

**GENERAL COMMISSION ON
ARCHIVES AND HISTORY OF
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As of and for the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

And Report of Independent Auditor

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Report of Independent Auditor

To the Board of Trustees
General Commission on Archives and History of
The United Methodist Church
Madison, New Jersey

To the Committee on Audit and Review
General Council on Finance and Administration of
The United Methodist Church
Nashville, Tennessee

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church, which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Cherry Bekaert LLP

Charlotte, North Carolina
July 21, 2021

**GENERAL COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY OF
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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,777	\$ 474
Due from General Council on Finance and Administration short-term pooled investment fund	677,042	677,389
Accounts receivable	17,798	8,253
Investments held at:		
The United Methodist Church Foundation	241,236	217,045
The United Methodist Church Foundation - Forman	101,347	94,004
The United Methodist Church Foundation - A&H Endowment Fund	70,262	67,470
Wespath Benefits and Investments	167,394	140,156
Total Investments	<u>580,239</u>	<u>518,675</u>
Accrued General Administration Fund allocation	246,275	252,538
Inventory	1,578	1,753
Prepaid expense	10,155	10,287
Property and equipment, net	11,135	16,718
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,545,999</u>	<u>\$ 1,486,087</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 37,966	\$ 269,581
Grants payable	-	16,000
Deferred subscription revenue	3,149	6,683
Paycheck Protection Program deferred grant revenue	113,859	-
Total Liabilities	<u>154,974</u>	<u>292,264</u>
Net Assets:		
Without Donor Restrictions:		
Invested in property and equipment	11,135	16,718
Board-designated	393,487	394,851
Undesignated	701,375	498,504
Total Without Donor Restrictions	<u>1,105,997</u>	<u>910,073</u>
With Donor Restrictions:		
Subject to purpose restrictions	87,378	70,887
Endowments	197,650	212,863
Total With Donor Restrictions	<u>285,028</u>	<u>283,750</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>1,391,025</u>	<u>1,193,823</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,545,999</u>	<u>\$ 1,486,087</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**GENERAL COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY OF
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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES**

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

	2020			2019		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenue:						
General Administrative Fund:						
General operating budget	\$ 788,769	\$ -	\$ 788,769	\$ 868,975	\$ -	\$ 868,975
Methodist History subscriptions	13,367	-	13,367	12,091	-	12,091
Investment return from General Council on						
Finance and Administration short-term						
pooled investment fund	25,811	-	25,811	27,881	-	27,881
Investment return, net	53,602	10,027	63,629	63,280	18,113	81,393
Other Revenue:						
Heritage landmarks and historical sites	300	-	300	450	-	450
Printed materials	-	-	-	126	-	126
Gifts and grants	29,991	14,255	44,246	22,269	5,153	27,422
Distributions from Benefit Trust	80,658	-	80,658	68,186	-	68,186
Services received from General Council						
on Finance and Administration	28,426	-	28,426	29,440	-	29,440
Sand Creek	-	2,236	2,236	-	7,244	7,244
Other income	9,587	-	9,587	10,014	-	10,014
Net assets released from restrictions	25,240	(25,240)	-	8,282	(8,282)	-
Total Revenue	<u>1,055,751</u>	<u>1,278</u>	<u>1,057,029</u>	<u>1,110,994</u>	<u>22,228</u>	<u>1,133,222</u>
Expenses:						
Program Services:						
Archives	241,174	-	241,174	375,376	-	375,376
Research and publications	15,381	-	15,381	13,647	-	13,647
Supporting Services:						
Management and general	603,272	-	603,272	646,007	-	646,007
Total Expenses	<u>859,827</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>859,827</u>	<u>1,035,030</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,035,030</u>
Change in net assets	195,924	1,278	197,202	75,964	22,228	98,192
Net assets, beginning of year	910,073	283,750	1,193,823	834,109	261,522	1,095,631
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 1,105,997</u>	<u>\$ 285,028</u>	<u>\$ 1,391,025</u>	<u>\$ 910,073</u>	<u>\$ 283,750</u>	<u>\$ 1,193,823</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**GENERAL COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY OF
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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Program Services		Supporting Services	Total
	Archives	Research and Publications	Management and General	
Grants and scholarships	\$ 5,900	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,900
Salaries and wages	177,224	-	178,297	355,521
Employee benefits	42,993	-	68,415	111,408
Administration provided by General Council on Finance and Administration	-	-	28,426	28,426
Rent and occupancy	5,510	-	-	5,510
Pro rata share of maintenance - building	-	-	170,516	170,516
Pro rata share library expense	-	-	50,831	50,831
Travel and meetings	-	-	17,804	17,804
Retiree benefit expense	-	-	15,527	15,527
Supplies	538	-	2,492	3,030
Publications	-	14,635	-	14,635
Postage, shipping, and freight	727	746	1,144	2,617
Telephone/internet	-	-	15,883	15,883
Repairs and maintenance	2,119	-	18,807	20,926
Insurance	1,814	-	8,861	10,675
Depreciation	4,349	-	1,231	5,580
Professional and consulting fees	-	-	10,476	10,476
Promotional events and information material	-	-	3,236	3,236
Other expenses	-	-	1,326	1,326
	<u>\$ 241,174</u>	<u>\$ 15,381</u>	<u>\$ 603,272</u>	<u>\$ 859,827</u>

