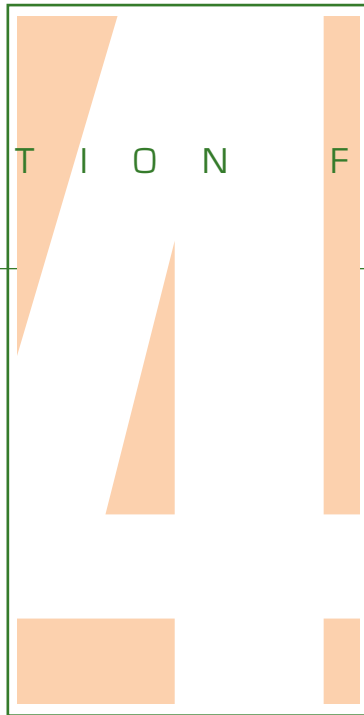


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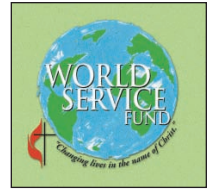


MONEY FOR MISSION

Financial support for United Methodist mission comes from the following funds:

World Service

World Service, the basic undesignated fund of the denomination, provides the primary support for most of the general agencies of The United Methodist Church and its programs throughout the world. In support of mission, the General Board of Global Ministries received 86.35% of World Service in 2003, the lowest in several years.



The Advance

The major source of designated funds for mission is the Advance, through which individuals, groups, and local churches can specify funds for missionary support and approved projects of the various program areas.



United Methodist Women's Pledge to Mission

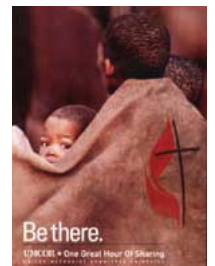
Pledge to Mission is undesignated giving of United Methodist Women in support of mission. Appropriations have been made annually by the directors of the Women's Division for significant support of mission activities through other program areas of the General Board of Global Ministries, with special attention to needs of women and children.

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

The annual Call to Prayer and Self-Denial observance of United Methodist Women provides funding for selected mission projects both nationally and internationally as well as support of retirement benefits for missionaries and deaconesses once a quadrennium.

One Great Hour of Sharing

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering, taken the fourth Sunday in Lent in United Methodist churches, goes entirely to the United Methodist Committee on Relief as its basic form of support. UMCOR does not receive any World Service dollars.



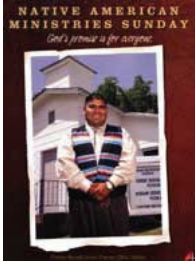
World Communion

World Communion offering, taken the first Sunday in October, provides support for the Crusade Scholars program, which assists United Methodist international and racial-ethnic graduate students.



Rural Life Sunday

Rural Life Sunday, though set by each annual conference, is normally celebrated on the fifth Sunday after Easter and may include an offering for town and country ministries within the annual conference.



Native American Awareness Sunday

The Native American Awareness Sunday offering is used to enhance Native American ministries within an annual conference and in the Native American Urban Initiative, and to provide scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology.

Human Relations Day

The Human Relations Day offering is received on the Sunday before the national observance of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. It supports United Methodist Voluntary Services and Community Developers.

Current and Deferred Giving

Through the Board's Current and Deferred Giving program, United Methodists are able to provide short- or long-term support for mission programs by means of planned giving, such as through wills and trusts.



Children's Fund for Christian Mission

The United Methodist Children's Fund for Christian Mission, administered through the General Board of Discipleship, is the avenue of mission giving and mission education for church school children in grades 1 to 6. Six mission projects are chosen annually for support through this channel.

Youth Service Fund

The Youth Service Fund, administered through the National Youth Ministry Organization, is an avenue of mission education and giving for youth.

Additional information about mission funds may be obtained from:

Women's Division
Section on Finance
General Board of Global Ministries
475 Riverside Drive, Room 1503
New York, NY 10115

The Advance Office
General Board of Global Ministries
475 Riverside Drive, Room 1400
New York, NY 10115

United Methodist Communications
P.O. Box 320
Nashville, TN 37202

National Youth Ministry Organization
P.O. Box 840
Nashville, TN 37202

The General Board of Discipleship of
The United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 340003
Nashville, TN 37203-0003

Ideas for Interpreting World Service

The World Service Fund is the way The United Methodist Church supports its ministry to girls, boys, men, and women in over 100 countries of the world, in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ. World Service is *people serving people*. It is the basic support for the ministry and mission of The United Methodist Church. As the World Service and Annual Conference Benevolence apportionment, it is the glue that helps link the connection.

