



Annual Report 2017

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2017 CLERK'S REPORT

Active Members as of December 31, 2016 598

Gains for 2017

Profession of Faith	2
Reaffirmation of Faith	24
Confirmation Class	0
Letter / Certificate of Transfer	6
Other	2
Total Gains	34

Losses for 2015

Letters / Certificates of Transfer	0
Deaths	12
Other	4
Total Losses	16

Active Members as of December 31, 2017 616

Baptisms and Marriages

Infant Baptisms	8
Adult Baptisms	1
Marriages	4

Congregation Demographics

Women	367	59.6%
Men	249	40.4%
Less than 26 years old	71	11.5%
26—45	215	34.9%
46—55	94	15.3%
56—65	113	18.3%
Greater than 65	123	20.0%

Average worship attendance in 2017 was 275, a decrease of 5% from 2016's average of 288.

The work of the Clerk of Session was greatly assisted by Pastor Davis and all of the St. Mark staff.

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WORSHIP COMMISSION

Members of the Worship Commission this year were Melanie Oakes, Mark Davis, Rich Messenger, Susan Thornton and Lamar Cope. At several points we invited input from the Arts committee and were assisted by Bart McHenry, Micha Mayotte and Wendy Depko. The Commission's regular meeting time is 5pm on the first Thurs. of the month.

Plans for Lent and Easter 2017 were well underway when we held our first meeting in February, so the Commission was more involved from then on with Pentecost, summer and Advent/Christmas planning. In conjunction with the Art committee a theme of tongues of fire was developed for Pentecost and streamers of red and gold decorated the church. For Advent and Christmas we used the unusual approach of the light dawning from the prologue of John's gospel with a dark canvas being lighted more brightly each week. With Christmas Eve on Sunday this year, we had three Sunday services and no Saturday service that weekend. The morning service highlighted a children's play. The 7pm service was highlighted by Vivaldi's *Gloria* with the choir and orchestra. The 9pm service was a jazz service and communion.

The main event of summer worship was the *Well* during Sunday morning worship. The space in front of the choir loft became a place where children, and parents, could play during the service. By all accounts it went well and the children enjoyed being able to be more a part of the worship experience.

The commission continued its regular work of arranging for the flower chart, coordinating with the head usher, attending to church decoration for special occasions and being a resource for Mark and Rich as we plan and carry out worship. Our thanks go to the many members of the congregation who have helped us to carry out our responsibility in the past year.

Submitted by Lamar Cope

HEALTH MINISTRIES

Ann Scott, RN, our Parish Nurse, leads our Health Commission, continuing to provide confidential consultation to members on health related matters, coordinating with our Care Team and Parish Counselor, and being an active member of Hoag Health Ministries.

Louise Van Buren leads our Care Team which gives much appreciated support in times of need. Their mission is to discreetly provide care to members when faced with challenging health situations. Their activities include: cards (305), food (17), phone calls (263), transportation (29), visits (51), and other (18).

The Care Team welcomes new St. Mark babies with a rose in the Sanctuary, as well as a hand knit blanket provided by the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Members of the team are: Lois Beeman,, Sue Lee, Sue Lessard, Janet McNeil, Jane Reimund, Marjorie Ringwalt, Kathy Roberts, Janis Salupo, Joann Schaum, Alma Vanasse, and Louise Van Buren.

Gretchen Weisenburger assumes the new position of Parish Counselor. As a highly qualified Clinical Psychologist, Gretchen will work for the well-being of our congregation, staff, and worshiping community through confidential consultation, appropriate social and pastoral referrals, and facilitation in the integration of faith, well-being and mental health.

Mary Jo Stonehouse, RN, is a valuable volunteer assistant for Ann Scott in week day Health Consultation. She also serves in the monthly blood pressure screening.

Ongoing Health Ministry Programs:

- Blood Pressure Screening- Last Sunday of the month. Facilitator: Ann Scott. Screeners- Mary Jo Stonehouse and Kristie Speckhals. Kristi has replaced long time volunteer and Health Ministry member, Frank Anderson.
- CPR and First Aid Classes, taught by Ann and Andy Scott allowed participants the chance to earn their American Heart Association certification.
- Although participation was disappointing, we continue to support the life giving mission of the American Red Cross Blood Drive. We were pleased that publicity did bring in a number of walk-ins from the community. Facilitators: Gary and Joy Johnston
- The Flu Shot Clinic was successful in serving a large number of our congregation as well as many from our community. Facilitators: Ann Scott, Mary Jo Stonehouse, Pat Place
- St. Mark continues to be a member of Hoag Community Medicine which provides education and resources, AED maintenance, flu serum, ad networking within the parish nurse community.

New in 2017:

- “Being Human” #1 The first program of the joint ADN/Health Series featured “The Journey of Caregiving” presented by Cordula Muehlke-Dick.
- Triage staff training with the Newport Beach Fire Department
- Faith Community Nurses Spirituality Conference attended by Ann Scott and Mary Jo Stonehouse
- “Being Human” #2 “Coping with Grief” given by Deborah Daily.
- “Being Human” #3 “Mindfulness/Meditation” A series of 4 classes taught by Rev. Dr. Gail Stearns, Chapman College teacher and chaplain.
- Health Commission Safety Day included a visit from the Newport Beach Fire Department. The fire trucks were a hit with the families and children.

- A memorial donation of \$700 to the Health Ministry in Dr. Rob Robinson's name will be used to purchase an AED for our AMOS Mission in Nicaragua. Rob was a long time member of the church who served on the Health Commission.
- We are saddened by the loss of Marilyn Broughton who will be remembered for her passionate service to the community through CERT.

