

WEST OHIO CONFERENCE CONNECTIONAL GIVING 2017

TOTAL CONFERENCE CONNECTIONAL GIVING FOR 2017- \$19,000,000

SHAWNEE VALLEY'S SHARE OF CONFERENCE CONNECTIONAL GIVING- \$1,183,527 (100%)

SHV DISTRICT 2017 GIVING WAS 78% WHICH WOULD EQUAL- \$922,131

The Conference Connectional Giving you sent in to the Conference Center as a local church came back to our Shawnee Valley District and **our Appalachian region** in the following ways:

- 1) New Church Start/Revitalization Grants- **\$123,000** will be given to 6 projects to help enhance our local churches
 - ✓ Cornerstone UMC- \$8,000 (Shawnee Valley District)
 - ✓ Town and Rural Resource Program- \$2,500
 - ✓ Hocking Hills UMC New Church Start- \$10,000 (Foothills District)
 - ✓ Carmel-Sutton UMC- \$2500 (Foothills District)
 - ✓ Zanesville Coburn UMC- \$10,000 (Foothills District)
 - ✓ Central Avenue UMC- \$90,000 (Foothills District)
- 2) Equitable Compensation Fund- **\$20,001** will be given to 2 local churches to assist in pastoral leadership in strategic locations
- 3) Campus Ministry Grant- **\$12,000** will be given to 1 campus ministry to reach college students- Central Avenue UMC in Athens (Foothills District)
- 4) Camp Otterbein in Logan- **\$125,000** will be given to help enhance summer camping and retreats
- 5) Equalization Fund- **\$25,000** will be given to the Foothills District to assist with leadership development, lay servant ministry and support ministry projects in our region
- 6) District Leadership- Over **\$250,000** will be given to fund the role of District Superintendent in the Shawnee Valley District and the Foothills District as well as expenses that go with those 2 positions
- 7) Disaster Response Coordination- **\$2500** will be given to assist with coordinating the response to disasters both at home and beyond.
- 8) Stewardship Programs are being offered in the SHV District through the West Ohio Council on Development office in order to help our local churches thrive in ministry and mission- **\$5000**

***\$562,501 of the Conference Connectional Giving paid by our Shawnee Valley District churches will come back to directly impact our district and the Appalachian region of Ohio.**

In addition, your share of our Conference Connectional Giving helped make possible the following ministries in our conference, state, country and around the globe. There are many other ministries not listed below that your connectional giving monies are supporting. You are making a difference with your mission dollars!

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Examples:

- 1) Retired & Disabled Pastors and Spouses Health/Pension/Benefits- **\$1,970,000** will be given to support health care for over 800 retirees, their spouses, surviving spouses and clergy who are disabled. Shawnee Valley District will contribute \$122,732 toward that total.
- 2) The United Methodist Archives housed in the Ohio Wesleyan University Library continues to cherish and maintain the historical records of our Annual Conference and every local church. It is accessible by everyone in our Conference and provides a place to protect our rich history- **\$26,863**

STATE OF OHIO

Examples:

- Campus Ministry- **\$113,400** – is supported at the following universities: OSU, OU, University of Toledo, Miami University, Ohio Northern University and the University of Cincinnati
- Hispanic Ministry- **\$58,250** – which supports 7 projects in Columbus, Cincinnati, Dayton and Toledo
- New Church Starts- **\$347,500** – which supports 8 projects throughout the State
- Revitalization Grants for 16 churches both smaller and larger- **\$159,500**

UNITED STATES

Examples:

- 1) Strengthening the Black Church- **\$21,379** to provide resources, training and new ideas for empowering ministry in 2,400 African-American churches across the United States
- 2) Ministerial Education Fund- **\$1,146,897** to support continuing education for pastors, financial aid, scholarships for students and supplement faculty salaries at our seminaries
- 3) General Commission on United Methodist Men- **\$16,034** to support devotionals for military personnel, Stop Hunger Now, Disciple Bible Studies in State Prisons, Scouting Ministries, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and many more ministries through UMM
- 4) General Board of Discipleship- **\$354,088** to support Young Peoples Ministry grants, Upper Room Ministries like the Prayer Line, Equipping New Church Planters/New Congregations, Lay Servant Ministry and other crucial ministries

- 5) Young Clergy Initiative Fund- **\$73,490** to help prepare, nurture, educate and encourage young adults who are sensing a call to ministry through the ordination process

INTERNATIONAL

Examples:

- 1) Africa University- **\$102,388** will be given to provide a quality education in an African context so that persons can acquire knowledge and skills, spiritual maturity, moral values, ethics and leadership qualities
- 2) General Board of Global Ministries- **\$1,202,563** will be given to:
 - United Methodist Committee on Relief- It is a global, humanitarian aid organization. It works in more than 80 countries and is grounded in the teachings of Jesus to alleviate human suffering. It addresses issues of hunger, poverty, sustainable agriculture and health
 - Congregational Development and Emerging churches in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America
 - Community Ministry- Programs on Substance Abuse and Related Violence, Town and Country Ministries, Cooperative Ministries and Urban Ministries
 - Mission Volunteers- Volunteers in Mission, NOMADS and Short-term Volunteers
 - Missionaries around the globe

We are a Connectional Church as United Methodists. We help people around the world and people around the world help us. Most of what you give in your local church supports your congregation and its chosen missions as well as your community and region. But some of what you give supports the broader church and impacts the whole world. We are better together and our ministry is more complete when we are united in our giving. Thank you for the part you play in the ministries of Jesus Christ through the United Methodist Church!