Here are several suggestions for interpreting World Service as a way of making *programs* become *personal ministries*. Pastors and Council on Ministries members should consider these, sorting out the ones that seem most usable in your church. Information counteracts misinformation; reported deeds interpret dollars invested; enthusiasm for the work of the church is catching.

These ideas are in no special order. You may have better ones. Whatever you use, be sure to develop a plan for interpreting World Service to the whole church. Send your reactions and ideas to United Methodist Communications, P.O. Box 320, Nashville, TN 37202.



Bulletin Board

Create a bulletin board about World Service. Build it around the World Service poster. Photographs about the work of our church in various areas of mission may be gleaned from *The Interpreter* and *New World Outlook*.

Leaflets—Promotion

World Service leaflets are expressly designed to interpret the many facets of this fund. Available free, in any quantity you can use, from United Methodist Communications. Go to: www.umcgiving.org/contents/WSF/d/resources.asp

Human Interest Stories

Looking for human interest stories? Each month, *The Interpreter* carries a section called "It Worked for Us!" about the success of local church programs. Many of the magazine's feature articles also contain stories worth telling.

Mission Minutes

Schedule a mission minute for brief talks about World Service, employing laity in Sunday worship services or making it a part of the Council on Ministries or Administrative Board meetings.

Speakers

Speakers are available to represent some part of the World Service program. Check with your district superintendent or district or conference secretary of global ministries for leads on missionaries, people from the church's general agencies, or persons working in projects in your area who are supported wholly or in part through World Service.

Local Interpreters

Invite persons in your church and community who have been or are going overseas to be interpreters. Ask members who visit mission projects, both in the United States and various countries, to speak when they return home. For other listings of projects, see the *Partnership in Missions* catalog, which lists United Methodist mission projects and is available from Service Center.

Membership Classes

Membership classes should spend some time looking at the scope of United Methodist work. They should see the essential role World Service plays in making ministry and mission possible. The class leader will be helped by the booklet *Our Answers and Your Money: Mission Ministry* and may wish to use the World Service and General Benevolence Charts. These materials are available free from United Methodist Communications.

Career Night

It takes people to staff the multiple agencies and institutions of the church. Plan a life investment career night with your youth or perhaps the whole church, since many adults change jobs every year. By preparing and carrying out such a project, people will learn what their World Service gifts can do and what occupational opportunities exist in the church. For ideas on career night and parent-youth discussion about vocations and church occupations, write your conference secretary of Global Ministries or jurisdictional office of United Methodist Communications.

Mission Service Opportunities:

<http://gbgmumc.org/vim>

Select "Where to Go"

- Urgent Needs for Volunteer Teams
- Urgent Needs for Individual Volunteers
- Project lists available for all countries, including the U.S.
- Youth Opportunities
- Project List for Health Care Volunteers—U.S. and International

World Service Resources

Changing Lives Video—Item #VID033

This video shows different settings at home and around the globe where the World Service

Fund is making a difference. It is a great promotional resource for the World Service fund apportionment and appropriate for worship settings. Includes leader's guide.

A wealth of material is available from United Methodist Communications <http://www.umcom.org/>

Financing Global Ministries

The task of a Conference Secretaries of Global Ministries is to understand the funding patterns of the global outreach ministry of the church. These tools assist with the interpretation of the General Board of Global Ministries.

The connectional system is most evident in the fiscal matters of the denomination. The General Conference apportions its asking to the annual conferences and makes its allocations to the general boards and agencies. In the four years that follow, the General Council On Finance and Administration (GCFA) assumes the General Conference's responsibilities and monitors the general boards and agencies for adherence to their mandates.

