



We are a welcoming, caring community, called by Christ, and enabled by the Spirit, to share God's love by living our faith



Christmas

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Family Christmas Service
4:00 pm
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10:00 am

Advent and Christmas: A Reflection

Pastor Philip

We are at that time of the church calendar when we enter the season of Advent, which has its roots in the Latin *ad-venio*, which means *to come to*. The season begins four Sundays before Christmas. It is a time of preparation and ends with the celebration of the birth of the Son of God. In the western churches Advent also marks the beginning of the church or ecclesiastical year.

There are a number of practices that has come to be part of the tradition of the church. In the western traditions the scripture readings for the season focus on the second coming and then on to John the Baptist before Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus. Another practice would be the avoiding of Christmas carols before Christmas Eve. Reasons for this could vary, it could be

practical, where what is sung reflects the lectionary and the focus of the larger liturgy or it could be that we just don't sing Christmas carols before Christmas! Lighting of the Advent wreath both for the Sunday community



worship and at homes, though this may not be as prevalent as it used to be, is another practice that we follow. Many congregations have the mid-week advent services and we come together the four Wednesdays before Christmas. This is a time of waiting expectantly for the coming of the Christ, we celebrate his first coming as we look forward to his coming again. During Christmas the exchange of gifts and the coming together of families is a tradition that we all religiously follow.

There are various opinions about when the celebration of Advent was introduced into the Christian church. One of those has been that this tradition is related to the winter solstice which was part of the pre-Christian traditions around the world among followers of nature centered religious traditions. Even before the time of Christ these communities around the world set aside the weeks before the winter solstice as a time to honor the coming of the light. It has been pointed out that the official date of Christmas, December 25, was designated only during the fourth century and this was the date that the Romans celebrated the solstice.

The Eastern churches traditionally celebrated both the birth and baptism of Jesus on January 6. Like Easter, this was a sacred occasion to perform baptisms in the church and like Lent the period before this was a time of fasting and instruction and preparation for baptism. In the fourth century, many of the Eastern churches followed the Western church in celebrating the Feast of the Nativity on



December 25, while retaining the preparatory practices. But some of the Eastern traditions still celebrate the birth of Christ on January 6. In the church of Rome Advent and the preparation for the birth of Christ was more festive. But in the sixth century Pope Gregory created the special masses on the four Sundays before the celebration of the birth of Christ and in due time the traditions of the warm Latin joy and the ascetic Eastern preparation

formed a hybrid and we have Advent as we observe it now. Fasting may not be part of the tradition in the west now but in the focus of the services of the four weeks we still feel a subtle and fruitful tension between the solemn and the festive spirits.

Living in the northern hemisphere, advent and Christmas fall during the dreariest season of the year. Rather than the lightness, warmth and joy that a spring or summer would bring, this is the most depressive part of the year when darkness hovers around longer and light seems to give way. This is also echoed in the cold air that seems to make us lethargic and drives us to seek the comfort of artificially heated spaces.

In spite of this, this also is a busy season. In churches it is a time to prepare for the festivities that are around the horizon, the pageants, the Christmas services, the mid-week services and so on. At a more personal level in our families, it is making sure that the decorations and the tree is up on time, it is getting ready for the get-togethers, getting gifts ready, making sure we got the best deals that are there for the season,

There are many who have gone back to pre-Christian traditions that has influenced our religious traditions and experienced as to how they could bring *unexpected and quietly powerful meaning* to our observations now. Study of these ancient traditions will make us aware of humankind's deep connections with the rhythms of the natural world. Something that our indigenous friends teach us now. The rhythms of the seasons and light and darkness implanting in us the longing for the coming of the light, like the imagery of the natural season leading to the winter solstice and the expectant giving way of darkness to light.

Caroline Oakes points out that December is a holy month. In spite of the darkness and silence it speaks to her of reverence. "Maybe it is the promise that December holds — that no matter how dark, how cold, how empty it can get, the light is coming back. Something always shifts in me when December arrives — I embrace the darkness, and am eager for the coming solstice when the whole world is still and holds its breath, waiting to be reborn again."

We seem to have lost that ability to wait, to wait reverently for the coming of the light. We are so caught up in the commercial glitter of the season and seem to focus on ourselves and our own. It is very interesting to see as to how the very birth of Christ and the happenings connected to that event in a sense is reflected in our present traditions. As Tim Ehrlich pointed out in our editorial meeting, the family gatherings when everyone come together from near and far for Christmas reminds us of the census and how Joseph and the expectant Mary travelled to their hometown of Bethlehem from Nazareth, where they lived.

