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Narrative Budget: A Look at Budgeting for 2021

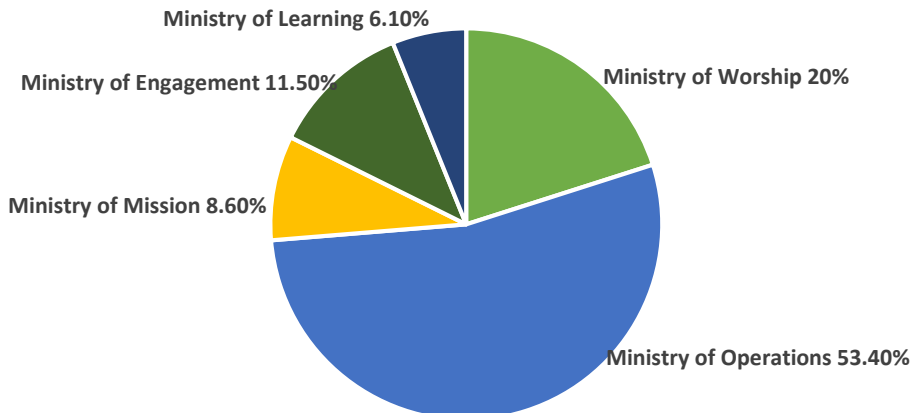
The following narrative budget describes the total financial investment in each of Central's five ministry areas. The narrative budget includes the direct cost of each area along with the indirect costs, including personnel, that we allocate to each area.

This narrative budget represents the 2020 fiscal year. In 2021, we hope to increase our investments in ministries with children and youth, church communications, visitor and member engagement, and efforts of the anti-racism task force.

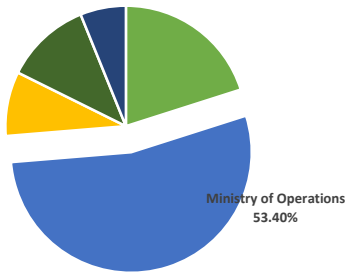
We hope that this new approach to budgeting will help you better understand how the church is investing your financial contributions.

Thank you for prayerfully considering your pledge to support Central in 2021!

CPC Pledges — Where the \$ goes!

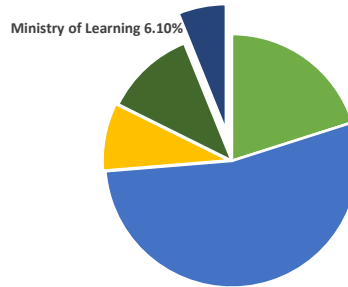


Ministry of Operations



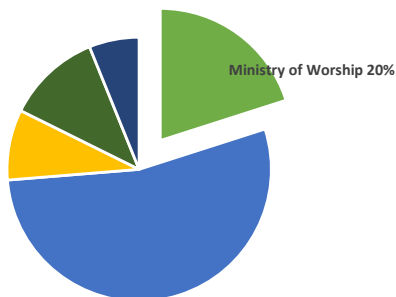
The church is not the building, but the people, but our buildings are critical in that they provide the platform for everything we do. We worship and learn and break bread in rooms that need to be cleaned, cooled, heated, arranged and maintained. An enormous amount of work is generated in our church office, from weekly worship bulletins, to the keeping of financial and membership records. Included in this area are items such as phones, postage, paper, copier contracts, etc. This area also demands a significant investment of human resources, so the salaries of several valuable staff members are included in this category, for their purpose is to support and enable ministry and mission, and we couldn't do it without them! This ministry overlaps greatly with the other ministry areas, as it houses funds for fellowship events and maintains space for mission through the Outreach and Advocacy Center, Child Development Center and the Night Shelter. We have made significant investment in 2020 to improve the air ventilation and filtration systems to allow for a safe return to the sanctuary and school. We have also made investments in protecting the sanctuary from water intrusion. Thus, our investment here is approximately **53.4%** of our budget, or **\$831,000**.

Ministry of Learning



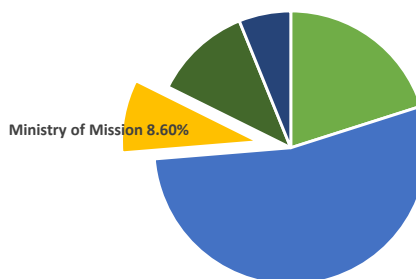
The Christian nurture of our congregation is vitally important for our spiritual health and maturity. We will continue this through small virtual gatherings that permit individual and group learning with new found time. This offers us the opportunity to strengthen smaller, family-style worship and to explore new opportunities to be a community of resources for traditional learning by bridging some of the economic and social gaps created by distance-learning while dedicating staff and resources to support this change in the short-term. Presbyterians have long believed in the value of serving God with our intellect, our curiosity, and our capacity for articulating the deep truths of the faith. This is why we invest approximately **6.1%**, or **\$95,000** to support our learning ministries.

Ministry of Worship



At the very heart of our life together is our worship of God. This part of the budget purchases music for our choirs and handbells for children, youth, and adults, keeps our musical instruments tuned and well-conditioned, provides for guest musicians on special occasions, makes possible our seasonal liturgical art and special art events, as well as maintaining the salaries of those who lead our worship, from musicians to choir directors to pastors, for much of what they do is to prepare for worship and lead us in worship. Finding ways to use technology to create, share and project worship to all those in our community – anywhere or anytime requires resources to support this ministry. In order to broadcast worship virtually, we have and will continue to make additional investments in our audio-visual equipment. Approximately **20%** of our budget, or **\$315,00** is dedicated to fostering our worship.

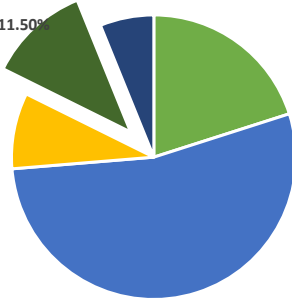
Ministry of Mission



We follow a Lord who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life for others. The church has been described as a unique organization in that it exists primarily for those who are not its members. Giving to local, regional and international mission partners we share a vision to create a transformed world. The Ministry of Mission houses our local mission efforts, including Sunday morning hospitality in the courtyard, support for the Central Outreach and Advocacy Center and other organizations working with people experiencing homelessness, and work with the Central Night Shelter, prison ministry, and more. Our Global Mission partnerships include work at the US-Mexico Border, support of a community in Haiti, and work in the areas of international peacemaking and refugee support. Our mission also includes support of the Presbytery and wider denomination. Our outward mission represents an investment of approximately **8.6%** of our budget, or **\$134,000**.

Ministry of Engagement: Building Community and Strengthening our Life Together

Ministry of Engagement 11.50%



We are the church Jesus envisioned when we know and love one another. The real investments made here are people to people, caring for one another. The Ministry of Engagement houses our outreach to visitors and new members, advertisement in the Metro Atlanta area, ministry with young adults and college students, and small group ministry, such as Central Women, Central Men, and seasonal small groups. The Ministry of Engagement hosts specific occasions for fellowship and engagement, from new member gatherings to the All Church Retreat, to congregational fellowship events to help strengthen the ties that bind us. We will continue to work towards returning back to these normal activities in 2021 and have invested in utilizing technology like ZOOM to bridge the gap. Approximately **11.5%** of our budget, or **\$175,000** is devoted to these life-giving ministries.

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