

News from the Board



By Katie Williams
President, Board of Trustees

YOU Can Help Keep Our Momentum Going by Serving in a Leadership Role for the Church

As I was reflecting on our theme this month — Keeping Up the Momentum — I thought back on everything that we as a community have accomplished over the past couple of years. We are in such a wonderful place, with so many people involved and committed to making this church the exciting and vibrant environment that it is. We have created and grown committees that have served this ministry and the greater Phoenix community in many ways. We all should be so very proud.

Given that, there is still work to be

done. We could not have accomplished all of this without leadership, so I ask you to consider becoming part of our leadership: by serving as a member of our Board of Trustees.

During his full-day seminar, Les Brown said, "If you do what is easy, your life will be hard ... but if you do what is hard, your life will be easy." Being a board member is not easy; it requires giving of your time and talents, serving on committees, and being responsible to the people that you serve. Yet, having experienced this myself, I guarantee that you *will* be

blessed through your service in so many ways. You may have considered this at some point and let the moment pass, thinking that you do not have what it takes or feeling afraid of what it might mean. I ask you to reflect and pray about it, and consider if you are being called to step out of your comfort zone and try something new.

We need people from all sorts of backgrounds to help lead this ministry. We have created such wonderful momentum: consider how *you* can help keep it going!

Unity of Phoenix Statement of Activities Through May 31, 2010

[The Fiscal Year for Unity of Phoenix Started October 1, 2009 and Runs Through September 30, 2010]

	Actual for May	Budget for May	Variance for May	Actual Year-to-Date	Budget YTD	Variance Actual to YTD Budget
INCOME						
Worship/Love Offering Receipts	\$135,395	\$146,676	-\$11,281	\$990,078	\$1,089,073	-\$98,995
All Other Receipts	\$11,973	\$14,790	-\$2,817	\$164,606	\$149,601	\$15,005
Total Operating Income	\$147,368	\$161,466	-\$14,098	\$1,154,684	\$1,238,674	-\$83,990
EXPENSES						
Total Operating Expenses	\$121,716	\$135,542	-\$13,826	\$1,125,103	\$1,190,004	-\$64,901
Net Operating Income Over/Under Exps	\$25,652	\$25,924	-\$272	\$29,581	\$48,670	-\$19,089

Average Per Person Giving

April 2010.....	\$17 per week
April 2009.....	\$19 per week
May 2010.....	\$18 per week
May 2009.....	\$18 per week

Average Weekly Attendance

April 2010.....	1,278
April 2009.....	1,418
May 2010.....	1,189
May 2009.....	1,175

Church Cash Reserves

Board policy requires that we maintain cash reserves equivalent to three months of church expenses, which currently stands at \$450,000.

To be in compliance with this fiscally sound policy, we must increase our present reserves by \$124,000.

Thank you for your support!

We are committed to keeping our congregants informed about the church's financial status and other key issues.

What additional information would you like to see included on this page? Please let us know! Contact Unity Communications Coordinator Sue Thompson at sthompson@unityphx.org or 602.978.3200, Ext. 230.

Thank you!

As a tithing ministry, Unity of Phoenix gives one-tenth of all we receive back to where this spiritual community is, itself, spiritually fed. Fifty percent of our regular monthly tithe supports the greater Unity movement: the Association of Unity Churches International, Silent Unity, the Southwest Unity Region, Unity Institute and ministerial scholarships.

The other half of our monthly tithe is dedicated to community and global outreach. These tithes change each month based on where the ministry has been spiritually fed, as detailed below:

March 2010 Tithe

Greater Unity Movement

(50% of Tithe)\$ 6,219

Discretionary Tithe (50% of Tithe)

• Feed the Multitudes\$ 3,500

• SW Unity Region

Scholarship Fund\$ 2,529

• Hunger Project\$ 190

Total March Tithes\$ 12,438

April 2010 Tithe

Greater Unity Movement

(50% of Tithe)\$ 6,950

Discretionary Tithe (50% of Tithe)

• SW Unity Region

Scholarship Fund\$ 6,950

Total April Tithes\$ 13,900

Benefit Unity of Phoenix with Your Skills, Talents and Experience!

We cordially invite you....

to experience the blessings of serving with like-hearted people of Unity by participating on one of our Strategic Planning Committees!

Courtyard Committee:

Create a vibrant Courtyard experience that inspires a sense of community by planning and implementing a variety of events throughout the year.

Endowment Committee:

Develop, implement and manage a planned giving program for the church.

Marketing Committee:

Make recommendations for effective, creative ways to promote church activities and ideas.

New Ideas and Research:

Brainstorm new programs and activities for the church, and conduct related research.

Outreach Committee:

Explore, plan and execute projects for volunteer participation both for our spiritual community and to benefit the greater Phoenix community.

Social Committee:

Coordinate a variety of events through which congregants can gather together outside of worship services to build community and to enjoy friendship and fun.

If you are interested in sharing your special gifts with one of these committees, please visit the Volunteer Table in the Courtyard on Sunday mornings, or contact Chris Kennedy at 602.978.3200, Ext. 299, or ckennedy@unityphx.org.