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FUNDING MISSION



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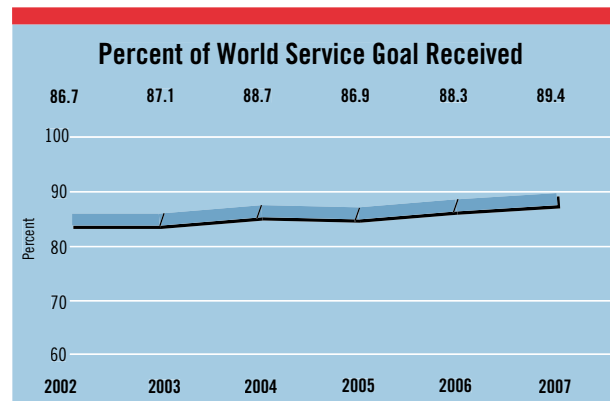
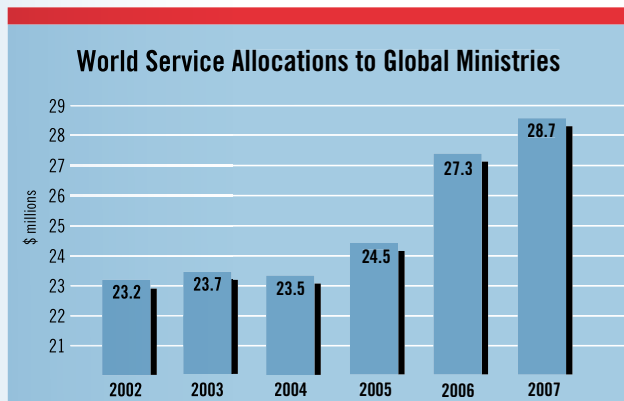
SOURCES OF MISSION FUNDING

Financial support for United Methodist mission through the General Board of Global Ministries comes from six major sources:

- World Service
- The Advance
- Women’s Division
- Special Sundays Offerings
 - One Great Hour of Sharing
 - Human Relations Day
 - Native American Ministries
 - World Communion
- Interest, Dividends, Trusts, and Other

WORLD SERVICE FUND

World Service is the basic undesignated benevolence fund of The United Methodist Church and is derived from apportionments assigned to each congregation within the five jurisdictions of the United States. The General Conference, in adopting successive quadrennial budgets, allocates portions of the expected revenue to a range of general church work, including that of the thirteen general agencies, including Global Ministries. Approximately 49 percent of the core Global Ministries budget comes from World Service. The annual World Service goal is rarely attained, coming in at 89.4 percent in 2007, a record high for recent years.



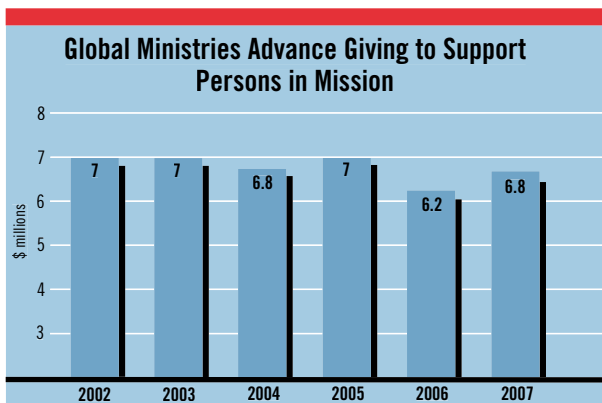
In addition to World Service allocations that fund the basic Global Ministries budget, the General Conference may set aside funds for special ministries that are assigned to general agencies for administration. For the 2009-2012 quadrennium, Global Ministries has responsibility for four such funds and the ministries they represent. These are:

- Asian American Language Ministries
- Korean American National Plan
- National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministries
- Special Program on Substance Abuse and Related Violence

Annual World Service allocations and percentages of projections to the General Board of Global Ministries for the period 2002-2007 are indicated in the charts below.

