

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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# UPPER NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPPER NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the UPPER NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, which comprises the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Upper New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Upper New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

# Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Upper New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

# **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Upper New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Upper New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

# **Report on Supplementary Information**

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The information on pages 35 to 43 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Dermody, Burke & Brown, CPAs, LLC

Syracuse, NY

October 7, 2025

# STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2024 and 2023

# **ASSETS**

		2024		2023
Cash	\$	12,805,514	\$	13,972,716
Investments		52,910,821		49,027,102
Church Apportionments Receivable		368,037		394,576
Accounts Receivable, Net of Allowance for Credit Losses of \$1,119,000 and \$1,054,000 in 2024 and 2023, Respectively		311,941		259,755
Other Assets		17,829		25,148
Property and Equipment, Net		9,474,555		9,915,627
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	75,888,697	\$	73,594,924
LIABILITIES AND NET AS	SETS			
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$	574,782	\$	721,488
Litigation and Claims Settlements Liability	Ψ	0	Ψ	3,660,000
Deferred Income		1,054,874		2,035,147
Post-Retirement Healthcare Obligation		15,646,445		17,944,310
Total Liabilities		17,276,101		24,360,945
NET ASSETS				
Without Donor Restrictions:				
Undesignated		18,469,744		17,115,286
Board Designated		29,208,077		22,353,102
Total Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions		47,677,821		39,468,388
With Donor Restrictions:				
Purpose Restrictions		5,526,008		4,952,485
Endowments		5,408,767		4,813,106
Total Net Assets With Donor Restrictions		10,934,775		9,765,591
Total Net Assets		58,612,596		49,233,979
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	75,888,697	\$	73,594,924

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended December 31, 2024 with Comparative Totals for Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Without With Donor Donor		To	otal		
	Restrictions	Restrictions	2024	2023		
REVENUES AND SUPPORT						
Church Apportionments	\$ 7,012,774	\$ 0	\$ 7,012,774	\$ 7,793,128		
Direct Billed Benefits to  Member Churches	5,823,552	0	5,823,552	6,687,972		
Church Disaffiliation Fees	0	0	0	3,295,134		
Camping, Registrations and Event Revenues	1,946,613	0	1,946,613	1,916,262		
Proceeds from Sale of Churches and Real Estate	1,498,832	0	1,498,832	1,510,428		
<b>Donations and Grants</b>	283,627	559,856	843,483	623,488		
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,134,043	0	2,134,043	1,847,329		
Investment Income	4,553,116	1,085,450	5,638,566	6,657,329		
Net Assets Released from						
Restrictions	476,122	(476,122)	0	0		
Total Revenues and Support	23,728,679	1,169,184	24,897,863	30,331,070		
EXPENSES						
Program Services	8,638,146	0	8,638,146	8,644,214		
General and Administrative	6,764,217	0	6,764,217	9,364,782		
Total Expenses	15,402,363	0	15,402,363	18,008,996		
Change in Net Assets Before Non-Operating Activity	8,326,316	1,169,184	9,495,500	12,322,074		
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITY						
Litigation and Claims Settlements	(116,883)	0	(116,883)	(5,899,661)		
Total Non-Operating Activity	(116,883)	0	(116,883)	(5,899,661)		
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	8,209,433	1,169,184	9,378,617	6,422,413		
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	39,468,388	9,765,591	49,233,979	42,811,566		
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 47,677,821	\$ 10,934,775	\$ 58,612,596	\$ 49,233,979		

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
REVENUES AND SUPPORT			
Church Apportionments	\$ 7,793,128	\$ 0	\$ 7,793,128
Direct Billed Benefits to Member Churches	6,687,972	0	6,687,972
Church Disaffiliation Fees	3,295,134	0	3,295,134
Camping, Registrations and Event Revenues	1,916,262	0	1,916,262
Proceeds from Sale of Churches and Real Estate	1,510,428	0	1,510,428
Donations and Grants	467,167	156,321	623,488
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,847,329	0	1,847,329
Investment Income	5,584,018	1,073,311	6,657,329
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	333,767	(333,767)	0
Total Revenues and Support	29,435,205	895,865	30,331,070
EXPENSES			
Program Services	8,644,214	0	8,644,214
General and Administrative	9,364,782	0	9,364,782
Total Expenses	18,008,996	0	18,008,996
Change in Net Assets Before			
Non-Operating Activity	11,426,209	895,865	12,322,074
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITY			
Litigation and Claims Settlements	(5,899,661)	0	(5,899,661)
Total Non-Operating Activity	(5,899,661)	0	(5,899,661)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	5,526,548	895,865	6,422,413
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	33,941,840	8,869,726	42,811,566
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 39,468,388	\$ 9,765,591	\$ 49,233,979

# STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Year Ended December 31, 2024 with Comparative Totals for Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Connectional Ministries	Ministerial Support		
General Church Ministry Support	\$ 1,701,382	\$ 0		
Salaries and Wages	459,799	1,219,364		
Employee Benefits and Payroll Taxes	103,344	364,720		
Health Insurance and Retirement Benefits				
Billed to Member Churches	5,951	309		
Post-Retirement Health Benefit Plan Benefit	0	0		
Support Grants	229,161	0		
Professional Development	8,324	5,930		
Program Expense	108,075	109,051		
Ministry Expenses	3,375	137,116		
Travel	264,228	184,945		
Office Expenses	16,690	11,422		
Professional	265,124	44,281		
Utilities	1,922	16,338		
Repairs and Maintenance	17,673	11,807		
Insurance	3,639	3,100		
Rent	0	19,758		
Depreciation Expense	4,752	0		
Capital Expenditures	0	0		
Other Expenses	48,623	31,094		
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,242,062	\$ 2,159,235		

Camps and Retreat	d Total Program General and		Tota	al
Ministries	Services	Administrative	2024	2023
\$ 187	\$ 1,701,569	\$ 0	\$ 1,701,569	\$ 1,763,978
1,311,233	2,990,396	883,602	3,873,998	3,726,307
309,476	777,540	275,398	1,052,938	1,028,089
0	6,260	6,265,539	6,271,799	6,846,230
0	0	(2,297,865)	(2,297,865)	(409,179)
0	229,161	41,786	270,947	213,715
13,612	27,866	12,762	40,628	59,108
67,842	284,968	3,080	288,048	278,695
147	140,638	65	140,703	157,377
251,592	700,765	27,022	727,787	746,073
119,224	147,336	83,542	230,878	240,929
90,275	399,680	793,247	1,192,927	1,304,469
302,536	320,796	129,275	450,071	486,071
372,101	401,581	123,509	525,090	413,632
86,662	93,401	102,699	196,100	180,190
0	19,758	39,614	59,372	105,030
295,081	299,833	165,837	465,670	491,596
12,085	12,085	0	12,085	123,577
4,796	84,513	115,105	199,618	253,109
\$ 3,236,849	\$ 8,638,146	\$ 6,764,217	\$ 15,402,363	\$ 18,008,996

# STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

	Connectional Ministries	Ministerial Support		
General Church Ministry Support	\$ 1,763,978	\$ 0		
Salaries and Wages	383,289	1,337,845		
Employee Benefits and Payroll Taxes	105,722	372,600		
Health Insurance and Retirement Benefits				
Billed to Member Churches	4,226	0		
Post-Retirement Health Benefit Plan Benefit	0	0		
Support Grants	206,850	1,000		
Professional Development	26,912	16,897		
Program Expense	90,046	84,278		
Ministry Expenses	7,000	150,416		
Travel	250,813	209,230		
Office Expenses	31,920	12,128		
Professional	151,974	24,630		
Utilities	3,875	22,100		
Repairs and Maintenance	4,846	10,419		
Insurance	1,633	6,494		
Rent	0	87,201		
Depreciation Expense	7,129	4		
Capital Expenditures	0	0		
Other Expenses	15,359	52,857		
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,055,572	\$ 2,388,099		

Camps and Retreat Ministries	Total Program Services	General and Administrative	Total Expenses
\$ 0	\$ 1,763,978	\$ 0	\$ 1,763,978
1,203,229	2,924,363	801,944	3,726,307
304,619	782,941	245,148	1,028,089
0	4,226	6,842,004	6,846,230
0	0	(409,179)	(409,179)
494	208,344	5,371	213,715
14,554	58,363	745	59,108
102,855	277,179	1,516	278,695
(39)	157,377	0	157,377
273,497	733,540	12,533	746,073
121,020	165,068	75,861	240,929
100,540	277,144	1,027,325	1,304,469
300,139	326,114	159,957	486,071
287,085	302,350	111,282	413,632
79,929	88,056	92,134	180,190
0	87,201	17,829	105,030
283,214	290,347	201,249	491,596
123,577	123,577	0	123,577
5,830	74,046	179,063	253,109
\$ 3,200,543	\$ 8,644,214	\$ 9,364,782	\$ 18,008,996

# STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2024	2023
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Change in Net Assets	\$ 9,378,617	\$ 6,422,413
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to		
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities:	465.670	401.506
Depreciation Expense	465,670	491,596
Loss on Disposal of Property and Equipment	0	185,071
Post-Retirement Healthcare Obligation	(2,297,865)	(409,179)
Gain on Investments	(5,638,566)	(6,657,329)
(Increase) Decrease in Operating Assets:	26.520	(50.200)
Church Apportionments Receivable	26,539	(70,289)
Accounts Receivable	(52,186)	(154,210)
Other Assets	954	426
Increase (Decrease) in Operating Liabilities:	(1.16.70.6)	100.00
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	(146,706)	189,087
Child Victims' Act Settlement Liability	(3,660,000)	3,660,000
Deferred Income	(980,273)	1,931,588
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities	(2,903,816)	5,589,174
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Notes Receivable - Payments Received	6,365	9,177
Net Change in Investments	1,754,849	974,395
Purchase of Property and Equipment	(24,600)	(198,479)
Net Cash Provided By Investing Activities	1,736,614	785,093
Net Change in Cash	(1,167,202)	6,374,267
Cash, Beginning of Year	13,972,716	7,598,449
Cash, End of Year	\$ 12,805,514	\$ 13,972,716

December 31, 2024 and 2023

## **NOTE 1 – NATURE OF OPERATIONS**

The Upper New York Annual Conference ("the Conference") was created as of July 1, 2010 as the result of the merger of four pre-existing conferences: Troy, Wyoming, North Central and Western Annual Conferences. The plan of Union was presented by the Joint New Area/Conference Team ("New ACT") and developed through the efforts of New ACT, the Joint Distribution Committee, the Assets Allocation Task Force and numerous other teams and committees.

The purpose of the Conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God. The Conference fulfills that mission by facilitating and resourcing the local churches in the Conference to invite, i.e. opening our doors to welcome new faces and doing new things to share the Good News, to nurture and care for our people so they may care for others, to equip the clergy and laity to learn so they can be enabled to lead; and to deploy, taking the love of Christ into our communities and the world. The Conference also serves as the administrative agency for the United Methodist Churches in the Upstate New York region, facilitating the establishment of local churches which become part of the Conference, providing leadership to the local churches, and by enabling of ministry through the extended connection of the United Methodist Church.

# NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## **Basis of Accounting**

The Conference's financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities.

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# **NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** – Continued

#### **Financial Statement Presentation**

The financial statements of the Conference have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, which require the Conference to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following net asset classifications:

**Net assets without donor restrictions:** Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Conference. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the Conference's management and the board of directors. See Note 7.

**Net assets with donor restrictions**: Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the Conference or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated that the funds be maintained in perpetuity. See Notes 8 and 9.

# Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Conference considers all bank demand deposit accounts, money market accounts and all highly liquid investments purchased with maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. There were no cash equivalents as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

The Conference maintains its cash in bank accounts, which at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The organization has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk with respect to cash.

#### **Investments**

Investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is determined principally on the basis of quoted market prices. Investment income or loss (including realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments, interest, and dividends) is included in the net change in net assets.

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# **NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** – Continued

#### Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Credit Losses

The Conference operates in the ministry industry and its accounts receivables are primarily derived from churches for member benefits. At the statements of financial position date, the Conference determines the expected allowance for credit losses.

