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# Methodism & Money

## GIVING TO THE CHURCH

Approximately £120 million is given each year for the work of the Methodist Church in total.

For every £1 given at local churches,

- 50p is kept locally for building work, local mission and voluntary giving to Methodist and Other funds and causes;
- 40p is spent at Circuit level on behalf of local churches on the costs of ministry i.e. stipends and manses, etc.
- 2p is spent at District level to cover staffing (other than District Chairs' stipend) and other operating expenses and ...
- 8p goes to the Connexional Assessment.

He called his disciples to him and said, "I assure you, this poor widow has given more than all the others have given. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has."

Mark 12: 43-44

Your gifts generously given, are helping the church make a difference here in the United Kingdom and abroad. Thank you very much

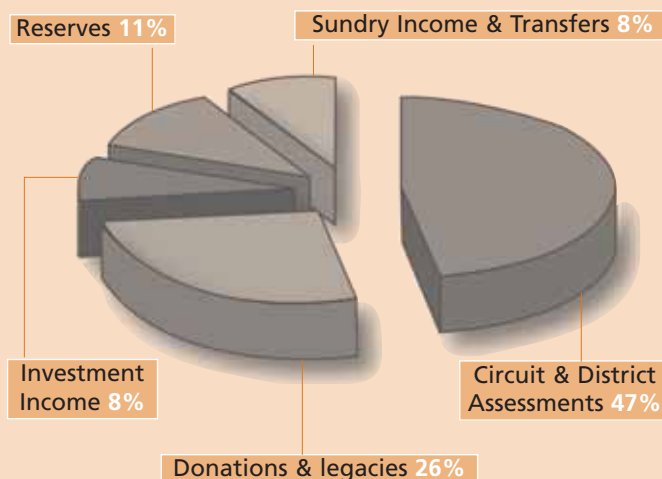


## THE CONNEXIONAL TEAM BUDGET - 2003/2004

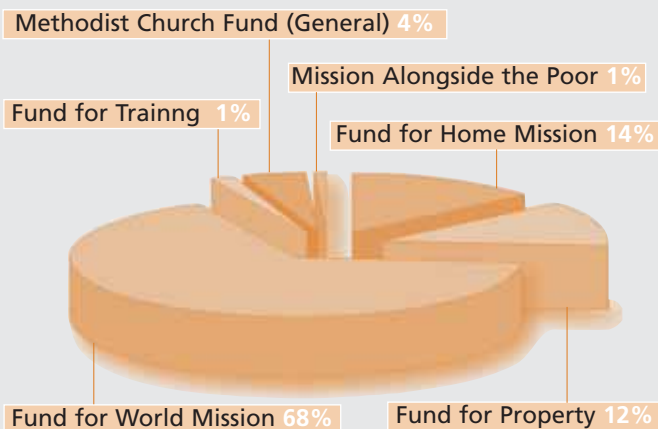
**F**or 2003/04, the Connexional Assessment is expected to amount to £10.1m or 47% of the Connexional Team total budget of £21.4 million. The rest of the budget is expected to be funded from donations and legacy income, investment income, income receipts for services to other bodies and from reserves.

**Figure 1** gives the breakdown of funding for the connexional year to 31 August 2004.

2003/2004 Sources of Income (£21.4m)



Donations and Legacies (£5.5 million)

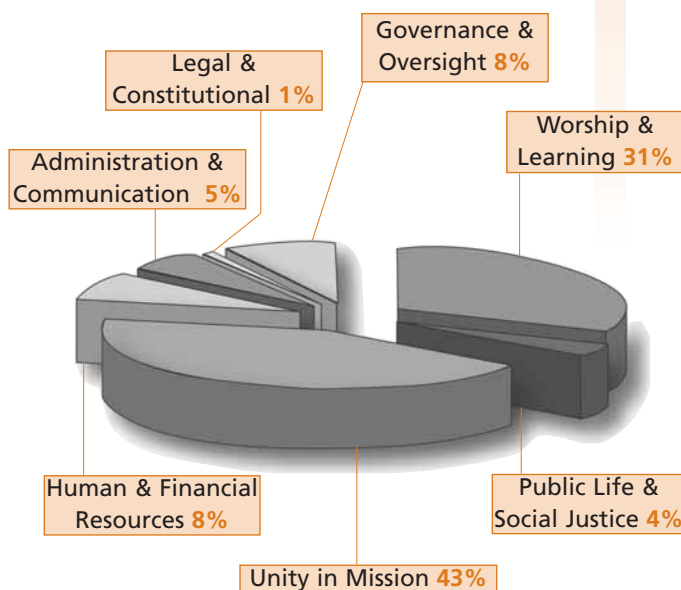


**M**ost of the donation and legacy income is expected to come through specific giving to the Fund for World Mission and Fund for Home Mission and Fund for Property.

