

2019 APPORTIONMENT SUMMARY

OUR PRAYERS, OUR PRESENCE, OUR GIFTS, OUR SERVICE AND OUR WITNESS

Tennessee Conference of The United Methodist Church

WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THAT GOD HAS ALREADY GIVE US!

Why We Give:

We as Christians give through our church for many reasons, including – but not limited to:

- **Because God first gave to us.**

- **Because we love God.**

Giving of our substance is a spiritual discipline in which we trust God will provide us with enough.

- **Because it is what Christians do.**

As Christians, it is our duty to provide outreach into our own communities to help each child of God in need.

- **Because it is what United Methodist do.**

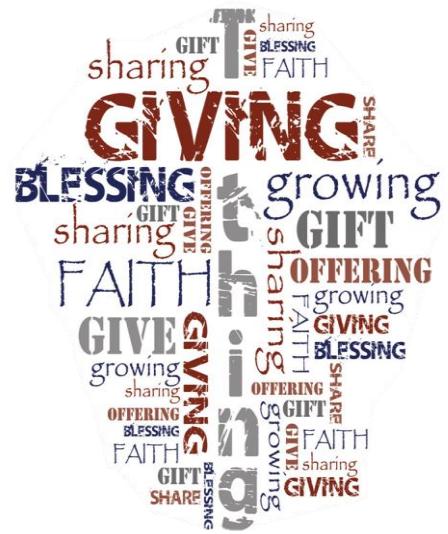
Giving generously to help persons in need is the roots of The United Methodist Church. John Wesley expected his followers to do three things: Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can.

- **To make ministry and mission happen.**

By giving a piece of what we earn, we allow the United Methodist Church as a whole to grow and provide for our community and us. By giving to the United Methodist Church, each of us performs a small part in the outreach the Church does.

- **Because, together, we can do what no one individual or congregation can do separately.**

As we give to various offerings & apportionments, we can share our resources to accomplish what would otherwise be impossible. We find strength & new possibilities in our connection. We do mission and ministry best when we are united.



WE GIVE TO HELP MAKE THESE AMAZING THINGS HAPPEN!

Apportionments are our first mile of mission giving. They form the framework for the rest of our connectional ministry and mission. When we give our money so our congregation can pay its apportionments, we give to these causes:

- Support pensions, healthcare, and education for ministers within the Annual Conference, and beyond
- Support approved Annual Conference ministries
- Provide partial support for Conference Benevolences, the missional outreach of the Tennessee Annual Conference
- Provide our share of support for 13 UMC seminaries and 11 historically Black UMC colleges across the country and Africa University
- Provide our share of support for national and worldwide ministries through the World Service Fund
- Support the administration for our districts and conference, and pay our share of administrative costs for agencies beyond our conference (most of which are headquartered in our conference!)

This sounds great! But how much will this cost in 2019? Who decided?



Elected representatives (delegates) from our churches determine the budget for the coming year at each annual conference, and created the method of apportioning the budget among local churches.

Here is a different breakdown of apportionments by purpose:

Ministerial Support	\$7,210,651	52.5%
Benevolences & Ministries	\$4,770,063	34.7%
Administration	\$1,753,647	12.8%
Total budget 2019	\$13,734,361	100%

Source: CF&A Report to 2018 Annual Conference

That's broad; can you give us a little more detail?

Ministerial
Support
\$7,210,651

CLERGY PENSIONS (\$800,000)

Provides retirement benefits for covered ministers who are serving and who have served in the past, conference staff, Board of Pensions operations and administrative costs, and moving expenses for newly retired clergy.

CLERGY HEALTH INSURANCE (\$4,016,960)

Provides individual coverage for all clergy serving full-time and all student pastors who are not associated with another Annual Conference. Also provides coverage for conference staff, and provides a premium subsidy for dependents of covered individuals serving in modest salary appointments.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS FUND

(\$1,179,689)
Includes salaries and related expenses for our five district superintendents.

EPISCOPAL FUND (\$408,422)

Funds our share of support for all active and retired Bishops including salary, housing, travel, pensions and office expenses.

EQUITABLE COMPENSATION FUND (\$137,804)

Provides salary support for pastors serving in churches and ministries that are not able to meet the minimum salary standards set by the Annual Conference (\$42,418 for elders in 2019).

BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY (\$201,964)

Provides support for the Board, which reviews all clergy under appointment and recommends to the Conference candidates for the ministry.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND (\$465,812)

Three-fourths goes to the General Church for support of our 13 United Methodist seminaries; one-fourth remains in our Conference and is administered by the Board of Ministry for scholarships and continuing education.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

COOPERATION FUND (\$36,430)

Supports Christian unity and inter- religious concerns at the General Church level including our support of the National and World Council of Churches.

