

**General Board****Business Item No. GB-10-0703****Title:** Distribution Formula for Undergraduate Institutions**Origin:** Council of Colleges and Universities**Background Information:**

The Mission Funding System is divided into three recipient groups: Regions, General Ministries and Institutions of Higher Education. Within the Institutions of Higher Education group there are two sub-groups: Seminaries/Divinity Houses and Colleges and Universities. The Higher Education subgroups have an agreed upon split of Disciples Mission Fund resources within the Institutions of Higher Education. Each subgroup is then responsible for determining the allocation to each institution. The Council of Colleges and Universities has voted to modify their allocation as noted below.

When the original formula was created for the undergraduate institutions, the institutions proposed a 5% hold back for a grant fund. The undergraduate institutions are reallocating the 5% to Lynchburg College for the purpose of employing a staff person to strengthen the relationship between the undergraduate institutions and the church.

The role of the General Board with the mission funding system is to determine the allocation to each of the three recipient groups. When a recipient group makes a change to their allocation formula, the General Board's role is to review the process, not the percentages. The process includes: was sufficient notice given the recipient group of the meeting; the Office of the General Minister and President is consulted; and did a majority of the group approve the change.

At their annual meeting January 4, 2010, attended by Todd Adams, Associate General Minister and Vice President, representing General Minister and President Sharon Watkins, a majority of the Presidents voted to approve the change.

**Recommended Action by the General Board:**

Approve the changes to the allocation formula for the undergraduate institutions.