

Council on Finance

Report Number 2: 2017 Conference Budget Funding Model

The Council on Finance recommends the 2017 North Alabama Conference budget be funded by local churches using a proportional giving based funding model. The goal of the proportional giving based funding model is for each local church to remit a minimum of 10% (a tithe) of its unrestricted receipts on a monthly basis in support of the Conference budget and the local church's district budget. Local churches will not be asked to remit separate or additional amounts for district budgets in 2017.

Unrestricted receipts are defined as those receipts reported in Lines 62 a, b, and c of Table 3 in the annual Local Church Report. Lines 62 a, b, and c are defined as follows:

Line 62 a – Amounts Received through Pledges

Line 62 b – Amounts Received from Non-Pledging, but Identified Givers

Line 62 c – Amounts Received from Unidentified Givers

The data reported by local churches in their annual Local Church Reports is included in the Conference *Journal* each year. The 2016 Conference *Journal* will include the calendar year 2015 Local Church Report data for each church. Local churches may find this information helpful as they prepare to implement the new funding model in 2017.

Some churches will find the new funding model asks them to contribute more in their connectional giving than the historical apportionment model while other churches will find the new funding model asks them to contribute less than the historical apportionment model. Accordingly, the 2017 Conference fiscal year will be a year of transition to the new funding model with a goal of creating faithfulness to Biblical stewardship. Each local church is encouraged to remit a minimum amount in 2017 equal to its total remittances in 2016 as some of our local churches transition to a higher level of giving. Churches that are not able to remit 10% of unrestricted receipts in 2017 are asked to discuss their plan for transitioning to the 10% proportional giving based model with their district superintendent prior to the beginning of 2017.