

December 2017 Announcement for News to Use from Deacons

Bring in the Tithe Total

On November 19th, HillSong Church received \$5,800.30 from the Congregation specifically designated for “Bring in the Tithe.” (BiTT) An additional amount of \$4,212.36 for the General (operating) Fund was also received. The amount received this year is slightly less than in 2016 (-1%). However, additional Online donations the week of November 13th-17th leading up to the BiTT Sunday this year were \$2,232.40. The grand total General Fund amount received BiTT week was \$12,245.06.

Thank you for your participation. Here is a tabular summary. In 2016, online/electronic donations were not determined and therefore unavailable for direct comparison.

	November 19, 2017	November 20, 2016	% Difference
Designated BiTT	\$ 5,800.30	\$ 6,619.00	-12%
Undesignated Amount	\$ 4,212.36	\$ 3,482.10	21%
Subtotals	\$ 10,012.66	\$ 10,101.10	-1%
Online/Electronic Amount	\$ 2,232.40	Not Determined in 2016	
Grand Total	\$ 12,245.06	Not Comparable without online/electronic receipts value	

As evidenced by the Grand Total receipts, **HillSong Church does not have a giving problem.** On a per capita basis, the steadfast support given is solid, strong and broadly shared. **Neither does HillSong Church have a spending problem.** Each expense is documented and reviewed as it is disbursed and monitored in monthly statements reviewed by the Deacons. The Deacons are monitoring a modest budget deficit of \$2,970.35 as of the September 30, 2017 statement date. This means actual income from all combined sources is **less** than actual expenses. Even with the historic trend of strong receipts to end the contribution year, there may still be an actual shortfall (deficit) when the accounting statements are closed on December 31, 2017.

Now, for the base (core) operations of HillSong Church to remain unencumbered in 2018, a definite increase in tithe and offering income is needed because there is a \$19,596 projected deficit in the 2018 Proposed Budget even with adjustments made in Building Use and Parking Permit fees. The 2018 Proposed Budget looks substantially the same when compared line for line with 2017's budget, with incremental adjustments including a 2% cost of living increase for the staff.

There is a growing consensus to view the 2018 Proposed Budget as a challenge and faith exercise, relying on new family's to join HillSong in the coming year, and the steadfast support of the current congregation.