

## 2026 Ministry Operating Budget

### PROJECTED 2026 INCOME:

**Pledge Income:** During the 2026 stewardship campaign, 524 Canterbury families made pledges of \$4,077.1 million. (Details on 2026 pledges shown on Attachment A)

**Rollover Pledge Income:** 134 Canterbury families (who had pledges in 2025 and fulfilled their pledges by at least 80% and had not yet submitted a pledge card) were entered as rollover pledges for 2026 in the amount of \$663.0K. We have heard from 4 families to date and the true rollover total is 130 families for \$647,968. (Details on this group shown on Attachment A)

**GROSS PLEDGE INCOME:** The total pledge count is 524 pledges for \$4,077.1 million. The number of pledges has decreased 7 pledges from 2025 (531), and the dollar amount of the 2026 pledge total is \$306.7K higher than the 2025 pledge total on an actual basis. (See income line 1 on Attachment B)

**Overpayments:** 2026 pledge overpayments are estimated at \$150K, or 3.7% of gross pledges. For 2025, overpayments were 5% of gross pledges. (Income line 2 on Attachment B)

**Shortfall:** 2026 pledge shortfall is estimated at \$200K, or 4.9% of gross pledges. (Income line 3 on Attachment B)

**NET PLEDGE INCOME:** Adding projected overpayments and deducting projected shortfall, net pledge income for 2026 is projected to be \$4,027.1 million. (Income line 4 on Attachment B)

**Non-Pledge Income:** This category includes all current year gifts to Canterbury made in the absence of a pledge. 2026 non-pledge income is projected at \$750K. (Income line 5 on Attachment B)

**Other Income:** Other income is a collection of miscellaneous income sources including loose plate collections, prior year pledge payments, VISA Worldpoints, interest earned and Memorials. For 2026, the Finance Committee is recommending the following one-time sources of income to achieve a balance budget: \$152.4K from 2025 surplus funds and \$49K from NAC Benefit Holiday Distribution. This brings other income for 2026 to a total of \$288.2K. (Income line 6 on Attachment B)

**Foundation Transfers:** The final four income lines are endowment transfers from the Canterbury Foundation to Canterbury Church in support of 2026 ministries. The \$435.9K represents a 5% spending distribution from the Foundation, which is approximately \$152.1K more than last year's transfers. (Income lines 7, 8, 9 and 10 on Attachment B)

**TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME:** Total projected 2026 income for Canterbury UMC, from all sources, is projected to be \$5,501.2 million which is \$169.1K higher than 2025 budgeted income and \$61.5K less than 2025 actual income.

## **PROJECTED 2026 EXPENSE:**

**Personnel Expense:** The personnel expense budget for 2026 of \$2,717.9 million is the requested amount from Canterbury's Staff Parish Relations Team to properly fund all staff positions during fiscal year 2026. (Expense line 3 on Attachment B)

**Worship:** The overall worship budget is \$183.9K. (Expense line 4 on Attachment B)

**Age-Level Ministries:** The 2026 budget amount is \$262.4K. (Expense line 5 on Attachment B)

**Outreach:** Canterbury will continue to make outreach a ministry priority by allocating 10% of ongoing income line items to this ministry, resulting in a 2026 outreach budget of \$530.0K. Please note that this 10% rule is not applied to one-time income items reflected in 'Other Income' as these may not be available as income in FY2027. (Expense line 6 on Attachment B)

**Communications/Marketing:** The 2026 budget amount is \$60.7K. (See expense line 7 on Attachment B)

**North Alabama Conference Connectional Giving:** Canterbury UMC will allocate 8% of pew receipts for fiscal year 2026 towards connectional giving. This is a total of \$384.8K. We will continue to review our finances and if there is a possibility of giving more, we will allocate more through connectional giving (not reflected in attachment). Again, please note that this 8% rule is not applied to the one-time income items reflected in 'Other Income' as these may not be available as income in FY2027. (Expense line 8 on Attachment B)

**Operating Costs:** Operating costs for the 2026 budget are \$1,361.5 million. (Expense line 9 on Attachment B)

**TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSE:** Total projected 2026 expense for Canterbury United Methodist Church, from all sources, is projected to be \$5,501.2 million which is \$169.1K higher than 2025 budgeted expense and \$90.9K higher than 2025 actual expense. This results in a balanced budget for FY2026.