

HOW YOUR GIFTS ARE USED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The 2003 budget for South Reno United Methodist Church is projected to be approximately \$527,000, which is about \$10,135 per week. To demonstrate how the budgeted funds will be expended, this narrative and the attached flow chart identify six categories of church activities and an estimate of the amounts expended for each category. Pastoral expenses, administrative expenses, and building expenses are distributed among the six categories based on an estimate of the time expended by the pastors in each of the categories.

Reaching Out in Love

\$31,808

Our pastors spend approximately 5 % of their time in activities that encourage people to become active and involved in church activities. In addition, the church expends approximately \$12,000 each year to conduct an advertising campaign directed toward persons who live in proximity to the church.

Receiving and Welcoming Friends in Christ

\$31,308

Approximately 8 % of our pastors' time is spent welcoming visitors and members to the Church and inviting them to participate in other Church activities. The congregation is actively involved in making visitors and others who attend regularly feel welcome and important to our ministry.

Connecting with God and Supporting Each Other

\$31,308

About 8 % of our pastors' time is devoted to ensuring that persons have a connection with God through their involvement with the Church. Pastors periodically conduct Journey Into Faith classes for people who are interested in becoming members of the Church, and new members are welcomed into the Church family at a dinner that allows them to get to know each other as well as some of the current members of the Church.

Nurturing Spiritual Growth

\$220,365

Our Pastors spend approximately 46 % of their time in activities directed toward nurturing the spiritual growth of those who are active in the Church or who come into contact with the Church through special events such as weddings, funerals, or baptisms. In addition to the four worship services held each Sunday, small groups, including the youth groups and adult bible studies, provide opportunities for spiritual growth. The Church is blessed with strong Sunday school and vacation bible school programs that introduce God's love to our young people.

Reaching Out in Love to Our Local and Global Community

\$102,568

Approximately 5 % of our pastors' time is spent reaching out to the community and sharing the love of Christ with those who may not be involved in a Church or who may not be aware of God's grace. A majority of the funding for this category (approximately \$83,000) is for the Church's share of United Methodist apportionments, which support U.S. and overseas missionaries, disaster relief, and health and welfare ministries. Members of the Church are involved with various local missions to assist the homeless, victims of domestic violence, nursing home residents, and others who may be in need of love and support in our community.

Support and Parallel Processes

\$109,580

About 8 % of our pastors' time is spent in activities that are necessary to ensure that the Church

is effectively carrying out its mission. The pastors are active in the Church Council, the financial concerns of the Church, personnel administration, and denominational concerns, including annual conference.

Where the money comes from... Approximately 62 % (\$300,000) of the 2002 budget for the South Reno United Methodist Church was supported through pledges made by supporters of the church. The remaining portion of the budget (approximately \$183,000) was funded through gifts from persons who did not make official pledges or who exceeded their official pledges.