

Treasurer's Report

2021 was a challenging year for our finances at Grace in the Desert. As you know, we couldn't hold our services inside our church until April, and even after we reopened, our weekly attendance was reduced by more than 50%. As a result, our Open Plate Offerings were about one-third of what we had budgeted. But thanks to our parishioners who were able to fulfill their pledges, lower costs than 2020, and a government loan that we didn't have to repay, 2021 ended with a net surplus of \$45K.

2022 will also be a challenging year with in-person worship once again suspended, we hope only temporarily. We are projecting similar levels of contributions and expenses as we experienced in 2021 and are budgeting a surplus of about \$9,500. Hopefully, we will soon be able to resume in-person services in church with attendance approaching normal levels.

I especially want to thank Business Manager John Normandeau and Business Manager "emeritus" Bill Terry...it is they who manage the parish's business affairs so very well.

As always, thanks to all of our parishioners for their outstanding support of Grace in the Desert.

Jay Lifter
Treasurer
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