

2017 Connectional Ministries Budget - Recommendations (Revised)

6 Districts

1. That the 2017 Connectional Ministries (CMF) Budget for the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference be set and adopted as follows: Church Giving to CMF is set at \$3,200,000; total expenses for CMF are \$3,249,181. That the budget deficit of \$49,181 will be covered by cuts to the Conference program budget as determined by the Connectional Table.
2. The GCFA 2016 budget for World Service is set at \$1,215,025; the GCFA 2016 budget request for General Church is set at \$1,146,967.
3. Treasurers of local churches be encouraged to submit their Apportionments and Billed Funds to the Conference on a monthly basis and that, guided by the Spirit, our churches will strive to pay 2017 Apportionments and Billed Funds in full.
4. That automobile travel expense for official conference business for staff personnel shall be set at the approved IRS rate, by the Council on Finance and Administration in concurrence with the Commission on Equitable Compensation. That all clergy and lay volunteer members of Conference boards and agencies be reimbursed, if requested, at the rate of 14 cents per mile for travel to meetings.
5. That the Treasurer/Executive Director of Administrative Ministries close the books for 2016 on January 15, 2017, and observe that date as the last date on which he will receive final remittances for the year ending December 31, 2016.
6. That any agency of the Conference which determines to use its funds to employ a person either part-time or full-time for whom there would be an expectation of employment in a subsequent Conference year, be in consultation with the Conference Council on Finance and Administration six months prior to making any employment commitments. Be it further resolved that the same process be followed when any part-time position is upgraded to a more extensive position.
7. That the Conference Council on Finance and Administration continue to review, revise, and formulate policies, specific directives and recommendations concerning the overall financial structure, bookkeeping procedures and auditing requirements of all groups receiving funds from the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.
8. That, in the case of an oversight of any essential item, the Council on Finance and Administration shall be authorized to make such adjustments as are necessary to the Annual Conference budget.
9. *Reference 2012 Book of Discipline, ¶613.8.* "That CCFA be authorized to create a process for transfer of funds within the budget."
10. That the Council on Finance and Administration be granted permission to borrow up to 10% of the apportionment budget in the event that funds do not

44 meet budgeted amounts, or are not sufficient to cover the seasonal shortfall, or
45 as necessary to support Conference agencies where there are strong legal and
46 financial ties. (See 2012 *Discipline*, ¶ 613.10)

47 11. That the Council on Finance and Administration “receive, consider, report, and
48 make recommendations to the Annual Conference regarding the following, prior
49 to final decision by the Annual Conference: (a) any proposal to raise capital
50 funds for any purpose; (b) funding considerations related to any proposal which
51 comes from the conference; (c) any requests to conduct a special conference-
52 wide financial appeal, whether by special collections, campaigns or otherwise,
53 in the local churches of the conference.” (See 2012 *Discipline*, ¶ 613.2) That
54 no Annual Conference agency or interest shall make a conference-wide appeal
55 to the local churches for funds without the approval of the Annual Conference
56 upon recommendation of the Council on Finance and Administration except in
57 case of an extreme emergency when such approval may be given by a two-
58 thirds vote of the district superintendents and of the council acting jointly. (See
59 2012 *Discipline*, ¶ 614.5)

60 12. That all “apportionment and billed funds” are “temporarily restricted funds” to be
61 used only for the specific purposes designated.