

COME ONE! COME ALL!
to the
Great Fellowship Get-Together

What:

The Great Fellowship Get-Together
(also known as lunch and the
Congregational Meeting)

Where:

The Gym of Fellowship Church

When:

Sunday, April 22 at 11:15am

Why:

Because being together is
important. Because it will be fun.
And because sometimes it's time
to take care of business.

Who:

YOU! We need at least 161 warm-
bodied members of Fellowship
and would love a whole lot more!

Who Else:

A possible appearance from
some "special" guests

What Else:

Lunch will be yummy! Not cheap pizza yummy...but homemade yummy. And childcare is provided during the meeting by our amazing youth group (with a chance for you bless them with funds for their Summer Serve Trip).

In the meantime:

- Look through the important information enclosed.
- If you're a stickler for details, go to bit.ly/2018FRCmeeting.
- If you're an even bigger stickler, attend a preview session on April 15 in N4 immediately following the 8:30 or 10:00am service to ask questions or learn more about what will be discussed at the meeting.
- If you are heartbroken because you'll be out of town...pick up an absentee ballot at the Welcome Center.
- Pray! Please be in prayer for the meeting and ministries to which we are jointly called.

And now for *The Fine Print...*

Meeting Agenda

1. Opening prayer and devotions
2. Declaration of a quorum (161 confirmed members needed)
3. Approval of the minutes of our April 30, 2017 congregational meeting
4. Pastor search team update
5. Motion to receive absentee ballots
6. Thank you to our outgoing Consistory members
7. Election of the whole number (single slate) of Elders, Deacons, President
8. Introduction of the nominees
9. **Motion** to elect the single slate of candidates
10. Proposed 2018/2019 ministry spending plan presentation and **Motion** to approve
11. Closing prayer and adjournment

Consistory Update

Thank you to our outgoing Consistory members:

- **Elders:** Mary Moore (MLC), Tim Cooke, Linda Milanowski, Laurie Van't Hof, Gary VanLangevelde
- **Deacons:** Aaron Clark (MLC), Paula Bruins, Jim McFarland, Kristi Rosendahl, Stan VanLiere
- **President:** Rodger Price

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present this slate of nominees to serve on Fellowship's Consistory. This single slate will be voted on at the Congregational Meeting.

- **MLC Elder:** Lindsey Engelsman
- **MLC Deacon:** Bob Riksen
- **CLC Elder:** Gerald Baraza, Lynn Dykstra, Jeff Jansma, Marlin Vis
- **CLC Deacon:** Keith Brown, Jenine Elzinga, Lindsey McFarland, Christopher Stevens
- **President:** Barb Eriks



Financial update and 2018 - 2019 Proposed Spending Plan

Where are we?

As of February 28, 2018, we are in a healthy financial situation. Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting Fellowship Ministries. This first chart shows that your increased contributions in the past fiscal year are putting us ahead of our expenses and aligning closely with our projected budget for 2018-2019.

As of February 28	Contributions		Actual Expenses
	2016-2017	2017-2018	2017-2018
General	683,691	735,701	605,976
Missions	88,781	89,787	72,728
Debt Reduction		158,747	127,635

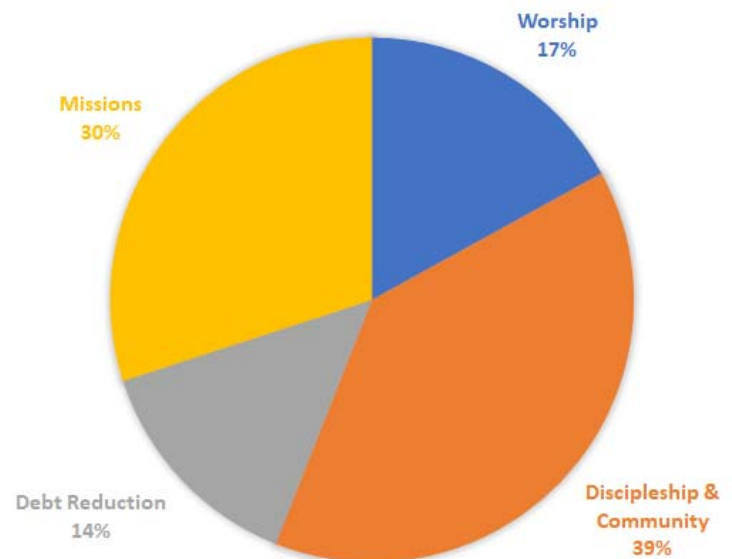
Last year at this time, we were starting to run a deficit and ultimately needed to draw approximately \$120,000 from our savings account. This left us with \$231,331 in savings, which is approximately 2 months of expenses. In our current fiscal year, we have received more than we've spent by \$161,547. While we anticipate some of this "extra Income" will be used up in the coming months, we also anticipate having enough left at the end of the year so that our "Net Worth Saving," can return to above \$300,000. We rely on your continuing contributions in order to help us end our fiscal year strong (ending June 30).

