

COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Introductory comments:

The CF&A's purpose "shall be to develop, maintain and administer a comprehensive and coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies, procedures and management services for the Annual Conference". (Book of Discipline, paragraph 610)

Highlights and accomplishments of the 2006 year:

First and foremost, CF&A would like to thank the following churches for going beyond all expectation to pay more than 100 percent of their 2006 apportionments, for paying 100 percent of their 2006 apportionments, or for moving toward full apportionment payment by paying a higher percentage of their apportionments in 2006 than in 2005:

(See list attached at the end of this report)

CF&A spends most of its time reviewing, approving and monitoring the Annual Conference budget. This process includes 1) reviewing Plans for Ministry and Budget Proposals submitted by the Conference boards, agencies and committees; 2) reviewing recommendations regarding the budget from the Vision and Quality Improvement Team and the Cabinet; 3) discussing the Plans for Ministry and budget with the Conference boards, agencies and committees and 4) proposing a budget to the Annual Conference. The process is designed to assure that the budget is coordinated with the overall mission and plan for ministry of the Conference. CF&A meets periodically to review financial results against budget and to direct and approve the annual audit and to approve changes in administrative policy. CF&A also reviews financial operations of the Conference to assure adequate internal controls are in place and suggests ways to improve finances both from an efficiency and control perspective.

For 2006, the Wisconsin Annual Conference paid in full the General Conference apportionments for the 18th straight year. In addition to apportionments, Wisconsin United Methodists gave over \$210,000 to the special Sunday offerings and another \$881,000 to Advances and other benevolent giving through the Conference.

Apportionment receipts in 2006 were \$550,000 less than budgeted while expenses were \$470,000 less than planned, leaving a deficit of \$80,000. Cash reserves are \$150,000 below Conference goals. Because of the shortfall in apportionment receipts, Conference boards, agencies and committees were called upon during 2006 to hold down expenses, and they responded beyond expectation. Reduction of expenses, of course, came at a cost of reduced programming.

Because CF&A foresaw a possible continuing downward trend in apportionment giving, they requested and obtained from the 2006 Annual Conference approval of a new Conference Policy that says, "Should the Council on Finance and Administration determine that receipts will be inadequate to meet emerging needs or unforeseen circumstances, the Council will consult with agencies receiving budgeted funds before making adjustments to payment appropriations or schedules. Adjustments that are made will be reported to the next session of the annual conference for ratification."

During early 2007, CF&A determined that the aforementioned policy needed to be enacted for 2007 and, after consultation with agencies and boards at two summit meetings and a regular budget review meeting, agreed to a proposal to reduce the 2007 expense budget. These adjustments will be presented for ratification at the 2007 Annual Conference.

CF&A wishes to thank all those churches who paid 100 percent or more of their apportionments and those churches who have made significant improvement toward full connectional giving. We encourage those churches that did not reach 100 percent to work hard at increasing their connectional giving.

Plans for the coming year:

Our most important task is to continue to monitor apportionment receipts and expenses to mitigate financial deficits and maintain a positive cash flow. We will continue to work with the Cabinet to increase apportionment giving.

A task force has been appointed to study apportionment formulas and a member of CF&A is participating in a retiree health care task force.

We will participate in the Conference strategic planning process.

We will continue to review various areas of financial operation to assure sound internal controls are in place.

We will continue to oversee the Director of Finance and Administration and her staff to assure that the financial duties of the Conference are carried out in an efficient and effective manner.

