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“We give, I believe, out of love and gratitude. I don’t think the Lord wants one dime out of a sense of duty or guilt. Quite often we think of it as a financial issue, but at its very heart, giving is really a spiritual issue. And so we give out of love. We give out of a deep sense of thanksgiving for all that God has done for us. And we give because we really want to make a difference in the world. Our mission is to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and a major part of living out that mission is generous giving.”

— BISHOP LINDSEY DAVIS

President, General Council on Finance and Administration



The Ministry of Administration

■ *What is the General Administration Fund?*

The General Administration Fund is one of the seven apportioned funds of The United Methodist Church. It underwrites and finances general Church activities that are administrative in nature, for instance, the legislative branch of the Church. The fund maintains a system of management oversight and fiscal responsibility within the Church.

■ *What role does the General Council on Finance and Administration play?*

The General Council on Finance and Administration manages and administers the finances of the Church; receives, disburses and accounts for the Church's general funds; in addition it safeguards the denomination's legal interests and rights. It also collects denominational statistical data for production of the general minutes and analysis and research.

■ *What does the General Administration Fund have to do with General Conference?*

The fund underwrites the legislative work of General Conference; that is, it is instrumental in making sure United Methodist delegates – selected by their peers from around the world – can meet to discuss and decide the Church's future at this quadrennial event.

■ *How does the Judicial Council benefit from this fund?*

The General Administration Fund supports the members of the Judicial Council as they adjudicate questions of Church law.

■ *Explain what role this fund plays in preserving United Methodist history.*

The General Administration Fund helps the General Commission on Archives and History maintain official documents and historical artifacts of The United Methodist Church. In addition, it supports the commission in its efforts to designate historical Church shrines, landmarks and sites.

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