Circle Sanctuary 2021 Financial Summary

INCOME
Circle Sanctuary’s main 2021 revenue came from Membership Dues (45%), from Donations (23%), and from Event Registrations (17%).

Circle’s Membership program has grown to provide over $57,000 to support Circle’s ongoing work. This continues to play a critical part of Circle Sanctuary’s financial stability.

The financial impact of COVID-19 continued in 2021, with all events except for Green Spirit and Sacred Fire Circle being held online. Event registration income fell 46% over 2020.

In 2021, Circle Sanctuary gathered in $126,149, a decrease of 38% from 2020. Unlike 2020, there were no significant bequests to provide additional cushioning.

EXPENSES
Most of Circle’s 2021 expenses went into two areas:

- **Staff** (53%): Wages and taxes for the staff members employed in 2021. This saw a 10% decline since 2020, as day-to-day office operations continued to run on volunteer labor.

- **Center** (38%): Expenses of “keeping the lights on” and operating the office and facilities. While this did stay at a reduced level due to in-person events going on hiatus, things like property tax, insurance, internet, snow plowing, and power continue.

In 2021, Circle spent a total of $116,479, a decrease of 24% over 2020 -- leaving a surplus of $9,670. No large capital improvement projects were undertaken, unlike 2020 (septic system) or 2019 (farmhouse furnace/AC, barn maintenance).

NOTEWORTHY FIGURES

- COVID continued to disrupt Circle’s event schedule, with considerably less income (and expenses) compared to pre-COVID times. In 2021, the online PSG brought in $9,249 (7% of the 2009-2018 pre-COVID average) and all non-PSG events together brought $14,199 (41% of the 2009-2018 pre-COVID average).

- **Membership Dues** increased by 1% over 2020, which was itself a record year. A second Payroll Protection Plan disbursement of $10,929 helped with the ongoing financial impact of COVID.

- If one considers only Staff and ordinary Center expenses, Circle requires $295/day to finance operations at 2021 levels. By contrast, Donations and Membership Dues came in at a rate of $237/day.