

APPORTIONMENTS



Northern Illinois Conference OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Because of our faithful commitment to connectional giving through apportionments, Northern Illinois Conference congregations are connected in mission and ministry, and connected to transform lives.

Starting January 2020, your monthly apportionment statement looks a little different. Please use this document to familiarize yourself with the Northern Illinois Conference Fund and seven General Church Apportioned Funds (see other side) designated on the statement.

Apportionment contributions to the NIC Fund will bring your church to first-mile giving Rainbow Covenant status. We encourage all churches to go the second mile to become a Rainbow Covenant church by participating in **The Advance** mission giving and continuing to support the good work across the connection.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE FUND

Apportionment contributions are essential to:

- Credential, support, develop and supervise clergy for their effectiveness in ministry. *Includes District events, missional appointments, District Superintendent support, and the Board of Ordained Ministry.*
- Support approximately 60 committees and/or boards, each representing a touchpoint for impacting your congregation and/or community. *Includes Campus Ministries, ChildServ, Disaster Response, Justice for our Neighbors, Outdoor/Retreat Ministries and Older Adult Ministries.*
- Equip and revitalize local churches and develop new faith communities.
- Maintain critical conference infrastructure for all ministries of the connection. *Includes property and liability insurance, clergy benefits administration, digital/print communications, and computer systems, software and support.*

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For a free online course providing a holistic/biblical view of generosity, as well as an understanding of the connectional church, please visit www.umctraining.org/product?catalog=Connectional-Giving.

GENERAL CHURCH APPORTIONED FUNDS

World Service Fund

Supports all of the general agencies and boards of the United Methodist Church worldwide, including missionary personnel and administrative costs.

Ministerial Education Fund

Supports recruitment of clergy candidates and provides financial support for 13 United Methodist seminaries, including Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston.

The Episcopal Fund

Provides for United Methodist bishops worldwide, including salaries, housing, office expenses and travel costs of active bishops, as well as pension and health benefit coverage.

Interdenominational Cooperation Fund

Supports UMC's work with ecumenical and inter-religious partners such as the World Council of Churches, Churches Uniting in Christ, and World Methodist Council.

Black College Fund

This fund supports the programs and ministries of 11 historically black colleges and universities, including one medical school. These gifts reflect the value our Church has on education, especially for those who have been historically excluded.

Africa University Fund

Supports Africa University in Zimbabwe, the first fully accredited United Methodist-related institution on the African continent. It promotes independence and empowerment through a diverse student body from across the continent.

General Administration Fund

This fund helps maintain a system of management oversight and fiscal accountability. It underwrites General Conference and the Judicial Council.

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Visit www.umc.org/how-we-serve/apportioned-funds to learn more about how apportioned funds support the mission and ministry of the United Methodist Church.

For the expression on UMC giving, visit www.umcsgiving.org.



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