



MINISTRY SHARES

WEST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE OF THE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2009 BUDGET

GENERAL CHURCH APPORTIONMENTS

- A. World Service Fund** \$989,258
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** \$342,150
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** \$136,497
Assists funding of the eleven predominantly African-American colleges. These colleges are open to students regardless of racial origin.
- D. Africa University** \$30,549
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** \$268,711
Support for active and retired bishops and for the ministry of the Council of Bishops.
- F. General Administration** \$110,231
Underwrites the work of the General Conference, administration of the finances of the denomination and the safeguarding of the legal interests and assets, maintains denominational record.

- G. Interdenom. Cooperation** \$26,665
Nurtures the ministries of churches uniting in Christ, the World Methodist Council, the Commission on Pan-Methodist Cooperation

GENERAL CHURCH

\$1,904,061

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

- A. District Superintendents** \$1,115,918
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** \$100,000
Pays the proportional costs of the health insurance of retired pastors and/or their dependents.
- D. Ministerial Pension Reserve** \$10,000
Supplements pension contributions.
- E. Moving Expense Fund** \$180,000
Provides for the cost of moving pastors' household when changes in appointment are made.
- F. Board of Ordained Ministry** \$67,600
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**

\$1,679,018

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 \$1,896,000

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT \$365,000

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 \$15,000

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

B. Michigan Area Support \$146,516

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. \$288,170

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 \$140,000

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

3. United Methodist Foundation \$35,000

Development of stewardship, fundraising, bequests and endowments.

4. Conference Program Committee \$15,000

Annual Conference session program expenses

SECOND MILE GIVING

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

- 5. Nominations & Leadership Development \$15,000
- 6. Conference Secretary \$36,000
Includes honoraria, travel, supplies, editing and publishing the Conference Journal.
- 7. Conference Statistician \$500
Statistician's expenses and assistants' honoraria.
- 8. Conference Victims' Fund \$2,500
Provides counseling of victims of clergy misconduct.
- 9. Legal Contingencies \$6,000
Provides for miscellaneous legal expenses.
- 10. Conference Committees \$3,000
Covers expenses of ad hoc committees for which no specific provisions were made.
- 11. At Large lay Member Expenses \$30,000
Covers expenses of At Large Members to Annual Conference from each district.
- 12. Archives and History \$15,325
Support for overall direction and coordination of Conference ministries
- 13. Administration Contingency \$20,000
Provides for unforeseen administrative expenses.
- 14. Conference Budget Reserve \$82,800
Provides for shortfall in apportionment giving in any section of the budget

- 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, August 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

ADMINISTRATION FUNDS

 \$850,811

GRAND TOTAL **\$6,694,890**