

1. **Home Communion.** I served 12 people home communion on August 17, 18, and 19, assisted by Elders Bob Ridle, Linda Licklitter, and Maxine Robertson.
2. **Bible Study.** I will be offering a Bible Study on First Corinthians from September 14 through December 14, meeting as usual on Tuesday morning (11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall) and evening (7:00 p.m., Lucille Sanger Classroom).
3. **Confirmation Class.** I will be beginning a confirmation class for middle school-aged youth in September. The class will likely meet every other Sunday, due to the availability of at least one projected member of the class. Because of this, the class will stretch into 2011. I will have more information about this next month.
4. **Baja Mission Trip.** The annual Baja Mission Trip was again a success this year. Andy and I will be reporting on our work at the September Church Night (Wednesday, September 15). As I have done since 2005, I served as worship leader for the trip, and celebrated communion on Friday evening, July 30, at our traditional closing worship at the beach in Vicente Guerrero. I forgot to ask for Session to authorize this celebration prior to our departure. **Recommendation:** That Session authorize Pastor Dan Williams to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each year during the annual the Baja Mission Trip.
5. **Wedding.** I officiated at the wedding of Dianna Diehl and Larry Dice on Sunday, August 15. I received this request rather late, just before I went to Mexico in late July, less than a month before the service. While this is shorter notice than I prefer, the couple did meet with me for the counseling I require. The service was held in the Octagonal Barn at the Frontier Culture Museum. Because the service was not in the Sanctuary or other areas of Second Church, I did not call a special meeting of Session to approve this wedding.
6. **2010 Stewardship Campaign.** Stewardship and Finance is working on the 2010 Stewardship Campaign. Committees should give attention to the following items:
 - a. **Minutes for Mission.** The schedule for Minutes for Mission during worship is as follows:
 - ▶ October 10 Stewardship and Finance
 - ▶ October 17 Mission (World Food Day luncheon)
 - ▶ October 24 Property
 - ▶ October 31 Worship and Music
 - ▶ November 7 Membership and Outreach
 - ▶ November 14 Christian Education
 - b. **2011 Budget Requests.** Please have all budget request worksheets turned into the Church Office by Sunday, October 24. These were distributed in committee chairperson Elder boxes prior to this month's committee meetings. *[These forms are also available on the Church web site, on the Session page.]*
7. **219th General Assembly.** Included in the reports for this meeting is a summary of the actions taken by the 219th General Assembly during its meeting in Minneapolis July 3-10. This summary is prepared by Stephen Salyards, an elder from the Los Angeles area, and was published on his web site, GA Junkie.

The work I was involved with, a complete revision of the Form of Government section of the *Book of Order*, was approved by the Assembly and will now be voted upon by the 173 presbyteries over the next nine months. The Task Force I served on was officially discharged, but I have been invited to make presentations at two presbyteries this Fall (Shenandoah and Peaks), and possibly will receive additional invitations.

As always, if you have any questions about actions taken by the General Assembly, please ask. Remember, certain actions of the GA require confirming actions by the presbyteries (constitutional changes). Other actions, such as policy statements, guide the work of the GA, but are only advisory for the rest of the church.