The allowance for credit losses estimate is derived from a review of the Conference's historical losses based on the aging of accounts receivables. This estimate is adjusted for management's assessment of current conditions, reasonable and supportable forecasts regarding future events, and any other factors deemed relevant by the Conference. The Conference noted no material adjustments relating to these assessments. There was an allowance for credit losses for the years ending December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$1,119,000 and \$1,054,000, respectively.

The Conference writes-off accounts receivables when there is information that indicates the debtor is facing significant financial difficulty and there is no possibility of recovery. If any recoveries are made from any accounts previously written-off, they will be recognized as an offset to credit loss expense in the year of recovery, in accordance with the Conference's accounting policy election. The total amount of write-offs were immaterial to the financial statements as a whole for the years ending December 31, 2024 and 2023.

## **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment are recorded at cost at the date of acquisition if purchased or their fair value at the date of donation in the case of gifts. The Conference's policy is to capitalize expenditures for those items in excess of \$20,000. Lesser amounts are expensed. Depreciation is recorded on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

When properties are retired or otherwise disposed of, the related costs and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is recorded in the statements of activities.

Expenditures for repairs and maintenance not considered to substantially lengthen property life are charged to expense as incurred.

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# **NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** – Continued

# **Impairment of Long-Lived Assets**

The Conference reviews long-lived assets, including property and equipment, for impairment whenever events or changes in business circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be fully recovered. An impairment loss would be recognized when the estimated future cash flows from the use of the asset are less than the carrying amount of that asset. The Conference has determined that no impairment existed as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

#### Leases

The Conference determines if an arrangement is or contains a lease at inception. Leases are included as right-of-use ("ROU") lease assets and lease liabilities in the statements of financial position. ROU lease assets and lease liabilities reflect the present value of the future minimum lease payments over the lease term. In determining the present value of lease payments, the Conference uses an incremental borrowing rate for a period comparable with that of the lease term. The Conference does not report ROU assets and lease liabilities for its short-term leases (leases with a term of 12 months or less) or those leases with a present value of the lease payments less than \$20,000. Operating lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the expected lease term. Short-term lease expense for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$32,580 and \$99,668, respectively, and included in rent expense.

# **Revenue Recognition**

The Conference recognizes revenue from services provided to churches, clients, third-party payors, and member churches. Revenue from program service fees is determined by the nature of the services performed, including variable consideration, and is recognized shortly after the services are delivered. Additionally, the Conference bills member churches directly for various benefits, such as health insurance (active and retired), flexible spending accounts, the Clergy Protection Plan, the United Methodist Personal Investment Plan, the Clergy Retirement Security Program, and other miscellaneous member benefits. The Conference utilizes the portfolio approach practical expedient, recognizing revenue at a single point in time when performance obligations are fulfilled, based on estimated realizable amounts in accordance with ASU No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers."

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# **NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** – Continued

#### **Contributions**

Unconditional promises to give cash and other assets are reported at fair value at the date the promise is received, which is then treated as cost. The gifts are reported as with donor restriction support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets.

Contributions are considered available for general use unless specifically restricted by the donor and are recorded when received. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Donor restricted contributions whose restrictions are met within the same year as received are reflected as contributions without donor restriction in the accompanying financial statements.

Church apportionments are considered contributions and represent the amounts assessed to each local church to support the Conference's budget. These apportionments expire at the end of each calendar year. Local churches are not held responsible for any underpayment of their apportioned amounts.

#### **Church Disaffiliation Fees**

Disaffiliation fees are charged to member churches who decided to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church and are recognized when the member church pays their disaffiliation fees to the Conference. At the 2019 Special Called General Conference of the United Methodist Church, conditions were passed to allow churches to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church for reasons of conscience related to The United Methodist Church's stance on issues related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals. These conditions expire on December 31, 2023. The Conference had about 15% of its member churches disaffiliate prior to the expiration of paragraph 2553 on December 31, 2023.

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# **NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** – Continued

#### **Nonfinancial Contributions**

A number of clergy and laity of the UNYAC have contributed significant amounts of their time to the affairs of the Conference. However, these services have not been reflected in the financial statements as they do not meet the U.S. GAAP criteria for recognition.

# **Functional Allocation of Expenses**

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities are summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities and the statement of functional expenses. Management and general expenses are allocated to the various programs in the form of internal charges based on space occupied, time expended, budgeted allowable share of overhead, etc.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Estimates could affect the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## **Income Tax Status**

The Conference has been determined to be exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and has been classified as an organization that is not a private foundation under Section 509(a). Management is unaware of any unrelated business activities that may be subject to unrelated business income tax or any activities that would jeopardize the Conference's exempt status.

# **Subsequent Events**

The Conference has evaluated events and transactions through October 7, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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# NOTE 3 – LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The Conference's financial assets, reduced by amounts that are not available to meet general expenditures within one year of the statements of financial position date because of donor restrictions, consist of the following as of December 31:

	2024	2023
Financial Assets:		
Cash	\$ 12,805,514	\$ 13,972,716
Investments	52,910,821	49,027,102
Church Apportionments Receivable	368,037	394,576
Accounts Receivable	311,941	259,755
Total Financial Assets	66,396,313	63,654,149
Financial Assets Not Available Within One Year:		
Board Designated Net Assets	29,208,077	22,353,102
Net Assets With Donor Restriction - Purpose	5,526,008	4,952,485
Net Assets With Donor Restriction - Endowment	5,408,767	4,813,106
Financial Assets Available to Meet Cash Needs for General Expenditures Within One Year	\$ 26,253,461	\$ 31,535,456

The Conference's general expenditures for next year will be funded with income from donor-restricted endowments that are to be used for specific program expenses and from income that is available for general use. Donor-restricted endowment funds are not available for general expenditure. The Conference does not intend to spend from the board-designated net assets other than amounts appropriated for general expenditures, however, these amounts could be made available if necessary.

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## **NOTE 4 – INVESTMENTS**

Guidance provided by the FASB defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. When measuring fair value, a fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Inputs are broadly defined as assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

- Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1, such as quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities. This includes certain pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies and similar techniques that use significant unobservable inputs.

