



The Chimes

July/August 2015

Friends,

FAQs on the New Ministry Plan

For the last six months we have been hearing of planning a new ministry at our church. Here are some information on the probable questions regarding this ministry.

What exactly the purpose of this new ministry?

Though we are one of the nicest churches in the city, a close knit family engaged in caring, loving and serving ministry, we also face challenges on growing or even sustaining the membership. Some folks from our church, therefore, are intentionally praying & planning programs that could attract younger families to Christ and to the church; this is being done with the support of our church leadership and the Conference.

Would this new ministry change the existing pattern of worship that we have been having?

The new ministry of inviting millennials into church would start separately as small groups gathering for prayer and friendship, building relationship, connecting lives to Christ and eventually hoping to turn that into a body of worship on regular basis, probably as a second service. It would not replace the present worship service at all; instead, this becomes our church's new ministry to unchurched people.

Who will finance this new project?

Remembering how our ancestors have invested sacrificially for making this church available for us for our spiritual edification, nurture & growth, it should be our obligation to similarly invest on bringing unchurched families of our city and neighborhood to Christ. Realizing our financial constraints, the Conference has stepped up to help out with meeting major expenses that would occur while starting new worship service (including hiring worship leader and so on). Conference assured us that it would support this ministry for three years with the hope that the new group of worshippers would take responsibility of continuing the ministry by being part of the church administration.

Why can't the unchurched people be invited to the existing church service instead of starting a new ministry?

Absolutely we can do so; and are we not doing so always? But unfortunately, people don't want to come to church; this includes a few of our own folks including bringing children to Sunday school. Every year we have been losing a few individuals/families from the church roll as well. Knowing this well, a new attempt is prayerfully being tried with implementing a new strategy with the hope that it would draw younger families to Christ.

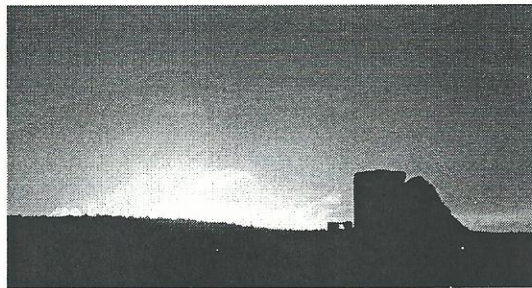
Would this new ministry be run separately & managed under independent administration?

Since this plan is being done by our church as our church's ministry, there would be no question of expecting a separate administration. As this ministry progresses eventually (step by step with small groups, programs etc) and the new ministry emerges successfully, we all will greatly rejoice with thankfulness to God for the opportunity that has been given to us to grow this ministry. Although we might worship separately as two services, this new ministry belongs to us and we continue as one church or a church within the church.

I, therefore, invite us to joyously participate in this sacred work of reaching out to the unreached and uphold in prayers our church group that has been diligently working on this difficult task. Remember, this is our mission to the unreached and let us humble ourselves before God and pray that God's Spirit might powerfully work in this effort by bringing many people to Christ.

"And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:14-15)

