

You know you go to DRCC when.... You'd rather go to church than sleep in, You laugh and cry within the same sermon, Your children ask you to bring them to Sunday School, You've played every part in the Christmas Pageant more than once, Tim baptized your children and you hope he stays long enough to marry them and baptize your grand-children, You feel Aunt Tillie is your aunt and can't wait to hear from her again, You've been serenaded by men of the church for Valentine's Day, Talking vegetables are completely



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Stewardship Committee

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We are writing to thank you for all that you have given to DRCC over the years; your time and your talents as well as your financial giving. The ministry of our church changes lives both in our church and in the wider community. There is much for which we as a church can be grateful and we continue to look forward to an exciting and challenging time under God.

Questions asked to The Stewardship Committee (figures are as of 6/30/2010)...

Do we use an annual budgeting process?

Yes, every year a budget is developed by the Trustees. It is first approved by Church Council and then by the congregation at the Annual Budget Meeting in November.

What was our pledge goal for 2010?

Our goal was \$229,358 in pledges to support the ministry and mission of our church.

How many members do we have at DRCC?

We presently have 644 members, which includes 5 new members and 11 confirmands. If each member gave just a \$1 additional per week, this would generate an additional \$33,488 a year!

How many household pledges were received in 2009 and 2010?

In 2009, church members pledged \$225,012 and in 2010, \$183,099. In 2009 we had 224 pledging household units ... in 2010 we have *only* 148, which is a 34% decrease.

Do we have "deficits" at DRCC?

Right now, we are \$46,259 or 20% short in pledges. This amount DOES NOT reflect that our church does actually have a budget deficit of \$13,000+ as of 6/30/2010. The good news is that "our prayed" budget is at 69%, mid-year. Also, we are fortunate that we have in-kind services including AllWaste, who donates trash removal. Without our Trustees expertise in building, electrical, plumbing, etc. we would have a larger shortfall.

What other monetary resources does DRCC have?

Besides money pledged and non-pledged (prayed for), we receive income from fund-raisers, use of the building fees, and a small percentage of the interest on our Investments.

Why is making an "annual pledge" important to DRCC?

- 1) **It helps us better prepare the annual budget for the church.**
- 2) **It establishes the discipline of giving as part of our spiritual growth process.**
- 3) **It expresses our thanks to God for all He has blessed us with, in our homes and families.**

Thank you for your continued participation in God's work through our church. Thank you to those members who have made a pledge for 2010. If you have not made your pledge for 2010, mid-year is a great time to consider a pledge. If you have been giving a donation all along (prayed for), please consider taking that step and give the same amount as a pledge commitment to our church to support our ministry and mission of our church. By making a pledge NOW, your prayed for amount as of 6/30/2010 and your NEW pledge commitment for the remainder of the year will be combined on your statement.

In His love,

Deb Van Wyngaarden

normal at VBS, Your minister quickly transforms from clergyman to choir member, to a donkey, to a sumo wrestler, to a narrator, to an undefeated pie eating contest winner, to a friend, to a Poppy, and You've attended other churches but none of them compare to DRCC. (Reprinted with permission: 2010 Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser)