

2008 APPORTIONMENTS



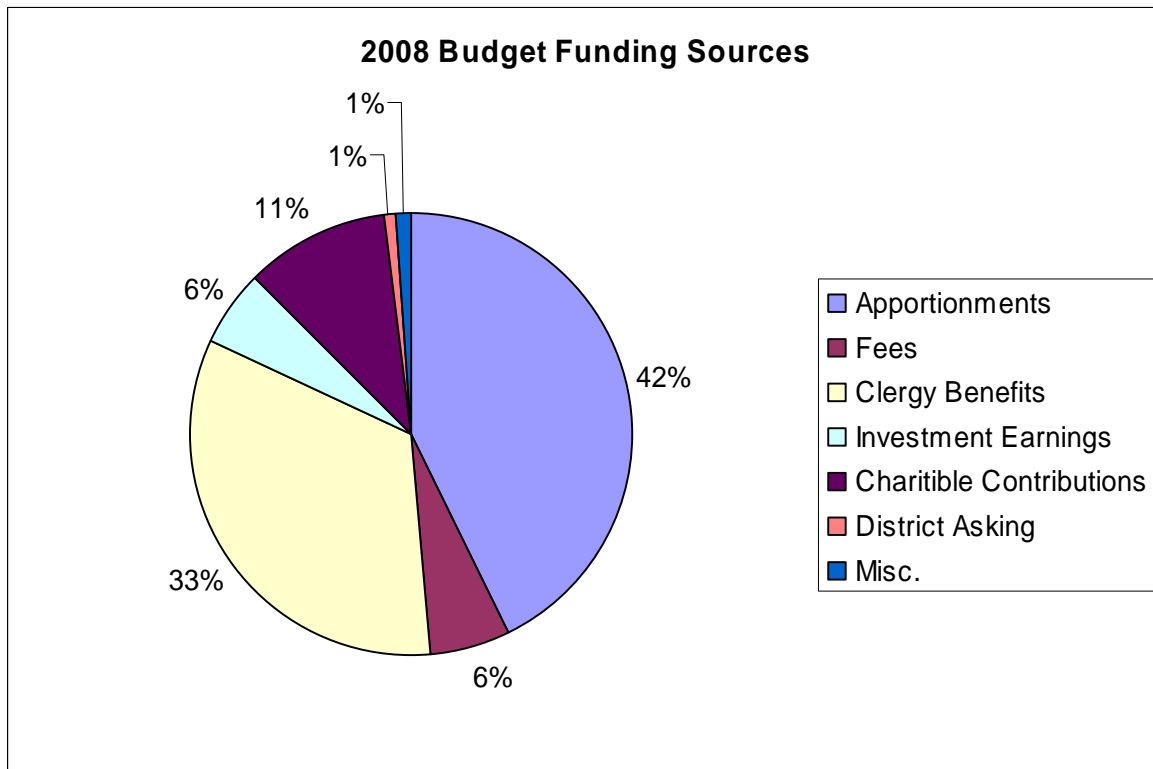
 IOWA ANNUAL
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2008 Annual Conference Budget

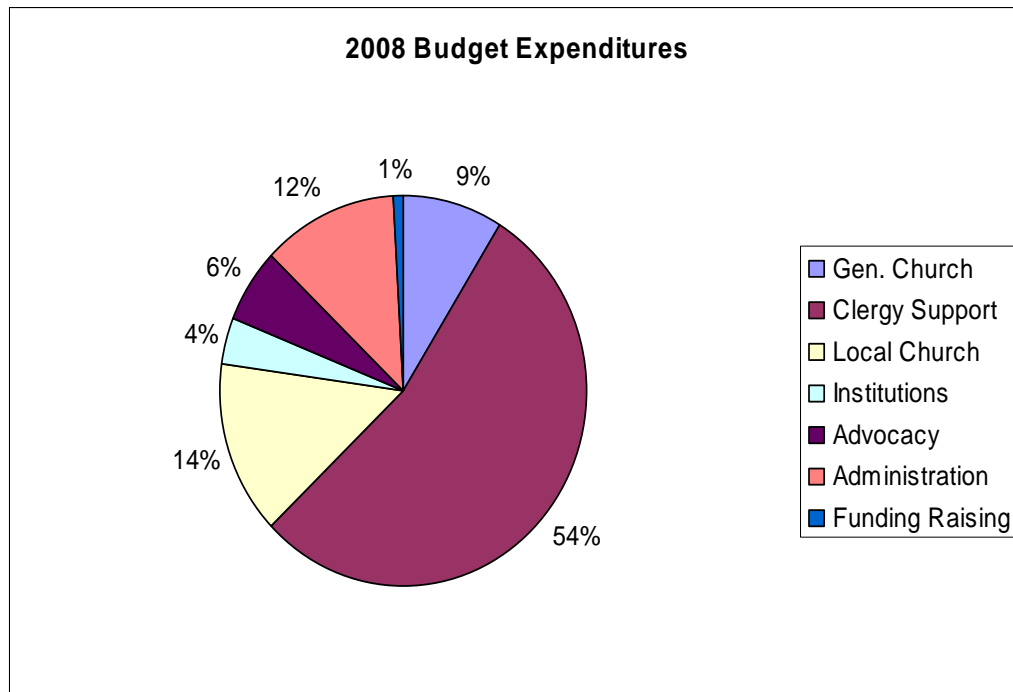
The 2008 budget for the Iowa Annual Conference is estimated to be \$30,102,258 of which 42.95% is expected to come from apportionments. The balance comes from the following:

- Fees for services usually registrations for an event
- Premiums for Pensions and Health Insurance
- Earnings from Investments
- Contributions for a specific cause such as One Great Hour of Sharing
- District ministry Askings
- Miscellaneous Receipts



The money received is expended for a variety of causes. They include:

- Support of the General Ministries through apportionments, advance specials and special Sunday offerings
- Programs and ministries that support the clergy such as health insurance and pension, District funds, as well as Office of Pastoral Care
- Programs that support the ministry of the local church either through direct grants for ministries that a local church could not do alone
- Support for a number of institutions within the state of Iowa for example our four United Methodist Church colleges and a range of urban/rural specialized ministries
- Advocacy support for people of all ages and races
- Administrative costs such as the cost of the Annual Conference Session held annually in June
- Fund raising costs for various projects throughout the Conference





Apportionment Analysis for 2008

The apportionments for 2008 are divided into three categories. The following is a brief description of what each apportioned item supports. For personal stories about how apportionments make a difference in individual's lives, utilize the DVD and CD that were distributed to pastors and lay members at Annual Conference in June and last year's Conference.



Also, a more detailed description of each program and what it supports may be found in the Iowa Conference Journal or by contacting the chairperson of each board or agency.



General Church Apportionments

Episcopal Fund supports the work of Bishops throughout the world. The fund pays salaries, benefits, office expenses. It also covers the cost of travel for church leaders to promote temporal and spiritual interests of our denomination.

Ministerial Education Fund allocates 25% of the receipts to stay within the Annual Conference to be used for scholarships, continuing education and other programs developed by the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. 75% of the receipts support the thirteen United Methodist seminaries and ministerial education programs made available through our denomination.

General Church Administration Fund finances the General Church activities such as the cost of General Conference, the Judicial Council of the church, and the offices of administrative oversight and fiscal accountability.

North Central Jurisdictional Administration Fund supports the cost of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference which meets every four years. This Conference elects and places Bishops for the denomination.

Interdenominational Coop Fund helps our denomination nurture the ministries of churches from pan-Methodist churches as well as other denominations that confess one holy, universal, and

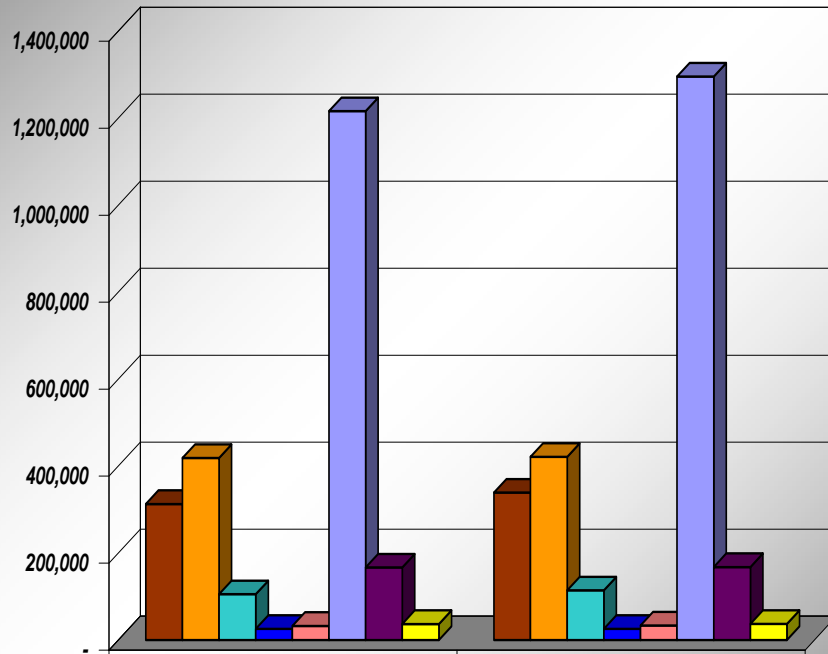
apostolic churches advocating for global peace and justice.

World Service Fund is the heart of our denomination's world-wide presence, underwriting Christian mission and ministry around the world. This fund strengthens our evangelism efforts, stimulates church growth, expands Bible studies, and enriches spiritual commitment. Supporting this fund helps God's children everywhere, shaping the lives of tomorrow's leaders and proclaiming our Christian faith.

Black College Fund was started in 1972 to provide consistent funding for eleven colleges whose roots are in the Freedmen's Society, which was established after the Civil War to help meet the educational needs of newly freed individuals. These institutions make a quality education available to many who have experienced racial, economic, or academic barriers at other colleges.

Africa University Fund supports the only United Methodist, degree granting university on the continent of Africa and the first private university in Zimbabwe. The University was initiated by vote of the 1988 General Conference. The University promotes academic excellence and the physical and spiritual development of men and women from all over the continent of Africa.

General Church Apportionments (2007 and 2008)



	2007	2008
■ Episcopal Fund	312,579	338,795
■ Ministerial Education Fund	418,331	421,036
■ General Church Administration	105,138	114,042
■ North Central Jurisdictional Administration	25,560	25,560
■ Interdenominational Coop Fund	32,389	33,254
■ World Service Fund	1,215,691	1,295,484
■ Black College Fund	166,577	167,655
■ Africa University	36,785	37,023



Conference Ministries

Board of Ordained Ministries provides for the recruitment and credentialing of individuals who believe they have been called and have special gifts for ministry. Through a process of interviewing and mentoring, the Board recommends individuals to become an ordained elder or deacon and to receive licensing as local pastors. The Board provides educational opportunities for all clergy through loans, grants and continuing education programs.

Board of Pensions direct bills the health insurance and pension costs of active clergy to each local charge. However, apportionments are collected to pay the Conference share of retired clergy Medicare Supplemental Insurance, to provide assistance for those congregations struggling to meet their benefit obligations, provides a wellness program for clergy and covers the cost of administering these plans.

Board of Trustees funds are used to provide support for the Conference Center located at 2301 Rittenhouse Street in Des Moines, sexual misconduct insurance for all congregations within Iowa, property and casualty insurance for the Conference, and maintenance of properties owned by the Conference.

Commission on Equitable Compensation sets the minimum compensation for a full-time clergy and provides grants to local congregations who, for missional reasons, need a full-

time pastor, but do not have the resources to pay the required salary.

