

# FOCUS Churches of Albany, Inc.

## Annual Meeting February 7, 2010

**From FOCUS Executive Council President, Anthony Malone:** "I have been asked again to reflect on the past year and give an annual report to all of you involved in FOCUS. 2009 has been both "business as usual" and also a sea change for us.

Economic reality is in the streets and homes of those we serve. Our feeding programs have consistently done their job with the collaboration of the staff and volunteers. The job is done with grace, kindness and common sense. We would love to measure victories in grand ways and count the large number of people that no longer need us. But our victories are smaller and usually at the personal level. The Gospel has called us to that level and we are blessed to have these opportunities.

The voice of advocates for the disadvantaged has become stronger in the FOCUS community. No longer is it that the community minister is our sole voice of justice and social change. We join with other organizations, teach folks how to speak up and have put our feet and faces in places of power.

The changes that have come upon us are in our membership. Several years ago, the Executive Council prayerfully discussed and considered expanding our covenantal base. The fruits of those discussions have been a partnership with First Lutheran Church and the new membership of Delmar Reformed Church. Each of these new partners is well known to us and has already contributed to our community and mission.

At our Executive Council retreat, we reflected on where we may be called next in this ongoing work of the Lord here in Albany. We thought about our own wellbeing and the incredible contributions that individuals, pastors, and congregations have made over the past several years. We remain open to how we approach the problem of food insecurity and how we might deliver both the real goods of food and the message of social justice.

After many years as president of the Executive Council, I am continually amazed how this thing called FOCUS lives and grows. It is clear that no one individual or group is responsible for who we are. We are infused with Grace from the Source of Grace and can only in prayer and joy continue our work together.



*FOCUS Executive Council meets for prayer, planning, and visioning on retreat at Sisters of St. Joseph Corondelet Hospitality Center.*

### FOCUS Sets Priorities for 2010

- **Worship Experiences**
- **Website & social networks launch**
- **Training a New Generation**
- **Summer Experiences for Kids**
- **Community Building**
- **Working for Long-term Solutions to End Hunger**
- **Ecumenical and Interfaith—New Collaborations**
- **Membership Outreach**
- **Feeding Programs**
  - Interfaith Food Pantry**
  - Winter Breakfast Program**
  - Extra Helpings Program**

#### FOCUS Executive Council Representatives

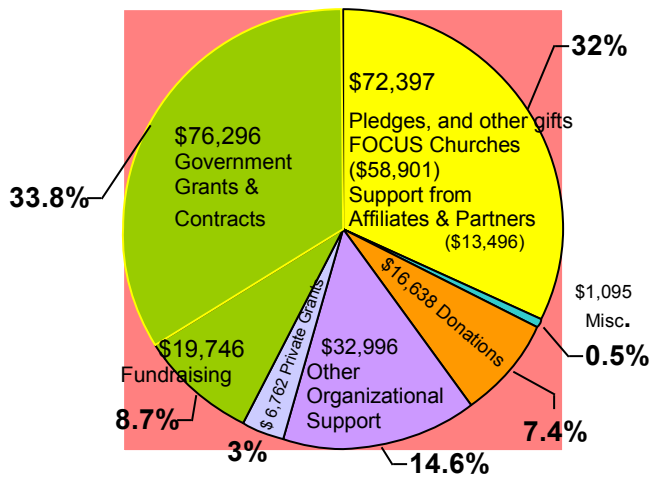
Rev. David Corlett, Peggy Becker—Delmar Reformed; Tony Malone, Nancy Horan, Rev. Lois Wolff—Emmanuel Baptist; Irving Smith (President), Tara Lindsey, Rev. Glenn Leupold—First Presbyterian; Rev. Edward Smart – First Israel AME; Margaret Wieland, Richard Money-maker (Comptroller), Rev. Jeff Matthews—Trinity United Methodist; Allan Tedrow (VP), Rev. Jim Reisner —Westminster Presbyterian

#### FOCUS Interfaith Food Pantry Affiliates:

Congregation Beth Emeth, First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany (FUUSA), New Covenant Presbyterian, and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

**Partners in Ministry:** First Lutheran and First United Methodist Church, Delmar

## Actual Sources of Funding for 2009



## “In-kind” Gifts and Volunteer Hours Boost Value of FOCUS Contributions

*Editor's Note: In addition to contributions of money, FOCUS receives many “in-kind” contributions of goods and services, as well as thousands of volunteer hours. Below are approximations of the monetary value of goods and services and of the number of volunteer hours contributed.*

