



The
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NEW YORK



2008 ANNUAL REPORT

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MINISTERS'
REPORTS

Many in our world, nation, City and congregation will remember 2008 as their *annus horribilis*, Latin for “horrible year.” The past year may prove to be the entry date into the most troubled economy in decades. Homes, jobs, savings and pensions have been lost; incomes slashed and futures clouded. As Latin phrases go, *annus horribilis* is not very old. It was only popularized by Queen Elizabeth II in a speech she made in 1992 to name that troubled year in her family’s life. The two words are a deliberate, inverse and ironic, allusion to another and older Latin phrase, *annus mirabilis* – “year of wonders.”

2008 was for Brick Church both – a “horrible year” and a “year of wonders.” Just as economic skies darken, our congregation enjoyed great growth, and not just in numbers (which matter, but are not the heart of the matter), but growth in levels of participation, growth in service, sacrifice, attendance, and most importantly - growth in spirit and faithfulness. It may be that these two opposing trends are actually related. Church always matters, but it matters more - and more obviously - in times like these. As a pastor friend quipped, “This recession has preached to my congregation more eloquently than all the sermons I could ever preached the truth of Jesus’ saying, “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

The challenge of the year past and the years to come will be for us to nurture the wonders of Christian faith, community and service in years that may be “horrible” for many. We must remember clearly what treasures most matter in this life. We must remem-

ber that neighbors more vulnerable than most of us have and will suffer more acutely than we. And we are called to reach out to them. We must remember that in all things - in every kind of year, *horribilis* and *mirabilis* - God is faithful. I have seen wonders in year past – wonders set right in the midst of horrific loss and uncertainty: faith quickened, priorities rediscovered, families drawn closer. In its 241 years, the Brick Church has weathered more fiscal downturns than historians can accurately count. And we will weather this one. In fact, we will more than weather this one. By the grace of God, we will be strengthened through it, strengthened in spite of it, even strengthened because of it.

Every year in this report I remind you that my central goal as you pastor is simply to help the people I serve deepen their Christian faith and the faithfulness of their lives. This is, of course, finally not my work, but the work of the Holy Spirit. My task is to create opportunities by which that Spirit might open us up as individuals and as a congregation to God’s presence and leading.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not thank not only all my wonderful staff colleagues, but also you, the members of this congregation I have come to love, the faithful members of Session, Trustees, Deacons, assorted committees with whom I count it a privilege to minister.

Yours in Christ,

MICHAEL L. LINDVALL

A WORD FROM THE REVEREND MICHAEL LINDVALL

A WORD
FROM THE
REVEREND
DOUGLAS
KING

In his book of prayers entitled *Guerrillas of Grace*, Ted Loder shares this prayer:

“O God, who out of nothing brought everything that is, out of who we are bring more of what we dream but haven’t dared; direct our power and passion to creating life where there is death, to putting flesh of action on bare-boned intentions, to lighting fires against the midnight of indifference, to throwing bridges of care across canyons of loneliness...”

The words of this prayer remind me of the many good works done by The Brick Church congregation and inspire me to greater faithfulness.

This past April, the Mission Outreach Committee sponsored the first Day of Discipleship. More than 150 members went out into the city to serve at nine different agencies that work with those in need. Under the leadership of Susan Michaelson and Natalie Clare, the Mission Outreach committee continues to seek new ways for us to be faithful in the world.

The Grants Committee and its chair, Natalie Clare, were remarkable stewards of the resources The Brick Church allots for funding agencies that serve those in need. Each agency was visited and researched thoroughly as the committee worked hard to ensure that every dollar given was used in the most effective way.

The Deacons never stop amazing me with the passion and purpose they bring to serving others. Under the leadership of Stacie Kallenberg and Carlton Farrier, the Deacons both reach out into the world caring for those in need and provide comfort and support to members of this congregation. At ordination, each deacon is asked if he or she will “be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people’s help to the friendless and those in need.” They are also asked, “In your ministry will you show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?” I am so pleased to see the many ways these questions are affirmed and lived out in our midst.

The Congregational Fellowship committee, under the leadership of Preston Davis and Christie Winmill, has once again provided us a year of community-building fellowship opportunities. From the Congregational Dinner and the Strawberry Festival to summer barbecues and softball games, to the Advent Potluck Supper, Brick Church members have many places to gather and celebrate together. Our fellowship groups of the PrimeTimers and Young Adults have provided even more chances for people to connect with each other and grow together in the faith.

The Communications Committee, under the leadership of chair Bill Ryckman and Communications Coordinator Melissa Morgan, accepted the challenge of completely redesigning our website. With the tireless effort and ingenuity of the committee and an outside design company, the website is about to take an important leap forward.

The New Member and Evangelism committee, under the leadership of chairs Christina Foxley and Camille McDuffie, has been diligent in its efforts to attract and welcome new members. The good work of this committee has brought many new faces into our life together.

I am deeply grateful to this congregation and my colleagues for the opportunity to serve with you. Each new year has brought an opportunity to grow together in faithfulness with you, to share our burdens together, to laugh and celebrate life’s joys together. God’s Holy Spirit has certainly heard the words of Ted Loder’s prayers and brought them to life here, and I give thanks that you have let me share in all of them with you.

Shalom,

DOUGLAS T. KING

Paul wrote to the church in Philippi, *“I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me.”*

Echoing Paul, I give thanks for the congregation of The Brick Church. I pray for you with joy. I am blessed to share in the ministry of the gospel alongside you. I am confident that God’s work will continue and be brought to completion in this community. And I feel blessedly held in your heart, supported and encouraged.

This past year has continued to be a time of growth, in numbers, programs, and effectiveness of ministry. The Sunday School has over 350 children registered, 78 adult volunteers, and a committee of people who care deeply about children’s growth in faith and compassion. I love touring Sunday School classrooms on Sunday mornings and seeing teachers and students learning together. We also have a new Children’s Art Gallery, two walls of which our Children’s Ministries Coordinator Georgia Meeter and volunteers have transformed into a place that shows Sunday School projects.

Adult Education hours have offered intriguing classes and participation continues to rise. The Men’s and Women’s Bible studies, joined by more than 50 people through the year, have been a rich source of learning and encouragement. I am thrilled when I see adults experience the joy of life-long growth in faith.

Youth ministry at The Brick Church is thriving. Led by the extraordinarily dedicated Youth Ministry Committee and re-envisioned by the Youth Ministry Renovation Team, opportuni-

ties for fifth through 12th graders to engage in the mission of the church have grown dramatically this year. I am pleased that in 2008 we hired three part-time youth outreach workers, Katy Moore, Jesse LeFranc, and Hannah Flora, who have made an impact on our students. Keep your eyes open for more about youth ministry in the coming year, and especially for a renovated organizational structure that involves more parent leaders.

I can never adequately thank all those who have joined in making education and discipleship thrive at The Brick Church this year. Thank you to Georgia Meeter for her tireless work with Sunday School and Confirmation. Thank you to Buddy Crutchfield, Becca Davies, Ellen Clark, and Debbie Seraphim, who led the Christian Education Committee. Thanks also to Carol Quinn, Helen Lynch, and Yvonne Wikstrom, who chaired the Sunday School Committee. Thank you to Ellen Clark for chairing the Youth Ministry Committee and the Youth Ministry Renovation Team. Thank you to Buddy Crutchfield, Linda Simpson, Katy Moore, Susan Webb-Dreyfus, and Peter Manning for the countless hours of work they’ve spent discussing, planning, and praying over youth ministry as the Youth Ministry Renovation Team.

I am also very appreciative of the work of the New Members and Evangelism Committee and to the NME Chairs, Christina Foxley, Camille McDuffie, and Abe Cary. Finally, I am blessed to work with all the good people on The Brick Church staff.

To paraphrase Paul, I thank my God when I think of the people of this church. I look forward to laboring beside you in the coming year.

Grace and peace to you,

CHRISTIANE M. LANG

A WORD FROM THE REVEREND CHRISTIANE LANG

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

In 2008, the Ministry of Music continued to thrive and grow. Our superb Chancel Choir provided music at worship services throughout the year. The Chancel Choir and soloists also presented its annual performance of Sir John Stainer's "The Crucifixion" on Good Friday. In March, thanks to the generosity of an anonymous Brick Church family, the Chancel Choir presented a performance of Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem," a masterpiece of the choral repertoire. Internationally acclaimed violinist and Brick Church member Robert McDuffie was the violin soloist in this concert. The Candlelight Carol Service in December brought many visitors to The Brick Church to experience this beautiful service of music.

Our children's music program continues to experience growth under the gifted and caring hands of Amanda Page Smith. More than 140 children actively participate in the children's choir program. Our children's choirs regularly participate in the worship service on Family Sunday and on other Sundays throughout the season. The children once again presented a wonderful pageant service at the early service on Christmas Eve. Music is a component in the weekly Sunday School classes for children age two through five, as well as confirmation class.

Several talented music volunteers, overseen by Amanda Smith, generously give their time to lead music

in the Sunday School classes each week. A Teen Choir was formed in the Fall of 2008 for singers in grades eight through 12. The Teen Choir provided musical leadership in a worship service in November, and will support the musical leadership of the Youth Sunday service in April 2009. Amanda Page Smith, the children, and all of the parent helpers are to be commended for their magnificent work in this most important part of our music ministry.

Our Anderson organ continues to receive recognition and acclaim in the international organ community. Thanks to the generosity of another Brick Church family, we presented American concert organist Cherry Rhodes in recital in April.

In closing, the Minister of Music would like to thank the Pastors, the members of the various choirs, Amanda Page Smith, assisting organist Dr. John B. Herrington III, the Worship and Music Committee and its chair, David Wilson, and all those who assist us throughout the year. It is through the efforts of these people that our music program remains one of the finest in the country.

Faithfully,

KEITH S. TOTH,
MINISTER OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST

SESSION
COMMITTEE
REPORTS

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMITTEE

The Session Committee on Archives and History was created by the Session of The Brick Presbyterian Church in the City of New York in 2001 to identify and preserve items of historic value and interest as they relate to The Brick Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of New York City, the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and the City of New York. The committee is composed of persons with special skills in the disciplines of collecting, cataloging and the preservation of historic artifacts. The Clerk of Session is the convener of the committee. Present members of the Committee are Peter H. Brown, Holly Burke, Frederick Ehlert, Kathleen Kaasch, Nancy Jones, Lois Lovett, Elise Smith, Ellsworth G. Stanton III, Margaret Stocker and E. Deane Turner.

Margaret Holben Ellis is a consultant and has been responsible for the conservation of some historic artifacts. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Historical Society, the official repository of the history of the Presbyterian Church (USA), located in Philadelphia. This committee interfaces with The Brick Church Library Committee and the Board of Trustees.

The committee is charged with the preservation of minutes of Session, the Board of Trustees, and other documents of historic significance, working in tandem with the Presbyterian Historical Society, where most of the original materials are kept.

During the past year we have acquired the writings of Dr. Samuel Miller, an assistant minister to Dr. John Rodgers, and later the second professor at Princeton Theological Seminary. We were fortunate to acquire a first edition of his biography of Dr. Rodgers. Other first editions added to the archives include

two works by Dr. Maltbie Davenport Babcock, D.D, minister of The Brick Church from 1900 to 1901, known as "The Golden Year." Dr. Babcock died in Naples, Italy, of gastric fever, returning from his trip to Egypt and Palestine. In addition to *Letters From Egypt and Palestine*, the collection includes his Hymns and Carols. Several first edition books written by Dr. Henry Van Dyke, including his penning of more than 200 poems, have been added to the collection. A special book, the official record of *The Sinking of the Titanic*, has an introduction by Dr. Van Dyke. There are also several memories written by his son Tertius Van Dyke. We are beginning to collect historical information about John Foster Dulles, Elder and Trustee of The Brick Church and a United States Secretary of State.

The Brick Church will be celebrating one of three significant dates in the life of the congregation. In May 2009, the congregation will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of The Brick Presbyterian Church in the City of New York as a separate entity entitled to hold property. A service of celebration and a display of historical memorabilia will be presented. The other two significant dates are 1767 and 1784. More information about these dates will be forthcoming.

Current activities include the identification and cataloging of photographs and prints, mainly 20th century, and responding to the many requests from researchers and former members regarding their ancestors. We hope to initiate the printing of a consolidated membership information record encompassing the period from 1908 until the present.

ELLSWORTH G. STANTON III
CONVENER

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Capital Campaign Outreach Committee successfully filled its second and final international mission position through the Joining Hearts and Hands Program of the PC(USA). The Brick Church supplied \$139,279 in funding to support the Reverends Robert and Stacy Bronkema in their ministry with the Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy (MPC). MPC is an international faith community in Moscow that shares Christ's love with all who come. Sixty percent of the congregation is from the developing world—refugees, students and workers.

MPC provides vital spiritual nurture for many who are harassed daily because of their ethnicity, particularly English-speaking Christians from Africa and Asia. MPC also provides much-needed food aid to pensioners and others who have fallen through the safety net in Moscow. We were pleased to host Robert Bronkema here at The Brick Church in October and hear first hand about MPC's important work.

CHRIS MAHAN, CHAIR

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Sunday Church School

This proved to be another exciting year for the Sunday Church School. Not only did we have 361 children enrolled in the program, but we were blessed with 78 wonderful volunteer teachers as well. One of the main functions of the Sunday School is to fulfill the promise that we make to every child baptized in our church that “We, your church, promise to continue to tell you this story as you grow, so that one day you may know it and make it your own.” Teachers tell and illumine stories from Scripture to our children each Sunday morning, in order that they may know more of the working out of God's plan for humanity and of God's great love for us.

Another major role of the Children's Ministry Committee is to support and train our teachers, music leaders, and superintendents so that all may benefit fully from the experience. To this end, we continued with our teachers' study prior to worship on Sunday mornings. This is a time to pray together, to review the scripture passage, to discuss its meaning

and relevance, and to go over any item specifically relating to that morning's lesson plan. These sessions have been ably led this year by Children's Ministries Coordinator Georgia Meeter and by our three seminarians. We also offered teacher training sessions in September and January to equip and encourage our terrific volunteers.

In 2008 we also put into place the new Child Protection policy adopted by session. As a result, an official background screening check has been done on every volunteer teacher as a way of helping us protect both children and teachers. Special thanks goes to an anonymous donor who funded the first round of background checks.

The Children's Ministries Committee also supported and encouraged two new fellowship groups. These groups meet monthly, one in the daytime and one in the evening, and are for those who have a new or young baby at home, as well as those who are expecting a baby. Led by Georgia Meeter, these groups have proved popular and helpful and offer an opportunity for mutual support.

Other events spearheaded by the committee throughout the year in-

clude the Christmas Ornament Decorating (with about 50 participants this year), the Christmas Storytelling Party (with about 45 participants), Christmas Pageant Family Service (with 129 children and over 40 adult volunteers), Bible Sunday for Third Graders, the Palm Sunday Processional and Service Project for all children, and games for the All-Church Picnic and Strawberry Festival. In addition, the committee sponsored an Advent food drive and made a substantive donation of food to Jan Hus Homeless Outreach and Advocacy Program. Thanks to all those parents and children whose generosity made such a difference.

Finally, parent volunteers and Georgia Meeter have decorated the Children's Art Gallery on the Youth Floor with up-to-date work of the children in the Sunday Church School and Confirmation programs. This Gallery highlights the particular gifts of children and demonstrates to parents what their children are learning and making in class. We are thankful for the initiative of Lydia Spinelli and the Day School Committee that led to the transformation of the Youth Floor into this beautiful Gallery.

Members serving on the Children's Ministries Committee in 2008 were: Graham Clark, Ellen Clark, Shannon Henderson, Cathy Lorenz, Leslie McCall, Carol Quinn, Scott Sergeant, Allison Swope, Jeffrey Swope, and Christy Swartz. Special thanks to Christy Lang, Georgia Meeter, and Amanda Smith for their support and encouragement. What a privilege and a joy it is to serve in this Sunday Church School.

**HELEN LYNCH AND YVONNE WIKSTROM,
CO-CHAIRS**

Youth

The Youth Ministry Committee now reports directly to Session. The Committee, chaired by Ellen Clark, serves The Brick Church's 160 youth, students in grades 5 through 12. The Youth Ministry Committee is working with the Session-appointed Youth Ministry Renovation Team to bring about an entire re-shaping and re-staffing of Youth Ministry at The Brick Church. The Youth Ministry Renovation Team, chaired by Elder Clark and advised by Pastor Lang, with members Elder Buddy Crutchfield, Deacon Peter Manning, Seminarian Katy Moore, Elder Linda Simpson, and Elder Susan Webb-Dreyfus, has broadened the infrastructure and volunteer resources of the Youth Ministry Committee significantly.

Specifically, adult staffing was increased to provide ministry to our 160 youth. Three young adult Youth Workers, Hannah Flora, Jesse LeFranc, and Seminarian Katy Moore, were hired to serve Brick Church's youth on a part-time basis to provide after school outreach, leadership in fellowship, and fun. In addition, the Youth Ministry Committee now works from a network of five subcommittees, each led and staffed with adult volunteers. With the new infrastructure in place, the Youth Ministry Renovation Team envisions the hiring of an Associate Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries as a logical next step.

The success of the Youth Ministry Committee's work and impressive growth of programs and student membership this year are due to the enthusiastic participation of our volunteers, especially the combined efforts of The Brick Church's Young Adults and parents. Potluck dinner

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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meetings at members' homes have also contributed to the extraordinarily large turn-out of members. Thank you for the tremendous work of Katie and Matias Stitch, Allison Gray, Linda Simpson, AnnMarie Carlson, Cristina Soto, Len Carrell, John Sipp, Chris Curtin, Debbie Seraphim, Kelly Tang, and new members Sue-Peng Li, Will Barnett, and Jeffrey Swope. Thank you too to all the Brick parents yet to join our Committee but who helped at individual events from time to time. Your presence is a blessing to all our students.

The Pioneers Subcommittee, chaired by Katie and Matias Stitch, has prepared monthly evening fellowship programs for our 62 youth in grades 5 and 6. Highlights of the year included an off-site Saturday of apple-picking and an on-site sleepover attended by 16 students and 11 adults. One student was overheard saying: "I never knew church could be so fun!"

The Seventh Grade Group Subcommittee, chaired by Elder Ellen Clark and Allison Gray, with assistance from John Sipp, has led students in joint events with Pioneers and had its own small group fellowship evenings for seventh graders alone. The 20 students at The Brick Church baked communion bread together, baptized the new Youth Space with a first fellowship night, and spent time in small group discussion about faith and the challenge of living out Christian principles in a secular world.

The Confirmation Class, led by Christy Lang, has 15 students in the eighth grade this year and is taught by sponsors Bret Barasch, Deacon Len Carrell, Seminarians Aretha Campbell, Jeremy Jinkins and Katy Moore, and Children's Ministries Coordinator Georgia Meeter. The students have been learning about the Christian faith, the Presbyterian tradition,

and the meaning of membership. They raised money for hungry people through their Souperbowl collection on Super Bowl Sunday, beating previous Confirmation Class efforts by \$200, and are planning an international mission trip to England and Scotland in June.

The Youth Friday Night Dinner Program Subcommittee, led by Rev. Lang and Georgia Meeter, has grown from Confirmation Class participants to include High School students and students from neighboring schools, non-member adults and friends. As we serve the residents of the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter two Friday nights a month, rarely is the kitchen filled with fewer than ten student cooks and four adult volunteers.

The High School Subcommittee, led by Rev. Lang, Seminarian Katy Moore, and Chris Curtin (Church Mouse Program Leader), ministers to 64 High School students, of whom only 17 attend boarding school. The High School Committee is grateful to Joann Walker for hosting a delightful Christmas party at her home for our high school youth in December. Thanks also to Amanda Smith and Keith Toth, whose music ministry was expanded this year to include a Teen Choir for youth ages 13 through 18 years old, and to Chris Curtin who single-handedly manages the church mouse program that connects 14 boarding school students, including a few in college, with adult members of The Brick Church.

The Youth Ministry Committee would like to thank Georgia Meeter for her behind-the-scenes work and the Rev. Christy Lang for her dedication, inspiration and patience, not only to our youth, but also to our committed volunteers.

ELLEN CLARK, CHAIR

Adult Education

In January 2009, Session approved a proposal to split apart the Christian Education Committee into three separate Session Level Committees: Adult Education, Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry. The mission of the Adult Education Committee is to enrich and deepen the spiritual lives of The Brick Presbyterian Church's congregation by developing a variety of educational opportunities focusing on either the Bible, History, Theology, Spirituality or Social/Current Events. We strive to design classes that offer relevant applications for each participant. Our committee also aims to create a curriculum which appeals to varied interests—challenging us, inviting us to explore old ideas in new ways, offering insights never before thought of or just plain touching our hearts and minds in a provocative way.

Our 2008-2009 program year started in September with the "Walk Through the Bible" series taught by Senior Pastor Michael Lindvall and Associate Pastor Christiane Lang. In October, we hosted the all church retreat in Holmes, NY with the theme "Peace I Give You." The November series on "Spiritual Disciplines in the Christian Tradition" was taught by a combination of church members

and an outside speaker. December brought an Advent series titled "Advent Through the Eyes of Those Who Waited" which our three seminar-ians led. In January and beyond, we explored exactly what it means to be a Presbyterian today and heard from Iain Torrance, President of Princeton Theological Seminary at a weekend seminar in late February about the Scottish Reformation. We came back to Bible study for Lent, which was led by church members and we are finishing the year with a series on Great Theologians. One additional seminar took place in early April called "Loving Well, Fighting Well" led by Dr. Deborah Hunsinger, an expert on Non-Violent Communication and a professor at Princeton Seminary.

Many thanks to the Adult Education Committee, which meets monthly, to brainstorm, develop and produce our varied programs: Co-Chairs, Becca Davies and Debbie Seraphim, Secretary, Daniela Elliot, and members, Bret Barasch, Charlene Kuo, Emily Main, Leslie McCall, David Meachin, Carolyn Moses, and Daniel Raglan.

We are all especially thankful for the leadership of the Rev. Christiane Lang whose faith, knowledge and enthusiasm is an inspiration to all of us.

**BECCA DAVIES AND DEBBIE SERAPHIM,
CO-CHAIRS**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)

**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION
FINANCIAL
REPORT**

Receipts

Sunday Church School	0
Offering Fund	7,823

Total Receipts \$7,823

Expenditures

Salaries and Benefits	60,138
Parking	—
Child Care	37,888
Teacher Training & Resources . . .	725
Postage, Stationery & Printing . . .	5,257
Housing/Apt. Maintenance . . .	42,880
Food Services	2,445
Pupils' Supplies	2,593
Curriculum—SCS	32
Resource Library	—
Special Projects	—
Pioneers	212
Youth Group/Young Adults . . .	6,592
Confirmation Class	1,803
Order of St. Paul	(1,000)

Seventh Grade Sunday Group	0
Misc. Sunday School Exps.	2,667
Total Sunday School	\$162,232

Speakers	3,583
Weekly Adult Program	7,702
Retreats	2,891
Misc. Adult Ed. Exps.	870
Narthex Educational Material . . .	387
Total Adult Education	\$15,432

Christian Education

Total \$177,665

**COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE**

With the support of our communications coordinator, Melissa Morgan, Brick Church communications reached a new level of professionalism in 2008. While carrying out existing programs (producing print and electronic communications and maintaining the website), we introduced new initiatives that will benefit our community longer-term. These include:

- Hiring a new IT firm to support the aging technological infrastructure used by our clergy, staff and school. After a lengthy process, we hired Proactive Technology Group, led by Stuart Ebner. Thanks to Yuri Orellana for facilitating a smooth transition.
- Posting sermons to the website in audio format. Website visitors can now hear sermons on their computers as well as read them.
- Designing new logos for the church and the school. After focus groups helped us capture the essence of our community to guide the designers, we hired The CSI Group. CSI designed

the logos and developed a style guide to protect the integrity of the brands.

