



**Council of Churches
of the Ozarks**



We Are
**BETTER
TOGETHER**



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The mission of Council of Churches of the Ozarks is to improve the quality of life in our region through compassionate service and outreach to our most vulnerable neighbors by doing together what can best be done together in the name of Jesus Christ.

Inspiring Hope

by moving people from Scarcity to Security

Hope through Food

FOOD ASSISTANCE
SENIOR FOOD DELIVERY
QUARANTINE FOOD DELIVERY
NUTRITION ASSISTANCE
PRESCRIPTION FOOD PROGRAM



Hope through Shelter

ESSENTIAL HOME REPAIRS
RESPITE CARE
WOMEN'S OVERNIGHT SHELTER



Hope through Safety and Security

FOSTER CARE SUPPORT
ADVOCACY FOR LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS
CASE MANAGEMENT
READING ASSISTANCE AND MENTORING



Member Churches

72 MEMBER CHURCHES

Asbury United Methodist Church
Billings Christian Church
Billings United Methodist Church
Bois D'Arc United Methodist Church
Brentwood Christian Church
Broadway United Methodist Church
Campbell United Methodist Church
Central Christian Church
Chapel for Peace
Christ Episcopal Church
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Church Women United
Clever First Christian Church
Covenant Presbyterian Church
Damascus Road Church
Downtown Church United Methodist Church
East Sunshine Church of Christ
Elwood United Methodist Church
First and Calvary Presbyterian Church
First Baptist Church of Springfield
First Christian Church Of Ash Grove
First Christian Church of Mt. Vernon
First Christian Church of Republic
First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Vernon
Gateway Christian Church
Gibson Chapel Presbyterian Church
Grace United Methodist Church
The Heart Church
Hillcrest Presbyterian Church
Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
King's Chapel
King's Way United Methodist Church
Life360 Community Services
Marshfield Christian Church
Marshfield United Methodist Church

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church
Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church
National Avenue Christian Church
Nixa Christian Church
Ozark Christian Church
Pathways United Methodist Church
Peace Lutheran Church
Pitts Chapel United Methodist Church
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Redeemer Lutheran Church
Renew United Methodist Church
Ridgecrest Baptist Church
Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
Schweitzer United Methodist Church
South Street Christian Church
Southminster Presbyterian Church
St. Agnes Cathedral Parish
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church
St. James Episcopal Church
St. John's Chapel United Church of Christ
St. John's Episcopal Church
St. John's United Church of Christ
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Strafford United Methodist Church
The Connecting Grounds
The Venues Church
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Turning Point Baptist Church
Unity of Springfield/Christ Church Unity
Unity Spiritual Center
University Heights Baptist Church
Walnut Street Christian Church
Wesley United Methodist Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church

Thank you for inspiring hope!



Meeting Login Instructions

SPECIAL THANKS TO DMP FOR HOSTING THE ZOOM WEBINAR

The Annual Meeting will be presented through Zoom software. Please review the contents of this packet. If you have not received a link to the webinar, please fill out your information at the following:

https://dmp.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rbxIWFQsTwynP-bTEKM3og

After entering your information, a Zoom webinar link will be sent to you from DMP Marketing. Use the emailed link to enter the meeting at **11:15 a.m., Thursday, March 4, 2021.**

If you have any questions, please contact Kristy Frans at 417-862-3586.

Thank You for registering!



Annual Meeting Agenda

LINDA MERKLING

President, 2020 Council of Churches Board of Directors

Host 2021 Annual Meeting

- 11:15 a.m. - 11:35 a.m. NETWORKING
WELCOME
INVOCATION
DECLARATION OF QUORUM
AGENDA
 Approval of Minutes
 Election of New Board Members
 Slate of Officers
 Recognition of Outgoing Board Members
 New Member Churches
 General Business
COMMITTEE REPORTS
 Compassion Campaign Update
 Finance Committee Report
 President's Report
 CEO's Report
SPECIAL THANK YOU MESSAGE
- 12:30 p.m. BENEDICTION



Vote for Approval of 2020 Minutes

ANITRA APPLEBY

Secretary, Council of Churches Board of Directors

Council of Churches of the Ozarks, Inc. Annual Meeting Minutes February 13, 2020

Place: Crosslines Warehouse
Member Churches Present: 32

Welcome

The Reverend David Kendrick gave a special welcome to all who were in attendance for the 2020 Annual Meeting.

Remembering Dorsey

The Reverend David Kendrick recognized the life and legacy of Council of Churches of the Ozarks founder, Dorsey Levell.

Invocation & Blessing

Father Jos. Tharakan with member church, St. James Episcopal Church offered the invocation.

Declaration of a Quorum

The Reverend David Kendrick declared that a quorum of our Member Churches had registered and declared the 2020 Council of Churches of the Ozarks, Inc. Annual Meeting in session. 12 religious traditions were represented.

Approval of the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

Anitra Appleby, Secretary of the Board stated that the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes were in the packets provided.

The Reverend David Kendrick asked for corrections or additions to the minutes as presented. Hearing none, The Reverend David Kendrick asked for a motion to approve the 2019 minutes as presented. A motion was duly made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the minutes.

Nominating Committee Report

The Reverend David Kendrick asked for Vice President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, Linda Merklng to come forward and give the Nominating Committee report. Linda stated the Committee is nominating the following individuals for membership on the Board of Directors for an initial three-year term.

The Reverend Adrienne Denson-Ewell

The Committee nominates the following for Reappointment:

Britton Jobe
Keith Noble
Tyler Padgitt



2020 Minutes, continued

The Reverend David Kendrick asked for other nominations from the floor. Hearing none he asked for a motion to elect the nominees by acclamation. A motion was made to approve the nominations. The Board nominees were elected.

Introduction of 2020 Board of Directors

The Reverend David Kendrick let the delegate body know according to the procedures in our by-laws, the Board of Directors has proposed officers for the 2020 year and will be elected at the next monthly meeting. They are as follows:

Linda Merklings-President
Tom Ryan-Vice President
Mike Pruett-Treasurer
Anitra Appleby-Secretary

Linda let the membership body know she felt honored and blessed to serve as President of the Board and thanked the Reverend David Kendrick for his leadership.

New Member Church

The Reverend David Kendrick let the membership body know since the last annual meeting, Connecting Grounds church has been added as the newest member church voted on by the 2019 Board of Directors.

Special Recognition of Board Leadership

The Reverend David Kendrick thanked Cheryl Clay for her leadership and support and also thanked Cora Scott for her leadership as chair of the 2019 Compassion Campaign and presented them with awards.

Linda Merklings came to the podium and thanked the Reverend David Kendrick for his leadership as Board President and presented him with an award of appreciation.

Special Recognition of Rev. Mark Struckhoff

The Reverend David Kendrick recognized the Reverend Mark Struckhoff for his contributions over the last ten years to Council of Churches and presented him with a gift. The Reverend Mark Struckhoff thanked the delegate body.

Special Recognition of Advisory Committees

The Reverend David Kendrick also thanked the many volunteers and advisory members for their dedication and the blessing they are to the Council of Churches and those in our community. The dollar value of volunteer time is over 2 million dollars.

Review of 2019 Finances

Keith Noble, Treasurer of the Council of Churches Board of Directors, stated the Finance Committee of the Board works with the Chief Operating Officer and Accounting Manager to review all monthly and yearly financial statements.

He let the delegate body know last year an operating net loss of (\$61,736) was approved but 2019 ended with a net cash gain of \$92,000. We continue to see demand increase at Crosslines and Daybreak is doing well with increased Medicaid funding. Central Office is positive with \$200,000 in bequests.

Looking at the 2020 budget, there is a projected cash gain of \$19,000 and a net operating gain of \$7,700. The One Stop for Early Childhood has shown a \$52,000 loss but is working at increasing their fundraising. Over 90 cents from every dollar goes back into the community. Keith Noble presented the 2020 budget for adoption.



2020 Minutes, continued

Presentation of 2020 Budget

Keith Noble asked for questions or comments. Hearing none, Keith Noble stated a second was not required since the motion comes from the Board. Keith Noble moved for adoption of the budget as proposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Compassion Campaign

Linda Merklng asked Board Member and Chair of the Development Committee, Bill Hennessey to come forward to speak about the upcoming 2020 Compassion Campaign goal.

Bill Hennessey gave a special thanks to the Reverend Dorsey Levell and the Reverend Mark Struckhoff. Bill also thanked Cora Scott for being the Chair of the Compassion Campaign. Over \$520,000 was raised during Christmas with a \$115,000 Christmas challenge. The Council received over \$2.2 million dollars in gifts as well as five different bequests that gave a combined \$270,000 to further our mission.

As we begin the new year, we'll kick off 2020 with a goal of \$2.3 million.

Mission/We Are Family

Interim Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Rick George spoke of the outreaches that serve our most vulnerable. The Council of Churches' outreaches inspire help for seniors, children, families, and adults. Rick recognized staff and spoke of the vision and dream of family and invited the membership to spend more time with us and us with them in 2020. We look forward to working with our member churches to inspire hope in our community, strategic planning, casting a vision and living into our mission.

