

Northeastern District of the C&MA
Report of The Committee on Finance, Budget, and Audit

April 15, 2026

Committee Members Present: Chairman: Rev. Jeremy Gorham, Secretary: Rev. Scott Kelly, Mr. Timothée Bateman, Mr. Brian Powell, Rev. Joseph Glover, Mr. Dave Barber, Rev. Stuart J. Burton, Rev. Tae Bong Hur, PhD, Mr. Mike Littlejohn, Mr. Ben Hallock

Committee Members Absent: Rev. Robert F. Gates

Report on Alliance Women's Report

The Committee on Finance, Budget, and Audit expresses its appreciation for the Alliance Women ministry and the report presented representing finances in 2025. We would like to extend sincere gratitude to Terri Groh for her faithful leadership over the past 10 years. Her dedication and service to Alliance Women across the district have been significant, and we are deeply thankful for her investment.

We recognize that Alliance Women has experienced meaningful changes in recent years, particularly in efforts to better engage younger women. These efforts are both necessary and encouraging for the future health of the ministry.

The committee commends the effective use of technology—including Facebook and the Alliance Women website—to expand communication and ministry impact. We also affirm the intentional efforts to increase generosity through special offerings that support special projects and International Workers. These initiatives are commendable.

We praise God for the spiritual fruit of this ministry. The number of salvations resulting from Alliance Women's outreach is a testimony to God's faithfulness and the commitment of the women involved.

We further affirm:

- The translation of monthly devotionals into multiple languages, reflecting a strong commitment to global outreach
- The ongoing support of 20 International Workers and their families through prayer, financial giving, and practical care

Additionally, we encourage official workers and International Workers to take advantage of the Lighthouse Cottage at Delta Lake, which remains available free of charge through Alliance Women.

Report on District Treasurer's Report and Financials Report

The committee expresses appreciation for the District Treasurer's report and the financial statements presented. We recognize the significant work that has gone into preparing these materials and thank God for His continued provision.

Two Points of Clarification

- The dual charge involving New Life and Trinity did not ultimately continue as structured. Trinity called Cody Whelsky to serve as their senior pastor, while New Life was replanted as a campus of Crosstown Alliance.
- There appears to be duplicate bullet points within the report, including the listing of Crosstown Alliance receiving district grant and the Delta Lake Bible Conference loan of \$70,000. We have confirmed with district leaders that there was a duplication of these two points.

Affirmations

We affirm that the District Office and leadership have been proactive stewards of the resources entrusted to them. Rather than being passive, they have actively invested in key ministry areas, including:

- Leadership development
- Ministry initiatives
- Church replanting
- Facility care
- Support of International Workers

This reflects faithful and intentional stewardship. We also praise God for the return to accredited status for Lakeview Chapel and New Heart Alliance Church, which is an encouraging development.

Two Points of Correction

- The Evangelism Committee Chairperson's name is missing from the report—we confirmed with district leaders that the Evangelism Committee does not have a chairperson as no one could be found for the role. We would encourage anyone from our district workers to prayerfully consider serving in this role.
- The Poughkeepsie Grant appears to fit more appropriately under Fiduciary Matters rather than Church Status Changes.

While we recognize the necessity of administrative expenses, it was noted that in 2024, administration costs exceeded those allocated to Church Health and Multiplication. However, it is helpful to recognize that the administrative budget includes a number of expenses that directly serve churches and official workers, including church support grants, worker care, training, coaching, conferences, and other forms of district ministry support. We also acknowledge that in 2025, funding for Church Health and Multiplication increased to \$218,600, surpassing administrative costs, which we see as positive progress.

Conclusion and Recommendations:

The Committee on Finance, Budget, and Audit is grateful for the faithful stewardship demonstrated across both Alliance Women and the District Office. We commend the ongoing efforts to strengthen ministry impact, steward resources wisely, and advance the mission of the Church both locally and globally. We also thank Dr. Sally Fry, as Budget Director, and Mr. Ed Lyau, as Business Assistant, for their faithful work in financial oversight.

Recommendation #1

We move to adopt the Northeastern District Treasurer Budget and Financial Report for 2024-2025 as presented in the Report of the District Treasurer.

Recommendation #2

We recommend the approval of the budget for 2027 be set at \$723,000 as finalized by the DEXCOM in their December 2026 meeting. It is noted that this is the same amount approved for 2026 at the 2024 District Conference.

Recommendation #3

We recommend the approval of the budget for 2028, be set at \$744,690 as finalized by the DEXCOM in their December 2027 meeting. This is a 3% increase from the previous year.

NOTATION: These budget numbers include spending from district administrative savings. The Church Development Fund is slated to increase with the sale of the Cicero parsonage, probably in excess of \$300,000.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Jeremy Gorham - Chairman
Rev. Scott Kelly - Secretary
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