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*Broadway United Methodist Church*

*July 2010*

## *Keep tellin' the Story...*

Mike and I have been around Broadway off and on -- mostly on -- for the last 20 years. Every Sunday when we gather for worship at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:45, we have a wonderful vantage point. We can look out upon the community that we have in this place, and we feel blessed by the energy, spirit, laughter and commitment to the gospel that we see.

Over the 20 years we've been around Broadway, a constant topic of conversation has been around church growth. So I thought I'd share with you what I've learned about church growth. The most comprehensive research I've found was done by the Hartford Institute for Religion Research. They surveyed thousands of congregations in 2000, 2005, and 2008 and came to some interesting conclusions about growing congregations. You can find many publications on their website ([www.hirr.hartsem.edu](http://www.hirr.hartsem.edu)).

I read the publications and decided to call Dr. David Roozen, the Director of the Institute and Professor of Religion and Society at Hartford Seminary. He also knew something about Broadway UMC through his friend, our former pastor, Rev. Philip Amerson.

Early in our conversation, Dr. Roozen made it clear that there is no magic bullet for church growth. There isn't going to be a forthcoming book on "The 7 steps to becoming a healthy growing congregation." However, he

was willing to talk about "aspects" of growing congregations. For example, they found that churches in newer suburbs are more likely to grow, yet, not all suburban churches grow. It will come as no surprise that growing churches will have a focus on personal and family spiritual practices and will make regular use of contemporary worship. However, a much more significant pre-condition for growth is the absence of serious conflict.

Our conversation centered on the growth of downtown churches -- churches like Broadway. Surprisingly, the second best area for growth (after newer suburbs) is downtown, though they were just as likely to decline. How do these downtown churches grow? Again, Roozen wasn't going to offer a magic bullet. Based on his research, he was willing to say that the downtown churches that are growing have some or all of the following characteristics:

- a booming youth program,
- a recent shift from traditional to contemporary worship,
- a niche (often hit upon by accident), such as an openness to the GLBT community and a commitment to social justice.

I have been contemplating these findings and what they might mean for Broadway. Our Lay Leader, Scott Collins, is going to gather folks

## *No Magic Bullet*

for a cookout and conversation in the coming month to talk about membership growth. As we do so, I want to leave you with a few comments based on my conversation with Dr. Roozen:

1. There is NO magic bullet. Even if we implement all "aspects" of growing congregations, there is no guarantee that we will grow.
2. Broadway is already doing many of those aspects of growing congregations (addition of a contemporary worship service, clear mission and purpose, and a commitment to social justice).
3. We need to continue to focus on our strengths and see the abundance of gifts and faithfulness in the people in and around Broadway.

Every weekday during the summer, 35-40 young people are heading out into the neighborhood, stopping in yards, on porches and street corners to listen to the gifts of the Spirit in the lives of our neighbors. What an extraordinary, long-lasting, difference-making gift this congregation makes in our little corner of Indianapolis. And that is also lived out every day in the lives of all who are reading this article -- as you bear witness to the gospel through your lives and work. We are growing.

Thank you.

Dr. Rev. Rachel Metheny

# Broadway Welcomes Newest Confirmands



On June 27th, Broadway celebrated the confirmation of five young people -- Nigel Faulkens, Tessa Faulkens, Luke Frain, Jasmine Leath, and Angela Leath. Over the past thirteen weeks, these youth journeyed through difficult questions about Christian faith and engaging their passions, dreams, and hopes for their future.

As part of the confirmation classes this year, the group visited Methodist Hospital to meet with the CEO of Clarian, Dan Evans. Duane Carlisle and several of the parents accompanied the youth and Mr. Evans as they toured Methodist hospital and heard the story of how Methodists and others in the city came together to focus on building

a downtown and urban hospital for all people. Methodist congregations played an important role in getting Methodist Hospital its start, and the youth were able to see their connection as Methodist youth with how important it is to be at work in the world. This trip, among other engagements with youth and community, furthers our mission to seek, welcome, and value all people and to also build community.

