



“Pres House is a home at the heart of the University of Wisconsin, Madison...”

...where we experience the grace of Jesus Christ, explore God’s desire for our lives, and are led out into the world by the Holy Spirit.



PRES HOUSE PROGRAM SUMMARY

For the 2008-2009 academic year students, staff and the board of directors at Pres House identified three core objectives guiding the program ministry at Pres House. Here are the three objectives and some examples of how Pres House met each of them:

Experience the grace of Jesus Christ:

Whether it is recognized by students as the grace of Christ or not, we seek to be a community where people experience that particular and wonderful grace. We want people who come in contact with Pres House to say that they felt welcomed, cared for, and invited into a place they want to call home. Deep relationships are a priority in our community.

- We worship together each Sunday at 4:30pm and follow the service with dinner provided by churches in the area (a big thank you to those churches!). The community has grown enough to sustain year-round worship that continues through the summer months.
- The Pridham (Main) Lounge was re-painted and re-furnished to make it more inviting for students studying or meeting informally. Pres House provided free Internet, cookies, and coffee regularly. Especially during Fall and Spring finals weeks the lounge was full of students!
- The pastoral staff met with an average of six students per week for one-on-one pastoral care and counseling during the academic year.
- We hosted a variety of fellowship events including Christmas parties, movie nights, Music Café nights and many others to provide alcohol free activities on campus.
- Students in the Pres House Apartments live in high quality housing with access to programs and pastoral care. The Resident Chaplain Intern visited all 51 apartments in the Pres House Residence with cookies and a warm welcome.



Worship at Pres House always continues with fellowship over dinner, usually brought by a Madison church, but sometimes cooked by students or staff as seen here on Graduation Sunday.



Some fellowship events, such as the September Music Cafe in Pridham Lounge shown here, occurred on week nights. Small groups also met on week nights.

“I really appreciate how personal the people are at Pres House. During my first visit, I was greeted and asked to share dinner, conversed with... and during my second visit, people actually remembered who I was :) That made a big difference to me. I also enjoy how the staff there makes a point to get to know you personally. That really helped, especially for a freshman just starting out in Madison. Thanks!”

Explore God’s desire for our lives:

Being a university student is a unique time of exploration and growing; Pres House seeks to provide space for people to wrestle with what it means to follow Christ.

- Pastors offered the following series topics for weekly sermons: Prayers that Sustain Us (Lord’s Prayer), Wilderness Times, Advent, Foolish Faith, Questions from the Last Week (Lent), The Minor Leagues (Minor Prophets).
- 30 people attended the Fall Retreat on the topic of Vocation.
- The Chaplain Intern and a student participant both applied and were accepted to seminaries (McCormick and Harvard) and began Master of Divinity degrees in the Fall 2009 to pursue pastoral ministry.
- Oblates and Spiritual Directors from Holy Wisdom Monastery offered free spiritual direction to eleven students during Lent.
- Students helped coordinate and lead Dinner and Discussion Nights in the Residence on the topics of Religion in Presidential Elections, Racism, and Volunteering.
- Pres House offered six small groups over the year including very popular Women’s and Men’s groups in the spring. Small group involvement grew significantly in 2008-2009.
- With funding from Christ Presbyterian Church, Madison, four students and the Chaplain Intern participated in an experimental program called Pres House Life Together. They lived in the apartment building and met weekly for prayer, meals, and other community activities.



“Pres House has given me the opportunity to meet and spend time with many students that have God in their lives, and retreats and mission trips provide extra time to grow closer in these relationships as well as getting away from the stress of college life to spend time with God in a different setting.”

Led out into the world by the Holy Spirit:

Students are ultimately sent out from their “home” at Pres House and into the world to serve God.

- Seventeen people went on Spring Break With a Purpose (BWAP) Trip to Heifer Ranch in Arkansas for a Global Passport program. They assisted in ranch duties such as taking care of the animals and also learned about issues of global poverty and ways to work toward alleviating it by living a simulated life of poverty.
- Thirty-seven Pres House Students spent over 700 hours volunteering at five local community service organizations including food pantries, shelters, and other projects.
- With funding from First Presbyterian Church, Neenah, a special PISTOIS study group was offered in the fall that involved students in learning about justice and serving in the community regularly.

