

CHURCH CHAIR REPORT:

I think we're on a roll. It may be slow, but it is a roll, and it's growing in momentum.

The following is from my last year's report on the year 2005.....

I think we started the year [2005] with some concern, but generally on a positive note. We stepped out in faith and approved a budget that, on paper, seemed out of the reach of our projected giving. But, our actual giving matched our actual expenses. Praise the Lord!

In 2006, it looked like "deja vu all over again", even given the budget "correction" we made in March. It appears that the members of Concord Covenant Church are exhibiting a great deal of faith.

Back in August of 2005, I believe it was, Bob Dvorak came and spoke to us and told us "you're OK!" I believe the naval-gazing ended then and there, and since then, we've been gazing out and beyond our doors, searching for opportunities to minister in the community and beyond.

And as we are searching, we are exercising our faith, we are praying, and we see God answering prayer. And with the answered prayer, our faith and our optimism, our hope and anticipation have all grown and increased.

We've seen our budget woes go away. We've seen new people walk through our doors, and stay with us. Whether babes in Christ or well-seasoned believers, they are committed to Christ and to Concord Covenant Church.

Adult Sunday School took a great leap forward this past Fall. The teaching and discussions there have been outstanding, stimulating, and thought provoking. Oh, and educational as well. How can we not be inspired to invite all we know to come join us?

But we are hesitant, or have been. Maybe it's because of "the *New Hamsha' way*".

Whatever it is, I'm inclined to believe that, with so much good happening at CCC, we'll soon be getting over it.

Lastly, I wish to give thanks.....

to the congregation for their support, their love, prayers and encouraging words;

to the leaders of the Church, and others who have stepped forward offering - sacrificing

their time and talent to see that all aspects of
the Church are functioning (fairly) smoothly;
to God, for His faithfulness, and the many blessings He has showered on
Concord Covenant Church and it's individual members.

Respectfully submitted,

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