2019 CLERK’S REPORT

Active Members as of December 31, 2018 592

Gains for 2019
- Profession of Faith 0
- Reaffirmation of Faith 11
- Confirmation 0
- Letter/Certificate of Transfer 0
- Other
  Total Gains 11

Losses for 2019
- Letters/Certificates of Transfer 2
- Deaths 9
- Removal from Roll 1
- Others 0
- Total Losses 12

Active Members as of December 31, 2018 591

Baptisms and Marriages
- Infant Baptisms 5
- Adult Baptisms 0
- Marriages 4

Congregation Demographics
- Men 231 39.1%
- Women 360 60.9%

- < 26 years old 22 3.7%
- 26 - 40 75 12.7%
- 41-55 158 26.7%
- 56-70 141 23.9%
- > 70 years old 195 33.0%

Average worship attendance in 2019 was 257, a decrease from 2018's average of 285.

The work of the Clerk of Session was greatly assisted by the St. Mark staff.
Clusters, Commissions, Committees

Mind, Body, Spirit

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WORSHIP COMMISSION

Members of the Worship Commission this year were Mark Davis, Hayes Noble, Jennifer McCullough, Catherine Green and Melanie Oakes. During the planning for the seasons of the church, liturgical arts expertise was provided by Bart McHenry, Caroline Schneider and Brian Parker. The Commission’s regular meeting time is 10:30am on the first Tuesday of the month.

With the start of the year, the commission began planning for Lent with the theme from Psalm 104, “For the Beauty of the Earth”. The Sovereignty of God in the wind and fire from verses 1-4 was the theme for the first Sunday of Lent, and ashes were displayed in the foyer of the church Sanctuary. On the second Sunday of Lent, verses 5-9 highlighted the creation and the chaos of rising sea levels. Large sea shells and drift wood replaced the ashes in the foyer and the ashes were moved to the chancel. The joy of the earth when there is enough from verses 10-13 was the theme for the third Sunday and clothing was displayed using a mannequin. As the Sundays progressed the items in the foyer were moved to the chancel table. On the fourth and fifth Sundays, the theme was the circles and cycles of life from verses 14-23, and God’s joy in biodiversity and God’s tears over the extinction of species in verses 24-32. Palm Sunday with the cross and the desire to erase sin from the earth from verses 33-35 brought us to Easter Sunday. On Easter Sunday, as has been the tradition at St. Mark, Easter lilies decorated the Sanctuary. Moving into Spring, decorations for Pentecost were suggested by Mark and red, orange, and yellow paper twirls were hung from fishing lines in the foyer of the Sanctuary to represent tongues of fire. Red and yellow cloths were draped from the cross in the Sanctuary. In June, we organized a reception to highlight and express our appreciation for the service of our choir members. During the summer, the “Well” returned as our children joined us during worship services with the series “Heroes and Heroines” from the Bible. In the fall, Mark was preaching from Acts 11 and the Church at Antioch. The sermon series during Advent focused on “Everybody needs a home”. The commission worked with Caroline Schneider, Brian Parker, Shane McCullough and Bart McHenry to create a visual of a home. Our new advent wreath was beautifully fashioned by Marilyn Salsbury. Each weekend a child led the processional and knocked at the door. Upon finding no welcome the processional group then lit a candle on the advent wreath. The commission created boughs and prepared the large wreaths at the entrance to the sanctuary. Red poinsettias completed decorations for Advent. We had three Christmas eve services that included a children’s play at 4pm, lessons and carols with the choir at 7pm and the 9pm service was a jazz service around the poem, El Cant dels Ocellis, a Catalan Christmas lullaby.

The commission continued its regular work of arranging for the flower chart, coordinating for session elders to serve communion on the first Sunday of each month, attending to church decorations for special occasions and being a resource for Mark as we plan and carry out worship. We appreciate the members who use their musical talents to bring the beauty of music to our worship experience. Our thanks are extended to the many members of the congregation who have volunteered their time to assist with the responsibility of our commission to curate the space and time for worship.

Respectfully Submitted by Melanie Oakes, Moderator
HEALTH MINISTRIES

Health Commission exists to provide for the health and wellness of the St. Mark Congregation and faith community.

Members: Michael Gass, Carol Freytag, Gary Johnston, Louise Van Buren, Katie Boss, Jay Gattis, Gretchen Carrillo, Beth Schwartz, and Hayes Noble

After a decade of faithful service, Ann Scott retired as our Parish Nurse in June. In October, Beth Schwartz answered God’s call to become our new Parish Nurse. The Parish Nurse is assisted by Mary Jo Stonehouse, another RN volunteer. Ongoing Health ministry programs include Blood Pressure screenings on the last Sunday of each month, CPR and First Aid classes with a chance to achieve American Heart Association certification, Red Cross Blood Drives which have attracted members of our community, membership in Hoag Community Medicine which provides education and resources with flu serum, AED maintenance, and networking within the Presbytery Parish Nurse community.

In addition to welcoming Beth to our commission, we were delighted to have Jay Gattis and Katie Boss join. Katie led a fall clinic in Sept., which assessed people’s risk of falling and educated folks on ways to keep them safe at home.

