.32		
Organist-State Tax	55.80		
Organist-Unemployment Ins.	167.95	200.00	
Organist-All Employer Taxes	813.32	900.00	
Substitute Organist	500.00	400.00	
Miscellaneous Tax Adjustment	-0.01		
Total Organist & Music Svcs.	12,829.24	13,125.00	12,829.24
Office			
Secretary-Inc. Socical Security	0.00	9,000.00	
General Supplies	336.78	1,300.00	
Postage	825.65	800.00	
Copier and Related Costs	2,363.57	600.00	
Telephone	1,830.24	1,800.00	
E-Mail Account	0.00	360.00	
Web Page	0.00	100.00	
Miscellaneous	350.14	400.00	
Total Office	5,706.38	14,360.00	
Programs			
Deacons	1,133.76	1,500.00	
Adult Education	0.00	100.00	
Youth Education	1,177.30	1,500.00	
PYOC	0.00	300.00	
Parish Life	0.00	100.00	
Mission Commission	100.00	100.00	
Stewardship	0.00	100.00	
Worship/Arts	0.00	100.00	
Operations	0.00	100.00	
Mission Study/PNC	0.00	1,000.00	
Total Programs	2,411.06	4,900.00	
Fund Raisers			
Pancake Breakfast	0.00		
Strawberry Festival	710.81		
Theater Benefit 2006	700.00		
Total Fund Raisers	1,410.81	0.00	
Total Budgeted Expenses	113,518.70	110,950.00	113,556.90

Budgeted Expenses-Cont.	2005	2006	
	Actual	Budget	
Non Budgeted Expenses			
Miscellaneous			
Petty Cash	0.00		
Manse Basement Clean-up	1,000.00		
Passthroughs			
Gifts For Dae	1,000.00		
Gifts For Ray	315.70		
Habitat For Humanity	0.00		
Youth For Seniors	355.00		905.00
OGHS	4,613.00		4,613.00
Tsuanmi Relief	1,225.00		
Christmas Decorations	250.00		
Lillies	170.00		
Pointsettias	132.00		
Retreats	0.00		
UNICEF	0.00		
Transfer ML To Covenant	7,065.93		
Katrina Flood Relief	1,300.00		
People To People	460.56		
Scandinavian Dinner	98.00		
Debits To Restricted Funds			
Alarm Fund	0.00		
Memorial Fund	0.00		
Music and Organ Fund	0.00		
Pastor's Community Fund	250.00		
Reserve Fund	0.00		
Total Non Budgeted Exp.	18,235.19	0.00	
Total All Expenses	131,753.89	110,950.00	
Total Income	140,142.65	107,395.00	
Difference	8,388.76	-3,555.00	

Mission Annual Report
for the year 2005
Palisades Presbyterian Church
Jan. 22, 2006

Committee members: Ray Bagnuolo, Dorothy Davis, Maria Gagliardi, Mercy Garland, Sally Green, Jayne Ludin, John McKay, Kathi Tiitsman, Sue Webb, and Barbara, Algert

Meetings are monthly on the 4th Tues. at 7:30 pm.

Ongoing Projects:

Minutes for Mission highlighting our various projects

One Great Hour of Sharing PC(USA) \$4,063.00 - goal \$4200.00

Midnight Run: two successful Runs May 6 and Oct. 7

Youth for Seniors (139th St.)

Summer project: box lunch and entertainment for seniors provided by youth
\$355.00

Thanksgiving baskets for homebound seniors and dinner for singles \$550.00

Christmas gifts for hospitalized children in Harlem

People to People: ongoing food donations throughout the year.

Annual fall food collection at Stop and Shop \$661.11 and 867 pounds of food.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

Tsunami Relief \$1,225.00

Katrina Flood Relief \$1,300.00

Total unbudgeted mission giving was \$8,154.11

Mission budget for 2005 was \$2,000 and included S.H.A.R.E.(Kenya orphan Gordon Otieno) \$300 + another \$100 for boarding school and Nyack Center \$500. Local Outreach \$150 for 8 charities:

Head Start of Rockland

Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center

People to People

Planned Parenthood

Rockland Family Shelter

Rockland Habitat for Humanity

Rural and Migrant Ministry

United Hospice of Rockland

Future Plans:

One Great Hour of Sharing

Midnight Run
Other projects to be decided

Thanks to each of you for your generous support in all our endeavors, and especially to the members of the Mission Committee. It's been a privilege to work with you these past three years.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Algert

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT 2005
PALISADES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Manse housing agreement:

We have an agreement with Ms. Sharon Simonaire to occupy the Manse for two years. In return she has renovated the kitchen and two bathrooms.

