

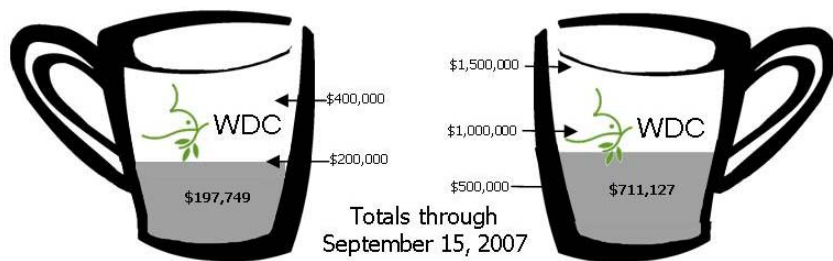
VISION 2012

Signs of new vision!

- 1) A middle-school boy sends \$20 with the back page of the Vision 2012 Children's Activity Book. He marks the category: "Give some money to help build a new swimming pool at Camp Mennoscah."
- 2) Two "Possum Boys", brothers Derek and Grant Klingenberg, drop by the WDC offices and present a \$1500 check to me! This represents sales from CDs and t-shirts from their concert in August. The total concert offering now is \$10,742 for Vision 2012!
- 3) The WDC Retreat Commission has formed a "house committee" that is planning for a fall groundbreaking and winter construction of a new Director's House at Camp Mennoscah. (The portion of Vision 2012 funds already available to the Retreat Commission meets the 75% in-hand cash for proposed building projects.)
- 4) The WDC Resource Library addition is nearly completed. Vision 2012 contributions have increased the size of the library, added new lighting, shelving, and carpeting, and provided a wonderful place for reading and conversation. A dedication for the new space will happen later this fall. ---Dorothy Nickel Friesen, conference minister

2007 Annual Budget
Congregational Goal: \$472,300

Vision 2012
3 year Goal: \$1,500,000



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WDC News

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An epidemic of holiness

In his book, *FIRSTFRUITS LIVING*, Lynn A. Miller uses biblical teaching to remind us that holy living is evidence of our redemption by God's grace. "...if we are holy, then we will make a difference. That will be the measure of our holiness and the holiness of our firstfruits offering--not that we or they are so different, but that those differences have made a difference. Just as the holiness of Christ has changed us, so our holiness should change others. We and our firstfruits offerings are to be the infecting agents of God. We are to infect others with the kingdom of God, until there is a worldwide epidemic of holiness." (p. 72)

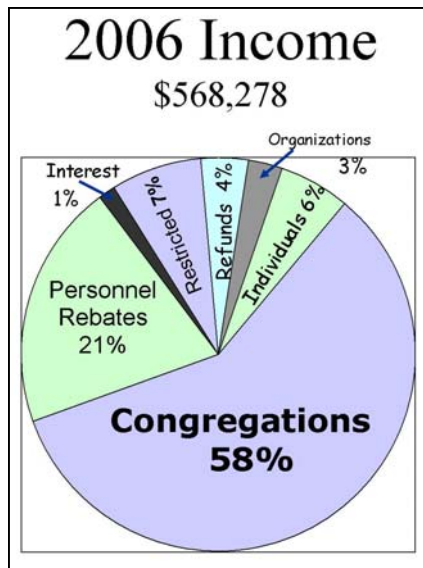
As Western District Conference, we yearn to empower our congregations to be places of witness, of justice, and of connection to God's mission in the world. We exercise our spiritual gifts; we reconcile our relationship to Christ, each other and the world; we find the "lost coins," we tell the good news; we create structure for mission.

So, how is the "infection" spreading? Is there an "epidemic" of holiness among us? By our visible lives, we show our Christian character. By the use of our resources, we share our Christian commitment.

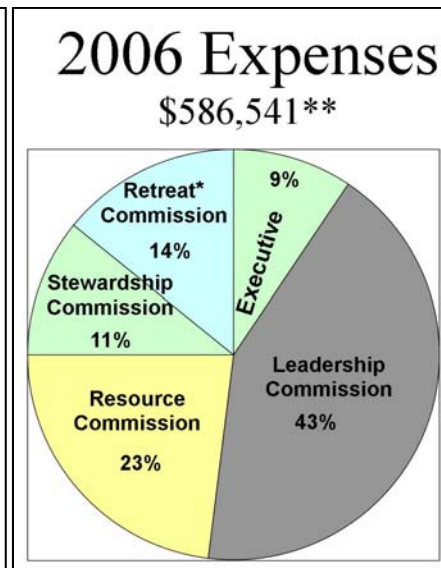
Learn about WDC finances and share your gifts with the congregation and area conference so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

---Dorothy Nickel Friesen, conference minister

Western District Conference receives money from several sources.



How are the dollars that WDC receives spent? Where do dollars go?



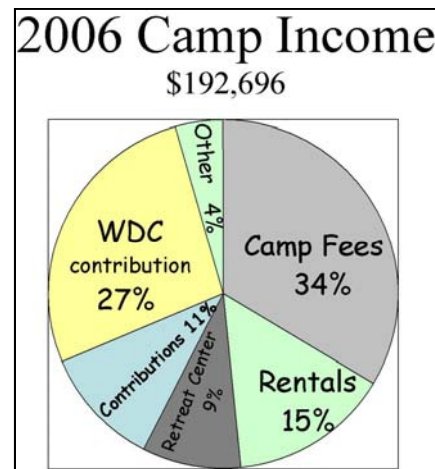
*Does not include Camp operation budget - see below.
 **The shortfall of income was met with retained earnings.

What are the giving trends in Western District Conference?

Is your congregation prayerfully supporting the work of our regional body? Note the chart below showing income and expenses for the last five years for the first five months of the fiscal year only. The rise in income is an increase in congregational contributions plus drawing from WDC restricted funds, mainly our church planting fund. The expense increase is due to salary and benefits, insurance, and planting new churches. Note that the dotted line is the proportion of income that was received from congregations. Other income is from grants, subsidies and rebates for program and staff.

Finally, the annual budget adopted by delegates at our annual meeting is one way to measure our commitment to be the church. This annual giving is our fiscal foundation. Find ways to be part of this exciting work--and part of God's mission in the world.

Camp Mennoscah is one of the major ways WDC tends to Christian nurture of children, youth and adults.



In 2006, there were 525 children and youth in summer camps; 46 groups used the main camp and 42 groups used the retreat center.



Year-to-Date - February-June

