

## **BRIEF NOTES ON PROPOSED GENERAL BUDGET, 2020-21**

### **OVERVIEW NOTE:**

As usual, this budget does not include either donations or withdrawals from restricted funds.

### **INCOME:**

We have set a minimal goal of \$116,301 for the pledge drive, roughly what was met for 2018-19. (2019-20 was lower, but with our increased membership the 2018-19 number is a reasonable goal.) The other income figures are extrapolated from what has come in so far, allowing for expected drops in June.

### **EXPENSES:**

#### **PERSONNEL:**

Our wonderful staff is overworked and underpaid. Should the canvass come in over the minimum, the money should go to staff. In this minimal budget, though, the only change is restoring the "minister's professional expenses allocation" ...so that she can stop funding those from her own reserves.

#### **OPERATING:**

All line items are kept the same as last year's or have been changed based on this year's expenditures so far. Only large changes will be explained in this brief note, but we will answer questions about any item from anyone.

"Advertising" money has not been used, so the item is dropped. The "phone and internet" figure seems low, but it reflects expenditures so far. The "website" increase is a correction: last year's allocation was way too low. "Printing" is a new line item, covering costs previously included elsewhere.

"Building and grounds maintenance" has been underfunded previously and so costs have gone well over budget. Our building ages and requires more maintenance. \$2,500 is an optimistic guess about what will be needed next year.

#### **CHURCH MINISTRY:**

Last year's disappointing canvass results led to our eliminating almost all funding in this category. Hopefully, this year we will do better, so some of what was cut has been restored. Funding "general worship" means that we can have some outside speakers, needed to help cover Rev. Carol's sabbatical time. "Membership" has had its small allocation restored as has the "caring committee." The "minister's discretionary" allocation has been restored. "Religious education" expenses end up being funded through the summer camp, so that has been left at zero.

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