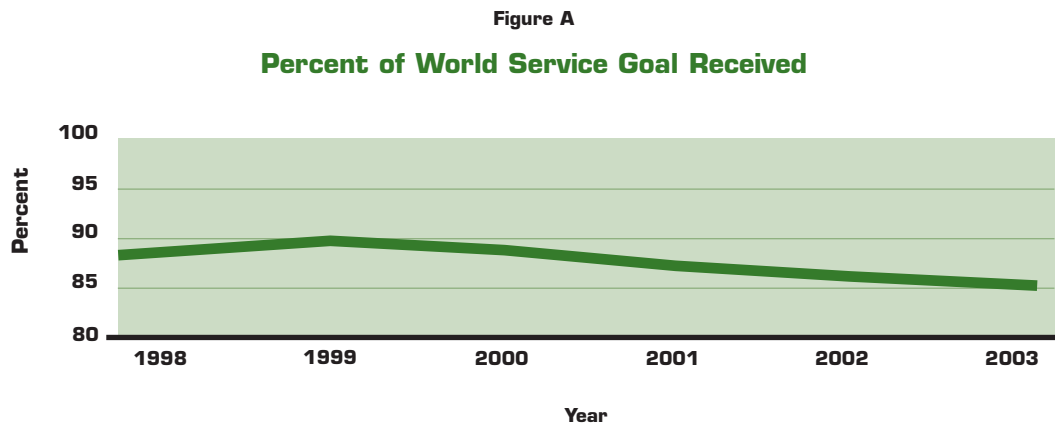
Here is some basic information on where the money comes from that goes toward fulfilling mission tasks and responsibilities.

Where the Money Comes From

1. World Service

This is the basic benevolence fund of The United Methodist Church. These monies are distributed to the various general church program agencies by a formula to support missional responsibilities. All general church agencies serve as a resource to local churches in mission on national and world levels. The General Board of Global Ministries itself allocates the World Service dollars among the work areas and is part of the annual budgeting process.

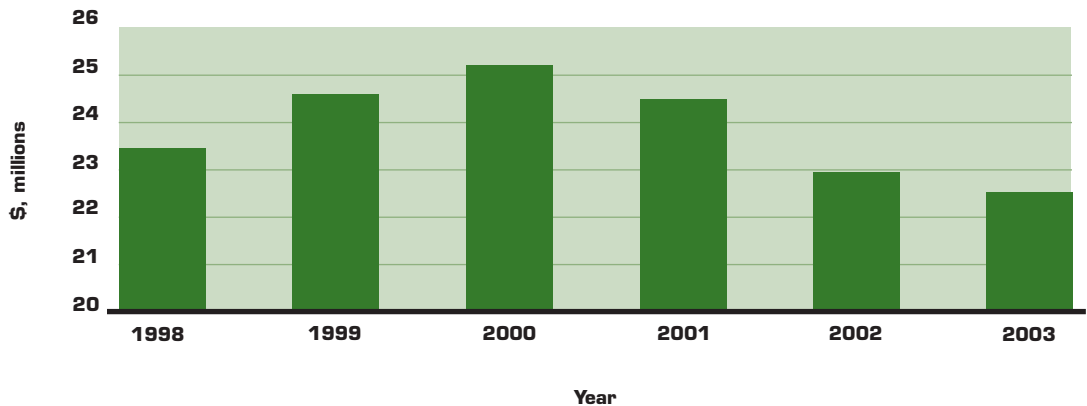
Figure A below highlights the World Service received in the past six years as a percentage of our denominational goal. Receipts in 2003 were at 86.35%, the lowest in several years. The declining trend in World Service receipts is noticeable.



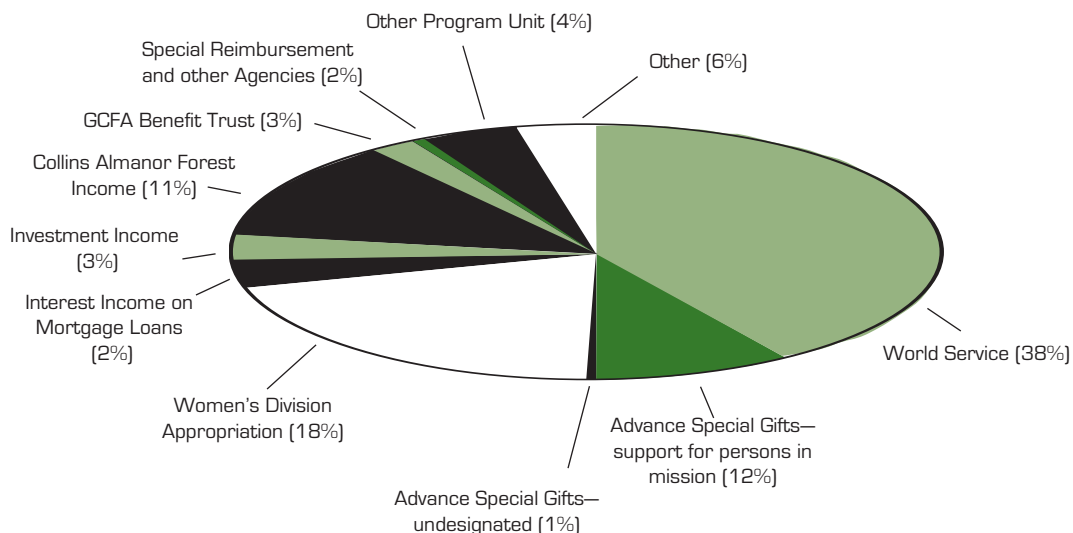
Actual World Service received by GBGM in 2003 was \$22.7 million, again the lowest amount in several years. Actual receipts for the last six years are as follows:

