

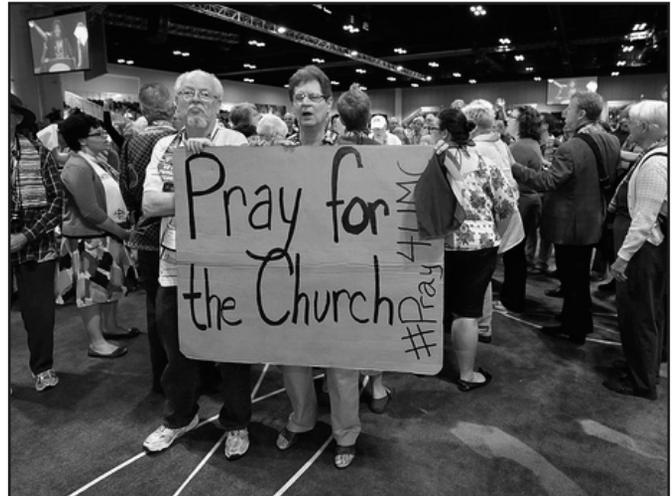
### May 3 wrap: Demonstration ends session

*We talk about embodying the love of God, but in difficult situations, we need the Holy Spirit to tutor us.*

— Bishop Scott Jones, Kansas Area

The complete article appears on p. 2610.

Dozens of demonstrators demanding a more inclusive church took over the floor of a May 3 session of the 2012 General Conference. A UMNS photo by Paul Jeffery.



## Agenda

### Friday, May 4

**6:30 A.M.** – Breakfast Meeting  
Committee on Agenda and Calendar (Room 18)

**7:00 A.M.** – Breakfast Meetings  
Committee on Reference (Room 19, if needed)

**8:00 – 10:00 A.M.** *Morning Plenary*  
Morning Prayer (15 minutes)  
Reports:

- Committee on Courtesies and Privileges
- Committee on Credentials
- Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision
- Committee on the Journal
- Committee on Reference
- Committee on Agenda and Calendar
- Committee on Presiding Officers
- GCFR Report
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

**10:00 – 10:20 A.M.** *Morning Break*

**10:20 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.** *Morning Plenary*

- Elections of the Commission on the General Conference, General Agencies
- Calendar Items & Conference Business

**12:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.** – Lunch Meeting  
Organization of the Commission on the General Conference (Rooms 1 & 2)

**12:30 – 2:30 P.M.** *Lunch Recess*  
– on your own

**12:40 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.**  
Service of Holy Communion (Riverwalk)

**2:30 – 3:35 P.M.** *Afternoon Plenary*  
Calendar Items & Conference Business

**3:35 – 3:55 P.M.** *Afternoon Break*

**3:55 – 5:00 P.M.** *Afternoon Plenary*  
Calendar Items & Conference Business  
Recognitions  
*Letter from the General Conference to  
The People of The United Methodist Church*

**Evening Plenary – if necessary**  
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## Correction: May 1 daily wrap-up item

On p. 2468, in the eighth bulleted copy that begins “Encourages United Methodists,” the second sentence should read: The resolution also supports an end of “military aid by any country to those parties in the conflict that commit human rights abuses.” UMNS regrets the error.

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# Announcements

## General Conference Guest Musical Group performing on the Iliff School of Theology Food Court Stage

**12:30 P.M.**—Foundry United Methodist Church choir, Washington, D.C. This seasoned, talented choir sings a range of styles from a cappella spirituals to classical oratorios with full orchestra and enjoys a long history of performing at the White House. Also performing at 7:45 A.M. in the East Hall prior to Morning Prayer.

## Poverty simulations at General Conference

General Conference participants, especially guests, can take part in “poverty simulations” on four mornings, May 1-4, in Ballroom D. Also known as the Cost of Poverty Experience, or C.O.P.E., these are guided encounters with the same kind of struggles that confront those living in poverty. Sessions last from 9 A.M. until noon and are limited to 120 people each. Sponsors include the General Board of Global Ministries, the Rural/Urban Network, and the United Methodist Rural Fellowship. The learning experience is related to the Ministry with the Poor focus area and to Circles, an anti-poverty strategy operative in 70 communities in the United States. United Methodists were instrumental in starting half of these programs and are involved in almost all of them. To take part, show up a little before 9 A.M. at Ballroom D on one of the four mornings, or get a ticket for a particular day from members of the Rural Fellowship, who can be found handing out daily news sheets around entrances to the convention center each morning.

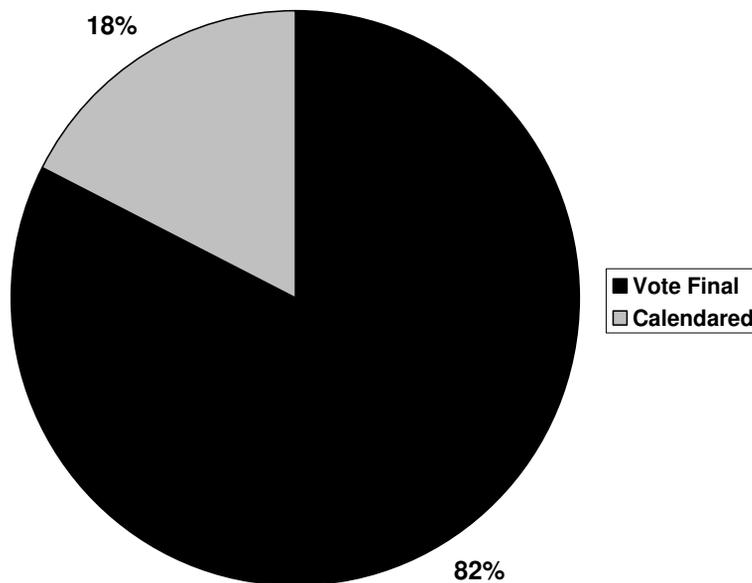
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The Tampa Convention Center has a very active recycling program.

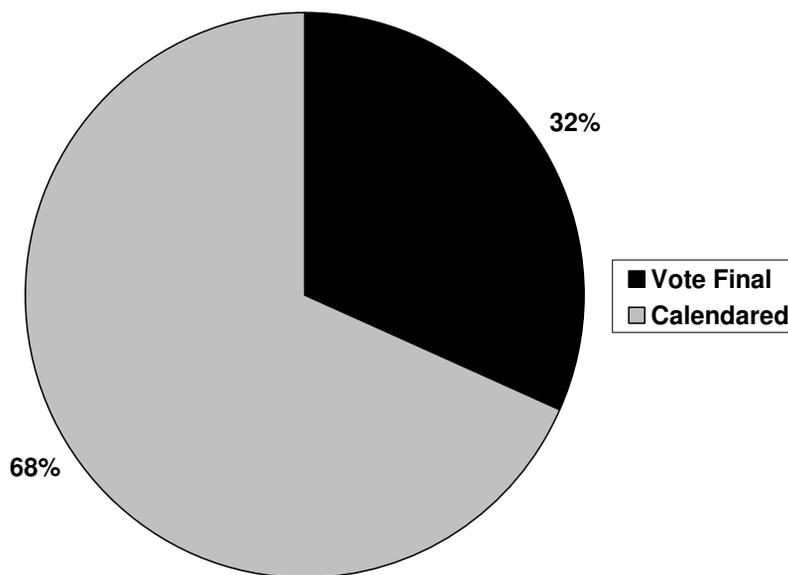
- Your paper, aluminum cans, and plastic bottles may go into any of the recycling bins that have been placed around the center.
- Those who do not want their tote bags will be able to leave them for donation to “Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools.”
- Unused food is donated to Metropolitan Ministries.

