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Pastor Jim's RETIRING Thoughts

Some of you have asked me what happens when a United Methodist pastor retires from a church? I have been in ministry long enough to have watched "the guidance of the Conference" change in forty plus years. Early on in my ministry not much was said about a retired pastor and their previous appointment, but as time past "rules of thumb" began to appear.

At the present time the Conference - Cabinet and Board of Ordained Ministry - has stated clearly that a previous pastor, retired or otherwise, should not be involved in anyway with their previous congregation (attendance, funerals, weddings, etc). Having both pastors around gives mixed signals to a congregation and makes the new pastor's ministry more complex. I can appreciate the rules, because early in my ministry I had situations with previous pastor's "ministering" in "my new congregation." It is very difficult for a new pastor to keep a congregation focused and on track, if the people "sense a dual leadership role (two pastors involved)." I strongly support this policy and will not be active at Davidsonville Church following my retirement. To assist in clarifying our situation I am placing my Charge Conference location at Calvary UMC in Annapolis (Pastor Peck has his here in Davidsonville). I have enjoyed working with the Habitat team at Calvary and some of the folks know me there.

I know it will difficult to have our relationships suddenly change, and that is why an early announcement was made about my retirement so we could start the transition. I have been mentioning to you over the years that my retirement was coming along so few of you should have been caught unaware. My prayers and concerns for you remain as I begin to transition into retirement. I hope that you will keep our family in your prayers, for my retirement will affect Cathie a great deal also. Remember - listen to and council together in the presence of God's Spirit. For only a future grounded and discerning in the working of the Holy Spirit will become a growing blessing for you.

God's richest Blessings be upon each of you,
Pastor Jim

P.S. Thanks to each of you for being a sustaining presence in our ministry together.

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From The CrossRoads—Liz Hopkins

If you have been reading the Treasurer's reports of CrossRoads financial status, you know that DUMC's child development center is thriving.

God has blessed this ministry in many ways. From the beginning He provided the people with the vision and dedication to begin CrossRoads, guide it through a year of preparation, and the first two years of operation. He has now blessed it with financial stability, which in turn, will allow CrossRoads to support other ministries and programs of DUMC.

The CrossRoads Committee has added several members during its existence, but, from the outset, it has been ably chaired by Barbara Cohen. Roger Vales, Russ Smith, Rita Siprak-Weill, Tara Neider, Tricia Moeslein, Steve Leonard, and Liz Hopkins complete the committee membership. We have been greatly aided in our efforts by the support of Pastor Stutler, Pam Matousek, Ginnie Sunderland, Kyle Durbin, and members of the Staff/Parish Relations Committee, the Church Council, the UMW, and the Trustees. All of these folks have contributed their talents and time to help CrossRoads grow and prosper.

Many other DUMC members donated items from the Christmas wish list, shared valuable suggestions and information with the Committee and staff, recommended CrossRoads to their neighbors, and kept the Center in their prayers, especially during the rough patches. Now might be a good time for prayers of thanksgiving, and to ask that He will continue to bless CrossRoads, and allow it to continue to be a blessing to the families it serves.

In addition to God and DUMC members, CrossRoads also has had the support of several very capable directors and a caring staff. I've watched in admiration as staff members tended to ill, injured, frightened, or misbehaving children. They do so with the same mixture of patience, concern, consistency, firmness, fairness, and humor that is common to all good parenting and teaching. They are a blessing to the CCDC Committee and to the families of the children in their care.

CrossRoads also has been supported by many of the families served by the program. Some families donated items from the Christmas wish list, provided treats for lunches and parties, chaperoned field trips, or gave money in excess of their tuition payments. Most have also been tolerant of CrossRoads' growing pains.

The present director, Joanna Salas, has led CrossRoads for the last year. Ms. Salas has continued existing programs and introduced new ones. Under her direction, CrossRoads has grown its enrollment, and continued to show a profit. The center now serves 85 children in 67 families. It has 12 full and part time staff. The average monthly profit for 2009 was \$5020.00. For the first quarter of 2010 the average monthly profit is \$8708.00. The remaining CrossRoads bonds have been redeemed from these profits.