- Developing a new website. Though overhauled in 2005, the website still has outdated functionality and appearance. We set out to develop a more appealing and interactive website for church members, school parents, and the outside world. After fine-tuning the vision via focus groups and following a rigorous selection process, we hired Magic Hour Communications to design, develop and maintain our website. We hope to roll out the new website in the first quarter of 2009.

- Initiating a program for readers to subscribe to The Record only via email, thereby saving printing and mailing costs, and trees.

Thanks are due to the focus group participants, to Doug King, Christy Lang and Laila Al-Askari, committee contributors Grace Diggs, Huw Gilbert, Lois Lovett and, of course, Melissa Morgan.

**BARBARA MEACHIN & BILL RYCKMAN,
CO-CHAIRS**

The Congregational Fellowship Committee is charged with encouraging and supporting fellowship within the Brick Church. With our pastoral adviser, Doug King, we seek to reach this goal by three means:

- Involvement in Sunday activities – the committee organizes volunteers to greet at the church doors before worship and helps to oversee coffee hour after worship.
- Organization of fellowship events - the committee offers three annual events for the entire congregation: the Advent Potluck Supper, the Congregational Dinner, and the All-Church Picnic and Strawberry Festival. In addition, Men's Barbecues, Women's Barbecues, and Softball League games occur in the summer months.
- Support of fellowship groups within the church – the committee seeks to support groups which represent smaller categories within the church: Prime Timers, Women's

Association, and Young Adults.

Strong and enthusiastic volunteer leadership makes the endeavors of the Congregational Fellowship Committee possible. We have benefited particularly from the hard work and dedication of: Pat Allen, for the Potluck Supper and Congregational Dinner; Joan Podell, for the Potluck Supper; Rob Kellas and Len Carrell, for the All-Church Picnic and Strawberry Festival; Stefan Kruger, for the Men's Barbecues; Lucy Cary and Shannon Froehlich, for the Women's Barbecues; Anne Marie Carlson and Amy Gillis for the Softball League; Gracey Stoddard, for the Prime Timers; and Elders Abe Cary, Helen Chapman, and Preston Davis for committee leadership. With these leaders and the many additional volunteers who assist them, we hope to create and sustain the fellowship which helps to build a church community.

CHRISTIE WINMILL, CHAIR

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Brick Church School's enrollment stands at 161 children in eight morning classes and two afternoon classes. The student body is made up of approximately 53 percent church members and 47 percent non-members. A commitment was made in 1985 that at least 10 percent of our students receive financial assistance annually. The School is proud to have met, and frequently exceeded, this standard. In 2008-9, financial aid totaling \$237,600 was awarded to seventeen of our students. These funds come from three sources: interest from the Paul Austin Wolfe Scholarship Endowment Fund, tuition, and the Special Fund (an unrestricted fund).

Emily Boucher joined the staff in

September 2008 as the new Associate Director. Prior to joining us at Brick, Emily served as Co-Director at Beginnings and has taught at Brearley, Buckley, The School at Columbia and St. Thomas More. At Brearley, she also served as Director of the Associate Teachers' Program and Community Service Coordinator. She has a Bachelor's degree from Rosemont College and a Masters degree from NYU.

Our dedicated faculty and staff consist of ten head teachers, fifteen associate/assistant teachers, a music teacher, a part-time movement teacher, a learning specialist, five administrators, a consulting neuropsychologist, and a consulting speech and language therapist. Teachers also serve as specialists, providing support for other

DAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

DAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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teachers and sometimes working directly with children in the following areas: art, math, science, and storytelling. A teacher also serves as parent educator and offers workshops and discussion groups on a range of parenting topics. Our teachers have an average of 11 years' teaching experience and the average tenure for both faculty and staff members is eight years.

In 2008, children who moved on from The Brick Church School attended the following NYC Independent Schools:

Girls Schools

Brearley	2
Chapin	3
Hewitt	3
Nightingale-Bamford	8
Sacred Heart	2
Spence	5

Boys Schools

Allen-Stevenson	3
Browning	4
Buckley	2

St. Bernard's	7
St. David's (pre-K)	1
St. David's (K)	4

Co-ed Schools

BirchWathen	2 (1 M, 1 F)
British American	1 (F)
Cathedral	1 (M)
Claremont	1 (F)
Dalton	4 (2M, 2F)
Friends	1 (M)
Riverdale	2 (1M, 1F)
Rudolf Steiner	1 (F)
Trinity	3 (1M, 2F)
UNIS	1 (M)

Public Schools

Hunter	1 (M)
P.S. 6	1 (M)
P.S. 59	1 (M)
Brooklyn	1 (F)
<i>Out of city</i>	4 (2 M, 2 F)
<i>Returning to Brick</i>	10 (6 M, 4 F)

(those who applied out because of age)

Total Boys **39 (K), 2 (PRE-K)**
Total Girls **39 (K), 1 (PRE-K)**

LYDIA SPINELLI, DIRECTOR

THE BRICK CHURCH SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

2007-2008

Receipts	\$3,223,475
Contributions to Fund	
Wolfe Scholarship Fund	8,000
Day School Special Fund	461,194
Faculty Retirement Fund	10,000
Direct Financial Aid	-
Auction Funds	117,742
Spinelli Professional	116,528
Development Fund	
Faculty Fund	1,276,279
Cultural Fund	31,833

Other

Contribution to Church for Space and Services	505,000
Scholarships	254,500

Expenditures

Salaries	\$1,414,283
Special Fund	373,629
Employee Benefits	370,287
Children's Program Supplies	56,078
Professional Development	64,262
Faculty Fund	-
Cultural Fund	26,886
Food Services	14,117
Office Supplies and Postage	22,395
Equipment and Repairs	24,151
Special Events	18,584
June Program	62,893
Legal Services	-
Miscellaneous	16,410
Roofing	-
Capital Campaign Allowance for Bad Debt	-
Total Expenditures	\$3,223,475

JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE

The primary responsibility of the Joint Finance Committee is to set the budget for the church year, to monitor the church finances on a monthly basis, and to review non-budgeted requests during the church year. The committee is chaired by a member of Session, and includes representatives from the Trustees and Session, as well as other church members. The following individuals were active members of the committee in 2008: Frances Laserson, Henry Barkhorn, Roger Miller, Louisa Palmer, Alex Scott, Bill Eakins, Barbara Meachin and Rick Stowe. Church staff members include Rev. Michael Lindvall, Laila Al-Askari and Lenwood Cross.

In 2008, the Joint Finance Committee received significant cooperation from the heads of various committees in controlling costs, and minimizing any special spending requests. Significant areas of cost control included i) fuel, where close management of the church's HVAC needs resulted in a substantial reduction in electrical consumption; ii) pension costs, where the church moved from a defined benefit plan to a defined contribution plan; iii) insurance and employee benefit costs, where close evaluation and negotiation of the commercial insurance program and the health care plan helped to reduce expenditures for those items; and iv) mailing and printing, where many print materials such as the Annual Membership Directory, Annual Report and other general mailings were sent to the congregation in electronic format.

In October, we began our work on the 2009 budget. Laila Al-Askari, the director of administration and finance, and her staff prepared budget packages for all committees that enabled them to easily review prior year numbers and submit new information online.

The Joint Finance Committee met with committee heads, and responsible staff personnel and greatly appreciate everyone's efforts in controlling costs. These efforts enabled the budget process to occur very smoothly in a potentially challenging year given the current global financial crisis. We also appreciate the Stewardship Committee's effort to maintain a flat stewardship goal in light of this crisis. The proposed balanced 2009 budget was passed at the December 2008 session meeting.

The Collection Counting Group is overseen by the Joint Finance Committee and their consistent dedication and hard work throughout the year is greatly appreciated. The team is headed by Michael Barnes, and includes the following members: Gloria Bryce, Sandra (Sandy) Gooder, Jon Heinemann, Cynthia MacGrath, Robert (Bob) McCrie, Herb Thomas, and Jack Webb

As always, special thanks to Laila for her continuing hard work in saving the church significant dollars and in organizing and providing the committee with information necessary to meet its responsibilities.

ALEXANDER L. SCOTT, CHAIR

MISSION OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Mission Outreach Committee was created by the Session in 2004 to serve as an umbrella organization to strategize, prioritize, coordinate, make and monitor benevolence and outreach decisions church-wide. The committee includes representation from the Grants Committee, the Capital Campaign Outreach Committee, the Day of Discipleship Task Force, the Deacons, the Women's Association, Young Adults and PrimeTimers.

The Grants Committee and the Capital Campaign Outreach Committee operate as sub-committees of Mission Outreach. The committee continually reviews the church's volunteer ministries and monetary benevolence activities.

In 2008, the Mission Outreach Committee was proud to present the first annual Day of Discipleship on April 19th. More than 150 Brick Church members participated in a day filled with service and fellowship. Volunteers worked to create a garden on the rooftop at Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter, paint the facilities at the Church of the Good Neighbor, serve meals at Stanley Isaac, and distribute food and plant flowers at Yorkville Common Pantry. In addition, the Youth Floor was filled with family friendly activities allowing young children and their parents to participate. A Task Force was created to plan the second annual Day of Discipleship was on May 2nd, 2009.

Members of the Committee are Len Carrell, Carlton Farrier, Stacie Kalenberg, Sophie Kramer, Emily Main and Gracey Stoddard. The Committee would like to thank the Rev. Douglas King for his continuing advice and counsel.

NATALIE CLARE, CHAIR

Grants

The Grants Committee, a sub-committee of Mission Outreach, is entrusted with the task of determining to which organizations Brick Church Benevolences should be granted. We were very pleased to be able to distribute \$386,381 in 2008. Given the troubled economic climate, the Grants Committee feels truly blessed to have an increased budget of \$400,000 to distribute in 2009, due to the extraordinary generosity of this congregation. Many of the organizations we support are struggling to cope with a surge in demand for their services while experiencing significant declines in contributions. Every dollar that we are able to give in 2009 will be appreciated as never before.

The Brick Church Benevolences go to a number of community organizations, many with long-standing relationships with The Brick Church. These organizations are grouped into categories: Presbyterian and Related Projects, Seminaries and Religious Organizations, Basic Needs, Family Needs, Youth, and Elderly. Our funds typically support the general operating budgets of these organizations or are directed to special projects.

The Grants Committee works diligently throughout the year to review all candidates through an in-depth evaluation process which includes a thorough review of the program, its success metrics, the financials of the organization as well as an on-site evaluation. Each organization is evaluated on a number of criteria including overall mission, organizational effectiveness, community served, and the degree to which The Brick Church and its members participate in the organization's activities as volunteers. The committee's recommendations

are presented to Session for approval.

In 2008, we were pleased to give grants to 40 organizations, including two new organizations. In 2009, we are adapting our review process to disburse much-needed funds to organizations in a timely fashion given the increased need, while maintaining our high standards of diligence.

The committee included Helen Chapman, Nealy Clifford, Amanda Dreyer, Karen Fang, Tamara Leuchtenberg, Jane Muqaddam, Helen Pennoyer, Mia Schlappi, Wibby Sevenser, Robert Stecker and Cindy Watson. As always, we are grateful to the Rev. Douglas King for his thoughtful guidance and counsel.

