Tartu Academy of Theology

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Our Generous Supporters in 2017

In this special issue of our newsletter, we are publishing the names of people and organizations who have supported TAT during 2017. Some people have donated anonymously and many through collections, so we may not know their names, but we are deeply grateful for all of you.

We have a long-term mission that needs committed workers for present and future generations. Our task is to raise a new generation of church leaders to guarantee continuity of this mission work among Estonians. We are still strongly influenced by 50 years of Soviet occupation, a time when Christianity was truly oppressed. We really need prayers and support from our brothers and sisters in Christ all over the world.

We hope you will also be our partner in 2018 and thereinafter. If you were not able to give last year we invite you to pray about a gift in 2018. Your gifts and prayers are what makes it possible for us to accomplish the job God has put before us.

On the next page is a brief summary of the 2017 budget and our budget for the fiscal year of 2018.

It is true for us as Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1:4: "I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus."

God bless you!

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1 Corinthians 1:4

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Financial Overview and Projections

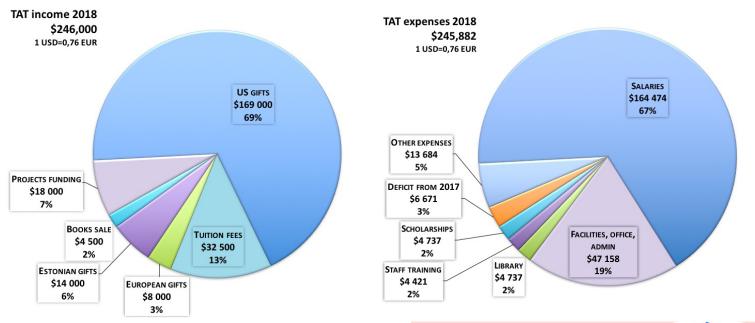
Contributions during December of 2017 helped us to meet almost all our financial commitments. Yet, we finished the year with a **shortfall** of **\$6,671 USD**. This deficit was carried over into 2018.

Expenses have not been increased for 2018 but because of changes in the US Dollar exchange rate during the last few months it is necessary for us to recalculate with 1 USD = 0.76 EUR instead of 1 USD = 0.80 EUR. (The 2017 budget was calculated with 1 USD=0.85 EUR). This makes a big difference and that's why our budget has increased according to US dollars. Our actual budgeted items have not increased in terms of the Euro.

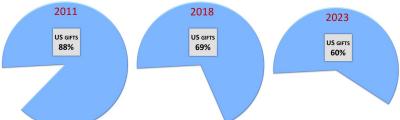
Summary of the 2017 Financial Report		Budget of 2018		Th
Income	<u>\$ 212,623</u>	Expenses	\$ 239,211	ne wa
Expenses	\$ 219,294	Deficit from fiscal year 2017	\$ 6,671	me
Balance on Dec 31, 2017	<u>\$ -6,671</u>	Total 2018 budget	<u>\$ 245,882</u>	

Thank you for being a valued partner in our mission! May God reward all of you according to His mercy!

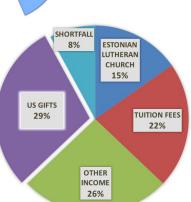
Following is additional information on our income resources and expenditures.



During the last years there has been a decreased proportion of US gifts in our budget and we hope and are attempting to keep that process moving.



Here is the distribution of income resources with the combined Seminary and TAT budgets of 2018. Total expenses are \$ 645,110 USD. The proportion attributed to US gifts is 29%.



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MATCHING

We are very thankful for all of the TAT Match Fund donors who helped us to meet our financial needs during the last 3 years. The Match Fund commitments ended with the year 2017 and we could



not have met our financial obligations without your assistance. You raised through the Match Fund approx. \$40,000 in a year.

May 11th, 2018 will take place the first TAT and Seminary fundraising banquet in Estonia. Our goal is to raise at least \$10,000 USD. We are looking for matching partners for this event to make it more successful and to encourage Estonian people to give. During the fall LCMC conference, Mount Calvary Lutheran hosted the first annual Friends of Estonia Summit, and many indicated enthusiasm for our upcoming event with several pledging support already.

If you would like to partner with us, please send your donation through the <u>East European Missions Network</u> or <u>Charity Lutheran</u> <u>Church</u> **before April 15th**, with the designation on the memo line "TAT Fundraising Match".

Various specific project funding options are available on our website <u>tat.news/projects.html</u>.

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