Harsha



Friends — Apportionment

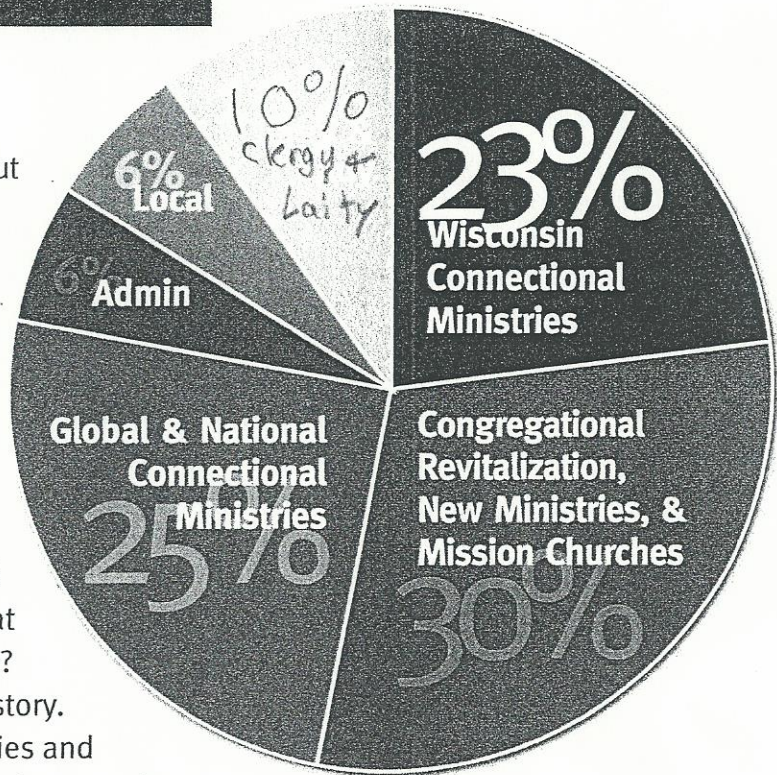
Where does our Apportionment go? No one gives us information about it! This is what usually heard from people. Do we really have patience to pause and read when information is given? In a nutshell here are the info:
 30% for new church start, 25% for global ministries: relief workers, missionaries etc., 23% supporting weaker churches, moving expenses and other connectional ministries...



AN OVERVIEW OF OUR WISCONSIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE SHARED MINISTRIES PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET

There are many ways to “Live the Fruit of the Spirit,” but one of the most significant ways we share in ministry together is through the financial support of every congregation and every local church. The faithful commitment of United Methodists across our Conference guarantees that we are able to “make disciples of Jesus Christ” who join together to transform the world.

Each church is apportioned a share in the overall financial support of our connectional ministries and missions. But how is this money actually used? What benefit and value do we receive for the gifts we give? Facts and figures only reflect a small portion of the story. Here is a brief overview of the many exciting ministries and faithful missions we share in together as the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.



30% for Congregational Revitalization, New Ministries, and Mission Churches

Approximately 30% of our total budget (\$2.1 million) is dedicated to congregational revitalization, the launch and support of new ministries and churches, and the direct assistance of mission churches (those vital ministries that are currently not self-sustaining). Special focus on our racial and ethnic ministries and circuits is also funded through our giving. Training and learning opportunities are provided, as well as collaborative ministry opportunities beyond the capacity of most local churches.

25% for Global and National Connectional Ministries

Twenty-five percent of our budget (\$1.7 million) is designated to support the global and national connectional ministries of our denomination. World Service Fund, Ministerial Education, Africa University, Black College Fund, the Episcopal Fund and the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund all provide vital ministries around the world. Only about 1.5% goes to the General Administration Fund. The remainder is used to support our worldwide connectional ministries.

23% for Wisconsin Connectional Ministries

Twenty-three percent (\$1.6 million) stays within our Conference to fund our connectional ministries in Wisconsin. Our camps, our mission projects locally and globally, our campus ministries, our health and welfare ministries, and dozens more are kept healthy and strong through the giving of our local congregations. Salary and support for Conference staff and leadership are an essential part of our shared connectional ministry. We have invested staff, energy, and resources to improving our communication ministries at all levels.

10% for Clergy and Laity Leadership Development

Ten percent of our budget (\$725,000) is dedicated to the ongoing cultivation and improvement of clergy and laity leadership within the Conference. This is a real investment, both in the short-term and for our future. Our Boards of Ordained and Lay Ministry work diligently to make sure that we have the type of leadership and the right mix of gifts and skills to allow us to do effective ministry within the Conference and around the world.

6% for Local Congregations

Approximately 6% of our giving (\$382,000) comes directly back to local congregations through consultation, training, partnerships, and networking. We support each other in ministry, and the Conference works with circuits and local churches to meet as many individual needs as possible.

6% for Administrative Costs

Another 6% of our giving (\$391,000) underwrites the administrative and overhead costs needed to run any organization. The Conference is making great strides to be good stewards of the resources we have, to eliminate or reduce waste, and to maximize the impact of what we use.

