Role: Missional or point of collection?

- Is there a missional side to what happens in the treasury of the local church, or is it just about money?
Role: Missional or point of collection?

• Is the main role of the treasurer that of a collection agent for the church?
Role: Missional or point of collection?

• Should church remittance, borrowing of funds etc. be our main focus?
Role: Missional or point of collection?

• How can we teach treasurers to be mission minded in their work?
• How do we “work” with our churches and schools?
Traditionally, why and when do we make contact with our school and church treasurer?
What emphasis do we place on “trust funds” (funds due to the conference) when reviewing or auditing a local church?
• How should a school or church treasurer know what the expectations of the conference are?
• How often have you made contact with a local treasurer that was not related to a late report or insurance premium due?
  • Example of B’ham treasurer

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• Perceptions: What are some of the perceptions our local treasurers have of conference treasury?
• How do you think church treasurers view all tithe going on to higher organizations when they are struggling locally?
How critical is role of local church treasurer?

• It is foundational to what we do as conferences, unions, divisions and the general conference.
How critical is role of local church treasurer?

• If churches do not generate resources, we will cease to exist.
How critical is role of local church treasurer?

• The least amount of resources is placed where the greatest risk lies.
How critical is role of local church treasurer?

• If the local church play a vital role in how we do mission, how much resources does your organization allocate to these entities?
  • Training? How often? How do you deal with new treasurers coming on board? Should they have a global view of the finances of the church?
  • Is the local church/school treasury team seen as an extension of your department or are they seen as separate entities?
Examples of how to make treasurers a part of the conference team

• Have them take ownership (buy in) where possible
  • Development of tithe envelopes
  • Using them as mentors of new treasurers
  • Use them to train other treasurers
  • At conference wide events, use them as counters of offerings
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• Have them take ownership (buy in) where possible
  • Software selection
  • Avoid, as much as possible, a top down approach
  • BE AVAILABLE and ACCESSIBLE. After a while, they will stop calling.
  • Reward them...Christmas card, a small gift for those who had all their reports in on time, a sympathy card when you hear of death in the family and show up if you can, etc.
In Summary...

• One of the best things you can do for your organization is to build a relationship with your church and school treasurer
• Train them
• Empower them
In Summary...

• The nuts and bolts of working with church and school treasurers are not the technical stuff
• Avoid using your treasurer simply as a tithe and tuition collector
• Every thing we do must be done within the context of our mission
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