

Proposed 2017 Budget

NARRATION OF 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

Benevolence Factor – Proposed 2017: 17.75%

The benevolence factor is the percentage churches are apportioned based on their operating expenditures, less

exclusions. The percentage for 2017 is the same as the percentage used in 2016.

Apportionment Collection Rate - Proposed 2017: 92%

The projected collection of the amount apportioned to churches in the 2017 Budget is 92%

REVENUE

Apportionments: \$14,218,923

A church's share of the local and global mission work and operating expenses of the Annual Conference as determined by the apportionment formula.

Grants: \$122,650

This represents grants given directly to the conference for ministry and mission. For example, General Church grants to operate the episcopal office and residence.

Event Registration: \$2,089,831

This includes Annual Conference registration, workshop registrations, camping and retreat registrations (the majority of line item) and other conference events.

Publications: \$19,176

This includes sales or rentals of publications, DVDs, paid UMConnection subscriptions, and other materials.

Individual Gifts: \$0

Gifts coming from individuals for specific programs. These are for the conference specifically, rather than for ministries outside of the conference. No such gifts are anticipated in 2017.

Reimbursements: \$99,783

The conference receives reimbursements from denominational agencies for specific operating programs. The Trustees are reimbursed for the expenses of property upkeep when that property is sold.

Other Income/Sources of Funds: \$2,048,892

Miscellaneous income or sources of funds, such as the use of funds held from previous years, funding from agency reserve funds, etc.

Interest: \$30,000

An estimate of the interest the conference will earn on operating funds in investment vehicles.

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE: \$18,629,255

EXPENSES

I. DISCIPLESHIP

Regional Ministry: \$2,414,781

Funds to operate the ministries and administrative support of the Regions. The Regions include the Southern Region, Baltimore Region, Washington Region and Western Region.

Discipleship Ministry Teams

Connectional Ministries: \$2,557,569

Funds to operate the ministries and administrative aspects of the Connectional Ministries Team. Administrative expenses include salary expense, benefits, travel, and continuing education. Ministries funded by Connectional Ministries include children, youth, young adult, campus ministry, and camping ministries. Funds are also allocated for Discipleship Council and Connectional Table.

- a. Youth Ministries engage and support young disciples of Jesus Christ.
- b. Camping Ministries provide opportunities for spiritual growth and formation for children and adults.
- c. Campus Ministries includes activities of young adult ministry on area college campuses.

Focus on Missions & Advocacy:

- a. Conference Mission and Social Justice Programs: \$561,596

Through grants to specific social justice ministries, such as Action for the Homeless, Appalachian Development, and UM Community Services, the conference seeks to grow mission and ministry.

This ministry area also includes funds for our covenant partnership ministries in other conferences, such as Zimbabwe, Korea, Latin America, and Russia. Funds are also devoted to the Hope for the City Initiative, Deaf Ministries, and Justice for Our Neighbors.

- b. General and Jurisdictional Apportionments: \$3,574,384

The funds that the denomination and Northeastern Jurisdiction request for ministry and programs, from each conference. The conference is proud of its track record of paying 100% of these apportionment askings, consistently, for more than a decade. They include contributions to the specific funds listed below:

- World Service - To help our denomination to strengthen its evangelism efforts, stimulate church growth, expand Bible studies and enrich spiritual commitment. This fund allows us to share in a worldwide ministry, including support for missionaries.
- Interdenominational Cooperation - This fund allows United Methodists to have an effective presence in the activities of ecumenical organizations.
- Africa University - This fund supports the further development of a United Methodist affiliated university for men and women in Africa.
- Black College Fund - This fund represents the denomination's support of the operation and capital funding of historically black colleges and medical schools.
- Ministerial Education Fund - This fund provides our church support for the recruitment and education of future pastors and bishops.
- Episcopal Fund - This fund pays the salaries and benefits of active bishops in the denomination and supports retired bishops.
- General Administration - This fund supports administrative areas of the church, such as the General Council on Finance and Administration, the General Conference session, and Archives and History.
- Jurisdictional Administration - This fund supports mission and ministry throughout the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

Congregation & Leadership Development: \$365,664

Funds to operate the ministries and administrative aspects of the Congregation and Leadership Development (CLD) Team. Administrative expenses include salary expense, benefits, travel, and continuing education. Ministries funded by this area include a focus on church growth and church leaders.

Focus on Church Growth: \$1,224,864

- a. Grants to local churches and ministries to grow congregations and expand ministry in the community.
- b. Start new churches
- c. Latino/Hispanic Ministries
- d. Strengthening the Black Church

Focus on Leaders: \$287,634

- a. The Discipleship Academy – Learning opportunities and training for all congregations with a focus to develop current and future leaders within the church.
- b. Discipleship Boards and Agencies – Includes funds for Board of Ordained Ministry and Ministerial Education Fund.

Total Discipleship Ministry Teams: \$8,571,712

TOTAL DISCIPLESHIP: \$10,986,493

II. STEWARDSHIP

Communications: \$623,903

The publications produced by this area are tools for telling the stories of the ministries of the Conference, such as the UMConnection newspaper, the website, social media and e-connection.

Operations: \$3,849,782

This area is responsible for overall operations of the conference including all conference infrastructures, facilities, IT, conference owned property, and relates to the Trustees and CFA.

- Property Ministries - Performed by the Conference trustees who oversee all property owned by the conference and the management of the Conference Mission Center.
- Archives and History - The conference provides some of the ongoing support for the preservation of our United Methodist heritage.
- Conference Chancellor - Provides legal resources to the Trustees and other conference leadership.
- Annual Conference – Commission on Sessions - This commission prepares all aspects of the Annual Conference Session and executes the onsite implementation of the program and logistics.

Finance: \$509,546

This area is responsible for maintaining and administering comprehensive fiscal and administrative policies and services. The office of the treasurer provides support and information for clergy and laity in the local churches.

HR/Benefits Administration: \$2,217,732

This office administers all clergy and laity benefit plans for the conference and cares for our staff and clergy including personnel related items.

- Retiree Benefits - Annual amount of health insurance premiums for currently retired conference clergy

TOTAL STEWARDSHIP: \$7,200,963

Episcopal Leadership Ministry: \$441,799

Ministries that lead our mission and develop the leadership to lead congregations, ministries and staff.

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES: \$18,629,255

OPERATING NET: \$0