



The mission of the Iowa Annual Conference is to
DEVELOP LEADERS

WHO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

- recruitment/appointment/supervision of ministry and mission personnel
- academy for Lay Leadership, Stewardship, Christian Education and Preaching
- community centers such as Bidwell/Riverside, Waterloo Ministry Center, Shalom Zones, Hawthorne Hill

AND TRANSFORM THE WORLD

- supporting mission personnel in Iowa and around the world
- giving youth and young adults opportunities to develop leadership skills
- advocating for racial and gender equality as well as support for children at risk
- responding to disasters by volunteers in mission and gifts for immediate and long term relief and reconstruction

...so that every Iowa United Methodist Church congregation and faith community can fulfill its mission through its primary task of making disciples.

GROWING AS GENEROUS PEOPLE: BY BEING STEWARDS OF OUR MONEY the Iowa United Methodists fund

- five camp and retreat centers for children through adults' spiritual growth
- eight specialized ministers to consult with local congregations who want to grow in ministry and mission
- a partnership with the United Methodist Church in Nigeria
- a ministry of presence at four Wesley Foundations and four Iowa United Methodist based colleges
- an office of pastoral care and counseling for the emotional/spiritual health of our clergy families
- a network of advocacy for children and those who live in poverty



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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**SHARING
 GOD'S
 GIFTS**

SERVING GOD THROUGH
 OUR UNITED METHODIST
 CONNECTIONAL GIVING
 2005 – 2008



Reaching out
to disaster victims.

Improving
the lives of children.

Enriching
our spiritual lives.

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name
of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God...through him.”

Colossians 3: 17, NRSV

Do all the good you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can.



John Wesley and the early Methodists saw our work in the plainest, simplest terms: do all the good you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can. Wesley lived, each and every day, the lesson of Galatians 6:2, “Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” To relieve the burdens of the poor, he collected clothes, foraged the countryside for food and provided housing for the homeless. To improve the lives of children, he established schools all across England. And for the sick, he set up free medical clinics in his preaching houses. Today we United Methodists follow in the footsteps of the early Methodists, joining hands in service to support one another and to help God’s children, whenever and wherever we can—through our apportioned funds, a connectional giving covenant that has become a strong, generous tradition and a lifelong personal commitment of United Methodists everywhere. We celebrate that covenant as we fulfill the promise we made the day we joined The United Methodist Church: to support the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service.

WORLD SERVICE FUND

The World Service Fund is the heart of our denominational ministry, underwriting Christian mission around the world. By giving to World Service we empower evangelistic efforts and stimulate spiritual commitment, church growth and discipleship.


AFRICA UNIVERSITY

This fund supports the only United Methodist degree-granting university on the continent of Africa—serving students throughout sub-Saharan Africa, providing higher education of excellent quality, nurturing students in Christian values and developing visionary leaders of tomorrow.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND

Men and women choose the ministry because God calls them. The Ministerial Education Fund is our way of helping them answer that divine call. Our United Methodist seminaries lead the effort to proclaim God's word in a world desperately in need of that message.

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS



Because of Jesus Christ we share God's love.
Because of Jesus Christ we join hands in service.

We United Methodists join hands across our connected congregations to help all of God's children...whenever and wherever we can. Just as Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes when the crowd grew hungry. You—and your congregation—are the heart and spirit of this outreaching ministry of love. Here, briefly, is an overview of our financial mission statement for 2005—2008 through apportioned funds.

WHERE THE LOCAL CHURCH EXPENSE DOLLAR GOES

INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION FUND

We United Methodists are a small part of the worldwide Christian church—the living body of Jesus Christ. Our unity with other Christian communions is affirmed as we witness to a common Christian faith, meet human suffering and advocate for peace and justice all over the world.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND

This fund finances general church activities that are administrative in nature rather than programmatic. It provides, for example, the basic costs of General Conference.

SHARING THROUGH DESIGNATED GIVING

ADVANCE FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

Gifts are designated by the donor to specific approved projects of the General Board of Global Ministries. One hundred percent goes to projects — with administrative costs paid by World Service.

BLACK COLLEGE FUND

The 11 historically Black United Methodist-related institutions play a unique role in U.S. higher education. Their graduates— teachers and doctors, ministers and bishops, judges, artists and entrepreneurs— are leaders in the African-American community and a rapidly changing United States.

EPISCOPAL FUND

Bishops always have had a very special role in our church...elected and consecrated to speak to the church...and from the church. The apostle Paul called it "a noble task." It is practical as well, since our bishops oversee and promote the church's temporal and spiritual interests.

84.3¢
Local Church

12.4¢
Jurisdictions,
Areas, Annual
Conferences

3.3¢
General Church,
including United
Methodist
Women

CONNECTIONAL GIVING 2005-2008

| APPORTIONED FUNDS | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | TOTAL 2005-2008 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| World Service | \$76,135,000 | \$78,252,000 | \$82,125,000 | \$86,953,000 | \$323,465,000 |
| Ministerial Education | \$28,330,000 | \$28,280,000 | \$28,260,000 | \$28,260,000 | \$113,130,000 |
| Episcopal | \$19,715,000 | \$19,947,000 | \$21,116,000 | \$22,740,000 | \$83,518,000 |
| Black College | \$11,342,000 | \$11,280,000 | \$11,253,000 | \$11,253,000 | \$45,128,000 |
| General Administration | \$6,680,500 | \$6,873,500 | \$7,102,500 | \$7,654,500 | \$28,311,000 |
| Africa University | \$2,605,000 | \$2,525,000 | \$2,485,000 | \$2,485,000 | \$10,100,000 |
| Interdenominational Cooperation | \$2,230,000 | \$2,198,000 | \$2,138,000 | \$2,232,000 | \$8,848,000 |
| TOTALS | \$147,037,500 | \$149,355,500 | \$154,529,500 | \$161,577,500 | \$612,500,000 |

WORLD SERVICE SPECIAL GIFTS

This is a special channel of designated support for approved projects of general church agencies not eligible for Advance gifts. Again 100 percent goes to the selected projects.

CHURCHWIDE SPECIAL SUNDAYS WITH OFFERINGS

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY
Sunday before the national observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
Fourth Sunday in Lent

**NATIVE AMERICAN
MINISTRIES SUNDAY**
Third Sunday of Easter

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY
First Sunday after Pentecost

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
First Sunday of October

**UNITED METHODIST
STUDENT DAY**
Last Sunday of November

The cost of this generous, far-ranging ministry is significant, but it is only a tiny portion of your local church budget. A surprisingly tiny part. 84.3 cents of each dollar the local church spends stays in the local church. Approximately 12.4 cents funds the works of jurisdictions, areas, annual conferences and districts. And approximately 3.3 cents goes to support the work of the general boards and agencies.

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MAKE SURE YOUR CHURCH GIVES 100% OF CONFERENCE AND GENERAL CHURCH APPORTIONMENTS THIS YEAR