

## Report No. 9

Petition Number:

### **REPORT ON GRANTS FROM THE WORLD SERVICE CONTINGENCY FUND, 2001-2004**

The World Service Contingency Fund is used “to meet requests from the general church agencies for additional funding.” The fund is established to enable the general agencies of The United Methodist Church to respond to unanticipated program assignments from the most recent General Conference which are not in the regular program/budget and/or to emerging opportunities for new programmatic forms of ministry and mission. *The Book of Discipline 2000* indicates the procedure for allocating the funds from this Contingency Fund. It states:

“Before the beginning of each year the General Council on Finance and Administration shall determine and communicate to the General Council on Ministries the sum available at that time from World Service Contingency Funds, to meet requests for additional funding from the general program agencies. The General Council on Ministries shall be authorized to approve allocations to the general program agencies for such additional program funding up to the limit so established. No money shall be allocated by the General Council on Ministries from this source for general administration costs, fixed charges, or capital outlay without approval by the General Council on Finance and Administration.” [¶ 806.1(b) (6) and 906.2(e)]

During 2001-2004, upon request of the General Council on Ministries (GCOM), the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) allocated \$200,000 each year to the GCOM to meet requests from the general program agencies for additional funding from the World Service Contingency Fund. It became apparent early in the quadrennium that the needs of general agencies were far greater than the funds already allocated by the GCFA. The GCOM surveyed the general program agencies for their projected funding needs for the quadrennium. The general agencies reported fifteen potential requests totaling an additional \$1.2 million. Many were for programs approved by the 2000 General Conference without adequate funding or for emerging needs. The GCOM made a request for an additional \$650,000. The GCFA approved an additional \$52,625.

The GCOM utilizes a design, guidelines and procedures to review each request. The general program agencies receiving grants are required to submit annual progress reports to GCOM and at the completion of the project to submit a complete program/project report with financial accounting. All unexpended funds are returned to the GCOM World Service Contingency Fund and are available for reallocation.

At the Spring 2002 meeting of GCOM, one request was such a critical ministry need that all the remaining funds, (\$250,000), were approved for Pastors' Salary support for Eastern Europe (Central Conference of Central and Southern Europe). This approval was unprecedented.

### **GCOM World Service Contingency Fund 2001 - 2004 Allocations**

#### **AGENCY AND PROJECT**

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
GBOD: Feasibility of Young Adult Ministries Organization	\$101,025	\$13,925	\$31,450	\$55,650	
GBOD: Science and Theology TF	116,400	30,000	60,000	26,400	
GCSRW: Training for Annual Conference Response Teams	39,250	39,250			
GCUMM: Transformation Quest	30,000	30,000			
GCCUIC: Dialogues on Homosexuality and the Unity of the Church	195,950	44,950	58,450	92,550	
GCCUIC: Acts of Repentance for Racism	120,000	28,125	54,375	33,125	\$4,375
GBGM: Pastors' Salary Support for Eastern Europe	250,000		100,000	75,000	75,000
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>\$852,625</b>	<b>\$186,250</b>	<b>\$304,275</b>	<b>\$282,725</b>	<b>\$79,375</b>

GCOM notified GCFA of its action, and GCFA disbursed the funds to the appropriate agency in accordance with the conditions of the request and the approval.

Significant and vital ministries are advanced and fulfilled through the World Service Contingency Fund. These funds are essential to enable the church through the general agencies to respond to God's call in an ever-changing world.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
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