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Clergy's report

The Rev. Christine Nakyeyune

The New Year 2010 is here. Praise the Lord that He led us through last year 2009. May we all continue to search for the life He is so desirous of imparting on us, the heavenly life.

St. Peter's Church as well as the entire Ugandan community in Boston had many losses of loved ones, too many to mention here one by one. Suffice it for me to express my condolences to all who were bereaved. May you continue to find your solace in the Lord.

At the same time there are many among us who scored high in terms of success, materially or otherwise. People bought houses, others got married, and so on.

But at the end of the day, we all agree that the Lord has been gracious to us through it all and we praise Him. After all this and all churches exist for no other reason but to glorify His wonderful name and to walk in His grand purposes.

As a congregation we are privileged to have this place of worship. As you all know we share it with Christ Church congregation the owners of the property, under the leadership of our very able sister the Rev. Sara Irwin. I encourage us always to keep in mind the need for us to confine ourselves to the time allotted us for our worship service 12.00 – 3.00pm, duration of three hours. Whenever we go over that time, we jeopardize the activities of others. We should do this gladly in the spirit of Christian love and consideration.

St. Peter's is now going on year four of existence. I propose that we begin to follow some pre-set plan aimed at achieving pre-set goals. We started out with one aim: to form a congregation with a Luganda service. In the formation period, we did things as need came upon us. Now we have come of age and that motif has to be left behind and a more mature one adopted. To support this new strategy a calendar has been published. The leader of laity will mention it in his report. Please keep consulting that calendar to know and be ready for what is current in order to be abreast of things.

I would like to thank all heads of department for their leadership. The head of laity-Mr. James Ssentongo, Secretary-Mr. James Serumaga, Financial secretary-Ms. Edith Ndagire, and the advisory committee work around the clock to seek our Church grow. Their efforts are really appreciated. I also thank God for my colleague Rev. Dr. Alex K. Musoke for his continued commitment to St. Peter's. His ministry can surely be felt among us. It is not easy to thank each one of you but I would like you to know that God sees the wonderful work you do and will surely bless you. As a leadership team, it is important that we increase the team spirit that we have been working in. When we rise we rise together, and when we fall we fall together. That's the best way to carry out God's work and it is my way of doing things.

Baptism: We had an addition of 12 members to our congregation through baptism.

Confirmation: Ten (10) persons attended confirmation class and will be confirmed as soon as we have a bishop visiting our church.

Weddings: We did not have any weddings conducted here at St. Peter's Church, but we had four couples that went from us and were wed in Uganda and other places. Among them were the Rev. Dr. Alex & Lydia Kasirye-Musoke, James & Deborah Sentongo, James & Carol Kasenge, Philip Julius & Elizabeth Kigozi, Denis and Mercy Senono. We congratulate them all.

Bishop's visit: We did not have a bishop's visit last year. The bishop of Massachusetts was set to visit us October 25, but breakdown in communication caused the visit to flop. On your behalf I wrote a letter of apology to the bishop. We expect him this year.

Sunday attendance: Last year Sunday attendance improved from the average of 80 to 100 per any given Sunday. Of course that means some Sundays were less than that and some far more than that. I thank you all who have been so faithful in coming. I would remind every member of the duty of lay persons in the church. Every individual Christian's 24/7 duty is to emulate Christ and bear witness to Him; to always worship God, especially at home but also in a place of worship with other believers; to do the work of God; to pray and to offer money according to her/his means for the support of the work of the Church at home and overseas; and to fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life. And the duty of all Christians corporately is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give of their resources for the spread of the kingdom of God. So I as your pastor send you out to be the ambassadors of Christ that you are and to invite many others to come and worship with us.

Giving: Our Sunday offerings have improved and I wish to thank all of you. Indeed you have given money, time, and talents. All glory to the Master. Now I ask you again to prayerfully think of how much you can increase in your giving so we have enough resources to run the church programs without undue roadblocks. The treasurer will elaborate on the finances in his report.

Music festival: A music festival is planned for the Anglican community in Boston on July 26, 2010, in Quincy. Participants will come from several Anglican congregations of people from different African countries but living in Boston. The exact venue will be communicated at a later date. Please pray for the event and plan to be there.

