

## FROM DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

# WHERE DO APPORTIONMENTS COME FROM?

## FOLLOW THE STEPS

01

### **Every Local Church/Charge...**

Sends at least one clergy and one lay person to their Annual Conference session.

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### **General Conference delegates are elected.**

Members from every church/charge vote on which clergy and laypersons should represent them at General Conference.

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### **General Conference sets mission goals and budget for the UMC.**

For the upcoming four years, what are the goals we want for the global UMC, and what will that cost to achieve them?

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### **Every Annual Conference gets a fair share of the global budget.**

Our General Council on Finance & Administration (GCFA) determines how much is apportioned to each conference based on a formula that includes factors like membership, economics, etc.

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### **Annual Conference includes its share of the global UMC mission in their conference budget proposal.**

Your conference prepares its own goals for mission and a budget to realize those mission goals. Their apportion for the global UMC is included in that budget.

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### **Conference budget is approved at annual session.**

Members from every church/charge have the opportunity to examine, question, and debate before they vote on a conference mission and budget they believe their church can support.

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### **Each church receives a fair share portion of the conference budget.**

Your Conference Council on Finance & Administration uses a formula – approved at an Annual Conference session – to determine each local church/charge's fair share portion of conference budget. This amount is included in your local church budget, which allows your church to make an impact locally, across the conference, and around the world.



# WHAT APPORTIONMENTS *ARE NOT*

## TAXES

The terms “mission shares” or “ministry shares” do a much better job of describing what our connectional giving does. They heal the sick, feed the hungry, educate young people, provide comfort in the wake of disasters, and so much more.



## FRANCHISE FEE

Yes, the cross and flame is a well known brand and trademark. No, it is not something sold to a congregation to promote their religious offerings as better than others. It is a symbol of our commitment to work together in connectional relationships to more effectively make disciples for Jesus Christ.

## MONEY LOST FROM MISSION

Some local churches view apportionments as money taken from their church's mission budget. In reality, participation in connectional giving gives every church, regardless of size, a larger mission footprint.







# APPORTIONMENTS *ARE* *Compassion, Justice, Mercy,* *Accountability, and Hope*

## CLOSING

**AFRICA UNIVERSITY IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF WHAT UNITED METHODISTS ARE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THROUGH FAITHFUL SUPPORT OF APPORTIONMENTS.**

The university currently has a student body of over 2,500 full and part-time students (54% of whom are female) that come from 25 countries across Africa. Thanks to the faithful apportionment support of your local church, Africa University has graduated more than 8,000 students who go on to be leaders in their country and the world, and are changing the face of Africa!



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