

Report of the Finance Committee

As noted in the 2020 Finance Committee report, the COVID-19 pandemic presented challenges for Blythwood Road Baptist Church (BRBC), both operationally and financially, that unfortunately continued into and through much of 2021. Fortunately, by the Grace of God and employing some process changes, BRBC financially made it through 2021, and we pray that as we move through 2022 the Church's activities will begin to normalize. The Committee again wishes to express its thanks to our Lord for his grace and guidance, but also to thank you, the congregation, for embracing the changes and continuing your financial support and commitment to BRBC and its activities through these times.

Total contributions from "regular" sources, excluding extraordinary income but including rent and interest, amounted to approximately \$373,500 in 2021, down 5% from 2020. The Church did not accept any government emergency funds during the year, as our contributions did not decline sufficiently to participate. Nevertheless, BRBC did remain on schedule realizing HST rebate receivables which added funds to our cash position.

As the Church again remained largely closed for a good part of the year, discretionary expenses were again lower than would be expected in a normal year. However, BRBC did incur an additional expense related to the purchase of a new piano for the friendship room for which the funds were gifted back to BRBC. There were also additional student bursaries issued during the year to support individuals in their theological studies. As for non-discretionary expenses, BRBC had an additional \$31,000 in expenses for two unexpected maintenance and repairs. The first was related to additional upgrades required for the new fire doors installed in 2020 to meet Toronto Fire regulations. These expenses were capitalized and will be depreciated. The second notable expenditure was for a few new heating system pumps to replace those that ceased to operate. As BRBC's building continues to age, we must be prepared to spend additional funds in maintenance and repairs.

Summarizing the financial results for 2021, BRBC had a net accounting deficit of \$72,560. This includes \$38,000 in amortization of in fixed assets. Bottom line, BRBC's 2021 "cash" deficit was approximately \$9,500 when amortization and extra-ordinary write-downs are excluded. BRBC still has more work to do if the Church is to move towards a more sustainable cash neutral situation.

Before closing, the Finance Committee again wishes to recognize those that work tirelessly to help keep BRBC afloat financially - namely the Barredos and our Envelope Steward, Sandra Hurlburt. In closing, BRBC remains blessed to have a strong, debt free balance sheet, highlighted by over \$460,000 of cash and investments, which remains a testament to the excellent stewardship of its assets by previous generations of leadership. This balance sheet continues to provide time so that we, under the guiding hand of our Lord, can create a plan for the future of BRBC that will put it on a more sustainable path and allow us to realize our mission "To Continue Christ's Work in the World".

Respectfully submitted,

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