Louise Van Buren heads up the Care Team. The Care Team’s mission is to discretely provide support to St. Mark members and their families, when faced with challenging health care situations. Support is given by visits, rides and a helping hand whenever it is needed. The St. Mark knitters (led by Genie Kirchner) knit Prayer Shawls for people with serious health challenges, and baby blankets (led by Sue Lee) for new mothers to welcome their new baby. Care Team members are: Lois Beeman, Sue Lee, Sue Lessard, Janet McNiel, Jane Reimund, Marjorie Ringwalt, Kathy Roberts, Janis Salupo, Joann Schaum, Mary Jo Stonehouse, Alma Vanasse, and Louise Van Buren.

Gretchen Weisenburger Carrillo, working closely with the Care Team, and continues in her role as Parish Counselor. As an experienced Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist she works for the well-being of our congregation, staff, and worshipping community, by providing confidential consultation, crisis support, and help connecting to counseling services and workshops. In 2019 she facilitated workshops on parenting and holiday stress.

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.

Submitted by Health Commission Staff
MEMBERSHIP COMMISSION

Our Mission: The Membership Commission provides support for persons on the journey of becoming members of St. Mark, as well as opportunities for members to build community and become woven into the life of St. Mark.

New Members: We welcomed three classes of new members totaling 11 new members. In 2020, we will continue to have new member inquirers workshops on Sundays following church service.

Commission: The 2019 members of the Membership Commission were Michele Cardon (chair), Mark Davis, Henry Mayhew, Wendy Peterson, and Mark Tabbert. Julie Sager has assisted with certain events.

Church wide Social and Membership Commission Events

Tables of Seven or Eight: Our Tables of Seven or Eight had another successful year with 78 people participating in the spring and fall sessions.

All-Church socials: The social committee, under the leadership of Wendy Peterson, had two successful socials, “King & Thai” on March 27th and Bollywood on September 21st. More than 60 people attended each social.

St. Mark Angel Game: Dan Ardell led a group of 50 St. Mark members and friends to Angel Stadium on Memorial Day weekend, to "root, root, root" for the home team.

St. Mark’s Ladies Tea: After years of thinking about a tea, it finally came to fruition on March 30, 2019. Organized by co-chairs Julie Sager and Kathy Roberts, and supported by Jeff Van Hoosear and Wendy Peterson. The afternoon tea was a smashing success, everyone truly enjoyed themselves. All the sweets and savories were homemade by the committee, with contributions from Michele Cardon and Wendy Williams. Light music was provided by Deborah Savage and Julie Richwine. The Fellowship hall was beautifully decorated with flower arrangements by Deborah Mayhew. The best thing of all was the guests. Approximately 80 ladies attended including mothers and daughters, relatives, neighbors, and friends of our St. Mark family. So our motto is, if at first you succeed, do it again. We are on the calendar for May 2, 2020.

Concert in the Park Outing: In September, the Social Committee organized an outing to attend a concert in Newport Beach featuring the tribute band, Flashback Heart Attack.

All-Church Picnic: The Sept 8th event was well attended and the food was provided by St. Mark.

Thanksgiving: Around 50 church members shared a Thanksgiving meal together organized Betty Christiansen and Mark Davis.

Upcoming events in 2020:

- Our next Tables of 7 or 8 dining program signups will begin in January
- New member inquirers workshop will be held on Sunday, February 9th from 10:45 am to 12:45 pm
- Women’s Tea, May 2, 2020
- (2) All-church socials
- Angels game

Respectfully Submitted,
The Membership Commission
ADULT DISCIPLESHIP AND NURTURE COMMISSION

The Adult Discipleship & Nurture Commission exists to fulfill its traditional role of providing the adult members of St. Mark and the St Mark community with its own programming, coordinating programs with other commissions, and supporting the programs of the clergy.

2019 in Review

- The year opened with the installation of books authored by St. Mark members and colleagues on a designated shelf in the Bonhoeffer Room.

- For Lent, we offered copies of the devotional, published by Presbyterians Today, “Awakening to God’s Promise”

- Jennifer McCullough’s presentation on “Ethical Wardrobe Choices” drew 35 attendees.

- Robin Wade and her daughters spoke about their attendance at the Ecumenical Advocacy gathering in Washington, DC.

- Kathy McGowan drew 47 to her March 31st presentation... Professor Randerson’s talk drew 35 attendees.

- Gialisa McGaffney organized a panel “Transgender 101” on September 29 which was attended by 83 people, including many from the community.

- In October, Lamar Cope presented three sessions, based on the book of Thomas, on “The Gnostic Gospels.”


Commission Members for 2019: Mary Allen, Elder, Lamar Cope, Elder, Jeanie Ardell, and Rev. Mark Davis.

Submitted by Jeanie Ardell

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY COMISSION

Session Elders: Marvin Maldonado and Ebi Larsen
Report prepared by: Ebi Larsen

Children and Youth Ministry 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 support our families and their children in the following ways ...
• Our nursery continues to care for children under the age of 3 during our Sunday Service.

