

Stewardship Task Group

We are again very grateful for your generous support of God's work which is being done through the Central Plains Mennonite Conference. It is rewarding to be part of the Stewardship Task Group when meeting the budget has not been so difficult the last few years. We believe that your generosity is a testament to God's presence in your lives and in the communities that make up Central Plains Mennonite Conference. Thank you!

We had a very good year, meeting our budget with donations. In addition to this, we applied for and received \$34,802 loan with the Payment Protection Plan. This loan was forgiven later in the year, so we were able to cover our payroll without a problem.

In February, in response to a donation to the conference for Covid relief, we decided to set up a Covid Relief Fund and forwarded \$10,000 from our budget to this fund. To date this fund has been quite active and we have received \$13,455.60 in donations for it and have dispersed \$15,250.00 leaving \$8,205.60 for future disbursements. We are very thankful for your generosity which has helped at least 11 individuals and one congregation in Central Plains to alleviate some of their unfortunate circumstances due to the pandemic. We also sent \$1500 to Ecuador to aid the congregation in Quito, which is supporting 20 families with monthly food rations.

We reviewed all of the New Ministries Funds and appropriately closed a couple of them that were outdated. The conference has a generous amount of New Ministries Funds at its disposal and we look forward to using them in the future to fund God's work among us.

The last couple of years we have had many staff transitions, with staff vacancies part of the year. For this reason, our expenses have been less, thus making it easier to meet our budget. However, we expect to have a full staff through out the coming year. We are offering a budget this year which exceeds the income of the past years. We do start the year with generous surplus funds to carry us through in the event that donations do not increase, but we offer this as a challenge to participate in God's work in the community of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. Thank you, again, for your very generous support!

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