

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to provide the 2023 Treasurer's report for Cochrane Street United Church and the proposed budget for 2024. 2023 has been a different year where for a full year we had various lay people and other clergy take part in the services. Our congregation has adapted well with the changes. We continue to support our ministries in many ways such as the choral scholars, Bridges to Hope and Mission & Service.

Thank-you to all of you that continued to support our ministries throughout this year. Your givings to our collection plate were down from last year. Although I say this all the time it can never be said to often – thank-you, thank-you, thank-you. Your givings help us to continue to adapt and provide the ministries relevant for these times.

The budget amount budgeted for fundraising was \$ 6,500 we fell short by \$ 2,400 having raised \$ 4,200. With the numbers and the aging of the congregation we were unable to carry out many of the traditional fundraising activities of our congregation. We have applied for several grants that help take the pressure off fundraising; there is The New Horizons for Seniors which is a grant to bridge the young with the seniors. We have received \$ 9,800 for this grant and this is used for our choral scholars. We also received \$ 2,000 from the City of St. John's, this is used to help with the expenses for Christmas at Cochrane. The expenses that were budgeted for 2023 were actually down from the proposed budget due to not having a full time minister and also for the pilot project start date pushed to 2024.

We had a great financial year and I encourage you to read through the financial statement for 2023 and if you have any questions you can call me at 743-1277 or email me the question at csuctreasurer@gmail.com.

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Treasurer