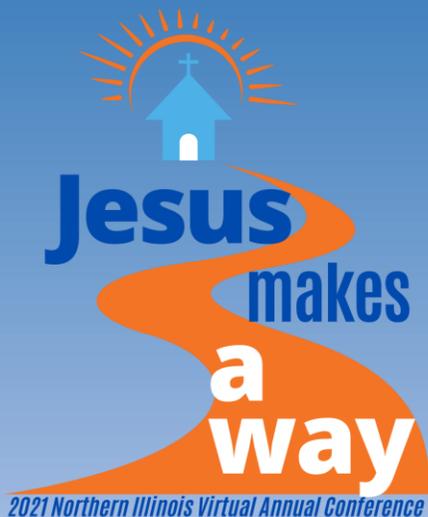


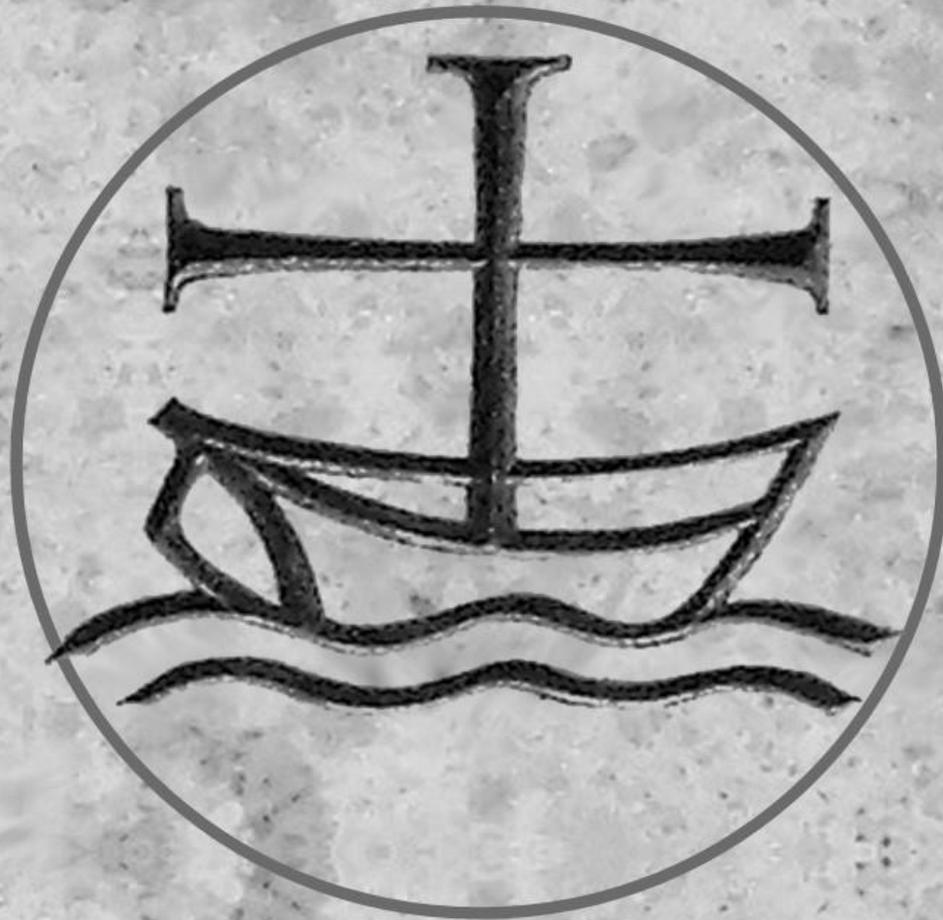
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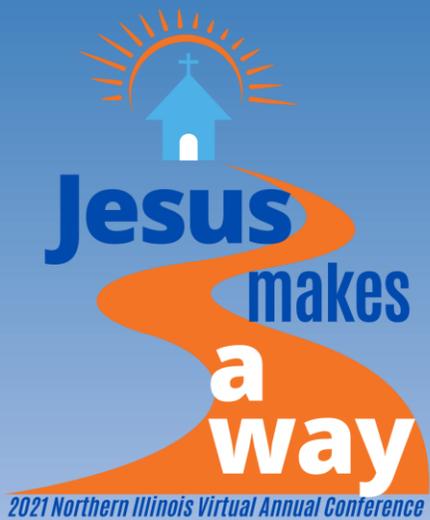




