

The 2022 Rideau Park Stewardship Campaign

Each year during the Stewardship Campaign we are asked to pause and reflect prayerfully on Rideau Park's needs and what our church means to us, our families and our community.

The materials are included in this package to assist you in deciding your level of financial support. As well the Time and Talents information form is included to gain your support for involvement in the life and work of Rideau Park.



Your 2022 Stewardship Campaign package includes:

- Letter introducing the 2022 Stewardship Campaign Chair;
- Letter from Andrea Laliberté, Campaign Chair;
- Rideau Park's three funds - deciding your 2022 levels of pledge support;
- United Church of Canada - "What is Mission and Service";
- Rideau Park's projected 2022 Combined Budget, \$643,000, in narrative form;
- My Lifetime Gift for Rideau Park;
- Rideau Park Time and Talents information form;
- Your 2022 Rideau Park Pledge Form.

All the materials included in this package are provided to assist you in making your decision to financially support our church and volunteer your Time and Talents. What you need to do after reading the package:

1. **2022 Stewardship Pledge Form:** Please allocate the amount you wish to pledge amongst the Rideau Park Ministries and Programs Fund, the UCC Mission and Service Fund, and the Rideau Park Property Renewal Fund or for the "greatest need".
2. Fill out your Rideau Park **Time and Talents** information form.
3. Please complete your pledge and Time and Talents form and return them in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible. **It is important to receive all pledges by October 17th to allow adequate time for the Treasurer to review, discuss and finalize the 2022 Draft Budget.**
4. The opportunity to subscribe or renew **Broadview** subscriptions will happen in the spring of 2022, prior to the date for subscription renewals.

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Thank you for your participation, cooperation and assistance with this campaign. With your generous support, 2022 will once again be a great year for our community of faith.

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Introducing Our 2022 Stewardship Campaign Chair Andrea Laliberté

The Chairperson for the 2022 Rideau Park Stewardship Campaign is Andrea Laliberté. Andrea needs little introduction to the people of our congregation.

Her parents, Rod and Linda Hagglund had Andrea baptized at Rideau Park as a child along with her sister Wendy in the largest single baptism ever done at Rideau Park United Church. She was raised in our church, attending Sunday School and singing in the youth choir. She and husband Marc were married at Rideau Park and just celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary this past summer. They are both educators. Marc is a Vice Principal and Andrea is a Kindergarten Teacher.



Marc and Andrea's daughters Hailey and Sydney are also active in our church. Hailey is in grade 12 at Canterbury HS (Literary Arts). She was baptized and confirmed at our church, is a teen bell ringer and she works in our Sunday School nursery. She is also a knitter for the prayer shawl ministry, completing over 75 shawls during the Pandemic (so far!) Sydney is in grade 8 at Glashan PS. She was also baptized at Rideau Park and is in the current confirmation class; she is also a teen bell ringer and is a competitive dancer

At the beginning of her teaching career, Andrea spent 3.5 years at St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church on Alta Vista as their part time Youth worker, coordinating Sunday School, two youth groups, Vacation Bible School and a yearly Christmas Pageant

When her time at St. Tim's concluded, Andrea returned to Rideau Park and brought her love of Christmas Pageants to our congregation. She has written and directed more than 20 Pageants so far and finds joy in the fact that original pageant participants are now bringing their own children to participate!

Andrea joined La Bell Ensemble as an adult handbell ringer. She eventually took over leading both Note-Able Sound Chimes and Grace Notes Teen Bells, which she has been directing now for almost 20 years. She is the current Co-chair of Christian Development and has taught Sunday School for 12 years. To add to this list of ministry contributions, Andrea has coordinated the teen knitting program, knit for the prayer shawl ministry, created the quiet box program for the McKennitt Chapel and has co-directed several youth musicals.

Andrea treasures summers at their family cottage near Smiths Falls where she reads, knits, swims, kayaks and hikes. Andrea is a big part of the congregational life of Rideau Park. It is wonderful that she has agreed to serve as Chair of this year's Stewardship Campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve".

Rev. Steve Clifton

September 20, 2021

Dear Friends:

It was an honour indeed to be asked to take on the role of the Chair for the Stewardship Campaign for 2022. Rideau Park has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. I was baptized here as a young child, I was confirmed here, I was married here, and I have two children who were both baptized and confirmed here as well.

To me, Rideau Park is more than just a building, more than just a congregation – it is my Faith Family. Through Rideau Park, its programs, and its people I have made deep and life-long friendships. I have been able to explore my spirituality, and I have learned to develop new skills, such as learning to share my love of music through the handbell program.

