

2007 Conference Budget

Budget Summary

	2007 <u>APPROVED</u>	2006 <u>APPROVED</u>	% <u>CHANGE</u>
Ministerial Support	\$ 2,390,620	\$ 2,745,162	-12.9%
Administration	1,014,218	1,016,987	.0%
World Service & Conference Benevolence	3,344,980	3,313,623	.9%
Ministerial Education Fund	152,829	155,210	-1.5%
Black College Fund	60,856	61,908	-1.7%
Africa University Fund	<u>13,439</u>	<u>13,858</u>	<u>-3.0%</u>
Total Conference Budget	\$ 6,976,942	\$ 7,306,748	-4.5%
Other Funding	<u>-2,333,800</u>	<u>-2,335,000</u>	<u>-0.1%</u>
Total Apportioned Budget	\$ <u>4,643,142</u>	\$ <u>4,971,748</u>	-6.6%

INTRODUCTORY NOTES

The format of the 2007 Budget remains the same as last year. For 2007, approximately 33.4% of the budget is expected to come from "other-funding" sources. This is slightly higher than last year. These include camp fees, use of designated funds (those set aside for use at a specific time), fees for services, and other sources (grants, etc.). Other funding sources appear in all categories of the Budget.

The 2007 Recommended Budget is 4.5% lower than the 2006 Approved Budget while the apportioned budget is 6.6% lower than 2006. This is primarily due to the funding plan of the new Clergy Retirement Security Program and the recommended elimination of the apportionment for active clergy health insurance. Local congregations will continue to be billed 12% of their pastor's compensation (salary and housing related allowances) for the new pension plan. The conference will fund the balance of the amount due from the over-funding of the old MRP (Pre-82 Plan) plan.

Again this year, the Council is not presenting a spending plan for adoption by the Conference. Instead, we have asked that the Council, in consultation with the Director of Connectional Ministries and Bishop, be given permission to develop a plan based on revenue and cost data gathered through 2006. You will find the request in the Annual Recommendations (#1).

The 2005 Budget Report is presented later in the material. You will note that the apportionment income was \$5,791 lower than expenditures. This amount was taken from the appropriate fund balances.

Note the Fund Balance Report. With a cash flow requirement of over \$500,000 per month, this amount is not adequate to cover the cash flow need of the Conference throughout the year. The General Fund is in a critical situation and is short of the three months funding that the Council feels is maintaining a sound financial position.

Health Insurance

The 2007 aggregate rate increase for our health insurance program is about 1.94% and reflects a 2% increase for our active participants and 1.7% for retired participants.

For 2007, the Board of Pensions is recommending that the apportionment for premiums for clergy appointed to the local church be eliminated. This reduces the Ministerial Support Budget by approximately \$185,000. The apportionment for premiums for retired participants has been reduced to \$675,000 and is included in the Ministerial Support Fund. Premiums for staff health insurance premiums are included in the appropriate staff budget items.

NOTE: By amendment, the Annual Conference voted to insert a line item for Campus Ministry Health Insurance (\$30,000 - ordained United Methodist Clergy) in the Ministerial Support Budget. The same amount was taken from the Campus Ministry line item in the Conference Benevolence Budget.

The estimated 2007 monthly billed amount for clergy appointed to the local church is about \$1,110.00, an increase of \$125.00 over 2006. As noted in the Pensions report, the Board of Pensions granted a \$75,000 subsidy to the premium for active clergy from the Health Insurance Endowment Fund. This subsidy reduces the increase in the billed amount by approximately \$45 per month for each active pastor.

NOTE: By action of the 2006 Conference Session, ordained United Methodist Ministers serving as Campus Pastors will be included in the local church pastor blended/billed rate for health insurance during 2007.

General Church Apportionments

The basis for all General Church Apportionments is a formula approved by the General Conference. Apportionments from the General Conference must be included in the budgets of each annual conference without reduction (§613.1(b), §613.3(d), & §614.1, 2004 *Discipline*).

