

Exhibit A

St. Matthew's United Church

25 Holloway St. Belleville, ON K8P 1N8

Narrative Budget



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St. Matthew's Mission Statement

Believing in the good news that "God is with us – we are not alone", St. Matthew's United Church is a renewed and renewing faith community, seeking to proclaim and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In traditional and contemporary ways, we endeavour to be inclusive, respectful, open to one another, and welcoming to all. In partnership with all God's Creation, we continually seek to be a sign of:

Acceptance and mutual respect
Comfort and challenge
Faith and friendship
Healing and hope
Support and encouragement



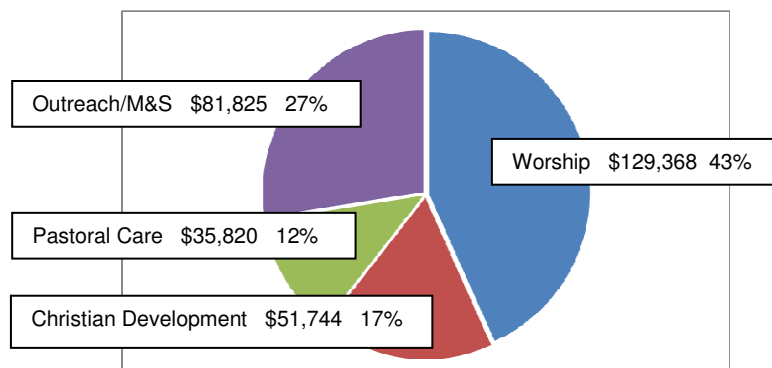
What is a Narrative Budget?

A narrative budget tells a story of the ministry and programming that integrates dollars, people and mission into one portrait.

A narrative budget includes salary, building and office expenses as part of the cost of individual ministry programming categories. St Matthew's has chosen the four categories of Worship, Christian Development, Pastoral Care, and Mission and Service /Outreach.

A narrative budget is vision-driven, providing glimpses of how you as a congregation are living out in practical ways the broad brush strokes of your vision statement.

You do not give money *to the church*; you give money *through the church* to translate the church's vision into action.



These expenditures are contingent on congregation offerings and other sources of income.

Worship \$129,368 43%

Worship is the primary focus of the Christian life in general, and of our congregational life in particular. Many people who think of church think of what happens on Sunday morning. For these and other reasons, worship is the area where most of our resources are focused. Worship is not only Sunday morning

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember I am with you always to the end of the age.” Matthew 27:19-20

services including communion and baptism, but also special services during Advent, Lent and other times, as well as weddings, baptisms, funerals and memorial services. The costs associated with offering the quality of worship we are able to provide range from

licensing fees for the legal use of copyrighted music, to providing things like bulletins, candles and communion supplies, to staff salaries. We offer worship Sunday mornings at 10:00 am and special services at other times.

This area of ministry includes:

- space for worship & preparation
- ministry leadership in worship/preaching
- instruments, choir, music, and staff
- hymn books and projection costs
- banners and decorations
- supplies: bulletins, offering envelopes, etc.

Christian Development \$51,744 17%

Through Christian nurture, each of us grows in our knowledge of what it means to be the people of God in our world. We provide Christian education for children and youth, Sunday School each Sunday during the church service hour at 10:00 a.m. A nursery is available for babies and toddlers up to age 3. Adult study and reflection happen throughout the year through Bible study, women’s spirituality gatherings and other occasional evening study groups. In our adult gatherings, we seek to keep present the mystery of God’s presence in our lives as we explore, question, and talk together.

“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.” (Matthew 9:35)

This area of ministry includes:

- Sunday school curriculum and children / youth programs
- Bible study and discussion groups
- Staff time (*including paid child care in the nursery*), space, and supplies
- Baptism classes

Pastoral Care \$35,820 12%

Pastoral care is offered to all members and friends of our congregation. We respond to individuals in times of crisis such as illness or bereavement. We keep in

“Seeing the people, he felt compassion for them because they were distressed and dispirited.” (Matthew 9:36)

touch with members and adherents who are housebound or in retirement or nursing homes. Our minister and volunteers strive to make this church a caring community where each person is

able to feel the love of God being shared with one another.

This area of ministry includes

- visits to hospitals, seniors’ residences and family homes
- premarital and marital counselling
- bereavement counselling
- new member visits
- distribution of information (pastoral letters, newsletters, etc.) to all families
- social time after worship
- spring tea for shut-ins

*“ God freely gives his gifts to the poor, and always does right.”
2 Corinthians 9: 9*

Mission & Service – Outreach \$81,825 27%

As people of God, we are called to work in the world around us. We provide time and money for God’s work beyond our church walls. This work takes place in our city, in our country, and in countries all around the world.

Our congregation has a strong ministry of outreach both locally and through the

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.” (Matthew 25:35,36)

Mission & Service Fund of the United Church. We are called to seek justice and equality for others. Throughout the year, we reach out beyond this budget and provide additional support and funding to special projects as needs are identified. These projects may be in our local community or further afield.

This area of ministry includes

- United Church Mission & Service Fund
- Missionary Ventures Canada
- Quin Mo Lac, Five Oaks, Francis Sandy Theological College
- Community Lunches
- Christmas Sharing
- Meals on Wheels
- Gleaner’s Food Bank Distribution Centre

*The St. Matthew’s Church Family
exists to help make disciples for Jesus
and to reveal the Glory of God in the world
through our words and actions*

Conclusion

About 85% of St. Matthew's total income comes from the Congregation's Offerings. The balance comes from Fund Raising activities and Investment Interest. Your generosity makes it possible for the church to offer faithful ministry! You are asked to prayerfully consider your financial support of St. Matthew's and if possible *increase* the amount you give.

The following chart shows how your charitable donations are subsidised by the government when you file your Income Tax return.

Income Tax Savings Guide			
TOTAL DONATION	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Federal Credit: \$200@16%	\$ 32	\$ 32	\$ 32
Balance @ 29%	\$ 232	\$ 1,392	\$ 2,842
Total Federal Tax Credit	\$ 264	\$ 1,424	\$ 2,874
Provincial tax saved	\$ 127	\$ 684	\$ 1,380
Total Tax Savings	\$ 391	\$ 2,108	\$ 4,254
Total Tax Savings as % of Gift	39.1%	42.2%	42.5%
TOTAL COST OF GIFT	\$ 609	\$ 2,892	\$ 5,746

A charitable donation of:

- *\$1,000 costs only \$609.*
- *\$5,000 costs only \$2,892*
- *\$10,000 costs only \$5,746*

Christian stewardship is a way of living in which we recognize that everything belongs to God. All resources must be used for His glory and the common good. Christian stewardship and Christian giving work hand in hand. Generosity is one of the primary ways in which Christians evidence the fruit of the Spirit at work in their lives.