

## Treasurer's Report for Annual Conference 2026

The giving from churches in the Gateway Conference has increased the past year over previous years. The income for both conference tithe and the EPP funds were over our Budget goals. The utilities for the office are down as a result of installation of solar panels as well as the office only being utilized part time. The one account over budget greatly is the contractual services. Part of that is the conference paying the total Aplos bill that is then reimbursed by the individual churches in the Other Income account. The rest of the overage is the increased pay to District Leaders to compensate for their increased workload caring for their district churches. This increase is, again, due to the part-time superintendent, with some of his duties being taken over by District leaders. The conference has continued to grow, with interest from United Methodist churches wanting to join our conference. The positive cash flow that is shown this year is due to the combination of increased giving from churches, and the BOA's work to create a realistic budget.

Much of the BOA's efforts during the past year have been focused on the sale of properties, including the Lighthouse Church and associated apartments, and a property in Jerseyville. The proceeds from those sales have been reinvested in the ministries in the conference, and in our SDF for future ministry use.