

**Christ Church Christiana Hundred
Finance Committee Meeting
October 27, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 PM.

Finance Committee members in attendance: The Rev. Ruth Lawson Kirk (Rector), Bryan Keenan (Chair), Wilson Anthony, Ted Cover, Keith Dawson (Business Manager), Ned Jackson, Wes Jones. Also in attendance was Mike Sayer (Admin. Assoc.).

Ruth Kirk opened with prayer.

The minutes of the September 2011 meeting were reviewed. There were two changes discussed and agreed upon. Ned Jackson moved that they be accepted as amended; Wilson Anthony seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Ned Jackson provided a written Treasurer's Report. Contributions have picked up but are still slower than normal. There has been a nice pickup in over-giving and will continue to grow until year-end. Non-pledge giving is much poorer than normal and not picking up steam. We still need \$268,769 to reach our pledge total. We should reach the total but will not exceed it by much.

Ned Jackson also provided an update on Pledge Status. Early pledging in the first month is always the strongest. We often lose as many pledges as we get new ones. Last year was the first positive gain in several years. Hopefully, we will net out to about 560 total pledges. Ned will be presenting a proposal to the Vestry at its November 10 meeting regarding "Fair Share" giving. The proposal entails having leaders of Christ Church meeting face-to-face with church member friends to promote "Fair Share" giving. Some discussion ensued about increasing income versus cutting costs. There was also concern for those who have lost jobs and those on fixed income.

Keith Dawson provided written Business Manager's Reports:

- Capital Projects Budget
- Budgeted Financial Statement
- Summary of Fund Balances
- Temporary Restricted Funds

There was discussion on accepting the Buildings & Grounds report titled "Proposed Capital Projects for 2012." There was no objection to accepting the report.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Sayer
Administrative Associate/Stewardship