

Smithers Christian Reformed Church



2021 Faith – Promise Giving

Church council has decided to continue with the faith-promise giving concept for 2021. We hope this will help set our financial priorities to faithfully carry out the tasks and projects that God has laid out for us. It is also our hope that giving from our first fruits will avoid lingering budget deficits.

Timeline and Process

The church council prepared a provisional budget in November and will present it January 11, 2021. At that time, the congregation will have the opportunity to approve it.

To show your support, each member or family is asked to fill in a faith-promise pledge form. The intent is for each person or family to consider their giving capabilities and intent to give for 2021. God's provision for our church family is never in question – so we should ask whether we are giving from our first fruits or from the remnants.

The deacons and bookkeeper will collect the faith-promise pledge forms up to December 31st 2020. All pledges will remain strictly confidential. After reviewing the total amount pledged, council will compare it with the approved provisional budget.

If less than 70% of the church budget is pledged, two follow up options exist:

1) Council will begin to collect outstanding pledge forms from those who have not yet provided them; and/or

2) Items will be removed from the budget in a prioritized manner, until pledges reflect 70% of the provisional budget.

Total results of the pledges, and our ability to meet or need to reduce the budget will be revealed to the congregation in February of 2021.

In March 2021 there will be an Annual General Congregational Meeting. At this meeting the Budget will be presented for final approval.

Barry Lester, Chair of Council