From The CrossRoads—Liz Hopkins—Cont'd

Working with Assistant Director, Mrs. Kelly Baker, Ms. Salas has succeeded in obtaining for CrossRoads its permanent state license. These two leaders are presently planning for a third CrossRoads Summer Adventure program. Together with the CCDC Committee they are working to increase the number of school-age students who can be accommodated for Summer Adventure, and may open a room for infants and toddlers in the future.

The CrossRoads Committee has been trying since Nov. 2009 to arrange a coffee hour reception to share, with the congregation, a slide show which expresses the scope and joy of this ministry. Each time it has been scheduled, the weather has prevented it. I hope you will join us if/when it finally occurs.

Connie's Corner

Dear Friends in Christ,

Whatever happened to the days when I used the time spent being stuck in traffic for reflection and prayer? Do I spend less time praying because I fear God spends less time hearing? Because I didn't get the answer that I wanted, do I think God is no longer listening? Deep inside I know that prayer doesn't require words; that prayer whispers on the wind and is written on the heart. Prayers are answered in God's speak, and because I don't understand the answer doesn't mean that I haven't been answered.

Paul tells us to "pray without ceasing", but some are uncomfortable with prayer (myself included). I can never find the right words or find myself feeling self-conscious. Philippians, Chapter 4 speaks to me -- "Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything." Remember, when it's hardest to pray, pray hardest; prayers can't be answered unless they are prayed. Peace and Love, Connie



Canning Jars Needed by Care and Nurture

The Care and Nurture Committee is collecting pint and half-pint canning jars for peach jam for sale at the Peach Festival in August. If you have any jars that you would like to donate, please call Barbara Stecher at 410-798-6631 or Chris Tucker at 410-789-1689. We can only use glass jars made for canning- not pickle or mayonnaise jars, please. We are also looking for two large round (approximately 80" diameter) cloth tablecloths that are missing from the kitchen supplies. Someone may have taken them home to launder and forgot to return them. Please call Barbara or Chris if anyone knows their whereabouts. Thank you.

Thank You-From Kate Grimes

"I wish to thank those who sent cards and made calls during my recent accident. I also thank you for my birthday cards."

Kate is a long time member of our church and was 99 on May 5th.

Note from the DUMC Communications Coordinator

Committee Chairs wanting publicity on sponsored events may use the format below and be sure that you include all pertinent information to advertise your event. Please include 3-4 weeks for lead time. If you want to include a picture, The Capital has advised that we submit pictures that include no more than 3-4 people and identify those in the picture from left to right.

There are several ways to get your press release in the right hands! You may email the completed form (and photo) to Rhonda Ostis: Rhonda.Ostis@dhs.gov. Also, you may give it to Rhonda at church, or you can drop it off at the church office. But, please, don't tell Rhonda about an event and expect to see a press release. It is the responsibility of the committee chairs to provide detailed information in order to advertise the event.

If you have questions, please ask Rhonda!

DUMC REQUEST FOR PUBLICITY

(check all that apply)

- Church Bulletin Church Newsletter
- Print Media (newspaper, local publications, etc.)

Name of Event _____

Sponsoring Committee/Organization _____

Point of Contact: Name _____

Phone Number/Email _____

Date and Time _____

Location _____

Details _____

Return to Rhonda Ostis 3-4 weeks in advance of the event. 410-798-0577
Rhonda.Ostis@dhs.gov

Search for The Elusive Antimadagascar Screw Pin— Liz Hopkins

A recent outing provided an opportunity to gaze into the chasm that is the generation gap. After a friend treated me to a lovely lunch at The Greene Turtle, she had a bit of shopping to do. My hostess asked that her identity not be divulged in this report, so I will use just her first name, which is Joy.

Joy was in need of the fasteners that keep protective covers on sofa and chair arms. I knew what item she had in mind, but neither of us could put a name to it. I finally used the descriptive term, “screw pins for antimadagascars”. I must have been thinking of the movie, Madagascar, or else that darn Sporcle map of Africa, because I used that term instead of the correct one, antimacassar. Frankly, it’s hard to keep a straight face while asking for either one. According to Wikipedia an antimacassar is a small cloth placed over the backs or arms of chairs, or the head or cushions of a sofa, to prevent soiling of the permanent fabric.