# Report of the Coordinator of the Calendar Plenary Action Progress Report

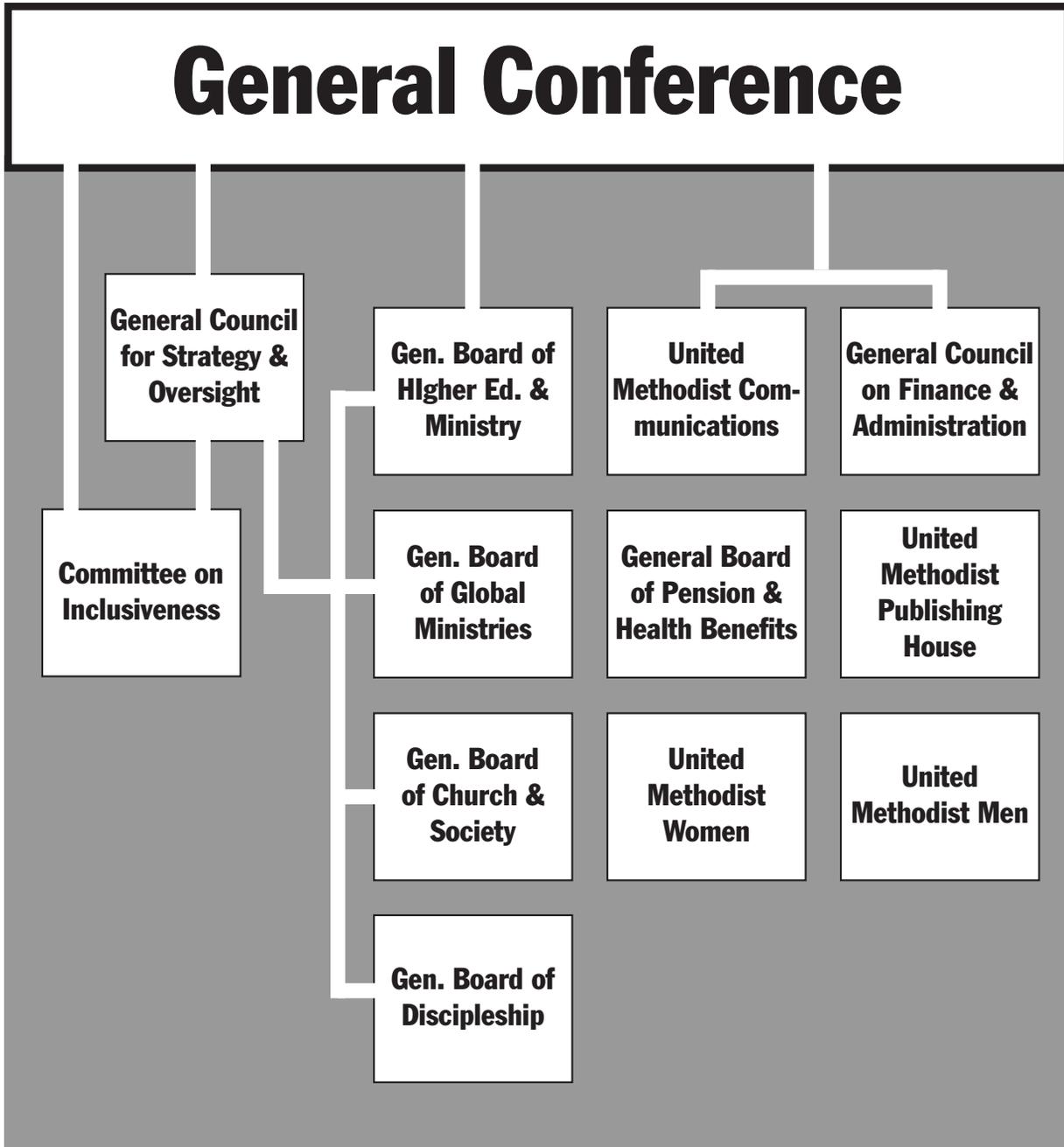
**Vote Complete on 82% of Regular Calendar Items  
(With Consent Items)**



**Vote Complete on 32% of Regular Calendar Items  
(Without Consent Items)**



# Plan UMC Organizational Chart



# JUDICIAL COUNCIL DECISION NO. 1208

**IN RE: Request from the Council of Bishops for a Declaratory Decision on the Constitutionality of Proposed Legislation before the 2012 General Conference concerning a Report from the General Council on Finance and Administration and recommended amendments adopted by the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration**

## DIGEST

The parts of GCFA Report No. 8 in items 5 and 6 that authorize the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) to negotiate apportionments with the Rio Grande Annual Conference, the Alaska Missionary Conference, the Red Bird Missionary Conference, the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, and the annual conferences of the central conferences, and the parts of the Legislative Committee amendment to the same report in item 2 that establish a jurisdictional apportionment for the Episcopal Fund are unconstitutional, violating ¶¶ 27 and 45.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

During the 2012 General Conference, the Council of Bishops submitted a request for a declaratory decision on the constitutionality, meaning, application, or effect of proposed legislation that includes GCFA Report No. 8 and amendments recommended by the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration. The full text of the Council's request is as follows:

The Council of Bishops, with the support of the Interjurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy, requests a declaratory decision as to the constitutionality, meaning, application, or effect of the proposed legislation before the General Conference under Calendar item 479.

Calendar item 479 (found on page 2194 in the DCA) amends GCFA's recommended apportionment formula by removing the Episcopal Fund from those funds apportioned to all of the annual conferences. Under this amendment the Episcopal Fund would be apportioned to the jurisdictions under a different formula. The full cost for the missional allocation of bishop would be shifted to the jurisdiction in which the bishops serve.

This change appears to be in conflict with the Restrictive Rules, Paragraph 19. Article III:

The General Conference shall not change or alter any part or rule of our government so as to do away with episcopacy or destroy the plan of our itinerant general superintendency.

This amendment shifts the church from our itinerant general superintendency in to direction of a diocesan form of episcopacy.

Furthermore, the General Conference has authority over all matters distinctively connectional including:

To determine and provide for raising and distributing funds necessary to carry on the work of the Church. (Paragraph 16, Article IV.9)

Additionally, the Powers and Duties of the jurisdictional conferences under paragraph 27. Article V, authority is not extended for negotiating, administering, apportioning or collecting general church funds.

Calendar Item 479 includes the original Report No. 8 from GCFA and the amendments submitted by the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration to apportion the Episcopal Fund to jurisdictions and to amend the language that authorizes GCFA to negotiate apportionments with the Rio Grande Annual Conference, the Alaska Missionary Conference, the Red Bird Missionary Conference, the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, and the annual conferences of the central conferences.

An oral hearing was conducted in Tampa, Florida, on May 3, 2012. Bishops Warner Brown, Paul Leeland, Rosemarie Wenner, and Jack Tuell represented the Council of Bishops. Bonnie Marden represented the Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. Don House represented the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration.

## JURISDICTION

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction pursuant to ¶ 2609.2 of the 2008 Book of Discipline.

## ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE

This request for a declaratory decision comes from the Council of Bishops, with support from the Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. The 2008 Discipline authorizes the Judicial Council to determine the constitutionality of any proposed legislation when such a decision is requested by the General Conference or the Council of Bishops. There is no provision under ¶ 2609.2 that allows the Judicial Council to receive requests on proposed legislation from any entities or bodies other than the General Conference or the Council of Bishops. Although the Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy supports this request for a declaratory decision, the Judicial Council cannot receive such requests from that body. Moreover, although the Council of Bishops has submitted a request for a declaratory decision concerning “the constitutionality, meaning, application, or effect of the proposed legislation,” the limit of authority for the Judicial Council is to determine the “constitutionality” of the proposed legislation, not its meaning, application, or effect.

The Council of Bishops cites three constitutional provisions in the request for a declaratory decision: ¶ 19; ¶ 16; and ¶ 27.

