

PRESBYTERY OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA

Treasurer's Report

November 8, 2011

As we approach the close of this budget year our financial posture continues to be fragile. With October financial data available, the per-capita has come up this past month. However we are still \$20k behind where we were a year ago: \$509.6k has been contributed against a budget of \$730.8k. As this is my last report to the Presbytery this year I want to encourage churches and their treasurers to do their best to fulfill the apportionment for their congregations. Pastors and Presbytery commissioners: please take this need back to your Sessions. **Remember that what churches do not contribute the Presbytery has to submit to Synod and General Assembly.** Likewise this is the source for the Presbytery's work.

The good news is that General Mission receipts have significantly increased this past month to \$189.8k, or 84% of budget, slightly ahead of where we were a year ago. Historically we expect to see this category come up toward the end of the year, and thus are thankful that this is occurring. As this is the large part of what funds the mission work of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly I encourage churches to do their best to fulfill their pledges.

Congregations should have received by now the pledge form for next year, 2012, for their General Mission pledges. Please submit those forms as soon as possible so we can know the resources available for Christ's work through our church.

At the end of October expenses are below budget but only because some of the committees are not spending their budgeted amounts. However with the short-fall of per-capita we are in a deficit position of \$15.7k, having started with a \$6.4 deficit budget.

Please continue to pray for our church at all governing body levels. As we close out this year my hope is that we will all seek to serve our Lord faithfully, with our praise and song, as well as with the resources God has place in our hands as God's stewards. "The earth is the Lord's and all that is therein."

Respectfully submitted,
Edwin Martin Treasurer