

General Board**Business Item No. GB-10-0698**

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

Origin: The Kansas Region

Background Information:

When the common funding system was revised eight years ago, the Christian Church in Kansas approved neither the revision nor subsequent changes to the system. Instead it established an alternate funding system of its own—the Kansas Plan—in 2002. This plan incorporates elements of the common funding system relevant to Special Day Offerings, but places the responsibility for setting Disciples Mission Fund distribution percentages on its own Regional Board in accordance with its Constitution and Bylaws.

Due to the downturn in the economy and a massive deficit in DMF receipts in 2009, the Regional Board found it necessary to adjust its allocation percentages for 2010. The region did not take the action to the Regional Assembly, which meets biennially and will not be held again until next fall, nor did they invite representatives from the Office of the General Minister and President to be present for the discussion at their regional board meeting.

The Kansas Region anticipates submitting \$269,500 to Disciples Mission Fund for support of General Ministries in 2010. This is a reduction of ±\$25,250 from 2009. The reduction is due to an anticipated decrease in regional income (±\$21,750) and the increase the portion retained by the region (±\$3,500).

The General Board is charged with acknowledging this allocation, as the change from the previous allocation of 42.4015% to 45% impacts the rest of the partners in the funding system.

Recommended Action by the General Board:

The General Board,

- Receives the report of Kansas' Regional Board.
- Notes the region's decision to retain 45% of DMF offerings contributed by congregations in the region rather than the 42.4015% previously set by the Regional Board.
- Instructs OGMP Treasury Services to make the necessary changes in the percentage anticipated from the Kansas Region.
- Changes the anticipated distributions to all other partners accordingly.