2008 GRANTS BY CATEGORY

Organization 2008 Grant

Presbyterian & Related Projects

General Mission Pledge	80,000
Church of Gethsemane	12,000
Church of the Good Neighbor	15,000
The Covenant Network	3,000
Presbyterian Historical Society. . .	1,000
Presbyterian Welcome	3,000
Presbyterian Camp & Conference Center at Holmes	5,000

Seminaries & Religious Organizations

Auburn Theological Seminary . . .	3,000
New York Theological Seminary —	
Ossining Program.	5,000
Union Theological Seminary. . .	4,000

Basic Needs

Columbia Harlem Homeless Medical Partnership	4,000
CONNECT Inc.	7,000
Habitat for Humanity	5,000
Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing	10,000
Jan Hus Homeless Outreach and Advocacy Program	15,000
Neighborhood Coalition	

for Shelter	15,000
Pathways to Housing	4,946
West Side Campaign Against Hunger.	6,500
Yorkville Common Pantry.	11,000

Family Needs

Inwood House	15,000
Sanctuary for Families	10,000
Sinergia	5,000
Stanley Isaacs Neighborhood Center	15,000
Women’s Prison Association .	10,000

Youth

Alexander Robertson School.	15,000
Auburn Theological Seminary Face to Face.	8,000
Children’s Storefront	10,000
Church of the Living Hope —	
Summer Camp	7,000
East Harlem Tutorial Program.	2,500
East Harlem Urban Center . . .	10,000
Friends of PS 169 (Camperships)	4,320
Girls Quest	5,000
Manna House	8,000
St Aloysius Education Clinic. . .	3,000
Trail Blazers	6,300
Venture Crew	5,000

Elderly

Burden Center for the Aging. . .	3,000
Elder Craftsmen.	3,500
Eviction Intervention Services .	5,000
Health Advocates for Older People	3,000
Search and Care	15,000

Inreach

Day of Discipleship	971
Mission Outreach Book.	7,385

Grand Total \$386,422

NATALIE CLARE, CHAIR

**MISSION
OUTREACH
COMMITTEE
(CONTINUED)**

NEW MEMBERS AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The mission of the New Member and Evangelism Committee, a Session committee of The Brick Presbyterian Church, is to welcome and usher fellow Christians into church membership and to help develop and deepen the spiritual lives of our visitors. In 2008, diligent work from our dedicated committee members, combined with the strategic planning and implementation of our sub-committees, has enabled the committee to fulfill its mission with enthusiasm and to build upon the initiatives already in place.

New Member and Evangelism Committee members are friendly and welcoming ambassadors for our church. Besides extending the right hand of fellowship to people in the existing opportunities available at The Brick Church, we continue to sponsor and support our own regular programs.

During 2008, our committee helped to welcome and attract visitors to church membership in the following ways:

- Organizing and hosting the series of 30 Membership Meetings for potential members. This includes five Saturday morning sessions focusing on “the people and ministries of the church” in which we invite committee representatives and the pastors to speak about various aspects of life at the church. We also provide an informal breakfast and ample time for individual introductions, questions, and photo-taking for *The Record*.
- Organizing and hosting five New Member Sundays, which include a *pro re nata* meeting of the Session prior to worship and a receiving line during coffee hour when we encourage our members to greet all those who joined that day.

- Hosting four Sunday evening receptions for the new members at the Manse.

- Organizing and staffing an informational “Welcome Table” at all church activities that visitors attend, including weekly Coffee Hours, the Strawberry Festival and Neighborhood Nights. At this table, we also provide free Bibles for any visitors who wish to have one.

- Hosting two Visitor Brunches immediately after church. These gatherings allow visitors to chat informally with members of our committee and hear about all that Brick offers.

- Organizing and hosting a fall “Neighborhood Night” for friends, visitors, and members at which the Rev. Michael Lindvall spoke about politics and religion a week before Election Day 2008.

- Reaching out to new members through our sub-committee, New Members Assimilation, which offers another welcome to new members as well as guidance about how to get involved.

- Supporting and participating in the Prayer Partners ministry which offers members and visitors a time of prayer and reflection following worship each Sunday.

The New Member and Evangelism Committee is constantly considering new ways to welcome visitors and neighbors into The Brick Church community.

**ABE CARY AND CAMILLE McDUFFIE,
CO-CHAIRS**

The Personnel and Administration Committee oversees personnel policies and procedures, evaluation of administrative, clerical and custodial staff, the setting of performance standards and related compensation issues.

The committee meets with the ministers and other program leaders to review their responsibilities, performance and personal development. The committee also oversees the church offices, administrative processes and the administrative, clerical and custodial staffs. The committee will assist or advise, where required, with any administrative and/or personal issues or needs. The committee makes recommendations regarding church staff compensation and benefits and confers with the Session and Trustees when there are mutual issues of concern.

Members of the Personnel Committee include: Sitting Elders Nell Kleinschmidt, Russell P. Pennoyer, Alexander L. Scott, and Gregory H. Warner, Trustees Frances Laserson and Margaret H. Tranbaugh, At-Large Members Richard G. Corey, Lisa Margosian, Christopher M. Mason, Frederic S. Sater, and E. Deane Turner, and Ex Officio Members Rev. Michael Lindvall and Laila Al-Askari.

The committee recognizes that The Brick Presbyterian Church is blessed with a wonderful staff that is dedicated to the mission of the church. We endeavor to provide them all the support we can as they carry out this mission.

GREGORY H. WARNER, CHAIR

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

SEMINARY FIELD EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Continuing our Seminary Field Education Program during the 2007-08 academic year headed by then Program Coordinator, the Reverend Oscar McCloud, our three seminary students for 2008-09 began serving The Brick Church September 8, 2008. That evening, our Seminary Field Education Committee met at dinner with and welcomed them. They are: Jeremy Jinkins and Aretha Campbell, second and third year students respectively at Princeton Theological Seminary, and Katy Moore, returning here for her second year, who is a third year student at Union Theological Seminary. The Reverend Chase Hunt, our current Program Coordinator, is fully involved in all aspects of their time with us.

Our students come to The Brick Church on Wednesdays and Sundays. On Wednesdays they participate in staff meetings. In addition, they meet with our three Pastors and the Program Coordinator in a Colloquium during which they discuss in depth topics relating to parish ministry that balance the formal academic study in which the students are otherwise engaged. Our entire Committee met with the students in the fall and invited them to share their experiences with us. In summary, they were very excited with our program and particularly with their Committee assignments, where they feel more involved and especially enjoy their interaction with Brick Church members. Each member of our Committee is assigned to a student for more personal follow-up and involvement.

During Advent, each student led one of a series of three Adult Classes

devoted to a topic appropriate to that season: The Prophet Isaiah; John the Baptist; and Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The leadership of each student was outstanding. These students have the opportunity to preaching at our 7:30 a.m. Chapel Communion Services on Wednesday mornings. This is a major learning experience in ministry for them, with each student preaching three times during the year. They are also involved actively in our Sunday services of worship on a weekly basis throughout the year. The Rev. Chase Hunt and our ministers are very satisfied with the progress of all three students.

Our recruiting for 2009-10 began in October with a visit to Princeton Seminary, where a number of students indicated an interest in field work at The Brick Church. The Rev. Michael Lindvall headed our team. The committee then conducted interviews of likely candidates here at the church. Three promising candidates have been selected, two from Princeton Seminary and one from Union Seminary, and we look forward to their service during the coming academic year.

One final comment: the time, interest, and commitment of all of our Pastors, the Rev. Chase Hunt, and of my colleagues on the Seminary Field Education Committee have been extraordinary! Committee members include: D. Rebecca Davies, William W. King, Christopher M. Mason, Helen B. Pennoyer, and Elizabeth Kennedy Zamorano. My thanks to one and all.

STEWART B. CLIFFORD, CHAIR

The Brick Presbyterian Church enters the 242nd year of its history with an active membership of 1,795. There was a net gain of 64 members during 2008.

The names and addresses of the current members may be found in the business office of the church at 62 East 92nd Street, New York, New York 10128, and in the office of the Clerk of Session.

STATISTICAL REPORT

ELLSWORTH G. STANTON III, CLERK OF SESSION

Active Members	1,731	Total Active Members	1,795
<i>January 1, 2008</i>		<i>December 31, 2008</i>	
Gains – 2008			
Confirmation	21	Infant Baptisms	73
Confession of Faith, Reaffirmation of Faith, and Restoration of Membership	91	Adult Baptisms	5
Letter of Transfer	25	Marriages	13
Total Gains	+137	Total Enrolled in Sunday Church School	673
(Includes 60 teachers)			
Losses – 2007			
Dismissal by Letter of Transfer	2		
Death	8		
Other	63		
Total Losses	-73		

The above was approved on April 20, 2009 by:

FRANCES G. LASERSON, PRESIDENT

ROGER W. MILLER, TREASURER

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

With Gratitude in our Hearts

The Brick Presbyterian Church community responded with tremendous generosity to the 2008 Stewardship Campaign. Your incredible support allowed us to stabilize the church's finances and to fund important initiatives such as Christian education, benevolences, and communications. With a spirit of deep gratitude to the congregation, The Stewardship Committee selected the 2009 Stewardship Campaign theme: *With Gratitude in our Hearts*.

For 2009 the pledge goal remained flat at \$2,500,000. During the past few years, the Church's budget has averaged roughly \$4 million, increasing by less than 4 percent each year despite a growing program and rapidly rising energy, insurance and pension costs. Keeping our church efficient in its mission and controlling operating costs remain priorities. Building on the success of last year's campaign, this new goal will help us to maintain our previous achievements and keep the church in a solid financial position.

In the fall of 2008, the Stewardship Committee completed a "pre-campaign" canvass of sitting Church officers. The enthusiasm with which the Trustees, Elders and Deacons responded to the challenge was remarkable, and spoke to their support of our goal. The Committee also set another important goal this year: 100 percent pledge participation. It is our ultimate objective to bring every member into our formal pledge process.

The Brick Church is blessed with a loyal, caring, and dedicated congregation. As of February 9, 2009, our congregation has pledged over \$1.7 million, or about 68 percent of our goal. Furthermore, a significant 46 percent of the congregation that has pledged to date increased their pledge, with an average increase of almost 14 percent. New members also continue to be a critical component to the success of the campaign.

The success of this year's Campaign can be attributed directly to the hard work and dedication of the Stewardship Committee members: Peter H. Brown, Lisa Clyde, Ace Crary, Philip Falcone, Carole Foxley, Joyce Giuffra, Bill King, Hamberg Tang, Todd Henderson, Peggy Raub, Pamela Ryckman, and Charlie Winn. Each brought unique creativity, energy, wisdom and skill to the campaign. The committee is headed by Chair Charlie Higgins and Co-chairs Andrew Heaney and Constance Dalvito. Tanisha Carrell is church liaison, and Rev. Michael Lindvall provides significant campaign leadership.

If you have already pledged, thank you for your generosity. If you have not, please pledge generously and pledge today. We thank you with deep gratitude for your consistent support of the life and mission of The Brick Presbyterian Church.

CHARLIE HIGGINS, CHAIR
ANDREW HEANEY, CO-CHAIR
CONSTANCE DALVITO, CO-CHAIR

Planned Giving

The Session created The Henry van Dyke Association to recognize those making bequests or planned gifts. It is named after The Rev. Henry van Dyke, one of the most famous and well-loved pastors of Brick Church.

Anyone who makes a bequest or planned gift in any amount is included, whether for one dollar or a million dollars. Each person may choose to be acknowledged anonymously or by name in the list published in the Annual Report of the Congregation. Generous bequests and other planned gifts made over the last two centuries have contributed to an endowment that allows Brick Church to extend its mission—both within and beyond the congregation—and to maintain an exceptional sanctuary. The Planned Giving Committee encourages all to consider a planned gift. They invite those who are considering the possibility to contact one of the pastors or a member of the committee. If you have already made Brick Church part of your will or planned gift, please be sure to contact us if you are not listed with other Henry van Dyke Association members below.

