

Ministry beyond the Budget

Your offerings to our Missions Fund or directed to other charities through the PCF are *not part of this budget*. In 2016, \$15,032 (\$13,050 for a refugee sponsorship) was donated for specific charities while \$6483 was donated to the Missions Fund. The PCF Missions Committee disbursed \$6700 from the Missions Fund to 15 projects. these included \$3100 for disaster relief (*Syrian Refugees in the Middle East, Earthquakes and Fort McMurray Fire*), \$1000 for local *Food Banks*, \$300 for *Survivors Hope*, \$1400 for *Winnipeg/Kenora Missions Programs*, \$500 for support of refugees in Manitoba and \$400 for the *Sandy-Saulteaux Centre*. Hands-on projects included collecting food items at Thanksgiving for the Lac Du Bonnet Food Bank, knitting mitts and hats for Winnipeg missions, walking in the Relay for Life to raise \$2000 for cancer research, assembling hygiene kits for refugees, and providing refreshments at the Christmas EMCA concert. That last activity raised \$478 for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

An invitation to Participate

You are invited to participate by giving through weekly offering at Sunday Worship, by monthly pre-authorized remittance, or by a special gift at any time. Even though we managed to decrease the budget for 2017 by 1.7%, our traditional shortfall was offset in 2016 by the return of ~\$6,000 by the Oak Tree Housing Initiative at the termination of that project. Excluding the return of these funds, the shortfall would have been ~\$3,000, considerably higher than the ~\$700 shortfall in 2015.

It should be stressed that donations to the PCF are eligible for a tax credit and that an average monthly offering of \$200 provides a tax credit of slightly more than \$1,000 the following year. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

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Called Together to be God's People

"As members of the Pinawa Christian Fellowship, we are called together to be God's people, to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and to celebrate and proclaim God's presence within our church and in the community."

2017 Narrative Budget

This narrative budget tells an important story about our congregation, of how your gifts to the PCF make a difference through our ministry to many people in many ways. Your generous gifts bring lasting gifts of love to our community and our world.

For 2017, we are budgeting **\$103,712** to invest in worship and music, pastoral care and fellowship, Christian education, our ministry of service in and beyond Pinawa, and ministry through our Parent Denominations. This is a slight decrease of 1.7% over the 2016 budget, mainly the result of moving our office into the Sunova Mall and reduced communication costs. Your **LOCAL** giving supports all these ministries. All operating costs have been factored into these categories.

Our Ministry of Worship and Music \$ 28,909

This is the central ministry of our church. We meet together every Sunday and on other special days to offer worship of praise and thanksgiving to God. We celebrate joys, offer support and encouragement through difficult times, and seek to apply the teachings of Jesus to our everyday lives. We are led in worship by the Reverend Robert Murray and our interdenominational *Worship Committee*. Inspirational music is provided by our congregational musicians and choir. A digital projector adds visual richness to our worship. We have created a worshipful space in a school gymnasium now for more than 50 years.

Our Ministry of Pastoral Care and Fellowship \$ 19,473

Each person in the PCF contributes to the ongoing care that our congregation offers to those in our church family faced with difficulties, sickness, or grief. The *Congregational Caring Committee* ensures that these needs are being addressed. Our minister is available to provide pastoral care in times of need and to help plan and to preside at weddings and funerals. The PCF provides visitors for the *Spiritual Care Program* at the Pinawa Hospital. Our minister and other members regularly lead worship at the *Lac du Bonnet Personal Care Home*, the supportive living wing of the *Ironwood Senior's* residence, and *Whitemouth Personal Care Home*. Holy Communion is brought to those who cannot attend the regular worship service. Coffee, tea and juice after church, and greeters at the door on Sunday, help to make our church a welcoming place. Ladies meet for breakfast or lunch monthly to foster fellowship and to provide a social outlet, as does a knitting group that has provided much needed mittens and scarves. The lines of communication are kept up through our church website, e-mails and newsletters.

Our Ministry of Christian Education \$ 9,636

Growth in our knowledge of God and the Christian faith is an important aspect of our congregational life together. We provide educational opportunities for people of all ages, including monthly “dinner and conversations”. Plans for 2017 include an increased activity in this area, including basic Bible studies and discussion groups on religious topics in our office in the Sunova Mall. Support is available for our members to participate in workshops and training programs.

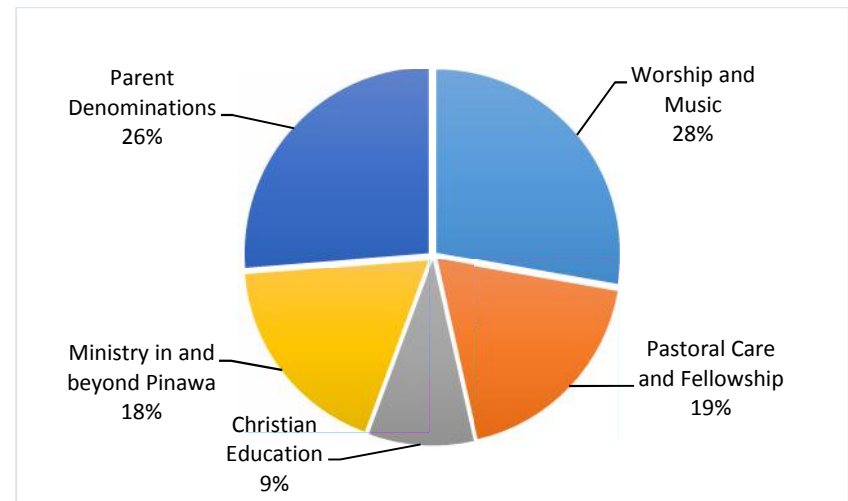
Our Ministry of Service in and beyond Pinawa \$ 18,873

Our members and our minister give generously of their time and talents for the benefit of various community committees and organizations. With the move of the PCF office to the Sunova Mall, we have moved into the centre of activity in the community with exciting opportunities. The PCF is instrumental in providing leadership, administration, and meeting space for the Pinawa Community Hampers. We also contribute regularly to the Beausejour and Lac du Bonnet and Area Food banks.

In 2016, we again participated in an ecumenical procession observing the *Stations of the Cross* on Good Friday. We join the other Pinawa churches for the annual *World Day of Prayer*. The PCF sponsors many events that benefit the wider community. All our special fundraising events will again be directed to mission and ministry beyond the congregation in 2017.

Our Ministry through our Parent Denominations \$ 26,821

Our primary avenue for support of Christian ministries in Canada and globally is through our parent denominations and their related service agencies. We benefit from the expertise and programs of our four parent denominations, the *Anglican Church of Canada*, *Mennonite Church Manitoba*, the *Presbyterian Church in Canada*, and the *United Church of Canada*. The \$ 26,821 includes \$ 7,798 from your **LOCAL** offering that will be sent directly to our parent churches. Our minister and members contribute to the work of two presbyteries, the Anglican Diocese, and committees of the various denominations.



Distribution of our Proposed Investment in Ministry for 2017