



MINISTRY SHARES

WEST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE OF THE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2010 BUDGET

GENERAL CHURCH APPORTIONMENTS

- A. World Service Fund** \$968,945
Our share of the essential core of the global outreach ministry of The United Methodist Church. This worldwide outreach supports missionaries, builds and strengthens churches and brings the saving grace and healing of Christ to persons worldwide that a local church could not do alone. Provides funds for resources for our churches in evangelism, youth ministries, education, stewardship and other ministries.
- B. Ministerial Education Fund** \$331,696
Supports the education of tomorrow's ministers in our 13 UM seminaries. One-fourth of the amount remains in our Conference under the administration of the Board of Ordained Ministry for seminary scholarships and loans.
- C. Black Colleges Fund** \$132,327
Assists funding of the eleven predominantly African-American colleges. These colleges are open to students regardless of racial origin.
- D. Africa University** \$29,616
In Zimbabwe, we are now funding the first UM university in Africa. This university educates Africans to be ministers, teachers, healers and leaders for Africans.
- E. Episcopal Fund** \$266,518
Support for active and retired bishops and for the ministry of the Council of Bishops.
- F. General Administration** \$104,986
Underwrites the work of the General Conference, administration of the finances of the denomination and the safeguarding of the legal interests and assets, maintains

- G. Interdenom. Cooperation** \$25,816
Nurtures the ministries of churches uniting in Christ, the World Methodist Council, the Commission on Pan-Methodist Cooperation

GENERAL CHURCH \$1,859,904

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

- A. District Superintendents** \$1,067,604
Provides for salary, pension, travel, utilities and office expenses for our six district superintendents.
- B. Equitable Compensation** \$185,000
Provides salary support for pastors serving churches which are not able to meet the minimum salary amount set by the Annual Conference.
- C. Retiree Health Care** \$50,000
Pays the proportional costs of the health insurance of retired pastors and/or their dependents.
- D. Ministerial Pension Reserve** \$5,000
Supplements pension contributions.
- E. Moving Expense Fund** \$175,000
Provides for the cost of moving pastors' household when changes in appointment are made.
- F. Board of Ordained Ministry** \$65,000
Supports the recruitment, evaluation, professional development, supervision, and assists in the transition and advocacy of clergy.
- G. Clergy Transition & Advocacy** \$10,000
- H. Abuse Prevention Team** \$500
- H. Connectional Contingency** \$10,000
- CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES** \$1,568,104

CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCE (Line item budget to be determined)

- A. Conf. Council on Ministries**

Includes the support for conference staff persons office expenses and support staff salaries for the Conference Center in Grand Rapids.

B. Board of Christian Camping

Subsidy for the operation of the five Conference camps over and above camper fees

C. Board of Church and Society

Provides for the educational and program functions of the Conference in inform churches about legislation and trends dealing with moral and civic concerns such as drugs, alcohol and gambling.

D. Board of Discipleship

Program assistance to churches covering the full range of discipleship, such as education, stewardship, and specialized ministries to children and adults.

E. Board of Global Ministries

The mission programs in our Conference include community outreach and ethnic ministries. Receiving support are more than forty local and statewide mission and outreach ministries including promotion and mission education, e.g. UM Community House, Metro Ministry, Clark Retirement Community, Volunteers. In Missions, etc.

F. Congregational Transformation

Provides leadership in revitalizing congregations.

G. Racial Ethnic Local Church

Supplements program costs and building needs of racial ethnic local churches and ministries.

H. Indian Workers Conference

Ministry with Native Americans in the West Michigan Conference.

I. Board of Higher Education

Provides for five campus ministries, support for Albion and Adrian colleges.

J. Board of Lay Ministries

Supports the development of lay ministries

K. Board of Evangelism

Provides support to ministries which share the Good News of Christ to others.

L. Communications

Resources and technology to support interpretation of mission and ministry.