District Funds support the salaries and benefits of the District Superintendents, the Field Outreach Ministers, and the District Administrative Secretary. This fund also pays for the expense of District Offices as well as the travel and related expenses for the District Ministry Team.

Clergy Support Ministries are funds administered by the Administrative Cabinet of the Conference to support the work of the clergy. These funds include the cost of moving clergy from one appointment to another, grants for clergy in transition, recruitment and appointment consultation for clergy, and in special circumstances grants for clergy or a congregation.

Episcopal Fund supports the salary and benefits for the staff in the Episcopal office which includes the Administrative Assistant to the Bishop and related secretaries as well as the Conference Office of Communications. Other funds are used for the ministerial ethics committee, legal fees of the Conference, Task Force funding in addition to support of General and Jurisdictional delegates.

Pastoral Care and Counseling provides counseling services for clergy and their families. This office also is a resource for clergy who may need feedback and assistance as they counsel with families within their charge and offers continuing

education possibilities for clergy who wish to expand their knowledge and skills in the area of counseling.

Conference Administrative Committees

supports the work of the Annual Conference such as the Annual Conference Session held in Ames. This includes committees such as the Rules of Order, Human Resources, the Conference Secretary, the Journal Publications, Nominations and other related programs that are needed to hold the Annual Conference Session each June.

Council on Finance and Administration

funds the work of the office of the Conference Treasurer/Director of Administrative Services and for the audit of financial statements as well as other work required by *The Book of Discipline*.

Iowa United Methodist Foundation

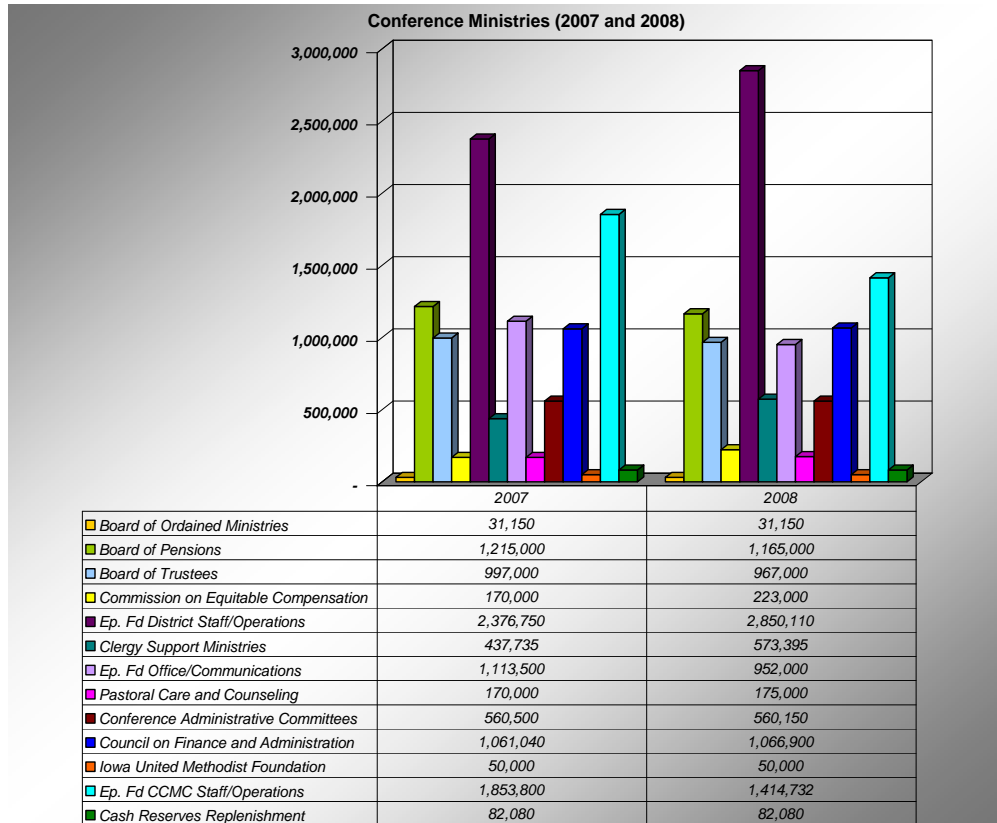
receives a direct grant to help support the work of the Foundation within the Iowa Conference.