**BOTTOM LINE: 94% OF THE BUDGET
DIRECTLY FUNDS OUR UNITED
METHODIST MISSION**

We have not been able to fund our budget fully for a number of years. This is more than an inconvenience, it is a tragedy. As we receive less, we are able to do less. For the last several years, Wisconsin paid its General Church Apportionments at less than 100%--after two decades of paying it in full. For years, we have been forced to reduce, cut, or eliminate ministries and programs as apportionment giving decreased from our churches. Together, we can return to 100%. If we Imagine Wisconsin Anew, and think in terms of abundance, and not scarcity, we can do it. God will bless our efforts and we will do great things.

Our challenge is not merely to reach 100%, but to think greater. What could we do if we reached 105%? 110%? What new opportunities could we share in together to witness to God's greatness in our Conference and our world? We shouldn't strive to simply "pay our bills." We want to make a statement: we believe God is ready to do amazing things through the faithful giving of the Wisconsin Annual Conference. Join us this year as we Imagine Wisconsin Anew!



EDUCATION WORK AREA

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Where: South Milwaukee United Methodist
1327 Marshall Avenue, South Milwaukee**

When: July 26-30 from 5:00 –7:45 PM.

**Contact: Church Office with Questions
Phone: 414-762-6030**

**Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty
Power. The Coolest Week of the Summer.**

**Tell your neighbors and friends to bring
their kids for this educational and social
yearly tradition.**

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Youth Group

Please bring in your aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds from your donations benefit our youth. Please rinse out the cans and make sure they are emptied before you bring them to the church. Thank you!

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LifeLine Screening

July 17, 2015

Life Line Screening will be here at our church offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. Five screenings will be offered that scan arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aorta aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

MISSIONS WORK AREA

Dear Supporting Churches,

It is so heartening to know that you are praying for and supporting our work at Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre.

Thanks for your continuing support of my Salary as a UMC Missionary. Please also remember that we need Project support to keep me busy at Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre. We are in the Dry Season here and that means building. We are rebuilding a calf barn, putting in milking stalls, putting up a permanent water tower to improve water to our 70 head of cattle, 65 goats and 60 sheep as well as 2500 chickens and our worker house.

We have just taken delivery of a 75 HP John Deere and mower. We used it to bring in our forage crop in the last two weeks and to make silage to get our herd through the six month long dry season. We will soon take delivery of a new Disc Harrow so we can be ready to plant maize and soybeans in November.

We are also looking for donations to buy layer cages for our 1,200 new chickens. That will cost us about \$500 dollars.

To learn more about our activities at Mujila Falls, please go to our Facebook Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/MujilaFallsAgCentre?ref=bookmark>

Your Servant in Christ, Paul Webster

Health Kits for In-Gathering

Thanks to the generosity of many of you, we were able to purchase, package, and deliver 29 Health kits for the Annual Conference In-Gathering projects.

\$72 worth of pennies were collected throughout the year. Keep up the continuing good work!

Apology – Pancake Breakfast Sausage

Our Mission Committee apologizes for the pancake breakfast sausage served at our last breakfast. They were purchased at Klements, as were the previous ones (made by Klements but packaged for IGA grocery stores). We don't know why they were different, but we hope the next ones will be better. As we have told you in the past, the price keeps going up and that decreases our profit. We are so sorry! Please continue to come!

South Milwaukee Human Concerns

In the month of May, we collected 31 cans of baked beans, 26 boxes of hamburger helper, 2 cake mixes, and 1 bag of personal items.

No More Malaria

Your generosity is making a difference!
Malaria's death rate is almost half of what it was in 2006.
11,600 + community health workers trained
2,300,000 + bed nets distributed
4,600,000 + lives impacted
300 + health clinics in operation
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Women Fellowship and Friendship meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m at the Market Place restaurant. Just call

Thanks to the congregation for singing Happy Birthday for my 98th birthday.

I also want to thank all the members who sent the lovely cards.

Norma Schmidt

We want to thank everyone for the prayers for our son, Tim. Everything turned out fine and he thanks you too.