Visitors: We had Ven. Canon Kezlon Semanda who stood in for me when I went on vacation to Uganda to see my family; we thank God for the richness he brought to our congregation.

Growth: St Peter's gave birth to another congregation, St. John, which meets at Lowell and is led by my colleague the Rev. Mary Tusuubira. I ask you to continue praying for that congregation to grow and meet the needs of the people in that area.

Haiti: Lastly, I wish on your behalf to express my condolences to the people of Haiti and to throw my weight behind those who are doing whatever they are doing to support the people of Haiti. May the people of Haiti know that they are not alone on planet earth but that they have many women and men willing to stand with them in their calamity, more so out of the love of Christ.

Personal comment: I am ready for 2010 at St. Peter's Church! Are you? Let us all roll up our sleeves and plunge into 2010 with renewed vigor to serve our God and each other and to make sure we put no stumbling block in the movement of another toward Christ.

Together let us concur with Henry Ward Beecher when he said: "The strength of a human being consists in finding out the way in which God is going, and going that way too." Let us find out where God wants to lead us as a church and as individuals and let us go that way.

Head of Laity

By James Ssentongo

As the head of laity, I wish to sincerely extend my greetings to you all the parishioners of St Peter's Church in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I congratulate you all upon your completion of the year 2009. I do express my sympathy to those of you who have had in one way or another some problems in the previous year. In particular I do grieve with those of you who lost your dear ones. May the Almighty God rest them in eternal peace. To those of you whose goals were achieved I do say cheers and I continue to pray that fortune continues to cross your way in the years to come.

Special thanks to Rev. Christine Nakyeyune Busulwa for her pastoral responsibilities which she has executed skillfully and diligently. Special thanks to all the vestry and committee members as well as all of you parishioners. You have devotedly spared your precious time so as to keep St Peter's Church on its right course.

Our church has continued to register positive achievements as enumerated below:

1. Elections: In June last year our church went through the election process of new leaders. The results of the elections portrayed democracy at work. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the former head of laity Mr. Herbert Katumba and other former members of the vestry for their dedicated service to St Peter's Church. At the same time I congratulate those who were elected to take over the leadership of our church. May the Almighty God bless you.

2. Harvesting (Makungula): November 22, 2009 was the second harvesting period for our church and it was marked with great success.

3. Website upgrade: As you are all aware our church website was recently upgraded. We now have the option of paying our pledges and donations online. Special thanks to our secretary Mr. James Serumaga who is the brain behind this great innovation.

4. Suggestion box: We recently instituted a suggestion box. Suggestive ideas to enhance the progress of our church are welcome. You are at liberty to remain anonymous with your suggestions in the box. These suggestions should only be for the building and strengthening our Christian family of St. Peter's.

5. Code of Conduct: We now have a code of conduct document which stipulates ethical behavior and limitations for the church leader(s) and the parishioners so as to foster and maintain a health St Peter's Christian family. A vote of thanks goes to Mr. Kato Kajubi and M/s Solome Kalule for drafting this document.

6. Finance committee: The position of a financial secretary was added on the finance committee which now comprises; the treasurer, assistant treasurer, financial secretary, the parish warden and three members of the parish laity. M/s Edith Ndagire was unanimously elected by the vestry members to take up the role of financial secretary. Among other responsibilities, the financial secretary will oversee the recording and reporting of pledges and keep accurate records of all offerings.

Ladies and gentlemen, allow me to congratulate M/s Ndagire for accepting this noble task of financial secretary. Furthermore, special thanks to M/s Ndagire for the informative good or sad news text messages she voluntarily sends to our community.

7. **2010 Calendar:** Our church was able to produce a calendar for the first time. In the calendar, future events in our church are well specified. Rev. Christine Nakyeeyune and Mr. James Serumaga's effort in this area is highly appreciated.

8. **Church car:** As St Peter's Church we now have a Toyota Camry 2010 on a three years lease contract to facilitate our Priest-in-charge at St. Peter's.

9. **Children's Christmas party:** The Sunday school department organized the children's X-mass party for the first time on December 19, 2009. We congratulate them for this occasion which was a great success.

