

General Board**Business Item No. GB-09-0652**

Title: Receipt of a Change in the Mission Funding Distribution Allocation for the Upper Midwest Region

Origin: The Upper Midwest Region

Background Information:

When the common funding system was established, the Upper Midwest Region did not approve the system and has not approved the subsequent changes to the system. The philosophy of the Upper Midwest Region has always been that individuals contribute to congregations, congregations contribute to the region and the region contributes to the General church.

The region did follow two of the three steps in the process (taking the action to the Regional Board and Regional Assembly). They did not invite representatives from the Office of the General Minister and President to be present for the discussion at their regional board and/or assembly. With the anticipated downturn in the economy, the region is anticipating submitting \$399,000 to Disciples Mission Fund for support of General Ministries. This is a reduction of \$58,000 from 2008. The reduction is due to an anticipated decrease in regional income (\$27,000) and the increase the portion retained by the region (\$31,000).

Out of a desire for covenantal partnership, the Upper Midwest region has extended support and opportunity for fund raising and promotion / interpretation conversations to take place in the region regarding support for Disciples Mission Fund.

The General Board is charged with acknowledging this allocation, as the change (from the April 2008 approved allocation of 46.5%) impacts the rest of the partners in the funding system.

Recommended Action by the General Board:

The General Board,

- Receives the report of the Upper Midwest Regional Board and Regional Assembly.
- Notes the region's decision to retain 50% of DMF offerings contributed by congregations in the region rather than the 46.5% previously determined.
- Instructs OGMP Treasury Services to make the necessary changes in the percentage anticipated from the Upper Midwest Region.
- Changes the anticipated distributions to all other partners accordingly.