In closing, the Reverend David Kendrick thanked the Council of Churches of the Ozarks Foundation for their partnership. It was founded in order to help with the long term efforts of the Council.

The Reverend David Kendrick let the delegate body know the Council of Churches and the Council of Churches Foundation have been having fruitful discussions between current development plans and endowment.

He let the body know there will likely be another meeting of member churches for change in bylaws.

Having no other business to conduct, the Reverend David Kendrick adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Benediction

The Reverend Adrienne Denson-Ewell, Council of Churches Board Member gave the benediction.

Donnetta Ghys, Recording Secretary

Anitra Appleby, Secretary to the Board



2021 CCO Board Nominations



**JAY
GUFFEY**

Class of 2023

Jay recently retired as the CEO of Mercy Rehabilitation Hospital Springfield, after working in Health Care for over 44 years. He is currently a consultant for his own company. Jay has volunteered in the Crosslines ministry since the mid-1980s. Over the years, he has been an advocate for low-income residents in Springfield, as well as serving in mission work in Haiti and Nicaragua. Jay believes we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ and fulfill our role by our service to those in need.



**JIM
ANDERSON**

Class of 2023

Jim is retired, after serving as president and CEO of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce for 26 1/2 years and, most recently, vice president, marketing and public affairs, at CoxHealth. He attends First and Calvary Presbyterian Church. He has previously served on the CCO Board and on the Board of the CCO Foundation. He states that he absolutely believes in the mission, work, and ministry of the Council of Churches of the Ozarks and looks forward to serving again.



**CALLIE
CAROLL**

Class of 2023

Callie is the Vice President of Business Development and Shareholder Relations at Old Missouri Bank. She looks forward to using her skills as a CCO board member to help vulnerable people in our community. Callie is also active in Springfield Rotaract and serves on the Champions Committed to Kids Board and the Ozarks Regional YMCA Board.

Board Renewals

ANITRA APPLEBY
JOE COSTELLO
LINDA MERKLING



2021 Incoming Board Officers



**BRITTON
JOB**

President
Class of 2022

Britton has been on the Board since 2017. He also serves on the Crosslines Advisory Committee. He is an attorney at Neale & Newman LLP. Britton is an active community volunteer and an avid Missouri State Bears fan.



**LINDA
MERKLING**

Vice-President
Class of 2023

Linda is the manager of Prosource Wholesale and has extensive background in marketing and management. She is passionate about the ministry of serving God through encouragement, positivity and the power of prayer and loves the work CCO does locally. Linda attends Aldersgate Methodist in Nixa, MO.



**KEITH
NOBLE**

Treasurer
Class of 2022

Keith has been very active in local nonprofits and organizations throughout the years, including The Rotary Club of Springfield, The Salvation Army, Great Circle, and the Discovery Center.

He states that he is on the Board of the Council of Churches to help share the love of Jesus to those most in need.

Keith has more than 40 years of banking experience in the Springfield area and is currently President of Commerce Bank of Springfield.



**ANITRA
APPLEBY**

Secretary
Class of 2023

Anitra is a member and the First Lady of Sanctuary of Praise COGIC, located in Springfield, Missouri, where her husband is the Pastor. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Evangel University. She is passionate about CCO because she believes the organization is fulfilling scripture that states we should love our neighbors as ourselves, regardless of who our neighbor may be.



CCO Board Of Directors



**BILL
HENNESSEY**

Class of 2021

Bill is passionate about the work of the Council of Churches and is pleased to be a part of its efforts to inspire hope and collaboration while addressing the needs of the most vulnerable. Bill has served in several roles at Mercy Health. Five years ago he became the Vice President of Mission for Springfield. Bill is an active member of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic in Ozark, Missouri.



**REV. DAVID
KENDRICK**

Class of 2021

David has been the Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church since July, 2013. This is his second term on the Board. David believes that the mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ Jesus. He states that no other Christian organization in the Ozarks pursues and accomplishes as much of that comprehensive mission as the Council of Churches of the Ozarks.



**CORA
SCOTT**

Class of 2021

Cora is the Director of Public Information & Civic Engagement for the City of Springfield. She serves as the chief communicator for all City operations, overseeing crisis communication responses and also designing, developing, and implementing civic engagement strategies and programs to increase citizen participation with, and ultimately trust in city government.



**ANDREW
TASSET**

Class of 2021

Andrew is a lifelong Catholic and a parishioner at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Springfield. He's always believed that helping to lift up others in our community is not only rewarding and the right thing to do, but also our duty to our faith. Professionally, he has 25+ years of marketing and advertising experience and is the V.P. of Marketing at Central Bank of the Ozarks & Central Trust Company.



