

## Change to the Presbytery of Geneva's Budgeting Cycle

### Current Budgeting Cycle

In past years (excepting the unusual circumstances last year), the Budget and Finance committee moved a "first-read" budget at the presbytery's September meeting. The presbytery would vote on the final version of the budget at its November meeting.

In order to make this timetable, Budget & Finance had to submit a proposed budget to General Council by August. That meant putting the budget together by July based on financial reports in the current year through June.

At that time, we did not know what the revenue and expenses of Camp Whitman would be for the current year. Camp Whitman represents 45% of our ministry and mission expenses. We also did not know the per capita amounts from the denomination or from synod.

### New Budgeting Cycle

The Budget & Finance committee recommended and General Council approved a change to the budgeting cycle that moves the process a little later in the year. This will ensure a more usable budget based on better information. It will mean the information on total per capita will not come out until later in the fall.

The Budget & Finance committee has already divided its members up into four teams for the four main areas of our budget: Personnel, Mission, Operations, and Camp. These teams will work with the responsible committees to build their part of the budget in September.

The Budget & Finance committee will combine these area budgets into one and make recommendations for per capita and mission asking. The budget, per capita, and mission asking will be presented to General Council at its October meeting. Once approved, General Council will communicate the proposed per capita and mission asking information to the congregations in the presbytery in late October.

The Budget & Finance committee will present a "first-read" budget at the presbytery's November stated meeting. The final budget will be moved for approval at presbytery's January stated meeting. After the January meeting, pledge sheets will be sent to each congregation.