### Executive

Office space — Emmanuel Baptist Church — \$8,500  
 Extra Helpings space — First Presbyterian — \$1,000  
 School Supply donations — \$6,500  
 Volunteer time — 2,675 hours

### Pantry

USDA Commodities — \$29,258  
 Total pounds of Food Given Out: 102,000  
 Donated food and personal care items — \$11,000  
 Food Pantries of the CD, food certificates — \$1,450  
 Food Pantries of the CD, food supplement — \$8,800  
 Volunteer time — 4,719 hours

### Breakfast

Winter Space — Westminster Presbyterian — \$3,500  
 HPNAP Food Grant — \$1,931  
 USDA Commodities — \$2,133  
 Volunteer time — 2,304 hours

## Grants, Gifts, Contributions Support FOCUS Ministries

FOCUS is grateful for and financial gifts from a variety of individuals, congregations, businesses, and foundations. They include Emmanuel Baptist, First Israel AME, First Presbyterian, Trinity United Methodist, Westminster Presbyterian, Congregation Beth Emeth, First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, New Covenant Presbyterian, St. Andrew's Episcopal, Delmar Reformed Church and First United Methodist of Delmar. Also, Advanced Phys-

ical Therapy; the Albany County Legislature; Garden Burger; Infrastructure; Hannay Reels; Troy Savings Bank Charitable Foundation; NYS Department of Health, Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP); NYS Operational Support (HPNAP); St. Andrew's Society; Stewart's Holiday Match; State Employee's Federated Appeal (SEFA); MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger; Legislative Member Item from Senator Neil Breslin; Kopp Family Foundation; Feinstein Foundation; Reliable Bowling Group; St. Peter's Health Care Services; SEFCU; Standish Family Foundation; FEMA; ZIPS and the numerous individuals who support FOCUS through donations and fundraising events. (Names of contributors listed 3x/yr. in FOCUS newsletter.)

## FOCUS Adopts 2010 Budget

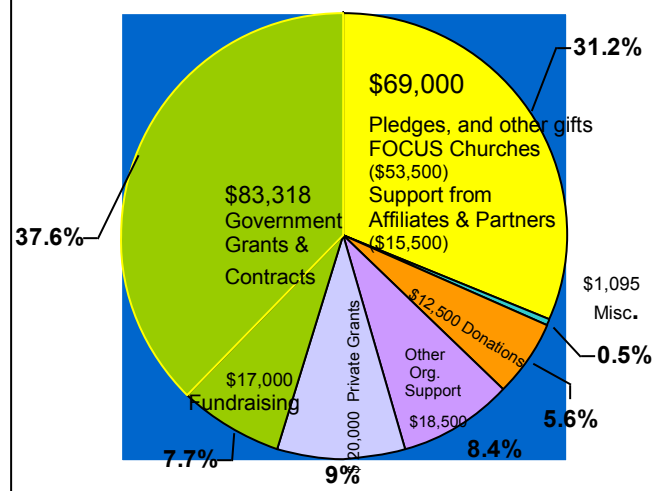
FOCUS has adopted a 2010 budget totaling pledged and anticipated total income of \$230,227. The budget supports all facets of FOCUS programming and relies on many sources of income.

Pledges from FOCUS Congregations, totaling \$47,615 will continue to support the Community Minister position, outreach ministries, administration, and project activities. Other income for these uses will come from fundraising and other contributions. They are projected to provide \$53,788, with a total for the core budget of \$101,403.

Food Pantry operation will require \$104,576. That support will come from affiliate faith communities, donations from FOCUS churches, individuals, groups, grants, and a direct contract with NYS Department of Health.

Winter Breakfast operation will require \$24,248. Support will come from donations from FOCUS churches, individuals, groups, grants, and government funding.

## 2010 FOCUS Budget



### In-Kind donations received

Jane Allen, All Saint's Catholic Church, Children's School, Malcolm Bell, Bev-Boxwell, Cathedral of All Saints, Lynn Greenbush YMCA, Jessica Damrath, First Presbyterian, New Covenant Episcopal, Westminster Presbyterian, of NYS, Judy Hansen, Journey United Edie Simpson, Linda Stevens, Trinity ron, Mary Jean Tedrow, Melanie Earost,



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