



2021-24 Quad Budget - Guiding Principles

We are committed to the collective mission of the Church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We are excited about our missional opportunities as we seek to be faithful in our work in this challenging season of the church's life. We recognize that there is a need for greater flexibility and openness to the Spirit throughout this process.

The guiding principles for preparation of the 2021-2024 quadrennial General Church budget are based on the critical importance of recognizing our Church's contextual situation. Therefore, we have prioritized the need for flexibility as the 2021-2024 quadrennial budget is prepared.



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1. Build a budget that reflects the Church's missional priorities and outcomes as "discerned and articulated" by the Connectional Table in consultation with the Council of Bishops.
2. Present the budget to General Conference in a narrative format that reflects the Church's missional priorities and outcomes. The presentation addresses the compelling missional results, and the essential partnerships among the General Conference, the General Agencies and the Annual Conferences.



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3. The budget will be built considering economic and related inputs from the following :
 - Economic Advisory Committee assumptions and projections
 - Apportionment Sustainability Task Force report
 - Reserves Task Force report
4. Since 1996, the base percentage has declined quadrennium to quadrennium by approximately 10%, except for the current quadrennium. The budget will continue this long-term trend.



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5. Historical allocation of the WSF to the agencies as well as the level of funding for the Black College Fund, Ministerial Education Fund, Africa University Fund and the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund will not be assumed. The allocation will be made based in part on the following:

- The Church's missional priorities
- Levels of reserves
- Evaluations
- Demonstrated commitment to administrative and program efficiencies and partnerships