THE ADVANCE

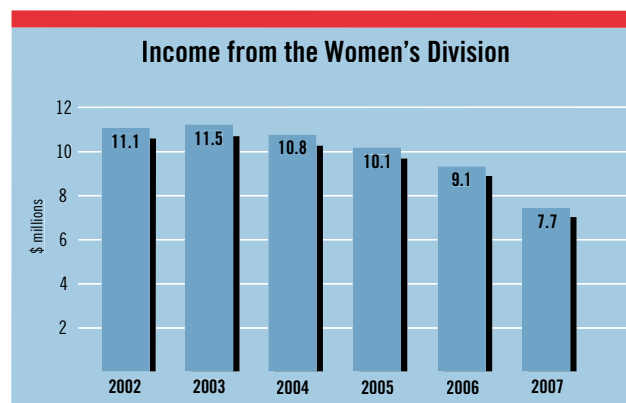
The Advance for Christ and His Church is the voluntary, designated mission support program of The United Methodist Church, and is a major source of support for missionary personnel (see graph below for the recent record of giving). In 2007, more than \$6.8 million for missionaries came through The Advance. For an extensive discussion of The Advance, see pages 93-96.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN’S GIFTS

Funds from the undesignated giving by United Methodist Women through the Board’s Women’s Division amount to more than 13 percent of the agency’s annual income in 2007. Pledge to Mission and the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial are the major channels for giving by United Methodist Women. The dollar figure in 2007 was \$7,748,717, a decline from other recent years.

Women’s Division makes allocations to support missionaries and programs through the Community and Institutional Ministries and Mission Contexts and Relationships Program Areas of the Board, as well as to costs of general services. These are in addition to the Division’s own programs and grants for ministries with women, children, and youth. (For information on linking to United Methodist Women on the conference level, see pages 72-73.) A graph on contributions of the Women’s Division to the Global Ministries budget is below.



SPECIAL SUNDAYS OFFERINGS

Global Ministries programs receive support from four of the six Special Sundays offerings of The United Methodist Church. These are:

- One Great Hour of Sharing

- Human Relations Day
- Native American Ministries
- World Communion

While the aggregate of these offerings represents only two percent of the budget, \$1,164,864 in 2007, Special Sundays are important opportunities for the interpretation of mission. The largest of these is the World Communion Offering, the whole of which goes to pay the administrative costs of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which receives no World Service dollars. These funds go directly to UMCOR and are not reflected in the Global Ministries core budget.

Promotion of Special Sundays is the responsibility of the United Methodist Commission on Communication (UMCom), supplemented by promotion by general agencies and annual conferences. Links to UMCom and Global Ministries' supportive websites are included in the descriptions below.

One Great Hour of Sharing

One hundred percent of One Great Hour of Sharing each spring goes to fund the administrative costs of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which receives no World Service allocations and takes no administrative costs from gifts made to disaster relief and rehabilitation. UMCOR is one of the world's major relief organizations and one of the few that devotes all of the gifts it receives to the ministries designated. This is possible in large part because of the support received each year through One Great Hour of Sharing. (For more information on UMCOR see pages 77-82.)

For more information on One Great Hour of Shar-

ing and promotion ideas on this special day go online to UMCom: <http://www.umcsgiving.org>. Type in the search box: One Great Hour of Sharing. Global Ministries: <http://new.gb-gm-umc.org/umcor/give/oghs>.

One Great Hour of Sharing offering in 2007 was \$3,372,268, down from \$3,597,350 in 2006.

Human Relations Day

This special occasion is observed in January on the Sunday that coincides with the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. The offering is dedicated to ministries of reconciliation. Ninety percent of the funds received come to Global Ministries for two programs: Community Developers and United Methodist Voluntary Services. The other ten percent goes to a youth offenders program administered by the General Board of Church and Society.

For additional information and promotional ideas go online to:

UMCom: <http://www.umcsgiving.org>. Type in search box: Human Relations Day.

Global Ministries: <http://new.gb-gm-umc.org/give/specialsundays/humanrelations>.

Human Relations Day offering in 2007 was \$474,225.

Native American Ministries Sunday

Native American Ministries Sunday, approved by the 1988 General Conference, recognizes and supports the contributions of Native Americans to the church and society.

Fifty percent of the gifts remain within annual conferences to develop and strengthen Native American ministries. Should no such ministries exist

within a conference, the full amount is remitted to the General Council on Finance and Administration. The funds are then distributed equally between the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry to provide scholarships to Native Americans attending United Methodist seminaries and the Native American Urban Initiative of the General Board of Global Ministries.

For more information go online to:

UMCom: <http://www.umcsgiving.org>. Type in search box: Native American Ministries

Global Ministries: <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/resources/annual/nativeamerican>.

Native American Ministries offering in 2007:
\$145,338

World Communion Sunday

One half of the annual October World Communion Sunday offering finances the World Communion Scholarships (formerly Crusade Scholarships) of Global Ministries and the other half is administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. World Communion Scholarships enable racial and ethnic students in the United States and international students to pursue graduate studies, with the expectation that the recipients will enter professions related to the church and its objectives in the world.

For more information, go online to:

UMCom: <http://www.umcsgiving.org>. Type in search box: World Communion Sunday.

