

Meeting commenced with prayer by W Norris at 1105

Attendance 87

Apologies as per sheet

Minutes of the last Nov meeting are accepted. Helen Brown proposed, seconded Marnie Agnew
Consensus

Any business arising? Nil

John Shepherd wanted to ask for the support of BUC for Blackwood circle of friends. There is much antagonism by some members of the wider community towards refugees. They hope to address this (at present there are about to be refugees brought to Inverbrackie).

Wendy explained the procedure of voting, blue and orange cards

Reports were addressed by chair people of Council, ministers and Elders and finance.

Ministers

Rev. Leanne ;5 yrs at BUC mentioned early and difficult times, now more comfortable, thankful for acceptance and support.

Church council

Ewan Hazeldine spoke to the written report

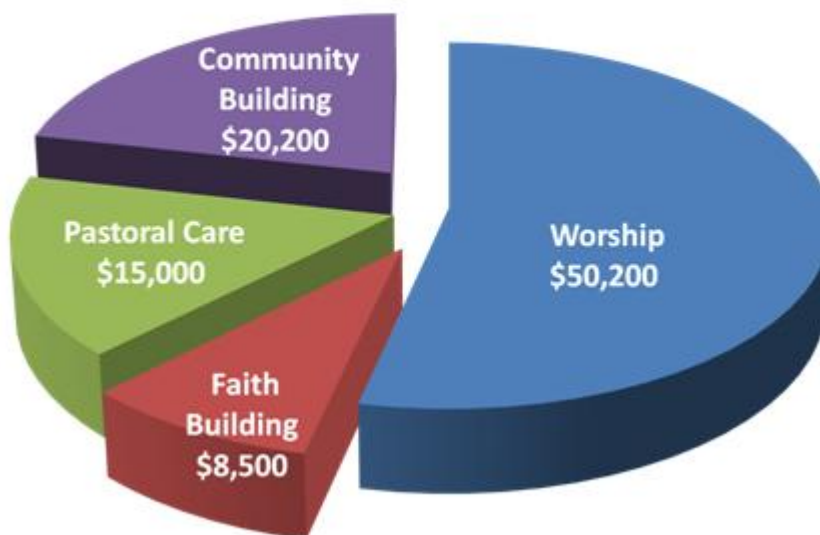
- Mission based budget
- Many successes during the year, meals, playgroup
- Budget income has improved
- Ian Hunter moving has allowed revaluation next year's ministry
- Acknowledged the loss of Pam Marlow and Peter Stephens.
- Challenge to pick up the roles that have been left by them.
- Thank you to Jackie in the office
- 3 applications have been received by JNC for the position of 0.5 person at BUC

Proposed by Ewan, seconded by David Agnew accepted

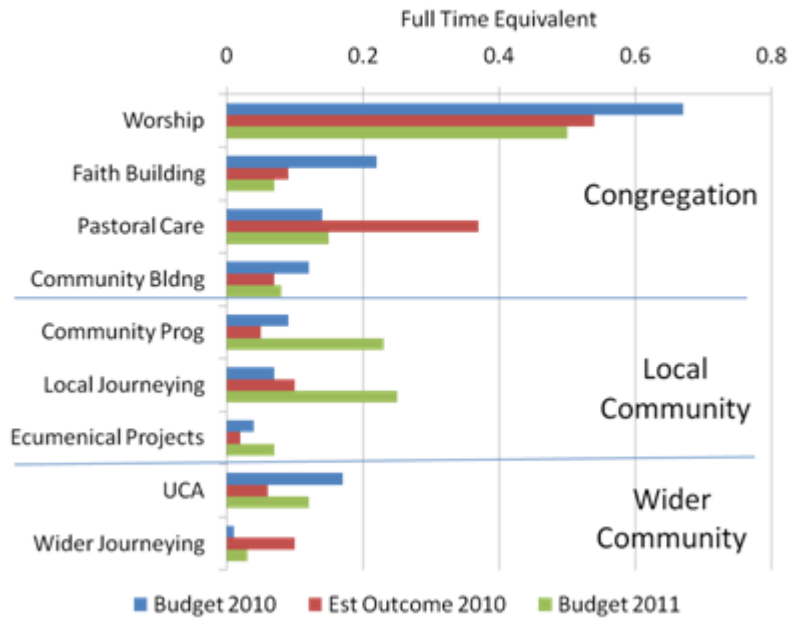
Thanks were given to Ewan and Joan as they finish their 10 year term on Elders therefore Chair of Council and for the work and leadership they have both given us at BUC.

