



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
HOLY COMMUNION

Week of October 23, 2023

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Counting the Costs: An Update on Budget Planning

In the Gospel according to Luke 14:28, Jesus says, "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?" In this verse, Jesus speaks to the need to assess the costs of being His disciple. These words from Scripture also tell us that a church is wise to use a budget as a tool for knowing where it invests its resources and how much it can give to its ministries without overextending its financial means.

Last week, Holy Communion's Finance Committee met with the Vestry for a special meeting to discuss the 2024 budget. We reviewed the past year and looked forward to next year. We talked about things that we must pay (like utilities and insurance), but we also talked about our desire to invest in worship, sustain our community outreach, grow in our faith together, and support those in need.

We have faith that our collective discernment in the coming months will reveal and clarify how our church's work may evolve, but until then - we committed to pause and prayerfully consider any significant changes to how we invest our resources. While a budget may just look like a lot of numbers, it represents the foundation upon which our next season of growth as a diverse and welcoming faith community will be built. It is with this thought in mind that we continue the budget process.

In your faithful service,

The Finance Committee

Kellie McCoy, Rudy Nickens, Brian Barnhart, Fran Caradonna, Scott Ferguson, Shirley Mensah, Susan Norris, and Jean Parker