Global Ministries: <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/give/specialsundays/worldcommunion>

World Communion offering in 2007 was
\$545,301.

OTHER SOURCES: INTEREST, DIVIDENDS, TRUSTS, BEQUESTS, FEES, SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Interests, dividends, and income from trusts provide strategic funds for global mission and ministry. Interests and dividend income comprised of interest on mortgage loans come primarily from the United Methodist Development Fund. Interest and dividend income on investments vary with the financial markets. Incomes from many investments are designated for particular ministries. Trust income is derived primarily from the Collins Forest, and the proceeds vary according to the timber harvest in any given year. Much of the Collins funds is reserved for missionary pensions. Income from these sources are reflected in the graphs and charts that follow, representing the year 2007. These figures do not include UMCOR or the Women's Division.

OTHER SOURCES

Children's Fund for Christian Mission

The United Methodist Children's Fund for Christian Mission supports several projects each year. It is promoted and administered by the General Board of Discipleship. Church school children in grades one through six learn about mission and contribute to projects proposed by the Mission Education Program Area of Global Ministries.

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT

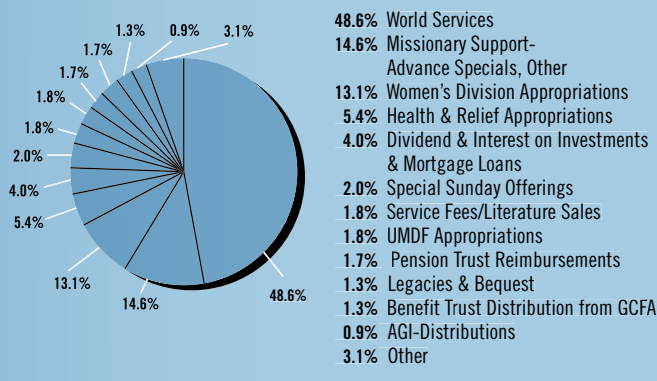
The Office of Development promotes planned giving to mission and can be of assistance to annual conference mission leaders. Staff is available to assist in identifying the multiple channels for giving

Where the Money Comes From

The General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church - 2007 Budgeted Income

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
World Service (48.6%)	28,663,164
Missionary Support - Advance Specials, Other (14.6%)	8,623,519
Women's Division Appropriations (13.1%)	7,748,717
Health & Relief Appropriations (5.4%)	3,170,675
Dividend and Interest on Investments and Mortgage Loans (4.0%)	2,380,882
Special Sunday Offerings (2.0%)	1,164,864
Service Fees/Literature Sales Publications (1.8%)	1,055,052
UMDF Appropriations (1.8%)	1,035,633
Pension Trust Reimbursements (1.7%)	1,026,106
Legacies and Bequests (1.7%)	996,605
Benefit Trust Distribution from GCFA (1.3%)	762,622
AIG - Distributions (0.9%)	3,510,007
Other (3.1%)	1,822,459
TOTAL	58,952,664

Where the Money Comes From - 2007 Budgeted Income



and helping individuals and organizations to find their special places of mission and ministry, with emphasis on both current and deferred giving. The planned giving staff strives to serve donors with integrity, while lending assistance in aligning stewardship goals with personal values and financial programs. Potential donors can see what planned

gifts are, how they work, and how they can be used to stretch one's giving ability. A planned gift:

- is the integration of a donor's personal, financial, and estate planning goals;
- makes a charitable gift possible under circumstances that may not have otherwise been possible;
- is being a good steward—giving more effectively, giving more without increasing the cost of the gift, and often giving larger gifts at lower costs.

For more information on the Office of Development go online to: <http://new.gb-gm-umc.org/about/us/administration/fd> or

Call the Office of Development at 212-870-3916 or email lbyrd@gb-gm-umc.org.

THE ADVANCE FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

The Advance for Christ and His Church (The Advance) is the United Methodist program for voluntary, designated mission giving. It started in 1948 and more than a billion in Advance dollars have been given throughout the first 60 years. These funds enable the church to “advance” the cause of Christ in many ways, including new church development, disaster relief, missionary support, scholarships, health services, agricultural and nutritional programs, and other programs in evangelism, education, and humanitarian assistance.

