

Ministry and Programming: Trinity United Church 2007

Together, we give to financially support the ministries and programs of our church. How much money is spent? How is it spent?

This narrative budget offers financial snapshots of our program ministries, including their administrative costs.



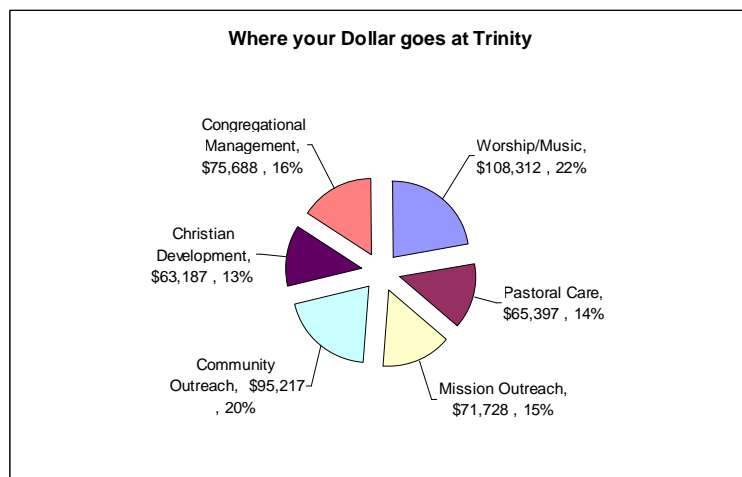
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The narrative describes how we will distribute \$500,000 so all areas of our church's ministry and programming have financial resources to support them. All staff, office, committee, and building expenses are part of the costs of the ministry areas highlighted in this pamphlet.

**Our givings make it possible for us to offer faithful ministry!
Please read this story and prayerfully consider how you can respond on**

Celebration Sunday, November 12, 2006

when you offer your Estimate of Givings for the year 2007.



Worship and Music

\$110,000

Our church celebrates the vibrancy of its worship. In worship we gather as a community of faith where we celebrate God's presence and respond to God's call to service in our world. Our ministry personnel, working with our organist and Worship Committee, prepare the weekly worship services. We have a strong tradition of involving lay members in leadership in our worship which symbolizes our belief that everyone has a ministry. We offer worship each week at 10:15 a.m. and special worship services at other times.

This area of ministry includes:

- Ministry leadership in worship/preaching
- Instruments, choir, music and staff
- Hymn books and bulletin inserts
- Weddings, Baptisms
- Funerals
- Organ and Piano Maintenance
- Supplies: bulletins, offering envelopes, etc
- Sunday Morning Prayer Group
- Labyrinth
- Sts. Peter and Paul Romanian Orthodox Church
- Children's Music Program
- Ushers, greeters, and counters

Christian Development

\$65,000

Through Christian nurture, each one of us grows in our knowledge of what it means to be the people of God in our world.

We provide education for children and youth, preschool to Grade 8, at church school each Sunday during the church service hour at 10:15 a.m. A nursery is available for babies and toddlers up to age 2. Monthly youth group gatherings encourage teenagers to spend time together here.

Adult study and reflection happen throughout the year. These include spirituality gatherings, women's days away, and men's breakfasts. Weekday study sessions on current religious topics are offered. In our adult gatherings, we meet to keep present the mystery of God's presence in our lives as we explore, question, and talk together. Special classes throughout the year bring together adults who want to become members and reaffirm their baptismal vows, parents who want to have their children baptized, and teenagers who want to reaffirm their baptismal vows for themselves.

This area of ministry includes:

- Church school curriculum and children and youth programs
- Small group ministries, Week Day discussion groups.
- Adult membership classes and baptism orientation and teen confirmation classes
- Church School Resources

Pastoral Care

\$ 65,000

We offer ongoing care and support to all members and friends of our congregation.

We respond to individuals in times of crisis, such as illness or bereavement. We keep in touch with members who are housebound or who live in seniors' residences and can no longer come to church. Our ministry personnel, volunteer visitors, and careliners want to make this church a caring community where each person is able to feel the love of God being shared with one another.

This area of ministry includes:

- Staff time, travel expenses, and space
- Visits to hospitals and seniors' residences
- Premarital and marital counselling
- Bereavement counseling
- New member and baptism visits
- Letters and care packages to university students
- Social time after worship
- Milestone ministries to mark significant life occasions
- Trinity News distribution to all families
- Regular phone visits to the membership
- Trinity's Website
www.tuckitchener.org

Mission Outreach

\$ 90,000

As people of God, we are called to work in the world around us. We provide time and money for God's work beyond our church walls. This work takes place beyond our city, in our country, and in countries all around the world. We also support the work of the United Church through Presbytery and Conference assessments.

Our congregation has a strong ministry of outreach through the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church. We are called to seek justice and equality for others.

This area of ministry includes:

- The United Church Mission and Service Fund
- Support of the United Church's Global Partners in such places as Kenya, East Timor, Philippines, Nicaragua, Sudan and India.
- Angola Scholarship
- Amnesty International
- Support for Presbytery and Conference work.

Community Outreach

\$ 95,000

As the people of God we also recognize the needs of the local community around us. Those on our doorstep are often abused, have been treated unjustly, or are in need of food or shelter. Our ministry is varied.

This area of ministry includes:

- Kitchener/Waterloo Counselling Centre
- K/W Multicultural Centre
- Mary's Place
- R.O.O.F. Reaching our Outdoor Friends
- St. Paul's United College
- Out of the Cold
- Emergency Assistance to those on the street
- Lunch Bunch
- Busy Babies
- The Food Bank

Congregational Management

\$75,000

The Ministry at Trinity depends on an effective organization and administration. Bulletins must be printed for worship, money properly accounted for. Records kept in accordance with the law and Trinity's Privacy Policy. The Work of the church requires a Council and Committees that are representative of the membership for imaginative planning and democratic decision making. Through our administration we strive to be good stewards of all God has given us.

This area of ministry includes :

- Meetings of Council
- Committees
- Staff meetings and co-ordination
- Friends of the Building
- Keeping track of families who join Trinity
- Directing those who leave to new Church homes.
- Maintaining computer records of our members
- Archives
- A board of Trustees holds title to the church property and administers trust funds
- Maintaining and upgrading office equipment
- Repairs to the building.
- Congregational Photo-Directory