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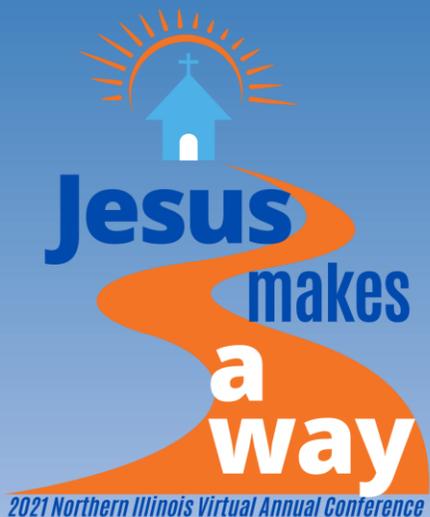
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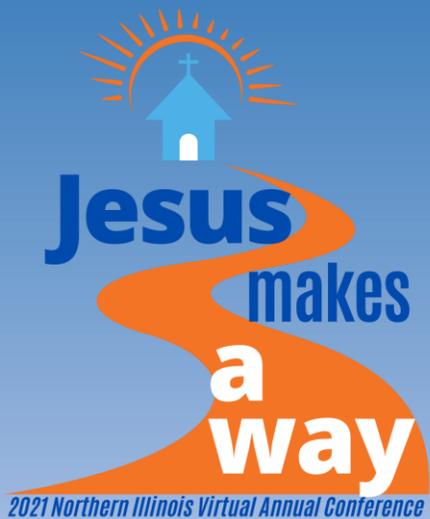
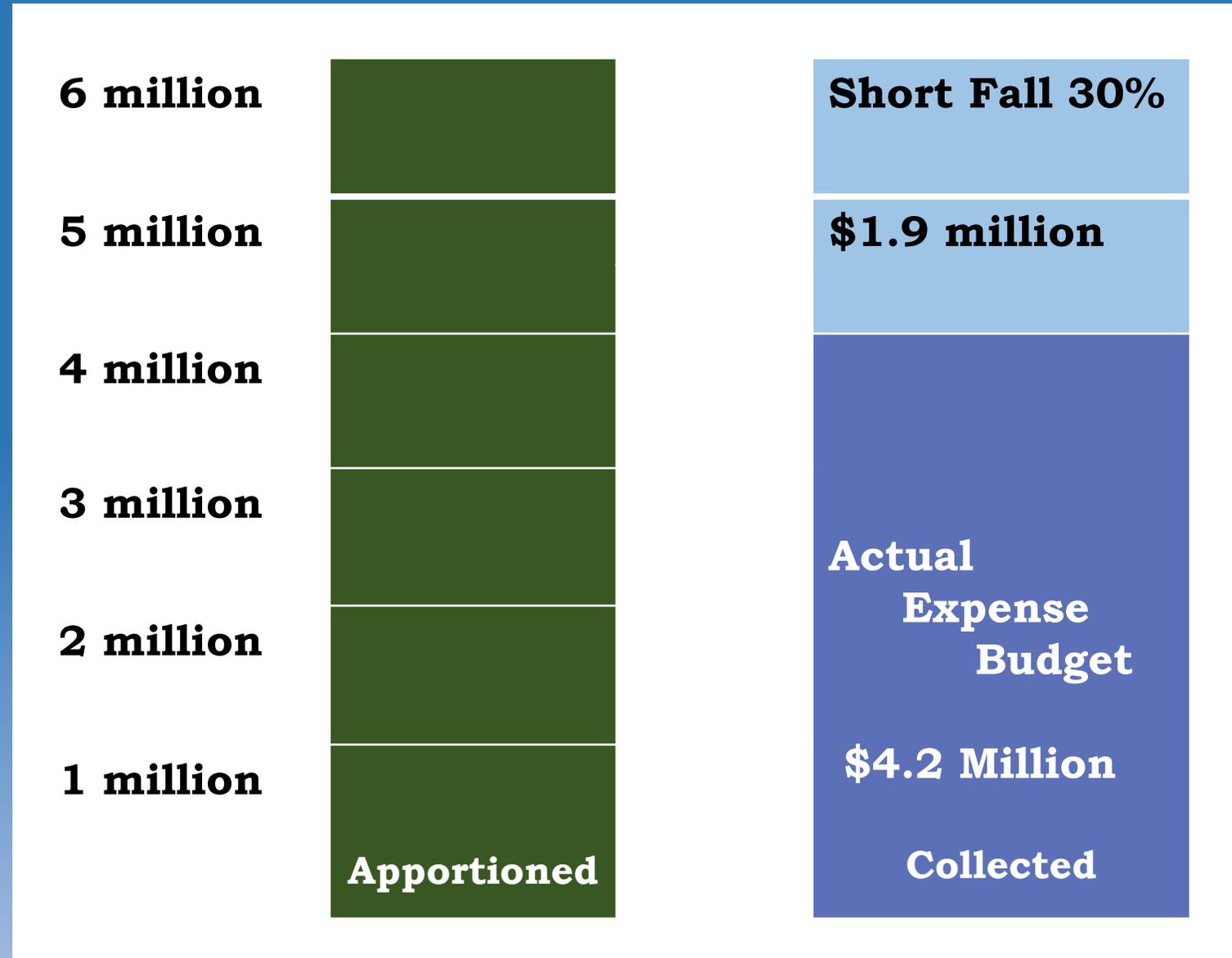
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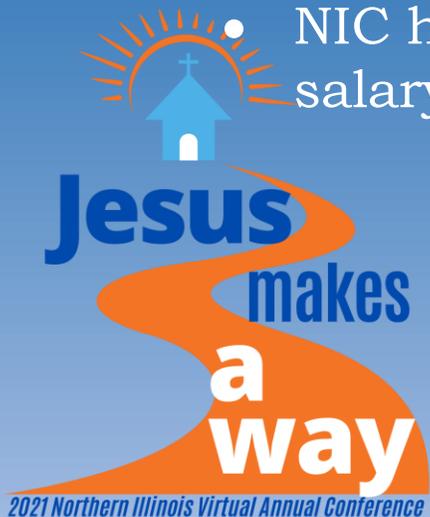
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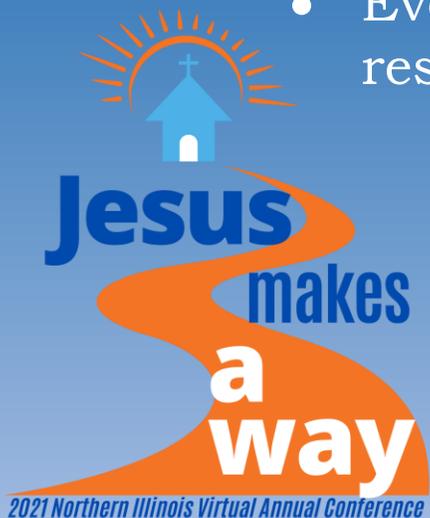
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- NIC has fewer full-time appointments; more pastors must move to a lower salary



Plan to Strengthen our Financial Challenges

- Help churches balance their budgets, pay apportionments, and sustain salaries
- Board of Ministry determines need for full-time elders
- Conference budget remain at low level until % of apportionments paid increases
- Every church can take pride in meeting their financial responsibilities



Challenges to a Strong Northern Illinois Conference

1. Concern about a significant shift in the denomination
2. Concern about a jurisdictional realignment of conferences
3. Need better communication, coordination, and relationships at all levels
4. Need to focus resources to equip local churches and ministry setting
5. Finding common purpose in advocating, monitoring, and celebrating diversity