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**GENERAL COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY OF
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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	Program Services		Supporting Services	Total
	Archives	Research and Publications	Management and General	
Grants and scholarships	\$ 36,468	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 46,468
Salaries and wages	249,880	-	193,129	443,009
Employee benefits	67,377	-	77,943	145,320
Administration provided by General Council on Finance and Administration	-	-	29,440	29,440
Rent and occupancy	5,746	-	-	5,746
Pro rata share of maintenance - building	-	-	170,516	170,516
Pro rata share library expense	-	-	50,831	50,831
Travel and meetings	9,259	-	47,255	56,514
Retiree benefit expense	-	-	13,251	13,251
Supplies	3,404	-	1,276	4,680
Publications	-	12,642	-	12,642
Postage, shipping, and freight	275	1,005	1,242	2,522
Telephone/internet	-	-	23,334	23,334
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	9,245	9,245
Insurance	2,197	-	11,098	13,295
Depreciation	347	-	-	347
Professional and consulting fees	-	-	3,500	3,500
Promotional events and information material	-	-	2,651	2,651
Other expenses	423	-	1,296	1,719
	<u>\$ 375,376</u>	<u>\$ 13,647</u>	<u>\$ 646,007</u>	<u>\$ 1,035,030</u>

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**GENERAL COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY OF
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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

	2020	2019
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 197,202	\$ 98,192
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash flows from operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	5,580	347
Realized and unrealized gains on investments	(53,824)	(69,275)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Due to General Council on Finance and Administration short-term pooled investment fund	347	(56,911)
Accounts receivable	(9,545)	2,661
Accrued General Administration Fund allocation	6,263	3,705
Inventory	175	263
Prepaid expense	132	(6,236)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(231,615)	57,600
Grants payable	(16,000)	(4,000)
Deferred subscription revenue	(3,534)	1,760
Paycheck Protection Program deferred grant revenue	113,859	-
Net cash flows from operating activities	<u>9,040</u>	<u>28,106</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property and equipment	-	(16,718)
Net purchases of investments	<u>(7,740)</u>	<u>(12,119)</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities	<u>(7,740)</u>	<u>(28,837)</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	1,300	(731)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	474	1,205
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 1,777</u>	<u>\$ 474</u>

GENERAL COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Note 1—Nature of the organization

The General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church (the “Commission”) was established to gather, preserve, hold title to, and disseminate materials on the history of The United Methodist Church (the “Church”).

Funding for the Commission’s operations is principally provided by allocations received from the General Funds of The United Methodist Church which are administered by the General Council on Finance and Administration of The United Methodist Church (“GCFA”) and allocated to the Commission based on a four-year budget developed from projections of expected program costs. The General Administrative Fund allocation accounts for 75% and 77% of the Commission’s total revenue in 2020 and 2019, respectively. The Commission’s continued existence is dependent upon the Church’s future support. The Church’s future support is dependent upon contributions from its congregations (i.e., congregational participation in the apportionment covenant).

Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The Commission’s significant accounting policies are described below.

Basis of Presentation – To ensure the observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources, the Commission maintains its accounts in accordance with the principles and practices of fund accounting. Fund accounting is the procedure by which resources for various purposes are classified into funds that are in accordance with activities or objectives of the Commission. Separate accounts are maintained for each fund.

For reporting purposes, however, the Commission’s financial statements have been prepared to focus on the organization as a whole. Resources are classified into two net asset categories based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, the net assets of the Commission and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Commission. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the Commission’s management and the board of trustees. The Commission has chosen to provide further classification information about net assets without donor restrictions on the statements of financial position. The sub classifications are as follows:

Invested in Property and Equipment – Represents net assets invested in property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation.

Board-Designated – Represents resources set aside by the board of trustees to be used for specific activities within guidelines established by the board.

Undesignated – Represents the cumulative net assets without donor restrictions excluding those net assets invested in property and equipment and designated for specific activities.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions – Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the Commission or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

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Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Donor restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets are reclassified from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions in the statements of activities.

Revenue is reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in net assets without donor restrictions. Gains and losses on investments and other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in net assets without donor restrictions unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation or by law. Expirations of temporary restrictions on net assets are reported as reclassifications from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions.

Contributions are recognized when cash, other assets, or an unconditional promise to give is received. Conditional promises to give, that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier, and a right of return or right of release, are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value.

Services Received from Personnel of an Affiliate – Services received from personnel of an affiliate for which the affiliate does not charge the Commission have been measured at the cost recognized by the affiliate in providing those services. The revenue and expense relating to those services received are presented in Note 4 and totaled \$28,426 and \$29,440 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Use of Estimates – Management of the Commission has made estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts or revenue and expenses during the reporting period to prepare these financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Financial Instruments – Assets recorded at fair value in the statements of financial position are categorized based on the level of judgment associated with the inputs used to measure their fair value. Level inputs, as defined by Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, are as follows:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical securities.

Level 2 – Quoted prices in markets that are not considered to be active or financial instruments for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly. Inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, inputs that are derived from investment manager reporting or corroborated by an independent advisor, and inputs obtained with benchmarks for similar assets for substantially the full term on the financial investments. If market quotations are not readily available for valuations, assets may be valued by a method the investment manager of the fund believes accurately reflects fair value.

Level 3 – Prices or valuations that require using significant unobservable inputs in determining fair value. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant judgment or estimation by the investment manager. The investment manager uses either the market approach, which generally consists of using comparable market transactions, or the income approach which generally consists of the net present value of estimated future cash flows, adjusted as appropriate for liquidity, credit, market, and/or other risk factors. The inputs used by the manager in estimating the value of Level 3 investments include the original transaction price.

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Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Due to/from GCFA Short-Term Pooled Investment Fund – The amounts presented as due to/from GCFA short-term pooled investment fund in the accompanying financial statements represent the Commission’s portion of the short-term investment portfolio managed by GCFA on behalf of certain agencies and related organizations of the Church. The amount due from this fund effectively represents the amount of cash deposits that are available to the Commission to be disbursed out of GCFA’s centralized cash management system. The amount due to this fund effectively represents the Commission’s overdraft or borrowing position with GCFA. Since these deposits are legally invested in GCFA’s name and not in a separate demand account in the Commission’s name, they are not classified as cash and cash equivalents, but rather are considered an amount due from GCFA. The short-term investment portfolio includes funds invested in demand deposits, corporate bonds, taxable municipal bonds, mutual funds, and notes from other United Methodist organizations. GCFA allocates interest earned on the portfolio to the participating entities. For the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, GCFA allocated \$25,811 and \$27,881 of interest income, respectively, to the Commission. While interest income can be earned based on the performance of the pooled investment funds, the Commission believes there is little to no risk exposure to losses due to the relationship with GCFA and policy under which the pooled funds are invested. The operating cash requirements of the general agencies are centrally managed by GCFA.