Congratulations and welcome to Nigel, Tessa, Luke, Jasmine, and Angela!

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## A Successful Day Camp

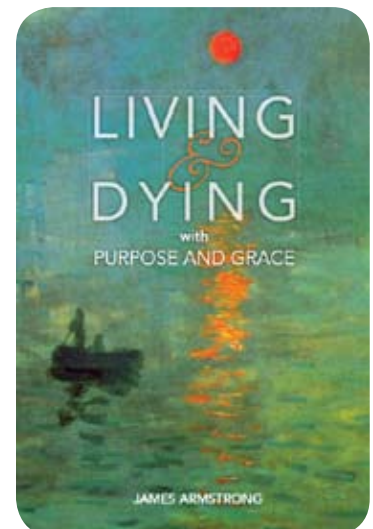
We enjoyed five days at Marott Park celebrating, living, and studying God's World. There were forty-five campers ranging from kindergarten to sixth grade. Each morning began with wonderful daily devotions from Terri Coleman, Duane Carlisle, Chad Abbott, Amy Metheny, and Barb Sell. Margie Hamm led us in singing old and new songs, plus being a wonderful assistant director. Our great leaders this year were Phyllis Newton, Dusty Grant, DeDi Newton, Holly Simon, Ellen Rogers, Lorraine Chisler, Shirley Shazer, Carol McCracken, Sebastian Reyes, and Biff Chisler. We had two fantastic junior counselors, Andrew McCracken and Riley Bogan. The Broadway Day Camp has been held at Marott Park for over 50 years, and everyone has a great time. Our campers are made up of children from diverse backgrounds. Two ladies from Anderson attended this year! I want to thank everyone for a great week.

~ Joanne Solomon

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## Jim Armstrong to Preach, Host Book Signing at Broadway

Jim Armstrong, former pastor of Broadway Church from 1958-68 and former Bishop of the Indiana area, will join us on Sunday, July 18th to preach at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship services. His sermon, focusing on Matthew 5:1-16, is entitled *Living & Dying*. Following each service, Dr. Armstrong will be available to sign copies of his book, *Living & Dying with Purpose and Grace*, which will also be available for sale that day.



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# John Gibson Honored with 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award Presented by NUVO



On Friday, June 4th, John Gibson received the 2010 "Lifetime Achievement Cultural Vision Award" presented by NUVO. Seven

organizations also received awards as NUVO's way of "celebrating the fact that new ideas, original work, and fresh solutions for stubborn problems are born here, in our own backyard."

John has been active at Broadway UMC, along with wife, Anita, since coming to Indianapolis in 1980, serving on numerous committees. John was Associate Pastor at Broadway under Frank Sablan in 1997-98. John was active in the Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood and in 1999, ran as an independent candidate for Mayor of Indianapolis under Our Party. In addition to a wide variety of volunteer involvements, John was Executive Director of the Institute of Cultural Affairs. Currently, he is serving as the first Executive Director of Earth Charter Indiana. John's vision is "SUSTAINABLE INDY 2016," and he works tirelessly toward that end. Before coming to Indiana in 1980, as a United Methodist pastor in Wisconsin and South Dakota, John and Anita championed causes of justice with vision and insight.

~ Rosie Bishop

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*The following contains excerpts from an article by Anne Laker, which originally appeared in NUVO on 06/02/10 and is reprinted with permission.*

When activist and civic leader R. John Gibson got a call from NUVO announcing his Lifetime Achievement Cultural Vision Award, he was "flabbergasted." Then, reluctant. "Lifetime achievement implies that you

might be at the end of the line," says 77-year-old Gibson. "But I'm in the midst of the most challenging project of my life."

A philosopher, prophet and raconteur, Gibson has practiced an activism of extraordinary grace for 50-plus years. He's best known as the founding director of Earth Charter Indiana (ECI), a non-profit dedicated to the advancing the worldwide grassroots treaty expressing the principles for a sustainable future. At a conference on imagining America's future in 2000, Gibson "fell in love with the Earth Charter" and [...] launched the organization Earth Charter Indiana in 2003.