We welcome anyone who has any concerns, new ideas, or would like to be involved in our mission of caring for our congregation. Our meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Commission Members:

Ann Scott, RN, Louise Van Buren, Gretchen Weisenburger, Mary Jo Stonehouse
Gary Johnston, Monica Riley- Elder, Penny Wilton- Elder

MEMBERSHIP COMMISSION

Overview: The St. Mark Membership Commission had another productive year in 2017, with continued growth in membership and enjoyable fellowship activities. Through careful planning and relying on donations from generous committee members, Membership was able to maintain last year's new programs, create a couple of new programs and host stream-lined/lower cost events without compromising quality. The 2017 members of the Commission were Brad Smith (Chair & Ruling Elder), Henry Mayhew (Ruling Elder) with support from past-chairs Wendy Peterson and Julie Sager.

Our Mission: The Membership Commission is responsible for attracting new members and maintaining our existing members. Our mission is to:

- Provide a warm welcome to St. Mark visitors;
- Provide visitors with information about our mission, programs and values;
- Encourage those who are interested to become members of St. Mark;
- Support teaching elders with new member classes;
- Integrate new members into the life of St. Mark; and
- Assist in retention of members through fellowship and active participation in church activities.

New Members: We had another significant year for new member growth in 2017. We welcomed three classes of new members totaling 34 new members to our church roles, bringing our active member count to 616. It was a pleasure to get to know these incredible individuals, some brand new to the church and some regular attendees.

Hospitality: Hospitality fosters fellowship in the life of our church, and these committees work hard to foster a hospitable, friendly environment for our congregation:

- Ushers, scheduling by Julie Sager. Pre-Service Greeters, organized by Carole Johnson

Ushers and greeters are important to the visitor experience at St. Mark. Oftentimes they are the first-point of contact for our visitors and key to demonstrating our Membership Commission Mission. A big thank you to our ushers, greeters and helpers.

Churchwide Membership Commission Events held in 2017

The Social Events Committee This group of talented individuals is lucky to have Wendy Peterson as chair and as usual, had a very productive year. The Social Events Committee planned, and delivered fun, well organized social events for us. Many thanks to our dedicated social event committee members.

- In the Spring, we held a Getting to Know You (GTKY) featuring a Mardi Gras Social Saturday, February 25th. We served classic Creole jambalaya, salad and gumbo (vegetarian options included), and enjoyed a New Orleans-style jazz combo. Over 50+ members, family and friends attended this event.
- Our Fall GTKY was held on September 16th and was themed "Teriyaki & Karaoke Night". This fun event brought everyone together while enjoying Japanese cuisine and karaoke singing, where everyone was a star!
- We have rebranded the GTKY evenings and going forward they will be called St. Mark Socials – look for more of these fun events in 2018.

Tables of Seven or Eight: Our Tables of Seven or Eight is designed not only for couples but for singles as well. Consider joining a group. It is a great opportunity for St. Mark's members and friends to become better acquainted with others in the St. Mark family by enjoying a relaxing meal together in a home or restaurant. This program runs twice a year and we averaged 50+ participants with each program. Thanks to Julie Sager and Jennifer Smith for organizing the groups.

Angels Baseball Game: The annual St. Mark outing to an Angel's baseball game has become one of our most popular activities. In July 2017, St. Mark members, friends and family attended the pre-game tailgate party and game against the Tampa Bay Rays. Thanks to Julie Sager who did a fantastic job in coordinating this event.

Healthy Cooking Class: On Sunday, March 26th we hosted our first healthy cooking class to prove that healthy eating doesn't mean expensive ingredients, complicated recipes and boring food. The "Cooking to Nourish Your Body and Soul," was held on Sunday, March 26 from 11:00-12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. This deliciously fun demo and discussion was led by St. Mark's Robin Voss and Norman "Dr. Norm" Myers, MD, medical director of the Wellness Center at St. Jude Medical Center in Fullerton. We learned how to prepare easy, affordable and delicious meals to nourish our body and soul, helping to reduce risk of disease and increasing energy and overall sense of well-being. This class was sold out and was a great success.

Ash Wednesday Pancake Dinner hosted: As a new event this year, the Lenten season began on Ash Wednesday, with a 6:00pm light supper hosted by the Membership Commission. This proceeded the 7pm Lent Service. Thanks to Henry Mayhew who ably coordinated this event.

St. Mark Thanksgiving Dinner: Was held again this year in our fellowship hall, bringing together family and friends to our annual potluck Thanksgiving dinner. Special thanks to Hortensia Mato our Thanksgiving dinner committee leader and Carleen Butterfield and the kitchen committee helpers who helped our volunteers to set-up and clean-up.

We Need More Volunteers to Help with Membership Activities:

Many members and friends are involved in planning and conducting the events that our Commission puts on every year. We welcome more volunteers. Do you like to plan events or parties and help to execute them? Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you have expertise or skills in marketing, graphics or social media? If you are interested in helping out, please contact Henry Mayhew at henrymayhew01@aol.com

Thank you for your support of Membership activities this past year. It has been our pleasure to serve.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of
The Membership Commission
- Brad Smith

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP AND NURTURE COMMISSION

For 2017, the Adult Discipleship and Nurture Commission (ADN) has been active in fulfilling it's role of providing the adult members of St. Mark and the St. Mark community with it's own programming, coordinating programs with other commissions, and supporting the programs of the clergy.

Ongoing Programs:

- Morning Text Study- Engaging, in-depth text studies taught by Rev. Mark Davis
- Bonhoeffer Fellowship- Sunday at 10:45; Book studies, fellowship and a once a month lunch. Moderator: Dave Stachowiak

Classes and Special Events:

- Thursday Morning Book Study. Moderator: Adeline Civretta
- "The Journey of Caregiving" presentation by Cordula Muelke-Dick. First in the "Being Human" series, an ADN/Health Commission collaboration.

