

1 **Document: 640.01**  
2 **Name: Special Sundays with Offerings for 2027**  
3 **Author(s): Conference Council on Finance and Administration**  
4 **CCFA Action:**

5 **ACTION:**  
6 The Northern Illinois Conference recommends the following Special Sundays with offerings for  
7 2027:

8 **Special Sundays**

9	General Church Offerings 2027	
10	Human Relations Day	January 17, 2027
11	UMCOR Sunday	March 7, 2027
12	Native American Ministries Sunday	April 11, 2027
13	United Methodist Student Day	Any Sunday in May
14	Peace with Justice Sunday	May 23, 2027
15	World Communion Sunday	October 3, 2027
16	Conference Offerings 2027	
17	Scouting Ministries	February or March (any Sunday) <sup>1</sup>
18	Disability Awareness Sunday	March 14, 2027 <sup>2</sup>
19	Golden Cross	May 2, 2027
20	Volunteers in Mission	July or August (any Sunday)
21	Christian Education	September 5, 2027
22	HIV/AIDS Awareness	December 7, 2027
23	United Voices for Children	Every 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
24	(May, July, August and October)	

25 <sup>1</sup> This fund supports Scouting America, Girl Scouts of the United States of America, Campfire, and Big  
26 Brothers/Big Sisters of America.

27 <sup>2</sup> March is Disability Awareness Month

1 **Document: 702.03**  
2 **Name: Proceeds of Closed Church Sales**  
3 **Author(s): Conference Board of Trustees; Annual Conference Shepherding Team; CCFA; Cabinet**  
4 **CCFA Action: BOT, CCFA supports this legislation**

5 **ACTION:**

6 In the Standing Rules, Section V Finances and Reports, A. Accounting Policy, 11, amend as follows:

7 When local church buildings become the property of the Annual Conference and the properties are to be  
8 sold in accordance with Disciplinary procedures, the disposition of all net assets of the local church shall  
9 be deposited in the Closed Church Fund (also known as the Congregational Development Fund). The  
10 closed local church's unpaid obligations to the annual conference, including property insurance and  
11 clergy benefit delinquencies, shall be drawn from the proceeds of sale. 1% of gross proceeds from the sale  
12 of a closed church asset is reserved to fund archive needs. 25% of the net proceeds from the sale of closed  
13 churches shall be directed to the Conference Board of Trustees to manage and maintain the properties in  
14 their care. The assets of the Closed Church Fund shall be directed by the Cabinet in consultation with the  
15 Director of Congregational Development and Redevelopment for actual expenditures on starting,  
16 developing, and redeveloping local churches in the Annual Conference. Upon recommendation of the  
17 Board of Trustees, the Annual Conference, by majority vote, may direct the proceeds to another use.

18 **RATIONALE:**

19 Currently, expenses related to selling closed churches are taken from the Closed Church Fund. Expenses  
20 related to the maintenance and property are taken from the Apportionment Funds. This legislation allows  
21 for an additional source of funding that may offset the apportionment budget, which will allow the  
22 apportionment budget for other items. For example, in the last 5 years, NIC has sold between \$325,000 to  
23 \$1.1M in closed churches, 25% would \$81,250 - \$275,000 that the Board of Trustees would have been  
24 able to use.

25 This legislation offers an alternative way to fund the maintenance of the property in our care, so that  
26 we can lower our pull on the apportionment funds given from our local churches.