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	2006 APPROVED	2007 RECOMMENDED	2007 FUNDING NON-APPORTIONED	2007 FUNDING APPORTIONED
MINISTERIAL SUPPORT				
Apportioned Pension & Benefit Funding Provides funding for the current cost of the Comprehensive Protection Plan (CPP) [clergy death & disability], the CRSP pension cost for persons on incapacity leave (with benefits), and funding for the future cost of retiree medical insurance.	525,000	300,000		300,000
Apportioned Health Insurance Provides for the cost of the health insurance premium United Methodist Clergy serving in campus ministries settings of the Conference and a portion of the cost for retired clergy.	885,000	705,000		705,000
District Superintendents Fund Provides for compensation, pensions, and benefits (including Health Insurance) for our five superintendents and their staffs, the office expenses, a discretionary fund, and business and professional for each superintendent. The recommended compensation for 2007 is \$68,700.	832,686	873,425		873,425
Episcopal Fund Our apportionment from the General Church for our share in supporting all Bishops of The United Methodist Church including salaries, residences, pensions, travel, other benefits and office and professional expenses. The basis for the apportionment is set by the General Conference.	109,476	114,195		114,195
Episcopal Housing Our share of the housing costs for our Bishop. The General Church provides \$10,000 toward the total cost needed for the year 2007. Costs include the lease, taxes, utilities, repairs, and maintenance.	45,000	50,000	10,000	40,000
Bishop's Discretionary Fund Provides a discretionary fund for the Bishop.	8,000	8,000		8,000
Equitable Compensation Fund To provide salary funds needed to meet the minimum salary requirements of the annual conference and other salary assistance where needed. The recommended minimum salary for the year 2007 is \$28,000 (Elder in Full Connection).	270,000	270,000		270,000
Moving Expense Fund Provides funds to assist local congregations with pastor's moving expenses based on Conference Rule #5.300. The other funding comes from the designated fund for moving.	20,000	20,000	10,000	10,000
Contingency Fund Provides funds for unanticipated clergy support expenses that occur during the year.	50,000	50,000		50,000
TOTAL MINISTERIAL SUPPORT	<u>2,745,162</u>	<u>2,390,620</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>2,370,620</u>

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	2006 APPROVED	2007 RECOMMENDED	2007 FUNDING NON-APPORTIONED	APPORTIONED
ADMINISTRATION				
Annual Conference Session Expense & Funding	59,000	59,000		59,000
Provides funds to cover the cost of holding our annual session and a fund to cover the additional expense of meeting in the Eastern District once each quadrennium.				
Area Expense Fund	25,000	26,000		26,000
Our share of the office expense for the Bishop's Office. All compensation and travel costs of the Bishop are paid by the General Church through the Episcopal Fund.				
Board of Ordained Ministries	40,000	40,000		40,000
Provides funds for travel, meeting and other expenses of the Board. The Board is responsible for all clergy and diaconal members of the Conference and all certified persons working within the boundary of the Conference.				
Board of Lay Ministry	4,000	3,500		3,500
Provides meeting and administrative funds for the Conference and District Lay Leaders.				
Board of Pensions	1,500	1,500		1,500
Provides travel and meeting funds for the Board.				
Board of Trustees	2,000	2,000		2,000
Provides travel and meeting funds for the Board.				
Conference Leadership Team (CLT)	6,000	6,000		6,000
Provides travel and meeting funds for the Conference Leadership Team				
Commission on Archives & History	7,000	7,000		7,000
Provides meeting and administrative expenses for this commission and a small stipend for the Oregon and Idaho Archivists.				
Committee on Episcopacy	2,000	2,000		2,000
Provides travel and meeting funds for the Committee. This committee serves as the personnel committee for the Office of the Bishop.				
Committee on Nominations	250	250		250
Provides travel and meeting funds for the Committee. This committee is responsible for the volunteer staff of our conference boards and agencies.				
Conference Center	320,000	291,000	5,000	286,000
Provides for the operational expenses of the United Methodist Center in Portland. These include building expenses, building maintenance, equipment maintenance and replacement, the financial audit of the Annual Conference, comprehensive property and casualty insurance for all Conference Property, and Director's and Officer's liability for all conference officers.				
We receive \$5,000 from the Alaska Missionary Conference to offset supply and postage costs used on their behalf.				
Conference Communications Committee	133,300	142,250		142,250
Provides salaries, benefits (including health insurance), and expenses for the Director of Communications, meeting expenses for the Communications Committee, costs of printing the <i>United Methodist</i> and other publications of the Conference, and maintenance of the Conference Website.				