• Our Young Children & Worship is a time during Sunday Service where our 3 to 5-year-olds learn that they can hear God through stories of God’s people. These stories are enhanced with unvarnished, wooden manipulatives that the children can play with after they hear the story. Children do artwork and have a snack too.

• For Sunday School (Elementary and Tween), we are continuing to enjoy the format whereby children gather first in the Fellowship Hall for a short worship led by Associate Pastor Hayes Noble before breaking off into their respective Sunday School classes.

• Elementary Children are 1st through 3rd graders and started a new Sunday School curriculum in the fall, called Spark Bible Curriculum, which is enhanced with arts and crafts by our Christian Education staff, Jane Reimund. We will evaluate this curriculum again in the spring of 2020 before continuing with it again in the fall.

• Tween Children, 4th through 6th graders, are also using their own version of the Spark Bible Curriculum for Sunday School. Tweens also have this to report:
  o Our Tween Ministry is in its second year and this group of 4-6th graders continues to grow! Our Leaders include: Marta Morrison, Kathryn Anderson, Elisa Steingruebner, Kelli Sheldon, Genny Lauren, Jaime Shean, and Jay Gattis. Our current events calendar runs through Jan. 2021 and includes monthly events like visiting a food bank, hosting a Christmas party, delivering cards to shut-ins, and participating in our annual planning retreat to Big Bear Camp. Our mission is to build relationships between students, God, and our community.

• Youth Group includes grades 7 to 12. The Youth Group, led by Jennifer McCullough, has this to report:
  o This year, our youth group has continued to fellowship, learn, and grow together. We meet weekly at St. Mark and have created a brave space, where we share openly about our lives and our faith. We also had some remarkable opportunities for travel and growth. In April, two of our youths attended Ecumenical Advocacy Days in Washington D.C., becoming equipped to lobby their representatives about issues of justice. In July, eight of our youths (and two staff members) journeyed to Purdue University to participate in Presbyterian Youth Triennium, a week that built our faith and our relationships in exceptional ways. A number of our youth are hoping to return in three years to the next Triennium to participate in leadership roles. We have also had eleven youths serve as liturgists in worship, and have experimented with different gathering times to try to be as inclusive as possible. This fall, our confirmation classes began anew, and we look forward to welcoming new confirmands on Pentecost Sunday, 2020. We are grateful for the support and prayers of the people at St. Mark, and look forward to what next year holds for our group.

• We encourage our children to see that they are treasured members of the worshipping community and their full participation is welcomed alongside the general congregation.
  o We have seen children and youth as liturgists throughout the year.
  o Elementary-aged children and older have stayed in church on communion Sundays to partake in communion and listen to the message.
  o Children participated in Lent by processing into church at the beginning of service waving palms. Children participated at other times in the service including at Advent and lighting the Advent candles.
  o Children stayed in the service during the summer months in an area we called “The Well”.
• We recognized milestones in the Christian life:
  o During baptisms, the young children are part of the experience by a simple gesture that they welcome a new young life to the church and that they will be nurturing friends to the young child.
  o Age appropriate Spark Bibles were given to children starting at age 3 and at 4th grade.
• We invited others into the St. Mark Community and encouraged fellowship and friendship among our families and all our members through the:
  o Easter celebration,
  o Summer Sunday gatherings - F-Cubed: Food, Fun, and Fellowship,
  o Harvest Festival,
  o All Church Picnic and other social gatherings.
• Prepare families to do God’s work by providing ongoing, hands-on mission opportunities in the community:
  o Our Tween children assembled hygiene kits and raised funds for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
  o Our Elementary children wrote cards to sick people and those in need of encouragement
  o Our Elementary and Tween-aged children built wooden crosses (a small size for a necklace and a larger size for an ornament or similar uses) with the guidance of a St. Mark member, Brian Parker, and sold them at the Alternative Christmas Market. Proceeds from Alternative Christmas Market went to Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County.
• One way we saw our families give back to God of their time, talent, and treasure was through the Children’s Christmas Pageant. Many children from our congregation memorized and recited their script lines, meaningfully read from scripture and performed musical solos at the pageant.
• Here’s a little more about “The Well” and the “F-Cubed: Food, Fun, and Fellowship” in Summer:
  o “The Well” in worship service during the summer months. Children and Youth remain in worship either sitting with their families or at The Well off to the choir side with an interactive learning space.
  o “F-Cubed: Food, Fun, and Fellowship” – This year, in place of Vacation Bible School (VBS), we organized 3 Sundays during July and August as both social and thought-provoking events. The entire congregation was invited to join.
• Children and Youth Ministry worked with other Ministries on some programming for families this year. We partnered with the Health Ministry on an interactive, hands-on presentation on Positive Parenting presented by Gretchen Carrillo.
• This year we changed and simplified our Commission’s name to ‘Children and Youth Ministry’. Previously, our name was ‘Ministry for Families with Children and Teens (FCAT)’.

