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The Times They Are A-Changin'

Effective at the end of 2005, the fiscal year of the C.U.C. will be December 31. This change will bring our financial year in line with the majority of our congregations, and make some parts of our annual audit go more smoothly. Most importantly, it will (for the majority) make it easier for congregations to calculate their budgets for the APC “fair share” since it will be one rate for the calendar year.

The change of our fiscal year-end to December 31 impacts when we administer our annual membership certification, and the Annual Program Contribution (APC) pledges. The “as of” date for your membership count will be moving ahead two months, from November 1 (2004) to September 1 (2005 and later). Generally, everything else will be happening about 3 months earlier to accommodate our new fiscal year-end:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
mid-August	Certification forms mailed to congregations
by September 30	Certification forms returned to C.U.C.
mid-November	APC Pledge forms mailed to congregations
by December 31	APC Pledge forms returned to C.U.C.

As before, it will be up to the individual congregation to choose a payment frequency to fulfill their pledge. Payments are always due mid-period. Beginning in 2006, Annual payments will be due July 1st, Semi-Annual payments will be due April 1st and October 1st, Quarterly payments will be due the 15th of February, May, August and November, and monthly payments will be due on the 15th of each month.

The Annual Program Contribution “fair share” represents over 70% of the C.U.C.’s revenue and this is returned to you, our member congregations, in the form of our programs and resources. This includes workshops, service consultations, and Religious Education resources. See <http://www.cuc.ca/programs/> for more information.

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