

## How would a new Michigan conference use our combined resources?

	One Michigan Budget (Draft)	Our Opportunity: United Missional Strategy			
		Strengthening pastoral formation & leadership development	Releasing new leaders into the mission	Multiplying new congregations	Combining resources for greater Kingdom impact
<b>Income:</b>					
Allocations/Ministry Share *	\$ 814,000.00				
LRG Foundation	310,000.00				
Investment Income	200,000.00				
Contributions	10,000.00				
	<b>\$ 1,334,000.00</b>				
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>Personnel:</b>					
Salaries, stipends, benefits, professional development, travel & meals, etc.	\$ 780,735.84	\$ 168,065.00	\$ 103,275.00	\$ 232,790.00	\$ 276,605.84
<b>Office &amp; Administration:</b>					
Rent, office supplies, software, insurance, communications, etc.	91,410.00	9,141.00	9,141.00	9,141.00	63,987.00
<b>Pastoral &amp; Local Church Development</b>					
Pastoral recruiting, coaching, scholarships, training, multiplication, etc.	321,500.00	80,000.00	58,500.00	183,000.00	0
<b>Conference &amp; Denominational Gatherings</b>					
Annual Conference, General Conference, Board Meetings, MEG Meetings, etc.	77,700.00	9,800.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	57,900.00
<b>Contingency</b>					
Allowance for unforeseen expenses.	\$ 62,654.16	\$ 6,265.42	\$ 6,265.42	\$ 6,265.42	\$ 43,857.91
	<b>\$ 1,334,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 273,271.42</b>	<b>\$ 182,181.42</b>	<b>\$ 436,196.42</b>	<b>\$ 442,350.75</b>

\* Projected Allocations/Ministry Share is estimated between 7.6-7.9%.

## Potential Finance Benefits from aligning our conference funds:

Even with a conservative income budget that is lower than the combined 2025 Michigan conference budgets, we project that we **could** experience the following budget impacts:

- We could reduce our personnel expenses by over 15% while simultaneously building a more robust team with specialized positions capable of providing focused resources.
- We could reduce our office & administrative expenses by over 40% by cutting our duplicate administrative expenses and transitioning to a smaller physical space.
- We could increase our pastoral & local church resourcing by over 30% (excluding the grants provided through the LRG Foundation resources).

In addition to these potential budget impacts, the SMC and NMC churches would likely experience a reduction in the total Allocation/Ministry Share percentage. Our estimated Allocation/Ministry Share range is 7.6% - 7.9% which is still more than a full percentage below the average for all FMC conferences.