

2020 BUDGET FOR MISSION & MINISTRY SNAPSHOT



WE ARE CONNECTED

As United Methodists, we are linked together by more than our Christian faith. In our church, we say that we are “connectional.” What that means is that we covenant together – we promise to each other – to share in ministry with each other around the corner and around the world. Within The United Methodist Church, a portion of the money each local church receives goes beyond the walls of the building to enable ministry in hundreds of ways.

9.3 M TOTAL BUDGET

The Council on Finance and Administration (CF&A) works on behalf of the churches of South Georgia to recommend a lean conference budget. Clergy and lay person(s) from every church receive, discuss and approve this budget every year at the Annual Conference Session. While we know there is great ministry we can do together, we also know the importance of dollars staying at the local church level! CF&A is pleased to present a 2020 budget of \$9,326,184.

7% BUDGET DECREASE

This budget is \$736,642 lower than the 2019 budget - a 7% decrease - which follows a 6% decrease the year before. Since 2010, the conference budget has dropped 25%.

BETTER TOGETHER

We truly are better together! You are changing lives through the institutions, colleges, hospitals, seminaries, missionaries and ministries throughout South Georgia, the nation and the world with your gifts. When you share in the askings, you have joined God in the great work God is doing! Thank you for your partnership and for allowing the South Georgia Conference to be good stewards of your offerings.

OUR CONFERENCE

For a description of each of these line items, visit www.sgaumc.org/conferencebudget.

1 - CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

Connectional Ministries	\$	620,000
Arthur J. Moore Museum	\$	114,713
Board of Laity	\$	6,000
Hispanic Ministries	\$	327,253

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11.45%
\$1,067,966

2 - CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Office of Congregational Development	\$	310,014
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3.32%
\$310,014

3 - CLERGY SUPPORT

District Superintendent Expense	\$	1,055,765
Board of Ordained Ministry	\$	64,248
Pre-1982 Pensions & Benefits	\$	302,800
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$	700,000
HealthFlex - Clergy on Disability Leave	\$	165,000
Post-retirement Medical Expense	\$	120,000
Conference Board of Pensions	\$	47,100
Benefits Underpayment	\$	90,000
Equitable Compensation	\$	259,800
Pastoral Counseling Service	\$	210,748

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32.33%
\$3,015,461

4 - ADMINISTRATION

Annual Conference Session Expenses	\$	144,500
Conference Committees	\$	24,050
Human Resources & Personnel	\$	26,557
Administrative Services Office	\$	747,683
Communications Office	\$	185,000
Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$	12,900
Local Church Treasurers' Bond	\$	7,300
General/Jurisdictional Delegate Expense	\$	22,000
Legal Fees	\$	93,000
Contingency Fund	\$	50,000

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14.08%
\$1,312,990

5 - AREA EPISCOPAL EXPENSE

Episcopal Office Expense	\$	212,250
Episcopal Residence Expense	\$	20,000

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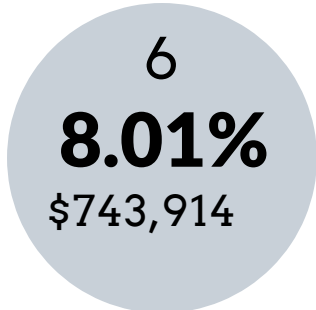
2.49%
\$232,250

REGIONAL & GENERAL

State & Jurisdiction Benevolences

6 - REGIONAL CAUSES

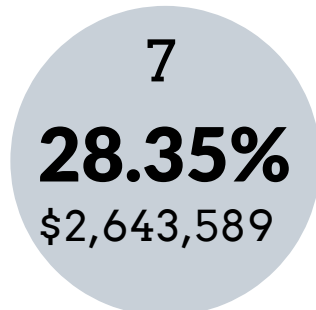
SEJ Mission & Ministry	\$	20,713
Georgia Higher Education	\$	723,201



General Benevolences

7 - GENERAL CHURCH APPORTIONMENTS

World Service	\$	1,359,920
Africa University Fund	\$	41,003
Episcopal Fund	\$	402,728
Ministerial Education Fund	\$	459,319
Black College Fund	\$	183,218
General Administration Fund	\$	161,479
Inter-denominational Cooperative Fund	\$	35,922



SUMMARY



CONFERENCE
\$ 5,938,681



STATE & JURISDICTION
\$ 743,914



GENERAL
\$ 2,643,589

\$ 9,326,184

Total Dollars Apportioned to the Local Church



HOW APPORTIONMENTS ARE CALCULATED

Two items are used to calculate each local church's share of the total Conference Budget. They are the **membership factor** which is weighted at 35% and the **financial factor**, which is weighted at 65%. Using these two factors sets the apportionments in such a way that larger churches have a larger share than smaller churches, and churches with greater means bear a larger share than churches with less means. The membership and financial factors are averaged over the last two reporting years to even out spikes and dips. The membership factor is reported by the local church in the *Conference Journal*. The financial factor includes the total expenditures of each local church as reported in the *Conference Journal* for salaries, benefits, program costs, and operating costs.

$$\frac{\text{Average Church Membership}}{\text{Average Conference Membership}} \times 35\% + \frac{\text{Average Church Local Expenditures}}{\text{Average Conference Local Expenditures}} \times 65\%$$

Church Decimal

This decimal is multiplied by each item in the conference budget to obtain your local church's share of the conference budget.

How is a local church's dollar spent?

