

**“It is an open door through which all may pass and be understood;  
to share their faith with anyone else without fear of ridicule or censure.”**

“Statement of Interfaith” of the Longboat Island Chapel

In a recent conversation, several members had an opportunity to share their thoughts about the Longboat Island Chapel’s “Statement of Interfaith”. One word that came immediately to mind was “Welcoming”. Though the Chapel is not alone in stating that “Everyone is welcome,” for these members the statement continuously affirms the quality and quantity of friendships they have developed at the Chapel. One of the members stated, “The more people that come here the more that we are enriched.” These words are a reminder that we are still living out our “Welcome” in anticipation of the way our lives will be transformed by those who have yet to pass through the Chapel’s doors.

These abiding relationships are nurtured and sustained by the ministries of the Longboat Island Chapel, drawing us together in a variety of ways — whether it’s volunteering at the Lord’s Warehouse, working on a Habitat House, serving spaghetti at either the Welcome Back or Farewell Dinner, comforting our neighbors through illness or the loss of a loved one, gathering for a Backyard social in the midst of the summer’s heat, sharing in music and prayer during the Sunday service, or listening for insight or deeper understanding of God’s work — or perhaps *our work* — through the spoken word. And yes, some of us may come just for the food!

These ministries are in turn sustained by the Longboat Island Chapel’s Board of Trustees, various committees and programs, and its professional staff of women and men who have committed themselves to the growth of the Chapel — not only for the present but also for its future. Thankfully these ministries have also been enriched by our facilities — spaces in which to meet and study, to pray or reflect, to celebrate the passages of life as well as its losses. Thus our welcome is not simply an accidental gathering of good people, but the consequence of intentional planning and effective oversight.

Your annual pledge is more than a financial commitment for the coming year. It is a reflection of your commitment to embody our “Statement of Interfaith” amongst your neighbors, within the local community, and the world in which you live. Collectively, our pledges and shared leadership reflect a commitment to live out God’s welcome for each of us.

While we ask that you prayerfully consider your financial commitment for 2010, we also ask that you complete the back form as well, prayerfully considering how you might use your time and talents to nurture the Chapel’s welcome that we might be enriched by the next man, woman, or child who walks through our doors.

Let us proclaim together, “You are welcome here!”



## 2009 Giving Overview

Total Pledge Units	91
Total Completed Pledges	76
Percentage of Completed Pledges	84 %
Total Pledges for 2009	\$161,387
Actual Pledge Income for 2009	\$155,775

### All Contributions Including Pledges\*

Contribution Range	Total Giving Units**	Total Given	Percentage of Total Giving
500 or less	154	\$21,955	6%
501 to 1,000	27	\$21,537	7%
1,001 to 1,500	19	\$24,891	8%
1,501 to 2,000	10	\$16,715	9%
2,001 to 2,500	8	\$17,025	5%
2,501 to 5,000	18	\$57,897	14%
5,001 to 7,500	4	\$23,695	6%
7,501 to 10,000	1	\$10,000	3%
10,001 or more	4	\$165,834	42%
	<b>245***</b>	<b>\$359,549</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Does not include open plate cash contributions.

\*\*A giving unit may consist of either an individual or a family.

\*\*\*Of the 245 giving units reported above, 165 are either Regular or Associate Members.



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### My/Our Commitment to God for 2010

In order to give honor to God, I/we make the following commitment to give a portion of our gifts to God to the Longboat Island Chapel during the year 2010 in support of the programs of the Chapel.

I/we understand this is an indication of our intentions right now and I/we reserve the right to change this commitment at any time by contacting the Chapel office at 941-383-6491.

For the year 2010, my/our intention is to give:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week x \_\_\_\_\_ weeks = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month x \_\_\_\_\_ months = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

Regular Member \_\_\_\_\_ Associate Member \_\_\_\_\_ Friend of Chapel \_\_\_\_\_

## The Longboat Island Chapel 2010 Time and Talent Pledge

**“For where your treasure is - There your heart will be also”**

*Matthew 6:21*

As members and friends of Longboat Island Chapel we have many more treasures than financial treasures. With many programs available, you can support the Chapel with your Time and Talents. We want you to take advantage of these programs for your own benefit and to aid the Chapel in carrying out God’s work. We welcome suggestions for new and different programs you would like to see in order to increase our ability to expand our commitment to serve God, our members and the community.

(Couples may wish to designate interests by using their initials, and a check to indicate both.)

### Interests

Program	Yes	No	Committees	Yes	No
Greeters	___	___	Administration	___	___
Ushers	___	___	Building and Grounds	___	___
Lay Reader	___	___	Communications	___	___
Music/Choir	___	___	Congregational Life	___	___
Hospitality	___	___	Education	___	___
Adult Sunday School	___	___	Finance and Budget	___	___
Chapel Friends	___	___	Membership	___	___
Socrates Café	___	___	Memorial	___	___
Office Volunteers	___	___	Outreach	___	___
Lord’s Warehouse	___	___	Stewardship	___	___
			Worship	___	___
 Small Groups					
Study Groups	___	___	Topic _____		
Social Groups	___	___	Focus _____		
Spiritual Growth	___	___	Topic _____		
Book Club	___	___			
Other					
 Local Outreach					
Coalition for the Homeless		___	___		
Habitat for Humanity		___	___		
Prayer Shawls		___	___		
Sr. Nora’s Migrant Ministry		___	___		
 Worldwide Outreach					
Provide Transportation		___	___		
Pick-up Furniture for the Lord’s Warehouse					
Your Special Interests					