“Volunteering doing Flood Relief for at St. Vincent De Paul food pantry is very rewarding because you get to give back to the community.”



Dear Pres House Alumni, Friends, and Supporters,

We are pleased to share with you the Pres House 2008-09 Annual Report. As you can see in this report, we continue to grow in our impact on the campus and in individual students' lives. At a time when there are so many messages coming at young adults, Pres House remains a safe place for them to process their experiences and to hear the consistent message that God loves them. This year, as in other years, we continued to experience growth in the number of students involved in worship and our other programs as well as growth in student ownership and commitment to the community at Pres House.

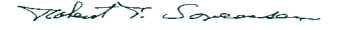
A focus of this past year was taking a step back from all of the growth and building activity of the previous four years to re-evaluate our strategic plan. We gathered data and held a number of meetings and retreats to refine our plans for the next few years of ministry at Pres House. In the spring of 2009 Pres House affirmed a commitment to pursue the following three initiatives: expand student leadership opportunities, expand outreach efforts to the campus, and further develop the unique ministry potential of the Pres House Apartment building. We are pleased to report that we have already made progress in each of these three initiatives.

The past year was an important one for Pres House financially. Despite a global recession, financial support from donors and churches to Pres House has remained very strong. We have taken a number of steps to ensure long-term financial stability for Pres House including gaining the passage of Wisconsin state legislation that will provide Pres House with a property-tax exemption for our apartment building beginning in 2010. We are especially grateful for the efforts of many alumni and friends all

over the state in helping us get this critical legislation passed! The launch of the Cecil and Janice Lower Legacy Society to honor those who have included Pres House in their wills and estate plans has also been a wonderful affirmation of the renewed ministry.

On behalf of all of the Pres House students, staff, board members and volunteers, we thank you for your past involvement in and support of Pres House, and we encourage you to contact us with any questions or comments on the information in this report or simply to keep us up to date. We sincerely value our connection with you.

In His Name,

 Robert Sorensen

President, Board of Directors

 Rev. Mark Elsdon

Campus Co-pastor/Executive Director



2008-09 Board of Directors (l-r, back row): Tom Schwei, Jim Jennings, Bob Sorensen, Jonathan Reid, Dan Holum, Marge Hamann; (front row) Alice Honeywell, Alison Crane, Maggie Wright, Craig Howard, Anne Lovell. Not pictured: Anne Gustafson, Wrede "Bud" Smith, and Leslyn Spinelli.

Financial Highlights

These figures represent the financial activities of Pres House for fiscal year 2008-09

Income	
Rental Income	1,643,367
Individual Contributions	76,920
Church Contributions	40,900
Investment Income	152,414
Bequests	26,890
Foundation Support and Grants	5,783
Other Income	59,547
PC USA Support	14,100
	2,019,921

Expenses	
Program Services	1,764,250
Management and General	303,760
Fundraising	63,187
	2,131,197

Net Operating Loss	(111,276)
Add Back: Depreciation and Amortization	493,637
Less: Unrealized Gain on Interest Rate Cap	(203,129)

Net Operating Income	
Excluding Depreciation and Amortization	179,232

*Note: Net Operating Income was used to repay principal



Above: Chaplain Intern Tracy Nolan helped students move into the residence in August. Below: Fund Development Manager Elisabeth Gaikema Platt prepared food in the kitchen of the 1935 building for a celebration of donors who participated in the special "Making Pres House Home" Christ Presbyterian Church giving campaign.



Statement of Financial Position

These figures represent financial position as of June 30, 2009

Assets	
Cash and Investments	2,169,250
Accounts Receivable	45,997
Land, Buildings and Equipment, Net	14,302,216
Other Assets	776,668
	17,294,131

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	358,073
Other Liabilities	427,638
Long-Term Debt	16,212,085
	16,997,796

Net Assets	
Unrestricted Net Assets	174,317
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	91,018
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	31,000
	296,335

For full audited financial statements contact Pres House

\$25,000+
Anonymous
Christ Presbyterian Church
Longbrake Family Foundation
Ralph Perry Memorial Trust

