



**WEST BRIDGEWATER**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Annual Report

for the year

2022



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January 2023

To the saints of West Bridgewater Community Church,

Every year presents challenges and opportunities, and in each passing year there are invariably gains and losses, highs and lows, joys and sorrows. Last year was no different in that regard.

One of last year's highlights was our adoption of new bylaws, which were revised significantly. Jim Bean and Dean Leavitt, who had been faithfully serving as deacons, were named elders, and Paul Von Protz became a deacon. Another highlight was participating once again in West Bridgewater's annual Park Day. We also tried another outreach program titled *Life Explored*. Eight people were involved in that program, which met for seven weeks in a row at Good Days. We used money that had been generously given to the church for outreach to pay for the meals of all who attended. We enjoyed fellowship; watched videos that encouraged participants to think about what life is about and taught a biblical perspective on the meaning of life; read some Bible passages; and discussed. Half of the participants had never set foot into WBCC; two of them have since attended some of our worship services. We will need to continue to attempt to reach others with the gospel of Jesus Christ, to invite them to join us in worship, or this church will not have a future.

Of course, another highlight is something that we often take for granted: we have continued to meet for worship, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. We continue to gather to call upon the Lord, praise his name through song, study his Word, and observe the Lord's Supper.

Preaching and teaching the Bible continues to be at the heart of what we do as a church. This year, I preached through the first book of the Psalter (Psalms 1–41) and Jude, before beginning a sermon series titled "Who Is Jesus?" On Sunday evenings, I taught through 2 Corinthians and Lamentations, before beginning the Gospel of John. On Wednesday nights, we finished the book of Deuteronomy and then read through Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, and Ephesians. In our Bible study on Sundays at 9:15 a.m., we finished reading and discussing Dane Ortlund's *Gentle and Lowly*, we studied the books of Colossians and Philemon (using Crossway's *Knowing the Bible* material), and we began reading and discussing a book on evangelism: *Questioning Evangelism*, by Randy Newman. Let us pray that God's Word would continue to increase in our lives and in the world as we seek to obey his commands and communicate the gospel to others.

Those were the highlights of last year. But there were also significant losses. In 2022, we lost three members of our church, each one of them special in God's sight, each one of whom we miss. Les Moore, Ruth Roberts, and Charlie Taylor went home to be with the Lord. We rejoice that they are in heaven, yet we miss their presence with us.

Thank you for being a part of this congregation. I thank you for your faithfulness and service. I also thank you for your generosity to Kathy, Caleb, Simon, and me.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all,  
Pastor Brian Watson

## Clerk's Report 2022

### January

- 16 Troy Bryce – Guest Preacher. He is a recent graduate of Bridgewater State University and a Master of Divinity student at Knox Theological Seminary He is a member of Central Congregational Church in Middleborough.
- 16 Fourth Quarterly Business Meeting and Annual Meeting – 4:00 p.m.

### February

- 6 Special Business Meeting to vote on revised bylaws

### March

- 13 Troy Bryce – Guest Preacher.

### April

- 9 Work Day
- 10 First Quarterly Business Meeting following the Morning Worship Service
- 15 Good Friday Service – 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Easter Sunrise Service at War Memorial Park at 6:00 a.m.
- 17 Easter Sunday – No Evening Service

### May

- 22 Special Members' Meeting following the Morning Worship Service to vote on nominations for officers (Jim Bean and Dean Leavitt to be elders of the church and Paul Von Protz to be a deacon)

### June

No Events

### July

- 3 July 3 through the first two weeks of September the schedule for the Sunday Morning Worship Service will be at 9:15 a.m. followed by Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.
- 9 Work Day and Cookout
- 17 Second Quarterly Members' Meeting following Morning Worship Service

### August

- 14 Larry Kanter, Guest Preacher. He and his wife are members of South Shore Baptist Church in Hingham. He was educated at Vanderbilt University and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He has pastored two churches, one in New York and the other in Abington.

### September

- 11 Park Day at War Memorial Park
- 27 Life Explored, a series of seven meetings, started at Good Days. Participants watched short videos, read a Bible passage, and discussed questions over a meal.