Respectfully submitted,
Your Children and Youth Ministry Commission
FINANCE COMMISSION

The mission of the Finance Commission is to support the ministry of St. Mark Presbyterian Church by providing oversight and planning for the financial stewardship of the Church’s assets, operational budgets, banking relationships, adequate insurance coverage, and financial internal control policies and procedures.

St. Mark finished 2019 with income of $1,266,735 which was $10,735 more than budget for the year, mostly due to pledged income exceeding budget expectations. Expenses in 2019 were $1,168,705, which was $87,295 less than budget for the year, mostly due to Personnel and Children & Youth Ministries expenses being less than budget. As a result, 2019 net income exceeded budget by $98,340.

Capital Campaign receipts in 2019 were $440,837, leaving approximately $327,332 of pledged commitments still to be collected. Because of the tremendous success of the Capital Campaign, we were able to pay off the mortgage on the Church in 2019. Before the Capital Campaign, annual principal and interest payments on the mortgage were approximately $159,000 per year, and paying off the mortgage has enabled us to redirect these funds to the endeavors of the church.

Thanks to the generosity and commitment of St. Mark members and friends, and the very positive results of our 2019 operating budget, we have been able to increase our pastoral staff and our mission giving, provide additional budgets to our Commissions and Committees, and invest in our facilities. For example, in 2019 the Church, along with St. Mark members and friends, provided approximately $112,740 in gifts to support the Orange County United to End Homelessness Initiative, a joint effort of the United Way of Orange County, local rental property owners, and philanthropists to provide long-term housing and support services to help address the needs of the homeless population in our community. We were also able to invest in an upgraded audio-visual system for the sanctuary.

In 2020, the Session will evaluate how we can best use the gifts entrusted to us. Additionally, we have started to establish facilities reserve funds for future expenses which traditionally occur due to use and age. Typically, those funds have been obtained in the past by additional fund raisers, but planning for the necessity of repairs now by establishing monetary funds to be used for the future repairs will help ensure that the church remains able to continue its mission. As the DRAFT budget reflects, our budgeted pledge income for 2020 is slightly below the 2019 level due to a reduced number of pledges. Pledge commitments can be made at any time and commitment cards are available in the office if you are interested in making a pledge for 2020. The Finance Commission would like to thank all of those who have supported the Capital Campaign and our Operating Budget, our donors, and the various commissions and committees that have been careful stewards of our gifts.

The St. Mark Finance Commission was served by Brian Copple (Elder), Mark Franzen (Elder), John Benner, John Smithers, Jerry Dauderman and Judith Hug (Staff Liaison).
## ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
### 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT AND 2020 DRAFT BUDGET \(^{(1)}\)

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| Total Missional Giving \(^{(7)}\) | $179,346 | $199,915 | $357,405 |

\(^{(1)}\) Any material updates/changes to the 2020 Draft Budget will be shared with the congregation after approval by the Session.

\(^{(2)}\) 2020 pledge income to date is $828,083 and is based on 158 pledge units. 2019 pledge income based on 166 pledging units vs. 2018 pledge income based on 176 pledging units, and 2017 pledge income based on 180 pledging units.

\(^{(3)}\) Includes carry-over of $98,340 net income from 2019.

\(^{(4)}\) 2019 debt service is being paid from the capital campaign income. Chase Bank mortgage balances as of year-ends 2017 & 2018 are $880,701 and $384,909, respectively. The Chase Bank mortgage was paid in full in March 2019.

\(^{(5)}\) The Finance Commission is studying development of a funded reserve account for long-term facilities maintenance and replacement. Amount to be determined.

\(^{(6)}\) Net income (loss) will be determined by the final pledge income.

\(^{(7)}\) Total Benevolences reflect the combined total giving for the year through Mission Giving, Deacons, Commission organizational support, PC(USA) offerings, special giving and the Alternative Christmas Market.
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### 2020 DRAFT MISSION COMMISSION BUDGET

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**Designated Mission**

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(1) Alternative Christmas Market moved to Mission from Peace & Justice in 2020
(2) 2020 funding support for specific organizations has not yet been fully determined. The Mission Commission will review specific organizational support requests and determine remaining mission allocations accordingly.
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION

Your Human Resources Commission (HRC) was very busy this year! We are proud to serve the diverse congregation of St. Mark Presbyterian Church as it continues to experience wonderful growth as a community of faith in 2019. Our highlights for 2019 are summarized as follows:

- The HRC accepted the retirement notice from Ann Scott with gratitude for her many years of dedication and service as our Parish Nurse. We formed a small search committee to find our next Parish Nurse. We offer our thanks to the committee members for their hard work: Hayes Noble, Shelley Chretin, and Gretchen Weisenberger-Carrillo.

- With Session approval, the HRC hired Beth Schwartz as our new Parish Nurse.

- The HRC continues to help support the efforts of candidates for ordination. Paul Evans served as the 2019 HRC/Session liaison for Jenn McCullough as she moves through her process.

- The HRC provided feedback on Pastor Mark’s 2018-19 Work Plan and submitted it to Session for approval.

- The HRC is conducting a review & update of the St. Mark Presbyterian Church Personnel Manual

- Several employees attended the Presbytery’s program on workplace harassment, “Creating Healthy Boundaries”.

