

CFA Recommendation to Alaska Annual Conference for 2027 Budget

CFA has met and reviewed all the requests made to the Annual Conference Budget. The requests came in at \$843,501 which exceeded the capacity of the Apportioned Budget and what the CFA considered the capacity of the additional non-apportioned funds available to the Conference.

To that end the CFA recommends the apportioned budget be held equal to the 2026 budget at \$457,700. (The exact mathematical total is \$456,903. The amount to be proposed at annual conference is a round figure to ease discussion and calculation of apportionments to the local congregations.)

Further, the CFA recommended to the Leadership Team that a total spending plan be capped at \$775,000 as a working target. If capped at that point the amount available to fund through alternative, Leadership Team designated funds would spend from earnings, reserves and designated funds a total of \$317,300. If the spending plan is not capped as recommended the designated funds, reserves and earnings available in the future could possibly decrease by an additional \$69,298. (Historically these funds have strong earnings, however CFA realize the increased operational costs most churches are experiencing at this time and cannot predict the future.)

In an attachment/appendix to this report the CFA leadership forwarded to the Leadership Team CFA possible funding sources, mechanisms, and requests for funds that might assist them in that work (see Appendix A attached). CFA is available to collaborate through the summer and upcoming year in a process to assist the Leadership Team in whatever process they choose to take.

The attached spreadsheet shows the apportioned line items in the first column. The non-apportioned items are in the second column. The lines in column 2 which are highlighted in green are those that are unfunded and the Leadership Team will need to discern and find funding while also keeping the total funding target in mind. The third column is the total of all requests coming to CFA for the 2027 budget.

Rev. Kim Poole, CFA President

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CFA Recommendations to the Leadership Team

The Council on Finance and Administration recommend the following:

1. A 2027 Apportioned budget of \$457,700 which is “relatively flat” from 2026
2. A spending plan cap of \$775,000 incorporating funding from the following potential sources:

Recommended Fund Source	Potential Amount to Meet Requests
GBGM Grant line-item reserve	\$244,029
Legacy Fund	\$3.3M @5%. \$150,000
Conference Reserves	\$875,684 @5% \$43,750
CS/DCM Housing reserve	\$996,000. @5%. \$49,167 (30K for CS HA)
Board of Pensions	\$36,000 (½ CS Benefits ½ CBO)
Support Fund	\$73,726
Line item reserves	
Dahl Indigenous Ministry funds (CONAM Administered)	\$20K for Nome

3. Increase the allowed payout from the Legacy Fund and the Housing Fund up to 5% for 2027 and loosen the usage of the CS/DCM Housing endowment to cover other areas beyond the housing allowance.

To accomplish meeting the needs in points 2 and 3 a review this may include:

4. Understand, discern, and review more fully those requests that were received regarding their long-term impact:
 - a. Spending on the Conference Center
 - b. GBGM Fellows
 - c. AK Bookkeeper
 - d. Unalaska Missionary Partnership
 - e. Appropriate source of funding for Equitable Comp and Operational Improvement grants initiative approved in LT 2006 (ex: heat pumps to lower fuel oil cost burdens on churches in need of equitable compensation support currently)
 - f. All budgetary line-item requests from committees under the oversight of the Leadership Team
5. Consider request to CONAM for salary support to Nome from their Dahl Indigenous ministry funds.
6. Congregational development funds from Dahl NCS Fund
7. Conference Benefits Officer (CBO) paid from Board of Pension Funds

	2027 Apportionment Requested	2027 Non Apportionment funding	2027 Spending Plan Requests	Notes and Possible Funding Sources
Apportioned				
Episcopal Fund	22,411	2,490	24,901	Items in green highlights need LT Review for funding
Episcopal Housing	3,600	400	4,000	
Area Expense Fund	4,500	500	5,000	
General Conference Administration	7,684	854	8,538	
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	723	72	795	
Jurisdictional Administration Fund	2,970	330	3,300	
World Service Fund	45,466	5,052	50,518	
Ministerial Education Fund	15,727	1,747	17,474	25% stays in AK
Black College Fund	6,273	697	6,970	
Africa University Fund	1,404	156	1,560	
	110,758	12,298	123,056	

Required				
40% of Total Travel	11,000		11,000	
40% of CS/DCM Compensation and benefits	54,858	19,200	74,058	7200 from Pensions and 12K from Housing endowment
100% of Total Conference Center Admin support staff	28,000	43,000	43,000	Variable Cost - may be reduced
Equitable Compensation	25,000	25,000	50,000	Operational improvement grants
Mission Aid Fund		50,000	50,000	Ask CONAM for \$20K for Nome support
GBGM Fellows		37,500	37,500	
Clergy Moving		40,000	40,000	Variable Cost - From GBGM Grant
Conference Journal/Stats/Secretary	2,500		2,500	
Council on Finance and Administration				
Office of the Treasurer	34,000		34,000	
Travel and professional expenses		6,000	6,000	
AK Bookkeeper		15,000	15,000	Items in green highlights need LT Review for funding
Delegate Expense Fund	3,000		3,000	
Quadrennial Training Travel	1,000		1,000	
PMU Learning Events	15,000		15,000	
PMU Administrative work		8,100	8,100	Variable Cost - may be reduced
Coordinator of Disaster Preparedness		1,500	1,500	
Equity and Congregational Development Personnel	17,600		17,600	
Equity and Congregational Development Resources		7,500	7,500	Dahl NCS Fund
	191,958	252,800	444,758	

Connectional			
60% of Total Travel	15,000		15,000
60% of CS/DCM Compensation and benefits	82,287	28,800	111,087
			10,800 from pensions and 18K from housing endowment
Admin support staff	19,000		19,000
Communications	0	6,000	6,000
Tech Support	0	6,000	6,000
Annual Conference Session	25,000		25,000
Circle of Indigenous Ministry Director	6,400		6,400
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Support Fund			
	147,687	40,800	188,487
Emerging			
Western Jurisdiction VIM Coordinator		1,000	1,000
Volunteers in Mission			0
United Methodist Men		0	0
Ecumenical Opportunities		0	0
Council on Youth Ministries		6,000	6,000
Conference Outdoor Ministries		20,000	20,000
Conference Secretary of Global Ministries		400	400
Leadership Team			
Travel	3,000		3,000
Program			0
Commission on Archives & History		500	500
Campus Ministries		17,800	17,800
Lay Leader Expense	3,500		3,500
	6,500	45,700	52,200
Unalaska missionary share		35,000	35,000
TOTALS	456,903	386,598	843,501

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