Connectional Ministries Council

funds the salaries, benefits, travel, and other related costs for the Assistant to the Bishop for Connectional Ministries, the four Leadership Development Ministers, and other related staff. This fund is also responsible for the cost of meetings and other administrative expenses for program boards and agencies of the Conference.

Cash Reserves Replenishment

was established a number of years ago to make available a reserve fund equal to 10% of the apportionments. This fund can then be used to help pay expenses during months when receipts from apportionments are less than disbursements.





Conference Benevolences Or Mission Programs

Board of Camps, Conference and Retreat Ministries apportioned funds subsidize the five United Methodist Church camps within Iowa. Without these funds the camps would need to generate more income probably by charging higher registration fees.

Board of Church and Society strives to inform every United Methodist about the contents of the United Methodist Social Principles and seeks to educate Iowans about the issues of peace and justice.

Board of Discipleship is responsible for five specific core areas: Christian Education, Evangelism, Spiritual Formation, Stewardship and Worship. In addition, the Board provides support and resources to local churches and local church leaders through regional and conference-wide learning experiences.

Board of Global Ministries provides coordination, support, and training for existing ministries; encourages new ministries in the expansion of Hispanic Communities within Iowa; and develops new congregations and revitalizes existing congregations. Also, gives support for the institutional ministries of the Conference which helps support programs for the "least of these", develops the Rainbow Covenant Book for missional giving, education and support for volunteers in mission and the Iowa Nigeria partnership and also coordinates mission personnel within the Iowa Conference.

Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries provides support to the

Wesleyan Foundations located near the campuses of Iowa's four major universities while giving support to the four Iowa related colleges and initiating programs that are focused on student Christian development and formation.

Board of Laity gives direction and leadership for the laity in ministry through programs such as Lay Speaking Ministries, Laity Sunday observance, and Schools for Lay Ministry. The Board becomes a channel of communication for sharing models of lay ministry, the Thanksgiving Ingathering, Heifer Project International, and other ministries for laity.

Commission on Archives and History ensures that the historically significant records of Conference, agencies, and local churches are collected and preserved for the future. As a part of this, they provide for the permanent safekeeping of these historical records on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan College and support the work of the Conference Archivist.

Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns works toward the unity of all Christians by encouraging our congregations to work closely with Churches Uniting in Christ and seeking a closer working relationship among member denominations. The agency seeks to foster stronger interfaith communities with our neighbors of other religious traditions.

Commission on Ministry with Persons with Disabilities strives to heighten

awareness of disability issues in the lowa Annual Conference and in local United Methodist Churches. The agency is a resource to District Church Location and Building committees and provides seed grants for funding for the improvement of accessibility to buildings and activities.

Commission on Religion and Race monitors, evaluates, advocates, empowers, and tries to enable the church in all levels to pursue and achieve racial inclusivity as a way of life.

Commission on the Status and Role of Women advocates for women so they may claim their rightful place within the church and in society.

Council on Age Level Ministries encourages the church to include all ages in planning, implementation and participation in activities, programs as well as sensitivity to the needs, interests, and abilities of all individuals and families.

Council on Youth Ministries provides opportunities for youth to hear and respond to God's call by developing strong Christian leaders and helping local congregations develop strong youth ministries. This task is accomplished by a newsletter, Youth Annual Conference, district empowerment grants, and special programs such as "Youth Strike for Christ."

District Councils on Ministries provides local churches access to needed resources, provides training along with spiritual formation events for leaders of local churches and identifies potential areas of ministry growth within the district.

Matthew 25 Fund provides grants to mission and ministry programs within each district to assist local congregations in engaging directly in hands-on ministry which propels us as the body of Christ towards the Kingdom of God.

