

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*Cheryl Punzalan, Council President*

During the September Council meeting, we had an extensive tour of the property here at 1211 North Brand. We looked into the sanctuary and the catacombs, the courtyard, the play yard, the gym and the trash enclosure. We tried light switches and alarm codes. We tested gates and learned the ins and outs of the property. Why you ask should, say, the Steward of Music be learning about the gym? Or, why should the Evangelism steward be learning stuff about the catacombs? Don't they have enough to do in managing their own little areas of responsibility? Isn't that someone else's job?

This is a problem in today's society. Many people think that what ever is wrong is someone else's job to fix. Someone else should pick up the litter in the street outside their homes. That same someone else should do something about feeding the homeless or helping at Habitat for Humanity or Food for Body and Soul. That someone else should help with coffee hour, Sunday school, and they should increase their giving to help fund the wonderful programs that are supported at Salem. Someone else should vote on Election Day; after all, can one vote matter?

The whole problem with depending on someone else to do it is that someone else is depending on you to do your part. This church is not a building, a property or a program. It is the people of God, working together to spread the Good News, take care of the gifts we have been given and to be good stewards of all of God's creation. He is depending on you. Shalom, Cheryl