



**PROPOSED BUDGET**

**2026**

# ***Reasons for giving***

There are several reasons for giving. Many give out of gratitude or thanksgiving for what God has given, thus giving comes as a celebration. Others give out of a sense of responsibility, understanding that God's work in the Church costs money. Some give based on integrity, fulfilling their promises to support the Church with their time, giftedness and resources. Still others give because they believe in what the Church is doing. They want the Church to continue to minister to adults, children and youth. Your gift, combined with the gifts of all, will provide the monetary resources for Shelbourne St to remain faithful to God's calling.

## ***What does the Bible say about giving?***

### *Intentional*

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind...."* - 2 Cor. 9:7a

### *Glad-hearted*

*"...not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*  
- 2 Cor. 9:7b

### *Regular*

*"Every Sunday each of you make an offering and put it in safekeeping. Be as generous as you can."* - 1 Cor. 16:2

### *Sacrificial*

*"For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will."* - 2 Cor. 8:3-5

# THIS YEAR'S BUDGET

The proposed Church budget for 2026 is  
**\$367,955.90**

## ***Outreach Cluster* \$29,204.17 (7.94%)**

These funds help spread the Good News around the corner as well as around the world. We also provide monetary, food and housing assistance for local families. This figure does not tell the whole story; in addition to these items we partner with *Zambia Mission Fund Canada* in their tireless efforts to bring hope to the children of Zambia. Because it is self-funding, this mission is not included in the figures shown above.

## ***Worship Cluster* \$ 48,798.83 (13.26%)**

This part of our budget is dedicated to creating a climate of worship that enables people to say yes to the love of God.

## ***Spiritual Formation Cluster* \$82,647.84 (22.46%)**

These funds make it possible for us to teach the faith to our children and to teach the Bible to our adults. The funds will be used to purchase materials, outfit classes, train teachers and mentors, as well as for retreats and special events.

## ***Equipping & Administration Cluster* \$207,305.06 (56.34%)**

These funds help provide training and equipping for ministry leaders, office operating expenses, support staff salaries, building upkeep, utilities, insurance, as well as custodial and maintenance services.

# ***Shelbourne Street Church of Christ***

We experience the joy of giving throughout the year when our ordinary dollars, through regular giving to the Church, transform into eternal expressions of God's love.

As you prayerfully consider the proposed Church budget, consider the vital role you play in support of these ministries. Consider also the blessings we extend and receive as we allow God to give our dollars eternal value.

