

A Call to Abundance

Christ Church Bells Corners
Financial Stewardship Campaign 2011



Blessed are you,
Lord our God,
creator of heaven
and earth,

You create the fruit of the land
to sustain our families and
neighbours,

You nurture the church, loving
communities of faith, deepening
our relationship with you and with
one another,

You offer us the gift of baptism and
the sacrament of Christ's body and
blood so that we may be fed and
filled with your Holy Spirit,

You bless us with generous hearts
so that we may support the
outcast, the hungry, the sick and
all those who long for intimacy
with Jesus,

You fill us with determination to be
mindful of the ministry and mission
to which we are called,

And you call us to generous
support of our parishes, diocese
and the wider church,

Blessed are you O God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,

Amen.

Letter from the Rector

A Call to Abundance is before us. We are asked to consider our bounty of blessings and the commitment we are to make to the ministry of our church. Our financial offerings are an indication of the abundance we experience and of our response to God's call. Yet we live in a world where we hear scarcity announced more than abundance proclaimed. In our daily lives we often live with a sense of shortage and anxiety about our future security. As I write I am preparing to send my first-born off to university with two more close behind. At times I am complicit with the anxiety of scarcity. Again and again, however, I know that God calls us to make a meaningful and proportional offering to the ministry of the church. I, like every disciple of Jesus, am called to abundance, trusting we will always be given enough and in Jesus, indeed, there will always be more than enough.

Every two years since the 1970s, members of Christ Church Bells Corners (CCBC) have made a two year pledge to support our ministry. This biennial program enables vibrant ministry and responsible stewardship. In addition this year, we are joining our diocese in *Growing in Faith Together* (GIFT), a program that invites us all to make a five year pledge to support initiatives in our diocese and our parish. Fifty percent of your GIFT offering will support CCBC and fifty percent will support our diocese. So this year, unlike other stewardship years at CCBC, we are all asked to make two pledges: 1) a two year pledge to support our ongoing ministry at CCBC, and 2) a five year pledge to support GIFT. In this combined package you will be reminded of the fullness of our parish life and learn more about GIFT.

Ten years ago I became the Rector of CCBC and the blessings for me have been more than I asked for or imagined. I am deeply aware that engaging in a *Call to Abundance* and GIFT simultaneously asks members of CCBC to make an offering like no other in my time here. I fully support all that you will encounter in this material and I ask that you give it prayerful consideration and that you make the pledges asked of you to ensure that the church entrusted to us by God in Christ will be a dynamic legacy bequeathed to future generations.

Yours in Christ,

Peter John[†]



“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

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“Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come before God. Worship the Lord in holy splendour.”

1 CHRONICLES 16.29



“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.”

COLOSSIANS 3.12



“Sunday morning is so wonderful and yet there is so much more to worship here at CCBC - weddings, funerals, seniors services and our healing services.”

JANET MARTIN



Making worship happen

- choirs
- musicians
- servers
- sidespersons
- altar guild
- clergy
- office and custodial support
- readers
- intercessors
- communion assistants
- sound system operators
- Sunday school

Worship

Our *Call to Abundance* begins Sunday morning when we worship. This ancient practice prepares us to step into a faithful future. As we gather across generations we celebrate the abundance entrusted to us. Without worship, we lose the very essence of what it means to be Christian. With worship we orient our lives toward God, making our offering in service to the world God loves. Worship is who we are.

Worship Projected Budget

\$92,048 in 2012

\$94,820 in 2013

Pastoral Care

Attending to pastoral needs is critical to our community. Whether for people experiencing trauma, facing a transition, or embracing the sacred moments at the time of dying; the compassion embodied in Jesus is realized by members of Christ's Church. Working closely with a team of parishioners, our clergy are engaged daily in pastoral care, often with the most frail and elderly in our midst.

