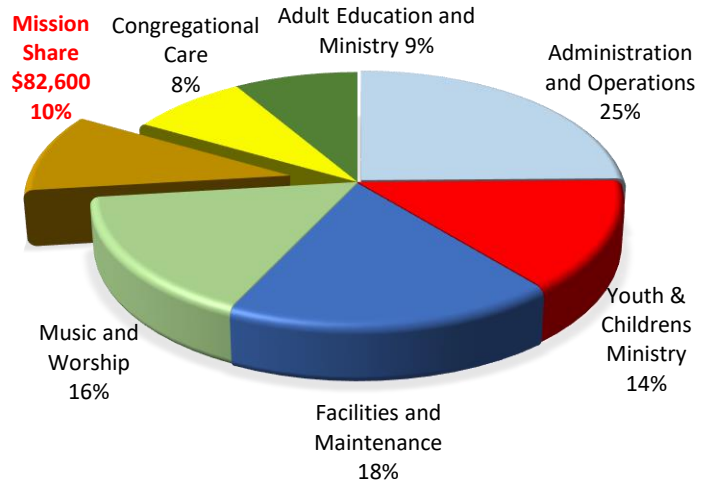


Woodlawn remits ten percent of its revenue for our Conference **Mission Share**. This investment is made not only by our church but by almost 1000 UM congregations in Kansas and Nebraska. The amount asked of us is based on the Biblical tithe and enables Conference churches to do far more together than any one congregation could do on its own.

A significant part of our Mission Share supports the World Service Fund (WSF) of the general church. This is how we join hands with United Methodists everywhere for mission and ministry around the world. For example, the WSF is driving a global movement to significantly improve health for all people by 2035, with a specific goal of saving the lives of 15 million children. When we invest in our Mission Share we work alongside United Methodists to save the lives of children around the globe!

Moreover, our Mission Share facilitates the work of our Bishop and District Superintendents, as well as episcopal leaders around the world. It also pays moving expenses for pastors going to new appointments and offers salary subsidies and pulpit supply for congregations struggling through transitions.



Churches need energized and talented clergy. Our Mission Share develops new clergy in our Conference like Pastor Lori Patton Aguilar, and ordains them through a process overseen by the Board of Ordained Ministry. It also cultivates continuing education and spiritual growth opportunities for clergy throughout their careers. It also funds campus ministry, children and youth ministry and camping to create a high yield return not just today, but for a generations to come! Another lasting return from our Mission Share comes from planting new congregations so that growing populations have a nearby UM presence.

There is much more that the investment in our Mission Share achieves, including ministries of Mercy and Justice, as well as support for Black Colleges and Africa University, reaching far beyond the borders of our Conference and even our nation. It also ensures timely and regular Conference communications. The need for connection has never been greater than during this challenging year. As churches moved online the Great Plains Conference purchased Zoom licenses for all 900 clergy currently serving local churches! Our investment in our Mission Share made such a quick and expansive response possible.



Finally, Woodlawn and each Great Plains Conference church also contributes additional one percent of its income toward Mission Agency Support. These funds assist the work of agencies and institutions associated with the UM Church. Recipients include some very familiar names to Woodlawn such as Open Door, Ember Hope-Youthville, and Grace Med. Also Southwestern College, Kansas Wesleyan, and Saint Paul School of Theology. And many other agencies and institutions throughout Kansas and Nebraska.

It has been interesting to learn how our regular, monthly giving to Woodlawn United Methodist Church is really a complex portfolio of investments, each returning a significant yield for the work of Jesus Christ in our community and world. Please consider what your own investment in the coming year might be. You may make your 2021 pledge now online at www.WoodlawnUMC.net under the "Giving" link, or return the enclosed estimate of giving form to the church at 431 S. Woodlawn Blvd., Derby, KS 67037.