

Partnering and Stewarding



This photo from last year's clothing drive demonstrates the generosity and abundance that we can manifest when we choose to do so.

Agenda

- Partnering:
 - Friends of Unity accomplishments in 2022
- Stewarding Finances:
 - Income and Spending Trends
 - Financial Vision for 2023

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2022 Accomplishments

Through our gifts of time, talent and treasure, we:

- Met in-person every Sunday.
- Rebuilt our service teams.
- Sustained livestream connections with our larger community.
- Sustained our music program and recruited two music coordinators.
- Sustained a consciousness of abundance through tithing 10% of gross income.
- Stretched our abundance consciousness by giving an additional 1%.
- Sustained and increased our community outreach.
- Created and implemented a robust internal financial review process.
- Visioning Love, Community and Service as our spiritual intentions.

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Income

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
General Fund	\$80,000	\$79,700
Other (Classes, WoW, etc.)	\$3,600	\$2,500
Grants	\$2,000	\$5,000

Income (excluding grants) declined from 2021 to 2022. This is the first year-to-year decline since 2017 to 2018.

We do not expect any grants in 2023. We do not budget or plan for grants, because they are not a reliable or appropriate source of funding for operating expenses.

Grants

We are grateful for these grants:

2021: \$2,000 subsidy from Unity Worldwide Ministries to help churches during the financial turmoil caused by the pandemic.

2022: Rev. Ida Bowles Technology Grant program for new thought ministries to improve their online technology and capabilities. Provides supplemental funds for ministries to make upgrades they could not otherwise afford.

- \$5,000 restricted funds.
- Received in 2022.
- Planned spending in 2023:
 - Enhance our online capability to make and maintain community connections.
 - Equipment, including a video camera.
 - Professional services.

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Spending

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Forecast</u>
Spending	\$88,400	\$87,100	\$93,500*

2023 Forecast:

- Continued commitment to prudent stewardship.
- Cost savings for financial review performed internally instead of using outside accountant (\$1,400+).
- No raises for staff—but more time off.
- \$6400 increase (\$533 per month) over 2022 spending.
- Increased operating costs include:
 - Rent (\$2,000 increase—first increase in three years).
 - Music (\$1,500 increase).
 - Software (\$600 increase).

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*Excludes grant spending.

Income and Spending*

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023 Forecast</u>
Income	\$83,600	\$82,200	?
Spending	<u>\$88,400</u>	<u>\$87,100</u>	<u>\$93,500</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$4,800)	(\$4,900)	??

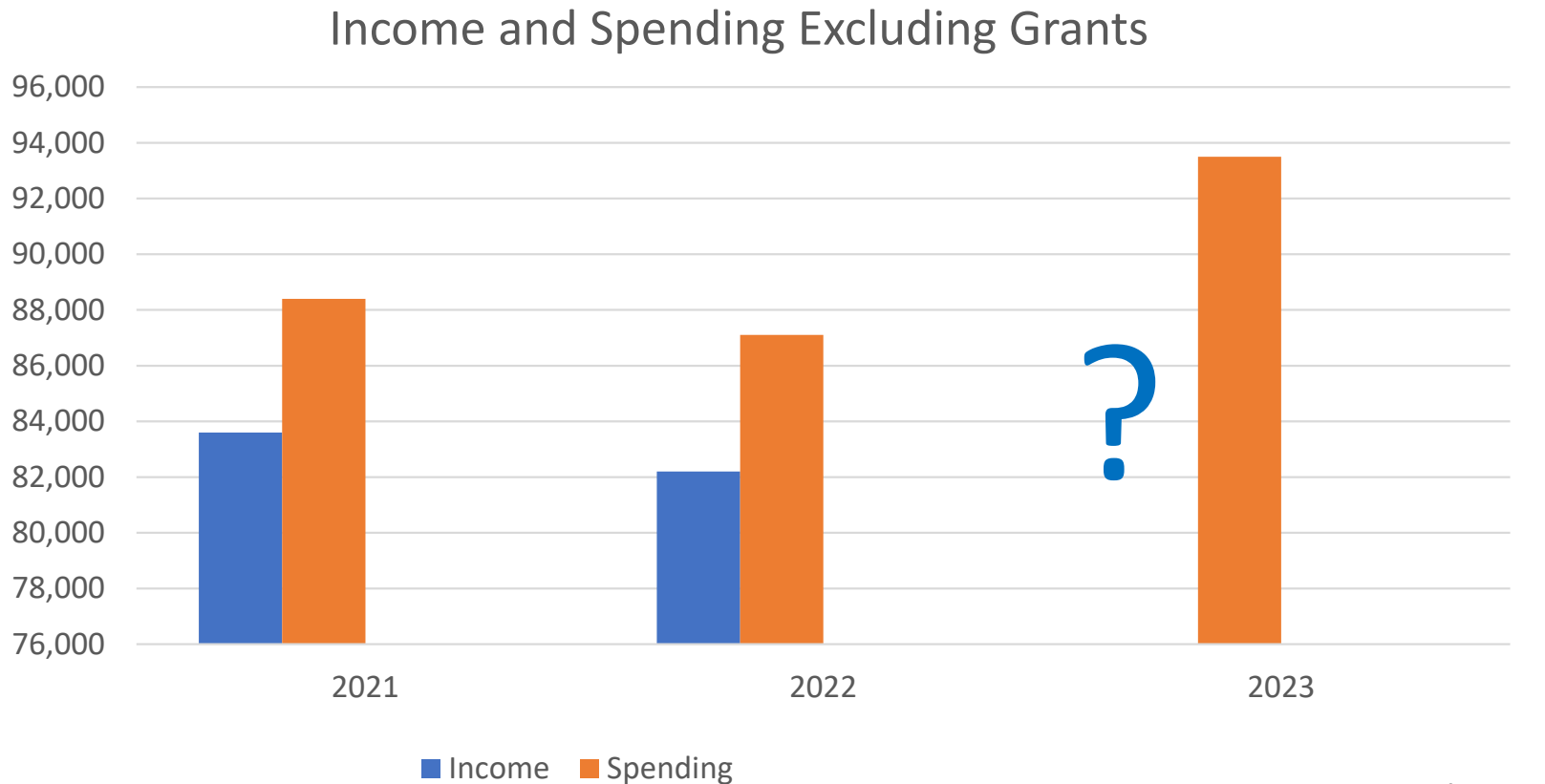
- Deficits are not sustainable.
- Income is less predictable than spending.
- We will manage expenses prudently, but cutting costs cannot lead to prospering. Rather than decreasing our good, let's develop consciousness for creating the greater.
- We envision and commit to growth in consistent and predictable income.

