

## Finance Chair Report to Congregation Council for August 2023

(1) In the financial statements for August, the budget summary shows a net income (loss) for the month of -\$16,314 (budget was -\$32,871), or \$16,557 better than budget expectations. For the month of August, Membership Envelopes are over budget by \$10,103, and under budget through August by -\$104,170. Membership Envelopes through August 2023 were \$827,047; through August 2022, they were \$767,953. This is an increase of 7.7%, which is good after declining giving experienced since 2008. The budget for this year is based on Membership Envelopes increasing 20% over 2022.

(2) Total receipts at the end of August are \$1,007,976, and they are under budget by -\$103,895.

(3) Total expenses at the end of August are \$1,041,774, or under budget by \$32,121. Property Expenses are over budget due to HVAC work and Electric rate increases. Missions Team Expenses are higher than budgeted due to the Guatemala Mission trip, which is offset by reimbursements. Worship Expenses are above budget because communion elements were purchased in quantity, and there are some reimbursements. Parish Ministry Team Expenses are above budget due to the success of Senior Connects, and the increased cost is covered by reimbursements.

(4) The net receipts less expenses (net income) through August was a loss of -\$33,798, or -\$71,774 less than budget expectations.

(5) The Capital Appeal loan (Designated Fund #425) has an August balance of (\$9,418). August receipts were \$6,711. Because the Quasi-Endowment loan for the parking lot and steeple has been repaid from the Sponaule Bequest, money that is received after Fund #425 is repaid will be accumulated in the Capital Appeal Fund.

(6) The Quasi-Endowment August balance is \$276,554, which includes the debt repayment funds from the Sponaule Bequest.

(7) The MIRA balance at the end of August was \$156,821, which includes the \$100,000 from the Thomas Kautz Estate.

(8) The Missions and Community Outreach Designated Funds balances are \$10,561 and \$3,934, respectively. Since the beginning of the year Missions has disbursed \$3,045 from its Designated Fund and Community Outreach has disbursed \$9,530.

(9) Council approved unanimously by email vote the motion from Finance that the \$195,000 disbursement from the Thomas Kautz Estate be directed as follows: \$100,000 to MIRA, \$40,000 to the General Operating Reserve to cover the net income under budget in May, \$45,000 to the General Operating Reserve to cover anticipated summer cash flow deficits, and \$10,000 to benevolence (divided evenly between Missions, Community Outreach, and the Synod). These funds were transferred as directed.

(10) On August 2, Trinity received a \$33,000 memorial contribution in memory of Geraldine Gamber. It was not restricted to a program, so Finance discussed at length how to direct this memorial. Pastor Horner suggested that Gerry was a prayer warrior, even after she could no longer drive or see well, she continued to come to the Friday prayer service, praying for the world, members, shut-ins, and those in need. He suggested part of the memorial be used for something around prayer as a powerful way to remember her. Finance directed \$8,000 to a fund to be used to subsidize the cost of a prayer retreat to be arranged by Pastor Horner and \$25,000 to the Solar/Roof Project Fund. Combined with a bequest earlier in the year, the Solar/Roof Project Fund has received \$60,000 so far this year.

(11) For planning purposes, the chair prepared a projection of 2023 year-end receipts and expenses based on July financial statements. The projection shows Membership Envelopes ending the year with \$1,244,500 (a 5.1% increase over 2022). The projection showed year-end receipts less expenses experiencing a loss of \$81,000. The pastors were asked to emphasize congregational giving for the remainder of the year. New Ventures and Solar transfers were conditional on meeting membership giving goals, so these two items (\$20,000 and \$60,000) were not transferred in the projection.

(12) Dave Butcher asked for input from the committee on expectations for the annual membership giving appeal. He said that one clarification needs to be made to explain that the Estimate of Giving is for the operating budget and that special offerings and Designated Fund giving is in addition to that. He has noticed that, for example, someone would have an Estimate of Giving of \$1,000 – and give \$800 to the operating budget, \$100 to Honor Our Past, Plan Our Future, \$100 to the Solar/Roof Project – while the Give, Serve, Lead Team is estimating Membership Envelope giving based on the Estimates of Giving. He received input from the committee on goals for the annual membership giving appeal, and he will take that to the Give, Serve, Lead Team.

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