

Introduction

This year the budget is being presented in the now familiar format. The single sheet summary, Document E, is on page 8. On the following pages is the narrative budget, which provides some context to the sheet of numbers, in order to better provide delegates and members of the Conference a framework for our income, expenses, and our shared mission and ministry.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

In addition to the motions normally presented by the Board of Directors relative to the 2010 budget, there is also a motion from the Board for the current year 2009 budget. This motion, if passed, will adjust the distribution of Basic Support for Our Church's Wider Mission for 2009. See page 3 for additional details.

Please see the Annual Reports (a separate section) for the report of the Investment Committee, Finance Committee, and the Conference Treasurer.

Every year we continue to attempt to make the budget process and our finances more transparent. We hope you find the enclosed reports a useful tool.

Please let us know how we might further improve this process.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Thomas". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Jim Thomas

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