Connectional Funding Instruction

Connectional Funding is the financial obligation of each Global Methodist church toward the work of the denomination. Each church calculates their own amount. For General Church Connectional Funding, the yearly amount is equal to 1% of the church's operating income from the prior year. The worksheet below should help you with the calculation. Most churches are also part of a Provisional Conference. While the calculation is basically the same, the percentage may be different. Each conference will also have their own payment instructions which can be found on your Conference's website (https://globalmethodist.org/provisional-annual-conferences). Churches in a Transitional Conference will pay a matching 1% for your Conference to be held by the General Church until you Conference is ready to receive it.

Last Year's Operating Income			***Calculate Connectional Funding***		
Tithes & Offerings (Unrestricted)			General Church %	x	1.00%
Interest & Dividends	+		**General Church Yearly Amount:**	=	**$ 0.00**
Sale of Church Assets	+		*Monthly Amount*		$ *0.00*
Building Use & Rental Fees	+				
Fundraisers & Other Sources	+				
Operating Income	=	0.00			

What to Include or Exclude from Income?

Tithes, Gifts, & Offerings (Unrestricted) - **INCLUDE:** Undesignated gifts of cash or checks (primarily the regular Sunday offering); gifts that are designated for something in the budget (e.g. gift designated for church utilities). **EXCLUDE:** Designated gifts or offerings such as for missionaries or offerings for a local mission project; Reimbursements received from other churches/individuals; Bequests; Memorial Gifts; Endowment distributions received; Income from Grants.

Interest & Dividends - **INCLUDE:** Only interest & dividends received from investing operating funds. **EXCLUDE:** Investment earnings on designated funds, funds held by the church's foundation, and funds from a bequest. Also exclude interest or dividends that are reinvested.

Sale of Church Assets - **INCLUDE:** Only the net proceeds of the sale where the proceeds support the operating budget. This is pretty rare as sales of capital assets are restricted automatically.

Building Use & Rental Fees - **INCLUDE:** Fees charged to groups or individuals for use of the building. Rent or lease payments received for use of land, building, or parsonage assuming they support the operating budget. **EXCLUDE:** Damage deposit and fees charged specifically to cover the cost associated with the event. If renting out the parsonage, exclude the amount designated to care for the parsonage.

Fundraisers & Other Sources - **INCLUDE:** Only the net proceeds of fundraisers where the proceeds support the operating budget. (e.g. A church holds an annual turkey dinner to support their operating budget. The amount raised less the cost of holding the dinner should be included.) **EXCLUDE:** Fundraisers that support special projects, capital/debt campaigns, or other designated causes.