10. **X-mass carols:** We had X-mass carols on December 20, 2009. I thank all those parishioners who braved through the bad weather to attend the occasion. The organizers are also thanked in a special way.

11. **Safe Church training:** Our church sponsored two members for a safe church training course. This course is aimed at safety measures in our church, and to protect the parishioners most especially the minors, from any form of abuse, be it sexual, moral or physical. We now have Mr. Ssentongo James and M/s Ndagire Edith certified in the area of church safety. More members will be approached in the future go for the same training course. A policy regarding safety in our church is in the drafting process.

12. **Prayer books:** As you are all aware, we now have prayer books written in our own vernacular as a property of St Peter's Church. Special thanks to Mrs. Robina Njuba for donating 34 copies of prayer books to our church. However, we still need more copies, any donations will be appreciated.

13. **Outreach Program:** St Peters is involved in the community at large. We support the community in various projects whenever we can. We identified a girl in Uganda 'Festa Nabasirye' who we are paying for her tuition. We hope to widen this program further.

FUTURE PLANS

1. We are going to work on a policy and procedure document for our church. This document will clearly describe a deliberate plan of action and specify guidelines to be followed by those members of our church who need help.

2. We will rejuvenate the quarterly financial report to our congregation as a transparency enhancement measure.

3. It is high time we considered advancing from tenancy to landlord by purchasing our own premises (church). I believe that each one of us here present feels the pain of time and activity restrictions we are experiencing at the moment.

Ladies and gentlemen, I wish you a prosperous new year enriched with numerous happy returns. May the Almighty God bless you all.

Sunday school report

Presented By Sara Kazibwe

I would like to wish everyone a happy New Year and thank God for having lead us into the New Year. First of all I would like to thank Mrs. Margaret Kiggala and Ms. Sharline Nabulime, for the good work they have done and continue to do for our Sunday school. More so we would like to thank the parents who continue to bring their children to church every Sunday and also allow them to participate in the many activities Sunday school has to offer. We continue to welcome all the children

We would like to thank the vestry and the church in general for all the support you have rendered the Sunday school and most of all for providing us with more and professional support. Please allow me to welcome Ms. Sharline Nabulime to our team. She joined us this last summer and comes to us with a lot of experience in children service and bible study thus has been a big help.

The number of children has increased in the Sunday school; we get to meet at least one or two new children every Sunday. Currently we have over 40 registered Sunday school children ages between 1-15 years old with an average attendance of 25 children each Sunday. We would like to thank the parents for bringing these children and also showing them the way to God; so please keep up the good work.

Safety:

As a group, we have managed to keep all the children safe but as we all know that is a hard task to accomplish especially in huge place like this. We would like to thank those parents who have been cautious and kept their children home on Sundays when they are sick. At the same time we argue you to continue the same and also continue to take note of whereabouts of your children especially after service. We plan to start a system tracking of all the children who come into and leave the Sunday school on a given Sunday. It has also been suggested to create name badges for all the children as well as matching bracelets with the parents/ guardian. This means that the person with a matching is the only individual allowed to pick up a child from the Sunday school. This is expected to help us ensure the safety of the children, as we know this is a shared building where the prayer times kind of overlap and with our growing population it's challenging to know which child belongs to who. We will elaborate more on that when we implement the system.

Activities:

In Sunday school, we have a lot of activities, thanks again to our team and the young youth who everyday come up with different ideas to sustain our explorative group. Every Sunday we have praise and worship, we read the bible, watch movies, storytelling, plays and dance, to mention but a few. All the children are encouraged to participate as able and all we have had is positive results. The children's time in the main church has been enjoyed by many, thus we hope to continue with the program. We take this opportunity to call upon all the youth members, young adults and the adults with talents, to come share them with the children and also teach them the word of God. So please feel free to contact us for such arrangement and we will be very grateful to work with you. Extended thanks go to Joseph and Victoria Kiggala; Isaac and Moses Senfuma; and Rhona Nsubuga for all the support and care they give to the young ones every Sunday please keep up the good work don't get tired.