- Sacred Space – An inspirational and devotional place of contemplation during Holy Week created by Susan Thornton
- “Coping with Grief” with Deborah Dailey. #2 of “Being Human” series.
- Dana Point Marine Institute Field Trip. Co-sponsored by FCAT. Facilitator: Tim Sullivan
- Radical Compassion- A one day retreat given by Cori Esperanza
- Mindfulness-Meditation Workshop. #3 in “Being Human” series; 4 sessions taught by Rev. Dr. Gail Stearns, Chapman College Chaplain and teacher.
- Paul’s Macedonian Correspondence. A four session Sunday class taught by Lamar Cope, a member, and retired theology professor.
- Exploring the Gender Revolution. A National Geographic film followed by a panel discussion presented by the Orange County Equality Coalition.
- Advent Devotionals and Advent Celebration. Co-sponsored by FCAT. A collection of reflections, prayers, poems, art work, and hopes for the future written by members of St. Mark for each week of Advent’s Theme, “Light a Candle; Pierce the Darkness”.

In addition to the programs listed, others were proposed, but were cancelled due to lack of participation. We appreciate your feedback and ideas as we continue to strive to meet the needs of our congregation. You are encouraged to join us in our meetings which are the first Thursday of the month at 3:30 PM.

Commission Members: Penny Wilton- Elder, Mary Allen- Elder, Les Atkinson, Jeff Van Hoosear, Susan Thornton- Director of Christian Education

FAMILIES CHILDREN AND TEENS (FCAT) COMISSION

This year, your Families with Children and Teens Commission focused on how our programs reflect and support our mission statement:

We seek to inspire intimate, joyful relationships with God and one another and to prepare families to do God’s work.

To carry out our mission we...

Inspire intimate, joyful relationships with God and one another by:

- *Talking about God and why God matters when we gather:* Our 3-5 year olds learn that they can hear God through stories of God’s people in Young Children and Worship; our elementary children through rotational model Sunday School, and our older youth through relationships and discussions with each other, the staff and the wider St. Mark community.
- *Helping people develop a language of faith and prayer.* All our children learned that they are treasured members of the worshiping community and their full participation is welcomed and they too can hear God through the Word preached through the “Well” experience through the summer.

- *Modeling discipleship*: members of Peace and Justice shared their passion with our youth, inspiring them to also work for Peace and Justice.
- *Recognizing milestones in the Christian life*. Our children are included in baptisms and age-appropriate Bibles are given to 3 year olds, first graders and 5th graders (and any child who is new to the community).
- *Inviting others into the St. Mark Community*: through our community Easter celebration, Vacation Bible School and Pot-Luck and Play nights.

Prepare families to do God's work by:

- *Providing ongoing, hands-on mission opportunities in the community*. Our elementary children assembled hygiene kits and raised funds for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and our youth for Shoes That Fit through Alternative Christmas Market.
- *Offering diverse and spiritually stimulating and enriching educational opportunities*: through the Advent workshop, Sunday School, Youth group, and VBS specifically for children and youth, and also through opportunities normally considered adult-oriented but open to our younger members, like the choir and adult discipleship classes.
- *Teaching families all the ways that we can give back to God – time, talent and treasure*: volunteering and connecting with Los Ranchos Presbytery Youth, participating in Alternative Christmas Market, VBS mission project, Youth Sunday, and Children's Christmas Pageant.
- *Gathering as an all-church family*: The Well in worship services through the summer, Harvest Festival, and All Church Picnic.

Respectfully submitted,
Your FCAT Commission

FINANCE COMMISSION

ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CASH POSITION as of December 31

Funds	2016	2017
Chase Business Checking	\$ 130,462	\$ 274,710
Farmers & Merchants Checking	28,520	164,827
Farmers & Merchants CD	5,612	-
Krause Savings (Chase)	29,619	29,634
Reserve Savings (Chase)	51,090	51,115
Faust Savings (Chase)	488,900	99,382
SCHWAB-Church	-	-
PC(USA) Foundation Endowment Fund	73,726	75,541
Total Cash in Bank	\$ 807,929	\$ 695,209
Designated Funds		
Krause Savings (Chase)	\$ 29,619	\$ 29,634
Designated Funds	47,002	58,790
Bonhoeffer Room	(5,662)	(6,054)
Reserve Savings (Chase)	51,090	51,115
Faust Savings (Chase)	488,900	99,382
Total Designated Funds Balance	\$ 610,950	\$ 232,867
Total Available Cash	\$ 196,979	\$ 462,342

**ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2018 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	2015 ACTUALS	2016 ACTUALS	2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUALS	2018 BUDGET
Income					
Pledge Income ⁽¹⁾	\$ 745,034	\$ 818,140	\$ 876,582	\$ 858,599	\$ 870,000
Unpledged Contributions	135,564	150,678	150,000	144,550	125,000
Loose Offering	29,124	25,096	30,000	22,830	25,000
Make-up Pledges	5,605	1,357	3,500	6,354	5,000
Interest	1,014	1,885	1,000	13,838	20,000
Preschool Reimbursement	51,000	60,000	60,000	55,000	75,000
Facility Use (Outside)	50,503	91,164	75,000	60,825	60,000
Trusts	98,399	60,000	30,000	60,000	30,000
Balance Previous Year	-	-	-	-	-
Columbarium Debt Reduction	-	-	3,000	4,000	4,000
Center for Reconciliation	-	-	-	1,050	16,050
Other & Uncategorized Income	15,740	2,514	2,000	1,996	2,000
Total Income	\$ 1,131,983	\$ 1,210,834	\$ 1,231,082	\$ 1,229,042	\$ 1,232,050
Expenses					
Mission & Stewardship	\$ 100,578	\$ 118,579	\$ 145,700	\$ 139,681	\$ 146,300
Personnel	628,097	620,264	633,235	602,073	642,977
Worship	51,653	56,731	61,150	55,944	57,700
Families/Children & Teens	22,277	11,504	27,000	15,738	23,400
Office Administration	56,574	62,786	78,976	74,260	79,983
Facilities	125,369	109,428	149,171	175,549	183,830
Mortgage (P & I) ⁽²⁾	159,056	159,056	100,000	106,428	45,000
Adult Discipleship/Nurture	6,404	2,913	9,050	4,848	6,900
Membership	8,722	6,155	8,150	7,378	7,800
Marketing	3,795	4,576	5,500	6,164	6,700
Peace & Justice	8,547	5,980	10,400	6,948	9,800
Health Ministry	1,798	1,780	2,750	2,651	6,660
Other Expenses (IP/PNC Expenses)	1,280	-	-	-	15,000
Refundable/Reimbursable Expenses	-	-	-	(1,177)	-
Uncategorized Expenses / Contingency	56	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	\$ 1,174,206	\$ 1,159,752	\$ 1,231,082	\$ 1,196,485	\$ 1,232,050
Net Income ⁽³⁾	\$ (42,223)	\$ 51,082	-	\$ 32,557	-

2017 TOTAL BENEVOLENCES = \$199,915

⁽¹⁾ 2018 pledge income based on 176 pledge units. 2017 pledge income based on 180 pledging units vs. 2016 pledge income based on 175 pledging units, and 2015 pledge income based on 170 pledging units.

⁽²⁾ Budget for 2018 debt service is an estimate of the interest on a declining principal balance (\$1,300K-850K). Payments for principal reduction will be paid from the Capital Campaign pledge income. The mortgage balances as of year-ends 2016 & 2017 are \$1,904,138 and \$880,701, respectively.

⁽³⁾ Additional entries may still be recorded resulting in a revised Net Income but nothing of significance is anticipated.

ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2018 PROPOSED MISSION COMMISSION BUDGET

	2015 ACTUALS	2016 ACTUALS	2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUALS	2018 BUDGET
General Mission	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Designated Mission (see detail below)	39,500	52,995	79,200	73,667	81,000
Deacons	10,356	13,195	13,500	13,486	13,500
Session Discretionary Fund	722	89	1,000	78	-
NM Interfaith Council	-	300	-	450	300
Nicaragua Covenant Committee	-	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,500
TOTAL	\$ 100,578	\$ 118,579	\$ 145,700	\$ 139,681	\$ 146,300
Designated Mission					
AMOS	5,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	5,000
Bridging Borders ⁽¹⁾	5,000	5,000	-	-	5,000
CEPAD ⁽¹⁾	-	1,500	4,000	4,000	2,000
Family Promise	-	-	1,500	1,497	1,500
Get On The Bus	2,000	3,000	-	-	2,000
NEXT Church	-	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Newport CCC	3,000	-	-	-	-
Oljato (Gielow VBS Reimb + Oljato Support)	1,500	1,495	1,500	1,470	1,500
OC Gateway to Housing (formerly OCIS)	-	-	2,000	2,000	-
OC Alliance for Just Change	-	8,000	52,200	52,200	50,000
Parajon Salary Support	3,000	6,000	-	-	4,000
PCUSA Missionaries	6,000	16,000	-	-	4,000
Power 4 Youth	6,000	3,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Providence Children's Home	500	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Syrian Refugee Relief	5,000	-	2,500	2,500	-
Union University	2,000	-	-	-	-
Designated Mission - Unallocated	500	-	5,500	-	-
Total Designated Mission	\$ 39,500	\$ 52,995	\$ 79,200	\$ 73,667	\$ 81,000

⁽¹⁾ Funding support level to be re-evaluated throughout the year

**ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2018 PASTORAL SERVICES**

The compensation package for the Pastor comes from the Human Resources Commission and Session to the congregation for approval.

	2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUALS	2018 BUDGET
Pastor - Services			
Salary	\$ 72,388	\$ 72,388	\$ 72,388
Housing Allowance	61,100	61,100	61,100
Reimbursable Expenses ⁽¹⁾	12,266	12,259	13,453
Medical & Dental Insurance ⁽²⁾	32,013	32,012	32,633
Pension/Death & Disability ⁽³⁾	16,019	16,019	16,019
Continuing Education	3,200	3,200	3,200
Totals - Pastor	\$ 196,986	\$ 196,978	\$ 198,793

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Reimbursable Expenses include vouchered medical, business, and mileage expenses

⁽²⁾ Medical Insurance is 25% of Salary plus Housing Allowance (max. \$124,000) plus \$1,633 for Dental Insurance, per Board of Pensions

⁽³⁾ Pension/Death & Disability is 12% of Salary plus Housing Allowance, per Board of Pensions

FINANCE COMMISSION (Continues)

Capital Campaign Update

Our capital campaign, *We Are St. Mark: From Servicing a Debt to a Debt of Service*, was a tremendous success. Thanks to the generosity and commitment of St. Mark members and friends, our pledges totaled \$2,103,854, exceeding our goal of \$2,000,000.

To date, we have received \$866,213 in capital campaign income. An initial additional principal reduction payment of \$400,000 was made on the debt from an advance from the Faust Savings account at the start of the capital campaign. Interest on this advance is being paid back to the Faust Savings account each month and the \$400,000 advance will also be paid back to the fund at the end of the campaign. Monthly payments for principal reduction are paid from the capital campaign pledge income. Our mortgage balances for year-ends 2016 and 2017 are now \$1,904,138 and \$880,704, respectively.