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## **NOTE 4 – INVESTMENTS** – Continued

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

*Money Market Funds* – Valued at carrying cost, which approximates fair value (Level 1 inputs).

*Equities and Exchange Traded Funds* – Valued at the closing price reported in the active market in which the individual investment is traded (Level 1 inputs).

*Mutual Funds* – Valued at quoted net asset values of the shares held on the last business day of the fiscal year (Level 1 inputs).

**Pooled Investment Funds** – The Conference operates a cooperative investment and deposit program for the mutual benefit of United Methodist Church organizations, parishes, and related organizations. The holdings of the Pooled Investment Fund (PIF) include cash equivalents, governmental and corporate bonds, mutual funds, equity securities, and other investments. While there are fluctuations in the PIF's market value in total, the Conference has followed the practice of valuing the funds due to the participant organizations at the principal amount deposited plus an allocated amount of investment earnings and losses less an allocated share of investment fees. Fair value of the funds is based upon values determined by the Conference with respect to changes in the market values of the investment pool. The funds are Level 2 based upon the underlying investments within the PIF. The PIF investments are calculated using an ownership percentage of the PIF in total (Level 2 inputs).

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# **NOTE 4 – INVESTMENTS** – Continued

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31 for the investments, are summarized below, by input level:

# Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024

	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total	
Money Market Funds	\$	6,913	\$	0	\$	0	\$	6,913
Equities and								
Exchange Traded Funds	2	2,875,255		0		0	2	22,875,255
Mutual Funds		7,781,376		0		0		7,781,376
Pooled Investment Funds		0	2	2,247,277		0	2	22,247,277
								_
Total Investments at Fair Value	\$ 3	0,663,544	\$ 2	2,247,277	\$	0	\$ 5	52,910,821

# Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023

	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total	
Money Market Funds	\$	11,614	\$	0	\$	0	\$	11,614
Equities and								
Exchange Traded Funds		20,522,585		0		0		20,522,585
Mutual Funds		7,614,128		0		0		7,614,128
Pooled Investment Funds		0		20,878,775		0		20,878,775
		_		_				_
Total Investments at Fair Value	\$	28,148,327	\$	20,878,775	\$	0	\$	49,027,102

The Conference's investments include money market funds, equities and exchange traded funds, mutual funds, and pooled investment funds, which are subject to market value changes associated with publicly held investments.

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# **NOTE 5 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

The summary of property and equipment as of December 31 is as follows:

	2024	2023
Camps - Building and Equipment	\$ 10,995,691	\$ 10,971,091
Conference Center	3,768,890	3,768,890
Parsonages and Episcopal Residence	1,867,452	1,867,452
Office Equipment	359,237	359,237
Vehicles	146,650	146,650
	17,137,920	17,113,320
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	7,663,365	7,197,693
Property and Equipment, Net	\$ 9,474,555	\$ 9,915,627

Depreciation charged to expense was \$465,670 and \$491,596 in 2024 and 2023, respectively.

# NOTE 6 – LINE OF CREDIT

The Conference has a \$1,000,000 revolving line of credit with no maturity date that bears interest at the prime rate plus 2.75% (7.5% and 8.50% as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively). The line is secured by all non-real estate assets. There was no balance outstanding on the line of credit as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

# NOTE 7 – NET ASSETS BOARD DESIGNATED

The governing boards have designated, from net assets without donor restrictions, net assets for Connectional Ministries, Ministerial Support, Camp and Retreat Ministries, mission support, property and equipment reserve and other board designated funds. Board designated net assets were \$29,208,077 and \$22,353,102 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

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# NOTE 8 – NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS – PURPOSE

The activity for net assets purpose restricted by donor is as follows for the years ended December 31:

	2024	2023
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 4,952,485	\$ 4,611,795
Revenues	559,856	106,321
Income from Investments	470,944	547,446
Assets Released from Restrictions	(457,277)	(313,077)
Balance, End of Year	\$ 5,526,008	\$ 4,952,485

A summary of the net assets purpose restricted by donor as of December 31 is as follows:

	2024		2023
Board of Ordained Ministers	\$ 1,564,868	\$	1,584,110
CRM and Camping	1,157,998		974,245
College Ministries	410,745		343,167
Pension for Retired Ministers	254,222		339,365
Syracuse City UMC	337,379		277,190
Scholarships	67,485		122,946
Native American and African American Ministry Work	176,037		170,193
Pension Hardship	177,403		136,513
Other Programing and Ministry Work	1,379,871		1,004,756
Total	\$ 5,526,008	\$	4,952,485

Net investment interest, dividends, realized and unrealized gains and losses from the investment funds are allocated to the Conference designated and donor designated net asset funds via a pro rata method. The value of each net asset at the beginning of the fiscal year is allocated a portion of the net gains (losses) of each investment account based on the percentage of the overall net assets. These funds are separated into separate investment accounts and the net gains (losses) from each of these investments are allocated directly to the respective net endowed asset account to with which it is associated.

All donor restricted contributions have indicated a specific purpose for which these investments can be utilized, but with no time restrictions. At this time, it is expected that only \$400,000 of these funds will be used in the coming year.

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# **NOTE 9 – ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

The Conference's endowments consist of 20 donor restricted endowment funds as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. As required by GAAP, net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. There were no administrative fees charged in 2024 and 2023, respectively.

# **Interpretation of Relevant Law**

The State of New York enacted the New York Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act ("NYPMIFA") as of September 2010. NYPMIFA establishes law for the management and investment of endowment funds held by the Conference. The board of directors of the Conference has interpreted NYPMIFA as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds unless there are explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Conference retains in perpetuity the original value of the initial and subsequent gift amounts (including promises to give). The remaining portion of the donor restricted endowment fund that is not classified in net assets with donor restriction held in perpetuity is classified as net assets with donor restrictions with purpose restrictions until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Conference, in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by NYPMIFA.

The Conference's board of directors has interpreted the applicable provisions of New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law to mean that the classification of appreciation (depreciation) on gifts held in perpetuity, beyond the original gift amount, follows the donor's restrictions on the use of the related income (interest and dividends). Income is classified as with donor restrictions until appropriated by the governing boards for expenditure.

