

Stewardship Report

2010-2011



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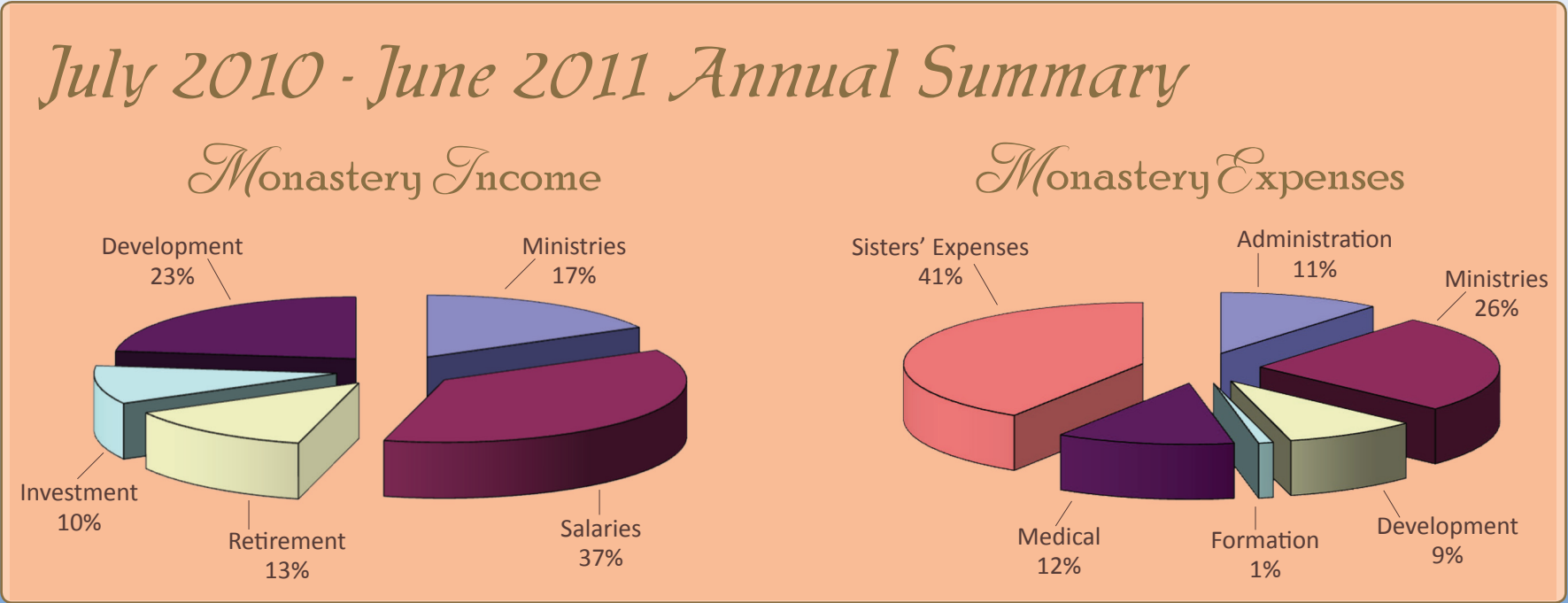
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Our Mission

Eager to welcome God's transforming power in ourselves and our world, we, the Benedictine Sisters of the Monastery of St. Gertrude, seek God together through monastic profession and respond in **healing hospitality, grateful simplicity** and **creative peacemaking**.

Our Goals

Teams of Sisters and friends beyond the community are taking leadership to move us toward our VISION by implementing the following six goals of our Strategic Plan 2008-2020. The goals are stated in the present tense to keep sharp pictures in our minds and hearts of what our future will look like the more we embody our VISION. How the community is achieving these goals is indicated in italics.

1. We intentionally manifest Benedictine spirituality in the world (prayer, healing hospitality, grateful simplicity, creative peacemaking). ***We call each other to daily prayer, silence and hospitality out of which we can respond wisely to justice issues through education and action.***
2. We are a growing and vibrant Benedictine community (new membership). ***We raise awareness that the Benedictine Way of prayer and service is worthy of lifetime dedication by vibrant, talented women in the twenty-first century.***
3. Our relationships with our partners in mission and ministry are mutually fulfilling, supportive and valued (employees, oblates, volunteers, benefactors, local area, diocese, etc.). ***We collaborate with individuals and church, civic and service organizations in projects and activities for the greater good.***
4. The public portrayal of our monastic community's image aligns with and illustrates our values and mission (communications and marketing). ***We create a comprehensive plan, including regular use of the web and social media, to share the scope and depth of the life and ministries of the Sisters individually and communally.***
5. Our corporate ministries respond to needs, are broadly supported, and are successful in generating revenue (spirituality ministry, museum, stewardship of land). ***We focus these ministries on our Vision and Mission and create three-five year benchmarks for how each one will increase service and income.***
6. Our monastic community is financially viable (sources of income, business plans). ***For long-term sustainability, we will convert from fossil fuels to geothermal, solar, or other alternative energies; strengthen marketing and financial plans for Inn, Healing Center and Book and Gift Shop as income producing services of the Monastery; steward our finances wisely, implement a comprehensive multi-year fundraising plan for the sake of our mission and ministries, live frugally.***

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