Apportionment Payment Recognitions

Churches paying more than 100%

Alma
Angelica
Brookfield: First
Cedarburg: Community
Egg Harbor: Calvary
Gibraltar: Zion
Holcombe
Milwaukee: Kenwood
Milwaukee: Cristo En Tu Ayuda
Prairie du Sac: Concordia
Ridgeway: Grace
Sparta
West Allis: Calvary

Churches paying 100%

Capital District

Albany
Beloit: Christ
Beloit: First
Beloit: New Hope
Briggsville
Brodhead
Brooklyn: Community
Cambridge: Willerup
Clinton: Faith Community
Darien
Delavan
Edgerton
Evansville
Evansville: Peace
Fort Atkinson: First
Inch
Janesville: Asbury
Janesville: Cargill
La Grange
Lake Mills
Lodi
Madison: Asbury

Madison: Bethany
Madison: Divine Savior
Madison: First
Madison: First Hispanic
Madison: Sherman Avenue
Madison: Trinity
Madison: University
Marshall
Milton
Monona
Moundville
North Windsor
Oregon: People's
Orfordville: New Horizon
Pardeeville
Pleasant Valley
Plymouth
Portage
Poynette
Richmond
Sharon
Stoughton
Sun Prairie
Waunauke: Crossroads
Whitewater: First

Chippewa District

Anson
Arkansaw
Atlas
Augusta
Balsam Lake/Centuria: Holy
Trinity
Barron: First
Bay City
Birchwood
Bloomer
Canton
Chetek
Chippewa Falls: Trinity
Chippewa Falls: Zion
Clear Lake
Cumberland: First
Danbury

Deer Park
Diamond Bluff
Downing
Eau Claire: Hope
Eau Claire: Lake Street
Elk Mound
Ellsworth
Emerald
Exeland
Forest
Frederic
Gilmanton
Glenwood City
Grand View
Grantsburg
Hammond
Hartland
Hawkins
Hayward
Iron Creek
Jim Falls
Knapp
Ladysmith: Faith
Lakeview
Lewis
McKinley
New Centerville
New Richmond
Odanah
Pepin
Phillips
Pleasant Valley
Prairie Farm
Rib Lake
Rice Lake
Ridgeland - Dallas
Rock Elm
Sanborn
Shell Lake
Siren
Spooner
St. Croix Falls
Superior: Faith
Tainter

Thorp
Tony
Washburn
Wheeler
Wolf Creek
Arthur

Coulee District

Ash Creek
Avoca
Baraboo: Emanuel
Baraboo: First
Belleville: Grace
Benton
Bethel
Black Hawk: Bethlehem
Blanchardville
Bloom City
Boaz
Boscobel
Clarno: Zion
Cobb
Cuba City
Davis Corners
Dell
Denzer
Fayette
Fennimore
Gays Mills
Gotham
Hazel Green
Ironton: First
Lamont
Lancaster
La Valle
Liberty Pole
Lime Ridge
Livingston
Merrimac
Midland
Mineral Point
Montfort
New Hope
Mount Horeb
Mount Zion
North Clayton
North Freedom
Patch Grove
Prairie du Chien
Reedsburg
Retreat
Rewey
Sandusky
Seneca
Shullsburg: Centenary
Soldier's Grove
Staver: St. Peter's
Stitzer
Viola
Waldwick
Wauzeka: St. Paul's
West Lima

Westby
Whig
Willow Valley
Wisconsin Dells-Delton
Wyoming Valley

Heartland District

Alma Center
Almond
Amherst
Black River Falls
Buena Vista
Cataract
Chili: Immanuel
Colby
Coloma: Calvary
Fairchild
Granton
Greenwood: Grace
Hixton
Loyal
Marshfield: Wesley
Marshfield: Zion
Merrill: Christ
Merrillan
Minocqua: Church of the Pines
Montana: Salem
Necedah
New Lisbon
Norwalk: Immanuel
Norwalk: Salem
Plainfield
Plover
Port Edwards
Rhineland
Rib Falls
Rockland
Rothschild: Highland
South Burr Oak
Spencer
Spirit
Stevens Point: St. Paul's
Stoddard
Tomah: First
Tomahawk
Trempealeau
Trout Run
Wausau: First
Wausau: Hmong American
Community
Westfield: Faith
Whitehall
Wildwood Chapel
Wisconsin Rapids
Withee
Wonewoc
York Center