## **October**

16 Third Quarterly Members' Meeting following Morning Worship Service

## **November**

5 Work Day and Lunch

20 Troy Bryce, Guest Preacher

20 Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal following Morning Worship Service

## **December**

24 Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 p.m.

25 Christmas Day – No Evening Service

**MEMBERS OF WEST BRIDGEWATER COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**January 1, 2023**

**ACTIVE MEMBERS**

\*Anderson, Carl Eric  
Anderson, Cheryl  
Bean, James  
Douglin, Jonathan  
Hunt, Samantha  
LaBelle, Elizabeth  
Leavitt, Dean  
Leavitt, Denise  
Moore, Mary  
Palmeira, Joao  
Palmeira, Raphael  
Roberts, Edmund  
Roscoe, Jeanne  
Rox, Claudia  
Taylor, Carole  
Taylor, Douglas  
Von Protz, Christie  
Von Protz, Paul  
Watson, Brian  
Watson, Kathy

**DECEASED**

Moore, Lester – 3-20-22  
Roberts, Ruth – 5-24-22  
Taylor, Charles – 12-30-22

**ACTIVE VOTING MEMBERS AS  
OF 1/1/23**

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\*Active non-voting member



## Proposed Officers and Committees for 2023

### ELDERS

James Bean	508-468-1333
Dean Leavitt	508-238-3122

### DEACONS

Paul Von Protz	508-215-8309
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### MODERATOR

Paul Von Protz	508-215-8309
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### CHURCH CLERK

Carole Taylor	508-584-6303
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### ASSISTANT CLERK

Cheryl Anderson	508-587-5752
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### COLLECTOR

Paul Von Protz	508-215-8309
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### ASSISTANT COLLECTOR

Mary Moore	508-584-3575
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### TREASURER

Douglas Taylor	904-534-2085
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### ASSISTANT TREASURER

Mary Moore	508-584-3575
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### AUDITING COMMITTEE

Cheryl Anderson	508-587-5752
Carole Taylor	508-584-6303

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Cheryl Anderson	508-587-5752
Carole Taylor	508-584-6303
Paul Von Protz	508-215-8309

### MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

Mary Moore	508-584-3575
Kathy Watson	774-240-8751

## Board of Trustees Report

2022

We wish to thank all of those who were helpful in the many ways to ensure that the church, parsonage and grounds have been maintained over the past year. From the janitors, lawn mowers and all of those who have helped at the various workdays and other time this year, we are grateful that the Lord's property is properly maintained. The workdays each ended with a cookout and fellowship that accomplished work as well as fellowship.

With the completion of the installation of the fire suppression system for the stove in the church's kitchen, the first use this year was for a Thanksgiving dinner and all worked well.

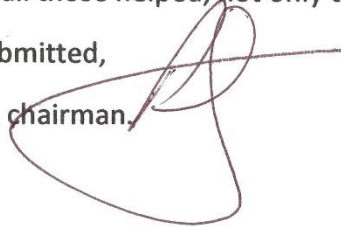
A project that was started this year is the replacement of the upstairs parsonage windows, this is being done in stages 4 have been replaced so far, and 4 more have been purchased, with 6 more to go. The existing windows and screens were in poor condition due to age.

Due to inflation, the cost of expenses to the church have greatly increased: from insurance, snow removal, gas for heating the church, oil for the parsonage, gas for mowing lawns, internet, telephone and electricity. The committee is investigating some options for reduction, as this is not only a concern for the church but also for all those who attend. With this in mind, the committee is investigating a possibility of replacement of the heating systems for the church (existing boiler is 59 years old) as well as air conditioning with possible partial assistance from the state on energy rebates, nothing decided now and presently unknown what rebates might be available in 2023.

I wish to thank all those helped, not only the committee member but many others.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Von Protz, chairman,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Paul Von Protz', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and loops back under the line.

