



# JAMES ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 19, 2014

Dear JIPC Members,

The session of JIPC met on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> to develop a budget for 2015. Below, you can see the proposal from the Finance Committee for 2015 along with the 2014 budget. It is based primarily on pledges from our congregation along with anticipated receipts from unpledged gifts and service fees.

	2014	2015
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Pledged	\$666,622	\$560,314
Service Fees	15,700	15,000
Unpledged	<u>75,650</u>	<u>60,000</u>
	\$757,972	\$635,314
<b>MINISTRY</b>		
Personnel	\$437,000	\$332,489
Pulpit Supply/Vacancy Dues		15,900
Mission & Outreach	74,083	63,531
B&G	76,008	62,792
Operations	110,000	110,000
Child Protection	150	96
Christian Education	4,017	2,571
Congregational Care	1,548	991
Fellowship	3,971	2,541
Membership	100	64
Music & Worship	16,615	10,634
Presbytery	26,826	17,169
Vision Team	3,500	
Youth	<u>12,000</u>	<u>7,680</u>
	\$765,818	\$626,458

It was exciting to hear that 20 members pledged to support the ministries of JIPC for 2015 who did not pledge in 2014 and 91 members increased their pledge from 2014 to 2015. Unfortunately, even with these added pledges, the proposed budget does not have adequate funds to call an interim senior pastor. Securing an interim pastor is a necessary step in the process of calling our next senior pastor. His or her job will be to prepare the congregation for our next minister, and we will not be given the go ahead to start a Pastor Nominating Committee until we have an interim on staff.

The members of the finance committee did their best and should be commended for the job they have done, attempting to cut the budget as much as possible without making it impossible for our ministry to continue. The Mission & Outreach committee was allocated 10% of the total, and most committees took a 38% cut. With these cuts, we still need an estimated \$70,000 in additional pledges to call a full-time interim pastor. We know that at a glance that looks like an overwhelming amount, but if you break it down it could be done. We have 179 people who have not pledged. If they each pledged

\$391, we could call an interim senior pastor. If 70 people pledged \$1,000.00 or 100 people pledged \$700, we could call an interim. Broken down, the \$700 is less than \$59 per month.

On behalf of the session, I would like to thank everyone who pledged for 2015, especially those who increased their pledge. If you have not yet pledged or are able to increase your pledge, please contact Beth Parler in the church office as soon as possible or submit a pledge card during worship. This is a challenge and also an opportunity for our membership to see how God will work in our church.

Marilyn Q. Muckenfuss  
Clerk of Session