Mr. John Kriz [a member] donated his legal expertise to draw up the agreement.

Manse, major accomplishments:

1. Exterior plaster walls were removed and insulated before new ½" sheet rock was installed. The original walls had no insulation.
2. The original defective brick chimney was entirely removed from the basement to the roof. This added significant space to the kitchen and second floor study. Silver Roofing charged Sharon \$3,000.00 for the job.
3. Two new full bathrooms, one each on the first and second floors.
4. A new laundry room.
5. The kitchen was gutted and renovated.
6. Plumbing work:
 - A. All new 4" waist lines and vents.
 - B. All new ½" copper hot and cold water pipes.
 - C. Gas pipe replaced as needed.
7. Electrical work:
 - A. A new 200 Amp service was installed to comply with current codes.
 - B. Most of the old BX circuit wiring was replaced with new BX cable.
 - C. Seven ceiling light outlets were replaced to code and wired to new wall switches, replacing the original pull chains.
8. In the basement we removed all the cement ceiling boards. They were falling down, causing dust and mold.
9. All rooms on three floors were painted.
10. The grounds have been trimmed of over grown shrubs and weeds. New shrubs have been planted on all four sides of the Manse.

Utilities:

Sharon has changed the billing of O & R Utilities from the PPC to herself.

Church and Parish House Fire Alarm System:

The services & contract is up to date with Signal Electronics.

Sexton:

Our salaried Sexton was terminated as of January 31, 2004.

For the year's 2004 & 2005 the same volunteers have cleaned the Sanctuary, Parish House, kitchen, bathrooms and class rooms.

Children's Shakespeare Theatre, Diana Green volunteers to clean all areas in the Parish House the last week of the month.

Additional volunteers are desperately needed to make this system a success in 2006.

Ehrlich Exterminators:

Ehrlich exterminators are monitoring the Church property to prevent rodent problems. Termite monitoring is ongoing and there has been no activity this year.

Church Exterior Painting:

The east side of the Church and Parish House has been painted this summer. Robert Caputo Painting was hired to complete the work at a cost of \$3,000.00

Children's Shakespeare Theatre:

Building usage is a primary concern.

We are coordinating all events to avoid conflicts in scheduling.

Spring and fall cleanups:

The spring cleanup was held Saturday April 9, 2005.

The fall cleanup was held Saturday November 19, 2005.

Church Grounds:

Personalized Landscaping, Richard Rasmussen has been donating the snow plowing needs for the church.

Richard also has donated the grass cutting, fall and winter clean up's for the Church grounds.

Insurance:

The Church liability and workmen compensation policies are up to date.

Kitchen committee:

Members: Marjorie Douglas, Sally Green, Jayne Ludin, Karen Consolini.

We meet on a "need" basis to keep the kitchen organized so each group using it will find all things in order.

Marjorie usually re-organizes the drawers and cabinets on a weekly or bi-weekly basis.

Jayne washes the kitchen floor each week.

Karen & Sally take care of the refrigerator and keep check on the supplies.

We stock: napkins, paper plates, paper cups, paper towels (others contribute to this also) check on kitchen soap, sponges, garbage bags and replace when needed.

October into November was a particularly busy time and we had much help in keeping things running for all our activities.

Respectfully Submitted: Karen Consolini

Robert Rasmussen, Chairman:

Current Operations Committee Members:

John Cuccia; Arnold Finck; Bigelow Green; Fred Griffing; John Guzewich and Richard Hansen.

Parish Life
2005 Annual Report
January 22, 2006

Taking the reins of Parish Life over from Johanna Lo was a humbling experience. Under her leadership the Parish Life committee had grown in both imagination and experience, and we started out 2005 hoping to measure up to her fine standards.