The Finance Commission wants to thank the more than 90 individuals who devoted countless hours to the campaign. Your efforts sustained the momentum of the campaign and were instrumental in its success. The Finance Commission extends special thanks to the leadership team of John and Linda Benner, Will Hanson, Henry and Deborah Mayhew, Bob Parisi, Eric and Elisa Steingruebner, Susan Thornton, Jeff Van Hoosear and Greg McCollum, and our pastor, Rev. Mark Davis. You and your respective committees joined forces to create an effective and committed team.

The Commission extends an additional word of thanks to Kathleen Shematek who served as the Campaign Assistant, working tirelessly behind the scenes to manage the administrative side of the campaign.

St. Mark Community Preschool

The preschool is operated under the oversight of an Advisory Board made up of St. Mark Session members, a St. Mark staff representative, and parents of enrolled students. The school budgets and reports financial results on a school year ending June 30. In the fiscal year 2016-2017 gross revenues were \$735,564 and total expenses were \$693,721, yielding earnings of \$41,843. Included in the preschool expenses are payments totaling \$73,200 to the St. Mark Operating fund designed to contribute to the cost of utilizing the preschool facilities.

Respectfully submitted, Your Finance Commission

John Benner, Erik Charles, Jerry Dauderman, Mark Franzen,
Carol Freytag, Will Hanson, Judith Hug, (Staff Liaison), Warren Lortie, (Elder),
Craig Schaum, John Smithers

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION

The Human Resources Commission is proud to serve the diverse congregation of St. Mark Presbyterian Church as it continued to experience wonderful growth as a community of faith in 2017. With the leadership and dedication of our pastor, Rev. Mark Davis, and our dedicated staff, the future is indeed very bright for St. Mark.

The Human Resources Commission (HRC) highlights for 2017 are summarized as follows:

- The HRC worked with our Presbytery's Committee on Ministry to provide a framework for the process to hire an Associate Pastor, including providing the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee with suggested AP salary recommendations and job descriptions.
- The HRC conducted a congregation-wide survey, soliciting feedback on Pastor Mark's 2016-17 Work Plan. The HRC provided Mark with the survey results regarding his accomplishments, strengths and areas for improvement.
- With Session approval, the HRC entered into an agreement with Gretchen Weisenberger-Carrillo to serve the congregation and staff of St. Mark as our Parish Counselor.
- The HRC reviewed all St. Mark employee position descriptions, and made modifications (as necessary) to more accurately reflect each position's job duties, responsibilities, and pay / tax classification.

We will continue to assist with the hiring of an Associate Pastor as requested by the APNC.

We will also continue to consult on HR related issues to the St. Mark Community Preschool (as needed).

The Human Resources Commission is faithfully served by members Eric Charles, Anne Christensen, Shelley Chretin, Nathan Jurczyk (Moderator) and Alan Young. Pastor Mark Davis serves as an ex-officio member.

Respectfully submitted, Your Human Resources Commission

FACILITIES COMMISSION

St. Mark's campus is now over 10 years old and continues to provide us with beautiful facilities and outdoor spaces to enhance our worship and fellowship activities. This past year, the Facilities Commission provided oversight for routine maintenance and necessary repairs while also initiating discussions on long-term projects for the upkeep of our campus.

One of our major concerns was the condition of our extensive landscaping. Various factors (plants reaching the end of their life cycle, irrigation problems, relatively basic (low cost) maintenance service, etc.) have contributed to problem areas throughout the property. This year, we solicited bids and then hired a commercial landscaping maintenance company to care for our large property. They are much better equipped to address our needs and have already helped solve irrigation and paving issues. Under the guidance of Commission member, Adam Kober, we were able to develop a Master Plan with landscaping professionals that will guide our actions and expenditures as we move forward to improve our property. The upgrades will occur in stages, with the first phases to take place in 2018.

Another project that is underway is the relocation of some of our organ speakers to the area behind the chancel. It may not be apparent, but we have over 40 organ speakers hidden in the walls and ceiling surrounding the choir loft. The new arrangement will provide better, more balanced sound to the congregation and the choir and solve some rattling problems. As part of this project, new storage cabinets are being installed behind the chancel in January for better organization of this space.

Also this year, the Commission acquired pew cushions for those who need a little extra padding (now available in the narthex from the ushers), window blinds for the Bonhoffer Room and new seating for the Fireside Room. The Art Committee is looking into artistic additions to the campus and a subcommittee is working on updating our Facilities Use Policies.

We are blessed to work with our very capable Business Manager, Judith Hug, who skillfully handles the day-to-day operations of our property management. She has overseen numerous repair and maintenance projects in 2017, including rain damage at the beginning of the year, exterior painting, repairs of a broken window, ice maker, kitchen floor, HVAC, and light bulb and switches replacement, just to name a few. Many, many thanks to Judith and our dedicated custodians, Jeremy Smith and Alexander Cardenas, who take great care of our facilities. I also want to thank the talented and dedicated members of the Facilities Commission: Adam Kober (Session member), Mary Hornbuckle (Session member), Carleen Butterfield, Wendy Depko, Carole Johnson, Norm Lessard, Royce Marivani, Brian Parker, and Kathy Roberts. If you ever notice any facilities problems or needs, please let one of us know! If interested, you are welcome to join our Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Krause, Commission Chair

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMISSION

"As members of the local and global community, we believe it is our responsibility to understand the complexity of the issues that shape our world today. It is through this understanding that we can best be of service to those in need." St. Mark Mission Statement