**Figure 2** provides a breakdown of Donation and Legacy income by funds.

**F**or the 2003/2004, the Methodist Conference agreed on the following allocation of the Connexional budget of £21.4 million (**Figure 3**)

2003/2004 Resource Allocation (£21.4 million)



## SO WHAT HAPPENS TO EACH SLICE OF THE TOTAL CAKE?

### i Worship and Learning Slice

£6.6 million or 31 percent of the total connexional budget is allocated to Worship and Learning with

- £3.3 million going towards the selection, formation, oversight and training of ministers, deacons, local preachers and lay workers;
- £2.3 million going towards the development of other resources for the emerging church and the delivery of training and formation to the whole Church through partnerships linking Regional Theological Resource Centres and Networks with the 23 Training and Development Officers in place.
- £1 million will go towards Pastoral Care and Christian Education - Underpinned by the vision of a learning Church, inspiring and supporting lay people, including young people and children, in their discipleship, ministry and mission through promoting and providing learning opportunities, resources, research, monitoring and accreditation. This includes the work of Women's Network.
- The balance goes toward work in Creative Arts in Methodism, Faith and Order, and the co-ordination of worship resources. Much of this work is dependent on volunteers.

### ii Public Life & Social Justice Slice

£0.9 million or 4 percent of the total connexional budget is allocated to Public Life and Social Justice focusing on:

- Co-ordinating and representing the Methodist Church's social witness in challenging injustice by public debate and through engagement with government and public bodies.
- The strategic development of chaplaincy work in the workplace, Further and Higher Education and prisons as well as providing a Christian voice on major policy areas in education.

### iii Unity in Mission Slice

£9.2 million or 43 percent of the total connexional budget is allocated to Unity in Mission.

- £2.9 million of this is earmarked for the Resourcing Mission Office based in Manchester, responsible for facilitating the mission of the local church by encouraging effective use of local resources through
  - Property schemes making churches more accessible, re-ordering facilities for contemporary worship, refurbishing older premises to meet today's needs and building new church and community facilities in changing and growing areas. £1.9 million of Fund for Property grants will be given this year for such projects;
  - Ministry and Mission Grants to circuits for specialist ministries, youth and children's work and as 'pump-priming' for innovative mission projects and church planting. These grants will come from the Fund for Home Mission.
- £5.8 million will be overseen by the World Church Office – In the current year the World Church Office aims to:
  - Promote and service the relationships with partner churches overseas through direct grants from the Fund for World Mission totaling £3.25 million
  - Support 79 mission partners, 14 short-term volunteers and 5 special partners, all working overseas and
  - Support mission education, advocacy and training through scholarships and mission studies.
- Ecumenical work supporting formal and informal ecumenical relationships and conversations on behalf of the Conference and the connexion and
- The provision of training and resources for churches, circuits and districts to develop evangelism ministries in both urban and rural settings.

For further details of the work undertaken by grants from the Fund for World Mission, Fund for Home Mission or the Fund for Property, please refer to the relevant literature from the Mission Education or the Property Office or visit the Methodist Church Website:  
[www.methodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.methodistchurch.org.uk)

**iv Legal & Constitutional Slice**

£160 thousand or 1 percent of the total connexional budget is allocated to Legal and Constitutional Matters focusing on:

- Safeguarding where the Methodist Church continue to play a leading role through the Churches Agency for Safeguarding which handles Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure on behalf of 11 denominations.
- The Church’s internal safeguarding policies and procedures ensuring that at connexional, district, circuit and church levels, persons working with children and other vulnerable members of our society are properly vetted.
- Complaints and Discipline within the wider Church and
- Protecting our History and Archives.

**v Governance & Oversight Slice**

£1.7m is set aside to cover the costs of Conference and Council and committees of the Conference and Council and stipends of the District Chairs as well as work undertaken by the Joint Secretaries on behalf of the Conference as indicated in Standing Orders. The work of the Joint Secretaries will focus particularly on:

- Development of the medium term implications of “Where we are heading”.
- Completion of work on governance and trustee indemnity issues
- Continuing review of the work of the Team, Council and Conference in the light of *Our Calling*
- Continuation of the initiative on work with people in their 20s/30s
- Significant work resulting from anticipated UK and European legislation and regulations in the areas of employment, charity law and equality and diversity.
- New initiatives in ecumenical co-operation and sharing of resources, in particular the outcomes of the decisions on *An Anglican-Methodist Covenant* and related issues

**vi Admin. & Communication Slice**

£1.1 million or 5 percent of the total connexional budget is allocated to administration and Communications focusing on:

- Provision of administration services required by the Methodist Council and the Connexional Team in discharging their responsibilities. This has included the management of records, paintings, and technological services as well as the provision of office support and maintenance services for Methodist Church House; and
- Facilitating effective communication by the Methodist Church, both internally and externally, including Media Relations; Editorial Services (including the Connexional Link scheme and the electronic newsletter “Buzz”); Design and Production; Training, development and consultancy services in communication; and management of the Connexional website.

**vii Human & Financial Resources Slice**

£1.7 million or 8 percent of the total connexional budget is allocated to Personnel and Financial Services focusing on:

- Financial Services - Developing and maintaining satisfactory systems of financial controls, budgetary management and accounting to ensure good stewardship and the deployment of resources in a manner that is efficient, effective and economical; in short the “value for money” service required of us by Conference and the wider Church. Services here include the payment of salaries, stipends and allowances, tax recovery on behalf of churches and the administration of various funds for those in the ordained ministry and their dependants; and
- Personnel Services ensuring the Methodist Council has appropriate policies in place across the Church to manage and protect the Church’s most priced asset - the people who serve at church, circuit, district and connexional levels.

**Note:** The budget allocations above are gross amounts and do not take into account the income generated from the work of the various units of the Connexional Team. Income from the work of the Connexional Team is included in the income slice shown under “Sundry Income”.



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