

# **CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED**

## **Finance Committee Meeting**

**September 16, 2025**

The meeting was called to order in person at 12:03 PM by Christine Cook.

Finance Committee members in attendance: Mark Parsells (Treasurer), Bob Reardon (Assistant Treasurer), Christine Cook (Convener), Hardy Drane, Allison Ayers, Terri Carpe (Finance Manager, Breakwater), Ruth Beresford (Rector), Barbara King (vestry)

Absent: Jacqueline Whalen (vestry), John Olsen (vestry)

Others in attendance: Ran Barton (Sr. Warden)

With a quorum of the Finance Committee, Ruth opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the June 18, 2025, meeting were reviewed, corrections noted and unanimously approved.

Mark reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the year to date through September 15, noting pledge giving was down nearly 8% versus 2024 and nearly 9% lower than budget. Pledges received for 2025 stood at 400 or 41 pledges short of our goal of 441. Mark recommended cutting variable expenses and Ruth confirmed she would instruct the staff to do so. Ruth noted clergy and ministry staff positions are at full strength upon Mother Erin's arrival and expects the ability to pursue congregation growth tactics with earnest.

Terri presented the August 2025 financials noting pledge income is under the seasonal budget by 11% or \$116K. 110 donors have already fulfilled their 2025 pledges (\$395K) versus 108 donors in 2024 (\$470K).

The committee reviewed the Gift Policy discussing some edits.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Cook