# Collector's Report

## 2022

Offering 2022					
	current	missions	other	total	date
\$	1,384.00	\$ 346.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,930.00	2-Jan
\$	784.00	\$ 196.00	\$ -	\$ 980.00	9-Jan
\$	2,504.00	\$ 626.00	\$ -	\$ 3,130.00	16-Jan
\$	996.00	\$ 249.00	\$ -	\$ 1,245.00	23-Jan
No service due to winter storm Kenan					
\$	2,490.00	\$ 623.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 3,353.00	30-Jan
\$	1,224.00	\$ 306.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 1,551.00	6-Feb
\$	1,120.00	\$ 280.00	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00	13-Feb
\$	1,448.00	\$ 362.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,850.00	20-Feb
\$	\$2,140.00	\$ 535.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,875.00	27-Feb
\$	\$1,656.00	\$ 414.00	\$ -	\$ 2,070.00	6-Mar
\$	\$724.00	\$ 181.00	\$ 446.08	\$ 1,351.08	13-Mar
\$	\$1,880.00	\$ 470.00	\$ -	\$ 2,350.00	20-Mar
\$	\$18,350.00	\$ 4,588.00	\$ 1,147.08	\$ 24,085.08	27-Mar
1st qtr					
\$	1,704.00	\$ 426.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,330.00	3-Apr
\$	1,072.00	\$ 268.00	\$ -	\$ 1,340.00	10-Apr
\$	2,700.00	\$ 675.00	\$ -	\$ 3,375.00	17-Apr
\$	1,152.00	\$ 288.00	\$ -	\$ 1,440.00	24-Apr
\$	1,661.00	\$ 415.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,276.00	1-May
\$	1,276.00	\$ 319.00	\$ -	\$ 1,595.00	8-May
\$	1,144.00	\$ 286.00	\$ -	\$ 1,430.00	15-May
\$	836.00	\$ 209.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 1,205.00	22-May
\$	9,292.00	\$ 2,323.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 11,815.00	29-May
\$	1,676.00	\$ 419.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,395.00	5-Jun
\$	1,720.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 498.80	\$ 2,648.80	12-Jun
\$	996.00	\$ 249.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,295.00	19-Jun
\$	1,899.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,524.00	26-Jun
\$	27,128.00	\$ 6,782.00	\$ 1,758.80	\$ 35,668.80	2nd qtr
\$	45,478.00	\$ 11,370.00	\$ 2,905.88	\$ 59,753.88	1st half
\$	1,656.00	\$ 414.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 2,520.00	3-Jul
\$	1,604.00	\$ 401.00	\$ 118.00	\$ 2,123.00	10-Jul
\$	1,196.00	\$ 299.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,545.00	17-Jul
\$	700.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 925.00	24-Jul
\$	1,436.00	\$ 359.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,845.00	31-Jul
\$	1,536.00	\$ 384.00	\$ 402.00	\$ 2,322.00	7-Aug
\$	1,964.00	\$ 491.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,505.00	14-Aug
\$	920.00	\$ 230.00	\$ -	\$ 1,150.00	21-Aug
\$	1,828.00	\$ 457.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,385.00	28-Aug
\$	1,576.00	\$ 394.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,220.00	4-Sep
\$	576.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 830.00	11-Sep
\$	1,560.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 768.80	\$ 2,718.80	18-Sep
\$	3,932.00	\$ 983.00	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 6,175.00	25-Sep
\$	20,484.00	\$ 5,121.00	\$ 3,658.80	\$ 29,263.80	3rd qtr
\$	65,962.00	\$ 16,491.00	\$ 6,564.68	\$ 89,017.68	yr to date
Date	Current	Missions	Other	total	
2-Oct	\$ 348.00	\$ 87.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 785.00	
9-Oct	\$ 2,532.00	\$ 633.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 3,505.00	
16-Oct	\$ 1,426.00	\$ 356.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,832.00	
23-Oct	\$ 976.00	\$ 244.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,270.00	
30-Oct	\$ 796.00	\$ 199.00	\$ 146.00	\$ 1,141.00	
6-Nov	\$ 1,915.00	\$ 479.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,644.00	
13-Nov	\$ 9,624.00	\$ 2,406.10	\$ 50.00	\$ 12,080.10	
20-Nov	\$ 612.00	\$ 153.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 815.00	
27-Nov	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 1,440.00	
4-Dec	\$ 1,876.00	\$ 469.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,595.00	
11-Dec	\$ 1,840.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 498.80	\$ 2,798.80	
18-Dec	\$ 1,896.00	\$ 474.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,420.00	
25-Dec	\$ 764.00	\$ 191.00	\$ -	\$ 955.00	
4th qtr	\$ 25,685.00	\$ 6,421.10	\$ 2,174.80	\$ 34,280.90	
Total for year	\$ 91,647.00	\$ 22,912.10	\$ 8,739.48	\$ 123,298.58	

  
 Paul R. Von Protz, collector

## **Missionary Committee Annual Report 2022**

There are a few items to report regarding the Missionary Committee for 2022.

