

# COMMONS.CHURCH

## A LOOK BACK AT 2020



JOURNALS  
DELIVERED

1k



STAMPEDE  
PANCAKES SERVED

0 😞



LOCAL/GLOBAL  
PERCENT OF BUDGET

17.4



CHRISTMAS  
CARDS SENT

1.5K



EASTER VIEWERS  
ON LIVE STREAM

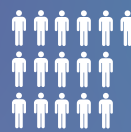
1.6K



GROUPS MEETING  
ACROSS THE  
COUNTRY

⬆ +9

42



INDIVIDUAL  
DONORS

578



YOUTUBE MIN  
WATCHED

1.8M

⬆ 514%



PODCAST  
PLAYS

43K

⬆ 9%



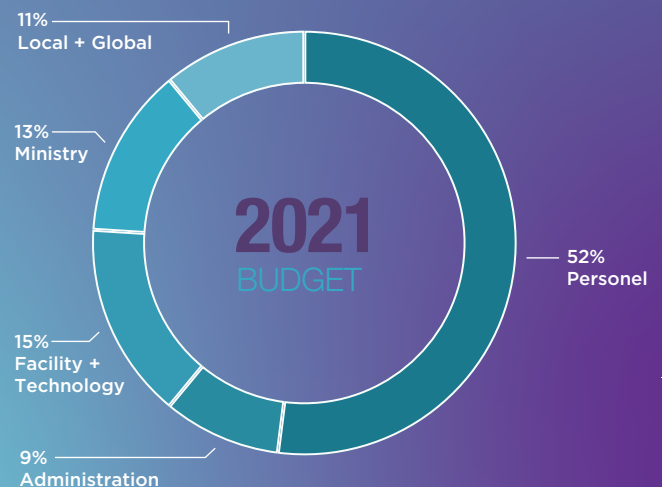
ADVENT MEALS  
DELIVERED

400



PARTNER  
COMMITMENTS KEPT

100%



In 2020 donations reached \$1.3M. 2021 budget is set at \$1.1M.

2020 was a challenging year. Our in-person services were suspended on March 15, 2020, only days after our last AGM, and returned in a limited fashion with significant health measures throughout the summer. However, we returned to online-only November 15, 2020, which remains the case as I write this.

This season necessitated a wholesale transformation in how we have imagined church and cared for our community. Thankfully, we were agile enough to move online quickly. We learned about live-streaming, facilitating groups through Zoom and creating online content. Our thanks to all of the volunteers who offered their time and expertise in helping us get up to speed. While we look forward to returning to in-person gatherings soon, we also know that church and community have been forever altered by this season and that new opportunities and responsibilities continue to emerge. In 2020 alone, thousands of people watched 1.8 million minutes on our YouTube channel and downloaded 43,000 sermons from our podcast. We launched new small groups in different provinces and new initiatives like daily prayers and online classes. We trust that even in a pandemic, the message of Jesus continues to be a light for the world. We also recognize, now more than ever, that the fluid movement between online and in-person that has become part of our lives in this season will continue to be part of Commons as we move forward.

We experienced a quick downturn in donations as the pandemic took hold, but contributions rose again as we all settled into the new reality. While we trailed 2019 for most of the year, you came through with an incredibly generous December, allowing us to exceed our Advent goals and surpass our budget. Amazing! We have taken the Advent surplus and put that into Valentine's gifts for seniors, our local women's shelter, housing for residents struggling with mental health issues, reaching more than 670 neighbours in Kensington and Inglewood this time. After asking our staff to take salary cuts for nine months of 2020, we have returned salaries to their January 1, 2020 levels. Thank you for your generosity.

We enter 2021 in a very stable place financially thanks to wise leadership from the board and staff teams, but we also recognize that Calgary's economic forecast is uncertain. We trust the Commons community will continue to be generous. Still, we have also restricted our budget, reducing expenses where possible, saving for both a rainy day and future opportunities as we emerge from Covid.

Our audited financial documents and budget will be posted to our website by mid February. We encourage you to review these documents and register for our Annual General Meeting on March 17, 2021. Details available at [www.commonsofchurch.ca/AGM](http://www.commonsofchurch.ca/AGM)

On behalf of the staff and board, thank you for all you do to make Commons special.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Duncan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeremy Duncan. Lead Pastor.

Our Financial Officer Michael Wing has prepared your 2020 tax receipt. Please contact our bookkeeper Colette Dejordy ([donate@commonsofchurch.ca](mailto:donate@commonsofchurch.ca)), if you have any questions about your donation profile. You can also log into your profile to print a copy of your receipt from the donation link at [www.commonsofchurch.ca/donate](http://www.commonsofchurch.ca/donate)