

Altona Mennonite Church  
2022 Treasurer's Annual Report

The year 2022 began with a relatively short Covid Church closure. The second major event affecting many aspects of church life and finances was the resignation of our pastor, Dan Kehler, at the end of April. I believe these factors led to a bit of a slump, in both attendance and giving, especially during summer and early fall. The last months of 2022, however, saw a somewhat renewed energy, and generous giving led to a much more positive financial picture. Thank you to all of you!

### 2022 Operations

There was no financial relief from government to offset expenditures this year (\$20,000 in 2021) so it took several months without pastoral salary payments before we climbed out of our line of credit. All our contributions to Conference and Affiliates were submitted in the first 2 Quarters; it was then determined at Council that our budgeted contributions were too high for the current active membership at AMC. It was decided not to submit further contributions to Mennonite Church Manitoba or MCC in 2022 and it was communicated to MC MB that this was not simply a short term lack of funds, but a decision that our budgeted amount was too high. This decision was re-evaluated before year end, when it was apparent that we would end the year with a significant surplus. However, it was again decided at Council that our vote in November to hire a full time pastor must be seen as a financial commitment, and this surplus could be needed in 2023. Inflation and other factors caused higher than budgeted expenses in some areas but discretionary spending was again kept to a minimum.

### Looking Forward

Our Custodians and our Secretary all declined a Cost of Living increase; thanks Dale, Sandra and Lori! Erika's salary will follow Conference guidelines. Council decided that our contributions to Mennonite Church Manitoba and to MCC should continue with the decrease set in 2022. Other lines decreased or increased according to past expenditures. Thanks to Marge for continuing to approve online payments, and assist to create tax receipts.

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