Each year, we are asked to reflect upon the needs of the Church through the annual Stewardship Campaign. We are called to think about how each of us can use our God-given gifts and talents to continue Rideau Park's amazing Ministries – programs that provide support to those within our congregation, our local community, and the wider world.

We are called to think about how we can generously give of our time and talents as volunteers and to also generously give of our financial resources to ensure that our spiritual home can continue to thrive and be a light of hope in our community.

This year's central theme is "hope" – something that many of us have had to wrestle with during these very challenging times. The last 18 months have been some of the most difficult that many of us have faced in our lifetimes; we have all been asked to adapt, change, and support each other in new and different ways. As a Kindergarten teacher I have the privilege to work with some of the youngest, most vulnerable, and most delightful members of our community.

Teaching during a pandemic has been a lesson in flexibility and a lesson in the hope that we can find even in times of great challenge. Seeing the joy on my students' faces when they, as 5 year olds, mastered the controls for muting and un-muting during an online meeting; celebrating the way these little people continued to develop friendships, even while socially distanced and masked in the classroom; watching them master hand washing, hand sanitizing and mask wearing at such a young age; experiencing their joy and wonder every day – either in person or online - gives me tremendous hope for the future.

That same hope and joy have been reflected here at Rideau Park. We have attended services and Sunday School virtually; we have shifted to online events and activities, and we've had socially distant fundraisers such as soup and ice cream sales by the UCW. We managed to have one of our largest Christmas Pageants ever through the magic of digital editing and shared it with a large online audience around the world.

Our volunteers have continued their incredible support in our local community in new and different ways. Thanks to the dedication of many individuals who have shared their talents and time, Rideau Park has continued to be a source of hope to many within our congregation and in our community. While we have much to be proud of as we have adapted and changed, I am sure we are all looking forward to a complete return of all the cherished activities and interactions that we associate with Rideau Park. And we have hope that we will see that day sooner rather than later!

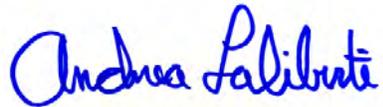
Stewardship 2022



As we kick off our Stewardship program for the coming year, I invite each of us to reflect on the legacy of hope that Rideau Park and the members of this congregation have built and continue to reflect into our community. I urge you to take the time to prayerfully consider current and new ways you might be able to contribute your time and talents as a volunteer. Additionally, you are being asked to consider how you can support Rideau Park through your financial contribution.

I would like to leave you with a verse from Romans 15:13: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrea Laliberté". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrea Laliberté
Chair, 2022 Stewardship Campaign



Rideau Park Ministries and Programs Fund \$555,500 85.6% of Rideau Park's Combined Budget

You are called to decide your support for the Ministries and Programs Fund. Each year the decision on your pledge and the level of your pledge support is critical to the continuance of our community of faith.

For this 2022 Stewardship Campaign we continue to ask those giving less than \$100 per week to increase their givings by \$5 per week or \$260 per year. Those giving \$100 to \$200 per week to increase their pledge by \$10 per week or \$520 per year. For those giving more than \$200 per week to increase their pledge by 5%. All givings to the church are tax deductible. Your pledge is offset by approximately 40%. Thus a \$5 weekly increase will cost only \$3 each week. The table on page 2 of your pledge form can help you set your pledge.

Why are we asking for these pledge increases each year? As a church we strive to balance our expenses and revenues. Deficit budgeting is not a sustainable strategy. Increased pledges offset the impact of inflation (19% in ten years) on church salaries, benefits and operating expenditures. Increased pledges are also necessary to offset contributions lost to changing life circumstances and members who have deceased.

Rideau Park has always been a vital, active and compassionate community of faith in Alta Vista and the Ottawa south areas. The commitment of our congregation to see God's work done in our church, the local community and the world beyond is well recognized.

Each fall we, the supporters of Rideau Park, must consider the financial needs of our church. Our calling is to financially resource: *

- † **our staff salaries and benefits** - Minister of Christian Family and Worship, Minister of Community and Worship, Minister of Pastoral Care, Organist, Music Ministry Coordinator, Administrator, Custodian, Lead Singers;
- † **our property operational costs** - church insurance, heat, electricity, water, snow removal, cleaning and maintenance supplies, minor repairs;
- † **our administration costs** - printing, postage, telephone, office supplies, bank charges, audit fees, worship refreshments, advertising;
- † **our program budgets** - Music, Worship, Pastoral Care, Christian Development, Social Action and Outreach and Congregational Development;
- † **our National Assessment.**

Based on the level of financial support and the success of the fall Stewardship Campaign, the Ministries and Programs Fund can finance and budget for these costs in 2022.

