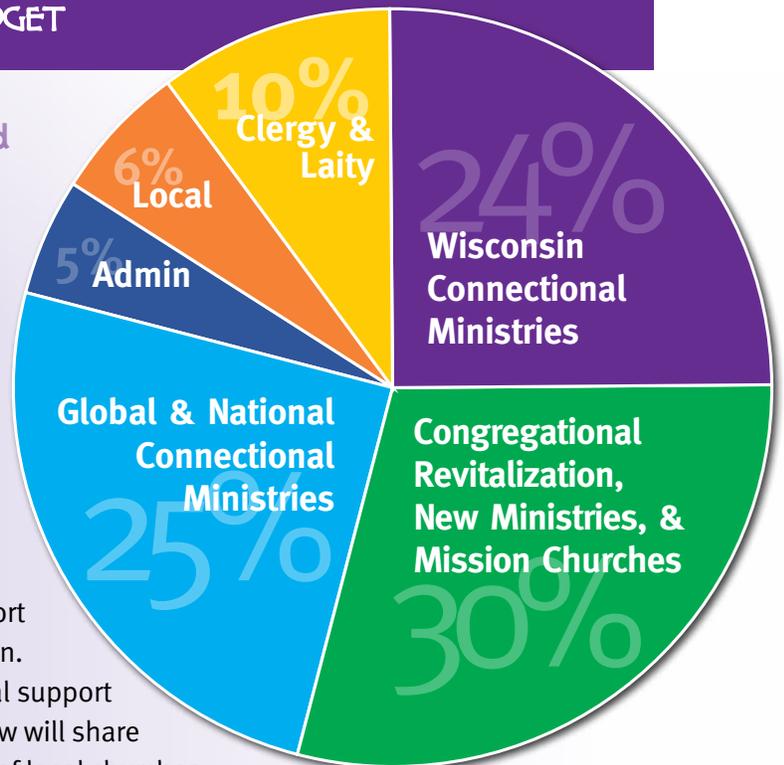


AN OVERVIEW OF OUR WISCONSIN CONFERENCE SHARED MINISTRIES FOR 2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

Our Giving Transforms Wisconsin and the World

The faithful commitment of United Methodists across Wisconsin supports mission and ministry work that otherwise may not happen. Can you imagine what Wisconsin would like without the presence of our United Methodist Churches at work and in ministry together? We are able to change lives by sharing the good news, spreading a message of hope and healing, while also serving those who are suffering and in need. Together we will continue to Make A-New Wisconsin, while transforming the world!

We share in ministry together through the financial support of every congregation, and every local church in Wisconsin. Each church is apportioned a share in the overall financial support of our connectional ministries and missions. This overview will share a small portion of the story on how the financial support of local churches is used for exciting ministries and faithful missions to Make A-New Wisconsin. Through our connectional giving, we do far more than what any individual or single church can do alone. That is why every church's support is needed and valued.



30% for Congregational Revitalization, New Ministries, & Mission Churches

Thirty percent of our total budget (\$2.13 million) is dedicated to congregational revitalization, the launch and support of new ministries and churches, and the direct assistance of mission churches (those vital ministries that are currently not self-sustaining). Special focus on our racial and ethnic ministries, and circuits is also funded through our giving. Intensive training and consulting are provided to those who desire to do new church planting and revitalization.

24% for Wisconsin Connectional Ministries

Twenty-four percent (\$1.7 million) is used within our Conference to fund our connectional ministries in Wisconsin. Our camps, our mission projects, both locally and globally, our campus ministries, our health and welfare ministries, and dozens more are kept healthy and strong through the giving of our local congregations. Salary and support for staff and leadership are an essential part of our shared connectional ministry. We have invested staff, energy, and resources to improve our communication ministries at all levels.

25% for Global & National Connectional Ministries

Twenty-five percent of our budget (\$1.71 million) is designated to support the global and national connectional ministries of our denomination. World Service Fund, Ministerial Education, Africa University, Black College Fund, the Episcopal Fund and the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, all provide vital ministries around the world. Only about 1.4% of our budget goes to the General Administration Fund. The remainder is used to support our worldwide connectional ministries.

10% for Leadership Development

Ten percent of our budget (\$736 thousand) is dedicated to the ongoing cultivation and empowerment of clergy and laity leadership within our Conference. This is a real investment, both in the short-term and for our future. Our Boards of Ordained Ministry and Lay Ministry work diligently to make sure that we have leadership with gifts and skills to allow us to do effective ministry within the Conference and around the world. Our leadership development funds also provide needed support to campus ministries.

6% Local Congregation

Six percent of our giving (\$389 thousand) comes directly back to local congregations through consultation, training partnerships, printed resources and networking. We support each other in ministry; and the Conference works with circuits and local churches to meet as many individual needs as possible.

5% Administrative Costs

Five percent of our giving (\$350 thousand) covers the administrative and overhead costs needed to run any organization. The Conference is making great strides to be good stewards of the resources we have, eliminate or reduce waste, and maximize the impact of what we use.

BOTTOM LINE: THE BUDGET DIRECTLY FUNDS OUR UNITED METHODIST MISSION

We are committed to Make A-New Wisconsin through our shared missions and ministries. Our budget reflects that! As new churches are being planted, existing churches are being revitalized. As Connectional Ministries are changing lives, leaders are being cultivated to lead our ministries. And as God's people are receiving nourishment for their bodies and human needs, they are also receiving nourishment for their souls. Together we Make A-New Wisconsin.



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