

Treasurer's Report to Vestry

Clara, the bookkeeper for the Church, has prepared the balance sheet and profit and loss statements as of March 31, 2020, which are included in the materials for the Vestry meeting. I have reviewed the statements and I believe they properly reflect the financial transactions for this period.

The Church had a net loss (income minus expenses) through March of \$1,300. Overall contributions for the first 3 months of the year were \$5,000 better than budget, but by the middle of March, the impact of the COVID-19 virus pandemic had begun to have significant effects on other important sources of income. The necessary closure of the Thrift Shop resulted in a shortfall of \$8,900 against budget for the month, and of \$4,600 for the 3 months through March 31. The investment portfolio of the Church in the TECH fund declined in value by \$4,785 for the first quarter ending March 31. Only about 1/3 of the portfolio is invested in equities, but the huge volatility in the markets especially in March resulted in this decline whereas the budgeted amount was an increase in value of \$3,075.

Since the Thrift Shop was budgeted during 2020 to produce gross income of about \$24,000 per month, its closure will have a major impact on Church finances until steps can be taken to reopen it with appropriate safety measures in place. Potentially this could occur gradually during the summer, depending on guidelines issued by the State and local governments.

During the month of April, there have been several positive financial developments. The Church received approval of a loan of \$75,525 from the Small Business Administration to cover payroll and certain other overhead costs for a period of 8 weeks from April through June. The provisions of the loan allow it to be fully forgivable and converted to a grant after reports are filed in June detailing the use of the funds as intended.

Grants totaling \$37,500 and donations of \$6,500 have been received since the end of March to support the community meal program. Additional donations of \$10,000 have been received to upgrade online streaming of services and for the renovations in the sanctuary. Online and unrestricted donations other than pledges have been strong during the past few weeks. This extraordinary generosity and stewardship by the congregation and other individuals and organizations in the community have been an enormous blessing for our ongoing mission and have made the Church stable in its finances for the present. With so much uncertainty around the COVID-19 outbreak going forward, the Clergy, Wardens and I will continue to exercise great caution in observing our fiduciary responsibilities and guidance.

The checking account balance of \$158,305 as of April 16, excluding \$350,000 restricted for The Gathering Place, is sufficient to cover slightly less than three months of projected operating expenses. Clara and I are communicating weekly on cash inflows and outflows to ensure that the account balance remains sufficient to cover anticipated costs.

Please feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Thompson
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