## **Return Objectives and Risk Parameters**

The Conference has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowments while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the Conference must hold in perpetuity or for a donor-specified period(s). Under this policy, as approved by the board of directors, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to preserve capital, considering the impact of inflation, strive for consistent annual total returns, achieve long-term total returns which meet or exceed inflation, plus spending for operations and grants and earn the highest possible return given the risk tolerance established by the Conference.

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## **NOTE 9 – ENDOWMENT FUNDS** – Continued

#### **Funds with Deficiencies**

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level required by New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, deficiencies of this nature are reported in net assets with donor restrictions.

Due to fluctuations in the stock market, some values of endowment funds with donor imposed restrictions may fall below historical gift value (the value as of the date of the gift). It is the Conference's policy to monitor these fluctuations to ensure historical value is maintained. Should a fluctuation cause funds to fall below historical value, it is the Conference's practice to suspend spending from these funds until such time historical value is reached. There were no underwater endowments as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

# **Investment Return Objectives, Risk Parameters and Strategies**

The Conference has adopted investment and spending policies, approved by the governing boards, for endowment assets that attempt to earn returns that keep pace with or exceed inflation over the long-term while providing a substantial and moderately stable source of income to the Conference for its programs. The Conference's spending and investment policies work together to achieve this objective. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the Conference must hold in perpetuity. The investment policy establishes an achievable return objective through diversification of asset classes. The portfolio is expected to exceed the policy index and the real return target each measured on a compound annual return basis after the deduction of investment management fees and annualized over three to five year rolling time periods and a full market cycle. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount. To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Conference relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Conference targets a diversified asset allocation that places an emphasis on cash equivalents, common stock, mutual funds, corporate bonds, and closed end funds to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk parameters.

# **Spending Policy**

The Conference does not have a formal spending policy, however all spending is approved by the Board prior to being spent. The Conference is working to have a spending policy in place for 2026.

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# **NOTE 9 – ENDOWMENT FUNDS** – Continued

The following schedules represent the endowment net asset composition by fund as of December 31:

	2024		2023
Donor-Restricted Endowment Funds:			
Original Donor Restricted Gift and			
Amounts Required to be Maintained	\$ 3,101,580		\$ 3,101,580
Accumulated Unspent Earnings	2,307,187	_	1,711,526
Total Endowment Net Assets	\$ 5,408,767	=	\$ 4,813,106

Changes in endowment net assets were as follows for the years ended December 31:

	2024		2023
Endowment Net Assets,			
Beginning of Year	\$ 4,813,106		\$ 4,257,931
Contributions	0		50,000
Investment Return, Net	614,506		525,865
Amounts Appropriated for Expenditure	(18,845)	_	(20,690)
Endowment Net Assets,			
End of Year	\$ 5,408,767	=	\$ 4,813,106

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# **NOTE 10 – RETIREMENT PLANS**

The Conference participates in a multiemployer defined benefit pension plan (the "Plan") administered by the General Board that covers substantially all UMC clergy. The UNYAC participates in various sub-plans under the multiemployer plan which are (1) Supplement One to the Clergy Retirement Security Program ("Pre-1982 Plan"), (2) the defined benefit portion of Supplement Three to the Clergy Retirement Security Program otherwise known as the Ministerial Pension Plan ("MPP Annuities"), and (3) Core Defined Benefit Part of the Clergy Retirement Security Program ("CRSP-DB"). This multiemployer plan is a non-electing church plan under the Internal Revenue Code Sections 414(e) and 410(d) and as such is exempt from the minimum funding requirements of ERISA, the Pension Protection Act of 2006, and Internal Revenue Code Sections 412 and 430 through 436. Accordingly, no funding improvement plan or zoning funding requirements apply.

The Plan covers three service periods and is therefore managed as three sub-plans since the benefit structure differs for each of the service periods, although the funding for any of the sub-plans can, under certain circumstances, cover any of the sub-plans.

The risks of participating in these multiemployer sub-plans are different from single-employer plans in the following respects:

- Assets contributed to the multiemployer plan by one conference may be used to provide benefits to clergy of other U.S. Methodist Annual Conferences.
- If the Annual Conference stops contributing to the plan, the unfunded obligations of the plan may be borne by the remaining participating annual conferences.

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# **NOTE 10 – RETIREMENT PLANS** – Continued

#### Pre-1982 Plan

Prior to January 1, 1982, eligible clergy were provided pension benefits under the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund, which was operated as a multiemployer defined benefit plan. Clergy were entitled to a monthly pension benefit calculated as years of service times the annuity rate divided by twelve. Each year, the Conference sets the past service rate. The 2024 past service rate was \$691, which represented 1% of Conference Annual Compensation (CAC). The 2023 past service rate was \$658, which represented 1% of CAC. Each year, the Board of Pensions consults with plan actuaries to determine the funding status of this plan. No contribution was required in 2024 and 2023. Future contributions will depend on the funded status of the plan and are determined on a year-to-year basis.

The Plan is a non-electing church plan under Internal Revenue Code §414(e) and §410(d). As such, it is exempt from the minimum funding requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA), and Internal Revenue Code §412 and 430 through 436 [see §412(e)(2)(D)]. Accordingly, no PPA funding improvement plan or "zoning" funding requirements apply. Further, the Plan is exempt from filing a Form 5500.

To accommodate the budgeting cycle of the conferences, contributions are calculated two years in advance.

As of January 1, 2024 for 2026, the date for which the most current information is available, the Pre-1982 Plan for all conferences had assets of \$1,590,693,537 and liabilities of \$1,478,389,641 for the net funded status of \$112,303,896 (108%).

As of January 1, 2023 for 2025, the date for which the most current information is available, the Pre-1982 Plan for all conferences had assets of \$1,657,842,622 and liabilities of \$1,552,628,208 for the net funded status of \$105,214,414 (107%).

The discount rate was 5.5% for both years ended 2024 and 2023.

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## **NOTE 10 – RETIREMENT PLANS** – Continued

# **Ministerial Pension Plan (MPP)**

The Ministerial Pension Plan (MPP) provided benefits for United States of America clergy from January 1, 1982 through December 31, 2006. It is primarily a defined contribution retirement plan with the requirement that clergy must convert 65% of their total account balance to an annuity. This plan was frozen effective December 31, 2006. The Conference made no contributions to the plan in 2024 and 2023, respectively. Future contributions will depend on the funded status of the plan and is determined on a year-to-year basis.

