

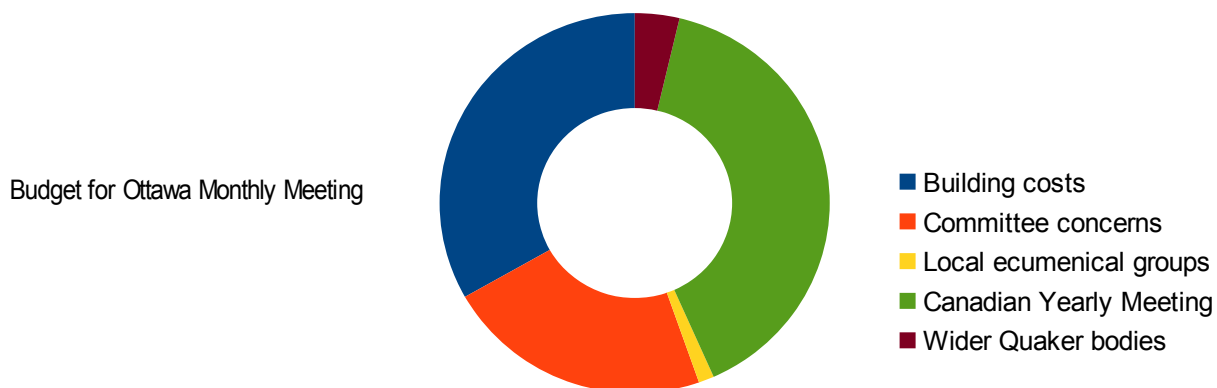
Contributing to the work of Ottawa Monthly Meeting

At the end of each year, at its Meeting for Business, the Meeting considers its priorities and agrees to a budget for the following year. This budget is prepared and presented to the Meeting in November by our Finance Committee, and accepted with possible modifications in December. In the last few years our annual budget has been around \$70,000.

With the exception of about \$16,000 from rentals, interest, etc. this budget is met by individual donations to our Meeting. These contributions range from a few dollars to several thousands of dollars. In recent years the average contribution from members and attenders has been about \$850. People give what they are able to give and we appreciate the faithful giving of all, no matter what size the contribution. It all helps us to meet the commitments of our budget.

You can contribute directly to the Meeting by giving a cheque to the Assistant Treasurer made out to "Ottawa Monthly Meeting" (or mailing a cheque to the Meeting House "attn: Assistant Treasurer"). A charitable receipt for tax purposes will be sent to you early in the new year following the year of your contribution. Please consider making regular contributions made through the year either by a series of postdated cheques given to the Assistant Treasurer or through direct deposits (speak to one of the treasurers for details). In order to receive a receipt please make sure that the treasurer has your name and address correctly.

It is also possible to donate through canadahelps.org or the United Way which provide their own charitable receipts. However, you should be aware that these organizations charge the Meeting an administrative fee (3.9% for canadahelps.org and up to 20% for United Way).



How we used our funds in 2014

Building costs (\$25000): utilities, insurance, supplies, repairs, cleaning, salary of Resident Friend

Committee concerns (\$14000): administration, adult religious education, First Day School, library, Ministry and Counsel, outreach, peace and social concerns, travel, Young Friends

Local ecumenical groups (\$700): includes Christian Council of Capital Area, Peace and Environment Resource Centre, Centretown Churches Social Action Committee

Canadian Yearly Meeting (\$21400): includes support of Yearly Meeting, Canadian Friend, Regional Gathering and Canadian Friends Service Committee

Wider Quaker bodies (\$2000): Friends World Committee for Consultation, Friends General Council and Friends United Meeting

In addition in 2014 the Meeting supported two outside projects recommended by its Peace and Social Concerns committee (\$2120).