When an agency has surplus funds, they are invested by GCFA in the short-term pooled investment fund. GCFA allocates interest earned to the agencies invested in the pool based upon their pro rata share of the pool on a monthly basis. The overall return for the short-term pooled investment fund for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 was 3.63% and 4.17%, respectively. The overall rate of return for each agency may vary due to fluctuating balances throughout the year and the timing of investment gains and losses. The allocation of funds in the short-term investment pool as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Texas Methodist Foundation loan fund	28.3%	18.4%
Mutual funds	13.2%	2.4%
Short-term collateralized loan fund	3.5%	0.4%
Fixed income	9.8%	15.1%
Corporate bonds	34.0%	46.1%
Cash	11.2%	17.6%
	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Inventory – Inventory consists of historical markers to be sold to support activities of the Commission and is stated at cost.

Valuation of Historical Records and Materials – Historical records and materials are part of a library collection at Drew University and are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements due to the nature of the items. The Commission does not purchase or sell such items. Contributions of historical items are accepted by the Commission but, due to the fact that they are not revenue-producing assets, no contribution revenue is recognized at the date of gift.

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Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Property and Equipment – Property and equipment, which consists primarily of computer and office equipment, are reported at cost at date of acquisition, or fair value at date of donation in the case of gifts. The Commission capitalizes assets with a cost greater than \$1,000. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method with a modified half-year convention over the estimated useful lives of three to six years. The modified half-year convention treats property placed in service or retired during the first half of the year as being made on the first day of the year. Thus, a full-year's depreciation under this method is allowed on property placed in service in the first six months, and no depreciation is allowed on property placed in service in the second six months.

Income Taxes – The Commission is covered under GCFA's group determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service, indicating that it is a nonprofit corporation and, except for taxes pertaining to unrelated business income, is exempt from federal and state income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"). The Commission is also exempt from filing a Form 990 due to its affiliation with a religious organization as described in Section 509(a) of the Code.

The Commission accounts for the effect of any uncertain tax positions based on a more likely than not threshold to the recognition of the tax positions being sustained based on the technical merits of the position under examination by the applicable taxing authority. If a tax position or positions are deemed to result in uncertainties of those positions, the unrecognized tax benefit is estimated based on a cumulative probability assessment that aggregates the estimated tax liability for all uncertain tax positions. Tax positions for the Commission include, but are not limited to, the tax-exempt status and determination of whether income is subject to unrelated business income tax.

Functional Expenses – The costs of providing program and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities.

Future Pronouncements – In February 2016, FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*. The guidance in this ASU supersedes the leasing guidance in Topic 840, *Leases*. Under the new guidance, lessees are required to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities on the statement of financial position for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Leases will be classified as either finance or operating, with classifications affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the statement of activities. The new standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021. A modified retrospective transition approach is required for lessees for capital and operating leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements, with certain practical expedients available. Management is currently evaluating the impact the pending adoption will have on the Commission's financial statements.

In September 2020, FASB issued ASU 2020-07, *Presentation and Disclosures by Not-for-Profit Entities for Contributed Nonfinancial Assets*. The standard requires presentation of contributed nonfinancial assets as a separate line item in the statement of activities, apart from contributions of cash and other financial assets. It also requires a disclosure of disaggregated contributions of nonfinancial assets by category that depicts the type of contributed nonfinancial assets. This distinction will increase transparency of contributions recognized. This standard will be effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021. Management is currently evaluating the impact the pending adoption will have on the Commission's financial statements.

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Note 3—Liquidity and availability of resources

The table below represents financial assets available for general expenditures within one year at December 31:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Financial assets at year end:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,777	\$ 474
Due from General Council on Finance and Administration short-term pooled investment fund	677,042	677,389
Accounts receivable	17,798	8,253
Investments	580,239	518,675
Accrued General Administration Fund allocation	<u>246,275</u>	<u>252,538</u>
Total financial assets	<u>1,523,131</u>	<u>1,457,329</u>
Less amounts not available to be used for general expenditures within one year:		
Purpose restrictions	87,378	70,887
Endowment funds held in perpetuity and accumulated earnings	197,650	212,863
Board-designated funds	<u>393,487</u>	<u>394,851</u>
Financial assets not available to be used within one year	<u>678,515</u>	<u>678,601</u>
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures within one year	<u>\$ 844,616</u>	<u>\$ 778,728</u>

The Commission has assets limited to use for donor-restricted purposes. Additionally, certain other board-designated assets are designated for future capital expenditures and other specific purposes. These assets limited to use, which are more fully described in Notes 8, 9, and 10 are not available for general expenditure within the next year. However, the board-designated amounts could be made available, if necessary.

