

# **Financial Progress Report Calendar Year 2009**



## **Our Focus for 2010 Community**

Continued growth  
and renewed enthusiasm for our vision.

### **Mission Statement**

An inclusive ministry, Gaia's Temple fosters love of the Divine Feminine by honoring Nature and the qualities of compassion and relatedness.

### **Vision Statement**

We create balance in the world through the worship of the Divine Feminine.

### **Values**

Respect • Love • Peace • Integrity

## **Message from the founder of Gaia's Temple**

Each time we gather in Gaia's Temple, we bring balance to the world with our worship of the Divine Feminine. In doing so we engage in one of the most important and necessary actions we can take at this point in our evolution. The inclusiveness that Goddess worship demonstrates is crucial for wholeness, for peace and the needed restoration of our world.

In these times, it seems that everywhere we look there are strong external influences that can lead us to isolate ourselves, to keep us fearful and erode our faith. But this needn't happen, and in fact, doesn't happen when spiritual community forms and healthily supports its common ground. We know our common ground is Mother Earth. The Gaia's Temple community is a beautiful example of how wholeness, restoration and peace is possible when we bring our loving and open hearts and show up to create it. Our burdens are lessened when they are shared, our fears dissolve when we realize we are not alone, our faith is strengthened as we practice devotion.

I feel such joy and am quite humbled by the fact that September 2010 Gaia's Temple celebrates its tenth anniversary! For one whole decade, (and I pray the first of many to come) we have learned and prayed, laughed and cried, sung and meditated our way to becoming a strong faith based community who believes in the sentience of the Earth and all beings. In doing so, we have become better humans and better Earth citizens. I feel blessed to share the magickal space we create every time we gather. Thank you for helping to build Gaia's Temple!

**Blessed be,  
Rev. Judith  
Founding Priestess**

## **Message from our Board Treasurer**

The Goddess is One of abundance! Mother Earth continues to provide everything we need. This is especially important to remember now, when we can so easily lose sight of our goals and see the cup as half empty. We need to keep our heads clear and our faith strong as we weather the current climate of fear, and traverse through to more prosperous times. One way we do this is by holding steady and continuing to support the institutions in which we believe, and that support us as well.

Our vision is to create balance in the world through the worship of the Divine Feminine. We know this balance is, in part, created by give and take. A ministry thrives when it is supported financially, and we thrive when we are supported spiritually. A perfect balance.

Gaia's Temple is ten-years-old this year. The desire for community exists deep within each of us. We want to know that we are not alone. I urge you to do as I have done and ponder what you receive as part of this unique spiritual community. Let's join together and make it our responsibility to insure that Gaia's Temple is sustainable now and for coming generations. I know it can be difficult to quantify spirituality. If, however, you feel enriched by what you experience in Gaia's Temple, and you want to see this powerful ministry remain strong, please pledge generously.

When we give what we have, we receive what we give.

**Sincerely,  
Noemi Chaparro  
Board Treasurer**

***Where did our funding come from?***

**INCOME 2009**

<b>Fundraisers</b>	<b>6,210.88</b>
Psychic Fair & Plant Sale	1,443.06
Spiral Dance	3285.56
Holiday Wreaths	560.00
Ten Thousand Villages	440.26
Dinner with the Rev.	190.00
Tee Shirts	292.00
<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>304.42</b>
Minister Advancement	59.42
Youth Program	245.00
<b>Gaia's Temple Services</b>	<b>19,745.67</b>
Sunday Services	19,524.67
Social Hour Collections	188.00
Musician CD Sales	33.00
<b>Gaia's Temple Classes</b>	<b>280.00</b>
<b>Recycle Program</b>	<b>340.60</b>
<b>Amazon Partnership</b>	<b>488.36</b>
<b>Interest Income - Banking</b>	<b>59.55</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>27,429.48</b>