Budget 2011

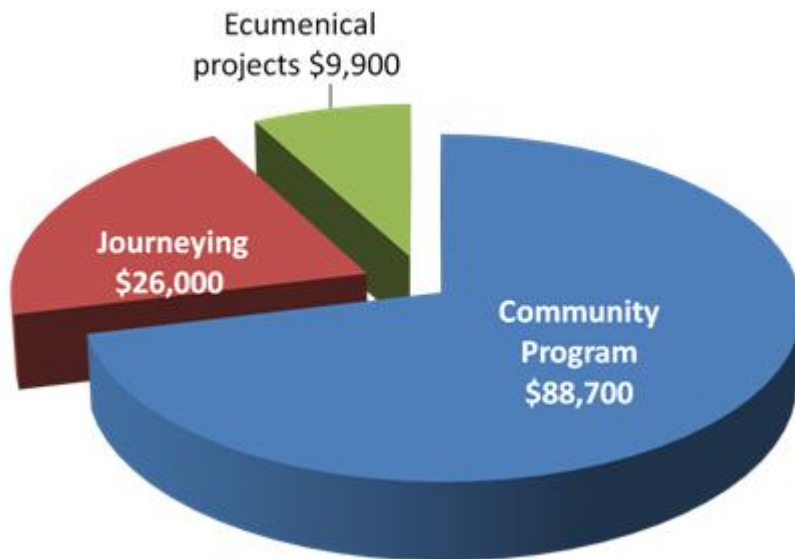
Cost of our mission - in the Congregation - \$93,900



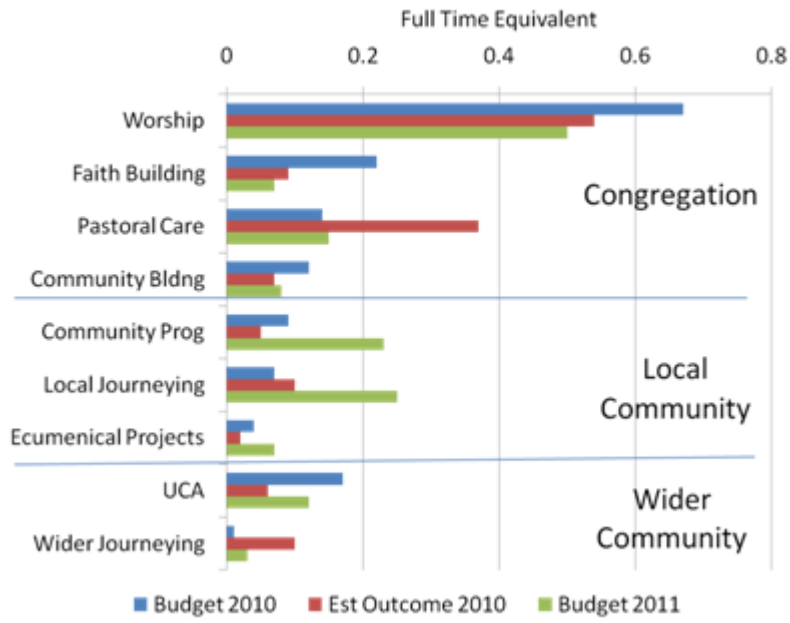
Ministers' time



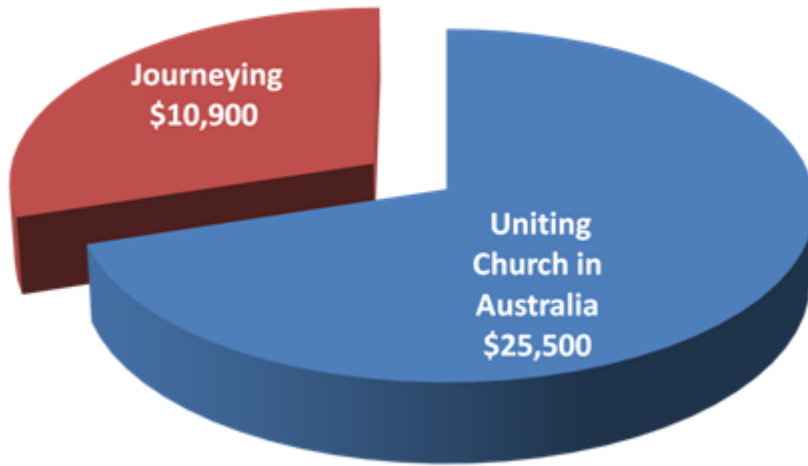
Cost of our mission - Local Community - \$124,600