CCO Board Of Directors



**REV. ADRIENNE
DENSON EWELL**

Class of 2022

Adrienne is a pastor at Campbell United Methodist Church. She has a heart for the kingdom of God and a faith that loves and does justice. Adrienne is president of the local chapter of the NAACP and is passionate about CCO because faithful collaboration allows people to do more, to bless others, and to inspire hope. She and her husband, Rev. Russell Ewell, enjoy the arts and exploring Springfield.



**TYLER
PADGITT**

Class of 2022

Tyler and his wife Renee pastor The Courageous Church. He leads the church with one mission in mind: to reach people with the life-giving message of Jesus and lead them to know God, find freedom, discover purpose, and make a difference. Tyler is passionate about CCO because he is passionate about this community.



**REV. BOB
PERRY**

Class of 2022

Bob is a retired minister. He has consulted with churches and nonprofits throughout the country and is the author of seven books. Bob says, "I see my involvement with the Council of Churches as a natural and fulfilling aspect of my desire to live out the teachings of Jesus. When Jesus asked us to care for "the least of these," he was describing the compassionate and loving work of the Council."



**JOE
COSTELLO**

Class of 2023

Joe is a commercial real estate broker. In addition to serving on the Board, he volunteers for Safe to Sleep and is involved with several other organizations in the community. Joe attends Pathways United Methodist Church.



Outgoing Board of Directors



MIKE
PRUETT

2018-2020

Treasurer
Board of Directors



TOM
RYAN

2019-2020

Vice President
Board of Directors



CHRISTINA
RYDER

2019-2021

Board of Directors

New Member Churches



THE HEART CHURCH USA

627 N Glenstone Ave, Springfield, MO 65802



LIFE360 COMMUNITY SERVICES

1901 E Division, Springfield, MO



REDEEMER LUTHERAN

2852 S Dayton, Springfield, MO
911 W Mt Vernon St, Nixa, MO



Finance Committee Report

KEITH NOBLE

Chairperson, Finance Committee

Presents 2020 Financial Summary

2020 Financial Summary

2020 Financial Summary			
	INCOME	EXPENSES	ACTUAL
AMBASSADORS FOR CHILDREN	173,766	(217,772)	(44,006)
ONE STOP FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD	103,360	177,755	(74,394)
CHILD CARE FOOD PROGRAM	1,917,996	(1,915,025)	2,971
CONNECTIONS HANDYMAN SVC	141,639	(142,336)	(697)
CROSSLINES FOOD PANTRY	867,887	(721,809)	146,078
DAYBREAK ADULT DAYCARE	943,323	(806,780)	136,542
OMBUDSMAN	166,755	(159,580)	7,175
RSVP	279,96.51	(283,010)	(3,614)
SAFE TO SLEEP	278,304	(238,351)	39,953
CORPORATE OFFICE	1,018,177	(883,781)	<u>134,396</u>
CASH GAIN/LOSS			\$ 344,404



