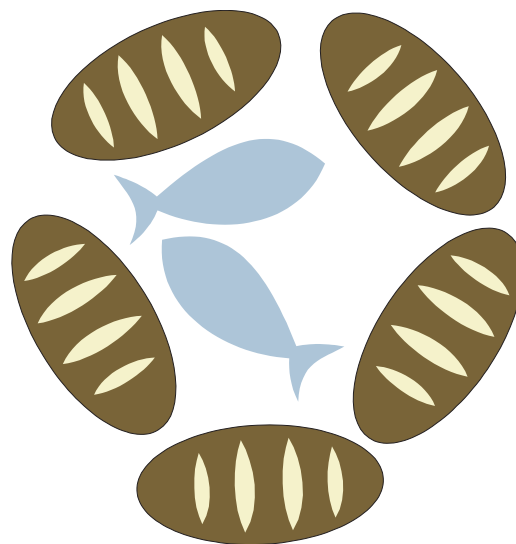


# 2005 Peninsula-Delaware Conference Apportionment Report

The books have been closed for Peninsula-Delaware Conference's 2005 year of operations. As I reported last year, the 2005 Budget presentation at Annual Conference indicated that receipts on apportionments would need to reach 96.5% for 2005 in order to cover all budgeted programs. I'm troubled that I must report that receipts were only 93.0%. This is the lowest percentage that I have seen as Treasurer. The Conference Council on Finance and Administration (CCFA) monitored our receipts during the year and reported at the Special Session in October that they expected a shortfall of approximately \$220,000. However, the year ended with an actual shortfall of \$325,580 with amounts received after the deadline bringing the deficit to \$266,200. General Church askings were paid in full once again but other agencies did not receive all that had been budgeted in order to offset the shortfall.

I am encouraged that 39 churches answered the call by CCFA for a "Special" contribution toward reducing this shortfall. The total contributed to date is \$16,591 with additional contributions anticipated before the closing date of March 1st. I have highlighted those churches in the year-end apportionment list that is also published in this issue. Please join me and



the members of CCFA in offering heartfelt gratitude to those congregations that have answered God's call to go beyond the calculated apportionment. The hope by CCFA is that the calculated apportionment will be seen as a starting point and congregations will joyously give beyond this level. Please pray for the continued presence of the Holy Spirit working within the

Peninsula-Delaware Conference to build a brighter future filled with God's Peace.

John Wesley believed that "The World is Our Parish." Our Apportionment and Advance giving allow each of us to live out this call. The Advance, as second mile giving, truly reflects our call to follow the example of Jesus and share the abundance that has been provided by our Lord. The table below reflects a phenomenal response to this call in 2005 as second mile giving increased by 105.6% largely due to support of UMCOR. The year began on the heels of the most destructive tsunamis ever recorded. Since then we have seen the worst devastation from hurricanes in the USA and earthquakes through out the world. UMCOR has been a major force in these relief efforts worldwide. In fact, UMCOR has proven its effectiveness in disaster response and has been asked to work closely with FEMA to assist with the long-term recovery efforts. The people of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference have also responded through tremendous financial support to UMCOR that approached the million dollar mark. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for the continued support of the missions and ministries of the United Methodist Church in local communities, within our Conference and worldwide.

## General Church and Conference Missions

|                               | 2005               | 2004             |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| World Missions                | \$ 54,316          | \$ 61,471        |
| National Missions             | 25,671             | 22,351           |
| UMCOR                         | 980,891            | 145,478          |
| Africa University Scholarship | 13,526             | 18,125           |
| Special Sundays/Offerings     | 74,454             | 85,159           |
| Conference Missions           | 122,536            | 285,846          |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$1,271,394</b> | <b>\$618,430</b> |

## General Church Apportionments

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| World Service                  | \$ 685,104         |
| Black College Fund             | 102,061            |
| Ministerial Education Fund     | 254,929            |
| Africa University              | 23,441             |
| General Administration         | 60,115             |
| Interdenominational Co-op Fund | 20,067             |
| Episcopal Fund                 | 177,406            |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$1,323,123</b> |

## Apportionments and Receipts

| DISTRICT     | APPORTIONMENT<br>2005 | APPORTIONMENT<br>2004 | PAID<br>2005          | PAID<br>2004          | %<br>2005    | %<br>2004    |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Dover        | \$1,319,396.00        | \$1,275,787.00        | \$1,316,465.55        | \$1,272,110.65        | 99.8%        | 99.7%        |
| Easton       | 1,019,625.00          | 977,245.00            | 956,109.20            | 897,460.23            | 93.8%        | 91.8%        |
| Salisbury    | 1,117,309.00          | 1,075,173.00          | 1,052,627.65          | 989,721.04            | 94.2%        | 92.1%        |
| Wilmington   | 1,816,934.00          | 1,765,453.00          | 1,578,859.94          | 1,643,833.71          | 86.9%        | 93.1%        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$5,273,264.00</b> | <b>\$5,093,658.00</b> | <b>\$4,904,062.34</b> | <b>\$4,803,125.63</b> | <b>93.0%</b> | <b>94.3%</b> |

