

Winter 2025 Quarterly Update

This document provides a snapshot of CRC Council goals and initiatives, ministry focus areas, budget details, and upcoming opportunities to serve as we begin the winter season. This quarterly update supports the goal of improved congregational communication.



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Children and Worship:	Pastoral Update:	Deacon Highlights:	Council Highlights:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Began a new MS girls' Bible study and continued support for the two new catechism classes Traveled to FL to participate in a grant with the CRCNA (our denomination) focused on supporting parents in forming faith at home Developed materials and resources for the Biblical Literacy event, the Advent gathering and Advent at Home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 5 was the first School of Christ event. The teaching took a deep dive into bible literacy Pastor Chris is back to work after taking a few weeks for medical leave. On Nov 10 CRC hosted a community event with the Brady Street BID, Neighborhood Association, and City Officials. Talk on Tuesday at CRC church planting summit in Chicago called "Exile and Election: John Calvin and Church Planting" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanking everyone for the benevolence pantry drive refresh Thanking and reminding people of the freezer meal ministry Missions Sunday event with Ministry Partners on February 1st Encouraging community groups to take on at least two Ministry Partners to commit to praying for and considering how they might serve as a group with one of these organizations 	<p>The Council has continued its work of guiding the church's mission by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting discipleship Strengthening communication tools Stewarding key facilities and budget decisions We remain focused on aligning our efforts with the Five Pillars of Discipleship and ensuring our resources effectively support the life and growth of the congregation.

2025 Budget Highlights

July 1- Nov 30	Actual	Budget	Actual v Budget
Offertory Giving	146,563	168,000	87% or \$21,000

2025 Budget Notes:

- In the prior year, we were also at 87% of the budget at this time.
- Giving is about \$18,000 above the same period compared to the prior year at about a 14% increase.
- Because the budget is larger this year, there is still a gap to close.



CRC Ministry Partner Highlight

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