



2010 Audio Report *Aleita Lloyd*

2010 is a year the audio team will not likely forget soon. With the renovation of the gym came the ability to upgrade our sound system for the future. The team was very excited at the prospect of an upgrade, which had been needed for some time. The old system was continually under repair and had many issues regarding how it was installed resulting in inconsistencies. We felt a relief at the prospect of streamlining our system to make our lives less stressful.

In order to really look to the future, not just to the next few years, we invested in a high quality digital board. As new technology is not necessarily compatible with old technology, we were required to replace all the main components of our previous system. This has created a large learning curve for the audio team; one that we are still mastering.

In addition to a new sound system we were required to purchase a new keyboard and drum-kit. Using the grand piano became no longer possible when we renovated the sanctuary into a gym, as a piano will not stay in tune being moved. We decided to purchase a new keyboard and donate our old, much repaired, one to the UCM (University Christian Ministries). They have been very happy with it so far.

Like the keyboard, the old drum-kit was much used and badly needing repairs, so we decided to replace it with a digital kit creating a quieter stage and more consistent sound for the rest of the congregation. The worship teams instigated a goal to raise funds for these two purchases, as they were not included in the renovation budget but were deemed a necessity.

The enthusiasm and dedication of our audio (and media) team has been fundamental to the smooth transition of the services pre and post renovation. Whether it be weekend celebration services, mid-week youth services, Christmas productions, or Friday night fundraisers and concerts, each member has donated hours, upon hours of their time to help make these events happen. In the fall we officially added Jamie Leblanc to the audio team in Westbank, which has been a blessing. John Jansen, after years of running the team as the Audio Coordinator, decided to relinquish his position and pass it on to me. It has been a revelatory experience thus far. As audio technicians, we are behind the scenes and like it that way. Our great satisfaction is witnessing our church, community, and youth benefit from the multipurpose room. May 2011 continue to bring people to our facility to be surrounded by our church members showing and sharing the love of God.

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