In our quest for this item we marched fearlessly into the generation gap. We searched through K-Mart and Rite-Aid. In each store we asked bewildered looking clerks for antimadagascar screw pins. We got some very strange looks, but no antimadagascar screw pins. We also got no corrections as the people we approached had never heard of either antimadagascar or antimacassar screw pins. We did gather some clues about where to look, however, and I finally retrieved the term, “notions”, as the area of a store most likely to have antimadagascar screw pins.

Notion is another word tossed into the generation gap. Notions are now hardware. No, not computer hardware; just regular hardware. On we ventured to Ace Hardware. We delighted in the prospect of asking a male clerk for antimadagascar screw pins, since our only victims so far had been young women.

The man we asked was older, a seasoned veteran of such skirmishes. He needed the name repeated once, and a brief description. Then to our amazement, he produced the very item from the top row at the end of aisle 22, where it had been well hidden. Ace Hardware apparently has little call for antimadagascar or antimacassar screw pins, which by the way, they call upholstery screw pins – a truly uninspired term.

2010 Scholarship Winners—Bob Wilson

Wood Memorial Scholarship **Nadine Bucca**

Brandon Weill Foundation Memorial Scholarship **John Tyler Cohen**

Rev. Paul Cummins Scholarship **Andrew Harris**

William Scrimgeour Scholarship **Joshua Hirakawa**

Gwelda Price, Betty Gilbertson & Maxine George Memorial Scholarship **Emily Purcell**

Oscar Fay Grimes Scholarship **Linsey Turkett**

Lawrence Vernon Leitch Memorial Scholarship **Andrew Webber**

Thank You Letter to the 2010 DUMC VIM Team

“February 28, 2010

Dear Davidsonville United Methodist Church,

Hello everyone!! What a pleasure it was to meet everyone. Thank you so very much for your gracious hearts, your time away from your families, your dedicated efforts, your backaches, and your devotion day after day. I am more thankful than I can put into words. We have had many rainy days and nights, nothing in comparison to your snow-storms I have heard about on the news, but the roof is wonderful. No leaks, no more running to get pots and pans when it rains, and putting them to catch water. The relief is over joyous! You all are wonderful. I am so thankful that God put us in each other's path. I will continue to keep in touch, and you please do the same. If you are ever in Florida, you have a dry place to stay now – thanks to you guys at Davidson(ville) United Methodist Church!!

Thinking of you all always,

Krystal Faith, Dad, Oppa, Chopper and Tub”

###EDITORS NOTE—Krystal has a Facebook page and has invited anyone from DUMC to add her if you are Facebook-enabled. I've been communicating with her regularly since we left Deltona FL and she is a delightful young lady. It is really nice to be able to communicate like this with those we've helped and hear how our missions work has impacted the lives of those receiving our help through Him. If you add her ask her to send you some Mofongo (she'll get the joke immediately).

Little Drops Ministry—Cynthia Howie

The most recent trip to Little Drops, Dec. 26,2009 carried enough contributions to build a much needed water tower at the Rehoboth Compound for the Mentally Challenged women, improve the road leading to that compound, and replacing the kitchen wall that was washed away from the recent monsoons. Energy bars were collected by the Youth Group and backpacks and t-shirts were also donated by the Youth Group advisors.



E-Mail Prayer Chain

The purpose of the email prayer chain is to provide prayerful support to our church family, friends and the community, as needs are presented.

If you have a prayer request, you can send it to prayers@dumc.net and it will be forwarded to the prayer chain. There is also a link at www.dumc.net under the Worship heading or you can contact the church office. If you want to join as a praying member, send your email address to prayers@dumc.net "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." Ephesians 6:18

Youth News

Remember DUMC MYF exists: **To build relationships with one another as we grow in our relationship with Jesus. To reach out to unbelieving friends through fun activities and service projects and. To plant seeds that have the potential to make an eternal difference in their lives.**

Romans 1:16 – I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for the Salvation of everyone who believes.