Metro North District

Batavia: Zion
Brookfield: Trinity-Pilgrim
Brown Deer

Campbellsport: First
Colgate: Zion
Elm Grove: Community
Greenbush: New Hope
Hartford: First
Jackson: Still Waters
Community
Kiel: Bethel
Menomonee Falls: Emmanuel
Community
Milwaukee: Albright
Milwaukee: Aldersgate
Milwaukee: Emanuel
Milwaukee: Summerfield
Oconomowoc: Good Shepherd
Pewaukee: Gethsemane
Port Washington: Grand Avenue
Sheboygan Falls: Faith
Sheboygan: Fountain Park
Sheboygan: St Luke
Sheboygan: Wesley
Sussex
Watertown: Christ
Wauwatosa: Wauwatosa
Avenue
West Bend: Fifth Avenue
Whitefish Bay

Metro South District

Bristol
Burlington
Caldwell
Concord
Cudahy
Eagle
East Troy: St. James
Elkhorn: Bethel
Elkhorn: First
English Settlement
Franksville
Genoa City
Greenfield: Memorial
Hebron
Johnson Creek
Kenosha: First
Kenosha: Immanuel
Kenosha: Korean
Kenosha: Wesley
Lake Geneva
Lake Geneva: La Resurreccion
Little Prairie
Milwaukee: Bay View
Milwaukee: Faith
Milwaukee: Hmong Christian
Community
New Berlin: Bethel Hill
New Berlin: Our Lord's
Oak Creek: Community
Palmyra
Paris Corners
Pleasant Prairie
Racine: Christ

Racine: Evangelical
Racine: Faith
Racine: First
Racine: Trinity
Salem
Siloam
South Milwaukee
Spring Prairie
Sullivan: Lonsdale
Troy Center
Waterford: Community
Waukesha: El Buen
Samaritano
Waukesha: First
Waukesha: Salem
Wesley Chapel
West Allis: First
Yorkville

Nicolet District

Algoma
Brillion: Faith
Center: Emmanuel
Cicero
Crystal Lake
Denmark: Zion
Forest Junction: Zion
Goodman: Union Protestant
Green Bay: Bethany
Green Bay: First
Hickory
Iola
Jacksonport
Manawa
Manitowoc: St. Paul's
Marinette: First
Marion: First
Mattoon
Mishicot: Zion
New London
Oconto
Oconto Falls
Red River: Salem
Rural Brillion
Seymour
Sturgeon Bay
Suamico
Wittenberg: New Horizons of
Aniwa & Witt.

Winnebago District

Appleton: Emmanuel
Appleton: First
Borth
Brandon
Columbus
Courtland
Eden: Tabor
Eureka
Fall River
Fond du Lac: Covenant
Fond du Lac: Salem
Green Lake: Federated
Greenville: Faith
Horicon: Emmanuel
Juneau
Kaukauna: Peace
Kingston
Lomira: Trinity
Montello: Trinity
Neenah: Faith
Neenah: First
Neshkoro: Zion
Oshkosh: Algoma Boulevard
Poy Sippi
Princeton: Emmanuel
Randolph
Ripon: Immanuel
Waukau
Wild Rose

Churches moving toward 100% by paying a higher % in 2006 than 2005

Altoona
Ashland
Bruce: Federated
Crandon: St. Luke
Darlington
Durand
Eastman: Salem
Eau Claire: Chapel Heights
Eldorado: Salem
Gillett: Tabor
Green Bay: St. Paul's
Hudson
Juda: Zion
La Crosse: St. Luke's
La Crosse: Wesley
Linden
Madison: Bashford
Manitowoc: Wesley
Mayville
Menomonie
Mercer
Milwaukee: Church of the Good
Hope
Mondovi
Mosinee
North Fond du Lac: Community
Oakley: Union
Parfreyville
River Falls
Shawano
Turtle Lake
Union Grove
Viroqua
Waterloo
Webster
Weyerhauser
Wilmot