Figure B

World Service Allocations to GBGM



Source of Funds for Appropriations 2003

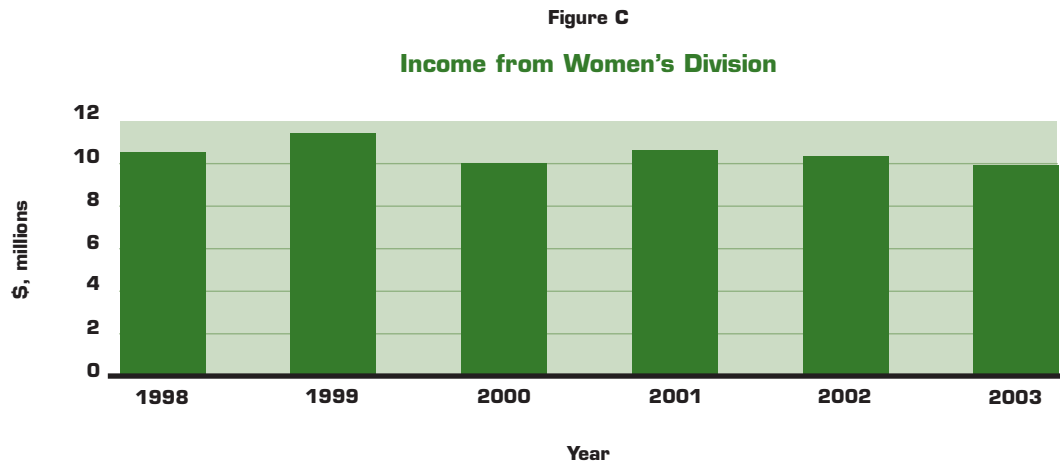


2. Women's Division Funds

The funds from undesignated giving by United Methodist Women usually approximate 15 to 20 percent of the total appropriations of the General Board of Global Ministries in any given year. The Women's Division appropriates funds to the Board-wide program and program support, the program areas of Community and Institutional Ministries, Mission Contexts and Relationships, Mission Personnel, and General Board Services, plus programs within the Women's Division itself.

The income from the Women's Division General Fund has been steady for the past six years, around \$11 million. There was a small decrease in giving in 2003 due to some program changes. The Women's Division's support of mission across this denomination is crucial.

Figure C shows income received from the Women's Division for the last six years:



3. Advance Specials

These second-mile gifts—thus identified because they represent projects around the world that can be supported after the church addresses its share of the denomination's asking—are designated in most cases by the donor (individual, church, or group) to a specific project of some of the work areas of the General Board of Global Ministries. The present practice has been for projects to be approved by the Advance Committee of the General Council on Ministries. With GCOM being phased out, it is still unclear where the Advance Committee will be lodged, but GBGM is a likely place. The Advance program provides an opportunity for the mutual experience of giving and receiving.

The majority of Advance income received by the General Board of Global Ministries is not included in the appropriations. The support of persons in mission and undesignated gifts are the only income in appropriations. The remainder of the Advance income is distributed as received. One hundred percent of the amount received is paid as designated.

In 2003, Advance receipts were \$29 million, the lowest in the past six years. Figure D summarizes the Advance for Program Areas and UMCOR for the last six years. One area of concern is the Advance Special support of persons in mission, as this portion of the Advance is in appropriations and has to be made up if there is an income shortfall. (See Figure D1.) After declining income through 2001, there has been an increase in these numbers in the past two years primarily because of fund-raising efforts in this area.

