



DATA-DRIVEN DISCERNMENT
CHARTING HOPE AT GENERAL CONFERENCE

Strengthening the Episcopal Fund

WHAT IS A BISHOP'S ROLE?

LEAD SPEAK TEACH EQUIP

GCFA HAS MADE STRENGTHENING THE EPISCOPAL FUND A PRIORITY

THE EPISCOPAL FUND HAS BEEN NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY:



Disaffiliation



Economy



Inflation

If the proposed budget is passed by General Conference in 2024 and new Bishops are elected, filling 71 Episcopal areas, modeling shows that the Episcopal Fund will have depleted its reserves and have a \$1.2 million deficit by the end of 2026.

THE EPISCOPAL FUND COVERS:



Salary



Benefits



Housing



Office Allowances



Equipment Purchases



Travel Expenses



Administrative Staffing

THE EPISCOPAL FUND CAN SUPPORT APPROXIMATELY 44 BISHOPS.

GCFA CANNOT AND DOES NOT DECIDE HOW MANY BISHOPS ARE ELECTED. THIS IS UP TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Central Conferences have more opportunity to support the Episcopal Fund through apportioned giving.

With the denomination's help, we can secure and strengthen this fund to support those who support the entire United Methodist Church.

For more information, visit www.gcfa.org/generalconference