The Commission considers general expenditures to include program expenses, supporting services, and any other commitments or liabilities to be paid in the subsequent year. As part of the Commission's liquidity management plan, it structures its financial assets to be available as its obligations come due. Cash in excess of daily requirements are invested in GCFA's short-term pooled investment fund. The fund established by the Commission may be drawn upon, if necessary, to meet unexpected liquidity needs.

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Note 4—Related parties

The Commission receives the majority of its revenue through apportionments from the General Funds of The Church, which are administered by GCFA. In addition, GCFA provides various services to the Commission, such as general ledger processing and maintenance, cash management, and group insurance plan administration. The Commission had the following transactions with GCFA and related entities:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Statements of Financial Position:		
Investment in:		
The United Methodist Church Foundation ("UMCF")	\$ 412,845	\$ 378,519
Wespath Benefits and Investments ("Wespath")	167,394	140,156
Accrued General Administration Fund allocation	246,275	252,538
Due from GCFA short-term pooled investment fund	677,042	677,389
Accounts receivable - United Methodist Communications	6,494	1,339
Accounts receivable - Historical Society of the UMC	1,772	-
Statements of Activities:		
Revenue:		
General Administrative Fund:		
General operating budget	788,769	868,975
Distributions from Benefit Trust	80,658	68,186
Services provided by GCFA	28,426	29,440
Investment return from GCFA short-term pooled investment fund	25,811	27,881
Investment return, net	63,629	81,393
Expenses:		
Administration provided by GCFA	28,426	29,440
Employee benefits - group insurance expense	63,129	66,659
Reimbursement of consulting services - United Methodist Communications (contra-expense)	(45,219)	(46,000)

The Commission is located at Drew University, a related United Methodist organization. Drew University provides the Commission with approximately 16,000 square feet of space for operations. Under an agreement with Drew University, the Commission pays maintenance fees and a pro rata share of library expense to Drew University. These expenses totaled \$221,347 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Note 5—Investments

The Commission's investments at December 31, 2020 and 2019 consist of the following:

	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>
The UMCF	\$ 241,236	\$ 204,171	\$ 217,045	\$ 199,482
The UMCF - Forman	101,347	95,487	94,004	91,777
The UMCF - A&H Endowment Fund	70,262	60,101	67,470	60,586
Wespath Benefits and Investments	167,394	71,159	140,156	71,159
	<u>\$ 580,239</u>	<u>\$ 430,918</u>	<u>\$ 518,675</u>	<u>\$ 423,004</u>

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Note 5—Investments (continued)

The following is a summary of the primary funds in which the Commission's investments are held:

The United Methodist Church Foundation ("UMCF") – The UMCF fund is within the Balanced Fund. The objective of the Balanced Fund is to provide a reasonable level of current income and, simultaneously, to protect the purchasing power of the principal against inflation. The targeted allocation of the fund is 35% invested in a fixed income fund, 30% in a domestic large capitalization equity portfolio, 10% in a domestic small/mid-capitalization equity portfolio, and 25% in an international equity portfolio. This fund is designed for those investors who are seeking a single fund to provide broad diversification, reasonable current income, and protection against inflation.

The UMCF – Forman – The UMCF – Forman fund is within the Fixed Income Fund. The Fixed Income Fund's objective is to provide current income and preservation of nominal capital. No provision is made for protection against inflation. The fund is primarily invested in government and corporate bonds, commercial paper, mortgage-backed securities, and collateralized mortgage securities. The fund is permitted to invest up to 10% in securities with "BB" or "B" ratings. The fund may invest up to 5% of portfolio market value in bank loans, interest-only or principal only securities as conditions warrant. The fund is designed for investors whose main objective is current income.