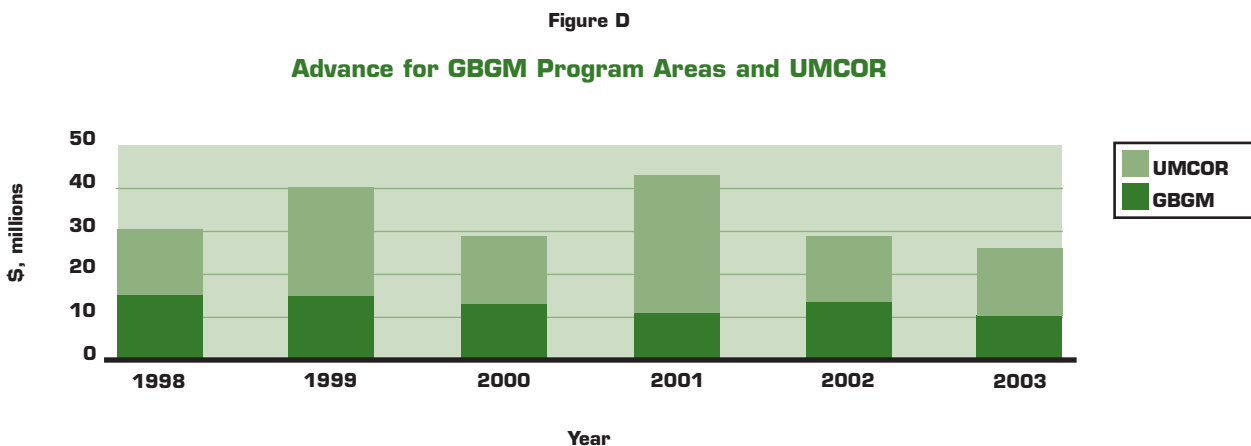
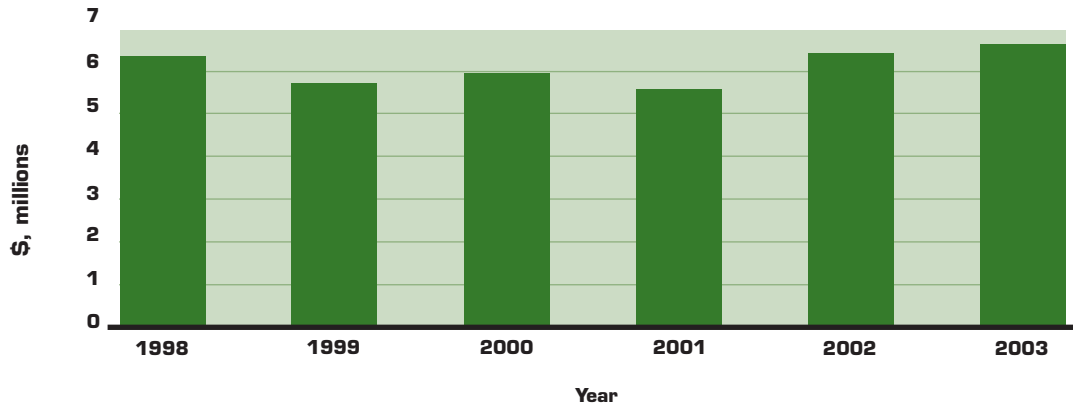


Figure D1

GBGM Advance Giving to Support Persons in Mission



4. One Great Hour of Sharing

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering in Lent goes entirely to UMCOR and provides a major source of funds for the administration of the UMCOR programs.

