

YOUR STORY OF WOMEN IN MISSION:

The 2009 United Methodist Women Budget

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Stories are essential to the fabric of our lives. They tell us where we've been, who we are, and what we can become. Many compelling accounts about United Methodist Women in mission have been written over the years.

Stories from the frontline by our foremothers, stories from the local unit and from Capitol Hill — all accounts that move us to serve another day, another year, another decade.

Now granted, I'm passionate about numbers, but I would suggest that the 2009 Budget of the Women's Division, the national policymaking arm of United Methodist Women, tells just as compelling a narrative about who we are, and what we can become. Each line speaks the story of commitment to mission. Those numbers are your Mission Giving dollars, your gift to our collective Christian work.

United Methodist Women has a powerful legacy of giving to mission and ministry with women, children and youth in the United States and around the world. The story of the 2009 budget is the tangible expression of how we live into the Purpose of United Methodist Women.

Every budget year is a new opportunity to be creative and explore new ways of reaching people in need through community centers, residential programs for special needs children and homeless women with their children, and other community programs. The names of these centers we support may be familiar, as we grow long-lasting relationships, but our mission institutions evolve with our support, and so do their specific functions and needs over the years.

There is vitality and creativity inside the community centers that we recognize in relationship as "national mission institutions." Many of the buildings, owned by the Women's Division, are provided rent-free for community centers and schools, thanks to the financial wisdom of our foremothers. In 2009, our budget story is about focusing dollars to provide additional funding for mission, and paying for property and liability insurance. In doing so, we free our part-

ners to serve more directly women, children, youth and families who come through their doors.

United Methodist Women works through individuals as well. Across the globe, your Mission Giving dollars provide missionaries with salaries and support. We are able to continue our support of ecumenical groups doing great things here and in other lands. This mission includes: Bible Women, child care, health care programs, leadership training, and economic and educational opportunities empowering women.

The Mission Outreach Story

National and international ministries, spiritual development, mission education and advocacy for women children and youth are the full complement of mission programs your dollars support. For the 2009 budget, this represents where 73 cents out of each dollar a local United Methodist Women member gives to the unit Pledge for Mission or mission gifts goes. That is \$13.6 million in expenditures, as approved by the Women's Division board of directors at the October 2008 annual meeting.

The Membership and Leadership Development story

You belong to a Christian women's mission organization by birth and by action. United Methodist Women is also a membership and leadership development organization. In their wisdom, the members of United Methodist Women maintain a staff, a panel of women specialists that rank in the top tiers of Christian education, spiritual growth and nurture, leadership development, and Christian social action. These women work for United Methodist Women members directly as they encourage, foster development and train women who want to be leaders in their local churches, in their communities, conferences and jurisdictions. Through your national board of directors, leadership of all of your mission commitments and institutions comes alive. These women, your staff, lead the mission work you support as a local United Methodist Women member.

The Membership and Leadership Development program represents 16 cents out of each mission dollar. It is a powerful way to make sure that you are represented as budget dollars are allocated, and new mission pro-

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jects are approved. It is a powerful way to insure the future of your organization. It is a powerful way to contribute to long-lasting leadership skills absolutely essential for you and your United Methodist Women sisters to have the impact in this world to which we have been called to serve.

Developing leaders from within the ranks of each local unit helps your local church, the denomination, and the Christian impact we can have worldwide. Women who develop leadership skills through participation in United Methodist Women programs go on to use those skills in all facets of their lives — often to the benefit of their local churches, communities and nation.s. That is, \$3 million dollars for 2009.

The Administration story

Some people want giving to mission to be separate from administration. It may not seem readily apparent, but administration is a key component of Mission Giving.

Administration is a critical part of any organization. Good administration of a mission organization is key to its delivery of ministry services. It is the part of the body that creates efficiency, economy, making more mission possible.

Your administrative staff is vigilant about keeping administrative costs low. For 2009 these costs make up 11 percent of the total operating budget and include the administration of each program in addition to the joint-board costs shared between Women’s Division and Global Ministries. That is \$2 million dollars for 2009.