All are welcome to be a part of the youth group if you are entering 6th grade or older. For more info call Steve Wasserman at 410-721-7320 or email sr_wasserman@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Special Events! Sunday evenings from 5-8pm we will be meeting at Southdown pool for youth group! Hamburgers will be provided . Bring a snack or a drink to share and friends!!

MARK Your Calendar - Friday evening, February 26th, for 30 Hour Famine!



Beware of Terrorist Groups in Church—Blair Smith

Latest news reports are that five terrorist cell groups have been operating in many of our churches. They have been identified as: Bin Sleepin, Bin Arguin, Bin Fightin, Bin Complainin, and Bin Missin.

Their leader, Lucifer Bin Workin, trained these groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into the church disguised as Christians and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt, and destroy.

However, there have been reports of a sixth group. A tiny cell known by the name of Bin Prayin is actually the only effective counter terrorism force in the church. Unlike other terrorist cells, the Bin Prayin team does not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along.

Bin Prayin does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. We have noticed that the Bin Prayin cell group has different characteristics than the others. They have Bin Watchin, Bin Waitin, Bin Fastin, and Bin Longinfor their Master, Jesus Christ to return. NO CHURCH IS EXEMPT!

(As seen in the “Proclaimer” newsletter from 1st UMC of Park Hills in Park Hills, Missouri.)

Flower Ministry

There are still opportunities to sign up for your special date on the Flower Board. There are two vases available for each week (#1, #2), both to be used at both services. You will receive a call a few weeks prior for the bulletin dedication. Payment of \$20 per vase should be made to DUMC with Flower ministry notation. Questions? Special requests? Call Barbara Wilson -410-956-3733.



Check out Bloom Florists website: www.edgewatermdflorist.com for all of your floral needs

Thank You-From Dottie Beard

“I want to thank everyone so much for your prayers, cards and best wishes during my recent surgery and thank Pastor Jim for being there. I am blessed to be a member of this Church family. Dorothy Beard “

Treasurer's Report—Russ Smith

DUMC & CrossRoads Financial Report

Four Months Ending April 30, 2010

DUMC - OPERATING ACCOUNT

.00 Omitted

	<u>2010</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2009</u>
GROSS REVENUE (Includes Other Income)	117483	126978	121253
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>101445</u>	<u>126978</u>	<u>109913</u>
Net Gain (Loss)	16038	0	11340

CROSSROADS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

	<u>2010</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2009</u>
GROSS REVENUE	139152	125801	97974
OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>107252</u>	<u>102138</u>	<u>82749</u>
OPERATING PROFIT	31900	23663	15225
INTEREST EXPENSE & BOND REDEMPTION	<u>36395</u>	<u>6317</u>	<u>7033</u>
Net Profit	-4495	17346	8192

NOTES

All CrossRoads Bonds are paid in full

Newsletter Information—From the Editor

The newsletter currently *tries* to print six issues a year (Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, May/June, Jul/Aug, Sep/Oct, Nov/Dec). Please submit all information to Tim McArdle on or before the first of each primary month. You may do so by (preferred) email to (webmaster@dumc.net), by phone (410-218-0074), or, of course, in person at church. **Please** try to provide all articles in a workable electronic format (MS Word, Excel, etc.).

Remember all issues of the newsletter that go live are posted to the DUMC website on production day (www.dumc.net -> News -> Lamplighter). You may also elect to receive these via email if you so desire—notify the webmaster (webmaster@dumc.net) or the office (office@dumc.net) if you'd prefer to save a tree and only receive electronic copies of the Lamplighter!

Also we have a section of the website (News -> Articles) for member submission of general interest articles (involving the church or faith). Feel free to submit these any time.

NEW COLUMN COMING—HISTORY OF DUMC'S DEDICATIONS!!!! In upcoming issues we will be profiling some of the dedications around the church campus. There are many of these in placards, stained glass, and other dedicated icons. If you have any insight to the history of these items please contact me via any of the aforementioned ways!!!



CHOIR CORNER—Search ENDS!!!

Davidsonville United Methodist Church is pleased to welcome Robert Waddell as our new Director of Music, effective June 1, 2010. Mr. Waddell, a graduate of the Eastman School of Music, led choirs previously at St. James Episcopal Church and Holy Family Catholic Church. His wife, Jeanie, and two children reside in Riva, MD. We look forward to getting to know Bob and his family in the next year.

DUMC Youth/Adult Music Programs

Name of Group	Rehearsals	Person in Charge
Children's Choir Kindergarten - grade 5	Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM Choir Room	TBD
Recorder Consort	Beginners —Sunday morning after Sunday School in Lisa Niemann's Classroom Advanced – Thursday evenings at 6:00PM in the Choir Room	Lynda Hall & Lisa Nieman TBD
DEEP - Youth Praise Band Grade 5 – adult	Monday evenings at 5:30 PM New Fellowship Hall	Kyle Durbin
Praise Band Grade 9 - adult	Monday evenings at 6:00 PM Thursday evenings at 8:30 PM New fellowship hall	Kyle Durbin TBD
"J4J" (Jazz For Jesus) Grade 5 – adult	Select Sundays (TBA) New Fellowship hall (check online cal- endar)	TBD
String Group Grade 9 – adult	Select Sundays (TBA) Choir Room (check online calendar)	TBD
Chancel Choir Grade 9 – adult	Thursday evenings at 7:15 PM Choir Room	TBD
Hand bells Grade 9 – adult	Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM Choir Room	TBD

Questions? Contact our Seminarian Kyle Durbin imkyledurbin@gmail.com

Dates To Remember...

Remember to always check the interactive calendar at www.dumc.net for the most up to the minute schedules, events, and special announcements for Davidsonville United Methodist Church! The calendar is updated DAILY in most cases and also reflects WEATHER ALERTS should weather be a factor for services or activities at the church.

Week of June 21—Performance Camp

Week of June 21— Keep ASP in your prayers

June 22—Planning Council Meeting 7:00PM

June 26– Tongues of Fire BBQ Sale 11am-2pm

June 27—Pastor Jim’s Last Sunday

July 3—UMM Breakfast Meeting at Harbour Hills

July 4—Reception for Pastor Lisa Bandel-Sparks Arrival (Special Service)

July 5– SRPC Meeting 7:30PM

July 13– UMW Meeting 7:30PM

Week of July 19– Vacation Bible Camp @ Holy Family

Please Pray For These Friends

Betty Beatty

Family of Nick Bassford

Family of Paul Bassford

Norma Carpenter

Norma Ingram

Millie Crutchley

Jean Ford

Dale Gray

Anita Gray

Family of Tommy Grow

Julia Hardesty

Virginia Howells

Geneva Leitch

Betty Mobra

Joan Schultz

Kacia Smouse

Edgar Wayson

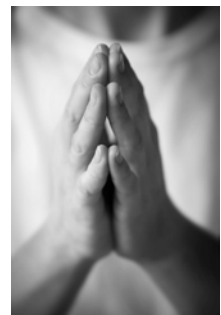
Gregg Wayson

Family of Irving Wood

Haidi Zeich

Our College Students

Our Overseas Troops



**Please remember in your prayers those friends and family that are mentioned in church each Sunday .
Prayer requests may always be submitted via email to prayers@dumc.net

April 2010 Pastor's Thoughts-Pastor Jim

I enjoy working with ropes - splicing, whipping, tying, and lashing. I learned it early on in Scouting and have come to see it as an art form. There is nothing prettier than a well spliced rope - a long splice is the best. Well done and you almost can not tell it has been spliced together. There is an art a craft to splicing. I remember as a youth being at a oil well back in West Virginia watching my uncle splice an inch and half steel cable with an eye splice, using all the special tools to work with steel. *Learning a Craft speaks to us as Disciples*, because being a disciple is applying the craft of being a Christian with our lives. A well designed (crafted) Christian life is an art form. The beauty of well woven discipleship often is like a fine tapestry the threads blend together so smoothly and evenly. Applying our Christian values and gifts are a work of art requiring practice and perfection.

