

When your church  
pays its fair amount of

# SHARED MINISTRY



You help support our East Ohio United Methodist Health & Welfare institutions, our Ohio United Methodist-related colleges and our community ministries in East Ohio.



You are in mission across the U.S.  
and 165 countries around the world.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### *Who set the apportioned Shared Ministry amounts?*

Local church lay and clergy members of the East Ohio Conference must approve all budget items at Annual Conference.

The amount we vote to support at conference is then “apportioned” - each church is asked to pay its fair share of what we voted to fund.

### *How are our churches' apportioned Shared Ministry funds figured?*

Apportionments are figured only on the amount of money a church spends on itself for programming, operations and salaries, church membership is no longer part of the formula.

### *What happens if we do not pay our Shared Ministry funds?*

Some mission or ministry of our church that is being done in Christ's name is either cut back or eliminated.

### *Where do I get more information on Shared Ministry funds?*

Upon request, the treasurer will prepare a printout of your church's annual share of apportioned Shared Ministry funds. Call (800) 831-3972, ext. 123 for more information.

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173,952 members in 796 churches  
who share in God's Mission

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## for Ourselves

- Administrative costs for health care plan.
- Pays up to half the cost of moving household goods when there is a change in pastors.
- Maintains three camps used by churches.
- Provides training for church leaders and pastors through district and conference events as well as local church consultations
- Helps underwrite:
  - Schools of Ministry
  - Conference Youth Events
- Provides money and help for new churches and revitalizing churches
- Provides salary support for churches unable to meet minimum standards
- Provides spiritual and administrative leadership to us through our district superintendents and conference staff.

## for Neighbors

- Provides assistance for our United Methodist-related institutions
    - Berea Children's Home
    - Copeland Oaks/Crandall Medical Center
    - Wesleyan Senior Living
    - Flat Rock Homes and Care Center
    - North Shore Retirement Community
  - Provides support for our five United Methodist-related colleges:
    - Baldwin-Wallace College
    - Ohio Northern University
    - Ohio Wesleyan University
    - Mount Union College
    - Otterbein College
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- Helps fund over 50 projects launched by churches to serve their communities
  - Helps fund a number of community ministries, including:
    - United Methodist Community Center, Youngstown
    - West Side Community Center, Cleveland
    - Urban Mission Ministry, Steubenville
    - Epworth Center, Bethesda
    - Canton Calvary Mission, Canton
    - Open- M, Akron

## for Others



- Provides support for over 1,000 missionaries in the U.S. and around the world
- Provides funding for over 9,000 mission projects in 165 countries in the world and in the U.S.
- Provides for Bible distribution around the world
- Provides support for United Methodist hospitals, homes for the aging and community centers around the world and in our own country.
- Assists in developing evangelism materials.
- Provides a support system to channel relief aid to disaster victims in the U.S. and around the world
- Helps fund our 13 United Methodist seminaries and 80 United Methodist-related colleges, including our 12 historically black colleges