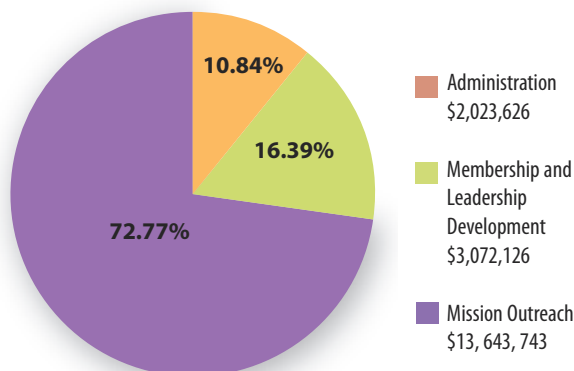
Tangible faith

All totaled, these pieces add up to \$18.7 million dollars you have given to mission, ministry, spiritual development, mission education, advocacy, leadership development and administration of mission. The staff located in your main office in New York City, two satellite offices, the missionaries, community leaders and care givers thank you for the opportunity your gifts give to be in Christian service with you, with women, with children and with youth, here at home and around the world.

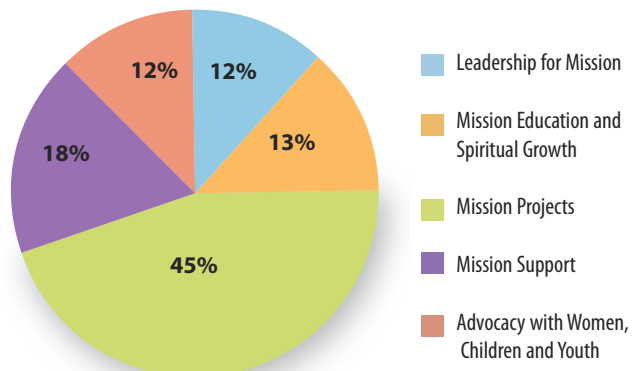
The 2009 budget is another chapter in United Methodist Women’s mission story, a story of your dollars, the tangible expression of your faith, your hope, your love. May we continue to pray for wisdom in all that we do with these gifts that God has so graciously entrusted to us so that one day, we may be the foremothers of a generation who will do things that we can only dream.



2009 Mission Budget
\$18,748,537



2009 Mission Outreach Budget
\$13,643,743



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Conference Financial Report

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008
 Women's Division — General Board of Global Ministries
 The United Methodist Church
 Submitted by Leslie Nedderman, Assistant Controller

Jurisdiction	Total Pledged	Mission Giving	Designated Giving	TOTAL
NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION				
North Central Jurisdiction.....	\$ —	\$ 90,027.24	\$ 505.57	\$ 90,532.81
Dakotas.....	185,000.00	158,333.04	21,107.94	179,440.98
Detroit.....	360,000.00	343,889.25	57,823.22	401,712.47
East Ohio.....	415,000.00	297,709.62	40,256.70	337,996.32
Illinois Great Rivers.....	486,000.00	486,050.00	150,100.70	636,150.70
Iowa.....	775,000.00	686,815.44	121,423.79	808,239.23
Minnesota.....	285,000.00	273,309.96	82,533.06	355,843.02
North Indiana.....	350,000.00	290,116.84	25,111.44	315,228.28
Northern Illinois.....	440,000.00	396,409.36	35,801.89	432,211.25
South Indiana.....	235,000.00	207,079.84	24,328.40	231,408.24
West Michigan.....	232,317.00	222,116.08	48,371.52	270,487.60
West Ohio.....	400,000.00	430,984.15	106,620.77	537,604.92
Wisconsin.....	360,000.00	338,760.22	33,884.28	372,644.50
TOTAL NORTH CENTRAL.....	\$4,523,317.00	\$4,221,601.04	\$747,869.28	\$4,969,470.32
NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION				
Northeastern Jurisdiction.....	\$ —	\$ 8,684.21	\$ —	\$ 8,684.21
Baltimore-Washington.....	269,622.00	278,3456.58	27,072.80	305,429.38
Central Pennsylvania.....	220,000.00	202,807.16	47,713.93	250,521.09
Eastern Pennsylvania.....	240,000.00	219,712.73	15,283.58	234,996.31
Greater New Jersey.....	172,755.00	183,314.92	53,050.72	236,365.64
New England.....	100,000.00	90,092.06	24,990.37	115,082.43
New York.....	150,000.00	152,924.63	11,521.81	164,446.44
North Central New York.....	116,000.00	109,808.27	10,662.06	120,470.33
Peninsula-Delaware.....	87,000.00	89,780.48	15,822.10	105,602.58
Troy.....	54,800	66,695.94	6,535.02	73,230.96
West Virginia.....	253,000.00	221,279.24	25,731.46	247,010.70
Western New York.....	95,000.00	106,121.55	7,488.60	113,610.15
Western Pennsylvania.....	270,000.00	281,389.10	30,577.75	311,966.85
Wyoming.....	79,600.00	78,509.98	7,137.77	85,647.75
TOTAL NORTHEASTERN.....	\$2,107,777.00	\$2,089,476.85	\$283,587.97	\$2,373,064.82