M. Other Ministries

Christian Unity, Religion & Race, COSROW, Personnel, UMM, Hunger, Prison Ministry, Disability Concerns, Emerging Ministry

CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCE \$1,652,000

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT \$344,500

The development and birthing of new congregations is a high priority for the Conference in the fulfillment of our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION

A. Jurisdictional Administration \$18,000

Our share of the mission and ministries of the North Central Jurisdictional, which our annual conference is part of.

B. Michigan Area Support \$143,268

Our Share of the support of the area assistant to the bishop, area parsonage and other expenses

C. Annual Conference Administration

1. Council on Finance & Admin. \$276,800

Covers the cost of operations of the Treasurer's office, administrative services in the Conference Center and financial audit of the Conference.

2. Conference Property \$170,000

Maintenance, insurance and utilities of district and staff parsonages and the Conference Center and legal expenses of the Conference.

3. United Methodist Foundation \$15,000

Development of stewardship, fundraising, bequests and endowments.

4. Conference Program Committee \$15,000

Annual Conference session program expenses

SECOND MILE GIVING

5. Nominations & Leadership Development	\$5,000
6. Conference Secretary Includes honoraria, travel, supplies, editing and publishing the Conference Journal.	\$30,000
7. Conference Statistician Statistician's expenses and assistants' honoraria.	\$500
8. Conference Victims' Fund Provides counseling of victims of clergy misconduct.	\$1,000
9. Legal Contingencies Provides for miscellaneous legal expenses.	\$8,000
10. Conference Committees Covers expenses of ad hoc committees for which no specific provisions were made.	\$1,000
11. At Large lay Member Expenses Covers expenses of At Large Members to Annual Conference from each district.	\$28,000
12. Archives and History Support for overall direction and coordination of Conference ministries	\$18,000
13. Administration Contingency Provides for unforeseen administrative expenses.	\$5,000
14. Conference Budget Reserve Provides for shortfall in apportionment giving in any section of the budget	\$50,000

ADMINISTRATION FUNDS \$784,568

GRAND TOTAL **\$6,209,076**

Churches and individuals are encouraged to contribute beyond the apportioned amount by giving to the Advance for Christ and His Church to support ministries and missionaries throughout the world.

Special Sunday Offerings in 2009

1. Human Relations Sunday, January 18
2. One Great Hour of Sharing, March 22
3. Native American Ministries Sunday, April 26
4. Peace with Justice Sunday, June 7
5. World Communion Sunday, October 4
6. United Methodist Student Day, November 29
7. Racial Ethnic Local Church Sunday, February 1
8. Golden Cross Sunday, May 3
9. Rural Life Sunday, Augu48831-0189st 30
10. Christian Education Sunday, September 13
11. Children and Poverty, date to be selected by church
12. Camp Sunday, date to be selected by church
13. Disability Awareness Sunday (without offering)
Oct. 18
14. Volunteer in Mission Awareness Sunday, June 7

Ministry Shares

Ministry Shares is the first priority benevolence of the local church. As The United Methodist Church we are **all connected** in a structured chain of conferences, districts and local churches and together we are able to do far more than as individual churches. We give to Ministry Shares in response to God's love---to support the various ministries of our lay and clergy in starting new churches, in mission and outreach, in evangelism, in spiritual education and nurture of all ages, and in our witness to the world.

Track Your Church's Ministry Shares Giving The Council on Finance and Administration is providing a tool to help members of local congregations keep track of how their church is doing in meeting its obligation to support the shared ministry of The United Methodist Church. A file showing the amount of each church's Ministry Share and the progress each has made in paying that amount is available to all for viewing and/or download. To access that file click on Church Statements on the home page of the Treasurers' website www.wmc.umconline.org

The churches in the file are organized by district; click on your church to find your church statement. If there any questions or discrepancies between your church's records and this report, contact Pros Tumonong, Conference Treasurer, treas@wmcumc.org, or John Kosten, johnk@wmcumc.org at 616-459-4503 or 1- 888-217-1905.