

FINANCE RESOURCE TEAM

The primary work of the CSRC Finance Resource Team is to assist with the preparation of the annual budget. The committee met on April 10th and recommended the 2026 draft budget to the Executive. Pending the approval of the Executive at their May meeting, the draft budget will be presented for approval at the regional meeting. As it is still quite early in the year, the budget will remain as a draft budget until later in the fall when the General Council Executive has finalized the Assessment Grants, Mission Support Grants and Salary Grants along with the cost-of-living increase for staff. Once these numbers are determined, the Finance Resource Team will review the draft budget and make a final recommendation to the Executive for approval.

The Finance Resource Team also reviews the financial statements throughout the year, receives a report annually from our Investment Advisor and recommends the audited finance statements to the Executive for approval.

The following are the designated and undesignated funds held by CSRC as of 2024/12/31:

Designated Funds

Affirming Ministries	10,955
Archives	11,376
Camping Fund	309,177
Clusters and Networks	53,262
Mustard Fund (Congregational)	100,000
General Fund	137,963
Health Joy and Excellence	211,880
Lay Education	37,607
Legal Reserve	25,000
LLWL Program	38,352
New Outreach Initiatives	59,683
Preparing for Ministry	38,111
Right Relations	138,168
Youth Programs	67,925
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	\$1,239,459

Undesignated Funds \$1,454,217

Total Funds \$2,693,676

The Finance Resource Team offers thanks and best wishes to Rev. Janet MacDonald, CS Finance Administrator, as she retires at the end of June. Janet has worked closely with the team since the region was formed and her wisdom and guidance has been greatly appreciated. Going forward, the team welcomes the support of our new bookkeeper, Meranda MacKenzie, and Rev. Jody Maltby, Finance Minister, as staff support for the important work of managing our finances.

Members of the Finance Resource Team include Barbara Cunnington (chair), Michael Wesa, Dave Clarke, and Rev. Lawrence Muvunzi.