



2026 CONNECTIONAL FUNDING INSTRUCTIONS

Each year, every local church is required to complete a new Connectional Funding (CF) Worksheet using financial information from the prior calendar year. The amount to be remitted in 2026 is therefore based on each church's 2025 operating income.

Overview of Connectional Funding

In the Global Methodist Church, local congregations do not receive a connectional funding invoice or bill from either the Global Methodist Church (GMC) or the Northeast Annual Conference. Instead, each local church is responsible for calculating its own connectional funding obligation and remitting payments throughout the year.

Connectional funding is divided into two distinct components:

- General Church (Global Methodist Church)
- Northeast Annual Conference

Connectional Funding Rates

Connectional funding is addressed in ¶449 of the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline* of the Global Methodist Church.

- The Global Methodist Church has established general connectional funding at one percent (1%) of a local church's operating income.

For additional information regarding General Church connectional funding, please visit: <https://globalmethodist.org/connectionalfunding/>

- The Northeast Annual Conference rate remains at three percent (3%), as approved by the Conference Connectional Council.

For additional information regarding Northeast Annual Conference connectional funding, please visit: [Connectional Funding | Northeast Global Methodist Church](#).

Determination of Connectional Funding Amount

A local church's financial designee (e.g., treasurer) is responsible for calculating the connectional funding amount using the church's prior year operating income. For example, connectional funding remittances for 2026 are calculated based on 2025 operating income.

Operating income is defined in ¶449.4 of the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline* of the Global Methodist Church.

Operating Income Included (¶449.4a)

Local church operating income includes, but is not limited to, the following categories:

Giving from identified and unidentified donors

- Tithes
- Unrestricted offerings

Investment income utilized for operations

- Interest
- Dividends

Sale of church assets

- Only when the proceeds support the operating budget

Building use fee and rental income

- Rental payments
- Lease payments

Other unrestricted operating income

- Unrestricted fundraising income
- Unrestricted miscellaneous income

Operating Income Excluded (¶449.4b)

The following types of revenue are excluded from local church operating income and should *not* be reported on the worksheet:

- Benevolences (outside ministries supported by the local church)
- Capital campaign receipts
- Borrowed funds
- Fundraisers for non-operating expenses
- Receipts for reduction of indebtedness
- Memorials, endowments, and bequests (whether restricted or unrestricted)
- Receipts for Global Methodist Church special mission programs
- Grants and financial support from other organizations
- Proceeds from the sale of land, buildings, or other church assets

- Other non-operating income

Income from these sources should not be included in any category that constitutes operating income on the worksheet. (See Examples of What IS and IS NOT Operating Income for additional guidance.)

Worksheet Calculations

The CF Worksheet automatically calculates:

- Yearly Annual Conference Connectional Funding
- Annual Conference Connectional Funding payment options
- General Church Connectional Funding payment

These calculations are provided for planning purposes. All amounts on the Connectional Funding Worksheet are entered as whole dollars. Please round up to the nearest dollar.

Local churches may remit connectional funding on a schedule that works best for them (monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually).

Annual Submission Requirement

Each January, a local church financial designee is asked to complete a new Connectional Funding Worksheet to determine connectional funding remittances to both the Global Methodist Church and the Northeast Annual Conference.

Please submit your completed **2026 Connectional Funding Worksheet** via email to the Treasurer of the Northeast Annual Conference: treasurer@northeastgmc.org. You do not need to send the completed Worksheet to the General Church.

Remittance of Connectional Funding

Global Methodist Church

For remittances to the Global Methodist Church, please visit Connectional Funding in the Global Methodist Church for current instructions and payment options.

Northeast Annual Conference

Local churches remit their Northeast Annual Conference connectional funding either by electronic transfer or by check.

Electronic (ACH) Payments

Electronic payments may be made through the Northeast Conference Realm Portal or through your bank or a third-party payment vendor. Because the payment amount remains consistent throughout the year, electronic giving allows churches to establish recurring payments once per year rather than preparing and mailing checks.

Please complete the [**Online Remittance Form**](#) for all electronic payments, including those made through Realm, your bank, or a third-party vendor.

Payment of connectional funding by electronic transfer is beneficial both to the Northeast Annual Conference and to local churches by reducing administrative effort and ensuring timely and accurate processing.

Check Payments

Checks should be made payable to Northeast Annual Conference and mailed to:

Northeast Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church
PO Box 103
Duncansville, PA 16635

Please print, complete, and include the [**Remittance Form**](#) with your check.

We look forward to receiving your church's connectional funding and to sharing with you the fruits of our connected ministry.

Questions should be directed to Erika Renwick, Treasurer/CFO of the Northeast Annual Conference, by email to treasurer@northeastgmc.org or by phone at 223-797-7719.