Pastoral Care and Palliative Support

CCBC provided invaluable pastoral care as my father and then my mother faced the trials that brought them to the end of their long journeys. The spiritual support and the practical assistance given by Peter John, by Laurette and by the community of friends at CCBC guided us in what can only be described as a rich spiritual experience. It enabled Mom and Dad to end their days with each other and with us with peace, grace and dignity.

The Church's hospitality at the funeral and the reception allowed us to honour Mom and Dad's memories with similar sensitivity.

– Frank Flatters, Bangkok, Thailand

Pastoral Care Projected Budget

\$50,208 in 2012

\$51,720 in 2013

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“Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God. Let
your good spirit lead me
on a level path.”

PSALM 143.10



“He has told you, O mortal,
what is good; and what
does the Lord require of
you but to do justice, and to
love kindness, and to walk
humbly with your God?”

MICAH 6:8

Children and Youth

Spiritual formation of children and youth is of the highest priority at CCBC. Much of our time and staff resources are dedicated to ensuring a safe and spiritually-rich environment so that our young people and those walking with them may build a foundation for a life-long journey with God.

Mission and Outreach supports:

- Programs for the homeless and refugee sponsorship
- Social justice and advocacy
- Emergency response to natural disasters
- The Canadian North and international development
- Projects with community partners (Silver Spring Farm, Cornerstone Shelter for Women)

Christian Formation

One of our greatest challenges is regularly setting time aside to nourish our souls. Working with many volunteers, our clergy and Church School Coordinator meet this challenge by offering creative opportunities for on-going spiritual practice; be it adult education programs, Lectio Divina, retreats, quiet days, or our activity days for children, youth and the rest of us.

I really enjoy the wide variety of activities I, as a youth, can participate in at Christ Church Bells Corners. From planning and executing a spaghetti dinner to helping out in the nursery to serving at the altar to attending Cooking with Erin and just being together with my church friends, there is always something for me to help out with, or participate in. I really feel at home at CCBC.

– Shannon Clarke

Christian Formation Projected Budget

\$66,944 in 2012

\$68,960 in 2013

Mission and Outreach

CCBC has a long history of serving the world God loves through its mission and outreach initiatives. Most recently, new energy enabled the transformation of this ministry, allowing for enhanced partnership with community groups, increased participation by parishioners, and greater flexibility in responding to concrete needs.

I feel so honoured to serve in a parish that takes Mission and Outreach so seriously. From a financial point of view, it includes 10% of all member contributions as well as a great deal of our staff time – all of us, our custodian, administrator, curate, our musicians, our church school coordinator, myself. This is also true of the contribution we make to the diocese and beyond. It is our money, the gifts of our staff, and the skill of our many volunteers. We are not an isolated bunch, we seek to share and to serve. It makes me very glad, and thankful.

– Peter John Hobbs

Mission and Outreach Projected Budget

\$79,496 in 2012

\$81,890 in 2013

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“Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

EPHESIANS 6.23



“for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.”

2 CORINTHIANS 9.12



Community Life

All that we do in our parish brings us together as a community. There is an intangible that we call fellowship; it happens naturally and yet cannot be taken for granted. It includes working side-by-side at the bazaar, curling at a fundraiser, fall clean-up, planting a garden, youth gatherings, CCBC Café, providing refreshment for others, singing in a choir, and much more. Our clergy are called to build up this community. Our facilities – far more than bricks and mortar – are our gathering place, house of worship, and spiritual home.

Community Life Projected Budget

\$46,024 in 2012

\$47,410 in 2013

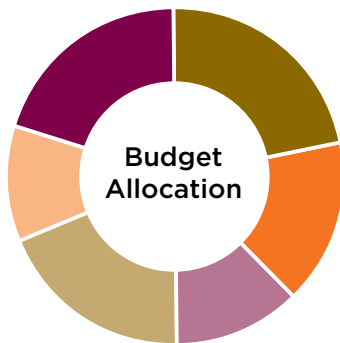
Diocese, National and Beyond

We are part of something bigger: the Diocese of Ottawa, the Anglican Church of Canada, the World-Wide Anglican Communion. We honour our share in support of all levels of our Church. Our ongoing general ministry supports such things as our bishop and his staff, social advocacy, diocesan community ministries, international relief, clergy development, lay education and parish services.

