Report of Mission Council

Mission Council Recommendation #1: The 2024 Budget

The Mission Council recommends the presbytery adopt a budget for 2024 of \$1,294,397, with projected revenues of \$575,020, and net loss of \$719,377. Of that proposed loss, \$628,886 (87% of the loss) would be supported by the Church and Ministries Development (net asset) Fund.

This is the budget presented at the 115th Stated Meeting for a first reading. The proposed budget is found on pages 11-15 in the report packet and is found in the last three columns on each page. The 2023 budget and the August 2023 year-to-date actual amounts (the first two columns) are presented for comparison purposes.

There are a few items to be pointed out about this recommended budget:

- 1. The proposed budget reflects a continued reduction in the budgetary support ('intents') from the presbytery's congregations. The MC is developing plans to discuss these trends with the congregations.
- 2. The proposed budget includes funding for the continuation of the three-presbyter model. It also includes a modest salary increase for all staff members, effective 1/1/24.
- 3. The proposed budget reflects projected expenses of the various commissions, committees, teams and entities of the presbytery. The leaders of those entities have been involved in the discussions concerning these budget items.

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Affected line items highlighted in yellow.

PRESBYTERY OF THE JAMES PRELIMINARY PROPOSED CY 2024 BUDGET November 16, 2023 Meeting SUMMARY - LINE ITEM TOTALS

	CY 2	2023			PRELIMINARY CY 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET					
	ACTUAL	/	APPROVED				IPPORT FROM			
DESCRIPTIONS SOURCES OF FUNDS	Jan - Aug		Budget		GENERAL	СН	& MINIS FUND		TOTAL	
SOURCES OF FUNDS										
Congregational Intents -	\$ 313,733.43	\$	592,487	\$	567,000	\$	-	\$	567,000	
Other income	 5,041.08		6,120		8,020				8,020	
TOTAL - SOURCES OF FUNDS	\$ 318,774.51	\$	598,607	\$	575,020	\$	-	\$	575,020	
USES OF FUNDS										
Synod and General Assembly	\$ 61,347.93	\$	203,321	\$	203,000	\$	-	\$	203,000	
Constitutional Committees	\$ -	\$	250	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Mission Council (MC) Staff	\$ 430,240.03	\$	645,580	\$	189,090	\$	418,025	\$	607,115	
Presbytery Office Presbytery Operations	 71,768.49 88,240.90		80,450 158,400	_	81,023 132,900		4,500 17,200		85,523 150,100	
MC totals	\$ 590,249.42	\$	884,430	\$	403,013	\$	439,725	\$	842,738	
Commission on Ministry (COM)	\$ 3,417.49	\$	16,300	\$	-	\$	17,400	\$	17,400	
Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)	\$ 7,000.00	\$	17,700	\$	12,500	\$	-	\$	12,500	
Leadership Connections Team (LCT)	\$ 52,921.42	\$	79,074	\$	4,525	\$	79,234	\$	83,759	
Mission and Service Team (MAST)	\$ 7,653.19	\$	47,200	\$	41,300	\$	-	\$	41,300	
New Worshipping Communities (NWC)	\$ 96,531.25	\$	144,500	\$	-	\$	117,248	\$	117,248	
TOTAL - USES OF FUNDS	\$ 819,120.70	\$	1,392,775	\$	664,338	\$	653,607	\$	1,317,945	
EXCESS OF USES OVER SOURCES	\$ (500,346.19)	\$	(794,168)	\$	(89,318)	\$	(653,607)	\$	(742,925)	
SUPPORT FROM EXISTING FUNDS										
Church & Ministries Development Fund	\$ 350,000.00	\$	668,867		00.040	\$	653,607	\$	653,607	
Genesis & Generations Fund Support from Existing Funds / total	\$ 0.00 350,000.00	\$	125,301 794,168	\$	89,318 89,318	\$	653,607	\$	89,318 742,925	
NET USE	\$ (150,346.19)		-	\$	-	\$,	\$	-	