FACTS ABOUT THE ADVANCE

- The Advance represents “second-mile” mission giving, the “first mile” being mission support included in World Service apportionments.
- One hundred percent of every Advance gift goes to the ministry designated because the administrative costs are paid by apportionments.
- Advance gifts vary in size from a few dollars to hundreds of thousands of dollars, coming from individuals, families, church organizations, or congregations.
- In 2009, about 1,000 Advance projects in some 100 countries are available for support. In addition to projects, United Methodist missionaries may be supported through The Advance.
- The Advance operates under the financial oversight of the United Methodist General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) and the General Treasurer of the General Board of Global Ministries.
- An Advance Committee sets program policy and approves all ministries eligible to receive support through The Advance.
- Advances include both broad ministries, such as hunger, malaria control, and new church development, and specific projects.
- Many projects originate on local and regional levels as ministry priorities set by those most directly related to possibilities and needs. Annual conference, episcopal area leaders, and planning groups determine the specific requests submitted for approval by the Advance Committee.

- Approval as an Advance project does not guarantee funding. Church members and friends make voluntary gifts based on their own mission priorities and commitments.
- Giving through The Advance is promoted to congregations and conferences by the United Methodist Commission on Communications (UMCom) and by Global Ministries and through The Advance website (www.advancinghope.org) and other means.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ADVANCES

Annual conference Advances may be approved by conference boards of global ministries, conference councils on ministry, or other conference structures as determined by the individual conference. Contributions to annual conference Advances go through the financial systems of the conference rather than through GCFA.

MAJOR ADVANCE CATEGORIES

- *Missionary Support.* World Service funds are not sufficient to cover the missionary needs of The United Methodist Church. Financial support for United Methodist missionaries involves more than salaries. The total support incorporates the costs of health insurance, pension, housing, travel training expenses, and expenses specific to a place of assignment.

In 2007, some \$7 million was contributed to the support of missionaries and Church and Community Workers through Advance gifts. Congregations and individuals use The Advance as the channel for the support of “Covenant Relationships” with missionaries. (See pages 49-51.)

- *Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation.* Designated



contributions to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and related ministries go through The Advance. In 2007, over \$17 million was channeled through The Advance for this work. (For more on UMCOR, see pages 77-81.) In years of great disaster, considerably more is received.

- *Health and Nutrition.* Numerous broad and specific ministries deal with health and nutrition, notably among women and children. Recipients include church-related clinics, hospitals, and community-based health programs in many parts of the world.
- *Mission Initiatives.* Each of more than a dozen new or relatively new Mission Initiatives outside the US are funded in part by designated gifts. These initiatives are mostly in areas of West Africa, Asia, Central America, and Eastern Europe where Methodism is newly introduced, such as in Mongolia, or reintroduced, such as in Russia. (For more information on Mission Initiatives see pages 54-59.)

PROMOTING THE ADVANCE

Annual conference leaders want to stress the “second mile” nature of Advance giving. That does not mean that the full measure of a World Service apportionment should be paid before an individual or congregation considers Advances, but it does

mean that local church leaders should feel confident that the “first mile” will be met in any given fiscal year.

Appeals for emergency relief in time of natural or human-caused disasters represent special cases that can be supported through The Advance. Conference mission leaders, especially the Secretary of Global Ministries, will want to work with conference or area communicators to assure that information about relief needs is shared widely.

Conference leaders may be called upon to recommend or provide information on Advance projects. The online and printed catalogs can be helpful sources. The Advance Office can also provide information. Staff members are available to visit annual conferences for Advance presentations or seminars.

Promotion of Covenant Relationships with missionaries is especially important. The Advance is challenging each annual conference to increase its covenants by a total of 10 in the near future.

Every annual meeting of the conference should have an Advance display that provides general information and highlights projects with support among the members and congregations of the conference. The Advance Office can provide brochures and graphics.

Never hesitate to contact The Advance office for information and promotional ideas, and also to share thoughts and experiences.

ADVANCE CONTACT INFORMATION

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Conference Liaison, David Malloy,
dmalloy@gbgm-umc.org, 212-870-3781

Website: <http://www.advancinghope.org>

Donors and potential donors may browse Advance projects online to identify programs or ministries they would like to support.

WAYS TO GIVE THROUGH THE ADVANCE

There are several ways, including:

Through Congregations:

Writing a check or putting cash in a collection envelope with an Advance designation remains a popular way to make contributions. Church treasurers at United Methodist churches large and small know how to handle Advance gifts. Make checks payable to the local church, but put the name and number of The Advance project in the memo line. Treasurers at the local level forward Advance money to the annual conference, which passes it on to GCFA. This process guarantees that congregations receive credit for the gifts.

Giving Online:

Gifts made through the internet, at www.advancinghope.org, are charged to credit cards; there is also provision for noting the local church for credit purposes.

By Phone:

Credit card gifts can also be accepted by phone. Call: (888) 252-6174.