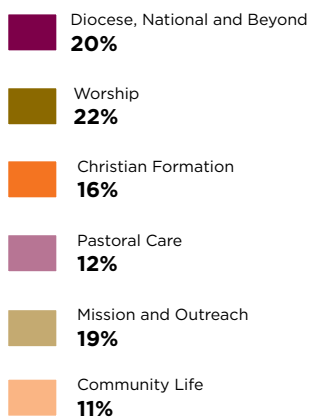
Diocese, Nation and Beyond Projected Budget

\$83,680 in 2012

\$86,200 in 2013



2012 Projected Total: \$418,400
2013 Projected Total: \$431,000



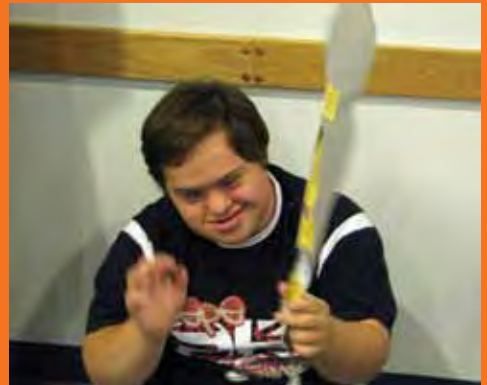
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The Next Two Years at CCBC

All parishioners are asked to financially support the ongoing ministry of our parish over the next two years. Enclosed with this material is a *Call to Abundance* Pledge Package with more information and guidelines enabling you to make your two year stewardship pledge.

Growing in Faith Together

Making the Case at CCBC



Introduction

This year CCBC is joining with other parishes and partnering with our diocese in the Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) program which seeks to raise \$12 million over five years to support the ministries of parishes, the diocese, and the wider church. Each parish is invited to raise a proportional share of the overall \$12 million goal. Parish Council has approved our suggested share of \$445,000 to be given over and above our regular offerings and to be pledged over the five year period. Fifty percent of your GIFT pledge will support the diocese and the wider church as explained in detail in the enclosed GIFT program brochure. The remaining fifty percent of your five year GIFT pledge will support initiatives at CCBC. After much strategic thinking and prayerful consideration Parish Council has established the following uses for GIFT offerings at CCBC:

Replenishment of the Church Property Improvement Fund

\$155,750

Over the course of the last number of annual Parish Vestries needed property improvements have been deferred in order to support ministry programs. The GIFT Campaign now provides an opportunity to address these property requirements. As you consider the following items you are invited to be mindful of the life, the relationships, the service, the worship, and the community that are made possible because of our facilities:

The following projects have been targeted:

Roofing replacement and repairs	\$	60,000
Kitchen improvements	\$	50,000
Hospitality of Space:	\$	27,000
Painting and decorating	\$	17,000
Main floor washroom improvements	\$	10,000
Accessibility Improvements	\$	18,750
Automatic door openers on main entrance and lower washroom doorways		

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A New Position – Director of Children and Family Ministries

Since 2008, CCBC's ministry has been greatly enhanced by the addition to our parish staff of a Church School Coordinator working ten hours per week. Your GIFT offering will enable the expansion of this position to twenty hours per week with the new position title of Director of Children and Family Ministries and duties will include the intentional welcoming of new households into our community as well as enhancing our church school programs.

Enabling New Ministry – Welcoming and Hospitality

\$66,750

As disciples of Jesus we are called to hospitality, welcoming those who seek good news. Our kitchen, for example, is a focal point that enables us to provide refreshment and fellowship to others. Over the next number of years we are called to intentionally welcome and integrate new members into the life of our parish to ensure we remain a dynamic Christian presence in the community. While we need to make sure that our facilities are well-suited to welcome others, we also need to put resources in place to provide staffing and programs so we can share the good news of the gospel and welcome new members into the life of Christ's Church.