Our first "event" was a small trip to the Bronx Zoo to see the Festival of lights on January 8th. It was so popular that we repeated it in 2006. The rest of the year flowed by with a romantic Valentines Day Dinner, 2 chauffeured trip to "The Gates" in Central Park, the all-time favorite Cinco de Mayo dinner in May, During the summer hiatus we went to Bard College for a Ballet and dinner, and a canot trip on the Hudson. September saw us back at the beautiful Douglas House for the "welcome back Picnic". In November we held our "1st Palisades Periodic Pot-Luck and Picture Show" with Mackie Alston's documentary on "Searching for Faith." Christmas was ushered in with a smashing Scandinavian Christmas Celebration, led off by Beatrice and Bob Rasmussen, Robert Hansen, Edith Ryan and Kathi Tiitsman.

Our hard-working and creative committee, consisting of: Marjorie Douglas, Ann Gray, Sally Green, Carol Knudson, Johanna Lo, Frances Pellegrini, Barbara Roggensinger, Jennifer Shapiro and Ann McKie also pitched in heartily to help with the Strawberry Festival, as well as the Memorial Services for Pam Stiles and Liz Finck.

This group of astounding and generous women have not asked for their expenses to be re-imbursed this year, allowing the donations we collected for 2 of our celebrations, to be put into the Church general fund. I am deeply gratified and once again humbled, by their work and their commitment to Palisades Presbyterian Church.

Membership Commission Report

The Membership Commission had its' first meeting in March, with Johanna Lo, Jennifer Shapiro, Kim Brainard, Jenna Tiitsman and Laine Alston attending. Our meetings were not on a regular schedule, but on a "for need" basis, usually after Church on Sunday.

In the ensuing months we worked on defining the Church Membership list and, once Ray was installed as Interim Pastor, making calls to members not attending Church regularly.

In November, we packed and mailed 9 "Care" packages to our college students living away. They were filled with home-made cookies, books, gadgets for students, warm gloves and a note from Ray. We have received a lovely response from several of them.

Our goal for the next year is to establish a data-base of Church Members addresses and e-mail addresses so that we can reach out to all on a moment's notice. Better communications is essential as our Church grows.

In June, Henry Shaw conducted three New Members Classes, and on July 10th, we welcomed: Carrie Adessi, Maria Gagliardi, Sue Webb and Candy Wilmot into the Church and honored them at coffee hour afterward.

2006 looks to be a banner year in terms of the increased numbers at Sunday services and the interest in participating on committees by our new members. We feel truly blessed.

Respectfully Submitted: Karen Consolini January, 2006

USHERS REPORT FOR 2005

The ushers for the 2005 calendar year were:

10:00 A.M. Service

1st	Sunday	James Rubenstone / Richard Hansen
2nd		Roger Buck / Robert Rasmussen
3rd		Robert Moore / W. Arnold Finck
4th		Fred Griffing / Ann McKie
5th		John McKay / Stephen Van Dyk

Attendance Figures:

		1997	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
ASH WEDNESDAY	8:00 p.m.	32	14	26			17		18
MAUNDY THURSDAY	8:00 p.m.	52	80	80	82		50	66	45
GOOD FRIDAY	8:00 p.m.							65	-
EASTER SUNRISE	6:30 a.m.	30	30	30	26	40	40	30	28
EASTER SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	67	57	38	49	30	45	-	-
	11:00 a.m.	240	175	160	127	132	137	135	-
	10:00 a.m.								115
CHRISTMAS EVE	5:00 p.m..	168	175	150	172	140	98	115	116
	11:00 p.m.	150	122	121	115	135	95	75	82

AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:

	11 A.M.	9 A.M.
1986	84	
1987	83	
1988	87	
1989	102	
1990	117	
1991	104	33
1992	97	24
1993	81	31
1994	76	27 (based on 36 Sundays)
1995 (based on 53 Sundays)	77	25 (" " 38 Sundays)
1996	79	22 (" " 38 Sundays)
1997	86	23 (" " 26 Sundays)
1998	88	23 (" " 35 Sundays)
1999	79	19 (" " 39 Sundays)
2000	70	15 (" " 29 Sundays)
2001	67	17 (" " 41 Sundays)
2002	63	15 (" " 47 Sundays)
2003	61	16 (" " 41 Sundays)
2004	69	13 (" " 33 Sundays)
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2005	65	-

Respectfully submitted

Robert Rasmussen