Last year, for the first time since St. Peter's church started, we were able to organize a children's Christmas party on December 19th. Though there were some communication challenges, the party was well attended with over 50 children from our church and the Ugandan community at large and everything went well. We would like to thank all those who helped in organizing this function as well as all those who contributed and supported our raffle program; for those of you who came to the party, you made that day so special to the children. We ate, sang, danced and Santa gave out presents to the

children all our thanks to all the parents who participated in buying the gifts. This year we hope to do even more better God willing.

We continue also to present a godly children's play every Christmas with the Christ Church Sunday school every year. We thank all those parents who kept bringing their children for rehearsal and the play. The winter season is hard but you all tried and everything went well. Thanks and please keep doing so. We hope to minister more in songs and plays this year, again those with talents please welcome aboard. We hope to create more activities for the children, please if you have any ideas, we welcome them.

Funding;

Like any other program in the church, Sunday school needs funding to enable us run our many activities. Our activities involve buying supplies for use during our service among many other things. The church treasury did open up an account for Sunday school funds. This fund depends on our donations as a congregation, so please when filling out your Sunday envelope always remember the Sunday school fund. We sometimes need to cut CDs for the children to take home so that they take the church with them at home. All these activities need your dollars to sustain this work for the church of tomorrow. More importantly, as parents it's our responsibility to teach the children how to give and the importance of such an act. So please every Sunday remember to give your children an offering to bring to church.

Many parents have responded to our Sunday school snack program, we thank you very much and please continue to do so. It was decided that all the children will receive their snacks upstairs after Sunday school. This program has worked well and also eased on the chaos down stairs during coffee hour. We thank all of you who bring in these snacks every Sunday don't give up and may God bless you always.

Challenges:

As with all the good thing, comes the challenges and need for commitment as well as responsibilities. As noted above, our Sunday school more than doubled this year and continues to grow every day as every Sunday we meet at least two new members of in group. Again these children range from age's 1-15years, we can all see that this is a big challenge to keep all of them together and safe. The learning material for all age groups differ, this was identified and we decided to separate the children into age groups and we came up with three groups that is 1-4, 5-8, and 9-15. However, this creates two more problems in terms of support personnel and space. We continue to call for more volunteers to help us work with these groups efficiently and effectively. By law, each group should have two or more supervising adults at all times. As for the space, this place is big but also small in one way or another I will leave that to you all to ponder.

Though a majority of you are trying and complying with our rules, we continue to have some problems with parents who don't come to pick up their children after service.

Plan;

- ◇ Introduce a better system tracking of children to ensure safety.
- ◇ Acquire and retain more volunteers to assist the team in teaching the children.
- ◇ Have a Children Sunday where they participate in the adult church activities such leading the service, ushering, singing etc with the goal for them to understand how the church runs.
- ◇ On major holidays such as Christmas, New Year's Easter, no Sunday school for the children to be able to witness such events.
- ◇ Continue the Children's time in the church as may be scheduled
- ◇ Teach the children more Luganda songs and encourage the parents to be involved.
- ◇ The Children's Christmas party for 2010 will be planed.
- ◇ Involve parents in the children's religious and spiritual growth.

- ◇ Acquire a Sunday school television set and DVD player.
 - ◇ Meet with the parents on a quarterly basis and as needed to plan and get in touch about their children.
- “Let the little Children come to me and do not forbid them; for of such is the Kingdom of God” Mark 10:14
- Yours Truly, Sarah Kazibwe – Head, Margaret Kigala – Asst head*

Women’s report

The women of St Peter’s Anglican Church of Uganda are spirited and hardworking. They share and enhance their talents as they face the challenges in meeting the physical needs of the church.

Up until July 2009, Ms. Namubiru was the chairperson of the women’s group. In July 2009, elections were held and the following positions were filled;

1. Chairman - Ms. Margaret Bukirwa
2. Vice Chairman - Ms. Milly Senfuma
3. Secretary - Mrs. Fiona Makumbi
4. Treasurer - Mrs. Jennifer Kibanda

The women’s group led by Ms. Margaret Bukirwa organized a wonderful send off of our beloved man of God Canon Semanda who led us in prayer for about two months. Canon Semanda was presented with \$800 and a Busuuti for his wife.

