

Partners in Ministry Fulfilling Christ's Mission in the World



This sounds a little bit like a riddle. When is a church treasurer like a chef? Here's my answer: **All the time!** If you have ever made a large meal, prepared for a lunch or dinner at church, cooked for a weekend retreat or been

the host or hostess for a holiday meal, you have some idea of the myriad of things you had to think about. Deciding what the meal or meals will include, estimating the amount of food needed, purchasing the food, washing, chopping, paring, mixing, boiling, baking, and finally presenting the food.

If you are a church treasurer, mission treasurer or are considering saying yes to one of these positions, you probably feel like the **chef** of all things financial at your church. More than likely, you will handle payroll and need to know and understand about housing allowances or parsonage expenses, you will write the checks for the church's utilities, monitor the cash flow, contribute to the preparation of the church's annual budget, be expected to gather information about health care benefits, pay retirement contributions, understand and disburse the congregation's giving to regional, national and international ministries and missionaries through the mission process. You will need to know where the church's copy of the IRS 501(c)(3) letter is and if your church is located in PA, when your state tax exemption certificate will be renewed. You will give reports to the congregation to let them know about the financial health of the church and may be asked to determine what software program would best suit the accounting needs of the church.

Here's the good news! You don't need to do all of those things alone. Just like you may use a cookbook, look up recipes online or watch a cooking show on television, we are here to partner with you on locating the information you need, suggesting ways to streamline your mission giving and direct you to the services you need.

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