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	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED	NON-APPORTIONED	APPORTIONED
ADMINISTRATION (continued)				
Conference Response Team Provides for the expenses of the Team in responding to crisis situations in the local church or conference.	reclassification	7,200		7,200
Conference Secretary Provides for the expenses and honorarium for the Secretary of the Annual Conference	4,000	4,000		4,000
Conference Journal Provides funds for the publication and mailing of the <i>Journal</i> .	15,000	15,000		15,000
Conference Statistician Provides administrative funds for the statistician.	200	200		200
Council on Finance and Administration & Office of the Conference Treasurer Provides travel and meeting funds for the Council and salary, travel, and benefits (including health insurance) for the Conference Treasurer's Office. The salary of the treasurer is increased over the previous year by the same percentage as recommended by CF&A for other conference executives and is \$71,000 for 2007. The salary is judged by CF&A to be comparable to the superintendents considering housing and utility allowances. Salary increases reflect cost of living and/or merit adjustments. Increases in benefit costs and payroll taxes are relative to salary increases. The other funding represents fees for administrative and fiscal services provided for our benefit programs.	302,900	311,125	38,800	272,325
Consultation on Appointments Provides funds for travel assistance during the appointment process.	2,000	2,500		2,500
Contingency Fund Provides funds for unanticipated administrative expenses that occur during the year.	30,000	30,000		30,000
Episcopal Residence Committee Provides travel and meeting funds for the committee.	200	200		200
Equitable Compensation Commission Provides travel and meeting funds for the commission.	2,000	2,000		2,000
General Conference Administration A General Conference apportionment covering our share of the cost of the of the quadrennial General Conference Session and other general administrative costs of the church at large.	37,724	38,410		38,410
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund A General Conference apportionment covering United Methodist contributions to various ecumenical agencies.	12,063	11,833		11,833
Delegate Expense Fund Provides part of the cost of sending our general and jurisdictional delegates to these quadrennial meetings. This is funded over the course of the quadrennium.	5,000	5,000		5,000
Quadrennial Training Travel Provides funds for training programs of the General and Jurisdictional Conferences that are held at the beginning of each quadrennium. This is funded over the course of the quadrennium.	500	500		500

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ADMINISTRATION (continued)				
Jurisdictional Administration An apportionment from the Western Jurisdiction Conference to cover our share of the costs of the quadrennial conference sessions and other administrative costs.	5,100	5,500		5,500
Rules Committee Provides travel and meeting funds for the committee.	250	250		250
<i>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</i>	<u>1,016,987</u>	<u>1,014,218</u>	<u>43,800</u>	<u>970,418</u>
WORLD SERVICE & CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCE				
World Service Fund The primary benevolent responsibility of each local United Methodist congregation. World Service is apportioned by the General Church to all conferences and provides the main source of funds for the church's worldwide ministries. This fund provides all or a substantial part of the financial support of our general church program boards, administrative commissions and councils, and missionary personnel. <i>Conference Benevolence</i>	429,473	444,130		444,130
Office of Connectional Ministries Provides for salaries, benefits (including Health Insurance), and expenses for the connectional ministries staff. Salary increases reflect cost of living and/or merit adjustments. Increases in benefit costs and payroll taxes are relative to salary increases. The salary of the Director of Connectional Ministries is the same as that of the superintendents (for 2007 this is \$68,700). Funding is also provided for meeting expenses of the Connectional Table (NOW Ministries) and a Connectional Ministries Convocation.	175,050	181,050		181,050
Campus Ministry Provides support for the 8 Campus Ministries within the bounds of our Conference. Each campus receives a Block Grant as set by the Higher Education and Campus Ministry Team.	235,000	221,000		221,000
Council on Youth Ministries Provides funding for a non-staff consultant to the Youth Ministries Team and some funding for youth programs.	15,000	15,000		15,000
Council on Young Adult Ministries Provides funding for the Young Adult Ministries Team for meetings and programming.	1,500	1,500		1,500
Conference Hispanic Ministry Provides financial support for three Hispanic Ministries within our conference. Salary costs for Missioners are shared with the General Board of Global Ministries. Pension and Health Insurance Premiums for these Missioners are paid by the General Board. The Conference is responsible for a share of the salary, and the full cost of housing and expenses. Included in this item are the operational costs of the Casa Metodista in Woodburn.	45,000	50,000		50,000

