The Covenanter Budget
1923 - 1924

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT
1101 West Topeka Avenue
Topeka, Kansas
OUR NEW BUDGET
1923 - 1924

Our Budget for 1923-1924 has been placed at $115,000. This is $5,000 less than the amount asked for last year. This is a Budget entirely within our range and let our united intention be to raise it.

APPROPRIATIONS

Our $115,000 Budget is to be divided as follows:

- Church Erection: $3,100
- Foreign Missions: $5,000
- Indian Mission: $4,500
- Witness Committee: $1,000
- Geneva College: $20,000
- Theological Seminary: $1,600
- Students' Aid: $1,000
- Miscellaneous Relief: $1,000
- Widows and Orphans: $400
- Jewish Mission: $1,000
- Evangelistic Committee: $500
- Aged People's Home: $2,000
- National Reform: $25,000

National Reform was recommended for $25,000, collection to be lifted on the first Sabbath of November.

An offering is asked for the American Bible Society on the last Sabbath of April.

ALLOTMENTS

The Synod divided the Budget among the Presbyteries as follows:

- Central Canada: $650.00
- Colorado: $4,400.00
- Illinois: $5,200.00
- Iowa: $2,500.00
- Kansas: $14,250.00
- New York: $5,000.00
- Philadelphia: $9,000.00
- Pittsburgh: $5,500.00
- Rochester: $5,000.00
- Pacific Coast: $5,000.00
-

A Committee from each Presbytery has apportioned its presbyterial Budget among its congregations. Each congregation is being sent two posters containing its assignment of the Budget.

RULES

No change has been made in the rules adopted by the Synod of 1921. They may be summed up in the following statements:

1. If you wish your money to go to a special object you must so state on your envelope.
2. If you desire your contribution to be divided pro rata among all the schemes of the Church, you must so state on your envelope.
3. If you state no preference at all then your money will go to level up the departments that are farthest behind.

NEW RESOLUTIONS

It was decided "That contributions to special objects, received from congregations that have paid their budget in full, or from individual members of such congregations, be allotted to those objects"
without subtracting from the amount those objects shall receive from the Budget.

This means simply that after a congregation has raised its budget in full, it, or any member of it, can give to any object and it will be counted over and above the amount it receives from the Budget.

It was further resolved "That pastors be urged to keep the subject of Christian Stewardship constantly before their people, and that congregations be urged to make earnest endeavor to raise the full amount of the Budget."

**THINGS THAT WILL HELP US.**

1.—Beef up! Distribute the load over the year instead of trying to pull it all at the end.

2.—Don't say, "It's too much. We can't raise it, and we won't try." True Governorism says, "We will do our best!"

3.—Request your treasurer to post at least once a month where your congregation stands in relation to the Budget. Are you using the Stewardship Thermometer sent out by the Forward Movement Office?

4.—Insist that your treasurer remit each week the Budget money on hand. Why should he keep it lying idle after you have given it for carrying on the Lord's work?

5.—Give to religious objects outside of the Budget if you desire, but don't rob the Budget to do it.

6.—Let us not be shirkers nor sicker, but workers. Let everybody pull, but be sure that all are pulling in the same direction.

"Give and it shall be given you"
GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Covenanter Church gave last year for religious work a total of $900,000 which was $4,000 more than the year before and $61,000 more than the average of the last ten years. The per capita giving was $49.19 which was 89 cents more than the year before and $1.50 more than the average of the past ten years. In only two other years has the per capita giving been larger. In 1920 it was $51.89 and in 1921 it was $50.00 per member.

$100,000

is the new synodical budget for the coming year. This is $15,000 less than the one adopted a year ago. The Church raised 73 per cent of its $115,000 last year. There seems to be no good reason why it should not raise 100 per cent of the $100,000 asked for this year.