Coming together for occasions like these are wonderful and allows us to strengthen our bonds. But even as we come together we tend to be clannish, whether as families or communities. It is us and ours that are included in the meals or the gifts exchanged or in the celebrations as communities. The event that we look forward to and celebrate is all about self-emptying for all. This being so how can we include *the other*, those that are not part of us, in our celebrations, how can we give rather than receive? How could we make our waiting to be meaningful and fulfilling in a very deep sense? Can we, during this season of Advent and Christmas, pledge our solidarity with the poor and marginalized and give of ourselves to them than be caught up in the consumeristic and commercial spirit of the day? Could we shun or even boycott policies, rules, companies, traditions and that lead to dehumanization and brings about ecological injustice? These are just couple of ways that our Advent would be different. But if we are willing to step away from the normal and turn our gaze outward, we could in reverence and hope wait for the darkness to give way to the gift of light; for peace and wellbeing for all.

December

- 1 Advent Potluck & Carol Sing Fri 6 pm
- 4 Exercise Class Mon 1:30 pm
- 6 Holden Evening Prayer Wed 7 pm
- 8 Student & Community Supper Fri 5:00 pm
- 11 Exercise Class Mon 1:30
- 13 Mount Zion Café Wed 10 am
- 13 Holden Evening Prayer Wed 7 pm
- 17 Sunday School Pageant Sun 10:00 am
- 18 Exercise Class Mon 1:30 pm

- 19 German Advent Carol Service Tues 5 pm
- 20 Holden Evening Prayer Wed 7 pm



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**“Advent and Christmas Lessons
in the German Language”
with
The Leupold Chorale**

**Tuesday, Dec. 19th, 2017
5:00 pm**

Mount Zion Lutheran Church

Bags say “We Care”



Last year's We Care Bags

Canadian Lutheran World Relief's (CLWR) “We Care” department recently celebrated their 70th anniversary (2016). During these 70 years, tens of thousands have benefited from the generosity of Lutheran Canadians. Countries such as Mauritania, Liberia, Angola, Jerusalem, Nicaragua, Kenya and many others.

In recent years shipments have heavily benefited refugees living in camps, fleeing their homes due to violence and racism. With tensions being high and children frightened, the comfort of a warm handmade quilt, or a sewn “We Care” teddy bear, can make all the difference in the lives of those affected.

Since 1990 over 373,000 quilts have been shipped around the world bringing joy and dignity to beneficiaries. More than 350,000 We Care kits, which include learning and living kits, have given children the opportunity to attend school with the essential supplies needed; such as paper and pencils. Education is the future of many of these countries and CLWR along with their partners and donors provide these opportunities which may have otherwise been unavailable.

Most recently, the We Care Program Coordinator Cody Cleave visited South Africa where two containers were shipped out in August of 2016. Cody was able to visit some of the communities which received donations of

We Care items, such as community centres, aids and HIV clinics, schools, and disability centres.

South Africa has had a long history of white privilege and discrimination against various ethnic communities. Much of the population has been victimized through violence and systemic barriers and even today many people live in the harshest of conditions with little or no access to health care, proper housing and education."

Areas such as Tembisa and Soweto, townships located in Johannesburg, benefited from the We Care shipment. Items such as toys, quilts, We Care kits, baby bundles and much more were donated to communities living in these areas. Municipal authorities help to identify communities in the greatest need, and the items which they would find most beneficial. This partnership is extremely important to ensure those in the greatest need are receiving items first. Large populations of elderly, orphans and vulnerable children received aid from these shipments.

Without the support of ladies sewing groups, Sunday school groups, youth groups, and many others this tremendous outreach wouldn't be possible. The We Care program would like to thank everyone who has made this program a huge success and especially to those who continue to support the shipments we undertake each year. Along with those who have benefited from shipments, we would like to say, “Thank you!” for 70 wonderful years."



There's lots more reading and photos on Mount Zion Facebook page.....just click this Facebook logo or use the address <https://www.facebook.com/groups/165042693557044/> lots of interesting reading and pictures....

Ministry through Service:

Food Bank

This year we collected 2 ½ boxes of food and donations of \$1055. Collecting food for the Food Bank has been part of Mount Zion's ministries for over 20 years. We have been donating funds for 10 years.