## ***What were our expenses?***

### **EXPENSES 2009**

<b>Fundraisers</b>	<b>1,387.50</b>
<b>Bank Fees</b>	<b>68.00</b>
<b>Gaia Temple Tithes/ Charitable</b>	
<b>Donations</b>	<b>1,857.00</b>
Rites of Passage Journeys	25.00
Delta Society	328.00
Rainforest Action Network	294.00
First Place Schools	289.00
Freedom Project	237.00
Tibetan Healing Fund	227.00
Journey w/ an Afghan School	218.00
PCC Farmland Trust	83.00
Heifer International	156.00
<b>Interfaith Membership Dues</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Equipment</b>	<b>618.50</b>
Coffee Maker	21.89
Condensor Mike	268.12
Amplifier for Services	328.49
<b>Gifts of Appreciation</b>	<b>107.89</b>
Volunteer Gifts	14.74
End of year thank you bonus	25.00
Departing Board Member Gifts	68.15
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>1175.88</b>
<b>Internet fee</b>	<b>239.40</b>
<b>Office Supply</b>	<b>852.51</b>
<b>PayPal Fees</b>	<b>330.00</b>
<b>Professional Services</b>	<b>25,919.92</b>
<b>Rent</b>	<b>4,416.25</b>
<b>Ritual Supply</b>	<b>273.61</b>
<b>Business Application</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>37,189.89</b>

**Net Worth - as of 7/31/2010**

***ASSETS***

Cash and Bank Accounts

Checking Business Acct.	1,484.66
Savings Business Acct.	34,470.56

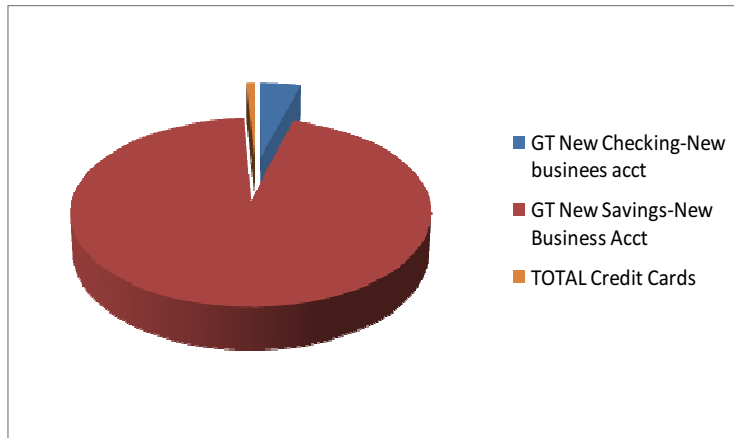
**TOTAL ASSETS** 35,955.22

***LIABILITIES***

Credit Card	-287.36
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**TOTAL LIABILITIES** -287.36