Lenny & Annette Cizmowski

Dear Parishoners:

We at So. Milwaukee Human Concerns wish to express our appreciation for your generous donations of food on behalf of your neighbors in need. Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,
Mary Bander, volunteer

Freedom Under God

Our status of dominion (over creation) derives from God's delegated authority. We do not exist as autonomous persons at liberty to do as we please. Our privilege of dominion does not mean freedom from God; it means freedom under God.

Our commission to be subrulers under God carries with it enormous responsibilities. He intends for us to rise above the rest of the created order and to participate rationally and responsibly in his divine purpose.

-Kenneth Cain Kinghorn
Christ Can Make You Fully Human

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is finally enjoying the nice weather we have been having. I can always tell when the weather starts to warm up and summer activities pick up, there isn't as much strain on my legs with fewer people sitting on me. I don't know how many of you know about this one line item on the churches budget called Conference Apportionments. I know it's a big name. This is part of your obligation to the United Methodist Conference. Each church has a certain amount and yours is \$28, 241.00. So far you have collected approximately \$4,533.00. You are already half way through the year and you are only 16% of the way. This money goes towards helping churches start new programs. Wait a minute, aren't you folks trying to start a new program at SMUMC? I know the summer is one of travel and I really don't want to go to church today. I accept that but please send in a check and if you can, please think about giving extra so you can meet your obligations to the Conference.

Thanks for your time

The Sanctuary

P.S. My pews can handle anything you can dish out. I enjoy lots of butts sitting on me.

South Shore Regional Interfaith Office

Is looking for volunteers to drive older adults to doctor appointments and to help them with grocery shopping, etc. If you have some spare time, (even a small amount) they could use your help. Volunteering is flexible. There are no set days, hours or times; whenever you are available. It is a great opportunity to help out in your community. Please call: 762-1998 for more information. They are still looking for some one from our church to serve on the Interfaith Board. If you can help let the church office know.

Hobo Dinner

The Annual Hobo Dinner will be held on **October 24, 2015** this fall. Put the date on your calendar and watch for more information.

Birthdays

July 26th will be our Birthday Celebration Day. Plan to attend (immediately following the 9:00 A.M service) for birthday cake, beverage, conversation and fellowship with other birthday people.

Scripture Readings for July, 2015

July 5

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalm 48

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

July 12

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

July 19

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalm 89:20-37

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Psalm 14

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

Safe Haven Child Care is now licensed and want to invite any one who has Child Care need to call 414-301-9875.

Dates to Remember

U. S. Independence Day, July 4

Lifeline Screening, July 17

Women's Fellowship, July 21

Vacation Bible School, July 26-30

Recipe for the month

"Sprinkle" Rhubarb Dessert

Put 4 cups rhubarb (sliced – chunkss) in a 9x13 pan. Sprinkle 3-oz pkg. red jello (raspberry or strawberry) over rhubarb. Sprinkle 1 cup sugar over the jello. Pour 1 cup water over all.

Sprinkle 1 pkg. yellow cake mix (9x13 size) over rhubarb and jello. Cut $\frac{3}{4}$ cup margarine into cubes and layer over cake mix. Sprinkle $\frac{1}{2}$ cup nuts on top and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup coconut. Bake at 350 degrees until done. (approximately 45 minutes).

Birthdays

August 30st will be our Birthday Celebration Day. Plan to attend (immediately following the 9:00 A.M service) for birthday cake, beverage, conversation and fellowship with other birthday people.

Scripture for August, 2015

August 2

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Psalm 51:1-12

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

August 9

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

August 16

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Psalm 111

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

August 23

1 Kings 8: (1,6,10-11), 22-30. 41-43

Psalm 84

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

August 30

Song of Songs 2:8-13

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

Life at the Table

I have found that this life
is short enough and long enough
to laugh at honest clowns
and to weep at requiem,
to break bread with a beggar
and to accept a gift from a king,
to walk with a child at her pace
and to stretch to the step of the wise.

This life with all its graces
is a table spread for feasting.
A Host who asks our presence has meat and
bread and brimming cup we can never taste
until we take them into ourselves with costly
pledge.
Some look through the window and walk by,
while life is at the table.

-William Hogg