

## **ECORC Budget 2020 Notes**

The budget is presented in two areas, Administrative and Mission based on the way monies are allocated by the General Council Office.

### **Revenue:**

Administrative costs are covered by the fixed money transferred and referred to as discretionary Assessment Revenue. This is supplemented by money to fund part of the costs of the Executive Minister and her assistant salary and benefits.

Mission costs are covered by the Mission Support Allocation. This is used to pay for Mission staff, Mission Support Grants and other mission activities.

These funds are fixed, and the budget must be set within these limits. The 2020 allocation of funds is the same as the 2019 allocation.

### **Expenses:**

The expense category was set up based on the best estimate of where money would need to be allocated during the inaugural year of the Regional Council. Over the course of the year additional line items were added to better explain the allocated the funds and to respond to needs not originally considered.

The major categories are:

Executive Minister Shared Expenses: – these are expenses shared across the three regions of responsibility of the Executive Minister. Expenses specific to a Regional Council are allocated to that Regional Council.

Staff: - Expenses for the operation of the Regional Council Staff are allocated here. These include salaries and benefits, travel, office operation etc. The Personal Minister costs are allocated to Administrative while the Spiritual Nurture and Respectful Relationships Ministers' costs are allocated to Ministry.

Region 11 Office: - The Conference Office was rented for one month while files, etc., were re-located off site. There is not a physical office at this time, so no cost is allocated for 2020.

Regional Council Executive: - Travel, honorarium, administrative costs, etc., of the Regional Council are allocated under the Administrative revenue. Extensive use of e-mail and electronic gatherings help keep travel costs to a minimum.

Regional Networks: - Covers travel and incidental costs for regional networks, clusters etc. This is under review to determine which gatherings should be supported. This activity is funded from the Mission allocation.

Pastoral Relations: - Covers activities related to joint activities of the Regional Council and Communities of Faith and is funded from the Administrative allocation. This includes some liaison travel, emergency paroral care, conflict resolution and reviews of Communities of faith. Policies are being developed to define which costs are shared with the Regional Council and

which activities should be funded by the Community of Faith. Observer inserts were funded for 2019 but due to a three-month lead times for submitting articles the regular new letters are timelier and more relevant.

Mission Support Grants: - These are allocated based on applications received by the end of August, needs and funds available. They are generally short-term activities over year or few years and are funded from the mission allocation.

Other Mission Related: - These are grants allocated for ongoing support for longer term activities which are funded for many years and are funded from the Mission Allocation.

Other Administrative Services – These are generally administrative and similar costs necessary for providing the services of the Regional Council and are funded from the Administrative allocation.

The budget was set up with revenue slightly more than expenses to provide some contingency funds.

Funds from the Bay of Quinte Conference and some Presbyteries have not been fully transferred and some restrictions on the funds have not all been communicated so these funds are currently unknown to some extent and unavailable.