

Where Your Dollar Goes:



Connectional giving is built upon our desire to meet the needs of God's family in our neighborhoods and around the world and our need to give in order to be spiritually healthy, complete children of God.

United Methodists join across our connected congregations and wherever we can, just as Jesus multiplied the loaves and the fishes when the crowd grew hungry. Through our congregations, we are the heart, spirit and the hands of God's outreaching love.

The connectional covenant is the pledge to financially support in full the general funds of The United Methodist Church, established by the General Conference to underwrite the minimum needs of denominational ministries, which are the first benevolent responsibility of the church.

Apportioned funds enable United Methodists to do together what no church, district or annual conference can do alone. We believe giving is an act of worship. We believe giving is, as 2 Corinthians 9:15 teaches, our way of saying "Thanks be to God" for the most generous gift of all...our Lord Jesus Christ.

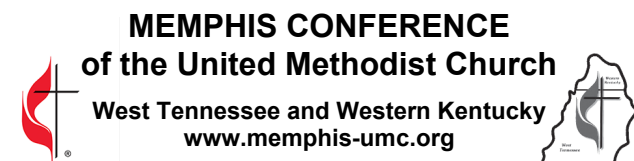
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See inside for explanations of each line item.

WORLD SERVICE & CONFERENCE BELEVOLENCES	LOCAL	REGIONAL	NATIONAL	GLOBAL
1. World Service Fund				\$ 796,192
2. Connectional Ministries	\$ 912,425			
3. Lakeshore Summer Camp & Retreat Center	\$ 248,100			
CONNECTIONAL MINISTERIAL SUPPORT				
4. Conference Leadership & Resourcing	\$ 789,412			
5. Episcopal Fund				\$ 256,661
6. Episcopal Residence		\$ 12,700		
7. Equitable Compensation	\$ 100,000			
8. Missional Salary Support	\$ 150,000			
9. Transitioning Packages	\$ 27,000			
10. Clergy Wellness Commission	\$ 1,578,699			
11. Conference Board of Pensions	\$ 1,833,590			
ADMINISTRATION				
12. General Administration				\$ 96,128
13. Southeastern Jurisdictional Support		\$ 60,000		
14. Nashville Area Executive Assistant		\$ 57,614		
15. Conference Administration	\$ 676,916			
HIGHER EDUCATION				
16. Ministerial Education Fund			\$ 273,349	
17. Africa University Fund				\$ 24,410
18. Black College Fund			\$ 109,042	
19. Campus Ministries	\$ 343,891			
ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES				
20. Interdenominational Cooperation Fund				\$ 21,388
OTHER				
21. General Fund	\$ 100,000			
22. Insurance Liability Fund	\$ 124,369			
SUBTOTALS	\$ 6,884,402	\$ 130,314	\$ 382,391	\$ 1,194,779
More information: 731.664.5540				\$ 8,591,886



BUDGET & APPORTIONMENT INFORMATION



World Service Fund: \$796,192... This is the primary avenue of support for the global mission and ministry of The United Methodist Church. World Service connects your church to a long list of Christian mission and ministry throughout the denomination. It is the heart of our denominational presence, expressing in the Four Areas of Focus the vision and yearnings of the people of The United Methodist Church to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The Four Areas of Focus are: (1) Developing Principled Christian Leaders for the Church and the World; (2) Creating New Places for New People and Renewing Existing Congregations; (3) Engaging in Ministry with the Poor; (4) Stamping out Killer Diseases of Poverty by improving Health Globally. General Church agencies are the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, General Board of Church and Society, United Methodist Communications, General Board of Discipleship, General Council on Finance and Administration, General Board of Global Ministries, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, General Commission on Religion and Race, General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, General Commission on United Methodist Men.

Connectional Ministries: \$912,425... The Connectional Ministries Team (CMT) provides resources to local churches, districts, and the Memphis Conference to make disciples for Jesus Christ. In addition to providing resources, giving enables the work of the outreach agencies of the Memphis Conference: United Methodist Neighborhood Centers, Reelfoot Rural Ministries, Hannah's Hope, and West Kentucky United Methodist Family Services, along with several other connected agencies. New faith communities can be established. The CMT is the local church's connecting point with the mission of the church throughout the world.

Lakeshore Summer Camp & Retreat Center: \$248,100... Located on the shores of the Tennessee River, Lakeshore provides Christian hospitality, rest and reflection for guests of all ages and backgrounds. Its mission is to offer ways for all to experience life, love and the God of grace.

