

To the members of Lexington Presbyterian Church:

At its meeting on Tuesday October 7, 2008 the Session of the church adopted a proposed budget for 2009 that is summarized as follows:

Benevolences	\$118,880
Salaries, benefits & allowances	376,672
Church work & activities	46,650
Maintenance of property & other	56,600
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Total	\$598,802
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The 2009 budget total represents a 4% increase over the 2008 budget. Substantially all of the budget increase results from addition of funding for a part time director of youth ministries. The Christian Education committee is in the process of searching for an individual to fill that responsibility.

Every member of the Session has a copy of the detailed operating fund budget. Please avail yourselves of the opportunity to discuss the budget with Session members. If you would like to receive your own copy of the entire budget document, including discussion notes, please contact Treasurer Rae Carpenter or Financial Management Committee Chair Dave Hawkins.

In trying times, there is no refuge comparable to your church and no mission more important. Please consider how you can support the work of the Lexington Presbyterian Church, discuss it with God, and respond accordingly. Please complete the enclosed pledge card and return it to the church as quickly as possible. You may mail the card, leave it in the Church office or simply drop it in the offering plate.

Pledge dedication Sunday is scheduled for November 9, 2008. The Financial Management Committee will meet shortly after that to consider the results of the Every Member Canvass and to identify any needed adjustments to the 2009 proposed budget. That committee can do its best work with the benefit of having every member pledge card returned. The Session expects to act on adoption of the 2009 plan at its meeting December 2, 2008.

Thank you to every member, for all you do, in the love of God and for your church.