

**Together we can accomplish more than any one individual can.** That's what connectional giving, known as Shared Ministry Apportionments, is all about. Connectional giving is built on a desire and commitment as United Methodists to meet the needs of God's family. We combine smaller gifts into a larger amount in order to effect transformative change in the lives of people and the world.

**Thanks to your support** of Shared Ministry Apportionments, as a connectional church, we can make a difference, all in the name of Jesus Christ.

Our apportionments are a reflection of the priorities established in the budget for the entire conference. Each year in February, the Council on Finance and Administration – made up of clergy and laity – hears budget requests. Then CF&A prepares an overall budget for the conference.

That budget is presented at the annual June gathering, where it is approved – sometimes after modifications. The treasurer's office apportionments the budget amount among the 476 churches in the NYAC. Contrary to popular belief, the apportionment to local churches is not determined by membership rolls. Rather, it is based upon the expenses of the local church in the year two years prior to the conference budget year. So for the NYAC 2010 budget, the expenses of the local church during 2008 are used to determine each congregation's apportionment.

The calendar year 2010 NYAC budget is \$9,060,238, and here is how it is divided up:

21.2%

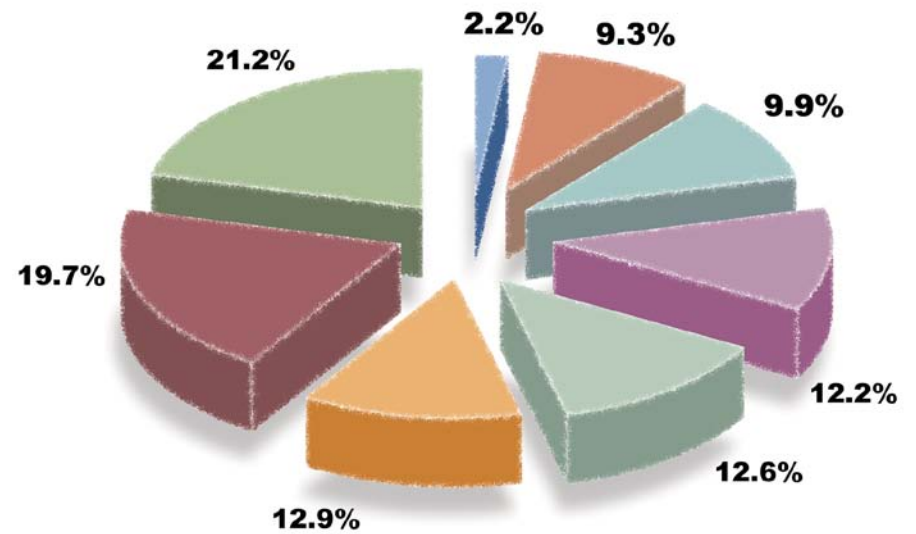
**\$1,921,061 - Conference administration** funds the costs of the treasurer's office and other expenses, including the operation of the conference center in White Plains, N.Y., and part of the salary for the bishop's assistant. The trustees' expenses, and the costs of the annual conference are included as well. Expenses for the conference Board of Ordained Ministry, and other unforeseen expenses that the bishop or the trustees encounter complete this section.

19.7%

**\$1,784,109 - Retired clergy health benefits** cover benefits for retired clergy.

12.9%

**\$1,164,546 - World Service Fund** is essential to our denominational outreach. The fund empowers UM evangelism, stimulates Bible study, encourages church growth and discipleship, and helps God's children everywhere.



12.6%

**\$1,140,186** covers the ministry of the six **district superintendents**, their salaries and that of their assistants, and any office expenses.

12.2%

**\$1,103,777- Conference programs**, includes the compensation of our Connectional Ministries director and Mission and Outreach coordinator. It funds our website ([www.nyac.com](http://www.nyac.com)), print resources, Learning Center, and training programs for local church leaders. We fund district programs; campus, youth, ecumenical, and justice ministries; and many new initiatives through this part of the budget. Finally, there's help for churches in our loan program, grants for local programs, and new church development.

9.9%

**\$900,134 - Other shared ministries**, which includes ministries that all UM churches support across the country – such as the Black College and Africa University funds. It also includes our conference's missional priority to support a number of ethnic ministries.

9.3%

**\$846,425 - Other clergy support** includes the NYAC share of the salaries and expenses of the UM bishops, funding for churches that temporarily cannot pay their pastor enough, and pensions for disabled pastors.

2.2%

**\$200,000** – This amount has been designated as a **conference reserve** in a step to rebuild our Annual Conference reserves to at least \$1 million, which will provide for adequate cash flow, and for emergencies.

***We make a difference through Shared Ministry Apportionments!***