With regard to ¶ 19 (Restrictive Rule, Article III), the considerations listed in Calendar Item 479 do not propose an alteration of church government or a destruction of the plan of itinerant general superintendency. Hence, ¶ 19 of the Constitution is not pertinent to this matter.

With regard to ¶ 16 (Article IV), the Constitution authorizes the General Conference to “determine and provide for raising and distributing funds necessary to carry on the work of the Church” (¶ 16.9). Based on that constitutional authority, the General Conference has enacted legislation (¶¶ 806.1, 810.1, and 817) that addresses the matter in question. Paragraph 16.9 of the Constitution states that the General Conference shall have the power:

To determine and provide for raising and distributing funds necessary to carry on the work of the Church.

The 2008 *Discipline* provides the following:

The [General Council on Finance and Administration] shall be accountable to The United Methodist Church through the General Conference in all matters relating to the receiving, disbursing, and reporting of such funds...(¶ 806)

It shall submit to each quadrennial session of the General Conference, for its action and determination, budgets of expense for each of the general funds of the Church, as listed or defined in ¶ 810.1, and such other general funds as the General Conference may establish. It shall make recommendations regarding all funding considerations to come before General Conference. (¶ 806.1)

The council shall make recommendations to the General Conference as to the amount and distribution of the Episcopal Fund and General Administration Fund... (¶ 806.1a)

Hence, the General Conference, acting under the authority of the Constitution, provides the legislative process for action on the Episcopal Fund. In so doing, however, the General Conference is constrained by well-established principles. It cannot act in any manner that is contrary to the Constitution. It cannot delegate any of its authority to another body. It cannot delegate any of its legislative powers to its subordinate bodies. (See Decisions 30, 142, 147)

With regard to ¶ 27 (Article V), which addresses the powers and duties of jurisdictional conferences, there is no constitutional authority for jurisdictions to bear responsibility for funds that are not collected otherwise. Further, there is no constitutional authority for the General Conference or any of its subordinate bodies (such as GCFA) to engage in negotiating the apportionments of Church funds. Moreover, ¶¶ 28-31 (Section V) also lack any authorization to negotiate apportionments.

Under ¶ 45, the Constitution specifies “that a unified superintendency and episcopacy is hereby created and established of, in, and by those who now are and shall be bishops of The United Methodist Church.” The proposal in Calendar Item 479 creates a funding mechanism that is dependent upon raising funds from jurisdictions and that invades and undermines the “unified” nature of the episcopacy.

According to ¶ 806.1d, GCFA has the authority to “recommend the formulas by which all apportionments to the annual conferences shall be determined, subject to the approval of the General Conference.” But the constitutional authority and legislative responsibility for these matters remain with the General Conference, which cannot delegate or assign them elsewhere. The “Apportionment Formula” in Report No. 8 submitted by GCFA to the 2012 General Conference and the proposed amendments adopted by the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration violate the Constitution in that they claim authority for imposing apportionments on a jurisdictional basis and that they purport to have the General Conference delegate authority that it is not constitutionally permitted to do.

## DECISION

The parts of GCFA Report No. 8 in item 5 and 6 that authorize the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) to negotiate apportionments with the Rio Grande Annual Conference, the Alaska Missionary Conference, the Red Bird Missionary Conference, the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, and the annual conferences of the central conferences, and the parts of the Legislative Committee amendment to the same report in item 2 that establish a jurisdictional apportionment for the Episcopal Fund are unconstitutional, violating ¶¶ 27 and 45.

# May 3 wrap: Protest closes morning session

*A morning of tense debate leads to a demonstration preventing GC2012 delegates from doing their work.*

By Joey Butler

TAMPA, Fla. (UMNS)—What the May 3 mid-morning session of General Conference 2012 lacked in productivity, it made up for in drama.

After amendments to change language regarding the church's stance on homosexuality failed, dozens of protestors, led by Common Witness Coalition, a gay-rights group, gathered on the plenary floor after the break, singing "What Does the Lord Require of You?"

Indiana Area Bishop Michael Coyner, who was presiding over the session, asked the protestors to stop. When they didn't, he dismissed the session for lunch, telling the group, "I think you're actually hurting your point."

Coyner also said the afternoon session would be closed to all but delegates, but it was later decided the session would remain open to visitors.

The protestors stayed on the plenary floor during the lunch break, and continued to sing until the afternoon session began.

Germany Area Bishop Rosemarie Wenner opened the session with a statement crafted from the bishops. She acknowledged the pain General Conference's decisions have caused to the homosexual community and urged everyone to stay to the commitment of holy conferencing. She quoted Philippians 2:1-5: "In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus."

The Rev. Frank Wulf, a California-Pacific Annual Conference clergy delegate, was invited to pray, and he asked God to "help us to find our voice, a voice that promotes healing and hope. Help us not to seek our own personal agendas, but to seek your will."

Following the prayer, the demonstrators left the floor peacefully.

"We talk about embodying the love of God, but in difficult situations, we need the Holy Spirit to tutor us," said Kansas Area Bishop Scott Jones, who presided over the afternoon session.

Can't agree to disagree

After more than an hour of passionate debate and clear disagreement, two items stating Christians have different opinions about homosexuality were not approved by the 2012 General Conference, leaving the original language in the *Book of Discipline* intact.

The *Book of Discipline*, Paragraph 161.F, states: "The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching."

The Rev. Adam Hamilton, pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kan., and the Rev. Mike Slaughter, pastor of Ginghamburg Church, Tipp City, Ohio, proposed a substitution to 161.F that sought to clarify that United Methodists disagree on whether homosexual practice is contrary to God's will and urged unity over division and respect for coexistence. Their substitution replaced the last paragraph of a petition submitted by the Global Convocation of Young People after its 2010 conference.

Jen Ihlo, a Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference lay delegate, worked on the committee and subcommittee on human sexuality and said there was lengthy debate about where the church is on homosexuality.

"This petition represents that compromise; it states our positions are vastly different. I am a lesbian and a child of God. I strongly urge the body to adopt this compromise so gay youth will recognize the church loves them and the pain will stop."

The Rev. Maxie Dunnam of the Kentucky Annual Conference spoke against the substitution saying, "I see no reason to state that we disagree. If we're going to state what we disagree about, we might as well put that as a headline on our *Book of Discipline*."

The substitute motion failed on a vote of 441-507, and the main motion failed 368-572.

Since no more business was conducted in the morning session after the protest began, the remaining legislation was sent back to the calendar committee to determine if and when to revisit.

### Pension plan modified

United Methodist clergy in the United States will continue to participate in a retirement program that includes a monthly pension payment.

By a vote of 819 to 78, delegates approved the restated Clergy Retirement Security Program. The plan combines a defined benefit component with a defined contribution component, like the clergy's current retirement program, but with a reduced benefit for clergy and, consequently, a lower contribution for U.S. annual conferences.

A defined benefit plan provides a monthly pension payment for life, with the employer assuming the investment risk. A defined contribution plan—like the 401(k) plans most corporate employees now have—provides an account balance to use during retirement, with the clergyperson assuming the risk that the money will run out in his or her lifetime.

The legislative body endorsed an amendment made by the Financial Administration Legislative Committee to allow annual conferences to determine whether clergy who serve half-time or three-quarters appointments can participate in the program.

General Conference delegates voted down a clergy retirement program that would have relied on defined-contribution only.

### Proposed constitutional amendment fails

The assembly failed to approve a proposed amendment to the Constitution that would allow General Conference to name a committee to reallocate funds between sessions of the quadrennial gathering.

A constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds vote of the General Conference followed by ratification of two-thirds of the voting members of annual conferences.

The Rev. Andy Langford, a delegate from Western North Carolina and a member of the Connectional Table, argued for the amendment. He noted that since no one can change the budget between sessions of General Conference, budgets must be set as far as six years out and cannot be adjusted to meet changing needs.