I. SEEKING PEACE—INFORMATION AND ADVOCACY ** = Financial donation

- A. Focus Activities: ** = \$3000.
1. Homelessness in Orange County: Research; Inform and promote solutions
 2. Immigration and Refugees: Speakers, films, **
 3. Saving the Planet (Climate, Water, etc.): Speakers and advocacy
 4. Great Decisions: 8 Sessions (Jan.-Feb. 2017)—Foreign Policy Series**
 5. Alternative Christmas Market: 27 vendors earned over \$25,000. **
 6. Bread for the World; **
 7. Leadership and Advocacy
- B. Outreach: ** = \$1000
1. Olive Tree Initiative, UCI—Students-Middle East **
 2. Covenant Network (LGBT Rights) **
 3. OC Salvation Army: Shelters for Trafficking victims. **
- C. Denominational and Inter-Denominational Agencies ** = \$1800
1. Presbyterian (USA) **
 2. Peace Fellowship **
 3. Office of Public Witness **
 4. National Council of Churches **
 5. Newport-Mesa Irvine Interfaith Council **
 6. California Council of Churches **

II. WORKING FOR JUSTICE—ACTION

- A. Humans in Transition ** = \$900
1. Human Trafficking: Shelters, Transition and Training
 2. Immigration Reform
- B. Improving Rights of Workers ** = \$650
1. National Farm Workers' Ministry
 2. Fair Trade: Sales & Information
- C. Ecophilians: Saving the Earth ** = \$1100
1. Information and awareness; Speakers, films
 2. Earth Day activities
 3. Scholarship ** = \$1500
- D. Get on the Bus: Provide bus and food for family visits to penitentiaries. ** = \$ 300
- E. Friends of OC Detainees. ** = \$ 200

At the Planning Workshop for 2017 the Peace and Justice Commission revised the organizational agenda, as a means of deepening and narrowing the focus of our group. We selected two major topics for research, advocacy and actions during 2017:

1) Homelessness and 2) Immigration and Refugees. A Task Force for each topic was formed and shared access to information and events while seeking solutions. Emerging problems inspired other Service Teams to be formed, including Human Trafficking (and Shelters) and visitors to detainees in OC jails. Annual programs within the Peace and Justice realm, e.g., Alternative Christmas Market; Great Decisions; Ecophilians, continue to provide a collaborative, community-centered core of service. The Commission welcomes new members who wish to become involved. There is much to do.

Julia Hume and Bobbi Dauderman, Co-Chairs, Peace and Justice Commission 2017

MISSION COMMISSION REPORT

The Mission Commission of St. Mark Presbyterian Church oversees the local and wider-world mission efforts of the Church. Our total 2017 Mission budget totaled \$145,700, the third largest budget item after personnel and mortgage expense.

In 2017 we continued our practice of budgeting \$50,000 to support [General Mission Giving](#) of the Presbyterian Church USA, and \$13,500 to support the work of the St. Mark Board of Deacons. The remaining portion of the Commission's budget of \$82,200 was allocated to support the work of a variety of local, national and international organizations that are devoted to demonstrating God's love through education, community development, empowerment of local residents and the provision of health care services. Most of the organizations receiving support have direct connections with the St. Mark Community.

St. Mark has been proud to support the following organizations during 2017.

We have remained engaged in Nicaragua, the second (after Haiti) poorest country in Latin America. We continued our support for [AMOS](#) (a ministry of Sharing Hope and Health), which works to develop health programs in rural communities. We also maintained our support for [CEPAD](#) (Nicaraguan Protestant Council of Churches), which promotes community development programs in rural communities. During the first week of February 2018, Pastor Mark Davis will lead a twelve person delegation from St. Mark to visit and work with CEPAD in the rural community of Matagalpa.

St. Mark continued its support for [Family Promise](#), a program that provides short term transitional housing at host facilities for families in need. Our hosting program, consisting of 2 two-week commitments, was reorganized this past year in a manner that resulted in much broader involvement of St. Mark members in this excellent program.

St. Mark continued to support a number of other programs and organizations, including the Oljato VBS mission, [Power 4 Youth](#) (an academic program in Long Beach for at risk youth), [Get On The Bus](#) (a ministry to support transportation of children to visit incarcerated parents), the [Providence Children's Home](#) in Kenya, and [Gateway to Housing](#) which provides transitional housing and rapid resourcing for families in Orange County. [Hearts of Mercy](#), a local community based organization in Orange County providing resources to resettled Syrian Refugees, was a new mission of the Commission in 2017.

We also provided support to [NEXT Church](#), a purposeful relational community of Presbyterian leaders whose mission is to strengthen a vibrant and thriving PC(USA) that shares the good news of Jesus Christ in ways that matter to and have impact on God's evolving world.

The Mission Commission continued to support the start up and initial development activities of the [Orange County Alliance for Just Change](#) (OCAJC) which is a collaborative effort of people of faith and good will to address critical issues of social justice in our community and to strive to effect systemic change. During 2017 OCAJC employed an Executive Director and Administrative Assistant (both part time positions), established an office and successfully launched its first initiative. This initiative is focused on the issue of homelessness and seeks to both educate and coordinate the efforts of various individuals, organizations and agencies dealing with this problem in pursuit of systemic change.

The St. Mark Mission Commission was faithfully served by Scott Green, Judy Gielow, Frank Anderson, Jerry Dauderman, Mark Davis and Judith Hug.

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Kugelman, Moderator

ST. MARK MARKETING COMMISSION

The Marketing Commission continued to focus on and deliver on its mission:

To authentically promote St. Mark's theology, ministry, mission, music, and values using traditional and new media. Our goals are to increase visibility and attract visitors as we continue to be a voice for reason and inclusiveness in the community and around the world.

