

Ministry Shares Annual Cycle

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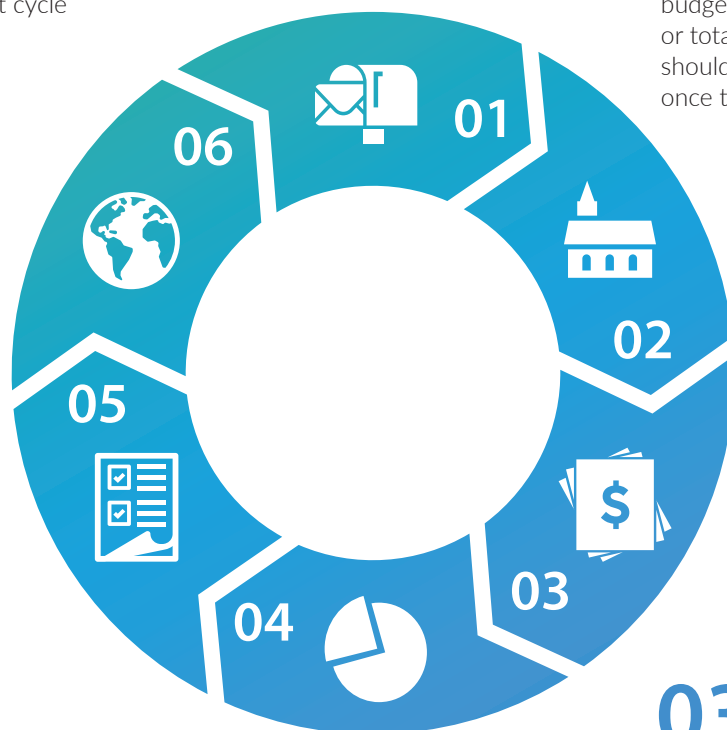
(July 2022) **NEW MINISTRY YEAR BEGINS** – the ministry year will run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Ministry shares received starting in July will be put towards the approved budgets. In addition, a new letter will be sent to congregations to help them start the planning process for the next cycle of pledges.

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(August 2021) **INFORMATIONAL LETTER FROM THE CRCNA IS RECEIVED** – letter will include information about previous ministry share giving and some suggestions for how to think about determining your pledge amount.

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(September-December 2021) **CHURCH COUNCILS DETERMINE PLEDGE** – Every CRC church council should spend time determining the amount of their ministry share pledge for the fiscal year July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023. This could be based on a percentage of total budget, an increase over previous years, or total active membership. Pledges should be forwarded to classis clerks once they have been decided.



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(May 2022) **BUDGETS FOR MINISTRIES ARE APPROVED AT THE CORPORATION/COUNCIL LEVEL** – The Council of Delegates (as well as its Canadian and Michigan corporations) will review the proposed budgets including any changes to programs or personnel. They will also approve ministry share allocations for the coming ministry year that begins July 1.

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(December 2021-January 2022) **PLEDGES ARE FORWARDED TO CRCNA OFFICES** – stated clerks of each classis should forward the pledges from their region to the US or Canadian offices of the CRCNA using an electronic form provided to them. These pledges will help determine the budgets for mission efforts and other ministries in the coming ministry year. Ministry shares are only one part of this budgeting process. Any significant variation in revenue from ministry shares, church offerings, individual gifts or other sources, will impact what ministry can be achieved.

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(Fall 2021) **CONVERSATION AT FALL CLASSIS MEETINGS** – During the fall, every classis will have an interactive conversation about ministry shares as part of their meeting agenda: what ministry shares are, why they matter, and how ministries supported by ministry shares have been used by congregations in the area..