With God's grace and your support, Rideau Park will continue in the future as a congregation of faith committed to spirituality, community and service. We give thanks to God for all we have been blessed with and all we can give in return.

** For greater detail see the [Ministries and Program's portions \(\\$555,500\) of Rideau Park's Projected 2022 Combined Budget \(\\$643,000\) in narrative and graphic form enclosed.](#)*

United Church of Canada Mission and Service Fund (M&S) objective - \$42,500.

(Please reference the 2 page insert description of “What is Mission and Service?”)



To support the outreach efforts of the national church, please make a designated pledge or designated envelope giving. All such designated pledges/givings to Mission and Service are forwarded monthly to the United Church of Canada Mission and Service Fund and cannot be used for any other purposes.

By giving to Mission and Service, Rideau Park United Church joins together to accomplish three goals:

1. to transform and save lives,
2. to inspire meaning and purpose, and
3. to build a better world.

If Mission and Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you very much for your support.

If you have not given, please join in making a Mission and Service pledge part of your annual stewardship pledge. By indicating your support for Mission and Service you ensure that you are contributing to the work of the national church. Loving our neighbour is at the centre of the Christian church and Mission and Service.

Mission and Service is the foundation of how we offer healing and hope in a hurting world.

Mission and Service supports education programs; women’s empowerment; food, housing support, and advocacy to alleviate poverty; assistance for theological students, lay leaders, and camping; congregational support; healing the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people; youth programming like Rendez-vous, and much more!

Mission and Service is the heart and soul of the United Church of Canada.

What Is Mission and Service?

The people of the United Church are committed to turning compassion into action.



A client receives medical treatment at Our Place, Victoria, BC. *Credit: Our Place*

Compassion lies at the heart of generosity.

From serving a hot meal at a local soup kitchen, to visiting a lonely neighbour, to financially supporting those in need in our local communities and around the world, the people of the United Church are committed to turning compassion into action.

In the last year alone, those who attend and support The United Church of Canada gave over \$26 million to people in need and projects that matter.

How did we raise over \$26 million in a year? It's basic. We share.

United Church people across the country join to share what we can. We give to people and places in need through a unified fund called Mission and Service.

We share our resources with three goals in mind:

- to transform and save lives
- to inspire meaning and purpose
- to build a better world

How do you transform and save lives through Mission and Service? To put it simply, we help.

Locally, we help people in need by supporting homeless shelters, food banks, soup kitchens, and refugee programs. We help young people on campuses and through camping outreach. We help people who are sick or at the end of life by supporting addiction, mental health, and counselling services and hospice care. And more...

Globally, we help people access clean water, food, and medical care. We support skills training and economic development. We help with peace-making and sustainable agriculture efforts. We provide disaster relief and advocate for the rights of those who all too often don't get a say, like children and migrant workers. And more...

How does Mission and Service inspire people to live with meaning and purpose?

We support opportunities for people to grow spiritually in all kinds of ways.

Locally, we support theological schools and education/retreat centres. We support events that promote spiritual development and personal reflection. We support new and innovative ministries, as well as communities of faith that are remote or in need. Globally, we support church organizations that work with theological schools, and we support places that offer practical training in agriculture and health.

It's a win-win. We trust that when people are in tune with their meaning and purpose, they will naturally want to save and change lives and make the world a better place for all.

What's our approach? It's all about respect.

We work in partnership with people and organizations and never impose our solutions, ways of doing things, or belief systems. We aim for long-term solutions over quick fixes because we want to make a lasting difference. At this very moment, we are working alongside 72 partners in 21 countries around the world. We've built many of these relationships over decades. These vital partnerships allow us to maximize generosity in places that desperately need our help and put donations to work quickly and effectively when disaster strikes almost anywhere in the world.

How can I give to Mission and Service?

Thanks so much for your generosity!

The United Church offers many ways to give. You can make a worldwide impact by donating through Mission and Service, help a special project by giving a meaningful gift through our gift catalogue, or support emergency and disaster relief—and so much more.

However you choose to give and whatever amount you can give, your generosity will change and save lives! Thank you.

Rideau Park Property Renewal Fund (PR) \$45000, 7.0% of Rideau Park's 2022 Combined Budget

For 2022 there is an identified need to gain a broader level of congregational support for the Property Renewal Fund. Currently, only one in five of contributors who pledge are designating support for the Property Renewal Fund.

In 2011 there were 162 contributors pledging \$50,510 to the Property Renewal Fund. In 2021 there were 60 contributors pledging \$35,393 to the Property Renewal Fund. This reduced level of congregational support is compounded by the yearly erosion of inflation (19% in ten years) and negligible support from the annual "area of greatest need" pledged amounts.