The discount rate for 2024 and 2023 was 6.25% and 6.13%, respectively.

# **Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP)**

The CRSP plan covers service on or after January 1, 2007. The plan has both defined benefit and defined contribution components. The Conference contributed an amount per month per Full Time Equivalent towards the defined benefit portion of the plan for clergy. Contributions for each participant are fully vested. Expense for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 amounted to \$1,332,631 and \$1,380,339, respectively.

In addition, there is a non-matching contribution to the CRSP-Defined Contribution portion of the plan. The Conference contributes 3% of the compensation for eligible clergy. Expense for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 for CRSP-DC amounted to \$350,197 and \$413,016, respectively.

As of January 1, 2024 for 2026, the date for which the most current information is available, the CRSP-DB and MPP Plans for all conferences had assets of \$7,883,703,468 and liabilities of \$6,374,117,268 for a net funded status of \$1,509,586,200 (124%).

As of January 1, 2023 for 2025, the date for which the most current information is available, the CRSP-DB and MPP Plans for all conferences had assets of \$7,754,497,262 and liabilities of \$6,113,768,171 for a net funded status of \$1,640,729,091 (127%).

Effective December 31, 2025, the credited service under CRSP-DB will be frozen and no new participants will enter the plan, but plan compensation will continue and Denominational Average Compensation will continue to increase annually by 2% after December 31, 2025.

The discount rate for 2024 and 2023 was 6.25% and 7%, respectively.

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## **NOTE 10 – RETIREMENT PLANS** – Continued

# **United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP)**

Lay-staff retirement benefits are covered under UMPIP, a 403(b) defined contribution plan. Participation in UMPIP requires each eligible employee to contribute 3% or more of wages to receive a 9% of salary contribution by the UNYAC. Expense for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 amounted to \$75,752 and \$139,440, respectively.

Beginning in 2017, some clergy are covered under the UMPIP plan as well. Electing churches were given the option to cover clergy who are not full time, as some churches could not afford to fully participate in the CRSP plan that is offered to clergy. Clergy who are covered under this plan receive a 9% contribution (based on salary plus housing allowance). Expense for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 for this plan were \$75,752 and \$87,625, respectively.

# **Clergy Protection Plan (CPP)**

The Upper New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church participates in a defined benefit multiemployer welfare plan administered by the General Board of Pensions of the United Methodist Church (Clergy Protection Plan) (CPP). The plan provides life insurance benefits to qualifying and retiring members in addition to providing long-term disability income benefits to qualified active clergy and guaranteed minimum benefits for widows and dependent children of deceased members. Expense for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 for clergy CPP programs amounted to \$366,337 and \$418,466, respectively.

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# NOTE 11 - POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFIT

The Conference sponsors a post-retirement health care plan for all Conference employees and participating clergy that meet eligibility requirements. The plan is contributory, with retiree contributions that are adjustable based on various factors, some of which are discretionary.

The summary of the plan provisions and contribution requirements for the plan include:

The Conference obligation is based on years of service: 3.33% of the maximum funded amount per full-time equivalent year of service up to maximum of 30 years (90%) with 5 year vesting. Surviving spouses receive the same percentage as the retiree and lay retirees receive benefits on the same basis as clergy. The period of coverage for both retirees and spouses is lifetime.

On December 31, 2014, the UNYAC terminated the retiree group medical insurance.

Effective January 1, 2015, the UNYAC partnered with Towers Watson One Exchange to provide a choice of Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage health insurance plans for the UNYAC's current and future eligible retirees, who are already enrolled in Medicare. These plans are combined with an individual Health Reimbursement Account ("HRA") for each retiree and spouse, as applicable. The UNYAC will fund the HRA within the plan chosen by the retiree with a fixed amount with which the retiree may choose to pay health care premiums and other health-related expenses. The fixed maximum contribution per participant for both December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$2,678, based on years of service.

Accounting standards require an employer to recognize the funded status of a defined benefit pension and other post-retirement plan as either a net asset or liability in its statements of financial position. The standards also require an employer to measure the funded status of its post-retirement plans as of the Fund's fiscal year end.

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# **NOTE 11 – POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFIT** – Continued

The Conference's post-retirement healthcare obligation is determined annually by an actuary based on census data at January 1<sup>st</sup> that's projected forward to the December 31<sup>st</sup> measurement date, considering adjustments for benefit payments, the expected growth in benefit obligations, changes in key assumptions and plan provisions, and any significant changes in plan demographics that occurred during the year. The actuarial assumptions are based on the presumption that the plan will continue.

Significant actuarial assumptions used to determine the post-retirement health benefit obligation are as follows:

Valuation Date: December 31, 2024 and 2023 (measurement date).

Discount Rate: 5.40% for 2024 (4.75% for 2023).

The discount rate was chosen by the plan sponsor based on market

information on the measurement date.

Current Health Care

Cost Trend Rate: 6.50% for 2024 (6.75% for 2023).

Ultimate Health Care

Cost Trend Rate: 5.00% for 2024 (5.00% for 2023).

Year of Ultimate

Trend Rate: 2031 (for 2024 and 2023).

Mortality - Actives: For December 31, 2024 and 2023 Actives: Pri-2012 Top Quartile

Employee Mortality Table, with generational projection using Scale

MP-2020.

Mortality - Retirees: For December 31, 2024 and 2023 Retirees and Continent

Annuitants: Pri-2012 Top Quartile Retiree Mortality Table, adjusted 93% for males and 85% for females, with generational projection

using Scale MP-2020.

No. of Participants: 139 active participants and 423 retired participants as of

December 31, 2024. 194 active participants and 362 retired

participants as of December 31, 2023.

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# **NOTE 11 – POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFIT** – Continued

The Conference's total post-retirement healthcare obligation at December 31, 2024 is \$15,646,445. The Conference recorded the change in obligation from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$(2,297,865) in the 2024 statement of activities.