		CY 2	023			PRELIMINARY CY 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET					
		ACTUAL APPROVED		Γ			SUPPORT FROM				
DESCRIPTIONS		Jan - Aug		Budget			GENERAL	CH & MINIS	5 FUND	TOTAL	
SOURCES OF FUNDS					_						
Congregational Intents -	_										
Undesignated Support (POJ, Synod Per Capita, and G.A.)	\$	258,071.88	\$	525,000		\$	500,000		\$	500,000	
Designated Giving to POJ Only		21,594.64		29,100			29,000			29,000	
Per Capita (\$1.15 for Synod; \$8.98 for G.A.)		15,636.72		13,387			13,000			13,000	
Designated Giving to Validated Missions thru G.A.		18,430.19		25,000			25,000			25,000	
Intents / total	\$	313,733.43	\$	592,487	_	\$	567,000	\$	- \$	567,000	
Checking Account Interest		11.08		20			20			20	
Other income		5,030.00		6,100			8,000			8,000	
TOTAL - SOURCES OF FUNDS	\$	318,774.51	\$	598,607	_	\$	575,020	\$	- \$	575,020	
USES OF FUNDS	_										
Synod and General Assembly											
Synod Per Capita	\$	14,270.25	\$	19,027		\$	19,000		\$	19,000	
GA Per Capita		40,000.00		159,294			159,000			159,000	
GA Shared Mission Support		7,077.68		25,000	_		25,000			25,000	
Synod & GA / total	\$	61,347.93	\$	203,321	_	\$	203,000	\$	- \$	203,000	
Constitutional Committees											
Committee on Representation (COR)											
COR - Committee Administration	\$	-	\$	-		\$	-	\$	- \$	-	
Committee on Nominations (CON)											
CON - Committee Administration				250			0		0	0	
Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC)											
PJC - Committee Administration				0			0		0	0	
All Constitutional Committees / total	\$	-	\$	250		\$	-	\$	- \$	-	

	CY 2	2023			PRELIMINARY CY 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET				
	ACTUAL	APPROVED			SUPPORT FROM				
DESCRIPTIONS	Jan - Aug		Budget		GENERAL CH & MINIS FUND TO		TOTAL		
Mission Council (MC)									
Staff									
Lead Presbytery for Vision	\$ 110,202.00	\$	166,708			\$	154,957 \$	154,957	
Presbyter for Congregational Care	73,874.00		115,555				118,627	118,627	
Presbyter for Relatonal Care	83,274.00		127,430				119,720	119,720	
Stated Clerk	19,592.00		38,525		18,502		,	18,502	
Other Staff members	143,298.03		197,362		171,761			171,761	
MC Staff / sub-total	\$ 430,240.03	\$	645,580	ć	190,263	\$	393,304 \$	583,567	
Presbytery Office									
Utilities	\$ 6,633.71		11,000		11,000			11,000	
Insurance	24,897.10		24,000		26,000			26,000	
Office Supplies	3,008.66		4,200		4,200			4,200	
Postage	331.93		600		600			600	
Telephone/Internet	5,819.38		8,100		8,400			8,400	
Office Expense (Lead Presbyter)	1,069.43		1,500				1,500	1,500	
Office Expense (Congregational Presbyter)	800.00		1,500				1,500	1,500	
Office Expense (Relational Care Presbyter)	800.00		1,500				1,500	1,500	
Grounds/Building Maintenance	10,138.20		10,100		11,000			11,000	
Remote Bank Fees	137.57		275		250			250	
Audit	16,458.75		15,675		17,273			17,273	
Payroll Expense	1,673.76		2,000		2,300			2,300	
MC Presbytery Office / sub-total	\$ 71,768.49	\$	80,450	ç	81,023	\$	4,500 \$	85,523	