The Planned Giving Committee includes Stewart Clifford, William Eakins, Carole Foxley, William King, Valerie Mason, Margaret Raub and Margaret Tranbaugh.

WILLIAM KING, CHAIR

Current Members of the Henry van Dyke Association

Anonymous (16)
Donald G. Allison
Janet W. Allison
Herbert B. Anderson
Henry C. Barkhorn, III
Karin J. Barkhorn
Peter H. Brown
Willie R. Carter
Annabelle Christie
Cornelia W. Clifford
Stewart B. Clifford
Dorcas Colas
J. Preston Davis
William S. Eakins, Jr.
Jane L. Emery
Carole Foxley
Griffith W. Foxley
Alan K. Gage
Judith H. Harper
Mrs. Sidney Hughes
Sara Hurst Jenouere
Gayle Johnson
William W. King
Sophie K. Kramer
Roger W. Miller
Gillian E. Minter
Sylvester F. Minter
Douglas Renfield-Miller
Jean Renfield-Miller
Mrs. Paul E. Parker
Margaret A. Raub
Donald M. Roberts
Mrs. Horace B. B. Robinson
Sandy H. Schulte
Ellsworth G. Stanton, III
Virginia K. Stowe
Margaret H. Tranbaugh
Robert F. Tranbaugh
E. Deane Turner
Cornelia C. Wareham
Raymond N. Wareham
Merwin B. Worth

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

(CONTINUED)

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Session Committee on Worship and Music, working with the pastors and the minister of music, determines the content, form and frequency of the worship services, and works with the minister of music on the music program.

With Session approval, the committee oversees and schedules Holy Communion. We provide instructions, enlist Elders and Deacons to serve Communion, and coordinate with the Chancel Committee to prepare the elements. We also schedule and coordinate the sacrament of Baptism and assign Elders to assist.

The Committee reviews worship services, both for regular Sundays and for special services, and oversees the Ushers Association. During the past year, Communion has continued to be served on the first Sunday of each month and on Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, the various “festival” Sundays, and every Wednesday morning. The Session has authorized baptisms to be more than one day

a month to accommodate the large number of persons requesting the sacrament.

Each month the Committee reviews the worship services. This year the Committee has discussed and implemented ways to improve decorum and to curtail noise disruptions during Worship.

We have also edited and added to the Order of Worship.

The Committee, with the Minister of Music, hosted a Christmas party for the Choir after the Candlelight Carol Service.

The members of the Worship and Music Committee are David Wilson (chair), Grace Diggs, Pamela Ferguson, Walter Bottger (head of Ushers), Thomas Robinson, Frederic Sater, Ellsworth Stanton, Arthur Wallander. Staff advisors to the committee are Rev. Michael Lindvall, Amanda Page Smith and Keith Toth.

DAVID W.I. WILSON, CHAIR

DEACONS' MINISTRY REPORTS

There is a tremendous need for a healthy and consistent supply of blood, and the Brick Church community has always responded generously. The Deacons at Brick Church conducted two blood drives this year to help replenish New York City's blood supply. The first drive was held on Sunday, February 24, 2008 and the next drive was held on Sunday, October 26, 2008. Despite revised donor eligibility guidelines which have been tightened significantly over the last few years, Brick Church parishioners and other neighbors donated nearly 50 pints of blood between our spring and fall drives.

Although there is a core of dedicated donors within The Brick Church

and other organizations in the community, the crisis and need continues to deepen. The restrictions on who can donate have tightened as officials work to guarantee the safety of our blood supply. Hence, we must continue to work to increase the core level of donors each year. Our month-long effort before each drive to expand the donor database includes a broad email campaign, phone calls, church announcements, distribution of flyers, and weekly sign-up solicitations. In addition, the Deacons work with neighboring houses of worship in order to ensure a healthy turnout for the blood drive.

**SALLIE ABELOW, MEAD CAIN,
AND ALLSTON CHAPMAN.**

BLOOD DRIVE

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The highlight of the Christmas season at Brick Church continues to be the Deacons' Outreach Christmas Party. For the third year in a row we hosted the residents and families of the Sarah Powell Huntington House (SPHH) of the Women's Prison Association.

Huntington House is a unique residence where women recently released from prison can reunite with their children. Most women reside there for between 6 and 18 months during which time the staff helps the women coordinate visits and plan ways to spend time with their children. Our Christmas Party is just such an event and for many of these families it has been one of the first times they've been together in recent years.

On Saturday, December 13th, we hosted over 50 residents and family members from the SPHH for a wonderful Christmas celebration. Our guests enjoyed lunch, making ornaments, arts and crafts, ping pong, spin-art, face painting, designing custom-made t-shirts, decorating frames for their family portraits, decorating gift bags and having professional photos taken of each family as well as some with Santa. The mothers and

children each had the opportunity to select presents for each other in one of the two shopping malls full of wonderful gifts. The gifts were generously donated by Robbie Brown and Chris Kahn who hold an annual Toys for Tots party, NBC, Lucky Magazine, Cutco, Loftex, Bardwil, JLA Home, our neighbors at 1120 Park Avenue, Brick Church members, Brick School families and many friends of Brick Church.

The highlight of the party was of course the annual visit from Santa, a.k.a. Ellsworth Stanton; the teenagers were as excited about his visit as the younger children were! It was a wonderful day of Christmas Spirit, family bonding and smiles all around.

The party would not have been a success without the creativity, hard work, energy, smiles and warm hearts of our volunteers. This Party truly begins the Christmas Season for the residents and staff at the Sarah Powell Huntington House and we as the hosts are all reminded of the true magic of the Season.

**PAM FERGUSON, NEDA NAVAB,
AND DORN REDD**

COOKS WHO CARE

Cooks who Care delivers warm, hearty meals and snacks to between five and eight HIV/AIDS clients living in SROs on the upper west side of Manhattan 52 weeks a year.

Working with Health Bridge (an agency providing social and health services to HIV/AIDS clients), Cooks Who Care has provided more than 8,400 meals since its inception and has involved many Brick Church families and friends. Cooks Who Care gives volunteers the satisfaction

of planning, cooking and delivering meals to people who both need and appreciate them. Repeat volunteering is the norm because those who sign up find the experience so gratifying. It is a great opportunity to share a ministry with friends and family by doing it together. It requires several hours of cooking (at home or in The Brick Church kitchen) followed by delivery on Saturday afternoons between 4:00 p.m and 5:30 p.m.

KATHY KAASCH AND JOYCE MITCHELL

The Brick Church Literary and Tutoring ministry matches interested Brick Church members to students at the East Harlem Tutorial Program (EHTP), a learning center that has provided after-school education for public schools in the East Harlem area since 1958. Since the early 1990s, as it strengthened programs and services and the annual budget multiplied from \$100,000 to \$2.78 million, the number of children EHTP serves has grown from 50 to over 700. EHTP student enrollment increased 40 percent in 2007 alone.

The EHTP mission of the Brick Church ministry is: (1) to enhance the knowledge and skills of children who are eager to learn; (2) to express faith and love through action and one-on-one contact; (3) to inspire joy and trust in these children's lives; and (4) to encourage Brick Church members to have a rewarding volunteer experience by giving their time in tutoring these children. All of this is accomplished one child at a time.

Emily Main has been a faithful and committed volunteer with this program. For new tutors, there are tutor orientation sessions and tutor training sessions, conducted by East

Harlem Tutorial Program's committed staff. For each student, scholastic and personal goals are established at the beginning of the school year with EHTP staff and the students' parents. Tutor support sessions throughout the school year ensure that the goals for each tutor-student team are being achieved. The EHTP also provides tutors structure for the weekly tutoring sessions by providing age-appropriate writing assignments.

The time commitment varies: Tutoring is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on weekdays or Saturday mornings at EHTP's facility on Second Avenue at 103 Street. Tutors can also choose to "drop in" to help any student with homework in the afternoon.

It is difficult to put into words the wonder and thrill of witnessing a young mind awaken. At its core, the goal of the tutoring program is to help each child recognize and develop his/her own, unique talents and skills and to cultivate a sense of self-worth. The one-on-one tutoring program at EHTP helps the child to accomplish these goals. The reward for the tutor: priceless.

MARGARET STOCKER

During the past year, residents of the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter have been dining with members of The Brick Church every Friday evening. The NCS 81st Street Residence is a long-term, supportive housing facility for people who have come through their shelter program. Formerly homeless, the residents live independently but, like all of us, need some support and tender loving care. Each week Brick Church volunteers plan the dinner menu, then purchase and cook the food to be served. Most importantly,

volunteers sit and enjoy food and fellowship with the NCS residents.

Sixth through 12th grade youth from the church and community, headed by Georgia Meeter and Rev. Christiane Lang, and supported by adult volunteers, host the FNDP the first and third Fridays of each month. The second, fourth and fifth Fridays are coordinated by Deacons Cristina Soto, Erin Kane, Stephen Day and Stacie Kallenberg, along with volunteers from the congregation and beyond. The hosts meet to prepare and cook the meal at 5:00 p.m., greet

EAST HARLEM TUTORIAL PROGRAM

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER PROGRAM

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

their guests at 6:30 p.m. and enjoy dinner together until 8:00 p.m. Each June, an end-of-year barbecue is held in The Brick Church Garden (rain or shine); moreover, holidays and NCS residents' birthdays are also celebrated every month.

Dinners have traditionally been held in Watson Hall, with an occasional move to the third floor dining room during times when the Hall is otherwise occupied. The dining room receives raves from the residents, who consistently comment on the warmth and beauty of the room and how special they're made to feel when eating there. In response to this sentiment, the deacons have decided

to move their Friday Night Dinners from Watson Hall to the 3rd Floor Dining Room on a permanent basis. Due to space constraints in the 3rd floor kitchen, youth Fridays will continue to be held in Watson Hall. We hope this change to a more intimate setting will please guests and volunteers alike.

Week after week, our dinner program evenings serve up good food, interesting conversation and warm camaraderie with our neighbors from NCS. It's a wonderful way to spend a Friday night.

**CRISTINA SOTO, STACIE KALLENBERG,
ERIN KANE AND STEPHEN DAY**

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity – NYC transforms lives and our city by uniting New Yorkers around the cause of decent and affordable housing for everyone. Founded in 1984 as an independent affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, Habitat – NYC builds in all five boroughs, completing about 25 houses each year. Current projects include a 41 unit environmentally friendly condominium in the Ocean Hill-Brownsville section of Brooklyn.

Homes are built with the “sweat equity” of family partner homeowners who work side-by-side with volunteers. Professional contractors build the exterior shells to code, and the volunteers do the interior construction. Each year, more than 10,000 New Yorkers come to build with Habitat and learn more about how to help solve New York’s affordable housing crisis.

This Deacon ministry enthusiastically supports the agenda of Habitat for Humanity-NYC. The Brick Church provides 7 to 12 volunteers for one Saturday each month between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Volunteers

must be at least 16 years of age, but brawn and construction experience are not necessary. Habitat provides us with all tools, materials and training.

At the end of the day, volunteers leave with a well-deserved sense of accomplishment. They have joined in fellowship with other Brick Church members and brought a family closer to the dream of owning their home.

This year The Brick Church participated in five builds. The volunteers who attended were Michael Lindvall, Emily Main, Fredrik & Cherrise Cederqvist, John Lari, Brad Albright, Marek Lis, Jill Worth, Cary Potter, Tom Keating, Tom Ward, Craig Young, Karen Fang, Jed Davies, Sara White, Angus Oborn, Caitlin Corrigan, Don McCutcheon, Stefan Krueger, Jamie Cann, Don Sponberg, Keith Scott Morton, Glenn Wittpenn, Allston Chapman.

