

Allegheny Mennonite Conference Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Having only been “on the job” since last October, I have been on an admittedly steep learning curve to get to know Conference staff and leadership as well as the history of Allegheny Mennonite Conference and its member congregations. I truly appreciate the patience and warm welcome that has been shown to me over these past nine months.

Here are some key points I'd like to add to the line-item budget report that is attached:

- We are actively changing the way that we think, talk and use AMC's finances and stewardship of the resources entrusted to us. Beginning with a narrative budget report at the **Fall Delegates Meeting** to the development of our **AMC prayer cards** to the **Leadership Council's Retreat** and its “chocolate” exercise to the Post-It-Note exercise at the **Spring Delegates Meeting**, we have strived to look at and discuss finances from a place of ongoing gratitude and generosity.
- We have restructured our **QuickBooks** accounts to be more reflective of our ministerial staff priority areas and AMC's goals of leadership, discipleship and community. You will notice the changes if you compare the current report to the structure used in November and March.
- We are working to make donating easier. **PayPal** card readers are now in place for onsite credit card payments. The AMC website will soon have a PayPal donate button as well as the means to make automatically recurring donations.
- We are also poised to launch a **Ministry Resources Team** tasked to work on long range stewardship goals by developing communication approaches and effective branding/messaging strategies to be used throughout the year to identify and grow a core individual AMC donor base.

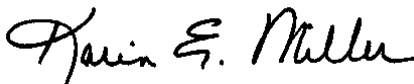
So here's the bottom line ~

The good news is we used only 50% of the transfer from reserves that was budgeted to meet our FY18/19 expenses. That is something to **Celebrate!** We began the year with cash assets of approximately \$34,000 and we ended the year with just over \$27,000 in the bank. Delegates passed a deficit budget for FY19/20 at their Spring Meeting to wean AMC from using reserves and move AMC ever closer to the mandate of a balanced budget by 2021. This is doable when we all commit to being the wise stewards that we were created to be.

As I wrote in a recent letter to pastors, congregational leaders and treasurers, AMC can only be as healthy and vibrant as its member congregations are. When we work together towards a vision of being “*Jesus centered ~ Collaborative ~ Committed to place-based ministry*” we are answering the call to be faithful stewards. ***Giving is a journey, grounded in gratitude, revealed in prayer, lived in faith and expressed in generosity.***

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about the reports or items highlighted in this letter.

Yours in Christ,



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