

January 15, 2008

Re: 2008 Budget

Dear Members of Christ Church:

The history of Christ Congregational Church reveals that we have always risen to the challenges we have faced. Your faithfulness and generosity have served us well.

Unfortunately, our pledges for 2008 are not sufficient to cover the proposed budget. Several issues are at work including increasing fixed costs and fewer pledges. As you know, the majority of our budget goes for salaries and operating expenses. We have a projected budget deficit of \$8,345. Enclosed you will find: proposed 2008 budget; proposed and actual 2007 budget; pledge information.

The Ministries have been meeting and making plans for this year and members are enthusiastic about new projects. Each Ministry has submitted a proposed budget to help them succeed in their missions. We need to determine how to solve our current financial situation and put strategies into place that will help us grow and continue to be a caring faith community that is financially sound.

The Church Council would appreciate your input regarding our budget options at a discussion following the service on Sunday, January 20. Your ideas are needed before the congregational meeting the following Sunday, January 27, when a 2008 budget will be adopted.

Sincerely,

Sandy Selzer
Moderator

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