\$10,000 +
Synod of Lakes and Prairies
\$1,000 - \$9,999

Anonymous
Scott and Mary Braucht
Mary-Elizabeth Collins (In memory of Jack Collins)
Covenant Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church, Neenah, WI
First Presbyterian Church, Waunakee, WI
Mark Elsdon and Erica Liu
Marge Hamann
Earlene and Kent Hawley
Alice Honeywell and Booth Fowler
Martha and William Longbrake
John and Lois Miller
David and Martha Nelson
Leroy and Lois Plekenpol
Margaret Rendall
Wendy Robertson
Carol Ann Ryder
Tom and Debi Schwei
Robert and Barbara Sorensen
Katinka Stout
Edmund Willis

Alyce and Paul Andrus
Anonymous
Karen Best and David Fields
Judith and William Braucht
Gary and Julie Diffee
First Presbyterian Church of Lodi, WI
Anne and Dan Gustafson
Dan and Penny Holum

James and Sally Jennings
John Knox Presbytery
Longbrake Family Foundation
Eric Mischo
Fay and John Schoenemann
Leslyn and Nick Spinelli
Ralph and Betty Thomas
Westminster Presbyterian Church

\$1 - \$499
Nancy and Noel Adams
Travis and Amy Agnew
Cheryl and Christopher Anderson
Peter and Emmy Lou Anderson
Anonymous
Caroline and Douglas Ault
Thomas Barland
Kathleen Barrie
Ray and Hazel Bayley
Leslie and Karen Bennett (In memory of Miriam Bellville)
Frederick and Judith Blue
Charles and Roberta Brand
Gail and William Brandt
Donald Brewer
Nancy and Robert Brewer
Joseph and Frieda Brown
Phil Brown
Mary Buck
Sarah Laduke Burdick (In memory of Ronald Burdick)
Emerson Campbell
Dorothy Chapek
Art and Donna Clayton
Peter and Mary Susan Cole
Don and Eileen Coleman
Donald Colson
Graham Cosmas

Arthur and Louise Cragoe
Mina Lea Crais (In memory of Doc and Janice Lower)
Alison Crane
Sandy and Ron Curran
Mary Dalton
Edward and Elizabeth Daub
Ada Deer
Wallace and Peg Douma (In memory of James Jondrow)
Anne Dropp
Mitzi Duxbury
H. Herbert and R. Kristin Edwards (In celebration of our wedding anniversary)
Mary Ellen and Charles Elliott
Linda and Ron Elsdon
Dean and Lorraine Emanuel
Marion Erickson
Delma Erikson (In memory of Doc and Janice Lower)

William Eustance
Jeanne and Herb Evert
Norman and Barbara Fedderly
Auralia and Glenn Feifarek
Beth and Earl Fisher
Warren Fletcher (In memory of Doc and Janice Lower)
Joan Fliegel
Michael and Sharon Fortin (In honor of Benjamin Fortin)
Joan Fredericks
Don and Eileen Gattshall
James Glassco
Paul Gross
Mary Alice Gustafson
Barbara McCutcheon (In memory of James Jondrow)
Ardith McDowell

Cody Hanson
Debra and Lawrence Hanson
Mary Harland
Janet Haugland (In memory of Keith Jensen)
Muriel and William Hawley
John and Ruth Hay
Jean Heath
Dale and Jane Heaton
Jane Brackett Hedges
George and Marjorie Higbee
Margaret Hollander
Craig Howard
Margaret Hukill (In memory of Catherine Marting Bremner)
Robert Hunner
David and Theodora Jansky
Elizabeth and Howard Jordan
Robert Jorgenson (In memory of Shirley-Dawn-Jorgenson)
Jeanne Kinney
Janet and Max Koletzke
Mary Krall
Coralee and James Krueger
Grace Lange
Fern and William Lawrence
Roy Lembcke
Don and Marion Leslie
Louise and Louis Lex
Nancy Livingston
Florence Lloyd
Shirley Lloyd
Anne Lovell
Cynthia and Lee Luecke
Philip Lyon (In memory of Doc and Janice Lower)
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Cecil and Janice Lower Legacy Society

Alyce and Paul Andrus
Ray and Hazel Bayley
Florence Branch
Dean Dickinson

Anne Dropp
Elizabeth Morey Millott
Ralph Perry

The Cecil and Janice Lower Legacy Society honors those who have included Pres House in their will or estate plan. Please let us know if you have chosen to leave a legacy so we can add you to this distinguished list.