

### Treasurer's Report Annual Council 2020

## Financial Update

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### COVID-19 Challenge to Church Operations

March to June 2020:
All Divisions Tithe and Mission Offerings
decreased compared to 2019

July to December 2020: Still unknown



#### COVID-19 IMPACT ON CHURCH ORGANIZATIONAL LIFE

- Anticipate Tithe and Mission Offering below 2019 level
- Extended worldwide economic slowdown
- US Dollar strong
- High unemployment in the USA
- Many congregations can only meet electronically
- Travel has stopped
- Adjustments in operations and remuneration at HQ
- Communication is now virtual



### COVID-19 EFFECT ON INSTITUTIONAL OPERATIONS, CHURCH PROGRAMS, AND EVENTS

- Institutions and programs implemented budget adjustments. Appreciation for institutional leaders' proactive approach and Division leaders' innovative spirit to adapt finances
- Postponement of General Conference Session
- Decrease in Tithe income between 5% and 25%
- Decrease in Mission Offerings between 10% and 40%
- We remain optimistic and positive



### Financial Results

September 2020

**Operating Fund** Net Assets decrease (5,869,863)**Working Capital** 86.04% Liquidity 102.26%





### ACTION OF JULY 9, 2020 IMPLEMENTED

- 1. Allocations to selected functions suspended
- 2. Budget reductions for departments and programs
- 3. Reduction of personnel, reallocation, and redirection
- 4. Adjustment to remuneration, area travel, travel budgets, other
- 5. Planning additional reductions as needed
- 6. Redirecting funding from existing allocations to other areas of need

#### ACTION OF JULY 9, 2020 2021 BUDGET

- Maintain same level of appropriations to divisions and institutions
- 2. Continue implementation of Tithe Parity action (V 09, 2, d)
- 3. Apply reserves to ensure balanced budget for 2021
- 4. Reassess financial situation after 2020 income is recorded
- 5. Communication with divisions as to the progress of strategy





### ACTION OF JULY 9, 2020 FURTHER NOTED

- Related to Tithe Parity action, reduction of three elected positions
- \$1,756,410 budgeted value of reductions
- Final impact of COVID-19 still unknown
- Will affect church finances at every level
- We must remain proactive, vigilant, and conscious of expenses
- Mission must continue, level of financial diligence to remain high to conserve resources

#### IMPACT ON 2021 BUDGET

COVID-19 TITHE PARITY EXCHANGE FLUCTUATION OTHER 87 26 MILLION US DOLLARS

#### IMPACT ON 2021 BUDGET

Net Impact to Income	-9,940,000	-16,107,000	-26,047,000	100%
Exchange Fluctuation	-1,173,000	-1,744,000	-2,917,000	11%
Tithe Parity	-4,323,000	0	-4,323,000	17%
COVID-19 Effect	-4,444,000	-14,363,000	-18,807,000	72%
Description	Tithe	Offering	Total	Total
		Mission		% of
		World		



### REVIEW & HERALD BUILDING SALE

**FAILED TO CONSUMMATE** 

BUYER USED CONTRACT PROVISION TO ABORT TRANSACTION

PROPERTY IS BACK ON THE MARKET

IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH NEW BUYER



#### WAREHOUSE BUILDING AND SALE

CONSTRUCTION IN SOUTH SIDE OF OUR PROPERTY PROCEEDING AS PLANNED

EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY JANUARY 2021

WAREHOUSE IN ELKRIDGE, MD
UNDER CONTRACT FOR SALE
CLOSING EXPECTED BY APRIL 2021

#### GRATITUDE TO THE LORD

For providing in 2020 (first year of new quinquennium)

He will provide means and people to do the work that remains to be done



# Thank you

Volunteer local church treasurers

Treasury personnel in entities around the world

GC Treasury and accounting staff





Our "help comes from the Lord," and "He does not slumber." "He is our keeper; He is our shade; and shall preserve our going out and our coming in now and forever more". Psalm 121: 1-8