Besides fulfilling our budget pledge for 2022, we voted to send a gift of \$1,000 from our Miscellaneous Budget to Keith and Beverly Sellers to help with their move back to the United States following their retirement from serving in Hungary through World Venture.

Park Day: Pastor Brian and several members were there to hand out water bottles, Bibles, books and information about WBCC to those who stopped to visit our table.

Because of your love and generosity for our missionaries, we received a total of \$1,500 in our Christmas Stocking donations which allowed us to give 10 children \$150 each. We are thankful for His provision for this endeavor through each of you.

Please continue to pray for all our missionaries for health, continued financial support, and sustained resilience to continue with their missions despite the difficulties many have faced in countries around the world that are hostile to the gospel message.

Respectfully submitted,  
Missionary Committee

**Missions 2022 Budget and Expenses and 2023 Budget**

<b>MISSIONARIES</b>	<b>2022 BUDGET</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>2023 BUDGET</b>
Stephen Baggott	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Therese Blanchette	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
David and Chrissie Boyd	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Kevin and Bridget Luce	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Roger and Lois Luce	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Rick and Ruth Odess	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Barry and Peggy Owen	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
David and Ute Poysti	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Marvin and Denise Robinson	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
George and Kathy Ross	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Keith and Beverly Sellers	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shibu and Annamma Simon	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Luke Smith	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Daniel and Shelly Young	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
<b>MISSION</b>				
Berea	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
CBA	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
CB Northeast	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Child Evangelism Fellowship	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Christian Service Brigade	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Community Chaplain Service	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
New England Fellowship	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Our Daily Bread Ministries	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Entrusted Word Ministries	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
New Hope Correctional	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Bethesda House	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>ADMINISTRATION/OTHE</b>				
Miscellaneous	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Conference and Speakers	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$23,900.00</b>	<b>\$22,300.00</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>	<b>\$22,700.00</b>
<b>Beginning Balance 2022</b>		\$19,039.62		
<b>Income to date</b>		\$22,912.10		
<b>Expenditures to date</b>		\$22,300.00		
<b>Balance</b>		\$19,651.72		

## 2022 Treasurer's Report and 2023 Budget

Account	2022 Budget	2022 Spent	Balance	2023 Budget
<b>I. Ministries</b>				
<b>A. Christian Education</b>				
Sunday School Material	\$300.00	\$297.86	\$2.14	\$300.00
Nursery Supplies	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$0.00
Children's Church	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$0.00
<b>B. Music</b>				
Instrument Maintenance	\$500.00	\$430.00	\$70.00	\$500.00
Copyright and Song Select	\$225.00	\$253.67	(\$28.67)	\$275.00
<b>C. Flowers</b>	\$50.00	\$50.97	(\$0.97)	\$0.00
<b>D. Deacons</b>				
Guest Speakers	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
<b>E. Pastoral Ministries</b>				
Conferences and Seminars	\$150.00	\$45.00	\$105.00	\$150.00
Materials	\$1,200.00	\$1,187.02	\$12.98	\$1,200.00
Misc.	\$200.00	\$191.00	\$9.00	\$200.00
Tuition Reimbursement	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00	\$0.00	\$5,250.00
<b>F. Hospitality</b>	\$150.00		\$150.00	\$0.00
<b>G. Worship Expenses</b>				
Collector	\$25.00		\$25.00	\$25.00
Ordinance Committee	\$75.00	\$72.01	\$2.99	\$50.00
<b>II. Personnel Expenses</b>				
<b>A. Salaries</b>				
Pastor	\$48,500.00	\$48,500.00	\$0.00	\$48,500.00
Janitor	\$10,620.00	\$10,620.00	\$0.00	\$10,620.00
<b>B. Other Expenses</b>				
Workers' Comp	\$1,000.00	\$977.00	\$23.00	\$1,000.00
National Criminal Background	\$120.00		\$120.00	\$120.00