Open Sesame

Our specific donations of \$2295 - since August - have helped support the expanded Head Start Preschool Program which now runs five mornings per week, with two teachers and many volunteers.

Gifts From the Heart

Canadian Lutheran World Relief Catalogue is available at the church for you to make purchases, particularly for Christmas gifts, but suitable all year long. CLWR works to support individuals in developing countries through our targeted gift giving. Each year, the Gifts from the Heart catalogue provides meaningful and tangible gifts that will share God's love with the world. There is something to inspire and delight your friends and family members on any special occasion.

We Care Bags

This is the 10th year we have participated in "We Care". We hope to fill 100 bags again this year!

Since 1946, CLWR has sent aid to people experiencing need around the world. CLWR's We Care program continues to ship thousands of urgently needed supplies every year through the donations of dedicated congregations, service groups and individuals like you. Your gifts of love are received by people affected by poverty or displaced by war, hunger or natural disaster, and are vital to the operation of hospitals, schools, refugee camps and development programs. Your support changes lives. CLWR's humanitarian relief shipments support the diverse and longstanding work of our international partners.

Food Vouchers

Our donations allow Mt. Zion Church to provide emergency Food Vouchers to those in need. These are available through the Church Office and the Staff.

Choir



Mount Zion joined the choirs from Our Lady of Lourdes, Roman Catholic and St. John's, Lutheran, along with Reid Spencer and Full House Brass to perform the Faure Requiem and other seasonal music. The appreciative crowd made a freewill offering of \$920.00 which has been forwarded to The Working Centre."

Mitten Tree

Joan and Jacquelyn Schweitzer have been supervising the creation of the Mitten Tree for 11 years. The selection of knitted items are donated to various charities



Trinity Village

Mt. Zion members, along with other volunteer porters, support the residents by transporting those in wheelchairs to weekly church services in the Chapel and to special services, like Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Indigenous Ministries

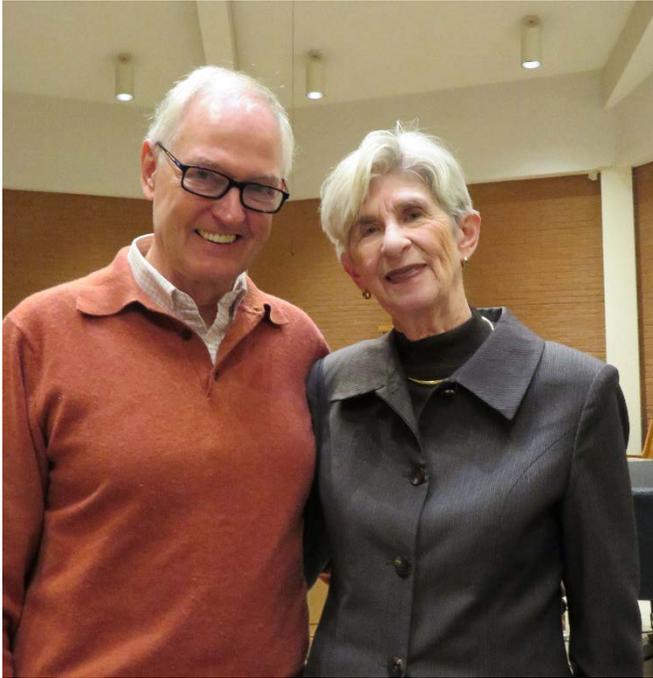
The Music for the Spirit After School Music Program continues each week. Deacon Scott visits each Tuesday to support this inspiring music program.



Ginny Ehrlich

Meet Mary and Gordon Slethaug:

vocational travellers with deep Lutheran roots



Mary and Gordon were both born in the United States and raised in longtime Lutheran families. Mary is descended from German immigrants who settled in Fort Wayne, Indiana, while Gordon's Norwegian ancestors put down their roots in Bigfork, Montana.

Among Mary's immediate family and relations, there were at least 25 Lutheran teachers or pastors, so she naturally went to a Lutheran grade school, Lutheran high school, and a Lutheran hospital school of nursing. On Gordon's side, his great-grandfather was an itinerant Lutheran pastor, and he also followed the family tradition by attending Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington.

As lifelong Lutherans from historic Lutheran backgrounds, Mary teases that "we were more Lutheran than Martin Luther!"