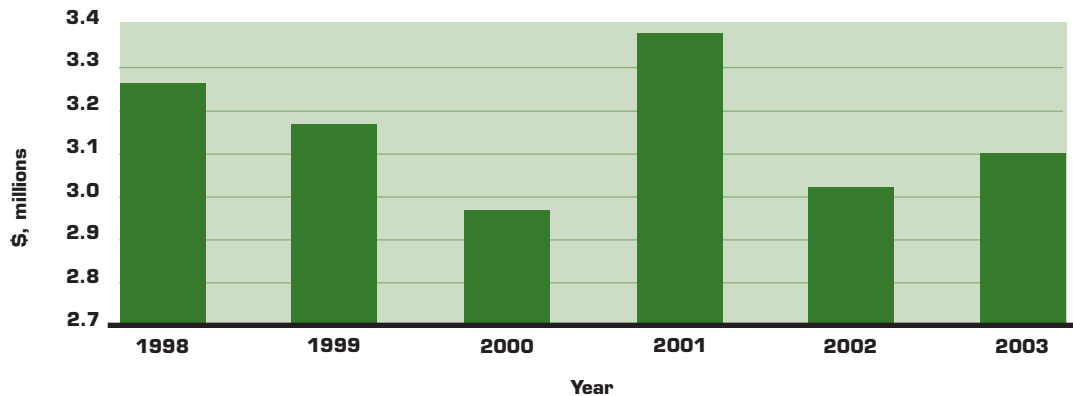
UMCOR does not try to estimate, for appropriations purposes, the income related to disasters and related Advance Special projects. Appropriations for this work represent what the basic operation will be for the year. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is the single largest revenue source for UMCOR's appropriations.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering has been receiving \$3.1 million per year on average for the past six years.

Figure E represents the One Great Hour of Sharing income for the past six years.

Figure E

GBGM One Great Hour of Sharing



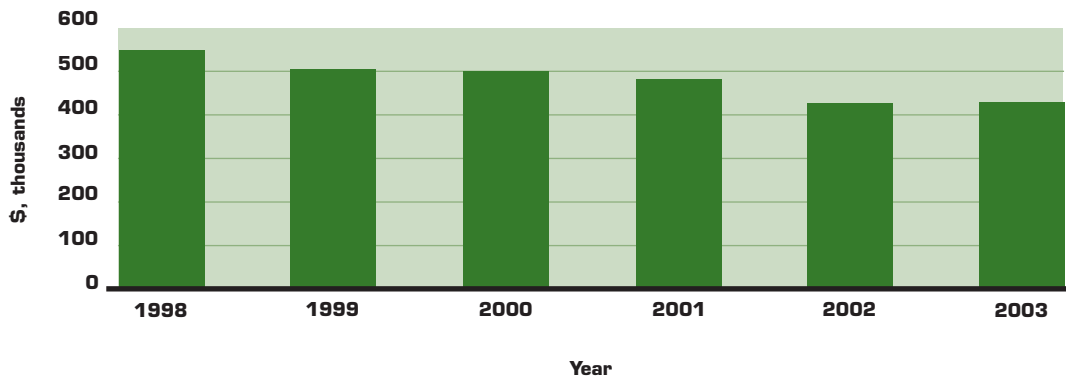
5. World Communion Sunday Offering

One-half of the World Communion Sunday offering finances the Crusade Scholarship Program of the General Board of Global Ministries, enabling U.S. racial and ethnic minority young adults and international students to pursue graduate studies. The remaining half is administered by the General Board of Higher-Education and Ministry.

The World Communion Sunday offering is well known and respected in the denomination. Many of our leaders here and around the world received support for their education from Crusade Scholarship. The income for 2003 was \$462,441, a slight decrease from the prior year. See Figure F for a comparison of the last six years.

Figure F

GBGM World Communion Sunday Offering

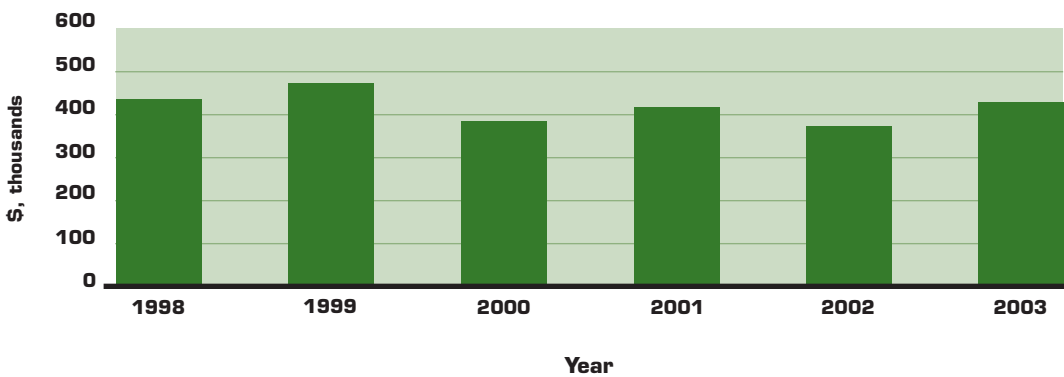


6. Human Relations Day

Human Relations Day is an annual observation on the Sunday coinciding with Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday during which a special offering is dedicated to projects of a reconciling nature. For 2004-2008, the offering will be divided as follows: United Methodist Voluntary Service, 33 percent; Community Developers, 57 percent (both of these are administered by the General Board of Global Ministries); and Youth Offenders program, 10 percent (to be administered by the General Board of Church and Society). Figure G shows the offering for the last six years.