	CY 2023					PRELIMINARY CY 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET				
DESCRIPTIONS		ACTUAL APPROVED		Г		SU	PPORT FROM			
		Jan - Aug		Budget		GENERAL	CH	& MINIS FUND		TOTAL
Presbytery Operations										
Lead Presbyter Discretionay Expense	\$	447.43	ć	2,000			\$	2,000	ć	2,000
Relational Care Presbyter Discretionary Expense	Ş	834.03	ç	2,000			Ş	2,000	Ş	2,000
Congregational Care Presbyter Discretionary Expense		87.64		2,000				2,000		2,000
Conferences/Retreats		6,566.19		12,500		12,500		2,000		12,500
Staff Enrichment		51.48		2,000		2,000				2,000
Communications & IT Support		4,486.26		15,000		14,000		1,000		15,000
Presbytery Meetings		3,200.00		5,400		3,000		1,000		3,000
Administration		567.87		500		600				3,000 600
Leadership Innovation Team		507.87		5,000		5,000				5,000
Camp Hanover, Inc. (per Covenant Agreement)		72,000.00		108,000		91,800		10,200		102,000
Capital Replacement Transfer		72,000.00		4,000		4,000		10,200		4,000
MC Presbytery Operations / sub-total	\$	88,240.90	\$	158,400	ç		\$	17,200	\$	150,100
MC totals	\$	590,249.42	\$	884,430	ç	404,186	\$	415,004	\$	819,190
Commission on Ministry (COM)										
COM - Committee Administration	\$	401.49	\$	1,500			\$	1,500	\$	1,500
COM - Parish Models				7,500				·	-	
COM - Psych Evaluations for CLP candidates				,				1,200		1,200
COM - First call ministry Support		3,016.00		7,300				7,200		7,200
COM - Pastors' Retreat								2,500		2,500
COM - New Professionals Orientation								1,500		1,500
COM - Conflict Resolution Teams - training								3,500		3,500
COM / total	\$	3,417.49	\$	16,300	ç	-	\$	17,400	\$	17,400
Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)										
CPM - Financial Aid	\$	6,500.00	\$	13,000	ç	7,800			\$	7,800
CPM - Psychological Evaluations		500.00	•	1,500		1,500			•	1,500
CPM - Committee Administration				500		500				500
CPM - Travel				700		700				700
CPM - Recruiting				2,000		2,000				2,000
CPM / total	\$	7,000.00	\$	17,700	ç	5 12,500	\$	-	\$	12,500

		CY 2	2023			PRELIMINARY CY 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET					
DESCRIPTIONS		ACTUAL	APPROVED			SUPPORT FROM					
		lan - Aug		Budget		GENERAL	CH & MINIS FUND		TOTAL		
Leadership Connections Team (LCT)											
LCT - Team Administration			\$	200	\$	-		\$	-		
LCT - Black Caucus				800		2,850			2,850		
LCT - Collegiate Ministries / Total		38,693.68									
University of Mary Washington				23,450			23,450		23,450		
University of Virginia				16,784			16,784		16,784		
Virginia Commonwealth University				16,750			16,750		16,750		
Virginia State University				4,690							
LCT - Community of Ministry & Worship		8,549.70		10,000			9,500		9,500		
LCT - Older Adult				500		1,675			1,675		
LCT - Resource Center		1,125.00		1,500			1,000		1,000		
LCT - Small Church		4,553.04		4,000			6,900		6,900		
LCT - Stewardship				200							
LCT - Nuture							2,250		2,250		
LCT - Youth Ministry				200			2,600		2,600		
LCT / total	\$	52,921.42	\$	79,074	\$	4,525	\$ 79,234	\$	83,759		
Mission and Service Team (MAST)											
MAST - Team Administration	\$	20.18	\$	200	\$	200		\$	200		
MAST - Disaster Relief Team		133.01		1,000		6,000			6,000		
MAST - Dismantling Racism				500							
MAST - Public Policy		1,500.00		1,500							
MAST - Self Development of People				500		300			300		
MAST - Social Justice				1,000		5,800			5,800		
MAST - World Mission / Haiti		6,000.00		22,500		9,000			9,000		
MAST - Southwood Project Habitat of Greater Ch'ville (2021 - 2025)				20,000	_	20,000			20,000		
MAST / total	\$	7,653.19	\$	47,200	\$	41,300	\$-	\$	41,300		