- The HRC, with assistance from Judith Hug, is working with additional employees to complete a one-hour workplace harassment online tutorial through our insurance provider (Insurance Board).

- Pastoral Compensation was finalized and presented to the congregation for their approval at the October 2019 Congregational Meeting. Additional 2020 budget plans were finalized for submission to Session through the Finance Commission in preparation for the Annual Congregational Meeting in January. This budget includes the addition of a part-time Administrative Assistant and a line-item for a Children’s Ministry Coordinator for the full year starting April 2020.

The Human Resources Commission is faithfully served by members Anne Christensen, Shelley Chretin (Chair), Susan Emery, and Paul Evans. Pastor Mark Davis serves as an ex-officio member.

Respectfully submitted,
Your Human Resources Commission
FACILITIES COMMISSION

The responsibility of the Facilities Commission is to make recommendations to the Session regarding care, management, and use of the facilities, and to maintain oversight of the church property and buildings. We contribute to the larger life of St. Mark by making it possible to worship, hold meetings, hear speakers, and enjoy the property safely in a beautiful and well-kept environment.

St. Mark’s campus is 7.5 acres and is over 12 years old. In order to maintain this beautiful property, repairs and upgrades are necessary. The Commission prioritizes work needed, and plans for long-term projects to enhance the appearance and safety of the campus. Work is done in stages as funds become available. The Landscaping Master Plan continues to guide the development and planting of new landscape.

Commission accomplishments in 2019 include:

1. Four art glass windows were installed at the front of the sanctuary, designed and made with this church especially in mind, by David Lines, former church organist.
2. Replanted the flowerbed at the front of the church with low water use plants. Renovated the landscape at the corner monument sign. Cleaned up debris and pine needles along the slope.
3. Revoiced the organ following the installation of new speakers.
4. Installed LED lights in the Fellowship Hall.
5. Session assigned oversight of the Memorial Garden (Columbarium) to the Facilities Commission. Judith Hug keeps the records and has request forms.
6. Trees were trimmed. (Did your car get sap dripped on it?).
7. Installed “Accessible” sign on the family bathroom.
8. Installed a new monitor for presentations in the Fireside Room.
9. Installed a new screen and projector in the Sanctuary, and a binary switch was added to simplify operation of the system.
10. Parking lot slurry seal/restriping was done in June.
11. Completed fire sprinkler maintenance and repairs.
12. Maintenance of and purchase of supplies for the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) has been assigned to the Facilities Commission.
13. Acquired three high-top tables for the Fellowship Hall.
15. Waterproofed the planter outside the Fireside Room.
16. Purchased five new waterless urinals for the men’s restrooms.
17. Purchased two new benches for the courtyard.
18. Work continues on the AV in the Fellowship Hall, the drainage issues outside the Administration Building, and way-finding signage for the campus.

The Commission is grateful for the excellent work of Judith Hug as Business and Property Manager. She handles the day-to-day operations, repairs, and calls for maintenance. We also appreciate the work of our dedicated custodians, Jeremy Smith and Alexander Cardenas, who take such good care of the facilities.
Serving on the Facilities Commission this year were Session Representative Quinn Tamm, Commission Chair Diana Krause, Carleen Butterfield, Carole Johnson, Adam Kober, Norm Lessard, Brian Parker, and Kathy Roberts. If you have an interest in helping to maintain the church, we would be happy to have you join this busy commission.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Hornbuckle, Session Representative

NOMINATING COMMISSION

The Nominating Commission met late summer and early fall and presented the following slate of candidates for the leadership class of 2022, which was elected at the October 27, 2019 congregational meeting.

Deacons: JR Vigil, John Boss, Kim Turner, Karla Button, Linda Morgan
Elders: Sam Anderson Jr., Bo Brinkman, Jim Leimkuhler, Sue-Jeanne Koh, Robin Wade, Carleen Butterfield and MaryJo Stonehouse for a two-year term filing a vacancy
Three Nominating Commission members for the class of 2020-2021 were also nominated and elected. Dick Allen, Patty Gwin and Elisa Steingruebner.

Respectfully submitted Carleen Butterfield chair and committee members Wendy Peterson, Linda Benner, Jan Phillips, Paul Evans, Warren Lortie, Erik Charles

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMISSION

The Peace & Justice Commission of St. Mark is a catalyst for education advocacy and action to establish justice and pursue peace throughout our community, nation and world.

SEEKING PEACE – INFORMATION AND ADVOCACY

Focus Activities:

Great Decisions: Foreign Policy Series 8 session (Jan-Feb 2019) largest outreach activity for St. Mark with more than 130 attendees, many from the greater community.

Climate Crisis: presented information on H.R. 763 – with presentation by Christopher Hilger. This is a bi-partisan bill “The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act”. The P & J Commission has endorsed this bill which has broad support from PCUSA. Oceana organization gave a presentation on the ocean environments.

Hunger: Bread for the World continuing education and advocacy action for the Global Nutrition Resolution was promoted for Mother’s Day through Faith & Action.

