

TREASURER'S 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

We ended 2008 with many questions regarding our financial situation for 2009. The pledge campaign completed in late 2008 ended without meeting our goal for pledges. With that fact and the uncertainty of the economy we anticipated a very difficult upcoming year.

However, it did not take long to realize the congregation had only great answers to our questions. Our pledge receipts, plate offerings and special offerings well exceeded our budget estimates for the year. This indicated we had more people in the congregation who were willing to contribute to the programs of Christ Church and to help grow our ministries.

Under the leadership of Edward Harrison, the Vestry and a generous membership, we are ending the year in a stronger financial position. The 2010 Budget allows us to not only “pay the bills” but provide additional staffing; primarily in the various Christian Education ministries. Also, in recognition of our aging buildings, we are providing money in a reserve account for buildings and grounds. Based on our experience we know we will have continuing capital repair/improvement issues. Future budgets will require a substantial increase in our reserve for contingencies account.

In closing, I would like to give accolades to Christie Tugend for the major effort she has rendered as Business Manager. Also, my thanks go out to all those who have assisted me in the role of Treasurer for the last three years. I know my successor will be equally blessed with your continuing support. It has been a rewarding three years and I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Don McCleary
Christ Church Treasurer
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