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2006 Financial Newsletter

Letter from the Church Elders

To the members of the Chicago Church of Christ:

As elders of the Chicago Church of Christ, we are making every effort to continue to be careful to do what is right in the eyes of the Lord and men while meeting the needs of the flock. This year marks the twelfth year that the church has been audited by a certified public accounting firm. Not only do we wish to continue that practice, but we have published the audited financial statements on our website and are currently presenting the information throughout the church this summer. We ask you to carefully look through this publication and understand some of the financial aspects of the church that we are

realize the financial statements are not the most important aspect of the church, it is very important to continue open dialogue and let everyone know the financial condition of the church.

In an effort to keep you informed about some of the other aspects of our church family, we want you to be aware of the following:

Staff: We currently have 46 people paid by the church. Thirty-eight are ministry staff and are focused in regional ministries or church wide ministries. We have five who are full time in administration and three that are part time. The average salary is \$44,723.00. This average does not include any of the part-time workers in the church.

Weekly Contribution: Because of your continued sacrifice so far in 2006, we give an average of \$73,663 per week, a little more than the budgeted amount of \$72,700. This is very encouraging as we continue to support the work here to seek and save the lost.

Regional Ministries: We have eight different geographic regions in the church: Central, Chicago, DeKalb, Metro, North, Northwest, Southland and West. We have two focused campus ministries—one in the city of Chicago serving UIC, Columbia and many of the other city campuses, and the other is in DeKalb and serves Northern Illinois University.

We are working to bring honor to God in His church as we shepherd each member to love God, be completely unified and take the gospel to the lost throughout Northeastern Illinois and beyond. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have any questions regarding this information.

The Chicago Church of Christ Elders

Church Elders

Biblically, elders are entrusted to be involved in the affairs of the church in many aspects. They have been given the responsibility to shepherd—to guide and guard—the church. (Acts 20:28) The four elders of the Chicago Church of Christ work in conjunction with other church leaders, the Board of Directors and the administrative staff to oversee the church's financial health. The four elders are:

- Jeff Balsom (630) 456-4080
- Todd Fink..... (708) 226-6950
- Randy Harris (708) 484-5427
- Jim Lefler..... (847) 543-9750

reporting to you. It is important to note that the church is becoming healthier in many ways, especially financially. As we maintain a cash reserve, we have many plans to strengthen the church and be about winning our world for Christ, which we will implement as our contribution allows. While we

Letter From the Board of Directors

We, the Chicago Church of Christ Board of Directors, are pleased to provide you with the attached audit report which presents an unqualified opinion on the financial condition of our church for the years 2004 and 2005. This year again, the Board secured the services of an independent auditing resource that specializes in “not for profit” organizations. The audit results indicate that the Chicago Church of Christ has maintained a healthy and acceptable use and control of the financial assets in regards to the mission and purpose of our fellowship.

The Church maintains a balanced structure that facilitates the preparation of reliable financial and

team. We also commend their diligent work and dedication to make our Church exemplary in its use and leverage of funds and assets for the glory of Christ and His Church.

We contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm of Capin Crouse LLP to perform the audit of the Chicago Church of Christ financial statements as of and for the year ending December 31st, 2005 and 2004. The contract required that the audit be done in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and practices.

In its audit it was found that:

- The financial statements were fairly and explicitly presented, in all material respects and in conformity to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles;
- There were no material weaknesses in internal control and, in fact, previous recommendations to strengthen these had been met.
- There were no instances in which the financial management systems did not comply with the proper regulatory requirements and practices.

If you wish to discuss the contents of this report, please call any of the Board members, or Jeff Balsom or Bill Sanders at the church office.

We appreciated the opportunity to serve Christ and our fellowship in this way.

The Chicago Church of Christ Board of Directors

Board of Directors

All not-for-profit corporations are required to have a board of directors to oversee its financial affairs. Our bylaws require that members of the Board be faithful, baptized disciples who serve as deacons or elders (or are biblically qualified to serve in this way). They must have the desire and God-given gifts necessary to serve, and each must characterize a personal commitment to the values of our church.

The elders and evangelists of the church are extremely grateful for their service.