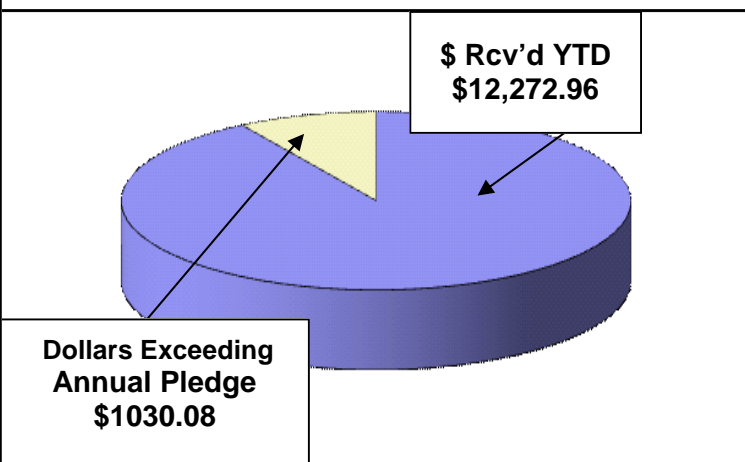
**OVERALL TOTAL** 36,242.58



**Campaign Results  
May 2009 thru April 2010**

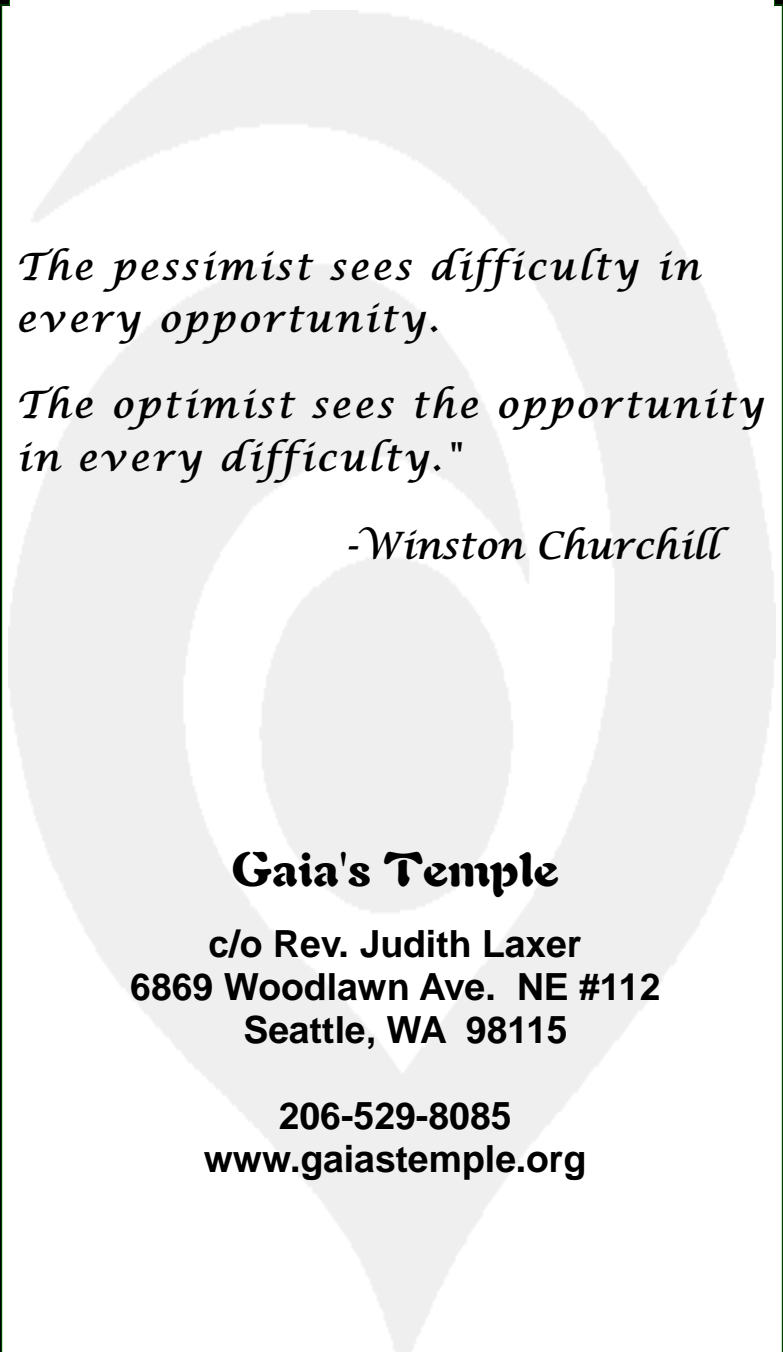
**Goal: \$18,472.00**

**\$ Pledged YTD - \$11,242.88**



***Goal May Thru December 2010***  
**\$36,508.00**

<b>Congregation Size</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Annual Commitment</b>	<b>\$ 365</b>
<b>Monthly Commitment</b>	<b>\$ 30</b>



*The pessimist sees difficulty in  
every opportunity.*

*The optimist sees the opportunity  
in every difficulty."*

*-Winston Churchill*

**Gaia's Temple**

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