

Trinity has received an anonymous gift from a donor who does not want any attention related to the gift. The gift is “to your Church Council and congregation” and has no restrictions (“left to your leadership to determine highest and best use of the funds”). In order to report to the donor about the use of the funds, it makes sense to designate a project or projects which Trinity wouldn’t otherwise be able to do. Finance Committee has approved a recommendation to Council, as proposed below.

The chapel remodel was placed “on the back burner” when the MIRA funds were used for HVAC controls. Finance proposes using \$25,000 to fund all or most of the chapel remodel (originally \$35,000, but Dave Rupnik reported that it would be less than that, around \$25,000). Finance also proposes using \$20,000 to pay down Trinity’s Capital Appeal debt (we did not use year-end or bequest funds for the Capital Appeal (January Finance meeting)) and \$5,000 for Trinity’s New Ministries Fund (Designated Fund No. 440 to bring it up to its original \$10,000). Because the gift was to Church Council and congregation, and because it is not a bequest, there is no portion proposed for benevolence in this case. The total gift is \$50,000, and the proposed uses may help demonstrate to the donor that Trinity is using the funds to move forward with its mission and ministry.

For the Agenda: Finance moves that the \$50,000 anonymous gift be directed as follows: \$25,000 to the chapel remodel project, \$20,000 to principal on the Capital Appeal loan, and \$5,000 to the New Ministries Fund.