Like Gibson himself, the Charter is forward-looking, hopeful, non-partisan and action-oriented.

"It's stunning to think that the world could come together on these common values in an open, democratic process," says Gibson. "I thought, what a great achievement that that could happen."

Gibson immediately responded to the Earth Charter's variety of values: respect and care for the dignity of all people, as well as peace, justice, and ecological integrity. "Many of us could see ourselves and our causes in the Charter," he said.

Gibson's challenge? To inspire Indiana citizens to enact the Charter's principles in a practical way. To demonstrate the art of the possible, and inspire himself, he set off on a road trip to witness sustainable projects in Indiana. After encounters with the LEED-certified public library in Newburgh, Ind., Allen and Mary Yegerlehner's sustainable farm in Clay City, and the alpaca-breeding nuns at St.-Mary-of-the-Woods White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, Gibson knew there was hope.

In John Gibson, a Wendell Berry-esque moral thoughtfulness unites with an indomitable, patient dedication to social changemaking.

When asked about his own heroes, Gibson skips over the obvious (MLK, Jr., Jesus) in favor of the local. Mrs. Woodard is a former neighbor Gibson remembers for her humility and persistence. "This 89-year-old woman would walk around the neighborhood and pick up trash," Gibson explains. "When asked why, she said: 'somebody needs to do it.'" Another hero is Parker Pengilly, a fellow activist who died earlier this year at age 96. "Parker used his talents and intellect to ask critical questions about peace and justice," he says.

As he seeks to pass the torch, how does Gibson want to be remembered? "A phrase from the Earth Charter sums it up for me," he says. With a pastor's natural cadence, he recites: "Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life."

With youthful optimism and seasoned assuredness, Gibson has clear advice for those desiring to foster sustainability in Indiana and the world. "Join a committee, do an internship, be a donor," he says. "Pay attention to what other people are doing and then tell their story. Do something yourself so that you have a way to talk about the benefits of a sustainable lifestyle. Live it. Enjoy it. Give 'til it feels good."

Gibson's powerful chemistry is equal parts audacity and humility. And he's warmed up a bit to the NUVO Cultural Vision Award. "If my cooperation helps advance Indiana's innovation, vision and potential, then I'm happy to participate."

~ Anne Laker

# Broadway Presents: Chamber Music in the Garth

Broadway Presents Artist Series provides a variety of musical shows, concerts and events. Now in its tenth season, the BPAS has expanded its vision to include a larger variety of experiences for its audiences. All concerts are free and open to the public.

**Chamber Music in the Garth  
Sunday, July 25th, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.**

Enjoy the summer weather in Broadway's Garth with music presented by a chamber ensemble of strings and harpsichord. Bring a picnic basket filled with food and drink to enjoy while listening to music from the Baroque era in Broadway's beautiful Garth courtyard. Picnic baskets for two will be available upon request. Visit our website for details.

For more information or to order a picnic basket (deadline Monday, July 19th) please contact Chris Schroeder at (317) 924-4207, extension 31 or [cschroeder@broadwayumc.org](mailto:cschroeder@broadwayumc.org).



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## Summer Choir

If you enjoy singing and want to experience the joy of singing with a group, consider joining the summer choir! Summer Choir will sing at the 10:45 a.m. worship service on the second Sunday of July and August. The commitment is minimal: simply arrive to church at 9:45 a.m. on that second Sunday for a 45-minute rehearsal prior to singing for the 10:45 a.m. service. The dates and times are listed below:

Sunday, July 11th    9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Rehearsal; 10:45 a.m. Worship  
Sunday, August 8th    9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Rehearsal; 10:45 a.m. Worship

Hope to see some new faces and hear some new voices! Contact Chris Schroeder ([cschroeder@broadwayumc.org](mailto:cschroeder@broadwayumc.org)) if you are interested in participating in the summer choir or have any questions.

