



**Trinity-St. Paul's United Church and
Centre for Faith, Justice and the Arts**

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Narrative Budget for 2010

This past year (2009) has been a transitional year between Five-Year Plans. Thanks to your pledges, our congregational income is covering our specifically congregational expenses, **provided that we meet our \$42,000 Fall Appeal for 2009.**

At the same time, the major building repairs (Ramp, First Floor Washrooms, Studio, South Roof, SouthEast Entryway) which we have undertaken, partially with support from the Trillium Foundation, are leading to a major draw-down from our Trust Funds. We will try to keep next year's building budget at the recommended \$90,000 level.

Our overall TSP operating budget for 2010 has **EXPENSES** of around \$830,000, allocated in three parts:

- 1) **Congregational Operations:** Pastoral, musical staff, and Circles are budgeted for about \$296,000, with no major increases other than 2.3% COLA.
- 2) **Congregational Contributions:** We are substantial contributors to the national church, sending \$111,000 in 2008 to Mission and Service Funds. For next year we are budgeting \$110,000 for M&S, plus some \$15,000 designated funds for outside programs.
- 3) **Building Staff and Maintenance:** We project \$476,000 for 2010. This includes the part-time staff and 2.3% (COLA) increases in salaries as well as general administration.
- 4) We plan to undertake **major renovations** of the main floor entry corridor as well as the South Entry during 2010, but try to keep these within \$90,000.

On the **INCOME** side, building income in 2009 is not meeting the growing expenses for building operations. Even with a planned 6% increase in rental income for 2010, building income still will fall \$21,000 behind building expenses. For 2010 we are projecting, therefore, to draw down \$31,000 from the congregation's Trust Funds.

Our 2010 target for congregational local givings is \$282,000, including \$240,000 from regular givings to Local Church and \$42,000 for the Fall Appeal. This coming year we are asking each TSP member to contribute 7% more than in 2009. Mission and Service Fund givings and Special Appeals add another \$126,000.

Since not all members are able to increase their offerings, we hope that you who can will give even more generously to support the life and work of Trinity-St. Paul's Congregation.

Bob Fugere
TSP Treasurer