Figure G

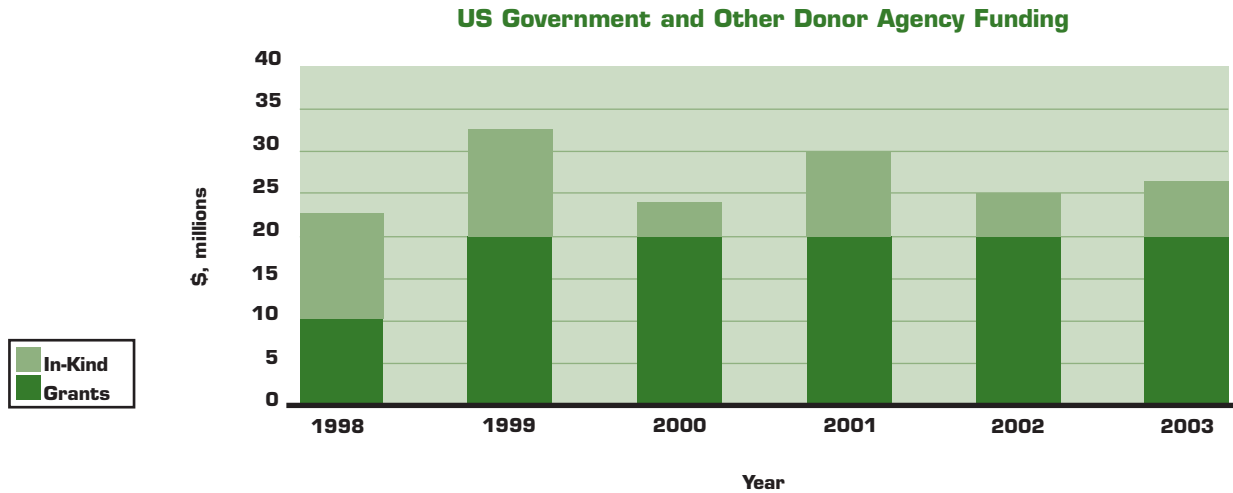
GBGM Human Relations Day



7. U.S. Government and Donor Agency Funding

During the last ten years, UMCOR significantly increased its outreach by competing for some of the work that various branches of the United States government and other donor agencies are willing to fund. The total cash and in-kind grants was \$31.6 million in 2003. Care is exercised in selecting what projects the General Board of Global Ministries will be involved in through UMCOR. (See Figure H.)

Figure H



8. Investment and Other Income

The General Board of Global Ministries has investment and other incomes in varying types. A large percentage of these funds are donor designated.

9. Deferred Giving

For over one hundred years, the General Board of Global Ministries has had an active Deferred Giving program. This had included annuity contracts, the Pooled Income Fund, uni-trusts, and several other forms of Deferred Giving. As a result of this program, current gifts are also frequently received. Financial Planning, a specific part of this program, is a unique service offered by the General Board through its Financial Services Unit and the Board Committee on Finance.

Corporate Entities under GBGM

- General Board of Global Ministries
- Women's Division
- United Methodist Committee on Relief
- Health and Welfare Ministries Department
- United Methodist Development Fund
- Collins Pension Plan for Missionaries Trust
- Collins Health Benefits Trust

Where the Money Comes From

2003 Unrestricted Income

Description	Amount
World Service (38%)	22,309,703
Advance Special Gifts—support for persons in mission (12%)	6,980,081
Advance Special Gifts—undesignated (1%)	736,412
Women's Division Appropriation (18%)	10,609,692
Interest Income on Mortgage Loans (2%)	926,439
Investment Income (3%)	1,502,361
Collins Almanor Forest Income (11%)	6,629,322
GCFA Benefit Trust (3%)	1,893,475
Service Reimbursement & Other Agencies (2%)	1,209,918
Other Program Unit (4%)	2,220,902
Other (6%)	3,711,445
Total	58,729,750