The UMCF – A&H Endowment Fund – The UMCF – A&H Endowment Fund is within the Balanced Plus Fund. The Balanced Plus Fund's objective is to provide similar investment returns as the Balanced Fund, but to reduce the volatility of the returns by increased portfolio diversification through the use of alternative investment strategies. The targeted allocation of the fund is 30% invested in a fixed income fund, 25% in a domestic large cap equity portfolio, 10% in domestic small/mid-cap equity portfolios, 15% in an international equity portfolio, and 20% in alternative investments consisting of funds of hedge funds and managed futures portfolios. This fund is designed for those investors who are seeking a single fund to provide broad diversification, reasonable current income, and protection against inflation.

Wespath – Wespath Benefits and Investments ("Wespath") investment is within the Multiple Asset Fund - Institutional. Wespath's Multiple Asset Fund - Institutional is invested as follows: 35.85% in U.S. equity funds, 31.96% in fixed income funds, 30.88% in international equity funds, 0.17% in alternative investments, and 1.14% in cash.

Investment return, net consist of the following for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Dividends and interest	\$ 11,295	\$ 13,534
Realized gains on investments	174	98
Unrealized gains on investments	53,650	69,177
Investment expense	(1,490)	(1,416)
	<u>\$ 63,629</u>	<u>\$ 81,393</u>

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Note 6—Fair value of financial instruments

For entities that calculate net asset value (“NAV”) per share (or its equivalent), the following table provides information about the probability of investments being sold at amounts different from NAV per share for the year ended December 31, 2020:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
The UCMF	\$ 241,236	none	daily	3 days
The UCMF - Forman	101,347	none	daily	3 days
The UCMF - A&H Endowment Fund	70,262	none	daily	3 days
Wespath Benefits and Investments	167,394	none	daily	daily
Total	<u>\$ 580,239</u>			

Note 7—Employee benefits

Retirement Benefits – Full-time laypersons and clergy employed by the Commission participate in the Retirement Plan for General Agencies (RPGA). This defined contribution plan is administered by the Wespath.

The Commission makes semi-monthly contributions to each eligible employee’s account held by Wespath based on 8% of annual employee compensation. Additionally, the Commission matches up to 2% of each employee’s compensation to their United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP). Total contributions made by the Commission for both components during 2020 and 2019 were \$43,912 and \$52,352, respectively.

Health, Life, and Other Employee Benefits – The General Agencies of The United Methodist Church Benefit Plan (the “Plan”), which qualifies for treatment as a multiemployer plan under ASC 715, *Compensation – Retirement Benefits*, provides medical, dental, life, and long- and short-term disability defined benefits to participants of the 11 general agencies, all Bishops covered by the Episcopal Fund, and employees of other United Methodist related organizations. Effective January 1, 2004, Plan amendments were made to change the retiree benefits offered and increase the related premiums paid by retirees.

The Commission provides health, dental, life, and other employee benefits for its active employees and health, dental, and life benefits to non-Medicare eligible retirees through the Plan. Retirees who are Medicare eligible, and who elect to enroll, are eligible for a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) up to \$2,100 annually and \$2,000 annually for their spouse, if applicable. Unused reimbursement funds continue to roll-over to subsequent years until death of the retiree or their spouse, whichever is later.

All of the Commission’s active employees are covered by the Plan. The cost of benefits is recognized as an expense as premiums are paid. The total cost of benefits for active employees was \$47,602 and \$53,408 in 2020 and 2019, respectively, and the cost of benefits for retired employees was \$15,527 and \$13,251 in 2020 and 2019, respectively, exclusive of reimbursement from the General Agency Benefit Trust (“Benefit Trust”).

The Plan’s unfunded accumulated postretirement benefit obligation was approximately \$71,430,000 and \$76,725,000 and the Plan’s unfunded expected postretirement benefit obligation was approximately \$100,140,000 and \$106,750,000 as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

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Note 7—Employee benefits (continued)

Wespath has transferred certain excess pension assets to the Benefit Trust established by the 1996 General Conference as of December 31, 1996. Annually, the Benefit Trust allows a stated percentage, not to exceed 6% for 2020 and 6% for 2019, of the fair market value of Benefit Trust assets at year-end for which GCFA is the beneficiary to be available for distribution in the subsequent year in order to reimburse the participating agencies, through GCFA, for their funding of active and retiree employee benefits. The fair value of the Benefit Trust's assets (not plan assets) for which GCFA is the beneficiary was approximately \$186,112,000 and \$167,449,000 as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The total amount available for reimbursement in 2020 and 2019 was \$10,046,935 and \$8,797,702, respectively, of which the Commission's share, excluding retiree health benefits, was \$80,658 and \$68,186, respectively.

