

**Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting**  
**Minutes of April 18, 2016 Meeting; 6:00 pm**

Topic	Discussion	Actions
Attendance:	Gordon Bowers, Wynn Leppert, Jim McElroy, Wayne Prescott, Janet Raines, Carol Seigfried, Linda Vensel, Pastor Weinhold, Pastor Short Absent with Prior Excuse: Jay Cessna, Don Replogle, John Beamer, Dr Jerry Gronborg	Noted
Welcome & Gathering Prayer	Led by Pr Short	Noted
Review of March 31, 2016 (1 <sup>st</sup> quarter) financial Reports	Parish Ministry Budget: Growth in regular offerings of \$4,796 = 7.3% in comparison to 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of last year. Increase in total expenditures of \$2,789=3.6% during same period. No use of Invested Assets to meet budget this quarter. Current with Synodical Benevolence of \$1,250/month. Reviewed all other accounts and funds.	Reviewed all Accounts and Investment Funds.  Thrivent Money Market Accounts no longer have check-writing option. Will explore necessary changes to provide access to resources as needed.
Financial Audit of 2015 Accounts Completed	Audit Team met and performed audit of congregational accounts. Accounts and records found to be in good order.	Audit performed by a sub-team of the Finance Committee. Not an "outside" (professional accounting) firm.
Considering and evaluating need for various financial giving methods	...including "Simply Giving", on-line and electronic options.	Pastors W & S will explore options and bring recommendations to committee.
Considering the use of professional accounting services to manage our payroll and tax expenditures	...exploring smaller local firms as well as larger firms.	Pastor Short will explore options and bring recommendations to committee.
Future personal Stewardship Updates	Intending 2 for the year. 1 at c. late-Spring, the other mid-late fall.	Pastor Short will prepare.
Future 2016 Meetings	Monday, July 18; 6:00 pm Monday, October 17; 6:00 pm Monday, November 7; 6:00 pm	Noted
Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 pm		
Submitted by Pastor Short <i>(in the absence of the Chairpersons)</i>		