



## **TWK Budget Process for 2021 Connectional Ministries**

The bishop and Tennessee-Western Kentucky (TWK) Conference Guide Team have asked us to continue to move toward building a new conference and do all that we can to begin 2021 as if we were one conference, while recognizing a legal merger will not happen until January 1, 2022, at the earliest. Therefore, we are pursuing a 2021 budget that is as combined as possible. Where that is not possible, the budget will be developed to be consistent between the two conferences.

### **TIMELINE**

TWK Budget Team meeting: June 2

TWK Transition Team meeting: June 9

Memphis CFA meeting: June 17

Tennessee CFA meeting: June 29

**Connectional Ministries (CM) budget requests due: July 10**

Send to TWK Transition Team via [izzie.zimmerman@tnumc.org](mailto:izzie.zimmerman@tnumc.org)

TWK Transition Team meeting: weeks of July 13 and 20

CFAs Meeting: Mid July to review non-CM portions of the budget

Late July/first week of August to review CM portion of budget

Completed budget to distribute: August 10

Vote on 2021 budget:

Tennessee Annual Conference: September 18 & 19

Memphis Annual Conference: September 25 & 26

## BUDGET REQUEST PREPARATION

As we live into the formation of clergy and lay leaders to help us fulfill the mission and vision of the conference, each area of ministry is asked to complete the following work before preparing a budget request for 2021.

These tools are provided by the TWK Guide Team to unify the process in our existing conferences as well as invite collaboration between conferences in as many areas as possible. You are encouraged to engage this process with your ministry team as you prayerfully consider where God is calling us to grow in 2021 and beyond. We trust this process will be inspirational and energizing as you examine your goals and strengthen your purpose.

### Mission, Vision, and Value Reflection

- Why are we here? What's this team about? Why does this team exist?
- What are the values that are the foundation of this team's mission?
- If we achieve our mission, what do we anticipate the fruit will be?
- How will we evaluate the fruit?
- What's the preferred future we're dreaming about as a result of this team's work?

### Budget Process Questions

1. Give five celebrations of your team's ministry over the last year.
2. Name three ways or strategies your team will implement to strengthen local congregations and/or equip leaders in the TWK Conference in 2021.
3. What role can/will technology play to help you resource local congregations and/or equip leaders in the TWK Conference in 2021?
4. Name three ways your team will work with others or community resources to do your work. (We are called to work in collaboration and not in isolation or silos.)
5. *If* your team needed to reduce its budget by 20 percent, what adjustments could be made to continue your ministry?
6. *If* your team was provided 20 percent more funds, what are the ways your ministry could expand or grow?
7. What reserves do you have available to help with your ministry and how do you plan to use them?