Treasurer Report to Cornerstone Wesleyan Church Annual General Meeting – 29 May 23

First, I would like to acknowledge the church home that we all share. While it's not perfect – it's made up of us fallible humans - we are blessed with the freedom to worship and meet as we choose in our great country and we have dedicated, skilled and servant staff who lead a family who are willing to serve in various ways to support the mission of the church. One tenet of the Christian faith is to support the church financially. The annual commitment cards, which are received at the end of March (money month) demonstrate what type of church programs you wish. The budget is developed based on that reality, not on any secret formula nor on any hoped-for income during the year.

You will note that the 2023/2024 annual budget is rather flat-line compared to the previous year, which reflects the reality of financial commitments received. We continue to be blessed by the folks who are part of the church family, and we are encouraged by the new folks that choose to join us and become involved in supporting our activities both monetarily and also by volunteering in so many roles.

I have been pleased to serve on the Leadership Team and, as of last year, to be appointed as Treasurer. I would like to recognize the great contributions made by Glenda Lush, who has ably filled the roles of bookkeeper and church administrator left by Mike Kneebone when he retired, and he and Sajonna moved last year. I encourage all members of the Cornerstone family to feel free and open to ask questions at any time, as our church finances are meant to be carried out in a prudent and open manner. Thank you each one for your prayers and support as Cornerstone strives to reach out and positively impact the folks who make up the here, the near and the far!

Bruce Barteaux Treasurer