

45 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

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47 **What will this action accomplish?**

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49 Some annual conferences offer two different ways for a local church to pay 100% of its
50 apportionments: Proportional Allocation and Church-Directed Allocation.

- 51 - Proportional Allocation is acceptance of the proportion given to each local church
52 and 100% payment of those funds.
- 53 - Church-Directed Allocation allows local churches to pay different amounts to
54 different funds, so long as the total amount of money paid by the local church
55 equals 100% of the total monies apportioned to the local church.

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57 The Book of Discipline allows for such flexibility in giving, stating that payment in full of
58 our apportionments is the “first benevolent responsibility” of the church and annual
59 conference (§812 and §247.14), and that apportionments “shall not be subject to
60 reduction either by the annual conference or by the charge or local church” (§615.1 and
61 §811.4). The Discipline does not say payment in full of each individual fund allocated
62 must be paid, only payment in full of the church’s total apportioned amount.

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64 Most congregations in the UMOI Annual Conference believe in paying 100% of our
65 apportionments. But in light of 2019 General Conference’s decisions that deny full
66 participation in the church by LGBTQ members of our laity and clergy, local churches
67 should have more say in what parts of the denomination their monies are funding.

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69 It is not appropriate for local churches to withhold funds from the annual conference, or
70 to self-redirect apportioned funds to outside groups. Therefore, providing a process and
71 education where local churches can better direct where their apportioned funds go is the
72 most Methodist solution to our current question as far as aligning our money with our
73 values.

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75 **Why is it important?**

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77 In response to the 2019 General Conference, it is time to empower local churches to
78 better give direction to their apportionments to The United Methodist Church. At great
79 cost of money and our mission, the Council of Bishops, the Commission on a Way
80 Forward, and the 2019 General Conference were unable to find a satisfactory resolution
81 to the impasse in the United Methodist Church around affirming LGBTQ clergy and
82 celebrating same-gender weddings in our churches. Given that enormous cultural and
83 theological gaps remain in our global church, local churches and annual conferences
84 should have more direction in where their Apportionments (“mission shares”) go to
85 ensure our giving aligns with our values.

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88 **How will it be carried out? By whom?**

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90	The Annual Conference Treasurer and local church Finance committees
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92	How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?
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94	Staff time in the Treasurer's office to create and process the document, and bookkeeping time
95	to process the different payments from churches that opt-into this process.