After completing her nursing diploma, Mary left Fort Wayne to pursue a nursing degree at the University of Washington in Seattle. Following graduation in 1963, she was set to take on a Public Health Nursing position, also in Seattle.

But, seeking a "free" summer first, she volunteered at Camp Lutherland (what else?) near Tacoma, Washington. Gordon had the same idea, having taken that summer off from graduate work at the University of Nebraska. It was inevitable that they'd meet: the Lutheran chemistry kicked in and they decided that a young German-American woman and young Norwegian-American man would make a very fine couple indeed. And in the following summer of 1964, they were wed.

Their first home was a university apartment in the Lutheran Student Center and Chapel at Lincoln, Nebraska, but they wouldn't be there very long. Gordon had always aspired to an international teaching experience, and one of his professors was excited about a new Canadian university in Waterloo, Ontario. That excitement proved contagious; in 1968, as his PhD completion neared, Gordon applied and was accepted to teach American Literature at the University of Waterloo. In August of that year, Gordon, two-year-old Kris, and Mary – then 8 1/2 months pregnant with Gavin – crossed the border into Canada.

Their original plan was to stay here "for a few years," but it turned into permanent residency and eventually citizenship. They enthusiastically made Canada their new home, finding it a beautiful country in which to work and raise a young family. Mary jokes (with serious pride) that "no citizen has sung 'O Canada' to so many groups all over the world than I have!"

In 1995, with their children grown and independent, Gordon and Mary took on a new "international challenge" by moving to the then-British crown colony of Hong Kong, where Gordon had been invited to head the University of Hong Kong American Studies program. While they were there, the historic 1997 handover took place. Their next move was to Kolding, Denmark, where Gordon again taught American literature, as well as Communications, for the University of Southern Denmark. Then after spending

13 years in Hong Kong and five in Denmark, the Slethaugs returned to Waterloo in November, 2011.

Mary's career has proven just as interesting and unusual as her husband's. She is very proud to be a nurse, but she has always been drawn to its educational component, teaching first in a hospital school of nursing in Lincoln, Nebraska. In Waterloo, while sons Kris, Gavin and Darin were young, she put in a few years of part-time evening bedside work at St. Mary's General Hospital in Kitchener, but then became part of its Educational Services Department, later becoming the Director.

During her years in Hong Kong, however, Mary found no suitable nursing opportunities available, but remained in the medical field by accepting a position as Project Coordinator for the international medical publishing company Elsevier, which took her to medical conferences throughout South East Asia.

In Denmark, she volunteered to help new Afghani refugees learn English, and that led to a position as Coordinator for English-language students at the International Business College in Kolding. Many of the college's students were from Eastern Europe and China and Mary's role was to help them become more proficient and comfortable when speaking and communicating in English. She loved this work so much, that at just 68, "I'd found the job I wanted to do when I grew up!"

When the Slethaugs returned to Waterloo in 2011, Mary opted to retire from full-time work, but remains a very busy volunteer to this day. Gordon could not give up his passion for teaching, so he began again at UofW as an adjunct professor, where he teaches courses in the rhetoric division of the English Department. Mary notes that when he walks out the door for classes, "there still is a bounce of eagerness in his heels!" For the past three years, he's also taught in Beijing at the Remnin University International Summer School and continues to research and publish in his field. Somehow, he finds the time to cultivate an exquisitely designed garden that draws lavish praise from everyone lucky enough to visit their home. As

Mary says in a classic understatement, "He never sits still!"

Gordon and Mary became members of Mount Zion in 1970, just two years after arriving in Canada. Both taught Sunday school, though Mary spent the longest time in that role. She also served on Church Council, and the Worship and Music Committee. In the wider church, she served on the Board of Governors of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

Gordon was chair of the Architecture Committee which oversaw the unique design of our present building, and also served on the Campus Ministry committees for both WLU and UofW. Since the couple returned from their international careers in 2011, Mary's primary focus has been on the Mount Zion choir, where she sings soprano, and on numerous Health Council activities, both of which bring her much pleasure and satisfaction. Gordon particularly enjoys the Saturday morning men's breakfast discussion group.

Both Mary and Gordon most appreciate Mount Zion's willingness to be a congregation open to change and to embracing new ideas and ways of thinking. They've witnessed this collective energy in a number of ways: through sermons that creatively approach scripture texts and their applications; varied worship styles; incorporating musical diversity into worship; respect for different faiths; experimentation with different forms of community outreach; and boldly contemplating possibilities for our future as a congregation.