Note 8—Board-designated net assets

Certain net assets without donor restrictions at December 31, 2020 and 2019 have been designated by the Board of Directors for the following purposes:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Plant fund	\$ 19,433	\$ 19,433
Ethnic History fund	51,940	51,640
Women's History fund	17,761	18,961
Josephine Forman fund	266,225	268,883
A&H quasi-endowment	33,243	31,049
Other	4,885	4,885
Total board-designated net assets	<u>\$ 393,487</u>	<u>\$ 394,851</u>

The board-designated quasi endowment was established by the board of trustees and its purpose and use are more fully described in Note 10.

From time to time, the board may designate other net assets without donor restrictions for specific purposes. The following are descriptions of each board designation:

Plant Fund – Funds set aside for maintenance of property, plant, and equipment.

Ethnic History Fund – The purpose of this fund is to grant research grants (awards) to individuals or organizations to promote excellence in research and writing in the history of the following four groups Asian, Black, Hispanic, and Native American in The United Methodist Church or its antecedents.

Women's History Fund – The purposes of this fund are to provide seed money for research projects or reward excellence in research and writing relating specifically to the history of women in The United Methodist Church or its antecedents. The grant money is not to be used for equipment, publication costs, or researcher salaries.

Josephine Forman Fund – To provide racial/ethnic scholarships in Archival Studies in order to attract racially and ethnically diverse individuals to pursue professional careers in archival studies.

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Note 9—Net assets with donor restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions at December 31, 2020 and 2019 have been restricted by the donors for the following purpose restrictions:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Subject to purpose restrictions:		
Committee on Latino Church History	\$ 30,063	\$ 29,319
Sand Creek	42,315	40,079
Ethnic Minority Summit	15,000	-
The UMC 50th Anniversary	-	1,489
Total subject to purpose restrictions	<u>87,378</u>	<u>70,887</u>
Endowments:		
Accumulated earnings on endowment funds	14,783	29,996
Endowment funds held in perpetuity	182,867	182,867
Total endowments	<u>197,650</u>	<u>212,863</u>
Total net assets with donor restrictions	<u>\$ 285,028</u>	<u>\$ 283,750</u>

Net assets with donor restrictions for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors.

Note 10—Endowments

The Commission has established a pooled endowment fund comprised of six donor-restricted funds and one fund that is comprised of both board-designated and donor restricted funds. These funds were established for various charitable purposes of the Church, with its principal objectives being the promotion and development of religious, charitable, and educational activities that benefit mission and ministry of the Commission.

The board of trustees of the Commission has interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (“UPMIFA”) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift date of the donor restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Commission classifies as donor-restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the endowment, and (c) accumulations to the endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. Donor-restricted amounts not retained in perpetuity are subject to appropriation for expenditure by the Commission in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA.

In accordance with applicable state laws, the Commission considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- The duration and preservation of the fund
- The purposes of the donor-restricted endowment fund
- General economic conditions
- The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- Other resources of the Commission
- The investment policies of the Commission

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Note 10—Endowments (continued)

The Commission had the following endowment net asset composition by type of fund at:

	2020		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Board-designated endowment funds	\$ 33,243	\$ -	\$ 33,243
Donor-restricted endowment funds:			
Original donor-restricted gift amount and amounts required to be maintained in perpetuity by donor	-	182,867	182,867
Accumulated investment gains	-	14,783	14,783
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 33,243</u>	<u>\$ 197,650</u>	<u>\$ 230,893</u>
	2019		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Board-designated endowment funds	\$ 31,049	\$ -	\$ 31,049
Donor-restricted endowment funds:			
Original donor-restricted gift amount and amounts required to be maintained in perpetuity by donor	-	182,867	182,867
Accumulated investment gains	-	29,996	29,996
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2019	<u>\$ 31,049</u>	<u>\$ 212,863</u>	<u>\$ 243,912</u>

From time to time, certain donor-restricted endowment funds may have fair values less than the amount required to be maintained by donors or by law (underwater endowments). The Commission has interpreted UPMIFA to permit spending from underwater endowments in accordance with prudent measures required under law. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Commission had no underwater endowments.