As chairman, Ms. Bukirwa suggested that the group would look nice on occasions or special events if they had a uniform. A Busuuti garment in lime green colors was agreed upon. This garment was worn by the women at Canon Semanda’s send off and the beauty of it can be seen by visiting St Peter’s website. The garment is still available for purchase for anyone interested.

In November 2009, the women had a meeting to discuss Rev. Nakyeyune’s car problems. At the end of the meeting the women had pledged \$1280 towards the purchase of a vehicle for Rev. Nakyeyune. Members of this group continue to contribute. Another topic for discussion in that meeting was the lack of support of Munnomukabi fund. The women were encouraged to keep up with their annual fee to this fund.

In December 2009, the women’s group donated and decorated the Christmas tree at St. Peters Church.

The challenge that faces the women’s group in the future is how to maximize their efforts with minimum resources. However, the women are willing to step up to the plate and make everyday count.

The women’s vision for 2010 is to strengthen the **Munomukabi** fund and to engage parents in forums to find out their expectations on how the church can help families.

The chairman would like to thank all of those parish members who helped out in any way type or form during the year and so willingly gave of their time, energy and experience.

It is the women's hope that the best days are yet to come. In the days and months ahead when they report to you at the end of 2010 they will be able to say that their group has had a greater effect than ever before in the history of St. Peter's Church

MUSIC REPORT 2008-2009

Choir Leader- Janet Kazibwe

As the choir leader I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all the members of St. Peter's Church for the support you give towards the growth of this church. More especially would like to thank our Pianist Mr. Nyende, and the choir members at large. The music department continues to grow slowly but steadily and we intend to keep the pace with the church's growing needs. This year we gained three new members; and the plea for more volunteers continues "if you can sing and especially can read the solofas or know anyone who can or play an instrument of any kind please feel free to join or to talk to the choir leader for more details."

We again thank Rev. Dr. Alex Kasirye for the generous gift of new choir robes he gave us mid last year giving us two pairs of uniforms. Help me again together to thank Mr. Herbert Katumba who gave us five Music books and at this point almost every choir member have a book but we are still missing the four books. As we all know, St. Peter's choir has been credited to be the best choir in the diocese of Massachusetts thus to keep that standards we need to work hard and step up more and of course with the help of all of us. This summer we will participate in the Anglican music competition in Boston Mass, which will involve all the Anglican communities singing a set piece. We are still waiting for the set piece and will start practice as soon as it gets in but we need your prayers to bring the trophy home.

Through music the choir continues to minister to different congregations. This year we have not been able to do so due to increasing lack of practice time as it's a big challenge to get everybody together at the same time.

With the help of the treasury we developed a choir fund which we hope to help us in the ministry to address our needs so we invite for all your Support both spiritually and finically. God bless us all

Hospitality Department

I greet you in the name of our Lord. Happy New Year and May 2010 be more fruitful than last year. I want to thank you all for the great work you did for all the social events that took place in the year 2009. We almost pulled them off, without digging in the churches pockets. It was always a phone call, and you guys came through on every occasion. As I had stated last year to cut down on expenses, we managed to pull it off without a big dent in the church's budget. I want to thank Annett Nanyombi for giving us an extra coffee pot which we desperately needed. Thank you.

As you can all see, the congregation is growing bigger, and we thank God for that. Our coffee hour needs more funds .Our expenses are still exceeding our income. Please I need your input. What avenues are we going to take to resolve this situation? Please send in your suggestions.

Let all of us thank the ladies and gentlemen who set up our coffee hour, serve and clean the place afterwards. You do this job willingly, lovingly and religiously. Thank you very much; I won't trade you for anything. Again, I want to thank Margret Kimbowa, Aunt Robina Namiiro, Margret Bukirwa who always bring in the food and snacks we enjoy eating. We always welcome volunteers who bring in snacks for our coffee hour. Please come and see me so that we write down your name. We don't want to miss that opportunity of thanking you.