Because their children and their families live so far away (Kris in New Jersey; Gavin in Arizona; Darin in Hong Kong), many fellow Mount Zion members have become as close as family too. As Mary says, "It is important that I am able to reach out to them and they are able to reach out to me and care for me in loving ways."

While the Slethaugs have no specific vision for Mount Zion, they recognize that the congregation, the two nearby universities, and Waterloo itself are all dramatically changing. "Our goal would be to help Mount Zion respond positively to all those transitions."

Around Mount Zion



Mount Zion's choir was busy last month as they joined with the voices of St John's Lutheran and Our Lady of Lourdes choirs to preform The Requiem by Gabriel Faure. The evening also featured Reid Spencer as Bass Soloist and the Full House Brass Quintet who you know from their visits here every Easter Sunday. Last May Lutherans and Roman Catholics met for five Wednesday nights here and at Our lady of Lourdes. This commemoration of The Reformation and All Saints was a local expression of that ongoing dialogue.

Many members were also part of the massed Lutheran/Roman Catholic choir and instrumental group for the regional commemoration of the Reformation at St. Peter's, Kitchener on October 21 with Eastern Synod Bishop Pryse and Diocese of Hamilton Bishop Crosby."



Fall Prevention

Mount Zion's new exercise program started last September with fall prevention classes Mondays and Thursdays.

Participants worked with a registered kinesiologist who shared some helpful tips on living well with osteoporosis, building balance and moving better and more. Exercise classes continue on Mondays. The classes are offered by Community Support Connections."



The Graduating Class

Confirmation 2017



After a break of a few years we had the joy of celebrating with two of our youth the affirmation of their baptism as Aiden Boyd and Lauren Harris were confirmed during worship on Sunday, October 29.

Reflecting on her Confirmation journey Lauren said, "Knowing that I was learning more about Jesus and the bible during confirmation was significant to me because during Sunday School yes, we learned about who Jesus was, what the bible was and different stories, but during confirmation we learned what Jesus really did. Also learning more about Jesus and the bible was significant because I know these things are going to stay a part of my life forever."

Save These Dates

SAVE THE DATE

Listen and share music from around the world

Sunday, January 28, 2018

2:30 pm

St. James', Elmira

with Inshallah and

Mino Ode Kwewak N'Gamowak

Come join voices

as we all sing, listen and share music from around the world, including our First Nations neighbours. Hear news about the Two Rivers Ministry Area partnership with Six Nations of the Grand River members to develop Music for the Spirit, a program to teach 9 to 14 year olds music skills on keyboard and guitar.

Save the Date

The Installation of Karen Kuhnert as Pastor of St. James, St. Jacobs

Saturday, January 13, time to be determined

Mount Zion Women's Retreat

We are very happy to announce that Pastor Annette Smith, of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Kitchener, will be our Retreat Leader in 2018. You will not want to miss this week-end and so mark your calendar now for **Friday April 20th - Sunday April 22nd 2018.**



Mount Zion Café

Now Serving Lunch

December 13

from 10 am,

with lunch at 11:30 am – 12 noon.

Bring a friend or meet a new friend. Transportation will be available to those who need a ride. Please call the church office with a request for a ride. (519 886 5820)

Medical Assistance in Dying

4 Session

Reflection and Discussion

Study Group Invitation

Two Rivers, Grand River, Nith Valley Ministry areas

Wed Nov. 29

Wed Dec 16

Wed Jan 17

Wed Jan 31

7-9 pm at St. James Lutheran Church, St. Jacobs

Group Leader: Rev. Dr. Peter Kuhnert MD MDIV

Resource: ELCIC Conversations on MAID Study Guide

Produced by the ELCIC MAID Task Force

Feedback from this reflection and discussion group will be summarized and forward to the ELCIC MAID Task Force as they prepare their final submission to the ELCIC National Council in Sept 2018. He welcomes your RSVP to him at peterkuhnertcan@aol.com, but an RSVP is not required.