Others opposed the amendment. Prior to the discussion, the Rev. Timothy McClendon, a delegate from South Carolina and also a member of the Connectional Table, said allowing a group to adjust the budget between General Conference sessions was like allowing the pastor to change budgets established by the church council.



Dozens of demonstrators demanding a more inclusive church hold vigil at the edge of the May 3 session of the 2012 General Conference. A UMNS photo by Paul Jeffery.

### Other issues

In other business, the assembly:

- overwhelmingly supported, 682-251 a measure to direct United Methodist boards and agencies, annual conferences, and local church groups to consider the school schedules of young people when planning meetings and events
- rejected a motion to set discussion of a petition directing the General Board of Church and Society and the General Board of Global Ministries/Women's Division to withdraw membership in the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
- voted to change the name of Lay Speaking Ministries to Lay Servant Ministries
- recognized two General Conference delegates who were hospitalized May 2. Jessica Ireland, Iowa Conference, was struck by a car—driven by another General Conference delegate—while walking back from dinner. The Rev. Guy Mande Muyombo, North Katanga, Congo, spent several hours in an emergency room with symptoms from exhaustion. "This isn't a way to become famous; I don't recommend it," Ireland said.

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# Intersections . . . Uncertainty is all around us

## *A Joint Witness of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women (GCOSROW) and the General Commission on Religion and Race (GCORR)*

At the intersection of General Conference 2012, uncertainties are all around us. The legislative debates and discussions have shown The United Methodist Church—and the world—that we are not a unified body in Christ.

We have gathered in Tampa under the theme of being a global church, ready to transform the world for Jesus Christ. Yet the monitoring reports indicate that white men have dominated most conversations and debates on the floor of General Conference. The voices of women (particularly from central conferences), persons of color, young adults, and youth are less audible.

But here is what people, especially marginalized groups, are saying through tweets and Facebook posts and in hallway conversations. These informal conversations, along with the tenor of our official discussions, reflect our uncertainty about becoming an authentically global and full open, welcoming church:

“Open hearts, open minds and closed doors”

“Few incentives for young people to go through the ordeal of ordination”

“What do the bishops’ retirement packages look like?”

“Central conferences are voting on U.S. pensions.”

Behind these comments may be some cogent questions about the pace, ethos, sense, and “holiness” of our conferencing, such as:

### **1. Are our bishops steering the general conference in a particular direction?**

During Wednesday morning's plenary, the presiding bishop did not recognize a delegate who was raising a question before the vote was held. The same bishop mostly recognized speakers at microphones two and six. The final vote was extremely close.

In the same discussion, when a male and female delegate approached the same microphone, the presiding bishop did not clarify who was called upon, and the male was allowed to speak. In earlier cases, the chair had clarified which of several card-wavers was actually being called upon.

According to the GC Delegate Survey of 2012 (page 2385 in the *Daily Christian Advocate*), agency restructuring was the most important issue facing delegates. Yet,

little time was dedicated to holy conferencing, and the presiding officer seemed to be rushing through discussion to a vote. Several delegates told members of the monitoring team that it seemed the bishop had used parliamentary procedure in a partisan manner.

Wednesday afternoon's presiding officer used bias language in favor of a petition, using such language as, “Persons have worked long and hard,” and “This is the time to vote for this.” Another monitor applauded the same bishop for moving the issues forward, but wondered if the bishop's process was confusing to some delegates.

During Thursday morning's plenary, after acknowledging a central conference delegate's concern that the French translation was incorrect and that a correct translation was needed for the vote, the presiding bishop decided to proceed with the vote anyway.

### **2. Are race, power, class, and money issues influencing our processes?**

According to the General Council on Finance and Administration delegate survey, 69.93 percent of delegates are Caucasian/white; 16 percent are African American/black/African; 9.28 percent are Asian or Asian Americans; 1.37 percent are Hispanic/Latino(a) or of Spanish origin; 1.2 percent are another unspecified race; 0.69 percent are Native American/Alaskan Natives; 0.69 percent are multiracial; and 0.17 percent are Pacific Islanders.

Further,

- 72 percent of General Conference delegates are more than 60 years of age.
- 35 percent of delegates belong to congregations that have memberships of 1,000 or more (only 3 percent of United Methodist congregations are more than 1,000 members).
- 67 percent of United Methodist congregations have memberships of fewer than 200, and 25 percent are represented at General Conference.
- The median age of a global citizen is 24, while only 4 percent of the delegates are younger than 30 years of age.
- 20 percent of U.S. delegates have a household income of \$100,000 or more, of which 48 percent are laity and 60 percent of clergy, while 50 percent of

U.S. household earn less than \$50,000 annually.

This data indicates that white/Caucasians older than age 60 (those from the United States with incomes well above the national average) comprise the majority of those making decisions about the future of the global United Methodist Church.

**3. Will we be able to overcome our uncertainty about homosexuality?**

Some delegates assert that full inclusion of persons who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, intersexed, queer, and questioning is the way forward for our denomination. Others are just as certain that continued condemnation and exclusion is the way forward.

There are divisions over who is faithful and how we are to be faithful. Social media comments reflect these tensions that contribute to our uncertainty:

“In the Social Principles, they want to change it to say ‘as a denomination, we are CONFLICTED regarding homosexual expression.’ The BIBLE is clear on the issue ... just as clear as it is on heterosexual behavior. Align with Scripture (instead of worldly peer pressure), and I guarantee you won’t be ‘conflicted.’”

“Civil disobedience is not bullying. Nonviolent protest is not bullying.”

“Why do you put up with this nonsense??? The Progressives need a visit from the Wesleys and they would be on their knees or prostrate ... Read what John Wesley said about being holy ... These folks have no idea! Sin abounds. ...”

“When the church is based on power and privilege, you have no choice but to shut it down!”

“This GBTL business is frustrated aggression because we are commanded to not follow the culture of the day ... they need to leave and go their own way.”

**Becoming community beyond uncertainty**

U.S. seminarians and pastors, particularly women and persons of color, are uncertain about their place, given this week’s decisions by the General Conference, which structured out protections for those most vulnerable to institutional racism and sexism in our churchwide polity and practices.

We don’t know why so few African women delegates have spoken on the floor. What must the confer-

PLENARY SNAPSHOTS				
GCORR/GCSRW Monitoring Report				
	WED	WED	THURS	THURS
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Female delegates	38%	38%	38%	38%
Female participation	28%	19%	25%	26%
Male delegates	62%	62%	62%	62%
Male participation	72%	81%	75%	74%
Racial/Ethnic delegates	22%	22%	22%	22%
Racial/Ethnic participation	19%	7%	17%	10%
Central Conf delegates	41%	41%	41%	41%
Central Conf participation	15%	25%	22%	8%

ence do—or not do—to allow them to be heard?

How can we insure that all delegates are fully informed and equipped to make decisions? On-site translation has helped; however, not all documents—including the 80-page Plan UMC—have been made available in all languages, so we’re still excluding central conference and other delegates who do not use English as a first language.

We do celebrate two large-church pastors in their attempts to offer more conciliatory, common-ground language to describe and confess our uncertainty and struggle with the issue of sexuality.

Although their attempt was ultimately voted down, it was heartening to reflect on their words: “With regard to homosexuality, as with so many other issues, United Methodists adopt the attitude of John Wesley, who once said, ‘Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may.’”

As we continue to meet one another at the intersection, uncertainty is all around. Let not these things keep us from being the body of Christ called The United Methodist Church.

*Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, ‘For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

—Romans 8:35-39 (NRSV)

# Elections of the Commission on the General Conference, General Agencies

## Council of Bishops NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS AND AGENCIES

AGENCY	Central Conference Bishop	Jurisdictional Bishop(s)
General Board Church & Society	Bishop Christian Alsted	Bishop Robert Hoshibata
General Board of Discipleship	Bishop Rodolfo Juan	Bishop Elaine Stanovsky
General Board of Global Ministries	Bishop John Yambasu	Bishop Hope Morgan Ward
General Bd. Higher Ed & Ministry	Bishop David Yemba	Bishop James Dorff
General Council Finance & Admin	Bishop Benjamin Boni	Bishop Michael Coyner Bishop Robert Hayes
General Board of Pensions	Bishop Gaspar Domingos	Bishop Paul Leeland
UM Publishing House	Bishop Joaquina Nhanala	Bishop Michael Lowry
UM Communications	Bishop Eben Nhiwatiwa	Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar Bishop Sally Dyck
United Methodist Men	Newly-Elected Nigerian Bishop	Bishop James Swanson Newly-Elected NEJ Bishop

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### GENERAL COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

<b>Central Conference Bishop</b>	Bishop John Innis	
<b>Jurisdictional Conference Bishops</b>	1. Bishop Michael J. Coyner	2. Bishop Robert E. Hayes, Jr.

**(a) NORTH CENTRAL**

1. Jessica Vargo
2. Valarie Willis
3. Ryan Davis

**(b) NORTHEASTERN**

1. John W. Bishop
2. Charles Moore
3. Mary White

**(c) SOUTH CENTRAL**

1. James Argue
2. Elijah Stansell, Jr.
3. Jodi S. Smith

**(d) SOUTHEASTERN**

1. Christine Dodson
2. Stephen Hundley
3. Delmar Robinson
4. Zac Riddle
5. Jorge Acevedo
6. Youth to be named

**(e) WESTERN**

1. Sharon Ragland

**EUROPE**

Per-Endre Bjernevik

**PHILIPPINES**

Rose Beverly Jerusalem

## COMMISSION ON THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

## ONE FOR EACH JURISDICTION / CENTRAL CONFERENCE

1.	<i>Frank Beard</i>	North Central	Male	Clergy	Class of 2016
2.	Judi Kenaston	Northeastern	Female	Laity	Class of 2016
3.	<i>Cody Collier</i>	South Central	Male	Clergy	Class of 2016
4.	Gloria Holt	Southeastern	Female	Laity	Class of 2016
5.	<i>Donna Pritchard</i>	Western	Female	Clergy	Class of 2016
6.	<i>João Damião Elias</i>	Africa Central	Male	Clergy	Class of 2016
7.	To Be Named	Congo			Class of 2020
8.	To Be Named	West Africa			Class of 2020
9.	To Be Named	Central & Southern Europe			Class of 2020
10.	Christine Flick	Germany	Female	Laity	Class of 2020
11.	To Be Named	Northern Europe & Eurasia			Class of 2020
12.	Greg Lara	Philippines	Male	Laity	Class of 2016

## PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

1.	<i>Diane Eberhart</i>	North Central	Female	Clergy	Class of 2016
2.	Jorge Lockward	Northeastern	Male	Laity	Class of 2020
3.	<i>David Lux</i>	South Central	Male	Clergy	Class of 2016
4.	Kim Simpson	South Central	Female	Laity	Class of 2020
5.	<i>Ileana Rosario</i>	Southeastern	Female	Clergy	Class of 2016
6.	<i>A. Lynn Hill</i>	Southeastern	Male	Clergy	Class of 2020
7.	Duncan McMillan	Southeastern	Male	Laity	Class of 2020
8.	To Be Named	Congo			Class of 2020
9.	To Be Named	Congo			Class of 2020
10.	To Be Named	West Africa			Class of 2020

## NAMED POSITIONS

1.	William Haden	Host Committee Chair			Class of 2016
2.	Stephanie Deckard	Young Adult (NEJ)	Female	Laity	Class of 2020
3.	To Be Named	Youth			Class of 2020

Summary of Apportioned General Funds, 2013-2016 - Revised

Fund	2009-2012						Total 2013-2016	\$ Change	% Change
	Total Apportionment	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total 2013-2016			
World Service	\$ 327,517,000	\$ 77,320,954	\$ 77,321,954	\$ 77,322,954	\$ 77,320,954	\$ 309,286,816	\$ (18,230,184)	-5.6%	
Ministerial Education	113,130,000	26,417,000	26,417,000	26,417,000	26,417,000	\$ 105,668,000	(7,462,000)	-6.6%	
Black College	45,128,000	10,537,000	10,537,000	10,538,000	10,538,000	\$ 42,150,000	(2,978,000)	-6.6%	
Africa University	10,100,000	2,358,000	2,358,000	2,358,000	2,359,000	\$ 9,433,000	(667,000)	-6.6%	
Episcopal	100,239,000	22,298,296	22,468,296	23,078,296	24,804,296	\$ 92,649,184	(7,589,816)	-7.6%	
General Administration	36,935,000	8,910,000	8,911,000	8,913,000	8,915,000	\$ 35,649,000	(1,286,000)	-3.5%	
Interdenom Cooperation	8,848,000	2,065,000	2,065,000	2,067,000	2,067,000	\$ 8,264,000	(584,000)	-6.6%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 641,897,000</b>	<b>\$ 149,906,250</b>	<b>\$ 150,078,250</b>	<b>\$ 150,694,250</b>	<b>\$ 152,421,250</b>	<b>\$ 603,100,000</b>	<b>\$ (38,797,000)</b>	<b>-6.0%</b>	

**WORLD SERVICE FUND-Revised**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2013-2016	2009-2012	\$ Change
<b>Fixed Charges</b>							
Interpretation Resources	\$ 361,000	\$ 361,000	\$ 360,000	\$ 360,000	\$ 1,442,000	\$ 1,544,000	\$ (102,000)
General Council on Strategy and Oversight <sup>(1)</sup>	788,000	789,000	789,000	789,000	3,155,000	2,307,000	848,000
General Council on Finance and Administration	1,856,000	1,856,000	1,856,000	1,855,000	7,423,000	7,947,000	(524,000)
<b>Total Fixed Charges</b>	<b>\$ 3,005,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,006,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,005,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,004,000</b>	<b>\$ 12,020,000</b>	<b>\$ 11,798,000</b>	<b>\$ 222,000</b>
<b>On-Ratio:</b>							
<b>Agencies</b>							
GCSC - United Methodist Committee on Inclusiveness <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 2,847,353	\$ 2,847,353	\$ 2,847,353	\$ 2,847,353	\$ 11,389,412	\$ 11,846,000	\$ (456,588)
Minority Group Self Determination Fund	626,453	626,453	626,453	626,453	2,505,812	3,319,000	(813,188)
General Board of Church and Society	2,794,678	2,794,678	2,794,678	2,794,678	11,178,712	12,402,000	(1,223,288)
General Board of Discipleship	8,874,347	8,874,347	8,874,347	8,874,347	35,497,388	39,355,000	(3,857,612)
Native American Comprehensive Plan	270,166	270,166	270,166	270,166	1,080,664	1,208,400	(127,736)
Strengthening the Black Church	497,490	497,490	497,490	497,490	1,989,960	2,226,000	(236,040)
General Board of Global Ministries	28,025,146	28,025,146	28,025,146	28,025,146	112,100,584	132,596,600	(13,080,016)
Asian American Language Ministry <sup>(3)</sup>	352,000	352,000	352,000	352,000	1,408,000		
Korean Ministry Plan <sup>(3)</sup>	770,000	770,000	771,000	771,000	3,082,000		
National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry <sup>(3)</sup>	595,000	595,000	596,000	596,000	2,382,000		
Pacific Island Ministry <sup>(3)</sup>	136,000	136,000	136,000	136,000	544,000		
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry	6,878,177	6,878,177	6,878,177	6,878,177	27,512,708	30,579,500	(3,066,792)
Central Conference Theological Education Fund	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	
Young Clergy Initiative: Jurisdictional Conferences	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,750,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	
United Methodist Men	371,771	371,771	371,771	371,771	1,487,084	1,650,000	(162,916)
United Methodist Communications	18,160,373	18,160,373	18,160,373	18,160,373	72,641,492	80,036,500	(7,395,008)
<b>Total Program Agencies</b>	<b>\$ 74,198,954</b>	<b>\$ 74,198,954</b>	<b>\$ 74,200,954</b>	<b>\$ 74,200,954</b>	<b>\$ 296,799,816</b>	<b>\$ 315,219,000</b>	<b>\$ (18,419,184)</b>
<b>Other Ministries</b>							
Contingency Reserve	117,000	117,000	117,000	116,000	467,000	500,000	(33,000)
<b>Total Other Ministries</b>	<b>\$ 117,000</b>	<b>\$ 117,000</b>	<b>\$ 117,000</b>	<b>\$ 116,000</b>	<b>\$ 467,000</b>	<b>\$ 500,000</b>	<b>\$ (33,000)</b>
<b>Total On-Ratio</b>	<b>\$ 74,315,954</b>	<b>\$ 74,315,954</b>	<b>\$ 74,317,954</b>	<b>\$ 74,316,954</b>	<b>\$ 297,266,816</b>	<b>\$ 315,719,000</b>	<b>\$ (18,452,184)</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 77,320,954</b>	<b>\$ 77,321,954</b>	<b>\$ 77,322,954</b>	<b>\$ 77,320,954</b>	<b>\$ 309,286,816</b>	<b>\$ 327,517,000</b>	<b>\$ (18,230,184)</b>

