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If you care to accept this challenge, please mark your Extra Meal Giving gifts for our budget deficit. In this way, we can work together to get the church back on track and serving more effectively as we reach out in the name of Jesus Christ!

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