BLACK COLLEGE FUND (\$185,809)

Our share of support to eleven historically black United Methodist institutions of higher education through- out the country. Meharry Medical College in Nashville is one of the eleven institutions.

AFRICA UNIVERSITY FUND (\$41,583)

Continues development of the University as well as provides scholarships and aid for students from all of Africa.

WORLD SERVICE (\$1,379,150)

This is the lifeline of our connectional- ism. It makes possible the programs, resources & ministries of the General Boards and Agencies at home & around the world. The World Service Fund is basic in the financial program of the UMC. World Service apportionment represents the minimum needs for the mission and ministry of the Church. Payment in full of these apportionments by local church is the first benevolent responsibility of the church."The Discipline (2016), ¶247.14.

OFFICE OF CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES (\$863,481)

This is the ministry and outreach arm of our Annual Conference. This provides about one-half of its total budget for ministries and staff.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (\$163,763)

Covers the expenses of the General Conference and other administrative agencies of the General Church.

JURISDICTIONAL ADMINISTRATION (\$17,262)

Covers the expenses of the Jurisdictional Conference and the ministries of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION (\$803,392)

Expenses for operations and ministry to the churches in each of the five districts.

MIRIAM'S PROMISE (\$130,000)

Provides support for this agency of the Conference, which offers adoption services, crisis-pregnancy counseling, and support for women and children at risk.

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY (\$78,442)

Supports the Commission's work in caring for our historic sites and archives as well as underwriting publications of historic studies.

CONGREGATIONAL TRANSFORMATION & NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT (\$334,700)

Includes funding for new congregations, including Hispanic ministries.

MARTIN METHODIST COLLEGE (\$625,000)

Provides ongoing support for the College to be used as the administration determine.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAMPUS MINISTRY (\$845,523)

Supports Campus Ministries at the following universities: Austin Peay, Fisk, Middle Tennessee, Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech, and Vanderbilt.

CAMPING & RETREAT MINISTRIES (\$228,744)

Supports facility upkeep and summer camp program for children and youth at both Beersheba Springs Assembly and Cedar Crest Camp. Helps provide quality ministry in outdoor and retreat settings.

BOARD OF LAITY (\$21,201)

Supports lay leadership development through Lay Speaking Ministries and laity-sponsored events.

CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION FUND (\$769,230)

Includes the following administrative expenses of our annual conference:

- Conference Headquarters
- The Annual Conference Session
- Assistant to the Bishop (our share)
- 60% of the operating costs of Admin. Services Office
- Our share in the cost of the Episcopal Office
- Our share in the cost of the Episcopal Residence
- Liability Insurance
- General Conference Delegate Expense
- Contingency Fund

**Benevolences &
Ministries:
\$5,459,430**

**Administration:
\$946,416**

How much of the local church's budget goes to apportionments?

Here is a summary of church finances for all churches in the Tennessee Conference for 2017, the latest figures available through EZRA Data Management Systems.

	<u>All Churches \$</u>	<u>All Churches %</u>	<u>Avg/Church \$</u>
Operations	\$61,739,722	64%	\$108,697
Clergy Benefits*	\$3,995,621	4%	\$7,035
Capital Expenses & Debt Service	\$16,000,456	17%	\$28,170
Local Benevolences	\$5,874,942	6%	\$10,343
Apportionments Paid**	\$8,524,093	9%	\$15,007

*Paid through apportionments

**Apportionments Paid does not include Clergy Benefits

But what does this mean for my church?

Your church's representatives (delegates) to the Tennessee Annual Conference agreed in 1995 on the current Apportionment Formula. Annual Conference 2012 approved a reduction to a two-year average in the computation of the appointment formula for 2013 and one year for 2014 and subsequent years; but no change in the formula.

First, it is based on the previous years' local church expenditures, not to include any benevolence, capital improvements, or debt retirement. (Membership is not part of the formula, and has not been a part of the formula since 1995.)

This information is collected from the local church's 2017 yearend report (Table II, lines 41a through 47, pastor and staff compensation, operating expenses, and program expenses). Churches report this information in January/February for the previous year. Therefore, in calculating the apportionment distribution for 2019 the reported expenditures for previous year (2017) were used. The expenses (not budget, not collections, but expenses) is used in the formula. (Membership is not a part of the formula, and has not been a part of the formula since 1995.)

Next, each local church's expenses is multiplied by each item in the Conference budget and divided by the average expenses total for all the Tennessee Conference churches to get each apportioned line item amount for that local church.

Here is an **example** using 2019 budget numbers:

SNAKE'S NAVEL UMC LOCAL EXPENSE:

2017: \$26,351

2017 Conference average of local operating expenses is **\$61,739,722**

2019 Conference budget is **\$13,734,361**

\$13,734,361 divided by **\$61,739,722** = **.22245**

\$ 26,351 x 0.22245= \$ 5,862

2019 Apportionment: \$5,862

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