

NIEMIER CHARLES E
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
NIEMIER CHARLES E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP
[LKFN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

P O BOX 587

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

WARSAW, IN 46581-0587

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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2009	^	J4 ⁽¹⁾	437.606	A	\$ 19.35	73,193.1454 ⁽⁵⁾	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	0	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	7,748 ⁽⁵⁾	I	By Spouse
Restricted Stock Awards	^	^	^	^	^	^	500	D	^

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (A) Â (D)	Â (4) Â (3)	Common Stock	16,678
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.05	Â	Â	Â	Â (A) Â (D)	05/14/2013 05/14/2018	Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NIEMIER CHARLES E P O BOX 587 WARSAW, IN 46581-0587	Â X	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/11/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) Dividend reinvestment for 2009.
- (2) Each phantom stock unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- (3) Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- (4) Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

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(5) To reflect transfer of shares from direct ownership to indirect ownership.

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