

The History of the United Methodists of Upper New York

It has been 14 years since the Upper New York Conference was formed, and it took a lot of work and energy to bring together the ministries of four separate conferences. Each conference had its own way of doing the financial business of the conference, and your Conference Council on Finance and Administration (CFA) had to oversee merging four sets of books into one. In the process, CFA had to make sure that designated funds maintained the purpose for which the funds were given. It took almost ten years, but CFA has accomplished the task of birthing a new conference out of four prior ones. It takes a lot of support from local churches to keep a conference this big running. We support conference and world ministries through Ministry Shares. This brochure will help you see how your Ministry Shares are used.



The continuing story of Ministry Shares

Sharing God's gifts with the world

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The United Methodists of Upper New York
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Message from Bishop Héctor

You may remember when I first arrived in Upper New York, I shared how my family and I were looking forward to “doing life together” with all of you.



As I look back on our journey together, I thank God for how our lives have been intertwined. “Doing life together” is exactly what ministry shares are all about. Through sharing our financial resources, we United Methodists of Upper New York do life together as we share in one another’s burdens, successes, and possibilities. This brochure will help us see the many concrete ways you and I are blessing one another and the communities we serve together. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez
The United Methodist Church
Susquehanna & Upper New York Area

What does this mean for *my* church?

To determine how your total local church’s ministry shares amount was allocated to the Annual Conference budget, download the Ministry Shares Allocation document.

This document allows you to enter your church’s ministry share amount in the yellow box at the top, and the spreadsheet automatically allocates that amount among the various components.

To download the Ministry Shares Allocation document, scan the QR code with the camera on your mobile device or visit:



www.unyumc.org/about/ministry-shares

What is Ministerial Support?

Funds and structures necessary to provide support to churches and pastors, retired clergy, and the episcopal office.

What are Conference Connectional Ministries?

All activities and ministries of the conference.

What are General Connectional Ministries?

Those ministries under the General Church including World Service Fund, Episcopal Fund, Black College Fund, Ministerial Education Fund, General Administration Fund, Africa University, Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, and the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

What are Camp and Retreat Ministries?

Camping engages all ages and backgrounds so that persons grow in their faith, to become disciples by providing relevant programs that offer Christian hospitality so that lives continue to be transformed.

What is Cabinet/District?

Superintendents work for alignment with the United Methodist mission and Upper New York vision and districts are connectors between our churches and the conference.

What are Administrative Ministries?

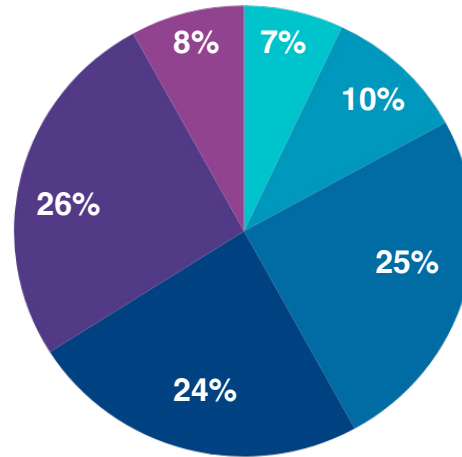
These include communications, benefits, IT, finance, personnel, and office operations.

Learn more:



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Where does your money go in our spending plan?



Ministerial Support
7%



Conference Connectional Ministries
10%



General (Global) Connectional Ministries
25%



Administrative Ministries
24%



Cabinet and District
26%



Camp and Retreat Ministries
8%

How are Ministry Shares calculated?

The process and calculation of an individual church's annual Ministry Share allocation starts with the adopted conference budget, which for 2025, was \$8 million. This annual budget total is allocated to UNY churches based on operating income reported by each church in their annual statistical report. The \$8 million budget divided by the total of church annual operating income gives us an annual Ministry Share percentage to apply to each church's reported operating income. The Ministry Share percentage for 2025 is 14.95%.

Examples of your Ministry Share dollars at work:

