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CONNECTIONAL GIVING FAQ

WHAT DOES “CONNECTIONAL” MEAN? WHY IS THE UMC CONNECTIONAL?

Every UMC congregation is part of a larger, worldwide support system that impacts millions of people around the world in sustainable and strategic ways. It’s a system that connects your local congregation to our worldwide denomination.

Connectionalism is a fundamental concept in Methodism and emphasizes that the Christian faith is not a solitary endeavor but is lived out in community and through interconnected relationships.

By being part of a connectional church, you and your local church are part of a network that can be powerful agents of change and transformation. Telling the story of this relationship is crucial to helping donors in your church understand how, why and where their tithes and offerings are making an impact.

WHERE DO THE DOLLARS GO THAT I PUT IN THE OFFERING PLATE?

- **93 cents of every dollar you give** stays in the local church to fund mission and ministry in your congregation and community.
- **5 cents of every dollar you give** goes to the West Ohio Conference (and its districts); as well as the North Central Jurisdiction to strengthen regional structures and ministries.
- **2 cents of every dollar you give** provides for the leadership of the whole denomination. Your church directly benefits from this investment but it’s unlikely you’ve realized it. It’s for things like pastoral education, episcopal leadership, finance and administration, global missions, denominational communication, discipleship and worship planning materials, and much more.



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WHAT ARE APPORTIONMENTS AND WHY SHOULD WE PAY THEM?

- **Apportionments are a tithe** that local congregations offer to support various churchwide ministries and programs.
- **Apportionments are at the heart of what makes us United Methodists** Wesley taught that by loving God and loving one another, we can accomplish more good together than we can alone.
- As a denomination, **apportionments are a vital part of the UMC's financial structure**, enabling the church to support its global mission and ministry effectively.
- Through apportionments, **we are United in Impact with every other United Methodist church, serving as the hands and feet of Christ around the world.**



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WHAT DO APPORTIONMENTS DO?



Feed, house, clothe, rescue, and reach people in need in the name of Christ around the world.



Support ministries that benefit the local church in West Ohio.



Support for church leadership and operations worldwide and at the Jurisdictional and Conference level.

“WE ARE INVITING YOU TO INVEST YOURSELF THROUGH THE RESOURCES THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU—YOUR ENERGY, YOUR PRAYERS AND YOUR MONEY—IN THIS WORK TO WHICH GOD HAS CALLED US.”

—HENRI NOUWEN, *A SPIRITUALITY OF FUNDRAISING*



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HOW MUCH DOES THE CONFERENCE RECEIVE AND WHAT DOES THE MONEY DO?

Of the dollars received in apportionments from local churches like yours, the WOC and its 6 districts receive about 87 cents. The rest goes to the denomination. These are the purposes for which they are used by the Conference:

MINISTRY AND CHURCH GROWTH

- Connectional Ministries programs
- New Church Starts
- Leadership development

LOCAL CHURCH SUPPORT

- Clergy support and appointment process
- Minimum salary for clergy

ADMINISTRATION

- Office of the Bishop
- Finance services
- Conference communications
- Annual Conference meeting

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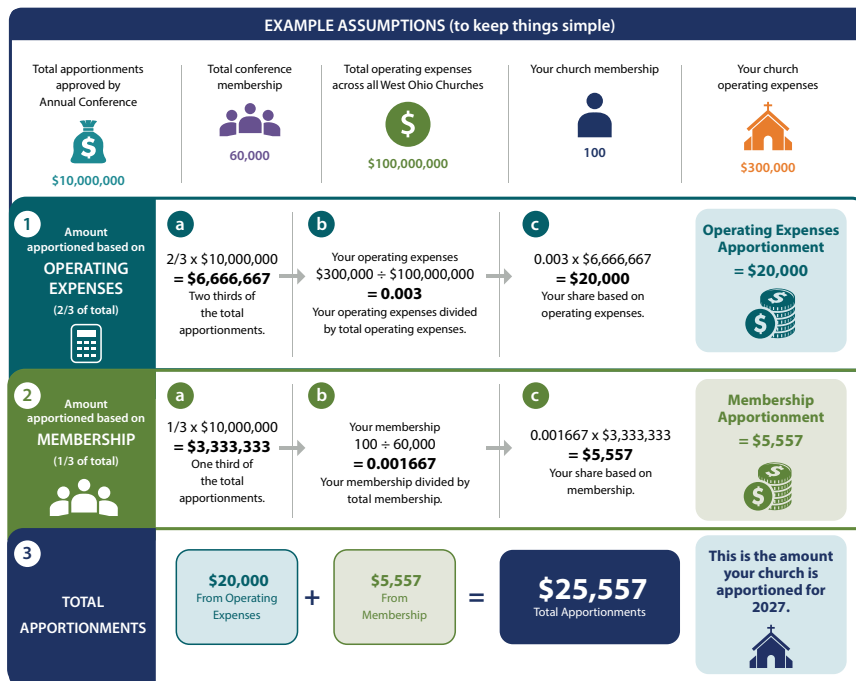
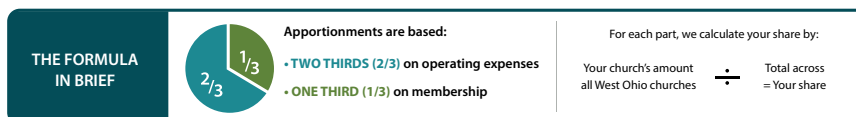
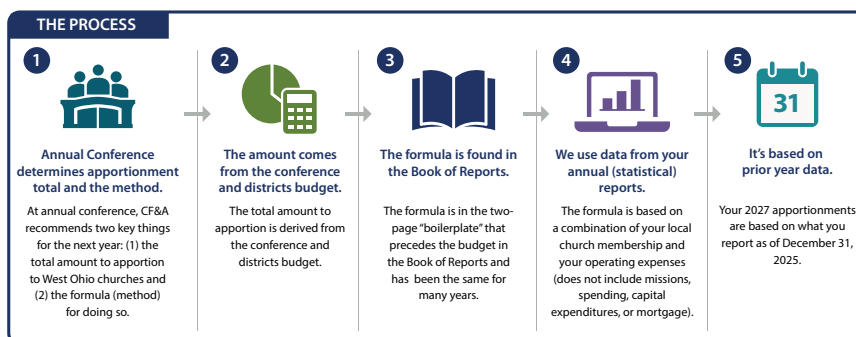
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WHO DECIDES HOW MUCH MY CHURCH GETS CHARGED? AND HOW DO THEY DECIDE THE AMOUNT? WHY DOES IT CHANGE?

Here is a visual overview of how Annual Conference determines local church apportionments with an explanation of how the formula and church data are used in an example calculation.

HOW WEST OHIO CHURCH APPORTIONMENTS ARE DETERMINED

The process and an example



Key Point: Your 2027 apportionments are based on the membership and operating expenses you report as of December 31, 2025



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