		CY 2	2023		PRELIMINARY CY 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET					
		ACTUAL		APPROVED		SUP	PORT FROM			
DESCRIPTIONS		Jan - Aug	Budget		GENERAL	CH & MINIS FUND			TOTAL	
New Worshipping Communities (I										
NWC - Administration for team	1	\$ 87.30	Ş	500		\$	500	Ş	500	
NWC - Holy Trinity		9,150.00		35,000			26,250		26,250	
NWC - All Nations		25,793.95		39,000			29,250		29,250	
NWC - All Nations - BOP							1,630		1,630	
NWC - Voices of Jubilee		40,000.00		40,000			30,000		30,000	
NWC - Voices of Jubilee - BOP							2,618		2,618	
NWC - Every Table		18,750.00		25,000			25,000		25,000	
NWC - Tappahannock		2,250.00		3,000						
NWC - Coaching		 500.00		2,000			2,000		2,000	
	NWC / total	\$ 96,531.25	\$	144,500	\$ -	\$	117,248	\$	117,248	
	TOTAL - USES OF FUNDS	\$ 819,120.70	\$	1,392,775	\$ 665,511	\$	628,886	\$	1,294,397	
	EXCESS OF USES OVER SOURCES	\$ (500,346.19)	\$	(794,168)	\$ (90,491)	\$	(628,886)	\$	(719,377)	
SUPPORT FROM EXISTING FUNDS	5									
Church & Ministries Developme	ent Fund	\$ 350,000.00	\$	668,867		\$	628,886	\$	628,886	
Genesis & Generations Fund		0.00		125,301	90,491				90,491	
	Support from Existing Funds / total	\$ 350,000.00	\$	794,168	\$ 90,491	\$	628,886	\$	719,377	
	NET USE	\$ (150,346.19)	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$		

PRESBYTERY OF THE JAMES
Requested Historical Information

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Description	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	CY 2022	thru 9/30/23 CY 2023	proposed budget CY 2024
REVENUE Total congregational support	881,811	826,574	821,821	814,085	763,016	751,806	728,410	641,582	373,102	525,000
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EXPENSES										
General Assembly per capita - rate	\$	7.12	\$	7.78 \$	8.95 \$	8.95 \$	8.95 \$	8.98 \$	8.98	\$ 8.98
General Assembly per capita - amount	154,566	146,238	150,023	149,707	164,116	159,480	154,501	149,346	40,000	159,000
Constitutional Committees	7,521	11,723	5,206	11,708	5,270	56	7,854	0		
Synod per capita - rate	\$	0.80 \$	0.85 \$	0.85 \$	0.85 \$	0.85 \$	1.15 \$	1.15 \$	1.15	\$ 1.15
Synod per capita - amount	16,376	16,431	16,374	16,462	15,586	21,088	19,786	19,126	14,270	19,000
Staff costs - all persons, all costs	295,304	364,187	378,606	371,663	373,383	368,945	367,683	497,685	477,374	583,567
No. of staff at YE	5	5	5	5	4	4	6	7	7	7
Presbytery Office	48,395	37,879	40,493	48,589	53,168	60,968	78,131	62,372	72,035	85,523
Presbytery Operations	32,340	26,188	33,297	31,733	41,000	22,391	23,571	39,055	10,289	48,100
Committee / Commission on Ministry	2,867	4,946	1,686	1,503	2,283	870	179	703	3,567	17,400
Committee on Preparation for the Ministry	23,512	15,628	15,742	9,312	13,166	3,525	10,461	7,336	7,000	12,500
Other -										
Collegiate Ministries	87,240	83,000	87,000	87,000	84,000	92,050	92,050	85,050	42,975	56,984
New Worshipping Communities	80,613	75,836	65,393	92,177	63,216	57,290	69,816	76,316	116,320	117,248
Habitat for Humanity / Ch'ville	0	0	0	0	0	0	43,000	20,000	0	20,000
OTHER										
Camp Hanover Registrations	543,799	573,052	556,557	602,079	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Camp Hanover Expenses	687,442	690,832	733,000	768,851	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Camp Hanover - Covenant	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		126,000	120,000	114,000	81,000	102,000

