



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

APPORTIONMENTS: PART 1

Understanding the Connection

- Before watching this webinar, what was your understanding of apportionments? How has that understanding changed?
- The webinar describes The United Methodist Church as a connectional church. How do apportionments help strengthen that connection?
- Why is it important that giving begins in the local church and then extends to support the wider mission of the denomination?

Reflecting on Shared Ministry

- The webinar explains that some apportionment funds support leadership, coordination, and administration. Why are these ministries important to the church's mission?
- Which of the four apportionment funds was new to you or surprised you the most? Why?
- How do leadership, organization, and shared partnerships help the church accomplish more than individual congregations could on their own?

Your Congregation

- How does your congregation talk about connectional giving or apportionments?
- What opportunities exist to help members better understand where their giving goes and the ministries it supports?
- What stories or examples could you share to help illustrate the impact of connectional giving?

Taking Action

- What is one way your congregation could communicate the purpose of apportionments?

Examples might include:

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| - including articles in the newsletter | - sharing a ministry story during worship |
| - using social media resources | - highlighting one apportionment each month |

Personal Reflection

- The webinar describes apportionments as a covenant rooted in relationship, trust, and shared purpose. What does that idea mean to you?
- How does understanding connectional giving deepen your appreciation for the ministries of The United Methodist Church?

Leader Challenge

- Which apportionment fund would you like to learn more about after watching this webinar?
- What is one action your church will take in the next month as a result of this video?

Follow the Journey of a Gift

Invite participants to trace the path of a gift through the connection.

ASK:

Think about a gift placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Where does it go from there?