I spliced the other day for the first time in many years and I knew I was “out of splicing shape (along with the other shapes I am out of)”. First it was not easy to do; secondly - it was sloppy; thirdly, there was little beauty to it, and fourthly, because it was difficult to remember how to do - a lot of the joy I had in splicing was not there. I therefore resolved to splice more often (by the way which I have not done). I had a similar experience when I tried to whip a rope (taking a piece of string and winding it neatly and tightly around the end of a cut rope or many times over a splice). A well ordered craft needs regularly use (like a few scrap-bookers I know). I believe we experience a lost of use in discipleship skills when, like my splicing, it is not regularly worked on. I believe the symptoms are the same for both: Our Discipleship becomes sloppy; there is not much beauty in it; it is difficult to remember how to be a faithful disciple and therefore the joy is not as abundant! Jesus warns us about the need to keep our craft of being his disciple in regular practice. His disciple lived with him daily and kept their art form of being a disciple in constant use. How would we measure up to “time on task” of being a disciple against the twelve as our marker?

One of my emphasis with you, that I have tried to encourage as your pastor, is to discover, to develop and to deploy our discipleship gifts and skills. It has been an exciting and a great joy helping, sharing and watching so many of you grow into remarkable and outstanding disciples (you know inside who you are for the Spirit of God affirms and celebrates your gifts as does you church!!) Remember when your children or grandchildren first wrote you their own note? My mom still has my first (non-class) note. It was exciting and a joy watching them grow into a new stage of their gifts! “Christ feels” the same way about us as we grow into the gift of our discipleship! Again, as I said last month, thank you for walking in the way of Jesus. I will continue to pray that each of you will be blessed by the gift and power of God’s Spirit. Amen.

And with GRATEFUL HEARTS...

On behalf of the Congregation, Staff and Council I'm writing to thank Pastor Jim and Cathie Stutler for their years of dedication and service to Davidsonville United Methodist Church. After 42 years in ministry Pastor Jim retires this month and prepares to start the next exciting chapter in his life. Spirit lead, he has taught us, helped us grow, guided our faith journeys and presided over the operation of the church. Cathie has been an integral part of Pastor Jim's ministry and has shared her heart, time and talent with us. We thank you both!!!. May God continue to bless you as He has blessed us with your ministry, ~Steve Leonard, Council Chair

Latest Council Notes

The Council held a working retreat meeting on February 27th from 8am – 2pm. During this time the Council looked at many aspects of the ministries of DUMC including strengths and weaknesses. It was recognized that DUMC does many great things and the Council committed to continue these good efforts. Some areas for increased efforts were identified including:

- ♥ Providing more for the senior members of the congregation.
- ♥ Continue to work on Communication with the use of TV in social hall for announcements and more website development.
- ♥ Work on Evangelism to increase number of new visitors, improve growth.

The Council also made a commitment to promote additional church-wide recycling efforts. The Council encourages positive open communication and invites anyone interested to attend Council meetings and/or provide feedback to Council members at other times.

On February 14th Carol Chell, chair of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, announced the appointment of Dr. Lisa Bandel-Sparks from Lisbon UMC, Lisbon, to Davidsonville UMC.

Rev. Lisa Bandel-Sparks is a 1997 graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary. In 2004 she received her Doctor of Ministry concentrating in Leadership for the 21st Century Church from Drew Theological School. Bandel-Sparks was ordained an elder in 2000 and since 2002; she has served as pastor of Lisbon UMC in western Howard County. She was the associate pastor at Bethany UMC in Ellicott City from 1997-02. Bandel-Sparks is currently serving on her district committee of ordained ministry and has served the local community as a chaplain for the Howard County Fire Department and is a member of the county Crisis Intervention Stress Management team. Bandel-Sparks is married to the Rev. Craig S. Sparks, pastor of Columbia United Christian Church. Bandel-Sparks was recently recognized by the readers of the Howard Magazine in their “Best of Howard” poll as clergy-person.



The SPRC subcommittee formed to address the Music Director position continues its work. If you have any questions, the Chair of the subcommittee is Steve Gould.

The Building Committee, chaired by Roger Vales, continues work on what building additions, if any, might be needed and feasible. Preliminary conceptual drawings have been provided by “Building God’s Way”. The group solicits input from the congregation, the various ministries and committees. You’re encouraged to ask questions and provide your thoughts.

The church website is the greatest single source of detailed information regarding our church and the various ministry activities (www.DUMC.net).

In His Peace, Steve Leonard 2010 Council Chair