

Financial Statement

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Total Assets	\$11,691.08
Total Liabilities	\$5,414.66
Net Assets	\$6,276.42
Total Liabilities + Net Assets	\$11,691.08

Consolidated Statement of Activities	
Revenues	
Foundation Grants	\$111,795
Religious Institutions	\$18,755
Individual Contributions	\$7,169
TOTAL REVENUES	\$137,719
Expenses	
La Conexión	\$90,140
Health Projects	\$1,217
Youth/Education Projects	\$4,220
Congregational Collaboration	\$7,925
Administration	\$20,002
Fundraising	\$22,181
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$145,685
<u>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</u>	(\$7,966)

Board of Directors

(June 2007—May 2008)

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CSCM Executive Director

City South Cluster Ministries

**Living our faith in Christ
together through service
in South Minneapolis**

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Message from the Board Chair & Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We are excited to have an opportunity to share how City South Cluster Ministries has spent 2007 "Living our faith in Christ together through service in South Minneapolis." We are especially proud of the progress we have made on the five main goals defined in our 2006-09 Strategic Plan:

Goal 1: Secure an Executive Director

We hired our first permanent Executive Director in October 2007 after a six-month search process.

Goal 2: Organizational Development

We invested both time and money in developing Financial Policies and Risk Management Policies.

Goal 3: Build a Public Relations Program

We formed a Communications Team that published the first two issues of CSCM's quarterly newsletter.

Goal 4: Enhance Program Development

In addition to continually enhancing La Conexión, we developed a formal Volunteer Program and completed a Needs Assessment that prepares us to develop a future program in the area of Youth.

Goal 5: Establish a Comprehensive Financial Development Plan

CSCM staff worked together with the Resource Committee to launch CSCM's first annual Pledge Campaign aimed at individual donors.

The strong infrastructure we are building will help ensure the sustainability of our programs that are making South Minneapolis a better place to live, work, worship and play.

Thank you for the many ways you have supported City South Cluster Ministries through the past year!

Sincerely,

Andrea Qualey, CSCM Executive Director
Jean Lougee, CSCM Board Chair

2007 Program Highlights

"Living our faith in Christ together through service in South Minneapolis"

La Conexión

connecting resources
valuing individuals
developing communities

Connecting Resources

In 2007, La Conexión helped connect more than 965 different Spanish-speaking individuals to community resources through the walk-in Referral Center. This included 420 new community members that were not served in 2005 or 2006.

Valuing Individuals

In 2007, La Conexión hosted 21 different educational programs, attended by more than 300 Spanish-speaking participants. The topics for these programs were chosen based on the expressed needs and interests of participants. Some topics included: immigration law, domestic abuse, and tax preparation. Due to a high level of interest, La Conexión staff began working with various nonprofit organizations to coordinate the "Financial Achievement Process," an educational series covering: personal finance, savings accounts, homebuying, small business, and taxes.

Developing Communities

As of January 1, 2008, La Conexión's Service Network had 122 members representing 22 different countries. In addition to individual skill-sharing transactions and group service events, the Service Network has led to the development of a Family Education Cooperative which enables parents with children to attend English classes.

Elizabeth, a La Conexión participant stated:

"Here at La Conexión I found people who made me feel good and valued as a human being... The relationships I had here gave me the self-confidence I needed."

Volunteer Program

In September of 2007, CSCM initiated a formal Volunteer Program. Some highlights include: hiring a Lutheran Volunteer Corps participant as the Volunteer Coordinator, developing multiple volunteer and internship opportunities with La Conexión, and building relationships with a variety of local colleges and community organizations.

From September to December 2007, volunteers contributed over 180 hours of service through La Conexión, including 25 volunteers recruited specifically to assist with the referral center or tax preparation.

Twelve different organizations either participated in or scheduled a date to participate in La Conexión's Kitchen Connection program. We look forward to even more volunteer involvement in the coming years!

Youth Program

After engaging in a Five-Phase Community Needs Assessment, CSCM has decided to develop a formal program area focused on the needs of the youth in our community. Stay tuned for more details!

Health Projects

In 2007, the Cluster Health Team was reconvened to discuss community health needs and how CSCM might be able to address those needs. This team will continue to meet regularly in 2008.