Your GIFT offering will achieve this vision in two critical ways:

Increase Staffing for New Member Ministry	\$	50,750
Expanding hours and role of Church School Coordinator		
Program Costs	\$	16,000
Resources and best practices in new member, hospitality, and family ministries		

Putting It All Together

Your GIFT Offering – A Five Year Pledge

The diocese and the wider church	\$	222,500
Please see enclosed GIFT program brochure for diocesan initiatives		
CCBC GIFT Initiatives	\$	222,500
Replenishing of Church Property Improvement Fund	\$	155,750
Enabling of New Ministry	\$	66,750
TOTAL	\$	445,000

You are being asked to make two pledges:

- a two year pledge to support CCBCs ongoing ministry through our biennial *Call to Abundance* program, and
- a five year pledge to support the Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Program.

You will find a separate pledge package for each of these programs included in this material.

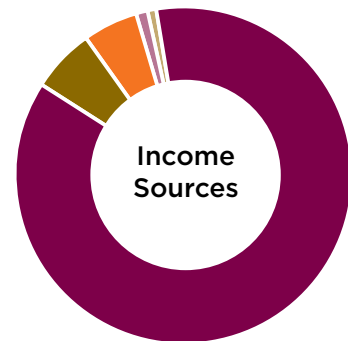
Making an Intentional Offering

Proportional Giving

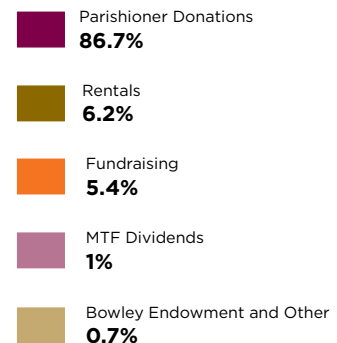
Scripture calls people of faith to give from their bountiful blessing. Proportional giving is the biblical principle of offering a percentage of your income for God's work in the world. Rather than giving what is leftover, we are challenged to give first to God. Our parish has adopted this central teaching for personal financial stewardship.

Considering an Increase in Parish Offering

Support for our ministry is in the hands of all our members. Meeting our financial stewardship goals will require an increase in parishioner donations. Proportional giving encourages us to embrace our blessings while making an investment in a parish ministry we value. A chart is available in your stewardship material that can help you determine how close your contributions are to the biblical tithes.



2012 Projected Total: \$418,400
2013 Projected Total: \$431,000



**“For where your
treasure is, there your
heart will also be.”**

MATTHEW 6:21

Balancing Priorities

We all have different resources, gifts and responsibilities. As well, many of us give to other charitable causes. The amount each of us decides to offer to the church's ministry will vary from household to household. Mindful of the priorities you seek to balance, you are invited to prayerfully consider an intentional offering to the ministry of CCBC as part of your proportional giving to God for the many blessings of life.

Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)

PAR is simply the electronic transfer of a pre-determined amount of money from your bank account to that of the church. This method of transaction is used widely by other churches and registered charities as a means of ensuring stable income throughout the year and has served CCBC very well since 2006. Those wishing to avail themselves of PAR for the first time can fill out that section of the pledge form and include a void cheque.

Planned Giving

In recent years, CCBC has been blessed with a growing number of bequests offered from the estates of parishioners. As well, interest has been shown in transferring investment securities to the church as a means of making a financial offering. These gifts can be designated by the donor and are often used in areas such as endowing our ministry, reducing the mortgage and for capital expenses such as church property improvement. If you would like to learn more about making a bequest gift to the church, or other forms of planned giving please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

The Importance of Pledging

During this financial stewardship campaign, parishioners are invited to indicate their intended offering for 2012-2013 on the enclosed pledge form. Receiving pledges is critical to the responsible stewardship of our parish finances. It is simply a matter of planning: if we know how much financial revenues will be received from parish members we will be able to budget responsibly. Please consider making a pledge. It is our response to God's *Call to Abundance*.



**In partnership with Growing
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