Investment and Spending Policies – The Commission may choose to make distributions of the income to any proper recipient, including the Commission itself. Distributions may only be made after the corpus of the endowment has reached \$50,000 with the exception of special approval by the board of trustees to distribute earnings prior to reaching \$50,000. Distributions from the endowment will follow the distribution policy of the Church, which is based on a policy of total long-term return of 6.5%. The following percentages may be used to guide the Commission’s distribution policy: 3.5% for Ministry distributions; 2.0% for inflation; and 1.0% for fees and expenses. To smooth the allowable annual distributions based on valuation of the underlying assets, the Commission uses a five-year moving average of quarterly portfolio values. The moving average is determined for the five-year period immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the funds are to be spent.

Return Objectives and Risk Parameters – The Commission has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the Commission must hold in perpetuity or for a donor-specified period(s). Under this policy, as approved by the board of trustees, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that provide for the preservation of capital and income for support of programs while assuming a moderate level of investment risk. The Commission expects its endowment funds, over time, to produce current income within the total return strategy. Actual returns may vary.

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Note 10—Endowments (continued)

Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives – To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Commission relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Commission targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on corporate bonds and equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

Changes in endowment net assets for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 are as follows:

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2018	\$ 26,421	\$ 200,750	\$ 227,171
Investment return, net	4,628	18,113	22,741
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	-	(6,000)	(6,000)
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2019	31,049	212,863	243,912
Investment return, net	2,194	10,027	12,221
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	-	(25,240)	(25,240)
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 33,243</u>	<u>\$ 197,650</u>	<u>\$ 230,893</u>

Note 11—Commitments and contingencies

The Commission leases office and library space from Drew University under an operating lease which will expire in December 2024. The Commission also has an agreement with Drew University to provide library services through December 2024. The pro rata share of building maintenance was \$170,516 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019. The pro rata share of library expenses for each of the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 was \$50,831. The following is a schedule of future minimum rent payments and library services:

<u>Years Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Rent</u>	<u>Library Services</u>
2021	\$ 193,500	\$ 55,206
2022	199,500	56,862
2023	212,180	58,568
2024	218,545	60,325

During 2020, an outbreak of a novel strain of coronavirus (“COVID-19”) emerged globally. As a result of the spread of COVID-19, economic uncertainties have arisen that could negatively impact the Commission's revenue and operations for an indeterminable time period. Other financial impacts could occur that are unknown at this time.

The Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation was introduced as legislation in early 2020 for the upcoming General Conference. This joins other legislative proposals that if adopted by the General Conference would provide an alternative way for churches to separate from the United Methodist Church. These proposals include a provision for new denominations to receive financial payments from the United Methodist Church and retain their real estate. The scheduled General Conference has been delayed until 2022, and the financial impact resulting from these potential separations on the Commission is unknown at this time.

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Note 12—Paycheck Protection Program

The Commission received a Paycheck Protection Program (“PPP”) loan in the amount of \$113,859 in April 2020. The PPP loan is granted by the Small Business Administration under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”). PPP loans are considered conditional contributions under ASC 958-605, *Not-for-Profit Entities - Revenue Recognition*. The loan must be repaid if the Commission does not overcome certain barriers within the CARES Act. The barriers under the program include the requirement to maintain employee headcount, spend up to 60% of the loan proceeds on certain payroll and employee benefits, and restricts other loan proceeds to be used for other qualifying expenses such as mortgage interest, rent, and utilities. The Commission believes it has not substantially met all barriers for full loan forgiveness yet and, therefore, has recorded the receipt of the funds of \$113,859 as deferred revenue in the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2020.

Note 13—Subsequent events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through July 21, 2021, the date the financial statements were available for issuance, and has determined that there are no subsequent events requiring disclosure.