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Current gifts/fees for missions	1,530.04
Available Income	\$35,146.24

EXPENSES:

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(Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Church Workers, Youth)	
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