<b>III. Building and Equipment</b>				
<b>A. General</b>				
Liability and Property Insurance	\$6,000.00	\$7,553.66	(\$1,553.66)	\$7,500.00
Snow Removal	\$4,000.00	\$4,744.00	(\$744.00)	\$5,000.00
Phone and Internet	\$3,000.00	\$3,130.25	(\$130.25)	\$3,000.00
<b>B. Church Building and Grounds</b>				
Electric	\$3,500.00	\$3,346.87	\$153.13	\$5,000.00
Fuel	\$5,500.00	\$5,764.09	(\$264.09)	\$6,500.00
Improvements	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$699.94	\$300.06	\$1,000.00
Supplies	\$250.00	\$110.59	\$139.41	\$250.00
Fuel for Equipment	\$100.00	\$195.23	(\$95.23)	\$200.00
<b>C. Parsonage</b>				
Electric	\$3,500.00	\$2,606.90	\$893.10	\$3,500.00
Fuel	\$1,800.00	\$2,228.71	(\$428.71)	\$2,000.00
Water	\$800.00	\$626.50	\$173.50	\$600.00
Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$1,389.86	(\$389.86)	\$1,000.00
Dump Sticker	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
Improvements	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
<b>D. Equipment Repairs and Maintenance</b>				
Miscellaneous	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$200.00
<b>E. Equipment Purchase</b>	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$0.00
<b>IV. Operations</b>				
<b>A. Office</b>				
Supplies	\$200.00	\$58.00	\$142.00	\$200.00
Copy Machine	\$400.00	\$390.32	\$9.68	\$400.00
<b>B. Kitchen</b>				
Expendable Supplies	\$150.00	\$93.18	\$56.82	\$150.00
<b>C. Treasurer's Expenses</b>	\$150.00	\$120.90	\$29.10	\$150.00
<b>Totals</b>	\$104,220.00	\$102,038.53	\$2,181.47	\$108,465.00

**Balance Sheet (through December 31, 2022)**

<b>Account Summary</b>	<b>Jan. 1</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
<b>Current</b>	\$103.90	\$92,389.46	\$102,043.53	(9,550.17)	
<b>Missions</b>	\$19,039.62	\$22,912.10	\$22,300.00	19,651.72	
<b>Project Renewal</b>	\$8,993.66	\$1,200.00	\$4,762.25	5,431.41	
<b>Furnace</b>	\$24,353.23	\$1,200.00		25,553.23	
<b>Deacon's Fund</b>	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0.00	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$708.85	\$100.00		808.85	Rolling to Capital Acct. for 2023
<b>Revolving</b>	\$9,442.83	\$1,850.00	\$4,900.12	6,392.71	
<b>Designated Fund</b>	\$100.00			100.00	Rolling to Capital Acct. for 2023
<b>Memorial Fund</b>	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$325.00	0.00	
<b>Capital Account</b>	\$15,842.39			15,842.39	
<b>IBM</b>	\$9,545.50	\$1,801.27	\$701.13	10,645.64	
<b>Howard Principal</b>	\$519.04			519.04	
<b>Howard Interest</b>	\$15.46	\$0.83		16.29	
<b>Kinney Principal</b>	\$200.00			200.00	
<b>Kinney Interest</b>	\$24.68	\$0.36		25.04	
<b>Hill Principal</b>	\$4,062.71			4,062.71	
<b>Hill Interest</b>	\$173.58	\$6.35		179.93	
<b>Totals</b>	\$93,450.45	\$123,460.37	\$137,032.03	79,878.79	
<b>Account Balances</b>					
<b>Checking</b>	\$61,387.93				
<b>Divided CD</b>	\$8,172.52				
<b>Current CD</b>	\$10,318.34				
<b>Total</b>	\$79,878.79				
<b>Collectors Income</b>	\$123,340.14				
<b>Interest Income</b>	\$20.23				
<b>Refund</b>	\$100.00				
<b>Treasurers Income</b>	\$123,460.37				



**Auditing Committee Annual Report  
2022**

The Auditing Committee has reviewed all bank statements and records received from the Treasurer and Collector for the year 2022.

All financial records were found to be in order and accurate.

Respectfully submitted,  
Auditing Committee