I will keep my 2005 Mission Treasurer Report short and focused on three areas.

First, **Franklin Federated Church has an enormous capacity to respond immediately and generously to world emergencies.** In 2005, we donated $5733 to help worldwide victims of the Tsunami, Katrina, and the South Asia Earthquake. In 2001, we made large donations to Afghanistan and 911 aid. We do not know what world emergencies will arise in 2006; but we are confident the church will respond.

Second, **pledged Missions giving continues a downward trend** since its peak in 2003, directly impacting our supported denominations and local organizations. I suspect the drop in pledged Mission giving is related to the high donations for emergency relief and note that the total giving has remained high. Whatever the reason, 2006 pledged support for Missions is **8% below the 2005 actuals.**

![Graph showing Mission Giving Trends]

Finally, the Mission Committee budget on the following pages assumes we proceed with Eaton Place. We have allocated $2000 from Missions pledges to support this program, and plan to raise the balance of funding needed via a special campaign. This puts further pressure on our ability to support other Missions programs. I have cut our support for denominations and these programs by 15-25% each, yet I still project a $220 deficit in the Missions budget.

The new Missions committee will need to manage the Eaton Place campaign (if approved) and reconcile the Missions budget. My recommendations would be to cut some programs entirely to better support others.

We would like to thank the congregation, for its strong support of these programs. The committee works hard to make sure these gifts are effective, and I thank them for their time as well.

John Wallace, Mission Treasurer

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