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*Excluding grants.

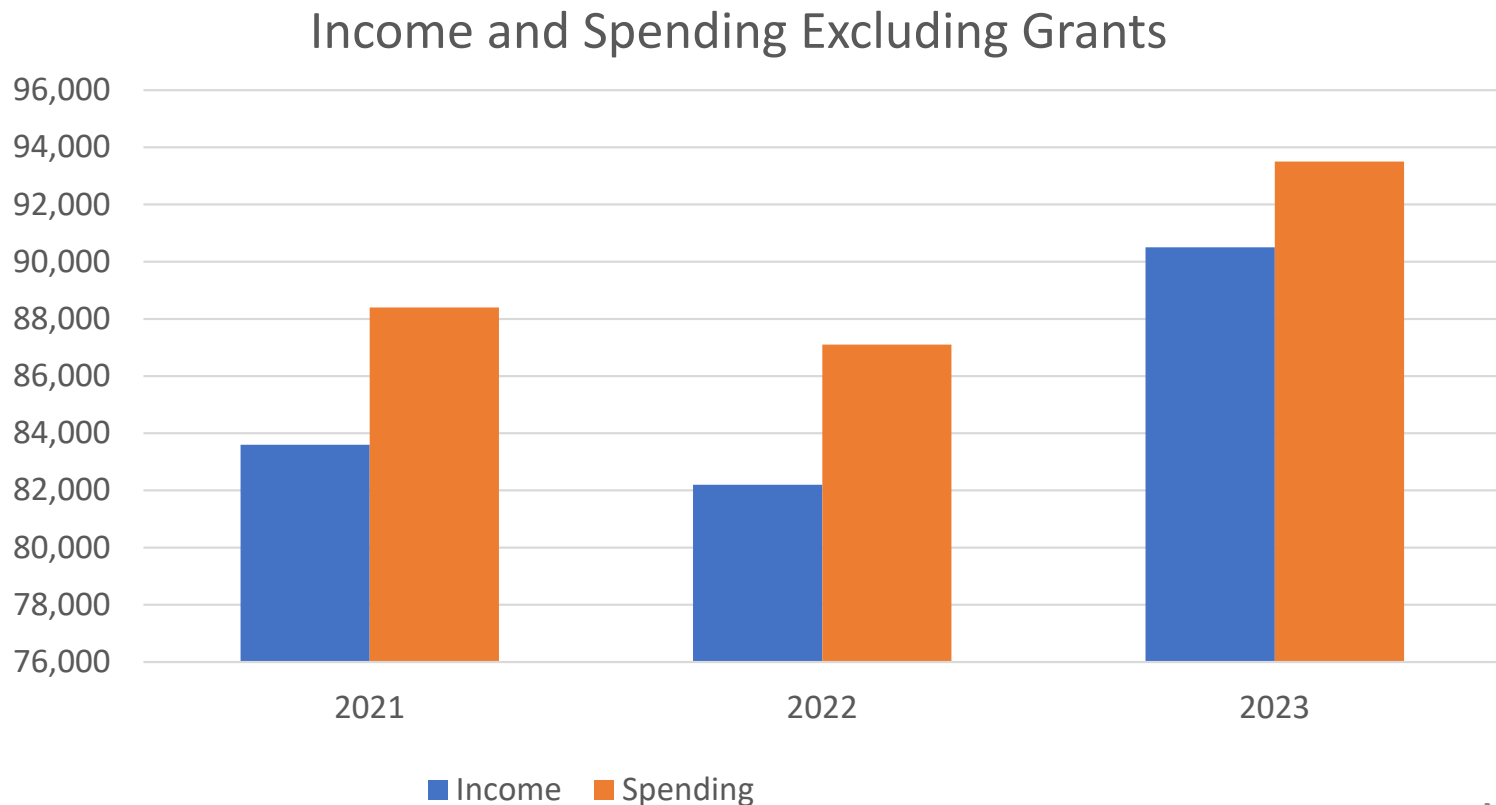
Income and Spending Trends

This graph illustrates the data from the preceding slide.



2023 Vision

As a community, we will work to reduce the deficit by expanding income. The 2023 Budget envisions at least a \$7,800 growth in income (= \$650 per Month). This will reduce but not eliminate the deficit, as shown below.



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Our Divine Appointment To Partner With God

We partner with God and co-create
a spiritual center from which lives are transformed through
Love, Community & Service.

With faith and works
every idea and every support necessary
is received and given.

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