

Unified Plan of Finance: Mission and Service Fund

About This Resource

This resource contains policies and procedures that are mandatory and must be followed. These policies and procedures expand on the policy in Section E.4.5.6 h of *The Manual*.

Policies and Procedures

The work of the United Church is funded through a unified plan through the Mission and Service Fund.

The Mission and Service Fund includes contributions from members and adherents of the United Church and funds raised by the Women's Ministries Network. All contributions to and distributions from the Mission and Service Fund must be made through one treasury.

The unified plan is under the direction of the General Council and supervised by the Executive of the General Council. It includes the following:

- (a) an estimation of the financial requirements of each General Council working unit annually;
- (b) an appeal to the whole United Church for
 - (i) the amount required by the General Council working units; and
 - (ii) an amount for special appeals that may be authorized by Executive of the General Council for emergency situations;
- (c) a proposal for sharing the financial responsibility among the Conferences, presbyteries, and pastoral charges annually;
- (d) raising awareness about the mission of the United Church throughout the church through stewardship education and other means;
- (e) encouraging Conferences, presbyteries, and pastoral charges to use approved methods of church finance; and
- (f) distributing funds raised to meet the needs of each General Council working unit fairly and adequately.