We welcomed Nathan Jurczyk and Geoff Patino to our commission, which is also comprised of Catherine Green, Deborah Mayhew (chair), Elisa Steingruebner, Robin Wade, and Sue-Ann Wichman. Pastor Mark Davis is our St. Mark staff liaison, and we continued to work with Jackson Fukuda on a per project basis.

Our accomplishments in 2017 included:

- **Committee/Commission Support**—We continued to assist several of our committees and commissions with supporting publicity (news releases and/or print ads) and print materials for their projects, including Great Decisions, the Memorial Garden, Blood Drive, Flu Shot Clinic, "Being Human" series, "Healthy Cooking for Body & Soul," the Purim celebration (in conjunction with the Jewish Collaborative of Orange County), A Day of Compassion, the Mindfulness and Meditation Series, the Human Trafficking Forum, and Exploring The Gender Revolution. We also participated in the Info Fair held during the annual All Church Picnic.

- **Capital Campaign**—We supported the campaign by participation on various committees and development of the informational video that was shown at the campaign kick-off and conclusion, as well as providing photos for and input to the informational brochure.
- **St. Mark's 10th Anniversary Celebration Weekend (Nov. 4-5)**—We created an anniversary slideshow that was shown in the Fellowship Hall after worship. We also designed **window clings and T-shirts** featuring the message: "Do Justice. Love Kindness. Walk Humbly." An inclusive church where ALL are welcomed. Stmarkpresbyterian.org." The clings (distributed to the congregation) can be used on car windows. Over 130 T-shirt orders were placed.
- **Visitor Information**—To better understand how visitors are finding us and how they would like to be contacted, the Friendship Pad sign-in sheets were reformatted to include more options for engagement.
- **St. Mark Information Board and Banners**—We continued to post photos and news items on the large Information Board (typically located on the patio). Also posted are the **Spotlights** that we write about St. Mark members and friends. A new banner featuring the times of our Saturday and Sunday services was also created.
- **General St. Mark Advertising**—A Lenten Service ad ("The Quest of Truth") ran in the *Daily Pilot*, and our Easter services ads ran in the *Orange County Register*, *Daily Pilot* (covering Costa Mesa, Newport, Laguna and Huntington Beach), *The Newport Beach Independent* publications, and on *Facebook*. We again ran our "Back to Faith" ad in the *Daily Pilot* special "Back to School" section. Christmas ads ran in the *Daily Pilot*, *Newport Beach Independent* publications, and posted on *Facebook*.
- **Publicity**—We placed numerous news items in local papers/online calendars about St. Mark special events. Also, Op-Eds by Mark Davis ran in the *Daily Pilot* during Lent ("Baghdad Bob") and Advent ("Blue Christmas"). The *Newport Beach Independent* featured our "Day of Compassion" in its "On Faith" column.
- **St. Mark Website and Social Media**—We continue to update our website (www.stmarkpresbyterian.org), and our Facebook page. Sermon podcast descriptors have been added, and we are investigating logistics and costs of live streaming of sermons and increased use of social media and video.
- **"Meet Me at Muldoon's"**—In April, we marked our second year of coordinating the highly successful, monthly "Meet Me at Muldoon's" gatherings, which follow Saturdays @ 5 Worship. Synerjazz, along with guest artists from our congregation, perform in the Celtic Bar at Muldoon's Irish Pub in Fashion Island from 6:30-8 p.m. These gatherings are a fun way for our members to bring friends and introduce them to people in our congregation.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Marketing Commission

BOARD OF DEACONS

The 2017 Board of Deacons was comprised of the following members:

<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Carleen Butterfield	Kay Healey	Bart McHenry
Will Hanson	Shane McCullough(Sec.)	Jan Phillips
Steve Johnston	Anne McKenzie	Phil Moore
Elliott Schneider (Treas.)	Carla Neeld	Marilyn Salsbury
Sallie Jane Super	Geoff Patino	Kristie Speckhals

Mark Davis served as staff advisor to the board throughout the year.

In keeping with its objective from the Presbyterian Church, (USA) Book of Order, St. Mark's Board of Deacons "provide sympathy, witness and service by ministering to those in need, those who are sick, those who are friendless and those who are in distress." In coordination with the Care Team, which ministers to the congregation, the Deacons focus attention on the local community, giving the church a balance of serving those in need in our church and the wider community.

Community Outreach:

In 2017, the Deacons partnered with 13 community organizations:

Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove
Breast Cancer Angels
Casa Teresa
Creative Identity
Glenn Martin Elementary School
Habitat for Humanity
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)
Orangewood Children's Foundation
Penny Lane Centers
Second Harvest Food Bank
Share Ourselves (SOS)
VetNet/Working Wardrobes
Youth Employment Services (Y.E.S.)

The Deacons introduced the congregation to many of our community partners during monthly Moments for Mission. We presented opportunities to volunteer or share resources with the larger community throughout the year. Additionally, we used the Bulletin board in the courtyard to inform the congregation of opportunities to get involved. The Deacons appreciate the willingness and generosity of St. Mark members and friends who helped make each endeavor successful.

2017 Deacon-Sponsored Activities: Mission of the Month Program (MOM)

February - Our community donated \$2,000 for Easter baskets for Penny Lane, Glenn Martin, Orangewood, Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove and Breast Cancer Angels. Marilyn Salsbury purchased items and Deacons filled 20 baskets for each of the organizations. Each of the organizations also received \$180.00.

