

Ministry Shares Re-Imagined: What You Can Expect

The Council of Delegates, acting on behalf of Synod 2020, adopted the new ministry share system. The diagram below provides a timeline for implementing the new program in July 2020.

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(July 2021) **NEW MINISTRY YEAR BEGINS** – the ministry year will run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Ministry shares received starting in July will be put towards the approved budgets. In addition, a new letter will be sent to congregations to help them start the planning process for the next cycle of pledges.

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(July 2020) **INFORMATIONAL LETTER FROM THE CRCNA IS RECEIVED** – letter will include information about previous ministry share giving and some suggestions for how to think about determining your pledge amount.

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(August/September 2020) **CHURCH COUNCILS & CONGREGATIONS DETERMINE PLEDGE** – this might have to happen outside of your traditional budget process (according to Church Order, councils are allowed to make this decision on their own). This first pledge amount is what the church will contribute during the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.



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(May 2021) **BUDGETS FOR MINISTRIES ARE APPROVED AT THE CORPORATION/COUNCIL LEVEL** – The Council of Delegates (as well as its Canadian and Michigan corporations) will review the proposed budgets including any changes to programs or personnel. These budgets will be approved for the ministry year beginning on July 1.

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(January 2021) **PLEDGES ARE FORWARDED TO CRCNA OFFICES** – stated clerks of each classis should forward the pledges from their region to the US or Canadian offices of the CRCNA using an electronic form provided to them. These pledges will help determine the budgets for mission efforts and other ministries in the coming ministry year. Ministry shares are only one part of this budgeting process. Any significant variation in revenue from ministry shares, church offerings, individual gifts or other sources, will impact what ministry can be achieved.

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(Fall 2020) **PLEDGES FROM EACH CONGREGATION ARE SENT TO THE FALL CLASSIS MEETINGS** – each congregation will forward their pledge to the stated clerk of their classis. At the Fall meeting, each classis will have a conversation about these pledges. The intent is not to shame or guilt anyone, but rather to work together as the Body of Christ, learning from each other about how their pledges were determined, and in some instances making adjustments.