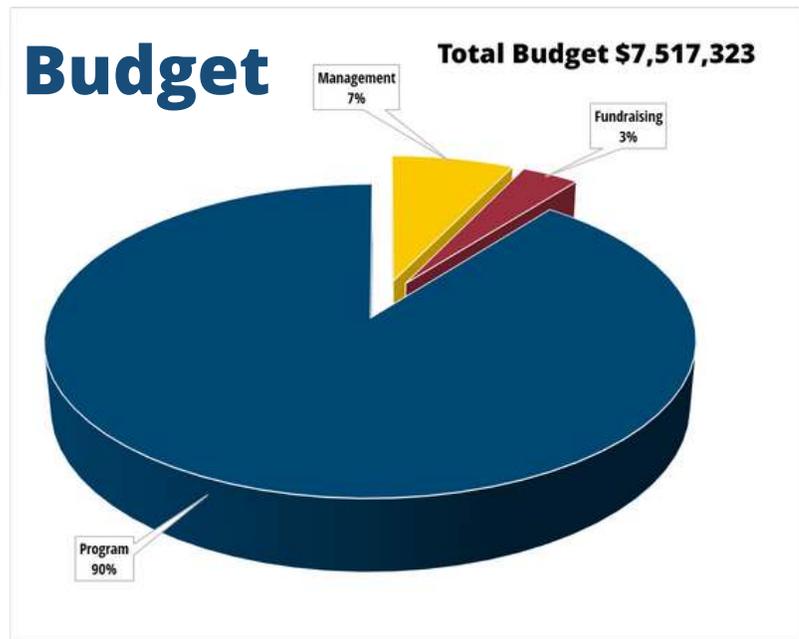
Finance Committee Report

KEITH NOBLE

Chairperson, Finance Committee

Presents 2021 Proposed Budget

2021 Proposed Budget



2021 PROPOSED BUDGETS

	INCOME	EXPENSES	ACTUAL
AMBASSADORS FOR CHILDREN	254,956	(250,276)	4,680
ONE STOP FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD	185,239	(220,727)	(35,488)
CHILD CARE FOOD PROGRAM	1,786,448	(1,786,448)	-
CONNECTIONS HANDYMAN SVC	152,786	(147,417)	5,369
CROSSLINES FOOD PANTRY	528,444	(528,444)	-
DAYBREAK ADULT DAYCARE	990,277	(943,089)	47,188
OMBUDSMAN	168,719	(167,690)	1,029
RSVP	177,781	(177,781)	-
SAFE TO SLEEP	272,393	(264,207)	8,186
CORPORATE OFFICE	1,499,241	(1,499,241)	-
CASH GAIN/LOSS			\$ 30,964



Special Thanks

OUTREACH ADVISORY COMMITTEES COUNCIL OF CHURCHES FOUNDATION

Ambassadors for Children

Heather Regier
Jacqueline Jadidian
Kelly Creager
Lorrie Cobb
Melanie Ball
Michelle Stoops
Rebecca Moore
Ryan Cox
Sarah King
Shayla Jenkins
Sarah Marcum
George Wendy

Crosslines

Becky Morgan
Darla Cunningham
Dawn Mixon
Ellen Herbig
Fred Palmerton
Jamie Jacobsen
Jay Guffey
Kim Young
Lisa Slattery
Nancy Hackett
Rebecca Anderson
Sarah Jarrett
Sheryl Wachter
Stephanie Frandsen
Tami Brown

The One Stop

Dana Carroll
Christy Davis
Katie Quinn
Dawn Maize
Holly Ketchum
Lindsey Boker
Julie Rasmussen
Jennifer Crouch
Colleen Neill
Claire VonAllmen
Susan Henderson
Mackenzie Masterson
Faith Swickard
Brigitte Marrs

RSVP

Daphne Cosby
Amy Landrigan
Shannon Bossing
W. Joe Pyles
Tom Ryan
Becky Seigel
Nancy Henderson



THE FOUNDATION
Council of Churches of the Ozarks

GARY POWELL

KAYE FOSTER GIBSON

KEN MCCLURE

KEN MEYER

KEVIN AUSBURN

BILL DARR



What is a Member Church?

A BODY COMMITTED TO SERVING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH A SHARED LOVE OF CHRIST

As a CCO Member Church, your church's mission reach is multiplied! By answering God's call to love our neighbor, your church members can serve their community in a wide variety of ways. Your church, working along with others, can make a much greater impact on critical community issues such as homelessness, hunger, isolation, elder care, foster care, mentorship, empowerment, and education.

There are several ways to "live out" the Christian faith through the various outreach programs that make up the Council. Serving all ages and every demographic, CCO offers member churches the opportunity to truly improve the quality of life of our most vulnerable neighbors - from infant to elder.

Regardless of the capacity of each individual church, **together** as a faith community we can **do more**. As good stewards of God's provision, our individual contributions grow into exponential impact. CCO Members exist as a special network of believers, committed to a common purpose, and determined to collaborate, share resources, and lift one another up in the work to which we have been called. Among the many benefits member churches receive, included are special networking opportunities, timely and relevant training, and access to subject matter experts in fields affecting your church members and the greater community.

Membership in the Council of Churches of the Ozarks provides a platform where your congregations' mission efforts can be shared, supported and celebrated by the incredible body of believers living and working in the Ozarks.

Member Expectations

- Endorse the Mission of CCO
- Pledge an annual or monthly gift to further the programs and services of CCO
- Designate a liaison between CCO and the church body and/or leadership
- Designate up to 3 delegates to represent your church as a voting delegate
- Actively participate in Council/Outreach service opportunities (such as volunteerism, special events, special offerings, awareness or special fundraising campaigns)
- Celebrate and share your church's participation and accomplishments! Remember we're #BetterTogether





**Council of Churches
of the Ozarks**

3 ways to *Inspire Hope*

SHARE

On social media, at church or within your circle of friends - share what we're doing (and how we can all help) to serve our neighbors in need.

SERVE

Volunteer your time and/or donate your skills to one of the Council of Churches programs. Visit www.CCOzarks.org/volunteer to sign up to volunteer.

SUPPORT

Visit www.CCOzarks.org/donate to give.

