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INCOME:

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Other unrestricted gifts	\$2,696.45
1-1-1 Mission giving	\$1,002.01
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Available Income	\$38,347.28

EXPENSES:

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<i>Wittenberg Chapel, Church Workers, Youth</i>	
Congregational Support/Operating Expenses	\$48,432.65
<i>Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors</i>	
Convention Resolution Mission Payments	\$19,374.00
Current Expenses	\$84,577.14

NET OPERATING LOSS FOR AUGUST (\$46,229.86)

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