Leadership Training: Robin Wade accompanied her two daughters to attend Ecumenical Days 4/5- 4/8 in D.C. The, “Troubling the Waters”. Wades reported on their experience in a special presentation for the church.

Alternative Christmas Fair: This year the fair hosted 28 presenters, raising over $23,000 to support the work of non-profits, church related and/or local needs.

Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering: The 2019 recipient was the Orange County Justice Fund that assists with bail money for detainees.
Community Outreach:

**Olive Tree Initiative**, UCI - hosted a presentation by Presbyterian Peacemaker, Muna Nazzar. The students traveled to the Middle East to learn about issues from various perspectives.

**Orange County Salvation Army** – Stephanie Taylor, Director of Tatiana’s House gave a presentation on the opening of Orange County’s first safe house for domestic victims of human trafficking.

**Global Center for Women and Justice**, Vanguard University, Sandra Morgan hosted a presentation by Muna Nazzar to a scheduled class and followed with a luncheon campus leaders.

Supporting Denominational and Inter-Denominational Agencies:

- Presbyterian Peace Fellowship
- Presbyterian Church Office of Public Witness
- California Council of Churches (IMPACT)
- National Farmworker Ministry
- Newport-Mesa Irvine Interfaith Council

**WORKING FOR JUSTICE - ACTION**

**Presbyterian Peacemaker Program**: The commission took responsibility for hosting Muna Nazzar from Bethlehem for five days in September and helping to arrange opportunities for Muna to meet the wider community and present a workshop at the Los Ranchos Presbytery quarterly meeting.

**Humans in Transition**:

**Human Trafficking** St. Mark is represented among faith groups in support of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force activities. This year St. Mark hosted the annual Christmas party for survivors of human trafficking.

**Immigration & Migration** – St. Mark members continue to aid a Chechen family that fled persecution in 2018, asking for asylum. The support team involves members from 4 local churches affiliated with Home for Refugees.

**Friends of Orange County Detainees** – volunteers visit detainees on a regular basis. Detainees are no longer in OC and have been moved to Adelanto – visitations continue.

**Improving Rights of Workers**:

**National Farmworkers Ministry** – supports OC efforts and advocacy. Fundraiser hosted at St. Mark 11/10.

**Fair Trade** – continuing education with films and selling fair trade chocolates for seasonal holidays.

**Ecophilians: Saving the Earth**

St. Mark is an “Earth Care Congregation”. Ecophilians affiliate with the following organizations:

- PCUSA Environmental Ministries
- Presbyterians for Earth Care
- OC Interfaith Coalition for the Environment
- National Wildlife Federation

The Peace and Justice Commission was served this year by Suzanne Darweesh, Susan Eaton, Bobbi Dauderman, Susan Emery, Jack Freytag, Patty Gwin, Diana Light, Janet McNeil, Lydia Pettis, Joann Schaum, Beryl Smith, Mark Tabbert, with new members Sallie Super, Larry Kugelman, Dulcie Kugelman, Mara Tavantzis, Sherry Munson. Pastor Mark Davis is St. Mark staff liaison. We welcome you to join our efforts.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbi Dauderman, Susan Emery
MISSION COMMISSION REPORT

The Mission Commission of St. Mark Presbyterian Church oversees the local and global mission efforts of the Church. The Commission meets monthly at 12:30pm on the second Wednesday of the month. Our total 2019 Mission budget was $155,300 which was an increase of 6% from 2018.

The Commission started the year with a scheduling of presentations by members of the St. Mark Community who are connected to the supported organizations in order to provide updates on the mission work. There will be on going practice of having liaisons to the Commission for each organization for reporting financial needs, prayer requests and mission progress.

In 2019 we continued our practice of budgeting $50,000 to support General Mission Giving of the Presbyterian Church USA, and we increased support to St. Mark Board of Deacons to $15,000. The remaining portion of the Commission’s budget of $90,300 was allocated to support the work of a number 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. The organizations receiving support have a direct connection with the St. Mark Community.

We have remained engaged in Nicaragua by continuing to support AMOS (a ministry of Sharing Hope and Health) which works to develop health programs in undeserved rural communities and by supporting CEPAD (Nicaraguan Protestant Council of Churches) which promotes community development programs in rural communities. A small delegation from St. Mark will be visiting Nicaragua for a ground breaking on February 15-19, 2020.

St. Mark supported Family Promise, a program that provides short term transitional housing as host facilities for families in need. Our hosting program consisted of two 2-week commitments and was supported by over 100 volunteers from the St. Mark Community. In September the Commission sponsored a table at the Family Promise Gala. As we enter 2020, St. Mark will continue to work with Family Promise in a supporting role.

St. Mark continued to support a number of other programs and organizations, including the Oljato Vacation Bible School mission, Get on the Bus (a ministry to support the transportation of children to visit incarcerated parents), Providence Children’s Home in Kenya and 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 an impact on God’s evolving world.

The Mission Commission continued its support 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 system change. During 2019, OCAJC organized and sponsored four well attended educational programs on issues relating to homelessness in Orange County. The Alliance continued its partnership with United Way to enhance its ability to educate and coordinate the efforts of various individuals, organizations and agencies dealing with the issue of homelessness and seek long-term solutions to this crisis.

