

# Talking Cents



## Heartfelt Giving

In 2007 the LAUMC congregation gave \$492,419 to community, national and world-wide outreach through our direct charitable giving. Our Buck-A-Month program collected nearly \$59,000 for Outreach agencies and we sent nearly \$10,000 in aid for disaster relief through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and local benevolence agencies.

This is an amazing increase of 18% above last year's charitable giving! And these numbers just represent what was given through our church collections! We celebrate this outpouring of generosity as a sign that God's love is alive in our choice to care for one another.

## Offering Stewards

By Carol McManus

Ever wonder how your offering, prayer requests and flower forms gets from the offering plates on the altar to the office? Offering Stewards (formerly known as "Counters") shepherd those offerings after each service on Sunday morning and at special services where an offering is taken. It's an easy volunteer opportunity that takes only 10 – 15 minutes after most services. You never do it alone, making the "work" go faster and a brief time for fellowship with another church member that you might not otherwise meet. Offering Stewards provide a vital ministry in protecting those gifts we have given back to God. Even if you think you don't have time to be on a committee, consider becoming an Offering Steward – just a few minutes on Sunday morning after your normal worship service makes a huge difference! Training is provided. Contact Patricia Parfett in the church office or Carol McManus (408-251-9933) for more details.

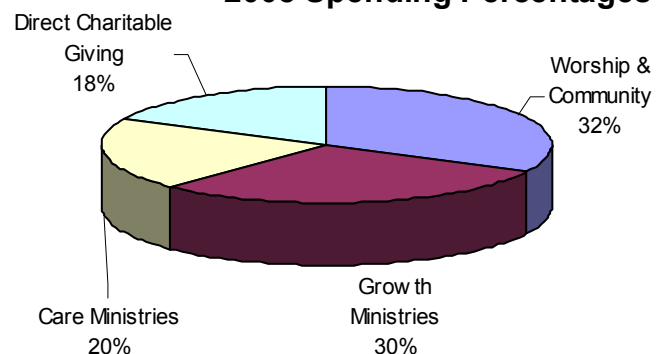
## LAUMC 2008 MINISTRY SPENDING

We are a generous church, blessed with the abundant benevolence of our God, our community and our congregation. Our annual ministry spending plan does not begin to illustrate the tangible difference we are making in the lives of others across the peninsula and the globe.

LAUMC's Ministry Spending Plan fosters:

- ◆ a COMMUNITY in which to feel at home,
- ◆ the GROWTH to cultivate seeds of faith,
- ◆ the CARE to sustain our commitment to all of God's people.

## 2008 Spending Percentages



These figures do not represent the true meaning of our faith but we know that our faithful stewardship and careful planning is one of the many ways we at LAUMC continuously strive to Touch Heaven and Change Earth.

## THANK YOU!

Many thanks for your generosity in the 2007 fiscal year! Once again we proved that our dollars make a difference. Your dedication to God's work through LAUMC is truly inspirational.



With heartfelt wishes for a blessed 2008;  
The LAUMC Finance Team:  
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