The Conference's total post-retirement healthcare obligation at December 31, 2023 is \$17,944,310. The Conference recorded the change in obligation from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$(409,179) in the 2023 statement of activities.

Changes in total post-retirement health care obligation:

	2024	2023
Balance at December 31, 2023	\$ 17,944,310	\$ 18,353,489
Changes for the Year:		
Service Cost	307,380	323,667
Interest	817,212	862,347
Actuarial Loss	(1,942,784)	(86,049)
Benefit Payments	(1,479,673)	(1,509,144)
Balance at December 31, 2024	\$ 15,646,445	\$ 17,944,310

Benefit obligations will be funded from the assessments, contributions and investment activities of the Conference.

The net periodic cost declined from \$620,099 in fiscal 2024 to \$366,020 in fiscal 2025.

The net periodic cost declined from \$654,628 in fiscal 2023 to \$620,099 in fiscal 2024.

The fair value of plan assets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$-0- for both years.

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# **NOTE 11 – POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFIT** – Continued

The following approximate annual benefit payments are expected to be paid:

Year Ended December 31:	
2025	\$ 1,481,324
2026	1,469,117
2027	1,388,966
2028	1,371,568

2029 2030-2034 1,369,454 6,247,238

# **NOTE 12 – COMMITMENTS**

The Conference provides loan guarantees for several member churches. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the guarantees amount to approximately \$412,000 and \$475,000, respectively, and are secured by the Conference's assets.

# NOTE 13 – LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

On February 14, 2019, the New York Child Victims' Act ("CVA") was signed into law. The Conference was named as a defendant in 16 CVA cases. In 2023, the Conference settled 13 of these cases for \$3,660,000, which was recorded as a non-operating expense and a liability as of December 31, 2023, and paid out in 2024. In 2024, the Conference settled one additional case for \$116,883, paid during that year. As of December 31, 2024, two cases remain pending.

The United Methodist Church was party to the Boy Scouts of America bankruptcy proceedings. As part of the Boy Scouts' approved amended Plan of Reorganization, the United Methodist Church agreed to contribute \$30,000,000 to a fund for the benefit of survivors of sexual abuse that occurred during Scouting activities. The Conference's allocated share of this contribution was \$1,254,588, which was recorded as a non-operating expense and paid in 2023.

	Without Donor Restrictions
REVENUES AND SUPPORT	
Church Apportionments	\$ 7,012,774
Direct Billed Benefits to Member Churches	57,860
Church Disaffiliation Fees	0
Camping, Registration and Event Revenues	1,882,052
Proceeds from Sale of Churches and Real Estate	0
Donations and Grants	265,149
Miscellaneous Revenue	353,638
Investment Income	1,965,419
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	447,997
Total Revenues and Support	11,984,889
EXPENSES	
Program Services	8,575,190
General and Administrative	1,826,151
Total Expenses	10,401,341
Change in Net Assets Before Non-Operating Activity	1,583,548
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITY	
Litigation and Claims Settlements	(116,883)
Total Non-Operating Activity	(116,883)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	1,466,665
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	19,532,855
Transfer of Net Assets	632,817
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 21,632,337

Ministries			Trustees						
With Donor Restrictions	Tota	al	Witi Do Restri		I	With Donor trictions		Total	
\$ 0	\$ 7,0	12,774	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	
0		57,860		0		0		0	
0		0		0		0		0	
0	1,8	82,052		0		0		0	
0	0	0	1,	498,832		0		1,498,832	
559,856		25,005		10,000		0		10,000	
0 596,461		53,638 61,880	1	639,138		0 69,032		639,138 69,954	
(447,997)	2,3	01,880	922 28,125			(28,125)		09,934	
(117,557)	. <u>-</u>		-	20,123	-	(20,123)	•		
708,320	12,6	93,209	2,177,017		40,907		2,217,924		
0	8,5	75,190		0		0		0	
0		26,151		874,510		0		874,510	
0	1,8	26,151		874,510		0		874,510	
708,320	2,2	2,291,868		1,302,507 40,907		1,302,507			1,343,414
0	(1	16,883)		0		0		0	
0	(1	16,883)		0		0		0	
708,320	10,7	50,175	1,	302,507		40,907		1,343,414	
4,595,720	24,1	28,575	9,	496,211		2,694,846		12,191,057	
0		32,817		444,289)		0		(444,289)	
\$ 5,304,040	\$ 26,9	36,377	\$ 10,	354,429	\$	2,735,753	\$	13,090,182	

	Without Donor Restrictions
REVENUES AND SUPPORT  Church Apportionments  Direct Billed Benefits to Member Churches  Church Disaffiliation Fees  Camping, Registration and Event Revenues  Proceeds From Sale of Churches and Real Estate  Donations and Grants  Miscellaneous Revenue  Investment Income  Net Assets Released from Restrictions	\$ 0 5,765,692 0 0 0 340 1,134,172 2,586,775 0
Total Revenues and Support	9,486,979
EXPENSES Program Services General and Administrative Total Expenses	4,063,556 4,063,556
Change in Net Assets Before Non-Operating Activity  NON-OPERATING ACTIVITY  Litigation and Claims Settlements	5,423,423 0
Total Non-Operating Activity	0
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	5,423,423
Net Assets, Beginning of Year Transfer of Net Assets	10,328,706 (188,528)
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 15,563,601

<u>B</u>	oard of Pens	ion and Health	3rd Party	Grand Totals		
With Donor Restrictions		Total	Without Donor Restrictions	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 7,012,774	\$ 0	\$ 7,012,774
	0	5,765,692	0	5,823,552	0	5,823,552
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	64,561	1,946,613	0	1,946,613
	0	0	0	1,498,832	0	1,498,832
	0 0	340 1,134,172	8,138 7,095	283,627 2,134,043	559,856 0	843,483 2,134,043
	419,957	3,006,732	7,093	4,553,116	1,085,450	5,638,566
	0	0	0	476,122	(476,122)	0
	419,957	9,906,936	79,794	23,728,679	1,169,184	24,897,863
	0	0	62,956	8,638,146	0	8,638,146
	0	4,063,556	0	6,764,217	0	6,764,217
	0	4,063,556	62,956	15,402,363	0	15,402,363
	419,957	5,843,380	16,838	8,326,316	1,169,184	9,495,500
	0	0	0	(116,883)	0	(116,883)
	0	0	0	(116,883)	0	(116,883)
	419,957	5,843,380	16,838	8,209,433	1,169,184	9,378,617
	2,475,025	12,803,731	110,616	39,468,388	9,765,591	49,233,979
	0	(188,528)	0	0	0	0
\$	2,894,982	\$ 18,458,583	\$ 127,454	\$ 47,677,821	\$ 10,934,775	\$ 58,612,596