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SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION				
South Central Jurisdiction	\$ —	\$ 108,037.70	\$ 4,437.29	\$ 112,474.99
Arkansas.....	300,000.00	279,526.44	42,837.70	322,364.14
Central Texas	190,000.00	180,060.00	14,872.61	194,932.61
Kansas East	295,000.00	294,252.53	18,156.34	312,408.87
Kansas West	335,000.00	287,193.55	29,590.72	316,784.27
Louisiana.....	226,500.00	182,001.17	27,996.06	209,997.23
Missouri.....	420,000.00	424,065.59	53,432.62	477,498.21
Nebraska	305,000.00	317,910.40	50,656.41	368,566.81
New Mexico.....	150,000.00	91,075.72	23,778.69	114,854.41
North Texas.....	193,902.00	198,793.01	72,157.78	270,950.79
Northwest Texas	75,000.00	76,178.32	17,094.27	93,272.59
Oklahoma.....	330,210.02	305,858.87	38,334.83	344,193.70
Oklahoma Indian Missionary	—	10,572.72	941.38	11,517.10
Rio Grande.....	28,290.00	27,414.10	3,501.99	30,916.09
Southwest Texas.....	210,000.00	195,983.00	19,660.39	215,643.39
Texas.....	420,000.00	369,776.55	48,393.70	418,170.25
TOTAL SOUTH CENTRAL.....	\$ 3,478,902.02	\$ 3,348,702.67	\$ 465,842.78	\$ 3,814,545.45
SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION				
Southeastern Jurisdiction.....	\$ —	\$ 97,969.28	\$ —	\$ 97,969.28
Alabama-West Florida.....	128,073.00	140,362.57	25,282.45	165,645.02
Florida.....	550,000.00	591,047.71	57,083.04	648,130.75
Holston	348,500.00	355,450.54	85,283.32	440,733.86
Kentucky	209,000.00	211,742.77	23,326.82	235,069.59
Memphis	205,000.00	191,342.42	17,392.53	208,734.95
Mississippi	164,850.00	177,882.49	48,934.58	226,817.07
North Alabama.....	280,000.00	257,369.32	28,809.93	286,179.25
North Carolina	438,000.00	447,860.13	35,868.95	483,729.08
North Georgia	422,648.80	425,975.59	106,355.03	532,330.62
Red Bird Missionary.....	2,849.00	4,736.44	544.55	5,280.99
South Carolina.....	364,288.00	399,847.45	169,442.71	569,290.16
South Georgia.....	260,000.00	302,154.34	79,040.39	381,194.73
Tennessee	140,000.00	266,797.14	57,630.06	324,427.20
Virginia	760,000.00	743,573.30	113,288.14	856,861.44
Western North Carolina.....	811,000.00	814,723.10	116,993.94	931,717.04
TOTAL SOUTHEASTERN	\$ 5,084,208.80	\$ 5,428,834.59	\$ 965,276.44	\$ 6,394,111.03
WESTERN JURISDICTION				
Western Jurisdiction	\$ —	\$ 37,466.04	\$ —	\$ 37,466.04
Alaska Missionary	18,090.00	18,843.89	4,422.42	23,266.31
California/Nevada	279,290.00	262,863.06	59,380.00	322,243.06
California-Pacific.....	375,000.00	378,157.62	67,144.35	445,301.97
Desert Southwest	93,312.00	123,862.23	15,826.81	139,689.04
Oregon/Idaho	175,000.00	168,375.41	19,249.96	187,625.37
Pacific Northwest.....	150,000.00	152,897.98	33,378.59	186,276.57
Rocky Mountain.....	180,500.00	187,446.07	44,401.93	231,848.00
Yellowstone.....	75,000.00	60,911.81	14,716.22	75,628.03
TOTAL WESTERN	\$ 1,346,192.00	\$ 1,390,824.11	\$ 258,520.28	\$ 1,649,344.39
Miscellaneous Donations.....	\$ —	\$ 63,580.49	\$ 50,814.57	\$ 114,395.06
GRAND TOTALS.....	\$16,540,396.82	\$16,543,019.75	\$ 2,771,911.32	\$19,314,931.07