



# Lennoxville United Church

The United Church of Canada

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Dear Members and Friends  
of Lennoxville United Church:

Each year at this time the Building and Finance Team (formerly The Stewards) is charged with preparing a Budget for the coming year based on your commitments to financially support our Church. Please consider the following financial results to date for 2019. So far this fiscal year we have incurred the following extraordinary expenses:

Repairs to the heating system	\$4,476
Tree maintenance	\$ 742
Installation of railing in sanctuary	\$ 501

The building and equipment continue to age and constant repairs are required. A cursory inspection by an architect resulted in a list of many items which need attention however, with our limited funds, the implementation of many of these suggestions will have to be delayed for future years.

I have made the following calculations of contributions and expenses so that you will understand the constraints under which we endeavour to keep our Church operational and in good repair:

Average weekly contributions by members	\$1,627
Average weekly expenses	\$2,812

We are fortunate that the shortage indicated above has been offset by transfers from the United Church Women who host three annual fund-raisers each year: The Christmas Bazaar and Turkey Supper and two Rummage and Garage Sales; one in the Spring and one in the Fall, the rentals of one or both of our spacious halls, other fund-raising events such as the annual Friendship Day Breakfast, and a winter Talent Show (Chase Away the Winter Blues). Any remaining deficit is funded by transfers from the proceeds of the sale of the United Steeples' manse and/or the Lennoxville United Church Endowment Fund.

Like many other institutions our membership continues to decline whether by death, moving to assisted living facilities, relocating to be closer to family or resignation, yet our operating expenses continue to rise. We therefore urge each of our remaining members to consider increasing their yearly financial support of Lennoxville United in order for our Church to survive into the future.

As in previous years, a pledge card is included with this letter which, when completed by you, will help us finalize our 2020 Budget. We encourage you to continue to use the "Pre-Authorized Remittance" programme (PAR) which gives us a stable income base year round. PAR is especially helpful when

many of us are away from our home Church on holiday. If you would like to join PAR please inform our Church secretary, Debbie Harrison, at 819-565-8449.

Please return your pledge cards to the Church as soon as possible, preferably by November 30<sup>th</sup>, or call our Secretary, Debbie Harrison, at 819-565-8449 or e-mail her at [lennuc@abacom.com](mailto:lennuc@abacom.com) with the amount of your commitment for 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Jackson Noble". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

A. Jackson Noble, CPA, CA  
Treasurer  
Building and Finance Team, and  
Council