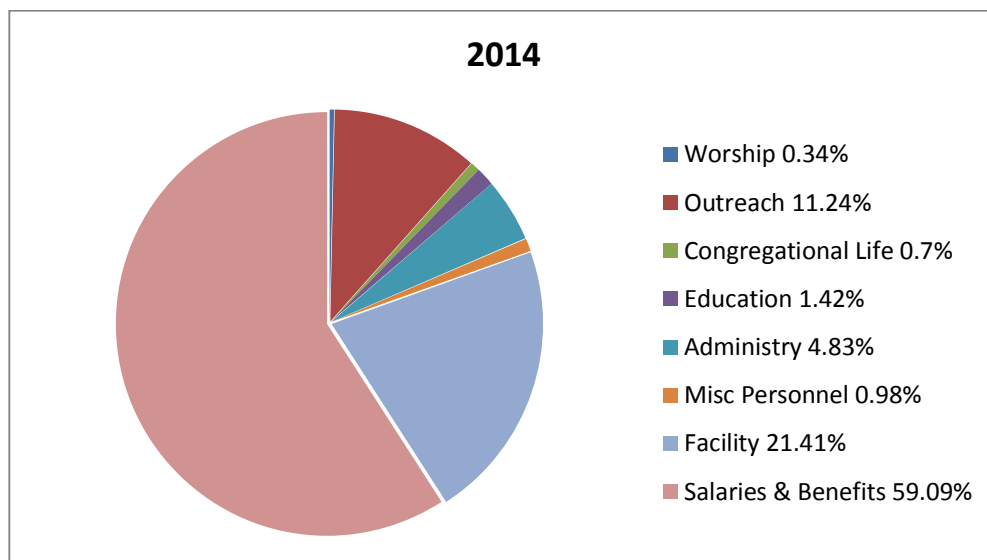
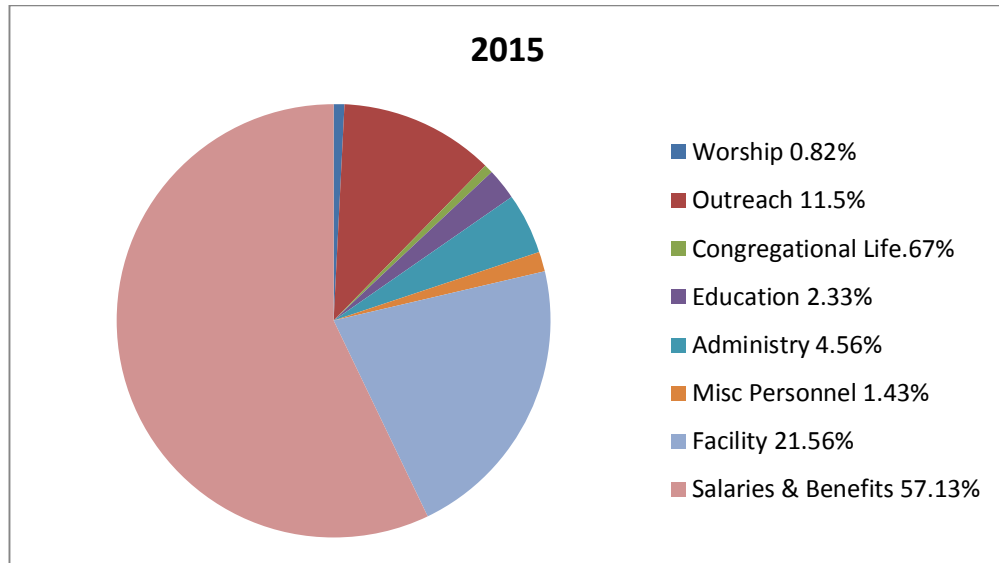


AWCC Finances – How they work

1. Healthy organizations have:
 - a. Cause (mission and core values)
 - b. Corporation (to conduct business and legal aspects)
 - c. We value and celebrate both
2. We have a financial team committed to integrity and confidentiality
 - a. Financial secretary (and counting team) records and deposits all incoming funds, no one else sees the giving
 - b. Treasurer and accountant oversee all expenditures, reporting monthly to Council and annually to congregation
3. More than 90% of the budget is known commitments
 - a. Staff and administration
 - b. Facilities
 - c. Missions giving (11.5% of giving in 2015)
4. Our budget does not change radically from one year to the next





5. Why vote on and participate in the budget?
 - a. Creates ownership/support
 - b. Protects the organization – AWCC membership can intervene and express concerns
6. Budget process begins well in advance of annual meeting – you can be involved
 - a. Ministry team meetings to assess spending and budget plan are open to the congregation
 - b. Financial Team proposes budget draft to Council based on these meetings
 - c. Council finalizes budget – Council meetings are also open for those desiring to participate in the process
 - d. Rather than Annual meeting being the venue for detailed budget discussion (above mentioned meetings are)
7. The Annual vote on the Budget
 - a. Is required by our Constitution
 - b. Provides a guide and ceiling for expenditures by the Council/Treasurer/Staff
 - c. Council can only exceed this budget by 2% on an annual basis unless there is voted congregational approval
 - d. Council is also authorized to spend less than the budget

8. A Change for 2016 Budget Planning Process

- a. Will present budget in November (instead of February) based on data from the four prior quarters in order to have an operating budget on January 1. Annual Calendar Year Reporting will still be done as usual.
- b. This also allows
 - i. more flexibility for the date of the Annual Meeting
 - ii. allows Budget to not dominate 2016 Annual Meeting
- c. Budget will be provided to congregation in advance of the November meeting requesting approval vote
- d. Causes for subsequent spending changes (requiring another vote) would only be significant unexpected shift in commitments, giving or needed expense – special additional provisions would be determined based on suggestions in prior budget planning meetings.

And speaking of commitments....Commitment Cards for 2016 are now available. Check the bulletin. Please prayerfully consider your commitment to AWCC. We will celebrate our commitment together on Sunday October 4th. You can place your commitment card on the Communion Table at this time or in the Offering box. Commitments are confidential.