In the fall of 2008, the Deacons, led by Glenn Wittpenn, held a pancake breakfast fundraiser that raised \$1,000 for Habitat for Humanity.

**KEITH SCOTT MORTON AND
GLENN WITTPENN**

The Deacons had an active year of in-reach ministry. Recognizing our call to represent Christ's compassion in our midst, we visited people in the hospital; spent time with homebound members; and assisted in the planning of memorial services. As well we continued our ministry of note writing to members going through challenging transitions

in their lives. These rewarding ways of service have resulted in us receiving much more in return than we have offered and we are grateful for every opportunity.

ALLSTON CHAPMAN

INREACH

Founded in 1830, the Inwood House mission is to help young people become healthy, capable adults. The maternity residence is an integral part of their program, providing homeless, pregnant teens with a safe place to live as well as prenatal care, counseling, classes in parenting and nutrition, continuation of their high school education, assistance in the pursuit of a college degree, job training and interview skills. It is at this Maternity Residence that members of The Brick Church volunteer.

Inwood's town house at 320 East 82nd Street (1st&2nd) has been undergoing a gut-renovation for the last 2 years, so we have been meeting in their temporary quarters at Grace Institute (65th & 2nd Avenue). They expect the 82nd Street facility to be completed by February 2009.

Brick Church volunteers run a bi-monthly arts and crafts program for the residents who range in age from 13-18 years old. We meet on a Tuesday evening from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. during the months of September through May. Brick Church volunteers lead the young women in a wide variety of craft projects. While these projects require no particular artistic talent, they provide the girls critical opportunities to discover new interests, meet new people and know they

are part of a caring community.

Volunteers may commit to a single Tuesday evening to help with a project, or several consecutive Tuesdays. Brick Church members who have volunteered their time on a regular basis this year include: Ann Darmstaetter, Andrea Escorcio, Amy Miller, Cathy Leonhardt and Karee Hanifan.

Our primary contact with Inwood House is their volunteer coordinator. We also have a Youth Care worker on-site during every activity to ensure safe and appropriate interaction between residents and volunteers.

The importance of establishing role models for these young women in crisis cannot be underestimated. Brick Church volunteers help these young women to realize their potential as individuals, family members and citizens.

The value of our contribution is evident at the conclusion of each project, when the young women leave with smiles on their faces, and feelings of accomplishment.

Thanks to The Brick Church community for its generosity of time, talent and treasure for these needy teenagers.

**SALLIE ABELOW, COLETTE BRYCE AND
CATHERINE ROWLAND**

INWOOD HOUSE

JAN HUS HOMELESS OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Jan Hus Presbyterian Church has a long history in New York City as an active advocate for disenfranchised members of the community. Its Homeless Outreach and Advocacy Program (HOAP) provides a variety of direct services to those in need, from a weekly dinner program and pantry services, to counseling, referrals, and emergency grants. HOAP also works in coalition with other organizations to mobilize and advocate for a change in policies that affect the low-income, poor and homeless populations of New York City.

Jan Hus is a founding member of the East Side Congregations for Housing Justice and works collaboratively with other groups, including The East Side Homeless Network, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House and Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter to provide the greatest possible services and support for its clients and to advance forward-thinking policies aimed at ending homelessness as we know it.

The Brick Church has been a long-term supporter of Jan Hus with annual grants to its Homeless Outreach program.

KEY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- **Speaker Program:** Brick Church provides outside expert speakers who talk to Jan Hus' homeless or marginally-domiciled clients about issues such as nutrition, mental health, and faith.
- **Movies and Entertainment:** Sev-

eral times a year, clients of Jan Hus watch movies in the third floor living room of The Brick Church Parish House. These films provide both a welcome relief to Jan Hus clients and a chance to reflect on or discuss issues that affect them personally.

- **Concert Benefit:** A special family concert — Mama Rocks for the Homeless! — is again being organized this fall for mothers and young children. The concert will feature Ashley Gramins, a folk-rock singer and Jan Hus Deacon. Brick Church women will underwrite expenses by serving as “rock star” underwriters. Proceeds will benefit the Jan Hus HOAP.
- **Circle of Arts:** This remarkable month of art and inspiration designed to break down boundaries among people and shatter the misperceptions about homelessness features art from the clients of Jan Hus. Brick Church volunteers have supported this event in various ways in past years.
- **Ad-Hoc Support:** Occasionally, the Church is asked to identify church members with special skills who wish to volunteer. Past supporters have helped with the newsletter, website, trained staff and tutored clients.

**MICHAEL BARNES JOYCE GIUFFRA
AND ASHLEY GRAMINS**

SEARCH AND CARE

One of our new ministries is Search and Care. Formed in 1972, the mission of Search and Care is to provide our community's frail elderly with support and companionship. Usually our aging-in-place clients live in their own apartments. We assist these men and women in various ways, helping them to live with security and dignity. Our deacon chair,

Ann Darmstaetter serves on the Sentinel Committee. In October, The Brick Church hosted an afternoon of music and fellowship with Vocal Ease with more than 55 people in attendance.

In 2008, Brick Church members Ann Darmstaetter, Bernard Hughes, and Bob Stecker, volunteered their time and efforts.

ANN DARMSTAETTER

The Brick Church Deacons are continuing to open doors of opportunity for this long-time neighborhood alliance. In the past three years, the Deacons have formed the groundwork by providing volunteers for their weekly lunch.

In May, on the Day of Discipleship, 15 volunteers went to the Center to help out in various ways as well as serve lunch. This past Thanksgiving,

Brick Church volunteers came out in huge numbers to provide assistance to the Meals-On-Wheels program which helped bring meals to more than 300 individuals, and feed more than 100 visitors in the facility. We created “An Enrichment Hour” where volunteers shared their time, fellowship, experiences and expertise.

**KRISTEN MULVOY AND
EVERETT JENOURE**

Yorkville Common Pantry (YCP) is the largest neighborhood based provider of emergency food in New York City. In its 28th year of operation, YCP remains committed to reducing hunger for individuals and families in New York City while promoting dignity and the support necessary to help gain self-sufficiency. As a founding partner of Yorkville Common Pantry in 1981, The Brick Church continues to be one of the greatest supporters of the organization and its effort to reduce hunger for low income families.

YCP offers a wide range of assistance to the East Harlem and Upper East Side families who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless or struggling to make ends meet. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings, the Food Pantry distributes nutritional groceries for more than 900 families who receive bags of groceries, enough to feed each member of a family three meals a day for three days, or the equivalent of 23,000 meals. YCP also provides hundreds of emergency food packages through its 24/7 Program. It is open 365 days a year to provide emergency food to anyone who is unable to obtain emergency food. A true testament to the success of the program is the rate at which it has grown. Introduced in 2003, the 24/7 Program provided more than 7,000 meals in the first year alone. Since that year, an additional

40,000 meals have been served.

In 2008, YCP distributed a staggering 1.7 million meals. The Project Dignity program takes place in the newly renovated headquarters located at 8 E. 109th Street and provides 1,200 hot meals per week. In addition, this program also offers showers and laundry facilities, psychiatric assessments, emergency shelter and social service aid.

The Deacon Ministry participates in two major church-wide food drives each year. This year at each drive, more than 300 bags were distributed to the congregation and were returned full of the requested staple grocery items. In addition, there was a collection to help YCP provide Thanksgiving turkeys. We raised over \$7,000 and were matched to total \$14,000 for this drive. That money allowed YCP to purchase 1000 of the 2000 turkeys it distributed for Thanksgiving.

Last year, the YCP ministry sought greater involvement from The Brick Church School. Children were asked to bring a specific item to Wednesday morning chapel. These items were carried to the front during the worship service and presented for donation to YCP. This was a huge success and taught children about giving to others. We continue to think of new ways to expand this ministry and our involvement in YCP.

JANET LEY AND ARDEN STEPHENSON

STANLEY ISAACS

YORKVILLE COMMON PANTRY

COMMUNITY REPORTS

During 2008, Boy Scout Troop 662 did the following: (1) held 32 weekly troop meetings; (2) went on seven camping trips; (3) attended Scout summer camp (with 61% of the Troop's membership attending); (4) had day outings to go bowling, swimming and skiing; and (5) assisted in handing out programs at the annual Park Avenue Christmas tree lighting ceremony. In addition, the Eagle Scout Award was presented to three boys, one of whom also earned an Eagle Palm. We have another Scout who is presently finishing up his last merit badge and working on his project, so we anticipate awarding at least one Eagle this current year, and possibly two.

Membership in the troop has re-

mained fairly constant. This past fall, several boys who had lost interest dropped out of the troop but we also picked up a number of new members. In addition, this fall the Cub Scout Pack was revived and the Troop is helping to run the Webelos program for the Pack for those boys who are transitioning from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. The Troop, however, could really use a boost in its membership. Any boy who is at least 11 years old, or has completed the fifth grade, is eligible to join the Troop, and those who are in fourth and fifth grade are eligible to join the Webelos and be involved with many of the activities of the Troop.

EDWARD V. FINN, SCOUTMASTER

BOY SCOUTS

GIRL SCOUTS

Our fourth year at Brick Church was an exciting year for Troop 3047. The Girl Scout Council was thrilled to see how many of our older girls continued with scouting as they continue with Junior High and High School.

Our girls ranged in age from 11-15. All of our girls were at the Cadette or Older Girl level in scouting. Since resuming scouts in September all of our girls are now in Troop 3047. They continue to work on their badge work, community service and sell cookies to raise money to pay for the trips and badge materials.

We used our annual cookie sale money toward a trip to Rock Horse Ranch and we donated farm animals to needy families in Africa. As they grow older, our girls are developing their independence. We also had two girls participate in the Girl Scout Scholars program at Long Island University and many girls pursued independent badge work as well. One of our girls went on a Girl Scout destination trip to the Teton Mountains in Wyoming. While there she studied

ecology, outdoor education and went on a bird banding expedition. In June we had our first girl bridge to being a Senior Scout.

As usual a percentage of the funds raised from the Cookie Sale this year were added to a special account that is being put towards an overseas trip. The girls have spent a great deal of time exploring different travel options. Some of the destinations they are exploring are Tokyo, the Caribbean and France. Although they have not chosen their destination yet, their target is to travel Internationally during 2009 or 2010, once everyone is old enough.

2008 proved to be an exciting time of opportunity and growth for the Brick Church Girl Scout Troops. If you have a daughter ages 11-17 that would like to join Girl Scouts or for questions about Girl Scout Troops #3047 please contact co-leader Vera Sheehan at 212-879-7735.

VERA SHEEHAN, TROOP LEADER

KEEP FIT CLASSES

Watson Hall has been the site of Keep Fit classes for the past 41 years. These exercise classes are designed for men and women of all ages that allow one to choose in making these classes challenging or just a nice toning program.

Music for the Keep Fit classes consists of anything from Broadway show tunes to Big Band to Rock n' Roll to Classical. Sessions are held on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., and Tuesdays at 5:15 p.m. The classes incorporate hand weights and exercise bands, body alignment, stretching, balance and CORE exercises, and

dance. Brick Church members and non-members alike are welcome.

We are pleased that each year enrollment continues to grow! There is a tuition fee for each of the three terms of about 10 to 15 weeks. We also offer a trial class. Come and have a fun, positive experience!

Financial statement

Balance—January 1	\$10,187
Receipts	23,839
Expenses	20,590
Balance—December 31	\$ 13,436

ANGIE DAYE LOBENHOFER

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

In its 88th year, the Brick Church Women's Association continued to fulfill its three-pronged mission at Brick Church:

- to provide service to the Church
- to promote friendship, fellowship and spiritual growth among women within the Church
- to provide financial support to agencies in our surrounding neighborhoods of East Harlem and Yorkville.

In 2008, Women's Association committees continued to provide a wide range of services to the Church. Our Chancel committee, chaired by Nicole Cunningham, Pam Ferguson, Lindsay Higgins, Mimi Hah and Jayne Napier regularly prepared communion. Cynthia Coulson, Susan Crary, Tamara Leuchtenburg and Matsie Walsh on the Garden Committee tended the gardens surrounding the Church. Our Hospitality Chairs, Anne Huneke and Jill Worth, and their volunteers poured coffee on Sundays during Coffee Hour. Alison Chace, Betsy Cox, Jill Lampe and Betsey Pick provided Tender-Loving-Care by preparing and delivering meals to members in temporary distress. The Sanctuary Decorating Committee, Diane Chachas, Saskia Evans and Leslie Heaney, decorated the church beautifully for Christmas and Easter. In addition we are responsible for the Sunday Memorial Flower program and the Women's Association was thrilled to be able to share the success of the Fair with the Church in a contribution of \$10,000.

Fellowship events for the Brick Church community are a Women's Association specialty, planned and carried out by dedicated volunteers to encourage camaraderie and spiritual growth among the congregation. This year, our Fellowship chairs Lee Ann Alexandrakis, Shannon Henderson, Neda Navab and Wibby Sevenser planned warm and welcoming events

including the Fall Fling, the Family Easter Tea Party and the Spring Luncheon. Our Fellowship Luncheons were a pleasure each month, chaired by Preston Davis, Allison Gray, Silsbee Philo and Tracy Warner. The WA Board also includes our Communications chair, Stephanie Vartughian, our Nominating Chair, Anne Schack, our New Members Liaisons, Janet Ley and Paige Rustum and our Education Committee, chaired by Kerri Devine and Stephanie Nelson. And our ever-popular Mom's Morning Out was chaired by Deirdre Bader and Shannon Froehlich. All events were beautifully planned, well attended and fun-filled.

Enthusiastically chaired this year by Lucy Cary, Maryellen Cundey, Lucinda Bhavsar and Stacie Kallenberg, the 2008 Brick Church Fair, comprised of the Children's Fair, the Christmas Fair, two Rummage Sales, a Spring Boutique and the Mardi Gras wrap-up party with the Silent Auction, was a tremendous success. With about 240 volunteers on 28 committees, the Fair was no small feat to organize. The Women's Association's only fundraising event, the Fair is a Brick Church tradition, combining fellowship and fundraising.

I would like to thank our Executive Committee, comprised of Vice Presidents, Brenda Earl, Anna Caspersen, Tracey Huff, Christie Winmill and Linda Reinstadtler, our Treasurer. Thank you as well to Dru Haskin, our tireless Recording Secretary, and Holly Burke, our Corresponding Secretary and to our at-large members Nealy Clifford. All of their support is invaluable.

Since its founding 64 years ago, the revenues produced by the Fair are essential to the Women's Association goal of providing support for women and families in the East Harlem,

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

Harlem and Yorkville. In 2008, we gave grants of \$70,000 to 13 programs, including school tutoring, aid for the elderly in their own homes, summer camp for special needs children, and lunch programs for the elderly of our neighborhood. Special thanks for their diligent work in allocating our funds goes to our Outreach Committee, chaired by Brenda Earl. Through the Scholarship Committee, chaired by Helen Pennoyer and Becca Davies, we are also able to award \$30,000 in quality-of-life scholarships to members of our own Brick community.

The Women's Association looks forward in 2009 to continuing to fulfill its 88 year old mission. We enjoy working together and attending fellowship events; however, we are most proud of the important work we do to support the Church and to raise funds for our community.

I would like to thank the many volunteers for their hard work and dedication, without which we would not be able to have this successful program for the Church. In addition, thank you to Michael Lindvall, Doug King and Christy Lang for their support, and also for the support of the staff of the Brick Church and the Day School. And at the heart of everything that we do is our dedicated coordinator, Carol Ann Mercer, who is in her 20th year with us! We are grateful for the love, thought and careful attention that she puts into all that she does for the Women's Association and church as a whole.

Respectfully Submitted,

JACKIE A. HENNESSEY
WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION

The Corporation of The Brick Presbyterian Church in the City of New York was chartered in 1809. It is managed by a 12-person Board of Trustees elected by the Congregation from among its members who are charged with the responsibility for maintaining the buildings and grounds, the endowment funds, and the fiscal well being of the church. Each year, four members are chosen to serve three-year terms; two such terms may be served consecutively. In addition to monthly meetings, all members serve on various committees which address specific areas of concern to the corporation and which also may include other church members with expertise in relevant areas. Committees include Building and Grounds, Audit, Investment, Insurance, and Law. The Trustees also have representatives on the Stewardship and Personnel Committees of the Session, and on the Joint Finance Committee and the All-Church Nominating Committee.

For many years, the Trustees' Buildings and Grounds Committee was chaired by Louis Hornick II who made an extraordinary contribution to the church in overseeing the renovation of the sanctuary and the installation of the Anderson organ and in leading the development of a comprehensive energy conservation program. The church is grateful for his dedicated service. Donald Allison has assumed the leadership of this committee, whose report is included herein and details the excellent work done in maintaining our facilities and in continuing our efficiency programs.

The Trustees' Investment Committee, chaired by Richard Stowe, consists of 13 members of the congregation and includes the senior minister, the director of administration and finance and the treasurer ex officio. In

2008, this committee devoted untold hours in meetings and on conference calls in managing our investment strategy and monitoring the church's endowment, as more fully described in its separate report also included, herein. The decision in 2006 to retain Colonial Consulting, our investment advisory firm, continues to be an especially wise one.

After research and review in 2007, the church approved a recommendation to convert the existing defined benefit plan to a defined contribution plan to include all employees as of December 31, 2007. During 2008, the pension program with Principal Financial Group was closed out and we completed the first year of the new defined contribution plan with Fidelity Investments at considerable savings to the church.

Over the past 30 years there have been discussions, off and on, about installing a columbarium - a place for the respectful placement of urns containing deceased's remains - at Brick Church. A special committee was formed this year to research and investigate this possibility. Preliminary research has been done on potential locations and the committee has visited columbaria at a number of Manhattan churches. Work will continue in 2009 on assessing the financial feasibility, the interest of the congregation, matters of design and facilities integration and the many significant implications of such a project. If the committee chooses to proceed, a recommendation will be made to the Board of Trustees and the Session.

The year 2008 has presented circumstances that most of us thought unimaginable. As we plan for the challenges of 2009 and consider the years to follow, the trustees endorse the view that we must operate with fiscal prudence. However, we will

need to make decisions not just on the basis of what costs less or best preserves the assets of the church. We must continue to maintain the traditions of the Brick Church, recognizing that our programs and services are more important than ever to our members and our community in challenging and uncertain times.

FRANCES G. LASERSON, PRESIDENT

The Endowment Fund

The Trustees' Investment Committee (TIC) oversees the management of the endowment, which, on December 31, 2008, had total assets of \$25.4 million, down from \$32.1 million a year earlier. The decrease during the year was the result of both investment results and contributions to the Day School and Church Capital Campaigns, net of spending. For the three months ended March 31, 2009, the endowment's value declined further to \$24.2 million. The overall decline over these 15 months from year-end 2007 was 25 percent.

As everyone is aware, the past year has been a time of extraordinary peril in the capital markets and the economy, and the difficulties continue. Many investors have learned that what appeared to be diversified asset classes have all moved together in this time of trouble, and usually in the wrong direction. The Church's endowment has been helped by a high allocation to fixed income, absolute return, and hedge funds (54 percent in total at year-end 2008), all of which have performed well on a relative basis during this period. It has also helped that our fairly modest private equity program (4.8 percent of the endowment contributed at December 31, 2008) was only beginning when the downturn hit, so it has not had much of an impact on the portfolio and is in fact

now in a position to take advantage of the distressed markets. However, the conventional asset classes—various categories of domestic and international public equities—have seen large declines, even though their relative performance has been satisfactory.

Since August 2006 the TIC has been advised by Colonial Consulting, LLC with respect to asset allocation, manager selection and performance measurement. The process of reviewing the portfolio, evaluating, and in many cases, changing managers was largely complete before the major market decline began. Overall, the TIC and Colonial believe that the endowment has held up well in a treacherous environment. We are particularly pleased with PIMCO, our fixed income manager, which was up slightly over the 15 months, and with our hedge fund managers. The Pequot Mariner Fund was down only about 2 percent over the period, vs. the HFRI hedge index, which was down about 24 percent. (Pequot, which has been a manager for Brick since 1994, was the only manager that survived the restructuring of the portfolio in 2007-08).

Investment losses of that size are both painful and humbling. Unless markets recover, the decline in the endowment will reduce the amount that the endowment can contribute to the Church's operating budget in the coming years. However, we have significantly outperformed our benchmark indices, which is a testament in these difficult times to both the quality of advice that we receive from Colonial Consulting and the strength of our chosen investment managers. We remain optimistic that this very liquid portfolio is well positioned for the future.

**RICHARD H. STOWE,
CHAIR, TRUSTEES' FINANCE COMMITTEE**

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION

(CONTINUED)

ENDOWMENT FUNDS SUMMARY

	“Historic Dollar Value”	12/31/08 Balance	3 year Average	2009 Budget
Holden Trust Income	NA	973,776	NA	30,000
Day School				
Special Fund	NA	1,279,738	NA	
Retirement Fund	NA	140,905	NA	483,591
Professional Development Fund	NA	332,362	NA	44,222
Cultural Fund	NA	13,293	NA	29,777
Paul Wolfe Mem. Scholarship Fund	640,942	1,055,797	1,400,361	71,244
Teachers’ Salaries Fund	3,146,318	3,146,318	NA	97,193
Day School		5,968,413		726,027
Merrill Fund	84,531	1,323,581	1,783,017	89,110
Restricted Current Funds				
Endowment 2000	NA	336,498	452,772	22,639
Special Organ Fund	25,000	90,218	109,081	7,500
Speakers Fund	21,730	72,750	98,403	6,032
CE Housing	NA	14,528	NA	14,529
From Restricted Current Funds		513,994		50,700
Benevolence Related				
Church Outreach Fund	120,950	715,741	955,627	47,781
Designated Benevolence	NA	12,000	NA	
Ladies Helping Hand	40,000	245,965	324,528	16,226
Sick Children’s Aid Fund	36,241	165,758	218,381	10,919
Church Of The Covenant Fund	47,014	118,297	146,715	7,336
From Restricted Benevolences		1,257,761	1,645,251	82,263
Seminary Education Related				
Colin Reed Fund	5,000	21,409	29,234	1,462
Clifford Seminary Fund	1,022,309	1,022,309	923,450	46,173
From Seminary Education Funds		1,043,718	952,684	47,634
Plant Funds				
Watson Hall Maintenance Fund	452,166	1,899,472	2,203,155	7,000
Building Fund	NA	1,362,772	1,647,188	
From Plant Funds				7,000
Unrestricted				
Maintenance Fund	NA	2,381,944	2,892,722	144,636
Memorial Fund	NA	47,560	80,094	4,005
Endowment Fund	NA	9,936,236	12,908,469	645,423
From Unrestricted Endowment		12,365,740	15,881,285	794,064
Sub-total From Church Endowment		19,767,038	24,112,580	1,070,771
Women’s Association				
Helen W. Buckner Scholarship Fund	100,000	182,516	226,534	
Women’s Assn. Fund	NA	300,817	NA	
Whitfield Beadleston	10,000	18,282	22,691	
Sub-total Women’s Assn.		501,615		
Capital Campaign	NA	245,058	NA	
Grand Total		26,482,124		

NA = Not Applicable. These funds are not “Endowment Funds” under the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.

