

**Trinity Community Church – 2018 Annual Report**  
*Finance Ministry*

Good afternoon. It's my privilege to present the finance report for last year 2018, and also looking forward to 2019.

Your Elders, assisted by our Finance Ministry Team, annually review and establish the budget for the coming year. The Elders also review financial updates and highlights at each of their regular monthly meetings.

Some of the financial results from last year, 2018, include:

- Our faith budget for last year was just over \$1,900,000. This represented the amount we anticipated spending on ministries, missions, and operational expenses for the year.
- During 2018, we received tithes and offerings for our General Fund in the amount of \$1,834,884. This amount was approximately \$150,000 less than our approved budget for 2018.
- Our total spending on ministries, missions, and operational expenses for 2018 was just over \$1,800,000 – which was approximately \$34,000 less than the total giving received for the year. This amount also means we spent approximately \$181,000 less than our 2018 budget.
- Giving to missionaries and mission agencies this past year was approximately \$220,000 - which is a little more than 11% of our overall offerings received for the General Fund.
- In addition to our General Fund tithes and offerings, an additional \$2,146,825 was received during 2018 toward our “Building Up, Living It Out” Vision. That means a total of nearly \$4,000,000 in gifts and offerings was received for the General Fund and for our “Building Up, Living It Out” Vision in 2018. To God be the glory!
- God has been gracious and faithful to abundantly supply above and beyond for our ministry and missions commitments and priorities – and our Elders and Staff continue to be committed to being wise and careful stewards of your gifts and trust.

In addition, by God's grace and through His continuing faithful provision, Trinity again ended the year 2018 with no debt – and is in sound financial condition today. We have been greatly blessed, and we praise God for His great faithfulness!

For the year 2019, we're trusting God with an Elder-approved budget in the amount of \$2,016,344. This is an increase of approximately 2% over last year's budget. This increase is due primarily to California's minimum wage increase as well as a significant increase in insurance premiums. This budget maintains our Missions budget commitment of \$220,000 – which again represents approximately 11% of the total approved budget.

In closing, we are deeply grateful for our many and abundant blessings this past year – and we are continuing to trust God to provide for the needs of His church in this new year. We ask you to join us in continuing to pray, and in continuing to give generously and sacrificially to the Lord in support of the ministries and missions of your church.

*“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21)*

I want to ask one of my fellow Elders Curtis Cookingham to come and lead us in prayer and in giving thanks to God...

(Father, we give thanks for how You have guided and directed us and provided for all of our needs. We are thankful for your provision resulting in the ministries and missions at Trinity and throughout the world. We desire to be in your will; making disciples and sending them out. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior. And all God's people said Amen).