APPROPRIATIONS

The $100,000 was appropriated by Synod to the various departments as follows:

- Foreign Missions $45,000 45%
- Southern Mission 8,000 8.0%
- Domestic Mission 8,000 8.0%
- Indian Mission 6,000 6.0%
- Witness Work 6,000 6.0%
- Genera College 17,000 17.0%
- Theological Seminary 3,000 3.0%
- Seminary Building 1,000 1.0%
- Widows and Orphans 500 0.5%
- Jewish Mission 3,000 3.0%
- Evangelistic Work 1,000 1.0%
- Aged People’s Home 1,000 1.0%

Total $100,000 100%

A congregation will receive credit on its budget for all money given to any of the departments listed above. The contribu-
tions made by any individual or organization within the congregation, will, if properly reported, be credited to the congregation.

National Reform was recommended to the generosity of the Church to the amount of $10,000, collection to be lifted on the first Sabbath of November.

As offering is asked for the American Bible Society, to be lifted on the first Sabbath of April.

**APPORTIONMENT TO PRESbyterIES**

The $100,000 was divided among the presbyteries as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Central Canada</td>
<td>$550</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Colorado</td>
<td>4,300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Illinois</td>
<td>8,700</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Iowa</td>
<td>8,400</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kansas</td>
<td>17,100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New York</td>
<td>12,850</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ohio</td>
<td>4,800</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Philadelphia</td>
<td>9,300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pacific Coast</td>
<td>3,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pittsburgh</td>
<td>30,100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rochester</td>
<td>3,300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$100,000</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

A committee from each Presbytery has apportioned its presbyterial budget among its congregations. Synod voted in favor of congregations sending to the Forward Movement Office the amount of their local budget. Congregations are, in turn, to receive a poster containing the figures of their total budget, which will consist of their local expenses plus their share of Synod's Budget. If, for example, local expenses are estimated at $2,500 and the share of Synod's Budget is $1,000, the total budget to be held before the people is $3,500.

**IMPORTANT ACTIONS OF SYNOD**

"That Synod declare that the total real budget, local and general, of the Covenant Church is the people's tithes and offerings, and that congregations have not done their part before Jesus Christ till these are paid."

"That in making up the proportion of the synodical Budget assigned to them, congregations be authorized to include the Thank-offerings given under the auspices of the Women's Presbyterials, but used for the work of the Church in mission fields, except for the salaries of the American teachers in the Girls' School in Cyprus."

"That no allowance be made for dedication to any field where definite mission work is not being attempted."

"That the treasurers of the various congregations be urged to send to the Synod's Treasurer, bi-monthly, all funds available for the Budget."

"That all congregations be urged to pay salaries monthly. The Clerk was directed to write a letter to all aid-receiving congregations on this subject."

"That Synod declare a policy, to be in effect by 1927, of setting salaries according to a 1924 money value basis of $1,400 and house, or rent for a house, this amount to be changed by the Mission Conference up or down in 1927 and thereafter according to the index figure of the U. S. Department of Labor for general price level."

"We express the hope that no new congregation will be started without the approval of Presbytery or Synod. Where congregations are small, and there seems to be no reasonable prospect of growth, the people are counselled to move into the bounds of another congregation."

"That those congregations that depend wholly on supplies shall use up the amount of their own subscription before they receive aid from the church, but that Synod's Treasurer be instructed to loan funds, when necessary, to meet the preaching expenses during the first part of the year."

"That the Forward Movement Secretary be instructed to prepare a church calendar designating the Sabbaths for discussion, from the pulpit, of the various causes represented in the appropriations of the Coordinating Committee, and that the various Boards and Committees having the work under their control, furnish the ministers..."
with informational material along the lines of the work in their charge, to be used in connection with the preparation of their sermons.

In accord with Synod's instructions the following schedule has been prepared:

August 3, Aged People's Home
September 7, Geneva College
October 5, Evangelistic Work
November 2, Home Missions
December 7, Foreign Missions
January 4, Witness Work
February 1, Domestic Missions
March 1, Aged Ministers

Widows and Orphans

Students Aid

WHY IS IT

that we always have to make such a grand race at the end of the year to raise the Church's Budget?

The work is going on twelve months in the year and needs funds all the way. Then why not pay to the Budget during the first half of the year as well as the last?