(1) During the 2009-2012 quadrennium these funds were allocated to the Connectional Table.

(2) During the 2009-2012 quadrennium these funds were allocated to the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women and the General Commission on Religion and Race

(3) During the 2009-2012 quadrennium these items were included in the total General Board of Global Ministries line. For comparative purposes they have been incorporated in the total change.

**General Administration Fund-Revised**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2013-2016	2009-2012	\$ Change
<b>Fixed Charges</b>							
Interpretation Resources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ (60,000)
<b>Total Fixed Charges</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ (60,000)
<b>On-Ratio</b>							
General Council on Finance and Administration (1)	\$ 4,211,000	\$ 4,211,000	\$ 4,211,000	\$ 4,211,000	\$ 16,844,000	\$ 17,993,000	\$ (1,149,000)
Committee on Archives and History and History incl Historic and Historic Shrines, Landmarks & Sites (2)	\$ 1,040,000	\$ 1,040,000	\$ 1,041,000	\$ 1,041,000	\$ 4,162,000	\$ 4,326,000	\$ (164,000)
General Conference	2,726,000	2,725,000	2,726,000	2,726,000	10,903,000	10,451,000	452,000
Standing Committee Central Conference Matters	73,000	73,000	73,000	74,000	293,000	290,000	3,000
Judicial Council	146,000	147,000	147,000	147,000	587,000	571,000	16,000
Pension and Salary Aid	624,000	625,000	625,000	625,000	2,499,000	2,844,000	(345,000)
Contingency Reserve	90,000	90,000	90,000	91,000	361,000	400,000	(39,000)
<b>Total On-Ratio</b>	\$ 8,910,000	\$ 8,911,000	\$ 8,913,000	\$ 8,915,000	\$ 35,649,000	\$ 36,875,000	\$ (1,226,000)
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 8,910,000	\$ 8,911,000	\$ 8,913,000	\$ 8,915,000	\$ 35,649,000	\$ 36,935,000	\$ (1,286,000)

(1) Upon approval by the 2012 General Conference, the General Council on Finance and Administration has elected to utilize \$1,000,000 of its reserve funds to reduce the current accumulated General Conference deficit to approximately \$200,000.

(2) For the 2013-2016 quadrennium this item has been included in the General Commission on Archives and History line, for comparative purposes it has been incorporated in the total change.

EPISCOPAL FUND-Revised

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2013-2016	2009-2012	\$ Change
<b>Fixed Charges</b>							
Interpretation Resources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,000	\$ (44,000)
General Council on Finance and Administration	517,000	518,000	518,000	518,000	2,071,000	2,170,000	(99,000)
<b>Total Fixed Charges</b>	\$ 517,000	\$ 518,000	\$ 518,000	\$ 518,000	\$ 2,071,000	\$ 2,214,000	\$ (143,000)
<b>On-Ratio</b>							
Episcopal Fund	\$ 20,465,500	\$ 20,634,500	\$ 21,244,500	\$ 22,970,500	\$ 85,315,000	\$ 92,186,000	\$ (6,871,000)
Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships (1)	1,315,796	1,315,796	1,315,796	1,315,796	5,263,184	5,839,000	(575,816)
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 22,298,296	\$ 22,468,296	\$ 23,078,296	\$ 24,804,296	\$ 92,649,184	\$ 100,239,000	\$ (7,589,816)

(1) During the 2009-2012 Quadrennium these funds were in the World Service Fund line item General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns.

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**IV. FUNDING**

**A. Change During Quadrennium**

If, in the judgment of GCFA, economic conditions are such as to require increasing or decreasing the amounts authorized in this report, the council is authorized to make such adjustments by a three-fourths majority of its total voting membership.

**B. Apportionment for the Episcopal Fund to the Jurisdictional Conferences**

The Council recommends that the annual apportionment for the Episcopal Fund during the 2013-2016 quadrennium shall be:

2013	\$22,298,296
2014	\$22,468,296
2015	\$23,078,296
2016	\$24,804,296

*The 2008 Book of Discipline* provides that GCFA shall recommend the formulas by which all apportionments to the annual conferences shall be determined, subject to the approval of the General Conference (¶ 806.1d). The approved budgets for the Episcopal Fund and any other general apportioned funds created by the General Conference are to be apportioned pursuant to the methodology described in Report No. 8 so that they and their local churches will have full opportunity to be involved financially in the total mission of the Church.

**C. Participation of the Central Conference**

Each central conference episcopal area will have a minimum participation of 10% of the total episcopal support in the spending plan for their area.

When the total estimated expenses including salaries, housing funding, and office costs for the bishops elected by it, and the estimated receipts on apportionment have been determined by a central conference, a statement of these amounts in itemized form shall be submitted to GCFA. The council, after consideration of the relative cost of living in various central conferences, shall determine the amount to be paid from the Episcopal Fund in meeting the spending plan, after which the treasurer of the Episcopal Fund shall pay the amount established to the bishop concerned, or as the central conference may determine (¶ 543.4).

## Report No. 8 APPORTIONMENT FORMULA

*The 2008 Book of Discipline* provides that the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) shall recommend the formulas by which all apportionments to the annual conferences shall be determined, subject to the approval of the General Conference (§ 806.1d). This report is therefore concerned with how the provisions of the reports dealing with the World Service, Ministerial Education, Black College, Africa University, Episcopal, Interdenominational Cooperation, and General Administration Funds are to be funded. The approved budgets for these and any other general apportioned funds created by the General Conference are to be apportioned separately among the several annual conferences in the jurisdictional conferences in an equitable fashion, so that they and their local churches will have full opportunity to be involved financially in the total mission of the Church.