Mission Council Recommendation #2: The Church and Ministries Development Fund

The Mission Council recommends the attached worksheet as the approach to be used for future use of the Church & Ministries Development Fund for approval by the presbytery.

This is the approach the Mission Council proposes to wean the presbytery from unsustainable use of the Church Ministries Development Fund, as part of the annual budgeting process.

This is the same approach as was presented at the October 21, 2023 stated meeting.

The plan does NOT reflect any additional monies which might be credited to the fund in future years. Such amounts could arise, for example, from a portion of the sale of presbytery properties, possibly including proceeds from the sale of property from dissolved congregations. The policy to credit such monies to the net asset fund was approved by the presbytery at the October 21, 2023 stated meeting.

The plan reflects an estimate of annual investment earnings of 4.5% on the beginning value of the fund. Actual investment earnings may differ.

The plan uses, as a starting point, the projected fund balance at 12/31/23, and reflects the amounts on a calendar year basis. An evaluation at mid-year each year may be necessary, to provide the base amount in time to develop and present a budget to the presbytery.

As a starting point in this analysis, the MC has been working with a minimum balance of \$1,500,000. The excess over that minimum is shown for each year. This evaluation would be reviewed on an ongoing basis, certainly at the time of preparing the annual budget, to measure the progress of reducing the presbytery's reliance on the use of this fund to balance the budget.

PRESBYTERY OF THE JAMES Use of Church Ministries & Development Fund

see Mission Council report 10/21/23

DESCRIPTION	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Preliminary calculations					
BOY (projected at 12/31/23)	3,900,000	3,451,500	3,123,608	2,889,337	2,730,423
Use - 16%	(624,000)				
Use - 14%		(483,210)			
Use - 12%			(374,833)		
Use - 10%				(288,934)	
Use - 8 %					(218,434)
Earnings @ 4.5% on BOY	175,500	155,318	140,562	130,020	122,869
New Bal	3,451,500	3,123,608	2,889,337	2,730,423	2,634,859
Balance over minimum					
of \$1.5 million	1,951,500	1,623,608	1,389,337	1,230,423	1,134,859
Reduction in use level from prior					
year	n/a	(140,790)	(108,377)	(85,899)	(70,500)

Mission Council Recommendation # 3: Formation of a Strategic Plan Review Task Force

The Mission Council moves and recommends that the Council form a Task Force of the Council with persons from around the presbytery:

- 1 to study the current Strategic Plan and its implementation and impact on the life of the presbytery;
- 2 to study present and future sources of funding that would consider, but not be limited to, sustainability, per capita, stewardship, and other sources;
- 3 to be comprised of persons in the presbytery with a broad base of diversity, inclusion, interest, and experience;
- 4 to be formed by the current Moderator of the Presbytery (Rev. Rosalind Banbury), the incoming Moderator of the Presbytery (Cherry Peters), the incoming Moderator of the Mission Council (Rev. Janet James), and the incoming Vice-Moderator of the Mission Council (Rev. Kerry Foster); and
- 5 to be formed and first convened in December 2023, with its initial finding(s) to be presented at the February 2024 stated presbytery meeting and final report in April.