In 2009, we had a few social events;

1. Mother's day May 11th, the men did a great job. They covered the whole occasion without any help. Thank you for cooking.
2. Father's day June 15th, the ladies decided to change the venue, unfortunately all the halls were taken and we ended up in a tiny little dingy. The food was great and I thank you ladies who prepared it. I know our men complained about suffocating them and I promise we will do better this year. I want to thank you all for fixing your days with zero costs to the church.
3. On August 9th, we had a farewell party for Canon Semanda. I was forced to get a few pennies from the church as you are all aware of the economic situation. It was a short notice I gave Margret Bukirwa (Head of Women's Affair). She mobilized her team and we had food at the table. The men chipped in with the drinks. We managed to pull it off with only \$200 from the church fund. Thank you very much.
4. The children's Xmas party held on the 19th December was a success although we got a little set back with the settings. There was a little mix up with the hall we booked. We ended up using the office plus the adjoining room. In the beginning, it was a bit chaotic and during that confusion, we ended up losing a lot of money in the door collections. We still managed to cover our tracks. Many thanks go to the Sunday school team headed by Muzaana and Sarah Kazibwe plus everyone who helped with the kids' party. The guest of honor Rev. Kasirye opened the party with a prayer and we thank him for that. We topped the event with Father Xmas giving out presents. The kids looked adorable on his lap. Thank you Father Xmas wherever you are.

Hospitality Income and Expenditure 2009

ITEM	COLLECTED	EXPENSES	AMMOUNT
Akabo (basket donations)	1,582.53	Coffee Hour and misc.	3,922.66
Children's party	400.00	Event and Functions	1,000.00
Church fund	2600.00		
Total	4582.53		4922.66
Income/loss	(340.13)		

Last year, we were over by \$ 3,432.36. Comparing the figures of 2008 and 2009, there is an improvement and we are getting better by the hour. In the year 2010, we are expecting more events to take place and as you know, that means more funds. There are so many ways out there we can try to use to ease the situation and there is one I want to introduce. You can volunteer to host our coffee hour, select a Sunday and sign your name down. You can be two, three or four. Rev. Nakyeyune is going to help creating a roster.

Barbara Kakoma.....Head of Department
 Fiona Makumbi.....Asst.Head of Department
 Rebecca Kiwanuka.....Member
 Margret Kimbowa.....Member
 Lule Senfuma.....Member
 Fred Mutebi.....Member
 Jennifer Kibanda.....Member
 Chris Buwembo.....Member

YOUTH REPORT YEAR 2009

Presented by Batenga Nakisozi/Ronnie Lwanga

I bring you greetings from the youth department, in the name of our Lord. As the youth leaders, we would like to thank you all for the trust you vested in us to lead this department. We came on board last year its now more than six month since we were tasked with this responsibility thus we would like to thank you all for your support. As a youth leaders we are working closely with Rev. Christine Nakyeyune to teach Gospel to our youth. Since we took office last year we have done a lot but the nature of work we do as youth leader's with limited resources takes a substantial amount of time to accomplish. Great effort is being put in by very hard working youth members to achieve our goals. As youth leaders we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the youth members who have sacrificed their work schedules and continue to do so participate in youth activities and those working towards the group's success; will continue to work together in finding common goals.

Achievement:

We held two youth led services which were successfully under the supervision of Rev. Christine Nakyeyune, and we hope to continue doing so.

In the summer of 2009, we led a Sunday service which called for a participation of all the youth. It also involved a book drive led by Vivian Nassali for the Invisible Children, where over 600 books were collected and in the process of shipping those books to Gulu in the Northern Uganda to help those children. We continue to remind you all that there are thousands of abducted young children and millions of displaced individuals in that part of our beloved mother country thus they need our prayers and support in any form of assistance you can always visit the invisible children.

In October, a few youth members and well-wishers organized by Ms. Edith Ndagire and led by Rev. Christine Nakyeyune participated in a 2.5 miles peaceful Gulu Walk in Boston; an event again that brings more awareness of the war and the suffering in northern Uganda. This is an annual event done worldwide in different cities and we continue to encourage all the youth and all Ugandans at large to participate in this effort. As Christians we are obliged to do so “blessed is he who considers the poor; as the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble” Ps 42:1