Less than four cents per member a day will raise the synodical Budget in full.

VICTORY WILL COME

If we begin now and distribute the load evenly throughout the year.

If instead of saying, "We can't, and it is no use to try," we say, "It is within our reach. We are going to do our best.

If the pastor will keep the needs before us and if the deacons will publish each month just where we stand.

If we do not rob the Budget to give to things outside.

If we do not give grudgingly or of necessity but remember that "God loveth a cheerful giver."
THE NEW BUDGET
of the
COVENANTER CHURCH
1925-1926
The Forward Movement
(Keep for Reference)

The Church of the Covenanters raised eighty-five per cent of its sympathetic budget last year. This amounted to $36,677 or $6,007 more than was raised for Synods budget the year before. This is $125 per member. For all purposes the Church raised $32,889 more than the year before, or $125 per member. This is the highest per capita giving in this church or in any other church as far as we have any record. There are still many in the Covenanters Church who are not paying the tithe. We have not reached the goal yet as we doing our full duty as long as this is true. We thank God for the faith and zeal of faithful Covenanters who are bringing in the tithe and offering for the work of Christ.

$100,000

is the Synodal Budget asked for the coming year. We need the same to fully carry on our work, but this amount we are sure the Covenanters Church can and ought to raise. This is the same amount as asked for last year.

APPROPRIATIONS

The $100,000 is to be divided as follows:

- Foreign Missions: $47,500 (47.5%)
- Indian Missions: $10,000 (10.0%)
- Chinese Mission: $5,000 (5.0%)
- Phone Mission: $5,000 (5.0%)
- Indian Mission: $5,000 (5.0%)
- Welfare Committee: $5,000 (5.0%)
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Institution</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Geneva College</td>
<td>16,400</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Seminary</td>
<td>2,900</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Widows and Orphans</td>
<td>1,400</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ministerial Relief</td>
<td>1,100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jewish Mission</td>
<td>3,100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Evangelistic Committe</td>
<td>2,300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Women's Association</td>
<td>900</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

A congregation will not receive credit on its budget for money given to any cause not listed above. Contributions to relief work or for some special cause not included in the listings of these various departments will not be counted on the budget.

The Thank-offerings of the Women's Syndicate to the women workers in Cyprus will not receive credit on the budget. All other Thank-offerings will be counted.

The National Reform Association was recommended to the generosity of the Church to the extent of $10,000. The usual time for taking this offering is the first Sabbath of November.

The American Bible Society was recommended for an offering in each of our congregations, to be given on the last Sabbath of November.

Mr. E. A. M. Stade has been employed as singer and helper in evangelistic and other services and to teach music in our congregations.

APPORTIONMENT TO PRESbyterIES

The $100,000 Budget was apportioned to the presbyteries the same as last year, as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Presbytery</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Central Canada</td>
<td>$ 500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Colorado</td>
<td>4,300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Illinois</td>
<td>4,700</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cities</td>
<td>2,400</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dallas</td>
<td>12,100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New York</td>
<td>12,800</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ohio</td>
<td>4,800</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Philadelphia</td>
<td>9,300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pacific Coast</td>
<td>5,700</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pittsburgh</td>
<td>30,100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rochester</td>
<td>2,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

SCHEDULE OF INFORMATION

Synod adopted the following schedule by which information shall be given to our congregations concerning the various departments of our work:

- August 2: Aged Peoples Home
- September 6: Geneva College
- October 4: Evangelistic Work
- November 1: Home Missions
- December 6: Foreign Missions
- January 3: Witness Work
- February 7: Domestic Mission
- March 7: Ministerial Relief
- Widows and Orphans
- Students' Aid

RULES FOR GIVING

1. If you wish your money to go to a special object you must so state on your envelope.
2. If you desire your contribution to be divided pro rata among all the schemes of the Church, you must so state on your envelope.
3. If you state no preference at all then your money will go to each of the departments that are farthest behind.
4. After a congregation has raised its budget in full, it, or any member of it, can give to any object and it will be