Financial Update – October 2017

A note from Finance

1.) Our financial status for the first ten months in 2017 reflects a deficit of \$14,589 in the “Ministry & Mission (current) Account”. For this period of time, results are favourable to plan due to some unbudgeted one-time items. Overall, net receipts are \$12,020 better, and disbursements are \$3,686 below plan resulting in a favourable variance of \$15,706.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Better/ (Worse)</u>
Total receipts	\$215,266	\$195,246	\$20,020
Rentals reserved to capital	<u>(8,000)</u>		<u>(8,000)</u>
Net Receipts	<u>\$207,266</u>	<u>\$195,246</u>	<u>\$12,020</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>221,855</u>	<u>225,541</u>	<u>3,686</u>
Deficit	(14,589)	(30,295)	15,706

Comments:

- Member regular envelope contributions were \$7,923 below plan
- Deficit reduction response was \$1,080 higher
- Facility and parking income was \$6,202 higher
- Endowment fund income of \$4,815 was applied to Ministry & Mission account
- Mt Zion Café income of \$3,447 (incl. grants of \$2,500 from Synod) were received
- Disbursements were below plan by \$3,687
- Food Truck Tuesday profit sharing was \$923

2.) Your support of Synod Benevolence and other designated needs including our Adopt A Causes was \$69,099 which compares to \$80,260 in the prior year. Included are \$11,500 in grants designated to Open Sesame of \$9,000 and \$2,500 to Refugee support.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Regular Benevolence Synod	\$ 17,590	\$ 22,900	\$ 24,010
Regular Benevolence Open Sesame	3,000	1,000	
Special Benevolence			
Special Appeals	<u>48,509</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>56,250</u>
	\$ 69,099	\$ 25,600	\$ 80,260

3.) Our Mission Endowment Fund received a \$25,000 boost with the generous donation from the estate of long time member Edwin Buder. With this donation, our Endowment Fund now totals \$114,643.



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Financial Update – 10 months ended October 31, 2017

By Richard Brubacher – Treasurer & Chair, Finance Committee

The summaries below reflect the actual cash flows for the ten months ending October 31, 2017, and the position of our bank accounts. Comparative data is displayed for our budget commitment and the prior year.

Ministry & Mission (Current) Account - Cash Flow Basis

	10 Months - 2017		Comments re: Differences to plan	10 Months
	Actual	Budget		Last Year
Cash Inflow				
Receipts from Members	160,956	168,879	- worse than plan (\$7,923)	162,051
Receipts from Facility Rentals & Parking	42,680	25,400		26,126
Rental income reserved to Capital	(8,000)	-		-
Other Receipts - (Plate, Endow. Int., grant)	10,550	967	- incl. \$4,815 Endow. Int., \$2,500 grant	3,065
Deficit Reduction Response	1,080	-		510
Total inflow	207,266	195,246		191,752
Cash Outflow				
Disbursements - Staff & operating costs	221,855	225,541		216,533
Total outflow	221,855	225,541		216,533
Net Cash (Outflow)/inflow	(14,589)	(30,295)		(24,781)
Cash balance (overdraft)	10,311	(25,752)		2,496

Benevolence Accounts - Cash Flow Basis

	Actual	Budget		Last Year
Cash Inflow				
Receipts from Members - General Benev.	21,174	25,600		25,610
Receipts for designated appeals	47,925	-	- Incl. SynodGrants \$9,500	54,650
Total inflow	69,099	25,600		80,260
Cash Outflow				
Payments to Synod	17,590	22,900		24,010
Payments to other designated appeals	51,509	2,700		56,250
Total outflow	69,099	25,600		80,260

Capital Accounts - Cash Flow Basis

	Actual	Budget		Last Year
Cash Inflow:				
Receipts from Members	9,986	7,814		9,396
Transfers from Ministry & Mission acct	8,000	-	- Rental income reserved from MM acct.	-
Total inflow	17,986	7,814		9,396
Cash Outflow				
Capital Expenditures	7,491	8,200		19,516
Total outflow	7,491	8,200		19,516
Net Cash (Outflow)/Inflow	10,495	(386)		(10,120)
Cash Balances	44,601	34,307		42,256

Rental Property Account - Cash Flow Basis

	Actual	Budget		Last Year
Cash Inflow:				
Rental Income from Tenants	29,230	22,660	Increase due to delinquent rent paid & now up to date (budget assumed not)	21,376
Transfers from Capital Account	-	-		-
Total inflow	29,230	22,660		21,376
Cash Outflow				
Current Expenditures - Properties	11,662	14,060		13,452
Capital Improvements to Properties	-	10,930	upgrades deferred	224
Total outflow	11,662	24,990		13,676
Net Cash (Outflow)/Inflow	17,568	(2,330)		7,700
Cash Balances (overdraft)	(7,497)	(27,395)		(29,741)