## Shining Light Volunteers Needed

The Shining Light Team could use your helping hands this summer! The number one request is for volunteers to help with exterior clean-up. Two 4-hour commitments are ideal to assist with pulling weeds off all tree wells, applying weed preventer, and layering mulch; this includes tree wells around the perimeter of the church as well as the Triangle Park. Volunteers are also needed to help with various room clean-ups. With the reduction in custodial hours and summer vacations, your donation of time would be greatly appreciated! If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Cathy Pilarski at (317) 924-4207 or [cpilarski@broadwayumc.org](mailto:cpilarski@broadwayumc.org).

## Recycle Your Paper at Broadway!



Did you know that the average household throws away four pounds of paper a week? Did you know that our church has a paper recycling program called the Abitibi Paper Retriever? Help create a healthier environment by bringing your paper to the green and yellow paper recycling bin, which has been more prominently located for this summer's paper drive. This bin is for your old magazines, newspapers, catalogs, paper, junk mail, weekly circulars and TV guides (please do not include cardboard or phone books). Shredded paper should be bagged separately and brought into the church office. Our church earns money for every pound of paper you put in the bin. Let your neighbors know we want their paper as well!

Remember to bring your paper with you when you come to church. And for a limited time, we have special carriers available. Thank you for making a difference, one page at a time.

~ Cathy Pilarski, Facilities Manager

# Softball Season Is Here!

The B.U.M.S. are back in action as the softball season is officially underway! Games are played at Riverside Park, located at the corner of 29th Street and Riverside Drive. Fans, be sure to bring your lawn chairs, as there are no bleachers. Interested in playing on the team or being a fan? We have a place for you! No need to sign up in advance, just be there at game time ready to cheer or play.

## Schedule of Remaining Games:

Sunday, July 4th -  
No Games Scheduled

Sunday, July 11th -  
BUMC vs. North UMC (3:30 p.m.)

Sunday, July 18th -  
BUMC vs. Barnes UMC (2:00 p.m.)

Sunday, July 25th -  
BUMC vs. Allisonville (5:00 p.m.)

Sunday, August 1st -  
BUMC vs. North UMC (3:30 p.m.)

*\*Playoffs to be determined*



## First Fridays

First Fridays **will not meet** during the month of July due to the Fourth of July holiday. Gatherings will resume on August 6th at George's Neighborhood Grill (6935 Lake Plaza Drive). This is a great opportunity to catch up with friends, meet new folks, and enjoy good food. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. and orders dinner at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you August 6th!

## UMW News...

### WE'RE OUT IN THE WORLD OF GLOBAL MINISTRY!

We're almost out and on our way. Churches partner with a missionary when they enter into a Covenant Relationship. Our United Methodist Women voted to begin such a Covenant Relationship. Then we took this idea to Diakonia, who voted to join us in the partnership.

What is a Covenant Relationship with a missionary? This partnership is much more than a financial commitment. It is a dynamic relationship where a church and missionary pray for one another and communicate regularly. By deepening our own awareness of the struggles and triumphs of the missionary, our congregation will participate in a work that is truly connectional.

Yes, there is a financial commitment. For a "big church," such as ours, that commitment is \$2,500 a year, and this will come through the United Methodist Women's Lucile Towle Fund. (A smaller church may commit five dollars a member.) This doesn't pay the cost of keeping a missionary in the mission field, of course. That averages more than \$55,000 a year, depending upon the missionary's location, family situation, and program. About 20-25% of the \$55,000 is actual salary. The rest provides training, itineration costs, housing, insurance, pension, travel costs, language training, visas, cost-of-living adjustments, and children's education.

Because of the connectional system, missionaries raise funds on behalf of each other and the entire missionary community. Missionaries who have covenants that exceed \$55,000 per year support the United Methodist missionary community to which they belong. Approximately 10% of our missionaries have covenants at this level.