In 2019, the Commission decided to support Home for Refugees USA, an organization that seeks to establish collaborative relationships between faith groups and community groups and refugee families. Also added this year was support for United to End Homelessness for Foster Youth. Orange County is one of only two communities in California to receive HUD’s brand new Foster Youth To Independence Initiative housing vouchers. Qualified former foster youth have been identified in Orange County and funds will be used to help cover expenses such as deposits holding fees furnishings, and move-in costs.
The St. Mark Mission Commission was faithfully served by Judy Gielow, Deborah Savage, Mark Davis, Betty Christiansen and Judith Hug (Staff Liaison).

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Oakes, 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 were happy to welcome Erik Charles (as Session liaison) to our commission, which also includes Deborah Mayhew (chair), Sara Nishikawa, Geoff Patino, Elisa Steingruebner, Robin Wade, and Sue-Ann Wichman. (Thanks also to Jackson Fukuda, who assisted with some of our design needs.) Pastor Mark Davis is our St. Mark staff liaison. We have such a great team--each member brings valuable talent, creativity and perspective to our commission!

As is typical, we had a busy year in 2019. Our budget was effectively utilized between Advertising (traditional and social media), Marketing Collateral, and Social Media, as illustrated in the 2019 Recap below.

We’re now very excited about our direction for 2020 as our Session updates the St. Mark Mission Statement to more clearly and succinctly define who we are as a church, our values, and commitment to social justice and inclusiveness.

**2019 Highlights**

**Committee/Commission Support**--We continued to assist several of our committees and commissions with supporting publicity (news releases/ social media posts/ print materials for their projects, including Great Decisions, Friends of OC Detainees event, the April Blood Drive, etc.

Other events happening either through the commissions or through St. Mark in general (such as #theworldwhereithappens) were promoted through our Facebook page, and by creating and maintaining a steady presence and engagement on Instagram, twitter and Linkedin, with use of photos, videos and eye-catching graphics.

**LGBTQIA+ Outreach**--St. Mark has long been an inclusive church (affirming and welcoming to all), and a champion of social justice. As the language around sexuality and gender is growing increasingly complex, we developed a brochure ("LGBTQIA+ The ABCs of Inclusivity") to help educate our congregation, visitors and friends about the differences between sexual orientation and gender identity. (The brochure can be customized by other churches, and several have requested more information and materials.) We also created a social media campaign focused on being inclusive: "When We Say Everyone, We Mean It" to reach the LGBTQIA+ communities. We will continue to utilize these materials in 2020.
Lent and Easter--We supported the design of the Lenten Brochure. Tying in with the St. Mark’s Lenten environmental theme, "Fragile Beauty of the Earth," we distributed stainless steel straw kits in a travel pouch ("Do Justice" Love Kindness" "Walk Humbly" "Sip Responsibly") to attendees at our Easter worship services (several other churches requested information from us about implementing this as well). Pastor Mark Davis provided an Op-Ed to the Daily Pilot "The Resurrection Reminds Us...God Brings New Life." We also placed a 1/4-page color ad in the Daily Pilot. Our social media posts offered tips about environmentally conscious living and were very well-received.

Advent and Christmas--During Advent, we ran color display ads titled "Welcome Home" (tying in with the homelessness theme and door décor in our sanctuary) in the main section of the Los Angeles Times, The Daily Pilot and Newport Beach Independent announcing our Christmas Eve worship times. Our social media posts emphasized the lighting of the Advent candle each week, and the song written by Mark Davis, "Everybody Needs a Home."

Ongoing
St. Mark Website--We will introduce our redesigned St. Mark website in late January 2020.

Photography--We continued to photograph as many St. Mark events and activities as possible, and appreciate support from our Committees/Deacons, and members when they contribute photos taken during their service projects and activities. Keep them coming!

St. Mark Information Board--As not all of our members and friends follow social media—and as a way of providing visitors and our congregation with a quick look at things happening at St. Mark (a lot!)—we continued to post photos and news items on the large Information Board typically located on the patio.

Meet Me at Muldoon’s--In April, we marked our fourth 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 great way for our members to bring friends and introduce them to our St. Mark family.

Our commission looks forward to an exciting 2020 and is honored to serve the St. Mark community!

Respectfully Submitted, Deborah Mayhew, Chair
St. Mark Marketing Commission

BOARD OF DEACONS

The 2019 Board of Deacons was comprised of the following members:

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JANUARY
In January, we welcomed five new Deacons, however, one resigned before our Leadership Conference.

MARCH
The Deacons enlisted readers for the annual Read Across America at Glenn Martin Elementary School. 11 members of the congregation volunteered to read to students in classes from pre-K through 5th grade, as well as special needs students. This is always a popular event with more volunteers than we can use.

APRIL
We raised $1,967 for Easter Baskets, $360 more than needed. We assembled and delivered 150 baskets to 5 organizations; Glenn Martin Elementary, Families Forward, Project Hope Alliance, Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove and Someone Cares Soup Kitchen, plus $300 to Breast Cancer Angels for gift cards in lieu of baskets. A check for $60 was given to each of the 6 organizations.