In December 2009 the youth conducted another service which involved a lot of activities such as song and praising, and a rise of new service leaders as well as a preacher. During that youth service the Youth came up with an ideal project to collect cans of soup to feed the hungry in our local community. The youth with the help of you the congregation, were able to collect 109 cans of soup and vegetable and donated them to Christ Church Grand Ma pantry which feeds the elderly population of 65+ years and residents of Waltham town. Christ church was very grateful of that generous gift because this Pantry depends on donations. As youth s we were very pleased to be a part of that and we will continue to do so in this community. Therefore the soup drive doesn't end we continue to collect all kinds of dry foods anything you don't refrigerate we will take at any time. Again St. Peter's thanks for you generosity

We started a bible study every Wednesday and Saturday for spiritual growth among the youth. Though the Bible is an old book in existence, its implications to the human kind is as present as ever. We continue to encourage the youth to attend and participate in these bible studies and the parents please bring the youth as we know some of them don't drive or have no access to public transportation to here.

Challenges:

Our biggest challenge is the limited resources to help us accomplish our goals. These include but not limited to finances, man power, mentors and of course the time factor. The youth currently have an account which is controlled by the church treasurer and the youth leader. This account contains very few dollars, as youths we plan to formulate projects to increase this fund as well as encourage you to donate into this fund. During the December service, we captured everything on the video, and created DVDs which were bought by a few of you at \$10.00 we invested \$50.00 and we managed to sale eight DVDs so far, we still have a few left so please help buy these DVD to help support our work.

We also luck enough programs and activities, thus we call upon all of you parents, teachers, anybody with an idea, to come together with us to draw up a youth program that can be sustainable.

Plan:

We plan to create a well sustainable youth program that can accommodate all the youths with different abilities, talents and gifts.

The youth group will continue with the bible study as mentioned above for spiritual growth as well as continue our quarterly service conduction.

We plan to engage the youth in developmental and educational retreats with motivational speakers and mentors to help guide us in the day to day life.

The youth also plans to start a quarterly new letter that will circulate around the community there for we call upon those who can write inspiring stories to get in touch with the youth leader.

We also intend to evangelize through music, dance and drama with a possible concert presentation as will be communicated.

We will continue to do activities to fundraise money to help in the day to day activities of the youth, these will include but not limited to yard sales etc...

We will continue to look for volunteer activities for the youth to encourage them see the purpose of living in a community; through outreach community programs. These kinds of activities can also help those children in high school to earn community hours required towards their graduation. All possible youth plans and ideas to help build St. Peter's youth Fellowship are all welcome.

THANK YOU MAY GOD BLESS YOU!

Financial report

Herbert Ddungu/ Lydia Nyonyi (Asst. treasurer)

I would like to thank St. Peters congregation for the generosity towards God's work. I would like to thank all of those in different departments for your contribution towards the welfare of the treasurer "Omuwanika's" office.

Our work continues to be on a voluntary basis, we are not a "professional grade" but we are providing a professional service. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the ushers and parishioners who collect and count all church funds for a great job you do; but more especially the financial secretary Ms. Edith Ndagire for a great job she has done and continue to do since the inception of our church. I would also be apologetic if there are any inconveniences we have caused.

Last year it was brought to your attention that we were trying to register St.Peter's Church as a tax exempt organization, for ladies and gentlemen I would like again to inform you that this was accomplished thanks again to Ms. Ndagire and Mr. Serumaga.

As your treasurer I'm not only interested in handling your funds but also devising means of sustaining these funds. Sustaining these funds means growing them. I would like to call upon all of us to tap into out God given talents and experiences to devise means of raising funds and curtail our expenditure for today and tomorrow. You are free to come to anyone of us or use the suggestion box.

Our church is expanding and growing steadily day by day, thus these calls for more resources; including but not limited to owning our own house of worship thus the building fund needs expansion. At a glance, we need to raise a start up fund of \$100,000 to \$150,000, in order to start shopping around. However our building fund lags behind so much; that it's the smallest account in our income column.

We are yet to come up with a budget for this financial year; this is due to changes in the composition of the financial committee which has not fully implemented. I will present 2010 budget as soon as the process is complete. This however, does not stop me from highlighting the projects that have and might help us raise funds and keep our church running.