For 2022 the capacity of the Property Renewal Fund to keep pace with the needs identified in the Long-Range Property Renewal Plans is concerning. For the four out of five contributors who have not previously contributed to this fund, a pledge of just \$10 per month or 5% of your total pledge would help to improve the future for property renewal. Your stewardship pledges allow us to establish the annual Property Renewal Plan and Budget.

Sustaining Rideau Park's church properties is our investment in the future. The inheritance of this church has been a true blessing for our congregation. The trust we have been gifted is to ensure these premises are responsive to the needs of the future.

Rideau Park's long-term, planned, thoughtful and sustained commitment to property renewal has been the result of our Long-Range Property Renewal Plans that have guided us since 2001. The documented accomplishments and efforts from these plans have maintained our church facilities in an excellent state of repair without hidden liabilities.

While we continue to cope with the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, we are ever hopeful that in the new year we will again be able to return to the guidance of our Long-Range Property Renewal Plans. These plans are designed to anticipate major building repairs and replacement, needed upgrades and required preventive maintenance.

Some of this year's Property Renewal accomplishments include:

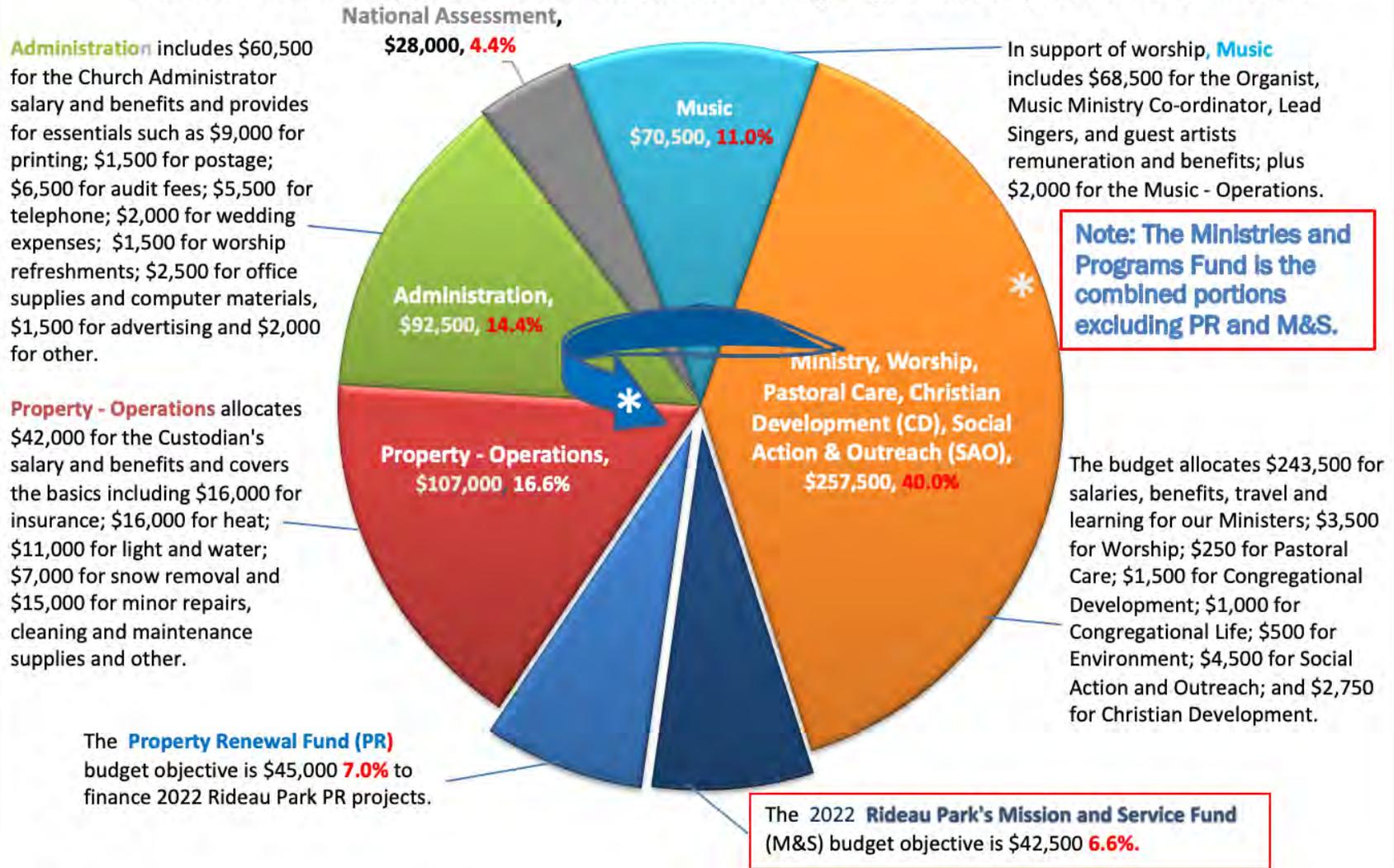


- installation of three sets of double doors with glass insets in the upper office hallway and the Beecroft Hall entrance;
- installation of glass entranceway doors at the Beecroft lobby entrance;
- installation of an exterior door camera at the Beecroft entrance and security cameras for the parking lot by Beecroft Hall and the rear parking lot off Woodcrest;
- replacement of four dated office computers with HP All-in-One workstations.



We all benefit from property renewal. Your pledged financial support is necessary to allow us to continue our approach to plan and prioritize renewal and improvement of our church facilities. Thank you for your consideration.

Rideau Park's Projected 2022 Combined Budget (\$643,000) in narrative form



Note * Contributions to the M&S Fund and PR Fund cannot be used to fund Rideau Park Ministries and Programs Fund expenditures.



Time and Talents

This year we would like to focus on very general Areas of Interest. We hope that this will allow us to be more flexible going into 2022 and allow volunteers more opportunity to contribute when public health guidelines and personal circumstances allow. **Please complete and return with your Pledge Form.**

