

**The Church of the Cross Vestry Minutes**  
**July 25, 2025**

The meeting was cancelled due to vestry members being out of town.  
It was decided that we would conduct our business electronically via email.

**PRESENT:** Fr. Owens, Michael Simon, Craig Pelley, Linda Laird, Joanne Byrd, Wayne Bowerman, Laura Strange and Kevin Sevier

**I: Devotion:** Laura will move the devotion for this month to the August meeting. We will adjust the schedule by moving each person's devotional out one month.

**II. MINUTES:** Linda Laird

The Vestry Minutes for June 30, 2025 were electronically distributed to all. Michael made the motion to approve the minutes, and all approved.

**III: FINANCE:** Regine Johnson, Treasurer

**Treasurer's Report for Month Ending June 30, 2025:**

**Revenue Discussions:**

Income and giving for June was \$12,586.64 lower than budgeted, however our year to date giving still exceeds the YTD budget by \$164,810.83 as of June 30<sup>th</sup> 2025.

June total monthly income finished at \$268,043.53 to a budget of \$296,040.50.

Comparatively, May 2025 total monthly income was \$320,356.86

Monthly Plate/Pledge Income was \$205,767.36 (\$84,552.87 online giving, \$110,764.50 in weekly in service check and cash giving and \$10,449.99 to close JR discretionary fund into operating based on the Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs) to a budget of \$218,354  
June Plate/Pledge income variance is -\$12,586.64.

Total Income for the month was lower than budgeted by -\$27,996.97

**Note:** Total income includes Giving, Bequests, Missions, Faith Formation and Counseling Center revenue.

God's Goods Net Income transferred to the Missions Fund for June was \$52,391.81 compared to May of \$49,804.00 as they continue to set aside funds from their store sales/income to complete the storage building.

**Expenses Discussion:** Overall Expenses were higher than budgeted.

Total expenses for the month were \$385,684.69 to a monthly budget of \$361,008.62.

The monthly expenses budget variance is over by \$24,676.07.

We are approximately 12.8% ahead of budget on income and 7.5% under budget for expenses as of June 2025 with a YTD total variance of \$44,852.23.

**Missions Board Budget Stands at the following:**

From the Missions Board via email on July 19, 2025.

The Missions Reserve at the end of June was at:	<b>\$338,733.22</b>
Net Working Capital for the month:	<b>\$52,957.22</b>
Monthly Set-Aside Distributions:	<b>\$23,692.00</b>
Additional One-time Grant Approvals:	<b>\$29,000.00</b>
For a Total of Grants for July 2025 of:	<b>\$52,692.00</b>

### Church Attendance for June:

June	HC 5:28	HC 8A	HC 10A	Chapel 9A	Crosspoint	Cross School	Wk. Total
1st	98	65	223	222	0/644	0	1252
8th	141	84	225	156	0/461	0	1067
15th	102	51	214	150	0/398	0	915
22nd	113	54	291	145	0/405	0	1008
29th	145	55	252	140	0/395	0	987
Mo Total	599	309	1205	813	2303	0	5229

(NOTE: Summer Break for CS)

Current Month: 5,229

Year to Date: 32,864

### Streaming and Online:

The COTC Website online services attendance for June was slightly higher with an average of 463 compared to May of 425. The COTC Website traffic average around 1.1K to 1.7K total clicks per month in 2025, searching and viewing various pages and live events.

We give thanks to Christ, our King, for everything.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Regine Johnson, Treasurer**

Michael made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and all approved.

### **Missions Outreach Board**

July 19, 2025 Disbursement Report - Revised

**Net Working Capital:** \$ 52,957.22

**July Set Aside Distributions:** \$ 23,692.00 (See Appendix A)

**July Grant Approvals** \$ 29,000.00

**Total July Distributions if Approved:** \$ 52,692.00

**Remaining Net Working Capital:** \$ 265.00

### **July Disbursements**

- Harvesters, Rwanda: \$8000** was approved to assist with completing construction for a new Health/Counseling Center. This building will eliminate rent payments and provide space for trauma counseling services.
- Hope Compassion Center: \$1000** was approved to provide an electric wheelchair for fire victim, Mr. Otieno, in Mathare Slum, Nairobi.
- ARDF: \$7500** was approved to assist flood victims in Kerrville, TX, especially the Anglican Church of Kerrville.

- d. **Outreach for Nazareth Orphanage: \$5000** was approved to assist with the remaining funds needed to start the much-needed water project for the orphanage.
- e. **Kibera Pride Initiative: \$2500** was approved to assist with the care of an abandoned infant and other childcare needs during seasonal break from school.
- f. **Indian Ministries of North America: \$5000** was approved to assist with HVAC replacement for the main ministry building in Oklahoma. Has \$5000 promised from another church and has reached out to other churches as well with responses pending. We provided funding in the past to replace the roof as well as ice maker and hot water heater.

**Note: Grant renewals for Anderson Sanchez in Peru, and the Young Life Next Gen Program, will be considered by the MOB in August 2025.**

## Appendix A

<b>July Set Aside Commitments</b>	
Anderson Sanchez Peru - <b>End June 2025 (Extended through July 2025)</b>	\$2,250.00
Bluffton Community Kitchen - <b>End January 2026</b>	\$1,834.00
Campus Outreach Ministry, Hoffman- <b>End November 2025</b>	\$500.00
CBC Kenya Monthly - <b>January 2026</b>	\$3,000.00
Cross Christian Counseling Center - <b>End December 2026</b>	\$300.00
COTC Faith Formation - <b>End May 31 2026</b>	\$1,708.00
CS Cross School Monthly - <b>End May 31 2026</b>	\$3,750.00
Harvesters Intl Congo Monthly Orphan care - <b>End March 2026</b>	\$3350.00
HELP Madagascar - <b>End January 2026</b>	\$1,850.00
Hope Compassion Center - <b>End October 2025</b>	\$1,650.00
SAMS Missionary Griffin - <b>End Jan 2026</b>	\$1500.00
UCCD Burundi – <b>End January 2026</b>	\$1650.00
YoungLife Next Gen – <b>End July 2025</b>	\$500.00
<b>Total July Set Aside Disbursements</b>	<b>\$23,692.00</b>

Note: Organizations must submit a grant renewal application annually. The end date indicates the current grant is valid through the date recorded in the Set Aside list.

Michael recommended that the Vestry approve this months' funding. The Vestry unanimously approved this request.

**IV: Fr. Nathan Weaver's request to update his housing allowance: Fr Owens**

Fr. Nathan Weaver has made a decision to sell his home and relocate closer to the Buckwalter Campus. Thus, the housing allowance he claimed and the Vestry approved in December 2024 for 2025 is no longer accurate. In accordance with the diocesan canons, Fr Owens ask the Vestry to approve Nathan's request to revise his housing allowance for the remainder of 2025 and all approved.

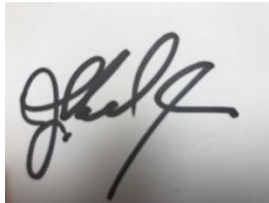
Next Meeting – August 22 - 12:30pm – Conference Room in  
The Chapel - Laura has the devotional and prayers.

[Meeting/Devotional schedule: – September 19- Kevin; – October 17 - Craig;  
November 21 – Linda; December 19 - Wayne

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda Laird*

Linda Laird, Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Michael Simon", written in a cursive style.

J. Michael Simon, Sr. Warden