### Recommendations:

1. GCFA recommends adoption of the following apportionment formula:  
The apportionment formula shall consist of three factors:

$$A = E \times (P + i)$$

where **A** represents an annual conference's **general Church apportionment**; **E** represents the annual conference's "**Net Expenditures**" (as an estimate of local church income available to meet local church expenses); **P** represents the "**Base Percentage**"; and **i** represents the annual conference's "**Percentage Adjustment**."

a. "**Net Expenditures**" (E) consists of the total local church expenditures in the annual conference, less, (1) current capital expenditures, (2) expenditures on capital debt service, (3) payments toward general Church apportionments, and (4) all other benevolence giving. The net expenditures will be calculated with the most recent year for which complete data are available. All the components are currently reported through local church statistical reports. The actual and estimated net expenditures for the 2013-2016 quadrennium are:

Data Year	Year	Net Expenditures
2010	2013	\$4,493,376,568 (Actual)
2011	2014	\$4,526,117,154 (Estimated)
2012	2015	\$4,569,850,638 (Estimated)
2013	2016	\$4,632,078,268 (Estimated)

b. "**Base Percentage**" (**P**) consists of a simple percentage set by the General Conference on recommendation of GCFA. When applied to the "Net Expenditures" for all conferences, it will yield the total to be apportioned for all general Church funds. After determining the amount it recommends to the General Conference as the annual total of all apportioned general funds, GCFA recommends the "Base Percentage" factor for each year of the quadrennium as follows:

Year	Projected Total Apportioned	Base Percentage
2013	\$149,904,000	3.2908919%
2014	\$150,078,000	3.2918942%
2015	\$150,694,000	3.3031572%
2016	\$152,424,000	3.3529030%

c. **“Percentage Adjustment”** (i) is unique to each annual conference. It consists of two factors, one of which measures economic strength in the conference, and the other which measures the impact of certain local church costs.

The exact value of the “Percentage Adjustment” for a conference would vary during the quadrennium as new economic and statistical reports become available. It would serve to adjust an annual conference’s apportionments to reflect changes in the underlying economy in its geographic area, and the relative impact of certain expenses which are imposed upon the local church by factors at least partly beyond its control, such as utilities costs, insurance premiums, property maintenance costs, and annual conference apportionments.

The two factors comprising the “Percentage Adjustment” are determined in the following way:

The first (**economic strength factor**) is measured on the basis of per capita income for the counties that comprise the conference’s geographic area. Publicly available data from the U.S. Department of Commerce are used. In calculating the average per capita income for an annual conference, county-level per capita income will be weighted by the average worship attendance in the United Methodist churches in that county as reported in the Local Church Report to the Annual Conference.

Each annual conference’s average per capita income is expressed as a ratio of the U.S. average. A proportional factor or “slope” is set that limits the size of the adjustment from the first factor to a  $\pm 0.4\%$ .

The second factor in the “Percentage Adjustment” (**local church costs factor**) is calculated by adding (1) local church clergy expenses, (2) local church current operating expenses, and (3) payments toward budgeted annual conference costs (excluding General Conference apportionments). The total is divided by average attendance at morning worship services. It is based on amounts reported on the Local Church Report to the Annual Conference by the local churches in the conference.

This total per attendee is expressed as an index by dividing by the average among all annual conferences. Again, a proportional factor or “slope” is set that limits the size of the adjustment from the second factor to a  $\pm 0.5\%$ .

Local church clergy expenses are defined as base compensation, housing-related and utilities allowances, reimbursements, and other cash allowances paid to or for pastors and associate pastors as reported in the Local Church Report to the Annual Conference

Local church current operating expenses are those recorded on the Local Church Report to the Annual Conference.

Budgeted annual conference costs are those reported in the 2005-2008 Local Church Report to the Annual Conference, minus amounts remitted by the local church as payments on general Church apportionments.

The two factors are combined to determine the net “Percentage Adjustment” that is added to (or subtracted from) the “Base Percentage.”

2. Using the approved formula, GCFA will first calculate the total amount to be apportioned to each annual conference for all of the apportioned general funds. The apportionment for each fund will then be calculated in direct proportion to that fund’s approved amount. Each annual conference will therefore continue to receive from GCFA an annual statement showing its apportionments for each general fund. Each annual conference will continue to have the authority to apportion those amounts to its charges or churches by whatever formula or method it determines (§ 613).

3. If an annual conference decides to combine general Church apportionments with each other or with conference apportioned funds for apportioning to local churches, the receipts on such combined funds shall be allocated in direct proportion to the budgeted amounts for each fund or cause included in the combined fund budget, and amounts so allocated to general Church funds shall be remitted to GCFA on a monthly basis.

4. If more than 100% of the amount voted by General Conference for a fund total is received in any given year, the excess funds shall be held in trust by GCFA in an apportionment stabilization fund. All monies placed in such a fund shall be considered as fund balances restricted by the General Conference to the fund or line item in which the surplus occurred. They shall be held by GCFA until such time as shortfalls in such receipts occur during the same quadrennium, at which time they may be distributed to compensate for the shortfalls.

If undistributed funds remain at the end of the quadrennium, due to excess receipts beyond the amounts needed to compensate for shortfalls, GCFA shall recommend for action by the next General Conference how any remaining fund balances shall be distributed, provided that those recommendations shall be consistent with the purposes for which the funds were raised.

5. In adopting this report, the General Conference authorizes GCFA to make such changes in the language and definitions of this report as other General Conference actions or changed circumstances may require, while preserving as much as possible their substance and content.

6. Additional information concerning local church expenditures and economic growth will be collected between the time of this publication and the meeting of the 2012 General Conference. The projected total apportioned funds presented herein represent only a current recommendation to General Conference, and the final total apportioned funds are subject to being determined by General Conference. This additional information and possible changes adopted by General Conference could alter both the projections of net expenditures and the total apportioned funds used to calculate the base percentage for the 2013-16 quadrennium.

7. GCFA commits to study the implications of implementing an apportionment formula for the support of the general Church funds based upon current income received by the local churches and report its findings and any recommendations to the 2016 General Conference.

## Report No. 20

# RESPONSE TO REFERRALS FROM THE 2012 GENERAL CONFERENCE

The *2008 Book of Discipline* gives to the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) and the Connec-tional Table (CT) explicit authority to review and recommend amounts administered by the general agencies from the apportioned general funds. However, the General Conference is the only body with authority to approve the inclusion of additional items.

The 2012 General Conference has adopted legislative committee reports and individual petitions that call for the fund-ing of items that were not included in the apportioned funds budgets initially presented by GCFA and the CT in the *Daily Christian Advocate Advance Edition*. GCFA and CT continue to develop a process that presents information on these items to the General Conference delegates in a clear and concise manner. We have been guided in this process by the *2008 Book of Discipline*, as well as changes enacted by this General Conference. We understand that, in almost every circumstance, the General Conference expects these projects, programs and initiatives to be part of the work of one or more of the general agencies or other entities. This reduces administrative duplication and better integrates the new items into the work, oversight and review of the general agencies and other entities. Our process involved bring-ing the initial budget recommendation, developed in collaboration with the general agencies and other entities in-volved.

The GCFA and CT adopted the following recommendations for those items referred by the General Conference. The apportionment support required for a particular item may differ from the estimated expenditures for the item because apportionment receipts have historically been less than apportioned amounts.

**1. CEID Policy Committee** (Calendar No. 208, p. 2108; Petition # 20059-FA-¶811.1-\$-G, Advance DCA, p. 664).

This petition establishes the Committee on Inclusiveness, formed from the two agencies formerly known as the General Commission on Religion and Race and the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, as part-ners with GCFA in determining fair and just recommendations for withholding funds from agencies and Church-related institutions that are non-compliant in creating and/or implementing their Committee to Eliminate Institutional Discrimination policies and instructs that policies of compliance will be submitted to GCFA. The pe-tition was adopted by the General Conference, which referred the matter of funding to GCFA and CT.

**GCFA and CT have evaluated the petition and recommend that any costs related to implementation of this legislation shall be funded within the existing budget.**

**2. Commission on the General Conference** (Calendar No. 209, p. 2108; Petition # 20319-GA-¶511.1-G, Advance DCA, p.951).

This petition reduced the size of the Commission on the General Conference from 25 to 19 members, while in-creasing the representation from the central conferences, and was approved by the legislative committee. The Gen-eral Conference amended the petition to not reduce the membership to 19 and instead kept the membership at 25, while increasing the representation from the central conferences. The amended petition was adopted by the Gen-eral Conference, which referred the matter of funding to GCFA and CT.

