

## REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FOR THEMES, MISSIONAL PRIORITIES AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The General Council on Ministries recommends two Special Programs, as outlined in Para. 703.10 of *The Book of Discipline*, 2000.

*A special program is a quadrennial emphasis initiated by a general program-related agency in accordance with Paras. 906.1, .2, and .4, approved by General Conference and assigned to a general program-related agency. The program shall be designed in response to a distinct opportunity or need in God's world that is evidenced by research or other supporting data and shall propose achievable goals within the quadrennium. Para. 703.10, The Book of Discipline, 2000.*

The two special programs being recommended are:

1. *Holistic Strategy on Africa*, a special program coordinated by the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM), in collaboration with several agencies, to be funded at \$35,000,000 with funding provided through the participating agencies through their quadrennial budgets.
2. *Holistic Strategy on Latin America and the Caribbean*, a special program coordinated by the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM), in collaboration with several agencies, to be funded at \$8,000,000, with funding provided through the participating agencies through their quadrennial budgets.

Additionally, the General Council on Ministries (GCOM) requests the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) allocate \$1,320,000 for the 2005-2008 quadrennium to the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) for coordination responsibilities of these two special programs.

### Budget Special Programs 2005-2008

Item	Amount to be contributed by general agencies from their proposed 2005-2008 budgets	Amount that represents new funding for 2005-2008 quadrennium	Total Amount
<i>Holistic Strategy on Africa</i>	\$35,000,000	\$0	\$35,000,000
<i>Holistic Strategy on Latin America and the Caribbean</i>	\$8,000,000	\$0	\$8,000,000
<i>Funding Request for Coordination</i>	\$0	\$1,320,000	\$1,320,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,320,000</b>	<b>\$44,320,000</b>