Conference Leadership & Resourcing: \$789,412... District Superintendents (seven in the Memphis Conference) serve as shepherds, supervisors and spiritual leaders. This fund provides for all personnel, administrative, training and programming expenses.

Episcopal Fund: \$256,661... This fund provides economic support by paying bishops' salaries, pensions, benefits and Episcopal office and business travel and meeting expenses. A United Methodist bishop oversees and promotes the church's spiritual interests. The Memphis Conference is served by the bishop assigned to the Nashville Episcopal

Area which includes the Memphis and Tennessee Conferences.

Episcopal Residence: \$12,700... Because the Memphis and Tennessee Conferences share a bishop (Nashville Episcopal Area), they share equal responsibility for providing and maintaining the Episcopal residence in Nashville, TN.

Equitable Compensation: \$100,000... Each year, a minimum salary level is set for full-time Elders serving in ministry in the Memphis Conference. This fund helps smaller churches receive the leadership of a full Elder.

Missional Salary Support: \$150,000... This fund allows Memphis Conference District Superintendents to support full salary levels for those engaged in missional settings.

Transitioning Packages: \$27,000... This fund allows Memphis Conference District Superintendents to enable clergy in transitional roles within their districts.

Clergy Wellness Commission: \$1,578,699... Healthy clergy enable healthy churches to be faithful to their call. This fund provides healthcare benefits for active and retired clergy, their spouses and dependent children, as well as Memphis Conference clergy and lay staff who serve beyond the local church.

Conference Board of Pensions: \$1,833,590... This fund provides pension benefits for retired clergy, active clergy and lay conference staff; disability benefits for active clergy.

General Administration: \$96,128... This fund supports the critical administrative functions of the United Methodist Church, such as the General Council on Finance and Administration, General Conference delegates, The Judicial Council and the preservation of the denomination's historical documents.

Southeastern Jurisdictional Support: \$60,000... This fund supports the work of Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center in North Carolina, which is the home of the Foundation for Evangelism, as well as the location of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference that takes place every four years. This fund also supports the Hinton Rural Life Center in North Carolina and Gulfside Assembly on the Gulf Coast.

Nashville Area Executive Assistant: \$57,614... This position supports and helps facilitate the work and schedule of the bishop assigned to the Nashville Episcopal Area. The Nashville Episcopal Area includes the Memphis and Tennessee Conferences.

Conference Administration: \$676,916... This fund supports the basic infrastructure of the Memphis Conference. It provides for administration of the funds of the conference. The fund assists with ministerial support, planning the Memphis Annual Conference, coordinating and communicating with regional and general boards and agencies of The United

Methodist Church, as well as maintaining Memphis Conference property.

Ministerial Education Fund: \$273,349... This fund is essential for recruiting and educating quality pastoral leadership. It supports those who are called to ordained and licensed ministry. It helps defray the cost of getting a seminary education and equips the Memphis Conference with local pastor courses of study and continuing education.

Africa University Fund: \$24,410... Africa University is the only General Conference-approved, degree-granting institution of higher education on the African continent that is supported by The United Methodist Church. Men and women from 29 countries in Africa receive post-secondary education and post-graduate degrees. Support of this fund nurtures students in Christian values and develops visionary leaders.

Black College Fund: \$109,042... This fund helps the 11 historically Black United Methodist-related colleges and universities to maintain solid, challenging academic programs, strong faculties and well-equipped facilities.

Campus Ministries: \$343,891... John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, was a campus minister. The Memphis Conference continues the tradition of a college-related church by supporting four college campus ministries: University of Memphis – Memphis campus, University of Memphis – Lambuth campus, University of Tennessee at Martin Interfaith Student Center and Murray State University.

Interdenominational Cooperation Fund: \$21,388...

Through this fund, United Methodists support the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns which supports ecumenical efforts, fosters Christian unity and understanding, provides witness to a common Christian faith, meets human suffering and advocates for global peace and justice around the world. Partners include the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, Pan-Methodist Commission, World Council of Churches and World Methodist Council.

General Fund: \$100,000... This fund replenishes the operating reserve fund which has steadily declined over recent years. Apportioned items are designated as priorities must be paid, regardless of the income received toward them. As the percentage paid by Memphis Conference churches toward apportioned funds increases to a functional level, this item will be eliminated.

Insurance Liability Fund... \$124,369

For more information about the Memphis Conference of The United Methodist Church, visit www.memphis-umc.org.