



### **Explaining the Thermometers**

The Annual General Meeting approves a budget containing income goals under various headings. The thermometers record weekly progress toward the goals.

#### **General Budget**

For donations specified for the General budget, together with all unspecified donations, are directed to this use. Some of the cost items that are covered from the General Budget donations are staff salaries and benefits, maintenance of the building, office costs, program costs and our contribution to the Kamloops Presbytery. The General Budget income accepted by the congregation for 2017 is \$156,061.

#### **Percentage of Year to Date**

This thermometer does not record donations but shows the percentage of the year that has passed. It is provided as a comparison to the General Budget thermometer. If the thermometer is about equal to the Year to Date thermometer, then we are pretty well on schedule to meet the target. If a donation thermometer falls well below the Year to Date thermometer, it indicates that we are falling short and will have to find a way to improve the level of donations to the General Budget if the target is to be met.

#### **Building Renovation Fund**

As there is no outstanding mortgage on the building, money donated to this fund is used for improving the building. Future donations are to be accumulated for future renovation projects approved by the congregation. The goal for 2017 is \$10,000. Benevolence Donations to Benevolence are transferred monthly to the Benevolence Fund, which is administered by Session and the Minister. Funds are used for Soup Bus, Food Hampers and assistance to needy families at the Minister's discretion. A major annual contribution to Benevolence comes from all the loose collection at the Christmas Eve Service. To reach our target goal for the Benevolence Fund we need to have 70% of the \$12,000 budget target before Christmas.

### **Presbyterians Sharing**

All contributions are forwarded to the Church head office at the end of each month. These are used to support the ministries and mission of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The funds are used as follows:

- Life and Mission Agency - mission and congregational programs (in Canada 49%, international 16%).
- Theological Education (Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal 10%).
- General Assembly (office, meetings and records) 10% and Support Services (head office building and administration) 15%.

Our goal for contributing to this \$8 million fund for 2017 is \$13,000.

### **Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D)**

This is the agency of the Presbyterian Church in Canada that undertakes development activities and disaster relief. PWS&D supports people and communities in Africa, Asia, Central America and Eastern Europe according to their need and regardless of their faith. Partnerships are made with churches with ongoing projects in Central America, Africa and India. Special appeals are made as emergencies arise. The goal for PWS&D in 2017 is \$2,000.

### **Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF)**

Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship began in Britain and has operated in Canada for nearly 80 years. There are chapters at more than 60 colleges and universities across the country. In Prince George, IVCF currently staff person is Derek Joyce. A student executive is very active at work amongst the students and staff at UNBC. Derek provides spiritual support to Christians at UNBC and fosters opportunities to reach out to those inquiring about the Christian faith. The target for 2017 is \$500.

### **Chaplaincy at UNBC**

The Chaplaincy at UNBC is currently staffed by Rev. Alan Van der Woerd who is primarily supported by the Mission arm of the CRC church. However, the CRC is looking to other churches to share the financial support of Alan's ministry. The chaplaincy provides a strategic opportunity to share Christian faith in the university community. The approved target for 2017 is \$800.

### **Samuha Overseas Development Association (SODA)**

Hilary Crowley, a member of St. Giles' congregation, founded this organization. Each year except this year, Hillary volunteers 6 weeks of physiotherapy service in a very poor area of southern India. Her work includes both providing physiotherapy service and training others in physiotherapy treatment. She has also developed a process to take physiotherapy students from Canada for practicums in India. Hillary provides her own airfare each year and the annual SODA budget of \$20,000 is used to provide surgeries, braces and therapy for children with a variety of conditions. All funds are raised in the Prince George area and the goal for 2017 is \$800.

### **Prayer Shawl Outreach**

All donations to this outreach ministry will be devoted to purchase of materials for shawls that are being knitted by the Prayer Shawl Knitting Group within St. Giles. The shawls are given to congregation members and others in the community who are suffering physically, spiritually or mentally and need comfort. A member of the group visits the person being given a shawl and provides spiritual assistance. Usually the recipient is also placed on the church Prayer Chain list. The target for 2017 is \$500.

### **School Meals Program**

All donations to this program are directed to the Prince George School District to assist in providing nutritious breakfast and lunches to needy children in the city. It was decided that this program was a good way to help deal with the problem of child poverty in our community. The goal for 2017 is \$800.

### **Church School**

This program is conducted by the Sunday School and designed to encourage the children to learn to be regular givers. The funds are directed to worthy projects that provide tangible benefits to others. In 2015, the funds were given to PWS&D for a Women and Children program. The target for 2017 is \$200.

### **Hope International Development Agency**

A number of individuals at St. Giles' have supported Hope for several years and several have visited projects sponsored by Hope. The Missions Committee wish to continue to support Hope at St. Giles.' The target for 2017 is \$250.

### **Canadian Bible Society**

A few individuals at St. Giles' have supported CBS for several years and in particular The Bike for Bibles Program. The Missions Committee wish to continue to support CBS at St. Giles.' The target for 2017 is \$300.

### **Ness Lake Bible Camp**

St. Giles' has supported Ness Lake in a number of capacities for many years. This year the Mission Committee decided to add the camp to its outreach projects. All donations to this program are to assist in providing Camp Sponsorships for needy children from the city. The target for 2017 is \$600.

### **Grandmothers to Grandmothers**

A new outreach for St. Giles' is the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Fund which is part of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Funds raised help grandmothers in Africa raising their orphaned grandchildren whose parents have died from HIV/Aids. The target for 2017 is \$400.