

## Amendment of Standing Rule 21

The Area Archives and History Commission has requested an amendment to Standing Rule 21. This amendment has the support of the Conference Board of Trustees, Conference Council on Finance and Administration, and has been approved by the Conference Committee on Rules to be presented to the 2019 Session of the Memphis Annual Conference for adoption.

The amendment is as follows:

Amend Rule 21 to read:

Unless the bishop and cabinet, in consultation with the new church development team, determine that exceptional circumstances exist. After the payment of any current and previous year apportionments and any outstanding pensions or medical insurance direct bill amounts the proceeds from any local church property sales resulting in closure or abandonment and the proceeds from the sale of district or annual conference real property shall be designated as follows:

- a. Change 75% to 72% for planting new communities of faith in the Memphis Conference, allocated at the discretion of the new church development team.
- b. 25% for planting new communities of faith or the revitalization of existing churches in the district.
- c. Add: 3% for the ongoing care and storage of archives and artifacts related to closed churches. This amount to be deposited in a fund for the Area Archives and History Commission.
- d. This statement shall be included in resolutions for closures of congregations, unless otherwise restricted by property deeds.