

**Pennsylvania Southeast Conference
2022 Spring Meeting
Treasurer's Report**

Rev. John C. Dorhauer, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ, recently referred to the churches of our Conference as “a bold and faithful band of disciples.” His tribute followed a prior communication expressing gratitude for our collective participation in Our Church’s Wider Mission (OCWM):

I write both to thank you for your faithful covenant partnership, and to pledge that we will continue to be good stewards of the gifts you entrust to us. I deeply appreciate the trust you place in us . . . to help us fulfill our shared mission to love all, to welcome all, and to build a just world for all. . . . under the watchful eye and brooding presence of the Holy Spirit of the living God and the risen Christ.

Our Conference has budgeted OCWM gifts of \$771,700 to the Conference during 2022. We allocate ten percent of those gifts to the national setting of the United Church of Christ and send one-twelfth of \$77,170 to national each month.

Our OCWM giving symbolizes as well as makes tangible our covenants as people of faith: our financial gifts as individuals to our congregations, our church gifts to our Conference, and our Conference contributions to the UCC national setting. Each gift from each household and each congregation strengthens our ability to fulfill our shared mission of loving all, welcoming all, and building a just world for all.

At the time of this writing, **109 PSEC congregations have made OCWM pledges for 2022. Thank you!**

In the expense budget for 2022, OCWM giving provides more than 75 percent of PSEC’s annual income. A great deal has been happening in our world since we approved that spending plan. Many of us already feel the impact of current events. As we face diverse challenges in our homes and our churches, let’s keep in mind the observation of a pioneer of faith:

Do you not know that God entrusted you with that money (all above what buys necessities for your families) to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to help the stranger, the widow, the fatherless; and, indeed, as far as it will go, to relieve the wants of all mankind [sic]? How can you, how dare you, defraud the Lord, by applying it to any other purpose?

— John Wesley (1703-1791), an English theologian and evangelist who was a leader of a revival movement within the Church of England known as Methodism.

“Defraud the Lord?” Wow! How many of us have ever thought about our giving in those terms? Wesley makes very clear that how we use our money reflects our values and priorities—our commitments as God’s people in our time and our places. His words echo Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians (9:6-8, MSG):

Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.

God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done.

May we all be aware of and give thanks for the blessings of God's grace in our lives.

PSEC Financial Facts as of December 31, 2021

Total assets	\$ 4,251,834
Total investments	\$ 3,587,845
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 660,989
General Operating Fund Income	\$ 1,200,893 *
Operating expenses	\$1,045,841 *

* These amounts include \$191,481 of pass-through gifts, e.g. One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, etc.

Auditor's Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America

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