**GCFA and CT, in consultation with the Commission on the General Conference, have estimated that the ad-ditional central conference membership and increase in the size of the Commission on the General Confer-ence will cost \$85,000 for the 2013 – 2016 quadrennium. These costs related to the changes in membership will be funded within the existing budget of the General Conference.**

**3. *Holistic Strategy on Latin America and the Caribbean*** (Calendar No. 491, p. 2195; Petition # 20321-GM-NonDis-\$-G, Advance DCA, p.1172).

This petition requested administrative funding for the Coordinating Group for the Holistic Strategy on Latin America and the Caribbean Special Program in the amount of \$25,000 for the 2013 – 2016 quadrennium, and the legislative committee concurred. The Coordinating Group currently meets regularly under the coordination of the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM). This petition was adopted by the General Conference, which referred the matter of funding to GCFA and CT.

**GCFA and CT recommend, in consultation with GBGM, that the \$25,000 be funded from the existing GBGM budget.**

**4. *Require Fuller Translation for Non-American UMs*** (Calendar No. 203, p. 2108; Petition #20631-CO-¶511.4c-\$-G, Advance DCA, p. 362).

This petition requested that the United Methodist Publishing House make all necessary arrangements for the publication of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, and quadrennial reports of the Connectional Table and the general agencies, in English, French, German, and Portuguese, which the legislative committee adopted. The petition was amended by the General Conference to remove German and add Kiswahili as one of the languages for publication. The amended petition was adopted by the General Conference, which referred the matter of funding to GCFA and CT.

**GCFA and CT, in consultation with the Commission on General Conference, have estimated the cost of providing the *Daily Christian Advocate* and quadrennial reports of the Connectional Table and the general agencies in Kiswahili to be \$500,000. GCFA and CT have learned that the official sessions of annual conferences in Africa are held in either French or English where some members' first language is Kiswahili. These additional costs will be funded from the existing budget for the General Conference, unless alternative funding sources are identified.**

**5. *Recognition of 100th Anniversary of Wesley Foundations*** (Calendar No. 500, p. 2197; Petition #20731-MH-NonDis-!-G, Advance DCA, p. 1463).

This petition requests that the 2013 – 2014 school year be designated to celebrate the ministries of Wesley Foundations and other United Methodist-related campus ministries to recognize the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the first Wesley Foundation. This petition was approved by the legislative committee. The petition was adopted by General Conference, which referred the matter of funding to GCFA and CT.

**GCFA and CT, in consultation with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM), have evaluated the petition and recommend that any costs related to implementation of this legislation shall be funded within the existing budget of GBHEM.**

**6. *1864 Sand Creek Massacre*** (Calendar No. 212, p. 2108; Petition #20767-IC-NonDis-!, Advance DCA, p. 1289).

This petition requests that the General Conference, through the Council of Bishops and the General Commission on Archives and History, authorize that a research team be formed to provide full disclosure of the involvement and influence in the Sand Creek Massacre of the Methodist Church and report back to the 2016 General Conference. This petition was approved by the legislative committee. The petition was adopted by General Conference, which referred the matter of funding to GCFA and CT.

**GCFA and CT, in consultation with the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns and the General Commission on Archives and History, recommend that the scope of the research be funded from the existing budgets of the Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships and the Committee on Archives and History.**

**7. *UM Hispanic/Latino Scholarship Fund*** (Calendar No. 501, p. 2197; Petition #20906-MH-NonDis-!-G, Advance DCA p. 1464).

This petition requests that the 2012 General Conference authorize The National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry, in consultation with GBHEM and the Methodists Associated Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans (MARCHA), to develop a plan and raise funds for the creation of a “United Methodist Hispanic/Latino Scholarship Fund” that would be operational by the 2016 General Conference. This petition was approved by the legislative committee. The petition was adopted by General Conference, which referred the matter of funding to GCFA and CT.

**GCFA and CT, in consultation with the GBHEM and MARCHA, recommend that the development of the “United Methodist Hispanic/Latino Scholarship Fund” be partially self-funded and partially funded from the existing budget of GBHEM.**

**8. *Implementation of Call to Action Proposals*** (Calendar No. 526, p. 2369 (p. 2537); Petition #20980-GA-¶263-!-G, Advance DCA p. 920).

The original petition was amended by substitution as Plan UMC, with the final text printed on pages 2537 through 2597 in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

**GCFA and CT, in consultation with the program general agencies, have estimated the impact of the implementation of this new structure proposal as best as possible with the information currently available. In addition to the movement of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns’ budget from the World Service Fund to the Episcopal Fund, the implementation of the Plan UMC has resulted in a restatement of the allocation of funds within the World Service Fund to reflect changes in the Plan UMC, while keeping the total of apportioned General Church Funds to the original proposed total of \$603,100,000.**

**9. *New Episcopal Area in the Congo Central Conference*** (Calendar No. 13, p.1967; Petition #20981-CC-NonDis-\$-G, Advance DCA p. 1203).

This petition requests that General Conference authorize the Congo Central Conference to elect a fourth bishop. This petition was approved by the legislative committee. This petition was adopted by General Conference, which referred the matter of funding to GCFA and CT.

**GCFA and CT recommend that the costs associated with the addition of a fourth bishop in the Congo Central Conference be funded from the existing Episcopal Fund budget.**

**10. *Establish Central Conference Theological Education Fund*** (Calendar No. 15, p. 1967; Petition #21086-CC-¶800-!-G, Advance DCA p. 1202).

This petition requested that the 2012 General Conference authorize the creation of a new “Central Conference Theological Education Fund” of \$ 5,000,000 to be apportioned to the annual conferences during the 2013 – 2016 quadrennium. This petition was amended in the legislative committee to expand the membership of the Commission on the Central Conference Theological Education. During plenary the petition was further amended such that funds for this purpose shall be provided from the World Service Fund. The amended petition was adopted by General Conference, which referred the matter of funding to GCFA and CT.

**GCFA and CT, in consultation with GBHEM and other World Service Fund agencies, recommend that this petition be funded with \$5,000,000, allocated from other general agency budgets and included as a designated line item in the World Service Fund administered by GBHEM.**

*11. Burundi* (Calendar No. 14, p. 1967; Petition #21095-CC-NonDis-\$-G, Advance DCA p. 1203).

This petition requests that the 2012 General Conference designate the Burundi Annual Conference as part of the Congo Central Conference. The petition was amended by the General Conference to only request the creation of the Burundi Annual Conference. This petition was adopted by the General Conference, which referred the matter of funding to GCFA and CT.

**GCFA and CT determined that no general Church apportioned funds are required for the creation of this new annual conference.**

*12. Funding Sessions of Central and Provisional Central Conferences* (Calendar No. 480, p. 2190; Petition #21141-CC21-NonDis-A-!-G, not included in Advance DCA).

This petition requests that the funding for the 2012 regular quadrennial sessions of each central conference be referred to GCFA and GBGM to identify and seek sources of funding, and that the two agencies work together with the central conferences to identify specific plans leading to self-sufficiency for future quadrennial sessions of those central conferences. The petition was approved by the legislative committee. The petition was adopted by General Conference, which referred the matter of funding to GCFA and CT.

**GCFA and CT, in consultation with the GBGM, recommend that funding be provided up to \$40,000 per central conference, for a total not to exceed \$120,000 for the three central conference sessions in Africa in 2012, from the existing budget of GBGM.**

*13. Report from the Inter-Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy* – May 1, 2012 (DCA p. 2462).

The Inter-Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy received recommendations from the North Central, South Central and Western Jurisdictions to reduce one bishop in each of those jurisdictions by September 1, 2012. The Inter-Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy and the General Conference approved the recommendations from those jurisdictions.

**GCFA and the CT recommend that the Episcopal Fund budget be reduced by \$3,000,000 with those funds to be added to the World Service Fund.**