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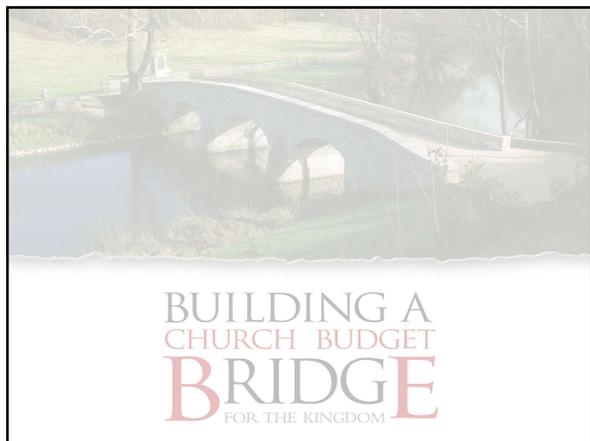
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## The Budget Bridge

- A straight forward procedure for the budgeting group
- A goal of adopting the church budget

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## Actions to Building a Budget

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## Action 1: Seek Spiritual Direction

- Seek God's direction through prayer
- Develop a clear mission statement
- Include personal stewardship plan
- Review the Church Giving Profile
- Project the next year's ministry priorities

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**Action 2: Consult with Church Leaders**

- Enlist financial leaders
- Secure budget proposals
- Make adjustments to request
- Finalize your plan

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**Action 3: Build Congregational Acceptance**

- Write an attractive budget proposal
- Provide a budget copy for every member
- Make a formal budget presentation
- Allow dialogue time
- Call for church adoption of the budget
- Conduct a church-wide stewardship emphasis

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**Action 4: Encourage Personal Commitment**

- Interpret what the Bible says about giving
- Use testimonies
- Ask members to declare their intentions
- Remind church of progress
- Express gratitude for faithful givers
- Provide offering envelopes

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**Viewing MISSION, VISION and the MIRACULOUS in church budgeting!**

**“Joshua told the people, Consecrate yourselves, because the Lord will do wonders among you tomorrow.”**  
**Joshua 3:5**

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**Strategy for crossing a river depends upon your:**

- Resources
- Money
- People
- Motivation
- Circumstances

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**Why are we going to the other side of the river?**

- A simple statement of purpose is your MISSION STATEMENT.
- A picture of the desired future is your VISION.
- Leave plenty of room for God to do the MIRACULOUS!

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**Joshua 3:15b:**

“...But as soon as the priests carrying the ark reached the Jordan, their feet touched the water at its edge and the flowing downstream stood still.”

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**Joshua 3:17**

“The priests carrying the ark of the Lord’s covenant stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on dry ground until the entire nation had finished crossing the Jordan.”

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**Guiding the Budgeting Process**

- Allow Ample Time
- Seek and Expect God’s Leadership
- Follow a Schedule of Key Meetings
- Coordinate the efforts of key leaders

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**Focus Budget Compilations into Four Components**

- **Mission Support**
- **Program Support**
- **Staff Support**
- **Operational Support**

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**Communicate with the Church**

- **Compare budget proposal to giving trends**
- **Utilize testimonies**
- **Highlight major budget changes**
- **Provide copies of the budget to each family**
- **Use visuals**

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**Encourage Personal Giving Commitment**

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**Develop a Church Stewardship Calendar**

- Summer
- Winter
- Fall
- Spring

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**A Variety of FORMS are provided:**

- Church Giving Profile
- A Ministry Project Proposal
- Mission Giving Profile
- Financial Support Worksheet for Church Staff
- A Ministry Program Budget Proposal
- Church Ministry Budget Model

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**TRUTHS to Consider About Giving**

- We are raising money for life transformation, not institutional survival.
- People give to people and causes, not to institutions or progress.
- There is no substitute for absolute integrity, none.

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**TRUTHS to Consider About Giving**

- People give to winners; tell your stories.
- Givers do not just give; they invest.
- Listen carefully, respond strategically and thank people sincerely.

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**TRUTHS to Consider About Giving**

- Givers need continual evidence that they are giving money to financially efficient ministries.
- Givers look for ministries with which they have a heart connection – a shared cause that makes the ministry a compelling recipient of funds.

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**BUILDING A  
CHURCH BUDGET  
BRIDGE**  
FOR THE KINGDOM

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