## Comparison of Churches Paying Apportionments in Full

| DISTRICT     | 2005<br>TOTAL<br>CHURCHES | 2004<br>TOTAL<br>CHURCHES | 2005<br>#<br>PAID | 2004<br>#<br>PAID | 2005<br>%<br>PAID | 2004<br>%<br>PAID | 2005<br>#<br>UNPAID | 2004<br>#<br>UNPAID | 2005<br>%<br>UNPAID | 2004<br>%<br>UNPAID |
|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Dover        | 109                       | 112                       | 103               | 109               | 94.5%             | 97.3%             | 6                   | 3                   | 5.5%                | 2.7%                |
| Easton       | 130                       | 134                       | 102               | 112               | 78.5%             | 83.6%             | 28                  | 22                  | 21.5%               | 16.4%               |
| Salisbury    | 130                       | 133                       | 104               | 101               | 80.0%             | 75.9%             | 26                  | 32                  | 20.0%               | 24.1%               |
| Wilmington   | 82                        | 82                        | 56                | 60                | 68.3%             | 73.2%             | 26                  | 22                  | 31.7%               | 26.8%               |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>451</b>                | <b>461</b>                | <b>365</b>        | <b>382</b>        | <b>80.9%</b>      | <b>82.9%</b>      | <b>86</b>           | <b>79</b>           | <b>19.1%</b>        | <b>17.1%</b>        |

# Stewardship in Today's World

**D**avid Bell leads The Center for Christian Stewardship of The United Methodist Church, a resource center of the General Board of Discipleship. David's experience includes stewardship consultation, organizational management, leadership development, and non-profit fundraising. He encourages the joy of generous giving in congregations and individuals by providing church leaders with exceptional stewardship resources, training, and consultation that range from web-based articles to onsite workshops.

David is an ordained elder in full connection with the East Ohio Conference. He has served as the youth minister in a large-membership church and as the pastor of a congregation located in an urban neighborhood. Prior to directing the Center for

Christian Stewardship of The United Methodist Church, he held the position of Associate Director of the East Ohio Conference Council on Ministries, specializing in the areas of stewardship and missions.

In addition to publishing noteworthy stewardship articles, receiving sermon awards, and delivering passionate keynote addresses, David facilitates a series of dynamic seminars designed for church leaders. These seminars enable participants to gain a deeper theological understanding of Christian stewardship, to discover their role in cultivating the spiritual discipline of generosity, to consider the current economic trends and the impact of consumerism on individual's financial giving to the local church, and to experiment through peer learning with some "best practices" for effective

year-round stewardship in the local church.

David currently serves as President of the board of Directors of the Ecumenical Stewardship Center, based in Indianapolis, Indiana. He is an active member of The Alban Institute, the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Christian Stewardship Association, and the National Association of Church Business Administrators.

David is a magna cum laude graduate of Drew Theological School (Madison, New Jersey) and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies and Secondary Education from The College of Wooster (Wooster, Ohio).

In his leisure time, David enjoys traveling, photography, hiking, and family activities.



**Rev. David S. Bell**

David and his wife, Ethel, reside in Franklin, Tennessee. Together, they are blessed with two children, Allison and Andrew.

## Stewardship in Today's World

**By: The Rev. David S. Bell,  
Director of Stewardship  
Center for Christian Stewardship  
The United Methodist Church**

**Saturday, March 25, 2006**

**10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Sheraton Hotel Dover**

**Lunch Buffet Fee: \$30.00**

*Lunch, book, and materials are included in fee.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Id: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Options:

By check (payable to Peninsula-Delaware Conference):

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ 30.00

By Credit Card:

Visa  MasterCard  Discover

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Name of card holder:(please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Send registration and payment to: Peninsula-Delaware Conference  
Attn: Stewardship Taskforce  
139 North State Street  
Dover, DE 19901

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Resource Development & Management Team's  
Stewardship Taskforce

**Please register early and no later than March 6, 2006**

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The United Methodist Church**

Friday, March 24, 2006  
4:40 p.m. (appetizers)  
5:30 p.m. (Dinner)  
Shady Maple, East Earl  
Fee: \$25.00

Sunday, March 26, 2006  
1:30 p.m. (refreshments)  
2:00 p.m. start  
Tindley Temple, Philadelphia  
Fee: \$10.00

*Book and materials are included in fee.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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