

**A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE 2009  
APPORTIONMENTS OF THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE**

**G E N E R A L   C O N F E R E N C E**

WORLD SERVICE:

the basic benevolence fund of our church, distributed to various program agencies by a precise formula to support their missional responsibilities. These agencies serve both as a resource to local churches and an extension of local churches in action on a national and world level primarily through World Service budgets.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND:

money for theological seminaries and continuing education programs with 75% being administered by the general church and 25% by our Annual Conference.

BLACK COLLEGES FUND:

financial help to upgrade the standards of buildings, facilities and operational expenses of the ten Black Methodist colleges and one Black Methodist medical school.

AFRICA UNIVERSITY FUND:

funds for the development of the first private university in sub-Saharan Africa.

EPISCOPAL FUND:

the salary, travel, and office expenses for the bishops of The United Methodist Church.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION FUND:

the support for general church activities, ecumenical in nature, so that United Methodism might be in mission and ministry with other Christian communions.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND:

the funding of administrative work on the church's general level, including the cost of holding General Conference and financing church agencies administrative in nature.

**J U R I S D I C T I O N A L   C O N F E R E N C E**

LYDIA PATTERSON INSTITUTE:

a special project of the South Central Jurisdiction for the Mexican-American School in El Paso, Texas.

MT. SEQUOYAH ASSEMBLY:

support for our jurisdictional facility in Fayetteville, Arkansas, used as a retreat and training center.

JURISDICTIONAL ADMINISTRATION FUND:

funds for the support of the South Central Jurisdictional office located in Dallas.

SMU CAMPUS MINISTRY:

financial support, along with other annual conferences in the jurisdiction, for personnel and programs for the campus ministry at Southern Methodist University.

## **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

### **CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES:**

funds for the mission of the annual conference which includes creating congregations, equipping disciples and sending servants, as well as conference communications.

### **TEXAS METHODIST COLLEGES:**

our financial contributions, together with those from other annual conferences in Texas, for financial aid for students at United Methodist colleges in Texas.

### **CAMPUS MINISTRIES:**

financial support for programs and personnel in the link between our congregations and students on college campuses, including teaching Bible courses on state campuses.

### **CAMPING & RETREAT FUND:**

funds for camp and retreat programs including summer camps, as well as operating support and improvements of the Bridgeport Camp & Conference Center and the Prothro Center at Lake Texoma, both of which are owned and operated by our Annual Conference.

### **AREA AND CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION:**

the operating budgets for the professional ministries and administrative agencies of the North Texas Conference and the Dallas Episcopal Area, including the new Officer of New Church Development position in the Episcopal office.

### **BOARD OF PENSION & HEALTH BENEFITS:**

-the Comprehensive Protection Plan (disability and life insurance) for pastors, the “safety net” (supplements) for those churches and pastors whose compensation is under the Denominational Average Compensation, and Board of Pension and Health Benefits operating expenses.

-supplemental funds for health insurance premiums for current retired ministers and pastors and dependents whose salaries are below the denominational average compensation, and funding for our past retiree medical liability obligation.

### **DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS FUND:**

the salaries, expenses, and benefits for the six district superintendents in our North Texas Conference, as well as the Cabinet Emergency Fund.

### **EQUITABLE COMPENSATION FUND:**

financial support to enable ministers serving a local church appointment to have at least the minimum income with which to live and support their families.

### **MOVING FUND:**

funds to assist congregations when there are moving expenses involved with a pastoral change. Guidelines are found on pages 269-272 of the 2008 Journal.

## **DISTRICT**

### **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FUNDS:**

the source of income for the expenses and operation of the district offices and programs as well as providing upkeep on district parsonages. This amount is decided upon by individual districts.