	Without Donor Restrictions
REVENUES AND SUPPORT	
Church Apportionments	\$ 7,793,128
Direct Billed Benefits to Member Churches	69,287
Church Disaffiliation Fees	0
Camping, Registration and Event Revenues	1,916,062
Proceeds from Sale of Churches and Real Estate	970,587
Donations and Grants	441,912
Miscellaneous Revenue	196,730
Investment Income	1,055,698
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	292,767
Total Revenues and Support	12,736,171
EXPENSES	
Program Services	8,601,937
General and Administrative	1,816,835
Total Expenses	10,418,772
Change in Net Assets Before Non-Operating Activity	2,317,399
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITY	
Litigation and Claims Settlements	(492,283)
Total Non-Operating Activity	(492,283)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	1,825,116
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	15,249,477
Transfer of Net Assets	2,458,262
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 19,532,855

Ministries		Trustees			
With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	
\$ 0	\$ 7,793,128	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
0	69,287	0	0	0	
0	0	3,295,134	0	3,295,134	
0	1,916,062	0 0		0 539,841	
0	970,587	539,841	539,841 0		
142,493	584,405	10,000	0	10,000	
13,828	210,558	249,501	0	249,501	
501,623	1,557,321	470,365	302,180	772,545	
(292,767)	0	41,000	(41,000)	0	
365,177	13,101,348	4,605,841	261,180	4,867,021	
0	8,601,937	0	0	0	
0	1,816,835	3,762,982 0		3,762,982	
0	1,816,835	3,762,982	0	3,762,982	
365,177	2,682,576	842,859	842,859 261,180		
0	(492,283)	0	0	0	
0	(492,283)	0	0	0	
365,177	10,792,230	842,859	261,180	1,104,039	
4,230,543	19,480,020	8,653,352	2,433,666	11,087,018	
0	2,458,262	0	0	0	
\$ 4,595,720	\$ 24,128,575	\$ 9,496,211	\$ 2,694,846	\$ 12,191,057	

	Without Donor Restrictions	
REVENUES AND SUPPORT		
Church Apportionments	\$ 0	
Direct Billed Benefits to Member Churches	6,618,685	
Church Disaffiliation Fees	0	
Camping, Registration and Event Revenues	0	
Proceeds From Sale of Churches and Real Estate  Donations and Grants	0 832	
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,380,339	
Investment Income	4,057,955	
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	0	
Total Revenues and Support	12,057,811	
EXPENSES		
Program Services	0	
General and Administrative	3,784,965	
Total Expenses	3,784,965	
Change in Net Assets Before Non-Operating Activity	8,272,846	
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITY		
Litigation and Claims Settlements	(5,407,378)	
Total Non-Operating Activity	(5,407,378)	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	2,865,468	
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	9,921,500	
Transfer of Net Assets	(2,458,262)	
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 10,328,706	

<b>Board of Pension and Health</b>		3rd Party	Grand Totals			
R	With Donor estrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 7,793,128	\$ 0	\$ 7,793,128
	0	6,618,685	0	6,687,972	0	6,687,972
	0	0	0	3,295,134	0	3,295,134
	0	0	200	1,916,262	0	1,916,262
	0	0	0	1,510,428	0	1,510,428
	0	832	14,423	467,167	156,321	623,488
	0	1,380,339	20,759	1,847,329	0	1,847,329
	269,508	4,327,463	0	5,584,018	1,073,311	6,657,329
	0	0	0	333,767	(333,767)	0
	269,508	12,327,319	35,382	29,435,205	895,865	30,331,070
	0	0	42,277	8,644,214	0	8,644,214
	0	3,784,965	0	9,364,782	0	9,364,782
	0	3,784,965	42,277	18,008,996	0	18,008,996
	269,508	8,542,354	(6,895)	11,426,209	895,865	12,322,074
	0	(5,407,378)	0	(5,899,661)	0	(5,899,661)
	0	(5,407,378)	0	(5,899,661)	0	(5,899,661)
	269,508	3,134,976	(6,895)	5,526,548	895,865	6,422,413
	2,205,517	12,127,017	117,511	33,941,840	8,869,726	42,811,566
	0	(2,458,262)	0	0	0	0
\$	2,475,025	\$ 12,803,731	\$ 110,616	\$ 39,468,388	\$ 9,765,591	\$ 49,233,979

# SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS – EPISCOPAL OFFICE FUND Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023	
CASH RECEIPTS			
Episcopal Fund	\$ 127,982	\$ 78,490	
Episcopal Reimbursement	34,325	8,730	
Conference Support	216,674	46,667	
Donations	2,800	0	
Investment Income	0	10,964	
Total Receipts	381,781	144,851	
CASH DISBURSEMENTS			
Staff Salaries	181,975	156,689	
Payroll Taxes	4,333	4,015	
Health, Disability and Life Insurance	54,318	21,115	
Pension Expense	22,288	13,302	
Staff Expenses	15,762	4,665	
Professional Fees	0	2,250	
Rent	0	10,800	
Office Expense	4,207	1,074	
Hospitality	2,769	1,644	
Program Costs	55,717	22	
Bishop's Reimbursable Expenses	26,340	12,101	
Communications	3,424	2,217	
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	1,443	12,455	
Conferences/Education	780	1,636	
Equipment Purchases	5,057	312	
Transfers	4,916	0	
Total Disbursements	378,413	244,297	
DISBURSEMENTS OVER RECEIPTS	3,368	(99,446)	
Fund Balance, (Deficiency), Beginning of Year	(40,477)	58,969	
Fund Balance (Deficiency), End of Year	\$ (37,109)	\$ (40,477)	