



# UNITED METHODISTS OF GREATER NEW JERSEY

## Shared Ministry Apportionment Formula

**Whereas** the United Methodist Church continues our focus to grow Vital Congregations; and

**Whereas** in GNJ we remain focused on developing vital congregations and prayerfully do so through our financial stewardship; and therefore

**Be it resolved** that the Shared Ministry percentage be set at a revised 15.6% from the original 16.1% of a congregation's Shared Ministry base for the 2019 budget and that each year the Annual Conference approve the Shared Ministry percentage. The Shared Ministry base be set at a congregation's total expenses as follows:

1. Lines 41a-47 of Table II of The Local Church Statistical Report
  - 41a – Pastor Wages
  - 41b – Associate Pastor Wages
  - 41c – Deacon Wages
  - 42 – Parsonage Expenses
  - 43 – Accountable Reimbursements
  - 44 – Other Cash Allowances
  - 45 – Staff Compensation
  - 46 – Church Program Expenses
  - 47 – Church Operating Expenses
2. Billed amounts for prior year Comprehensive Protection Plan (CPP), Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP), Health Insurance, Property Insurance and Workers Comp

**Rationale:** This existing formula uses the present Shared Ministry base calculation but prevents automatic percentage increases and requires GNJ to set budgets that are within a fixed percentage of the Shared Ministry base. In effect, this will reduce each congregation's shared ministry percentage for 2019.

Submitted by,  
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## Shared Ministry Plan

BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference approves the adoption of the amended Shared Ministries Plan for 2019, the details of which are provided on the following page.

**2019 REVISED SHARED MINISTRY PLAN**

<u>INCOME:</u>		<b>Approved</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
		<b>2019</b>	<b>Revised</b>
		<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>2019</b>
		<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>
	SM Base	67,250,000	67,250,000
	Shared Ministry Percentage	<b>16.1%</b>	<b>15.6%</b>
	Shared Ministry Apportioned	<b>10,827,250</b>	<b>10,491,000</b>
	Expected SM Giving Rate	<b>91.5%</b>	<b>91.0%</b>
	Expected Available SM	<b>9,906,934</b>	<b>9,546,810</b>
	Investment	72,800	72,800
	Centenary Fund	103,000	103,000
	Shared Services Income	437,750	437,750
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>10,520,484</b>	<b>10,160,360</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>			
<b>CLERGY SUPPORT</b>			
A.	District Superintendents Salary, Benefits & Office Exp.	1,741,549	1,691,549
B.	Episcopal Fund	374,064	374,064
C.	Conference share of Bishop's housing	28,135	28,135
D.	Annuitants Health Insurance & Benefits	1,896,112	1,886,112
E.	Equitable Compensation	158,400	158,400
F.	Conference Board of Ordained Ministry administrative expenses	41,163	41,163
G.	Bridge Fund	67,200	35,000
	<b>TOTAL CLERGY SUPPORT</b>	<b>4,306,623</b>	<b>4,214,423</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
A.	Conference Council on Finance and Administration expenses	3,840	3,840
B.	Conference Staff	1,048,584	1,003,584
C.	Administrative Expenses	433,051	423,051
D.	Conf. Sessions (3 days)	231,831	201,831
E.	Annual Conference Reserve		
F.	Episcopal Area Office Supplement	141,003	138,003
G.	Bishop's Discretionary Fund	9,600	4,400
H.	Jurisdictional conference admin. apportionments & related exp.	36,480	36,480
I.	General Administration Fund	149,987	149,987
J.	Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	33,366	33,366
	<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>2,087,742</b>	<b>1,994,541</b>
<b>WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCE</b>			
A.	World Service Fund	1,263,131	1,263,131
B.	Connectional Ministry Staff	954,045	820,045
C.	Administrative Expenses	196,800	196,800
D.	Connectional Table	884,433	784,433
E.	Supplemental Strategic Salary Support	134,400	130,400
	<b>TOTAL WORLD SERVICE/CONF.BEN.</b>	<b>3,432,809</b>	<b>3,194,809</b>
<b>OTHER APPORTIONED FUNDS</b>			
A.	Black College Fund	170,177	170,177
B.	Africa University Fund	38,085	38,085
C.	Ministerial Education Fund	426,627	426,627
	<b>TOTAL OTHER FUNDS</b>	<b>634,889</b>	<b>634,889</b>
	<b>Resolve a complaint resolution</b>		<b>110,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>10,462,062</b>	<b>10,148,662</b>
	<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b>58,421</b>	<b>11,698</b>