We allocated $2,500 to the LGBT fundraiser which ten St. Mark members attended. $1,500 was also allocated to Families Forward fundraiser in September with four St. Mark Members attending.

JUNE
June Jump-In was a big hit. Twelve organizations the Deacons represent attended on Pentecost Sunday and met many St. Mark members. It helped raise money and identify potential volunteer opportunities. It was so well received, we will make it an annual event.

AUGUST
St. Mark Members donated 223 pairs of socks and 251 boxer underwear during our SPIN clothing drive.
Families Forward received 18 back packs, school supplies and $1,417 in cash donations from St. Mark members.

The Deacons allocated the following funds:
$1,000 for the Breast Cancer Angels fundraiser in December.
$500 to Casa Teresa for baby formula.
$300 to Irvine Adult Transitional Program for weighted lap pads.
$52.79 to Someone Cares Soup Kitchen for an emergency faucet.
$500 to Project Hope Alliance for gift cards for back to school clothes. Church members also donated $1,000 worth of gift cards for Project Hope Alliance.

We voted to make Friendship Shelter in Laguna Beach our newest organization for Deacon support in 2020.

SEPTEMBER
Erika’s Feast was held to honor the charities the Deacons support. 11 charities were represented at the dinner along with Deacons and support staff. It was a wonderful opportunity for our charities to get an idea of the scope of the work the Deacons do in our community, as well as meet members of other charities.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER
At the end of October, the Deacons collected more than 450 books from church members for Glenn Martin Elementary School’s annual give away to students. Students and their parents were invited to the school on the evening of November 7th and allowed to take 5 books home.
In November, we allocated $1,000 to Creative Identity in support of their art exhibition at the Muzeo Museum and Cultural Center in Anaheim. The art was created by their clients with development disabilities.

DECEMBER
The Giving Tree was a huge success. Because of the generosity of St. Mark members, the Deacons collected 210 Christmas gifts for families in need, more than in past years. The gifts or gift cards were given to seven organizations; LGBT Teen Center, Families Forward, SPIN, Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove, Glenn Martin Elementary School, Casa Teresa and Breast Cancer Angels.

The Deacons voted to allocate $250 each to SPIN and Glenn Martin Elementary School because they did not receive any Deacon funds in 2019. The remaining balance was distributed equally among our 13 charities, with each receiving $425.

The Deacons are inspired by and deeply grateful for the on-going generosity of the Members of St. Mark Presbyterian Church, as well as the support we have received from staff and session members in our work. It has been my honor to serve as Moderator of the Board of Deacons in 2019.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Savage

ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL (SMCP)
St. Mark’s mission to the community through the St. Mark Community 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.

The St. Mark Community Preschool Advisory Board plays an important role in the decision-making for the school. The Advisory Board consists of a combination of church members and representatives that are parents of children either currently enrolled or previously enrolled in the preschool. The current church members on the Advisory Board are Bobbi Dauderman, Associate Pastor Hayes Noble (also a previous preschool parent) and Pam Young (also a previous preschool parent). The current parent representatives include Patricia Frankel, Jennifer Krupoff, Ashley Ortwein, Scott Akamine, and Mike Adey. January 2019 thru June 2019, Pam Young served as the Moderator of the Advisory Board and Patricia Frankel served as the Recording Secretary. Beginning June of 2019 Jennifer Krupoff served as the Moderator of the Advisory Board and Ashley Ortwein served as the Recording Secretary. In 2019 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 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’s 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 CAEYC (California 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 12th annual Country Fair on November 2nd, 2019. 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 2019, 100 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 and returning families.

As a service to families, the preschool provides scholarships based on need. For the 2018-2019 school year, we awarded a total of $24,415; $12,260 was towards staff children. For the 2019-2020 school year the preschool has had two children of staff members enrolled where partial tuition assistance was given for a total scholarship amount of $13,251.00. Tuition assistance for three days is granted to children of teachers, as part of their employee benefits. Besides this benefit, 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. Newer 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 forty 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,
Jennifer Krupoff, St. Mark Community Preschool Advisory Board Moderator
ST. MARK SESSION

Class of 2020
Michele Cardon
Michael Christensen
Brian Copple
Susan Emery
Paul Evans
Quinn Tamm

Class of 2021
Jeanie Ardell
Mark Franzen
Michael Gass
Catherine Green
Ebi Larsen
Mary Jo Stonehouse
(2-year term)

Class of 2022
Sam Anderson Jr.
Bo Brinkman
Carleen Butterfield
SueJeanne Koh
Jim Leimkuhler
Robin Wade

ST. MARK BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2020
Heather Manchester
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Deborah Savage
Neem van der Reest

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Jan Phillips
Julie Sager
Jennifer Smith
Eric Steingruebner
Renae Stone

Class of 2022
John Boss
Karla Button
Linda Morgan
Kim Turner
J.R. Vigil

2020 NOMINATING COMMITTEE:
Patty Gwin, Dick Allen, Elisa Steingruebner

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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