

Copies of this report should be filed with the pastor, district superintendent recording secretary, and chairperson for the committee on finance.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHARGE CONFERENCE

## Annual Report of the Committee on Finance

The annual report to the Charge Conference shall be made on this form. If additional space is needed for a full report, use extrasheets of blank paper the same size as this form. Numbers in parentheses refer to paragraphs in the 2004 *Book of Discipline*.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Church** \_\_\_\_\_ **Charge**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **District** **Florida Annual Conference**

For the period beginning January 1, 2008, and ending \_\_\_\_\_ .  
*Date of Charge Conference*

### ORGANIZATION

1. a. Has the committee been organized according to the 2004 *Book of Discipline* (§259.4)? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Name officers: Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Vice Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_
- Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Financial Secretary \_\_\_\_\_
- Treasurer(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### BUDGET AND COMMITMENT PLAN VISITATION

2. a. Has the committee submitted to the Church Council, or its equivalent, a complete budget for the ensuing year (§259.4)? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What percentage of the total budget of the church is designated for benevolences? \_\_\_\_\_%. For current expense? \_\_\_\_\_%. For building and/or capital expense? \_\_\_\_\_%.
- c. Did the committee give the Church Council an opportunity to request financial support for recommended ministries (§259.4)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. When will the Commitment Plan visitation be conducted? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Does the financial secretary send members and contributors regular reports of their giving? \_\_\_\_\_  
Monthly \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly \_\_\_\_\_ Semi-Annually \_\_\_\_\_ Annually \_\_\_\_\_
5. Is a list of members and contributors whose pledges are delinquent regularly reviewed by the Financial Secretary and/or the Pastor? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What are the plans for raising sufficient income to meet the budget adopted by the Church Council (§259.4)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Does the Financial Secretary report regularly to the Church Council the number of pledging units and total amount pledged, the changes in pledge total since the last report, the number of pledging units paid currently, and the number whose giving is delinquent? \_\_\_\_\_

THE HANDLING OF CHURCH FUNDS

8. Are reports made regularly to the Committee on Finance and the Church Council by the treasurer(s) (§259.4b)?

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9. Are all benevolences and other connectional funds remitted monthly to the conference treasurer (§259.4b)?

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10. a. What bank(s) has been designated by the Church Council as a depository (§259.4d)?

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b. Are all deposited funds fully guaranteed or insured? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Is the account(s) in the name of the church? (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_

d. List all accounts

| Bank | Account Number | TIN/EIN* |
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\*TIN/EIN: Taxpayer or employee identification number. Each local church should have its own TIN/EIN assigned by the IRS through form SS-4.

11. Are the church offerings counted by a counting committee (§259.4a)? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Are financial officers of the church bonded (§259.4b)? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Are all funds deposited promptly in accordance with procedures developed by the Committee on Finance (259.4a,d)?

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14. In lieu of bonding Financial Officers of the church as stated in §259.4b, all financial officers of the church are covered for crime and dishonesty by The Florida Conference Ministry Protection Insurance Plan. See plan for coverage details.

15. a. Have the books of the financial officer(s) of the church and all its organizations been audited (§259.4c)?

b. Were there recommendations or exceptions? (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_

16. Who signs the checks? (name/office) \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Completion of this report is the responsibility of the lay person serving as Chair of the Committee on Finance. The pastor should not complete and/or sign this report.**