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<i>Conference Benevolence (continued)</i>				
Camp and Retreat Ministry Provides for the operational and administrative costs of our 7 camp and retreat facilities and our Day Camp and Travel Camp Programs. These include staff costs, insurance, food, maintenance & program costs. Funding for this item comes mainly from Camper Fees and other funds generated by the various sites. The apportioned amount provides a grant from the Conference in support of this Ministry.	2,311,000	2,325,000	2,270,000	55,000
Commission on Church Unity and Interreligious Concerns Provides meeting and expense funds for the commission and support for EMO.	10,500	10,500		10,500
Commission on Religion & Race Provides meeting and expense funds for this commission.	500	1,000		1,000
Commission on Status & Role of Women Provides meeting and expense funds for this commission.	500	4,900		4,900
Nurture The Nurture Team is responsible for those ministries formerly carried out by the Boards of Discipleship . The budget provides block grants to be used for meetings and programming in the Team's area of responsibility. Some of the covered ministries include Youth Ministries, Christian Education and the District Leadership Teams.	800	800		800
Outreach The Outreach Team is responsible for those ministries formerly carried out by the Board of Global Ministries with the exception of Church Development/Redevelopment. The budget provides block grants to be used for meetings and programming in the Team's area of responsibility. Some of the covered ministries include Volunteers in Mission the Bishop's Initiative on Children and Poverty, and support for the Committee on Mission Personnel & Resources.	2,800	2,800		2,800
Witness The Witness Team is responsible for those ministries formerly carried out by the Boards of Church and Society and Discipleship. The budget is a block grant to be used for meetings and programming in the Team's area of responsibility. Included is support for Willamette University.	8,300	8,300		8,300
Church Development/Redevelopment The budget provides meeting expenses for the lay members of the Committee.	1,000	1,000		1,000
Council on Racial/Ethnic Leadership/EMLC Provides meeting expenses for the Racial Ethnic Ministry Coordinating Committee, the Native American Ministries Council, and the Hispanic Ministries Council.	2,000	2,000		2,000
Jurisdictional Program An apportionment from the Western Jurisdiction Conference to cover our share of the Jurisdiction's Program costs.	5,700	6,000		6,000
Korean Mission An apportionment from the Western Jurisdiction Conference to cover our share of the Korean Mission work within the Jurisdiction.	9,500	10,000		10,000

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<i>Conference Benevolence (continued)</i>				
District Leadership Teams Provides funds for the districts to use in their various programs.	5,000	5,000		5,000
District Program Budgets Provides funds for the districts to use in their various programs.	5,000	5,000		5,000
Contingency Fund Provides funds for unanticipated expenses or emerging ministries that occur during the year.	50,000	50,000		50,000
<i>Total Conference Benevolence Budget</i>	<i>2,884,150</i>	<i>2,900,850</i>	<i>2,270,000</i>	<i>630,850</i>
TOTAL WORLD SERVICE & CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCE	<u>3,313,623</u>	<u>3,344,980</u>	<u>2,270,000</u>	<u>1,074,980</u>
<u>OTHER GENERAL CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS</u>				
Ministerial Education Fund Provides funds to support ministerial education. 25% of the receipts are retained by the Oregon-Idaho Conference for use by the Board of Ordained Ministry for educational purposes of our ordained and diaconal ministers. The remaining 75% is sent to the General Church for use by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry for their support of United Methodist Seminaries and other educational programs.	155,210	152,829		152,829
Black College Fund Used by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to financially assist the twelve United Methodist related black colleges.	61,908	60,856		60,856
Africa University Fund This is a General Church Apportionment for the support of Africa University, a United Methodist University in Zimbabwe. Financial support for the University comes through this apportionment and through World Service Special Gifts.	13,858	13,439		13,439
TOTAL OTHER GENERAL CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS	230,976	227,124		227,124
TOTAL CONFERENCE BUDGET	<u>7,306,748</u>	<u>6,976,942</u>	<u>2,333,800</u>	<u>4,643,142</u>
<u>NON-BUDGET ASKING</u>				
Conference Church Extension Provides funds for the loan and grant programs administered by the Committee on Church Development/Redevelopment. These programs assist congregations with a source of capital funding.	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Hispanic Ministry Program	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Northwest House of Theological Studies	<u>10,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>0</u>