As of February 28	2016-2017	2017-2018
Net Worth Savings	350,387	231,331
Net Income (Inc - Exp)	-51,420	161,547

2018-2019 Projected Budget Summary

Our Mission is to love God and others as an accepting community, centered in Christ, focused on developing faithful followers of Jesus. Our budget is designed as a reflection of this mission. For a detailed line-by-line budget, go to our church website, bit.ly/2018FRCmeeting, or pick up a printed copy at the welcome center or at the preview sessions on April 15.

The proposed spending plan focuses on missions, worship, caring for and developing one-another, and reducing debt. If we were to divide up facility, resources, and personnel expenses into those areas, the percentages would look like the following:



Reducing Debt

With our construction project complete, we now focus on paying off our debt. Our loan of \$3.2 million is through the Church Growth Fund, with a yearly payment of \$210,000. Fellowship has a history of paying off debt early, so we invite you to help us pay down the debt by continuing to give financial gifts toward the Facilities Debt Reduction.

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Fellowship Church 2018 - 2019 Proposed Ministry Spending Plan Overview

GENERAL BUDGET							
Ministry Area	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	Change from 2017-18	% change from 2017-18	
Ministries							
Children and Family	11,700	12,000	11,700	11,400	(300)	-2.6%	
Youth	8,300	10,800	10,800	27,300	16,500	152.8%	
Adult Discipleship	10,000	10,000	9,000	10,000	1,000	11.1%	
Congregational Care	15,700	17,700	16,000	16,000	0	0.0%	
Worship & Creative Arts	10,700	11,000	11,000	11,000	0	0.0%	
Facility Operations	107,100	134,100	138,500	150,500	12,000	8.7%	
Ministry Support	169,950	176,400	172,900	177,005	4,105	2.4%	
Personnel	699,888	728,165	745,346	763,913	18,567	2.5%	
Subtotal for General	1,033,338	1,100,165	1,115,246	1,167,118	51,872	4.7%	
CONSTRUCTION DEBT							
Building Loan	61,375	170,000	210,000	210,000	0	0.0%	
MISSIONS							
	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019			
Local	58,600	60,100	63,000	74,500	11,500	18.3%	
Regional / National	23,550	21,550	20,000	16,000	(4,000)	-20.0%	
International	62,750	63,250	71,600	75,500	3,900	5.4%	
Subtotal for Missions	144,900	144,900	154,600	166,000	11,400	7.4%	
TOTALS							
Total	1,239,613	1,415,065	1,479,846	1,543,118	63,272	4.3%	

Youth: Including all expenditures for HSM Summer trips. Most costs will be offset through fundraising.

Facility Operations: Increased to support future facility maintenance costs

Ministry Support: Largest increase is to support assessment increase from the RCA (+\$4,005)

Personnel: Staff pay increases and rising benefits costs

Missions - Local: Moving previously unbudgeted Hand2Hand expenses into our missions budget (+\$10,500).

Total Needed for Impacting our Community and World

This budget proposal is for \$1,543,118. This is an increase of 4.3% over the 2017-2018 budget.

Thank you for your faithful giving. The work we do is only possible because of the generous gifts and talents shared by the Fellowship community.