Some of us recall when Broadway completely supported Paul and Mable Wagner in India and Betty and Carl Schaffer in Cuba. It was exciting and fulfilling. I remember praying over boxes filled with such things as packets of seeds and packets of dry soup mixes and all the things on their lists. I prayed that the package would get through to the Wagners in India as I stitched the camouflage-colored parachute cloth tightly around the box with heavy carpet thread and an upholstery needle. What a joy it was to get a letter back, telling of the receipt of the box, and what a joyous occasion it was. One time, Mable eloquently thanked us for the extra surprise of the popcorn, which popped in several pastel colors! More important were the newsletters of the sagas of their ministries, such as how important the leprosarium was to specific young people or the time Paul was able to banish the pain of a tarantula bite by shocking the suffering woman using the battery in his jeep and cables.

Now we want input from all of you as to the region we want our missionary to be in mission and what areas of ministry we may want to support (agricultural, education, nutrition, medical, evangelism, etc.). And there is yet another consideration. When that missionary is home on sabbatical or "itinerating," the General Board of Global Ministries stipulates that it should be a missionary who itenerates in or close to Indiana, because of travel costs, so it is wise to ask for a missionary in our annual conference. There are more than 300 missionaries available for Covenant Relationships in more than sixty countries, including the United States.

Joanne Solomon found information at <http://new.gb-gm-umc.org/missionaries/support/covenantrelationship>. Let's enjoy the search for our very own missionary.

~ Phyllis Newton

## Check Out Celebration!

After debuting in August 2009, the 9:30 a.m. Celebration worship service is still going strong! The service is multi-generational, casual, and upbeat and takes place each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Room. Celebration is open to everyone... we hope you'll join us! For more information, please contact Duane Carlisle (dcarlisle@broadwayumc.org) or Rachel Metheny (rmetheny@broadwayumc.org) at (317) 924-4207.



### Contribute to the Tower Chimes

The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month for the following month's newsletter. **ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH WILL BE HELD UNTIL THE NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER WITHOUT EXCEPTION!**

Please contact Karen McAlevey at [kmcaleavey@broadwayumc.org](mailto:kmcaleavey@broadwayumc.org) or (317) 924-4207 for more details or to submit information.

## Miracle on 29th Street Updates Now Available through E-mail



Bi-weekly Miracle stories and updates are now available via e-mail. If you are not currently receiving these e-mails and would like to sign-up, please contact Chad Abbott at [cabbott@broadwayumc.org](mailto:cabbott@broadwayumc.org) or (317) 924-4207. You can also become a fan of The Miracle on 29th Street by visiting the fan page on Facebook. Don't forget to follow The Miracle on Twitter at @BroadwayMiracle or by visiting The Miracle on 29th Street Blog at [www.miracleon29th.com](http://www.miracleon29th.com). Be sure to check it out!

## Church Finance Update as of May 31st, 2010

The table below reflects budgeted and actual income and expenses as of May 31st, 2010. We ended the month of May \$39,989.86 better than what we had forecast!

	BUDGETED		ACTUAL
INCOME	\$158,528.50	INCOME	\$187,946.35
EXPENSE	\$174,983.73	EXPENSE	\$164,502.72
DEFICIT	(\$16,455.23)	POSITIVE	\$23,443.63
	PROJECTED		ACTUAL

For additional information, please contact Treasurer Mike Nix ([michaelpnix@aol.com](mailto:michaelpnix@aol.com)).

## Consider Electronic Giving!

Broadway Church offers electronic giving for those who would like to use this option. Electronic funds transfer (EFT) allows your weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly contributions for the General Budget to be transferred from your checking or savings account directly to the church account. If you are away for a period of time, or cannot attend church on a particular Sunday, your pledge will continue to be received and consistently contribute to the work of Broadway, giving the Church a more predictable income throughout the year. A simple, easy to use authorization form is available at the church office, or you may sign up via the Broadway website by clicking on "Donations."

