

Conference Budget Process

"Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces of the fish."

(Mark 6:41-43, NRSV)

| | 2014 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
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| 241500120 Program | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 241500130 Resources | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | \$3,000 |
| Total Older Adult Ministries | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 |
| Youth Ministries | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 242000000 CCMH Meetings | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 242000010 Conference Youth Coordinator | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 242000020 District Youth Ministries Promo Fund | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 242000030 Fall Workshop | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 242000040 Fall Workshop | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 242000050 Office Expense | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 242000060 Leadership Development/VAC | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 242000070 Summer Youth Celebration | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 242000080 Racial Discipleship | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 242000090 Youth Events | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 242000100 Youth Fund Raising Expenses | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 242000200 Youth Fund Raising Expenses | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| Total Youth Ministries | \$18,000 | \$18,000 | \$18,000 | \$18,000 |
| Young Adult Ministries | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 243000100 Administration and Meetings | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 243000110 Training | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 243000120 Young Adult Ministries | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 243000130 Resources | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 243000140 Resources | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| Total Young Adult Ministries | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Archives & History | \$4,100 | \$4,800 | \$7,300 | \$4,000 |
| Administration | \$4,100 | \$4,800 | \$7,300 | \$4,000 |
| 245000040 Instructional Fees | \$4,100 | \$4,800 | \$7,300 | \$4,000 |
| 245000050 Meetings | \$4,100 | \$4,800 | \$7,300 | \$4,000 |
| 245000060 Office Expense | \$4,100 | \$4,800 | \$7,300 | \$4,000 |
| 245000070 Workers Compensation | \$4,100 | \$4,800 | \$7,300 | \$4,000 |
| 245000080 Workers Compensation | \$4,100 | \$4,800 | \$7,300 | \$4,000 |
| Total Administration | \$4,100 | \$4,800 | \$7,300 | \$4,000 |
| Archive Center | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 246000100 Address | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 246000110 Supplies / Maintenance A. | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 246000120 Supplies / Maintenance A. | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| Total Archive Center | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$2,000 |
| Hathorath Museum | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 247000100 Address | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 247000110 Supplies / Maintenance A. | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 247000120 Supplies / Maintenance A. | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| Total Hathorath Museum | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | \$3,000 |

Have you ever wondered how the Conference Budget gets set?

It is amazing what the Lord can do! This Scripture reminds us of the abundant and extravagant generosity of God. Indeed, the church depends on the generosity of God, and the faithfulness of God's people. Giving, receiving, and sharing are vital faith expressions. We have gratefully received the gift of salvation from God who gave us Jesus. Once we have received Jesus, we are then eager to share him with others.

The beauty of being a connectional church like The United Methodist Church is that we are able to accomplish great things in this world because of our unique system of sharing. This allows us to share Christ with others in powerful yet personal ways. Churches across the Annual Conference participate in a program of giving and sharing that allows mission and ministry to take place throughout the West Virginia Conference.

As families and organizations require a budget, so does the Annual Conference. How does this budget get put together?

We have dedicated people who serve on a Conference team called The Council on Finance and Administration (CFA). This team functions like the finance committee in the local church. The team is comprised of both clergy and lay from the churches in our Conference. This team is currently led by Dr. Ken Ramsey, one of our local church pastors serving Bridgeport United Methodist Church. The team meets each fall to begin a conversation about the following year's budget. This past November, the team began the process for the 2019 budget. After this meeting, the conference ministry teams receive a letter stating guidelines for compiling their following year's budget requests.

Leaders of Conference Teams are then asked to submit their budget requests to the Leadership Team of the Covenant Council. (This team is similar to the Church Council in the local church.) This team makes sure all requests are in alignment with our Conference vision and mission – *"To be a Christ-led, spiritual breath of fresh air that changes the World"* and *"To discover, develop and deploy passionate spiritual leaders who will make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World."*

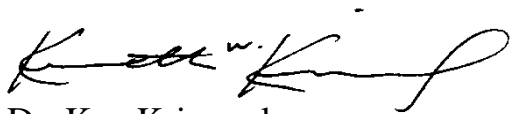
Each Spring the Covenant Council reviews the budget requests from the Conference Teams and sends those requests to the CFA who recommends a budget to the Annual Conference. The recommended budget is included in the Conference Workbook. The workbook is mailed to all the pastors and lay members of the Conference who are elected by each charge in the Conference. At the Annual Conference Session held each June at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, West Virginia, all the clergy and lay members of the Conference discuss and vote on the adoption of the recommended Budget. Once adopted, the proposed budget becomes the Budget of the Annual Conference.

And so, with much prayer, thoughtful discussion, and discernment, that is how our Annual Conference Budget is set and adopted. The churches of the Annual Conference then fund our ministries through their faithful sharing, allowing us to educate pastors, teach children about Jesus, minister to those in poverty, provide health insurance for pastors and their families, and so much more. This faithful sharing happens through the process of Apportionments.

Apportionments are a portion of God's work which is funded by each church of this Annual Conference. Apportionments fund the adopted budget so that together we might meet the needs of the people of West Virginia and around the world more effectively and completely. Indeed, it is amazing what the Lord can do through us! Because of your church's faithful generosity, we are able to accomplish more together than we could ever do apart. Yes, we celebrate God's abundant and extravagant generosity.

Thank you, and may God wonderfully bless you and your work for the sake of Christ through The United Methodist Church.

Blessings in Christ,



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