Item	Comments
Holden Trust Income	The Church receives the income on this Trust, established under the will of Edith Holden in 1967.
Day School Special Fund Retirement Fund Professional Development Fund Cultural Fund	These funds are controlled by the Day School Committee. The Special Fund, Retirement Fund, Professional Development Fund and Cultural Fund are not operated as ‘endowments,’ subject to a target spending rate. Spending is at the discretion of the Day School Committee.
Paul Wolfe Mem. Scholarship Fund Teachers’ Salaries Fund	For Scholarships to the Day School. Accrued to income as used. For the support of Day School Teachers’ Salaries. Accrued to income as used. In 2008, \$286,180 of unrealized depreciation was transferred to Unrestricted Operating to preserve this fund at historic dollar value.
From Endowment	Except as noted, these funds are subject to the target spending rate, which is currently 5 percent of the three-year moving average of the fund.
Merrill Fund	Supports the Music Program. Accrued to income monthly.
Restricted Current Funds Endowment 2000 Special Organ Fund Speakers Fund CE Housing	Annuity for Dr. Anderson. Accrued to income monthly. For the care of the organ. Accrued to income as used. For guest speakers. Accrued to income as used. Special gift to support housing for Christian Education specialist. Accrued to income monthly.
Benevolence Related Church Outreach Fund Designated Benevolence Ladies Helping Hand Sick Children’s Aid Fund Church Of The Covenant Fund	These funds are controlled by the Grants Committee For support of local churches. Accrued to income as used. Awaiting Disbursement For support of certain charities. Accrued to income as used. For support of certain charities. Accrued to income as used. For support of benevolences. Accrued to income as used. To be merged with Church Outreach Fund.
Seminary Education Related Colin Reed Fund Clifford Seminary Fund	For support of Seminary Assistants. Accrued to income monthly. For support of Seminary Assistants. Accrued to income monthly. Restrictions partly relaxed in 2009. In 2008 \$199,203 of unrealized depreciation was transferred to Unrestricted Operating to preserve this fund at historic dollar value.
From Plant Funds Watson Hall Maintenance Fund Building Fund	For upkeep of Watson Hall. Use restricted to income. Accrued to income as used. For the acquisition of nearby real estate. Awaiting use.
Unrestricted: Maintenance Fund Memorial Fund Endowment Fund	Accrued to income monthly. Accrued to income monthly. Accrued to income monthly.
Women’s Association Helen W. Buckner Scholarship Fund Women’s Assn. Fund Whitfield Beadleston	These funds are controlled by the Women’s Assn. Scholarships for children of church members in need. Scholarships for children of church members in need. Women’s Assn. activities.
Capital Campaign	Awaiting disbursement to designated charities.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Building and Grounds Committee remains focused on energy conservation and management. Jim Stewart, our facilities manager, continues to monitor energy management and maintenance programs that have significantly reduced our electrical and fuel consumption and provided substantial savings.

Building efficiency has been improved with the replacement of aging steam traps in the Sanctuary and Chapel – most of which are original to the building. Discovery and replacement of the remaining traps will occur through 2009. All of the heating and air units in the New and Old Parish Houses were cleaned, repaired and new controls were installed connecting the units to the building-wide energy management systems. In addition to the day-to-day repair and maintenance of the Sanctuary and Parish Houses, significant construction and maintenance projects in 2008 included:

- Replacement of the front roof of the Old Parish House enabling us to add increased insulation;
- Renovation of the Communion Room – replacing the sink, counters and adding a dishwasher;
- Installation of cork tack boards throughout the school classrooms enabling the display of art work;
- Repainting the entire Sunday School/Day School classrooms.

Efforts of the Building and Grounds Committee include a myriad of activities – not all involving 62 East 92nd Street. In November, a building riser broke at 17 East 89th Street providing, as Michael Lindvall tells, “a flood of Biblical proportions,” yielding the kitchen and pantry unusable. After the initial mess was cleaned up, the ceiling was removed and large heaters were placed to enable the kitchen to dry. The ceiling and floor were re-

placed, appliances scrubbed down and the kitchen was back in order by mid-December.

Early this year, another “surprise” involved the ignition of the fire-suppressant system in the third floor kitchen during meal preparation one evening. Bryce MacDonald is reviewing the occurrence, which included some system failures, and the Committee will make recommendations as to the use of that kitchen.

Capital projects for 2009 will include the replacement of the interior doors in the Sanctuary. Exact copies of these doors have been made but with insulated glazing, proper weatherstripping and modern operating hardware. Pending Landmarks and Building Department approval, the school is hoping to enclose the sixth floor terrace this summer to make an art studio. This will be funded by the School’s spring auction proceeds as well as a gift from an anonymous donor. The work will encompass some of the planned renovations to the sixth floor that were delayed due to budget constraints and will not require any new capital funds.

I would be extremely remiss if I did not thank my predecessor, Lou Hornick, who served as chairman of the Committee for more than 20 years with complete dedication. The Brick Church would not be in its current excellent physical shape without his diligence. The whole congregation thanks you, Lou.

I would also like to thank staff members Jim Stewart and Laila Al-Askari, our dedicated long-time architect Jeffrey Lydon, and committee members Ray Boudereau, Charlie Higgins, Sara Hurst Jenoure, and Bryce MacDonald for their work this past year.

**DONALD G. ALLISON, TRUSTEE
CHAIR, BUILDING & GROUNDS**

	2008	2007 <i>Restated</i>
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,127,458	\$2,534,517
Accounts receivable	\$234,533	\$146,390
Notes receivable	\$368,057	\$369,898
Investments	\$25,169,182	\$32,217,007
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$20,424	\$20,362
Promises to give receivable, net	\$1,933,724	\$2,383,155
Land, buildings, furniture and equipment	\$1	\$1
Manses	\$449,996	\$449,996
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	\$973,767	\$1,299,468
Total assets	\$30,277,142	\$39,420,794
 Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$75,623	\$132,255
Other liabilities	\$199,827	\$196,555
Accrued pension plan cost	—	273,041
Deferred tuition	\$1,309,367	\$1,160,464
Total liabilities	\$1,584,817	\$1,762,315
 Net assets	 \$28,692,325	 \$37,658,479
 Total liabilities and net assets	 \$30,277,142	 \$39,420,794

2008 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

STATEMENT OF
OPERATING
REVENUE AND
EXPENSE
2008

	2008	2007
Revenue		
Contributions	\$2,481,933	\$2,398,873
Day School Revenues	\$3,399,621	\$3,094,053
Women's Association	\$393,470	\$448,331
Interest Income	\$46,627	\$83,133
Holden Trust Income	\$30,274	\$34,219
Authorized Drawdown from the Endowment*	\$790,524	\$887,451
Additional Restricted Funds Contributions	\$278,645	\$280,073
Total revenues	\$7,421,094	\$7,226,133
Expense		
Pastoral Services	\$701,222	\$677,338
Mission Outreach Benevolences	\$386,422	\$369,742
Mission Outreach - Deacons	\$11,847	\$10,835
Denominational Assessments	\$82,045	\$75,163
Administration	\$857,745	\$886,469
Archives	\$2,032	\$3,049
Congregational Fellowship	\$39,852	\$26,336
Members and Evangelism Committee	\$8,529	\$7,428
Worship and Music Committee	\$41,202	\$32,972
Church and Society	\$16	\$137
Personnel	-	\$11
Stewardship	\$17,632	\$18,967
Communication	\$87,093	\$74,380
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	\$897,180	\$896,618
Watson Hall	\$6,487	\$2,836
Capital Depreciation**	\$450,000	450,000
Insurance	\$113,458	\$136,021
Ministry of Music	\$363,690	\$376,389
Day School	\$2,937,168	\$2,469,194
Christian Education	\$177,655	\$103,270
Women's Association	\$403,122	\$429,443
HBA Honorarium	\$23,201	\$22,006
Total Expenses (Excluding major expenses)	\$7,607,598	\$7,068,604
Operating Surplus/Deficit	\$(186,504)	\$157,529

* Authorized Drawdown from Endowment: The Endowment is managed on a "total return" basis. Historically, the Board of Trustees has established 5 percent of the three-year moving average of the market value of the endowment funds to be a prudent draw to support the church operating budget. Based on a thorough review in 2004, it was decided that the 5 percent should not be applied to those funds restricted as to purpose. This change, if implemented immediately, would have placed a strain on the 2005 budget, so the Trustees voted to phase in the new procedures by applying draw levels of 6.5 percent for 2005, 6 percent for 2006, 5.5 percent for 2007 and a return to the 5 percent standard in 2008. This standard will be maintained for 2009.

** The church does not capitalize and depreciate its expenditures for capital projects. In lieu of depreciation, an allowance is made in the operating budget for future capital expenditures. This allowance has been set at \$450,000 in recent years, reflecting the size of the church plant in relation to comparable facilities, estimates of future capital requirements and other factors.

COMMENTS ON THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE

The 2008 Statement of Operating Revenue and Expense is displayed in a summary sheet which is divided into a revenue statement and an expense statement. The Revenue Statement is composed of three major areas which include the Church, Day School, and the Women's Association. The Church revenue is received mainly through pledges and income on the endowment. The Day School is funded through annual tuition, the biannual auction, and contributions to the special purpose funds. The Women's Association is supported through income on its scholarship funds, annual dues, other contributions, and proceeds from the annual Fair – which includes the Children's Fair, the Christmas Fair, and the Spring Dance. The revenue for each area supports its major activities throughout the year.

The Expense statement indicates the expenses for each area in the budget. The Church revenue supports all the fixed building costs including insurance, personnel costs and all the associated costs for each committee's activities.

The Day School is assessed an annual overhead cost that is paid to the Church for general building and operating costs, and funds its operating costs for the school through the means mentioned above. For the 2007/2008 school year ended August 31, 2008 the Day School actual contribution to church overhead is \$505,000. The Women's Association funds support its personnel and program costs as well as funding its scholarship and outreach programs.

The annual budget goal is to operate with a balanced budget. The budget is a guideline for expenses and therefore a forecast of what is expected to take place in the future. The 2008 Budget was approved as a balanced budget.

Although expenses in 2008 were closely managed, an increase in expenses and a short-fall in pledge receipts caused a deficit in the Statement of Operating Revenue and Expense. However, the Capital Budget was not affected to the same extent, due to a considered reduction of over \$194,000 in capital expenditures below the \$450,000 allowance in lieu of depreciation described previously. The Buildings and Grounds Committee, in furtherance of its long-term strategic planning efforts, was able to postpone certain major projects to later years, thanks to considerable expenditures on plant and equipment in recent years. Of course, prudence dictates that the \$450,000 annual allowance be continued for the future.

The Budget for 2009 is shown on the next page.

THE BRICK CHURCH BUDGET FOR 2009

Estimated Revenues	
Contributions	\$2,609,500
Day School	\$3,513,855
Women's Association	\$361,600
Interest Income	\$30,000
Holden Trust Income	\$30,000
Authorized Drawdown from Endowment*	\$794,064
Additional Restricted Funds Contributions	\$276,707
Total Revenues	\$7,615,726

Estimated Expenses	
Pastoral Services	\$732,541
Mission Outreach-Benevolences	\$400,000
Mission Outreach-Deacons	\$15,650
Denominational Assessments	\$82,000
Administration	\$834,160
Archives	\$4,600
Congregational Fellowship	\$24,750
New Members and Evangelism	\$10,150
Communications	\$97,774
Worship and Music	\$29,020
Church and Society	—
Stewardship	\$20,900
Plant Services	\$936,162
Watson Hall	\$7,000
Capital Depreciation**	\$450,000
Insurance	\$128,956
Ministry of Music	\$383,511
Day School	\$2,953,852
Christian Education	\$121,100
Women's Association	\$361,600
HBA Honorarium	\$22,000
Total Expenses	\$7,615,726

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