



1 Most congregations in the UMOI Annual Conference believe in paying 100% of our  
2 apportionments. But in light of 2019 General Conference's decisions that deny full  
3 participation in the church by LGBTQ members of our laity and clergy, local churches  
4 should have more say in what parts of the denomination their monies are funding.  
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6 It is not appropriate for local churches to withhold funds from the annual conference, or  
7 to self-redirect apportioned funds to outside groups. Therefore, providing a process and  
8 education to help local churches better direct where their funds go is the most Methodist  
9 solution to our current question as far as aligning our money with our values.  
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11 **Why is it important?**  
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13 In response to the 2019 General Conference, it is time to empower local churches to  
14 better give direction to their apportionments to The United Methodist Church. At great  
15 cost of money and our mission, the Council of Bishops, the Commission on a Way  
16 Forward, and the 2019 General Conference were unable to find a satisfactory resolution  
17 to the impasse in the United Methodist Church around affirming LGBTQ clergy and  
18 celebrating same-gender weddings in our churches.  
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20 Given that enormous cultural and theological gaps remain in our global church, local  
21 churches and annual conferences should have more direction in where their  
22 Apportionments ("mission shares") go to ensure our giving aligns with our values.  
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24 It is not the goal of the annual conference or any specific church to use this controversy  
25 to reduce payments of apportioned dollars to the annual conference or the Episcopal  
26 Fund.  
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28 **How will it be carried out? By whom?**  
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30 The Annual Conference Treasurer and local church Finance committees  
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32 **How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?**  
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34 Staff time in the Treasurer's office to create and process the document, and  
35 bookkeeping time to process the different payments from churches that opt-into this  
36 process.