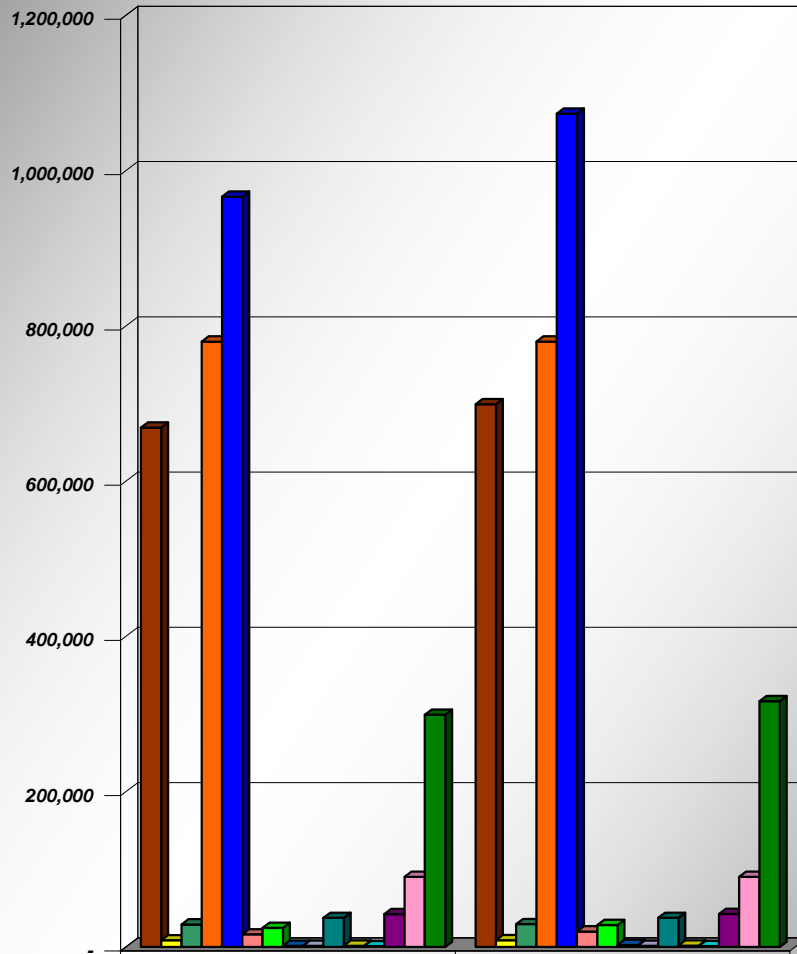
O God, you have placed us as children in the midst of your magnificent creation. Give us hearts of thanksgiving as we work and pray.

We thank you for the day of light and life, for the night which brings rest and sleep, and for the ordered course of nature seedtime and harvest, seasons of sun and rain, and snow.

May your love of us shine in our lives as you make us a generous people. Generous in sharing our bounty, generous in our vision of you in the blessed bounteous benefits you share with us.

*Help us grow as a generous people as we share Your love, Your fellowship, Your glory with others.
Now and forevermore.
Amen.*

Conference Benevolence or Mission Programs (2007 and 2008)



	2007	2008
Board of Camp, Conference and Retreat Ministries	669,155	699,250
Board of Church and Society	8,630	8,750
Board of Discipleship	29,060	29,500
Board of Global Ministries	779,970	779,970
Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries	966,590	1,073,472
Board of Laity	16,330	20,000
Commission on Archives and History	24,630	28,345
Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns	1,550	2,600
Commission on Ministries with Persons with Disabilities	1,500	1,500
Commission on Religion and Race	37,500	37,500
Commission on Status and Role of Women	1,735	1,745
Council on Age Level Ministries	1,075	1,150
Council on Youth Ministries	42,300	42,500
District Councils on Ministries	90,360	90,360
Matthew 25 Fund	299,080	316,705