March - 165 cans of meat products and 140 cups of soup approx. (\$500) for Orangewood Foundation

May - Collected diapers and baby bedding for Casa Teresa

September - More than 430 pieces of clothing and \$100 cash donations to Working Wardrobes/VetNet

October - 760 new and used childrens books were donated to Glenn Martin Elementary

Other activities included:

- Hosted and served three Brunch for a Cause events, raising over \$3500 for Creative Identity, Penny Lane, Habitat for Humanity, Glenn Martin, and Casa Teresa
- 14 volunteers read to students in the classroom for Read Across America at Glenn Martin School
- Supported and attended Boys and Girls Club of GG, Breast Cancer Angels and Youth Employment Services fundraisers
- Supported the NAMI walk with 6 walkers and a donation of \$600
- 20 volunteers including youth and adults worked at the Incredible Edible Garden of Second Harvest Food Bank.
- Christmas gifts were collected for 125 children from Glenn Martin School, Penny Lane, Casa Teresa and Orangewood Foundation. Target gift cards were also collected and given to Breast Cancer Angels for the children at their Christmas party.

One of the highlights of our year is the annual Organization Appreciation Dinner, which was renamed Erika's Feast in honor of Erika Faust. The dinner honors the agencies we partner with and gives representatives an opportunity to network and build relationships. As members of the Orange County community, we want them to know that their efforts are noticed and very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Sallie Jane Super, 2017 Deacon Moderator

ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL (SMCP)

St. Mark's mission to the community through the preschool has been thriving since January 1978. The preschool provides a diverse, developmentally appropriate curriculum in an environment that nurtures the physical, emotional, social, intellectual, and spiritual growth of each child. We provide direct service to the surrounding community as one of St. Mark's most visible and highly regarded outreach projects.

Members of the church have served on the Preschool Advisory Board since its beginning. Current church members on the Advisory Board include Joann Schaum, Susan Thornton, Bobbi Dauderman, and Pam Young (who is a preschool parent, as well). The remaining Board members are Patricia Frankel, Summer Arambarri, and Julie Chiaverini, all of whom are parents of children currently enrolled in the preschool. In 2017, Pam Young served as the chair of the Advisory Board, Patricia Frankel served as the recording secretary, and Bobbi Dauderman served as our session representative. We are very grateful for all of the time and energy each member has given to continually improve our wonderful preschool.

Star Brimer has been the school's Director since March 2013. Star continues to work in maintaining the organization and success of the preschool, to ensure that the school complies with health and safety requirements, to enroll new students and to generally oversee the school. Nikki Wood, a long standing church member and former Preschool Advisory Board member, joined the preschool staff as the Assistant Director in May 2013. Star and Nikki work very well together in maintaining the integrity of the preschool and its wonderful reputation within the community.

The school's staff of fifteen includes two administrators, six classroom teachers, six assistant teachers, as well as a fully qualified teacher who acts as an on-site substitute and classroom resource specialist. All staff are members of OCAEYC (Orange County Association for the Education of Young Children) and NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children). The preschool is a member of CRECEF (Church Related Early Childhood Educators Fellowship) and EAC-OC (Employers Advisory Council-Orange County). We are licensed by the State of California, Department of Social Services, as a child care facility.

With help from many friends and parent volunteers, we held our 10th annual Country Fair on November 4th, 2017. It has become not only a fundraiser for the school, but a community-wide event enjoyed by many families! We were so thankful to see church members who came to support us the day of the event. This event raises funds that are necessary to help with the preschool's operating costs, as well as improve the overall quality of the programs provided. This year's fundraiser was a huge success.

In the fall of 2017, 105 children were enrolled in six classrooms attending school two, three, four, or five days per week. Most of our families live in Newport Beach; others come from Corona Del Mar, Irvine, Tustin, and Costa Mesa. We maintain a waiting list with priority enrollment given to St. Mark church members.

As a service to families, the preschool provides scholarships based on financial need. In the 2013-14 school year, \$26,500 was granted in scholarships; in 2014-15, we awarded \$24,195; and in 2015-16, we awarded \$28,347. We did not have any tuition assistance requests for the 2016-17 school year. For the current 2017-18 school year, we have awarded a total of \$14,160. Assistance with a portion of tuition is granted to children of teachers as a part of their employee benefits. We have two children of staff members currently enrolled for the 2017-18 school year.

Teachers also receive a very generous benefits package that includes the full cost of health insurance premiums to staff members hired prior to 2015; a benefit that has been greatly appreciated. New staff members hired after 2015 receive medical benefits of up to \$200 towards their cost on our medical plan if they choose to elect coverage.

We appreciate the supportive and caring relationship that we have enjoyed with the church for thirty-nine years. We are grateful for the amazing staff, families, and children that make St. Mark Community Preschool a truly remarkable place for our community's children.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Young, Preschool Advisory Board Chair,
on behalf of the entire St. Mark Community Preschool Advisory Board

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Betty Christiansen
Julie Hume
Larry Kugelman
Warren Lortie
Henry Mayhew

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Eric Charles
Lamar Cope
Bobbi Dauderman
Mary Hornbuckle
Marvin Maldonado
Melanie Oakes

Class of 2020

Michele Cardon*
Michael Christensen*
Brian Cople*
Susan Emery*
Paul Evans*
Quinn Tamm*

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Carla Neeld
Geoff Patino

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Bart McHenry
Phil Moore
Marilyn Salsbury
Kristie Speckhals

Class of 2020

Heather Manchester*
Glenda Mourer*
Andrew Penner*
Deborah Savage*
Neem van der Reest*

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Church Mission Statement

Our vision is to be a nurturing and welcoming spiritual home where:

We embody God's inclusive love and compassion.

We live our faith by wrestling with questions, not defending answers.

We promote the love and justice of Jesus Christ and the responsible stewardship of God's creation.

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