

**Resolutions Recommended by the Board of Directors
Pertaining to the 2010 Budget**

- 1 **1.) That the division of undesignated Basic Support for Our Church's Wider Mission**
2 **income for 2010 be 60% for the Vermont Conference and 40% for the United**
3 **Church of Christ beyond Vermont.**
- 4 **2.) That the Conference continue to encourage a Basic Support for Our Church's**
5 **Wider Mission goal for each church of an amount equal to 10% of the amount of**
6 **each church's budget for current expenses. Further, a recommended challenge**
7 **goal is to increase that local church's ratio percentage by 1% per year.**
- 8 **3.) That the 2010 Vermont Per Capita be set at \$11.06. (Note: The association**
9 **portion of Per Capita is in addition to the Conference amount.)**
- 10 **4.) That the Board of Directors be authorized to adjust the 2010 operating budget as**
11 **unforeseen circumstances require, within the spending limits established in the**
12 **budget.**
- 13 **5.) That the Board of Directors be authorized to take funds from the unrestricted**
14 **reserves for any emergency deficit in 2010.**
- 15 **6.) That the churches be encouraged to pay Basic Support for Our Church's Wider**
16 **Mission and Per Capita at least quarterly.**
- 17 **7.) That the Conference adopt a 2010 Operating Budget of not more than \$778,447**
18 **in expense and not less than \$778,447 in income, with the goal of ending 2010**
19 **with a balanced budget.**

Calculation of Draw from the Unrestricted Fund

Each year an amount is drawn from our unrestricted reserves to provide income for the budget. The method used to determine the withdrawal has varied over the years.

The Board of Directors considered this at their November 2006 meeting, and took the following action, quoted from the official minutes of the November 18, 2006 meeting of the full Board:

“John Holme then called attention to the report on the use of the Ten Year Trailing Formula found in the smaller packet in the Board’s red envelope mailing. It contains a proposal to change the determination of the allowed annual draw against the Unrestricted Fund from the Ten Year Trailing Formula to 4.25 percent of the average ending balance in the fund over the past four years. The Department recommends that this be approved by the Board for presentation to the 2007 Annual Meeting. The advantages of the new formula would be increased stability and predictability.”

“After a friendly amendment was accepted, it was voted to recommend to the Annual Meeting that the draw each year from the unrestricted accounts #6 and #9 shall be established by multiplying 4.25% by the average ending total value of the fund for the past four trailing years and that the Board be directed to revisit the policy if there are years of market loss or inflation in excess of 9%.”

In addition, at this same meeting the Board took the following action:

“... it was voted that the Board present to the 2007 Annual Meeting a proposed 2008 budget that would remove from the Unrestricted Fund an amount that is the lesser of the amount allowed by the 10 Year Trailing Formula or by the new formula.”

This is the third year we have used this formula, and the resultant number is reflected on income line 3405 of the budget.

The Board, at this same meeting, then took up the issue of repayment of excessive draws.

“It was voted that the Board recommends to the 2007 Annual Meeting that should more money be taken out of the fund than the recommended draw, then that excess shall be repaid to the fund with the intent of repaying it in ten years.”

The (potential) additional draw is shown on the income side of the presented budget as line 3404, and on the expenditure side as line 9800.