By Mail:

Make checks payable to ADVANCE GCFA. Write the name of the ministry and The Advance code

number on the check; send to:

Advance GCFA
P.O. Box 9068, GPO
New York, NY 10087-9068

Gift Tracking:

Online tracking of gifts is possible at: <http://www.ddi.org/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=umcv2/giftsearch.r>

RESOURCES

A great many resources for interpreting and promoting The Advance are available. These include calendars, cards, bookmarks, leaflets, newsletters, and CDs. Most are free of charge from either Cokesbury or United Methodist Communications; by email, or online.

Displays of available items can be found on the internet at:

For Cokesbury: <http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/DynamicContent.aspx?pageid=440&cid=75>, select “The Advance” on the menu at the center of the page. Phone: 800-672-1789.

For UMCom:

<http://secure.umcom.org/store/catalog/The-Advance,54.aspx>. Phone: 888-346-3862.

Advancing Hope is a newsletter that can either be read online at www.advancinghope.org or received by email. To subscribe go to: http://list.gbgm-umc.org/read/all_forums/subscribe?name=advancinghope

Conference mission leaders will want to keep two resources on hand:

- Congregational Covenant Relationship brochure, which explains how such relationships are established (see pages 49-51) and
- *Strength in Numbers*, the giving resource guide for 2009-2012. The guide provides information about worldwide Advance projects, all United Methodist missionary categories, and how local churches can enter into a Covenant Relationship with missionaries.

B1 (Be One), is a resource that will be available through Cokesbury and online in 2010. It describes a 24-hour food fasting event for youth which raises money to empower the poor and challenge unjust systems that sustain poverty. B1 connects youth to the issues facing impoverished sisters and brothers around the world and the ways The United Methodist Church can help eradicate poverty through The Advance.

IDEAS FOR PROMOTING WORLD SERVICE

(See pages 93-96 for suggestions on The Advance.)

Considerable information on ways to interpret and promote the World Service Fund is available online at: <http://www.umcgiving.org>. Type in the search box: World Service Fund Overview. A major goal is to help United Methodists within their congregations to understand World Service as people serving people, as participation in ministries that witness to and serve men, women, girls, and boys around the world. World Service is not mere money; it represents the connective links that unite United Methodists in common testimony to faith and commitment to God's mission in the world.

WEB PAGES, VIDEOS, AND SLIDES

Annual conferences and congregations can create pages on their websites that focus on World Service. Congregations that use video screens in their worship and fellowship events can use graphics and videos to highlight World Service and other mission giving. Resources and graphics can be secured from umc.org or gbgm-umc.org, both of which offer stories, features, and resources that illustrate the use of World Service funds.

DISPLAYS AND BULLETIN BOARDS

Congregations can set up bulletin boards or other displays in narthexes, fellowship halls, and church school classrooms. Resources can be drawn from umc.org at <http://www.umcgiving.org>. Type in search box: World Service Fund Overview. Additional resources may be obtained from *New World Outlook*, the bimonthly magazine of the General Board of Global Ministries, or *Response*, the magazine of United Methodist Women, which also carries stories, maps,



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and photos about many Methodist projects. *The Interpreter*, the program magazine from UMC, will also have graphics and information usable in displays.

Displays are also recommended at annual conference meetings and at conference and district gatherings focused on evangelism, mission, discipleship, youth and children's ministries, and church and society issues.

LEAFLETS

World Service leaflets are available, usually free, from UMC; they can sometimes be downloaded at <http://www.umc.org>. Type in search box: World Service Fund Support Materials.

MISSION MINUTES

Brief presentations on World Service, Special Sundays, The Advance, and other forms of mission support can be included in worship, fellowship meals, Sunday school classes, and the meetings of congregational, district, or annual conference organizations. Participants in volunteer in mission teams could be invited to share their experiences. These "minutes" can also be put on video for internet sites and public events.

MISSION SPEAKERS

Speakers close at hand can include mission personnel working within the conference or geographical area: retired missionaries, conference mission leaders, and participants in UMC teams. If the latter are invited, be sure to stress the importance of presenting a broad spectrum of mission, not just a small, personal slice.

Global Mission missionaries often "itinerate" (visit) among congregations and annual conferences. Find out if a missionary may be in the area by calling the Global Ministries office at 212-870-3600 and asking for "Mission Itineration."

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

World Service, The Advance, and mission support programs should be included in church membership classes for both adults and young people. Participation in the financial support of the church is an essential part of church membership. Resources on the use of money and on mission and money are available through UMC. Check online at: <http://www.umc.org>. Type in search box: Funding Giving Resources.