

United Methodist Church Apportionments

Local churches pay apportionments to their UMC Annual Conference to support the ministries of the United Methodist Church. The total apportionments are allocated to the 7 general funds of the UMC.

Distribution of funds:

Fund Name	% of apportionment total for US conferences	2023 totals for Western North Carolina Conference
World Service	51.44 %	2,996,220
Ministerial Education	17.37 %	1,011,984
Episcopal	15.23 %	887,303
Black College	6.93 %	403,671
General Administration	6.11 %	355,776
Africa University	1.55 %	90,340
Interdenominational Cooperation	1.36 %	79,144

Data obtained from:

<https://www.gcfa.org/media/2934/2023-apportionment-by-conference-fund-revised-4-20-22.pdf>

World Service funds the administrative structure of the UMC. This Includes:

General boards and agencies – includes Church and Society, Communications, Discipleship ministries, Global ministries, Higher Education and Ministry, Religion and Race.

Connectional Table – discerns and articulates the vision for the church, stewarding the mission, ministries and resources as determined by General Conference and the Council of Bishops.

Special ministries – includes special needs groups and prison ministries

Ministerial Education supports the work of the 13 official United Methodist seminaries through scholarships and faculty compensation.

Episcopal funds support bishop salaries, housing, travel, pension and health benefits.

Black College supports the work of 11 historical black colleges and universities affiliated with the UMC in the United States.

General Administration supports the work of the General Council on Finance and Administration, General Commission on Archives and History, covers cost associated with the planning and holding of the General Conference, and covers the cost of the Judicial Council.

Africa University helps support work of Africa University in Zimbabwe.

Interdenominational Cooperation helps support the work of the Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Cooperation to help in the basic mission for basic human right. The United Methodist fund joins with other ecumenical organizations to give voice to those who are unable.

(Above data is from um-insight.net, umc.org and gcfa.org.)