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# July Events

**The following events are scheduled to take place at the same time each week at Broadway:**

## SUNDAYS

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Chapel  
9:00 a.m. Higher Grounds Coffee Shop, Library  
9:30 a.m. Celebration Service, Community Room  
9:30 a.m. Youth Group (Grades 6-12), Wesley Room  
Adult Sunday School Classes, Room 101, 103 and 104  
Korean Bible Study, Room B-1  
9:35 a.m. New Connections Adult Sunday School Class, Room 103  
10:45 a.m. English Language Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Korean Language Worship Service, Chapel  
11:30 a.m. Macedonia Church Sunday School, Room 101  
1:00 p.m. Macedonia Church Worship Service, Chapel

## MONDAYS

No Regularly Scheduled Events

## TUESDAYS

- 9:30 a.m. Cue-to-Cue Worship Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Worship Planning, Community Room

## WEDNESDAYS

- 11:15 a.m. Staff Yoga, Room 312  
6:00 p.m. Stress-Reduction Yoga, Room 312  
Macedonia Church Worship Service, Chapel  
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, Wesley Room  
8:00 p.m. Hope in the Hood, Room 103

## THURSDAYS

- 4:00 p.m. Alberta Denk Violin Class, Beck Hall

## FRIDAYS

- 11:00 a.m. Spiritual Studies, Conference Room\*  
\*(10:00 a.m. 1st Friday of the month)

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** *The Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of the Independence Day holiday.*

*The Church Office will also be closed during the week of Monday, July 26th through Friday, 30th. Worship services will take place as regularly scheduled on Sunday, July 25th and Sunday, August 1st.*

**The following meetings/events are also scheduled during the month of July:**

- 7th: *Committee on Lay Leadership*  
6:00 p.m., Fishes & Loaves Rm.  
8th: *Shepherd Center Investors Club*  
9:00 a.m., Room 101  
9th: *Event Set-up*  
Community Room  
10th: *Private Rental*  
6:00 p.m., Community Room  
11th: *UMW Board Meeting*  
8:30 a.m., Conference Room  
14th: *Property Committee Meeting*  
5:30 p.m., Room 104  
*Finance Committee Meeting*  
6:00 p.m., Conference Room  
*Staff Parish Meeting*  
7:00 p.m., Conference Room  
16th: *Prayer Chain Meeting*  
9:00 a.m., Conference Room  
20th: *Mid-North Shepherd's Center*  
*Board of Directors Meeting*  
1:00 p.m., Room 101  
21st: *Staff Meeting with Anne Mitchell*  
9:30 a.m., Wesley Room  
*Board of Directors Meeting*  
6:00 p.m., Conference Room  
31st: *Event Set-up*  
12:00 p.m., Community Room  
*Private Rental*  
5:00 p.m., Community Room



*As followers of Jesus Christ, responding to God's love, our mission as the people of Broadway Church is to be a multicultural, Christian community that in its ministry seeks, welcomes and values all people.*

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*English Language Service - 8:30 a.m., Chapel; 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary  
Celebration Service (Contemporary) - 9:30 a.m., Wesley Room  
Korean Language Service - 10:45 a.m., Chapel  
Children's Worship - 10:45 a.m., after Children's Sermon  
Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m., Broadway Workers - Rm 101;  
Searchers Class - Rm 104; Korean Bible Study - Rm B-2;  
New Connections - Rm 103 (9:35 a.m.)  
Youth/Children Sunday School - 9:30 a.m., Nursery - Rm 203;  
Age Five - 5th Grade - Rm 202 at 9:30 a.m.  
6th Grade - 12th Grade - Wesley Room*

### **Sunday Worship Schedule at Broadway UMC**

#### **Broadway's Staff**

*Pastoral:* Mike Mather, Rachel Metheny, Suhyoung Baik, and MyoHee Cho

*Program:* Duane Carlisle, Children/Youth Minister  
De'Amon Harges, Roving Listener  
Chris Schroeder, Minister of Music/Organist  
Kevin Neel, Associate Minister of Music

*Office:* Karen McAleavey, Administrative Assistant

*Maintenance/Housekeeping Staff:*  
Cathy Pilarski, Facility Manager  
Randy Ficklin and Eric Sarver

*Ministry of Light and Sound:* Jim Fore

*Public Ally:* Drake Crossley

*Security:* Eugene Smith

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