Name: First _____	Last _____
Phone Number: _____	Email: _____

What are your general areas of interest?

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bazaar (UCW) | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children and Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Cheer and Shoebox Campaigns | <input type="checkbox"/> Online Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Refugees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Scripture Reading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donate Baking | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drive Seniors to Church | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Duty Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirituality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushering |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Comments/Suggestions _____

By using this chart to improve our givings we will reach our objective of increasing the Ministry and Programs Fund by 5% for 2022. Thank you for your generous consideration.

How to use this chart:

- Find your weekly, monthly or annual givings. For example
- i) \$32.50 per week - requested monthly increase \$5.00 = \$38 per week for 2021.
- ii) \$130 per month - requested monthly increase \$20 = \$150 per month for 2021.
- iii) \$1560 per year - requested monthly increase \$240 = \$1800 per year for 2021.

\$15.00		\$20	\$60	\$80	\$720	\$960
\$17.50		\$23	\$70	\$90	\$840	\$1,080
\$20.00	Add	\$25	\$80	Add	\$960	\$1,200
\$22.50	\$5	\$28	\$90	\$20	\$1,080	\$1,320
\$25.00		\$30	\$100		\$1,200	\$1,440
\$27.50		\$33	\$110		\$1,320	\$1,560
\$30.00		\$35	\$120		\$1,440	\$1,680
\$32.50		\$38	\$130		\$1,560	\$1,800
\$35.00		\$40	\$140		\$1,680	\$1,920
\$37.50		\$43	\$150		\$1,800	\$2,040
\$43.75		\$49	\$175		\$2,100	\$2,340
\$50.00		\$55	\$200		\$2,400	\$2,640
\$62.50		\$68	\$250		\$3,000	\$3,240
\$75.00		\$80	\$300		\$3,600	\$3,840
\$87.50		\$93	\$350		\$4,200	\$4,440
\$100.00		\$105	\$400		\$4,800	\$5,040
\$112.50	\$5.63	\$118	\$450	\$23	\$5,400	\$5,670
\$125.00	\$6.25	\$131	\$500	\$25	\$6,000	\$6,300
\$137.50	\$6.88	\$144	\$550	\$28	\$6,600	\$6,930
\$150.00	\$7.50	\$158	\$600	\$30	\$7,200	\$7,560
\$162.50	\$8.13	\$171	\$650	\$33	\$7,800	\$8,190
\$175.00	\$8.75	\$184	\$700	\$35	\$8,400	\$8,820
\$187.50	\$9.38	\$197	\$750	\$38	\$9,000	\$9,450
\$200.00	\$10.00	\$210	\$800	\$40	\$9,600	\$10,080
\$212.50	\$10.63	\$223	\$850	\$43	\$10,200	\$10,710
\$225.00	\$11.25	\$236	\$900	\$45	\$10,800	\$11,340
\$250.00	\$12.50	\$263	\$1,000	\$50	\$12,000	\$12,600
\$300.00	\$15.00	\$315	\$1,200	\$60	\$14,400	\$15,120
\$350.00	\$17.50	\$368	\$1,400	\$70	\$16,800	\$17,640