Ministers' time



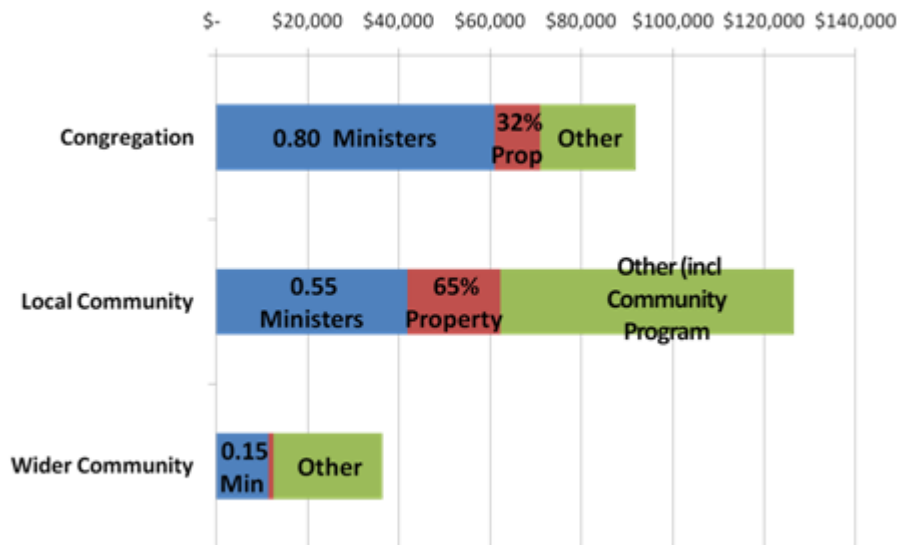
Cost of our mission - Wider Community - \$36,400

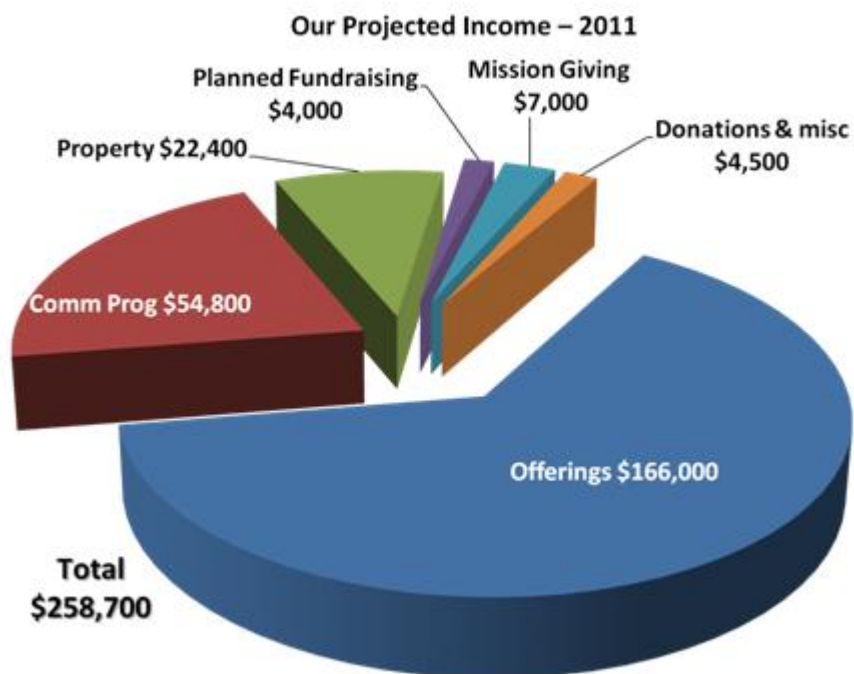


Cost of our mission – Total \$254,900



Resources we will use in 2011





Budget risks

- Ministers costs - assumptions
 - new appointee starts in January
 - ministers' stipends and associated costs will increase by 4.4%.
 - manse costs
 - Offering income
 - Fundraising targets
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Recommendation

- The proposed Mission Budget for 2011 has Council's endorsement.
- Recommendation: that this meeting approve the proposed Mission Budget for 2011.

Proposed Ray Bown seconded Marnie Agnew accepted

Elders report David Agnew

- Focus on 9.15 pastoral support
- Acknowledge the work of Glenis Reids work esp. on Elders. Now has other roles so stepping down.
- David resigning from chairperson of Elders

Proposed, David, seconded Chris Bray accepted

Tabled reports were acknowledged

Property

- Bob Lyon and Tony Otworoski spoke re a letter from Synod re Safe refuge on a High fire risk day at BUC. Tabled.
- Reminder of Garage sale and of the financing request for the new signage

Friday Night meals Tony O. thanked Nandos . Penny Harper took over coordination after Rev. Ian left.

Playgroup Marni spoke to the report

Interchurch council and Beacon Gloria McArthur

- Donations are still needed for administration
- Support for the Blackwood Christmas pageant
- Global village funds raised? amt

11am congregation

We remember, Richard Blackwell and Enid Gear

Sarah Agnew reflected on her semester her on placement in pastoral care.

All reports were accepted.

Election of Elders, Nominations; Michael Bull, Bruce Marriott, Liz Collins, Tony Miller. All were elected unopposed.

Church council election, Carys Penny. Elected unopposed.

Table time

Rev. Leanne spoke on “pondering what is God up to” ? Reflecting on the past year.

Responses were “As a community of Gods people we are helping..... so that.....”

Next meeting will be May 15th 2011

Closing prayer Rev. M McArthur