

Passionate Stewardship

Once when Jesus was questioned if he was the promised Messiah, he answered by asking if his ministry was fulfilling the prophesy from Isaiah 61: 1-2 "The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor...." (NIV) Jesus was indeed doing all of these things during his entire earthly ministry.

It is an amazing thought that when Jesus ascended into heaven after his resurrection, he first entrusted this very same ministry to the Church!

Every year Kentucky United Methodists gather in leadership teams and in our Annual Conference and seek to discern vision for ministry and to develop a budget to provide the resources to continue the ministry of Jesus in preaching good news, binding up the brokenhearted, freeing the captives and proclaiming the year of the LORD's favor.

The budget that is contained inside represents the covenant that we have made to accept and support the vision that we have discerned and to be faithful to the ministry to which Christ calls us. Thank you for being a generous disciple and may God bless your efforts to fully participate in our missional covenant.

Yours in Christ,



Michael B. Watts
Conference Treasurer

Special Sunday Giving

Special Sundays with offerings enable United Methodists like you to offer refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, provide scholarships and student loans, reach out to the community, teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency and share the love of Jesus Christ with God's people everywhere. These are:

Special Sunday Giving

Human Relations Day

January 20, 2008

Supports more than 30 church-based community development ministries in racial- and ethnic-minority communities in the United States and Puerto Rico.

One Great Hour of Sharing

March 2, 2008

Enables the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to bring relief when a catastrophe strikes. We rush to disaster areas all over the world with aid. But, along with food, clothing, shelter and medical help, we stay to assist survivors rebuild lives.

Native American Awareness Sunday

April 6, 2008

Mission with Native Americans in your annual conference and across the United States is developed and nurtured.

Peace with Justice Sunday

May 18, 2008

Your offering on Peace with Justice Sunday helps the children of God everywhere to live lovingly and peacefully.

World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2008

These gifts enable persons to "press on toward the goal" of serving God in life-changing ministries through ethnic scholarship programs.

United Methodist Student Day

November 30, 2008

Provides funds for scholarships and student loans to Methodist related colleges and seminaries.

Conference Special Sundays

Fifth Sunday Offering for Methodist Home

March 30, 2008

August 31, 2008

June 29, 2008

November 30, 2008

Offering for Retirement Homes

February 2008

Provides care for residents of Wesley Manor, Lewis Memorial and Wesley Village.

Camping and Retreat Ministries

August 17, 2008

Volunteers in Mission

September 7, 2008



2008 Our Mission Covenant

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2008 – Our Mission Covenant – Kentucky Annual Conference

General Church and Southeastern Jurisdiction

\$2,603,463 **28.9% of Budget**

Together, through our connected congregations, we United Methodists accomplish what no single church, district or annual conference ever could hope to do. In this way, each individual, each family, each congregation gives a fair share for the church's work. We combine our prayers, presence, gifts and service to make a significant difference in the lives of God's people...in every place we can...as often as we can.

The seven apportioned funds include:

- ☛ World Service Fund
- ☛ Ministerial Education Fund
- ☛ Africa University Fund
- ☛ Black College Fund
- ☛ Interdenominational Cooperation Fund
- ☛ Episcopal Fund
- ☛ General Administration Fund
- ☛ Southeastern Jurisdiction Fund & Special Asking

Learn more about General Church apportioned funds at <http://www.umciving.org/content/AUF/apportionments.asp>

New Church and Congregational Development

\$877,082 **9.7% of Budget**

The Church and Congregational Development team of the Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church exists to empower and equip leaders to make new disciples of Jesus Christ by “developing disciple-making communities”.

Stewardship Team

\$1,568,049 **17.4% of Budget**

The Stewardship Team resources local churches and the Conference in property matters, pension and health benefits and planned giving.

These funds support for the:

- ☛ Conference Board of Trustees
- ☛ Conference Offices
- ☛ Conference Board of Pensions
- ☛ Commission on Equitable Compensation

Board of Ordained Ministries

\$269,313 **3.0% of Budget**

The Board of Ordained Ministries examines candidates for ordination, supports and guides those discerning a call into vocational ministry, encourage and support elders, deacons and local pastors.

Primary Task Team

\$1,423,624 **15.8% of Budget**

The Primary Task teams provides the focus for the Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church for Effective Leaders...Faithful Disciples...Vital Congregations.

These funds provide support for:

- ☛ District Superintendents
- ☛ Primary Task Team
- ☛ Episcopal Leadership Support

Conference Contingency

\$30,000 **0.3% of Budget**

Helps make up some of the shortfall for items where costs are fixed but receipts are less than anticipated.

Connectional Ministries Team

\$2,089,605 **23.2% of Budget**

The Discipleship Team provides essential ministries in and out of the conference in the areas of outreach, missions and justice.

These funds support:

- ☛ Chaplains at our three United Methodist Colleges
- ☛ Kentucky United Methodist Camps
- ☛ Wesley Foundations at seven state universities
- ☛ Program Ministries and Grants
- ☛ Justice and Missions Ministries

Annual Conference

\$152,600 **1.7% of Budget**

Christian Conferencing has been part of the heritage and practice of Methodists from the time of John Wesley. Here is one of the primary places where we share vision, celebrate ministry, ordain and commission leaders, fellowship with one another, work together to meet the challenges of ministry together, and commit ourselves to support of Christ's Commandment and Commission with our prayers, presence, gifts, and service.

Total
Conference Budget
For 2008
\$9,013,735