

## DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRY FUND

ARP congregations have been voluntarily giving to Synod causes since 1963. Synod's goal for giving is 20 percent of your congregation's unrestricted receipts.

If your church has met the 20 percent giving goal, please at least maintain that level. If your church has not yet achieved that level, you are encouraged to increase your giving by 1 percent a year until you reach 20 percent.

All churches are expected to contribute at least 10 percent. If your congregation is below that level, please at least maintain your current percentage of giving and increase incrementally as the Lord makes it possible to do so.

While some of our churches recognize the importance of denominational ministry and give sacrificially, a considerable number of congregations do not contribute to the Denominational Ministry Fund at all.

As a connectional denomination, our gifts support all the ministries of General Synod. Consider for a moment what our denomination would be like without:

...**Central Services.** There would be no administrative support for the ministries of Synod.

...***The ARP.*** We would have no unifying means of communicating the news and information that is so vital to our understanding of who we are as a denomination.

...**Bonclarken.** We would have no denominational conference and assembly facilities.

...**Erskine College and Seminary.** Our church would have no institution of higher education training men and women to impact the world for Christ.

...**Outreach North America.** We would have no new church plants or home mission development.

...**World Witness.** The denomination would have no instrument for spreading the Gospel around the globe.

...**Christian Education Ministries.** We would have no central resource for training and educating our members now or in the future.

**So, is the Denominational Ministry Fund important? Vitaly so!**

## Denominational Ministry Fund Worksheet

### I. Goal for Denominational Ministry Fund

General Synod's goal for the Denominational Ministry Fund is for each congregation to give 20% of its general fund receipts, with a minimum goal of 10%. Is your congregation doing so? If not, please consider increasing your pledge by 1% each year until you attain 20%.

To fund adequately the committees, boards, and agencies that carry out General Synod's work in 2009 will require an amount equal to \$133.50 per active member of our denomination.

### II. To Determine the Percentage for your pledge in 2009:

- A. Enter General Fund Receipts for 2007: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Amount your church plans to give to DMF: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Divide "B" by "A." Multiply by 100. \_\_\_\_\_ % of General Fund Receipts.

### III. If your church cannot meet the minimum goal but would like to give a pro-rata share:

- A. Number of Active Members for your congregation as reported for 2007: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Per Active Member total = \$133.50.
- C. Pledge Amount: "A" times "B" = \$ \_\_\_\_\_