The Amakungula has been the best and one major way of raising funds. People take pride in their birthplaces and or dioceses. At this point we might have to ponder if this is something we might also apply to our second way of raising funds, which is the **Bweyamo/Stewardship!** Obweyamo is a kind of annual pledge an individual makes toward the church finances. We should all remember, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and who ever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver (2Cor 9:6-7). Therefore your pledge is a personal decision and commitment to fulfill each year. Comparing the numbers from 2008 and 2009, we see an increase in the number and amount of pledges. However, when you keep other factors constant, such as the increase in the actual number of parishioners we are stagnant i.e. we haven't increased or moved up the amount we raise. Also of great importance to note here, is how much we pay at the end of year Vs what we pledge. We should all remember that our budget and forecasts depend on such pledges and upon fulfillment of those pledges so we need to try to fulfill our pledges. I would also like to inform you, that if you see something coming your way from my office by mail or hand, it would be a friendly reminder not a way of collecting. We intend to do this on a quarterly basis. Also another reminder, this being a tax season, all those interested to file their taxes, you may collect your tax forms or please furnish us with your updated mailing addresses.

Expenditures:

This column is getting bigger, and it's very understandable. We are big and getting bigger daily. St. Peter's we know how to have fun and enjoy ourselves; thus our biggest item being spending on ourselves and surely we do not have to take away the fun in worshipping and having good a time with each other. This is one of the many reasons why most of us come to church; it's the camaraderie and solace we seek from each other. All this leads to our entertainment /hospitality department. I would like to thank all those who contribute voluntarily to our hospitality but more especially Ms. Barbara Kakoma and Ms. Margaret Kimbowa for all the endeavors you take to cut this budget without compromising our welfare and fun. At this point I would like to remind ourselves to contribute generously to the hospitality/coffee fund every Sunday without breaking the bank.

Towards the end of the fiscal year, the Church leased a car to ease our Reverend's pastoral work. This is a leased car for an agreed period of three years and will cost us \$15,000 including the insurance coverage. As we all know now, a small committee comprising of Mr. Herbert Katumba and Ms. Edith Ndagire was formed to help fundraise the monies to cover the costs of the car and this effort started officially on 1/17/10. An account for this car was set up to help track these funds, so I encourage all of you to contribute to this account. I would like to extend my gratitude to the Women's fellowship for their contributions and also to those of you who have already contributed towards this cause as well as those who are going to do so my heart pours out to you all.

I would like to end my report by once again thanking you very much and reminding you that we have a great year ahead of us, challenges and commitments to fulfill. Please feel free to ask me or other members any question regarding our church and do not despair or get frustrated if you do not get the right answer.

PROFIT AND LOSS AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2009

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Building fund-Contributions	370.50
Community Outreach	3,320.00
Contribution and Support	11,290.00
Earned Revenues	499.49
General Offerings	31,882.99
Hospitality-Contributions	1,582.53
Pledges-Obweyamo	23,602.50
Total Income	72,548.01
Expense	
Alter and Worship	2,343.92
Clergy Membership	210.00
Community Outreach	4,353.50
Convention or Meeting Expense	620.00
Education	359.68
Equipment Rental and maint..	702.75
Event and Functions	1,000.00
Hospitality Expenses	3,922.66
Office Supplies and Materials	2,814.23
Pastoral Care	16.00
Postage and Delivery	56.02
Printing and Reproduction	54.75
Professional Services fees	22,350.00
Reconciliation Discrepancies	-3,020.85
Rent	9,600.00
Telephone	2,066.59
Travel	3,550.00
Utilities	129.70
Total Expense	51,128.95
Net Ordinary Income	21,419.06
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
Gifts & Donations	3,485.49
Taxes and Fees	800.50
Total Other Expense	4,285.99
Net Other Income	-4,285.99
Net Income	17,133.07

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DEC 31 2009

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

DCU- Checking 6	500.00
DCU Checking 2- Hospitality	812.97
DCU Checking 3 - Women's	1,805.52
DCU Checking 4 - Youth	800.00
DCU Checking 5 - General	3,128.27
DCU Savings-Bweyamo	16,873.66
Petty Cash	103.50

Total Checking/Savings 24,023.92

Total Current Assets 24,023.92

TOTAL ASSETS 24,023.92

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Retained Earnings	6,890.85
Net Income	17,133.07

Total Equity 24,023.92

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