There are currently nine board members:

- Wes Becton..... (630) 834-4385
- Dwight Decker..... (708) 771-2924
- Joe Dubowski..... (630) 653-7261
- Todd Fink..... (708) 226-6950
- Randy Harris..... (708) 484-5427
- Jeff Jones (630) 579-1353
- Phil Lasarsky (847) 398-2982
- Luis Martinez..... (312) 226-0614
- Mark Perkins..... (630) 898-4025

performance information. This information is reviewed by Church leadership (Elders, Evangelists and Administrative Staff) and the Board on a regular basis. We commend the administrative staff for the noteworthy accomplishment of attaining an unqualified opinion in the assessment of the auditing

2005 Audited Financial Statements

These two tables are summary excerpts from the 2005 Financial Statements prepared by the church and audited by an independent accounting firm.

The complete 2005 Financial Statements—along with the opinion of the independent auditing firm—are available for download from our website, www.chicagochurch.org.

CHICAGO CHURCH OF CHRIST

2005 Statements of Activities

SUPPORT AND REVENUE:

Weekly contributions	\$ 3,863,540
Mission's contributions	441,722
Charity and relief contributions	162,913
Special events revenue	221,096
Merchandise sales	1,517
Other revenue	<u>75,792</u>

Total support and revenue	<u>4,766,580</u>
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EXPENSES:

Ministry	3,430,879
Missions	462,580
General & Administrative	<u>510,952</u>

Total expenses	<u>4,404,411</u>
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Change in net assets	362,169
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Net assets, beginning of year	<u>781,994</u>
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Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 1,144,163</u>
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CHICAGO CHURCH OF CHRIST

2005 Statement of Functional Expenses

Staff salaries and related expenses	\$ 2,641,186
Seminars and travel	150,046
Facility and meeting costs	532,370
Charity and relief	175,409
Special events	226,817
Postage and printing	10,087
Telephone and utilities	74,397
Maintenance and insurance	50,653
Supplies and equipment	47,925
Cost of merchandise sales	297
Depreciation expense	15,484
Support to affiliates (Missions)	462,580
Other	<u>17,160</u>

Total Expenses	<u>\$ 4,404,411</u>
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2006 Unaudited Financial Information

This table provides a year-to-date comparison for this year vs. last year for core categories of revenue and expense.

The 2006 information has not yet been audited.

CHICAGO CHURCH OF CHRIST				
Two-Year Comparison of Year-to-Date Financial Health				
January though June (6 Months)				
	Current Yr. 2006	Prior Yr. 2005	Variance \$ Increase/ (Decrease)	Variance % Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenue				
Weekly contributions	\$1,915,227	\$1,930,198	(\$14,971)	(1%)
Charity and relief contributions	45,538	73,921	(28,323)	(38%)
Missions	427,701	426,775	926	0%
Special Events Revenue	111,521	45,570	65,951	145%
Other Revenue	<u>25,277</u>	<u>64,259</u>	<u>(38,982)</u>	<u>(61%)</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$2,525,264</u>	<u>\$2,540,723</u>	<u>(\$15,459)</u>	<u>(1%)</u>
Expenses				
Staff salaries and related expenses	\$1,343,766	\$1,396,458	(\$52,692)	(4%)
Seminars and travel	24,216	29,758	(5,542)	(19%)
Facility and meeting costs	249,589	261,133	(11,544)	(4%)
Charity and relief	75,327	76,350	(1,023)	(1%)
Postage and printing	8,688	3,940	4,748	121%
Special Events	121,460	41,366	80,094	194%
Telephone and utilities	9,024	16,894	(7,870)	(47%)
Maintenance and insurance	24,667	26,744	(2,077)	(8%)
Supplies and equipment	20,897	23,523	(2,626)	(11%)
Depreciation expense	6,513	8,487	(1,974)	(23%)
Missions Expense	441,406	462,580	(21,174)	(5%)
Other	<u>18,901</u>	<u>15,066</u>	<u>3,835</u>	<u>25%</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$2,344,454</u>	<u>\$2,362,299</u>	<u>(\$17,845)</u>	<u>(1%)</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	<u>\$180,810</u>	<u>\$178,424</u>	<u>\$2,386</u>	<u>1%</u>