

The American Church *in London*

A black silhouette of the London skyline is positioned below the title. It includes the London Eye on the left, the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, the Gherkin, the Shard, the Tower Bridge, and the Gherkin. A large cross is integrated into the text, with its vertical stem extending upwards from the word 'Church' and its horizontal bar crossing the word 'in'.

Annual Budget and Financial Report

2010

Treasurer's Report to the Congregation

Despite a modest operating budget deficit for the year and some use of cash reserves to invest in our physical plant, ACL's financial position remains very sound. Based on 2011 pledges, the council was able comfortably to produce a budget that is sustainable and provides adequate funding for our personnel, program, facilities and outreach plans.

The church adopted a budget of £376,000 for 2010 spending, which was £6,000 below the planned income to provide a contingency cushion for the year. That total comprises spending on program expenses, personnel costs, our mission spending, our facilities expenses, and administrative overhead. Actual total spending came in at £380,000, Virtually on top of the plan. Personnel costs ran high because of some administrative costs and some changes in compensation during the financial year, but office overhead costs were considerably lower than planned. We also underspent on facilities, though we funded a large expense for a replacement boiler from the church's cash reserves.

On the income side, 2010's pledged giving of £129,000 was £9,000 above the plan, but other giving (identifiable gifts of £16,000 and collection plate income of £10,000) were below budget by a total of £19,000. Rental income from Latchcourt for use of the building and a manse property that is presently surplus to our needs was slightly better than had been planned for, coming in at £182,000 vs a plan of £180,000. All told, total income at this writing appears to be heading for a total of about £10,000 below the 2009 budget. That means that the operating result for the year will likely be a deficit of about £10,000 – 12,000.

Once reserves are used to fund that, plus the boiler purchase, ACL's cash position remains sound at a level of about £125,000, slightly above the level the council feels prudent for maintaining working capital and financial flexibility. The church has no debt or significant other liabilities, and owns property with a market value in excess of the book value as shown on the balance sheet.

For 2011, the council has recommended a budget with a modest increase in income vs 2010, based on anticipated pledge income increases and some uplift in Latchcourt income. Program expenses are flat, as are outreach spending plans. Personnel spending has been increased by £11,000 to meet some increased costs in pastors' compensation, and we have increased the Facilities budget by £5,000 to fund some more maintenance and capital projects in our properties and at the church building. The Administration & Finance budget is lower this year to match 2010's actual spending.

The result is a balanced budget with income and expenses of £386,000.

Stuart Brown, Treasurer
December 2009

ACL year-end operating results and 2011 recommended budget

(£)

Income	2010 Budget	2010 Estimated	2011 Budget
Offerings:			
Pledges	120,000	129,201	130,000
Gifts -- Identifiable	30,000	16,038	20,000
Plate	15,000	9,980	10,000
Total Offering	165,000	155,219	160,000
Other:			
Gift Aid	34,000	9,028	34,000
Interest on cash balance	1,000	-	1,000
Latchcourt	180,000	182,094	190,000
Other Gifts	1,800	515	1,800
Total Other	216,800	191,637	226,800
TOTAL INCOME	381,800	346,855	386,800

(£)

Expenditure

Programs-Supplies:			
Christian Education	3,000	3,204	3,000
Fellow ship	500	-	1,500
Membership & Evang.	500	1,122	500
Music	1,000	416	1,000
Worship	3,000	2,706	3,000
Youth & Young Adults	1,000	1,865	1,000
Total Prog - Supplies	9,000	9,314	10,000
Outreach:			
Soup Kitchen	8,000	7,586	8,000
Outreach	8,000	2,670	8,000
URC Missions	18,500	18,528	18,500
Total Prog-Outreach	34,500	28,784	34,500
Programs-Personnel:			
Church Staff	73,000	85,245	76,000
Music	32,000	32,255	33,900
Pastors	87,000	100,460	95,000
Total Prog-Personnel	192,000	217,960	204,900
Facilities:			
Church & Flat expenses	55,000	50,094	50,000
Manse 1 Parkhill	20,000	18,962	32,500
Manse 2 Stuart Tow er	5,000	4,270	6,000
Manse 3 Buckingham	10,000	5,753	6,000
Total Facilities	90,000	79,079	94,500
Admin & Finance:			
Church Insurance	9,000	11,199	11,000
Interest expense & Loan Service	-	1,197	-
Legal / Audit	7,200	5,930	6,200
Health and Safety	2,000	4,533	2,000
Office Expenses	23,000	10,796	12,500
Depreciation & Amortization	9,000	11,256	11,000
Total Admin/Fin	50,200	44,911	42,700
TOTAL EXPENSES	375,700	380,047	386,600
Total Income less Total Expenses	6,100	- 33,192	200
Adjusted for accrued Gift Aid		- 11,192	