## Colorado Family Church 2018 Financial Report and End of the Year Letter

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Dear community,
Below you will find the finalized 2018 financial report and end of the year letter. We want to give a big "Thank you!" to our finance ministry for creating this report and their work in improving our financial transparency and reporting system and our council for their support and contributions in this area as well. Also, if you made donations during the year of 2018, you will be receiving a year-end email receipt soon.

2018 was quite a year! If we had to use one phrase to summarize our experience this year, it would be "growing pains."

We've seen a lot of growth this year through a strong retention of guests, births, and families being attracted to Colorado from around the country. It wasn't easy though, as we had to re-evaluate many things such as how to take care of guests, manage our finances, church governance, and creating a vision for our local community. It has been, to say the least, a growing experience, and it has been our blessing to see and experience God guiding our community. We feel very humbled and grateful.

Some notable events and activities from this year were the Interfaith and Marriage Blessings event held throughout the year, a visit from our Subregional Leader Rev. Jackson, Mrs. Eu's visit, Sara Eide's Music Service, Famicon 2018, the Marriage Course, the Energize! Marriage Retreat, holiday and Holy Day celebrations, outings with the Amazing Natural World ministry, and Japanese/Karaoke nights. Spring Refresh and Children's Day were huge successes with record participation. We also witnessed the renovation and re-opening of our wonderful Paco Sanchez Park. Lastly, as the year came to a close, we said goodbye to our brother Roger Wise.

The middle and high school youth have been serving the community by preparing the Thanksgiving lunch, running our cafe, and giving youth services, alongside visiting many different churches, and deepening their relationships through campouts and other fun activities. This year, we also saw more people helping support our youth and Sunday school classes through leading songs, giving talks, and we are very grateful to all of them.

New renovations included moving the food bank to the old storage room and renovating both rooms, the downstairs parsonage bathroom, building new tables for our dining room, fixing up the chapel entry area, and tons of little details that aren't always obvious but make a big difference overall. Don't forget we also got a ton of work done around the building during the Spring Refresh. Good stewardship of our building is really important, and we are happy to see these investments bearing fruit.

Financially, we are strong. After experiencing a drop in our 2017 tithing, we prayerfully committed to being more responsible with our finances by creating a Finance Ministry, making yearly budgets, cutting spending, and looking for ways to increase revenue. We are inspired to share that our tithing and donations went up $11 \%$ this year, which doesn't include a large and unexpected donation of over \$20,000 that we were blessed to receive this year! We also increased our tithing to our subregion and made a large donation to support the Nassau Coliseum Rally in Long Island last year.

All of this was made possible by your commitment to our success as expressed through your time, tithes, efforts to reach out to one another, investing into your own personal spiritual growth and maturity and into your families. Every year, thousands of hours of volunteer effort are invested to do what we do, from Sunday school classes and youth ministries, music ministry, to our outreach and evangelism and interfaith efforts, Women's Federation work, lecturing and education, food bank, tribal messiahship work, cleaning, cooking, welcome ministry, church council, planning our exterior renovation, and managing our finances. The list goes on and on, and it is through things like this that we can create a healthy, God-centered community and church where we can raise the next generation of Unificationists.

If you'd like to take a walk down memory lane and see photos of this past year, you can see them here: photos.app.goo,gl/vjFuGXuyFkaRG5GY8

We want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for the financial contributions you have made to help support and grow our community and to support the work that we do. We hope and pray that your own efforts in life are blessed and increased as a result. If you are not already giving a full $10 \%$ tithe, please consider making that a goal this year. We really believe in the practice of tithing, both in terms of money and time. If you have concerns over how money is used or accounted for, we would love to hear from you about it. Accountability and transparency are very important to us.

We look forward to having a great 2019 together with all of you.


