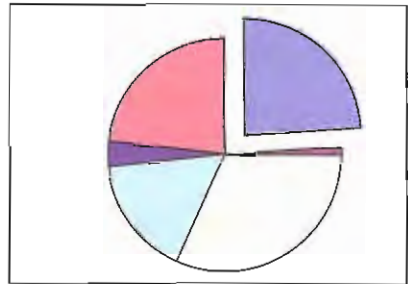


Mission Spending Plan 2007



*Penn West Conference
United Church of Christ*

“And, the second is like it, Love your neighbor as yourself.”



Reaching Others in Mission

The Penn West Conference support national and global missions that

- Strengthen and build up churches where faith in Jesus Christ is shared
- Provide opportunities to educate children facing poverty and hopeless situations
- Caring for our retired clergy and spouses and emergency support for pastors
- Offer health and human care in clinics and hospitals
- Provide agricultural and technological training
- Respond to disasters –natural and human
- Make possible refugee resettlement

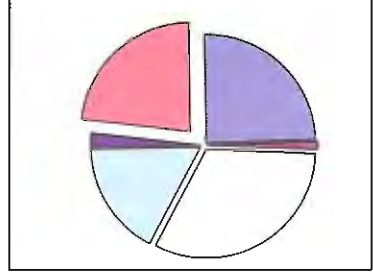
We do this and more through our 5x5 offerings

- Our Churches Wider Mission
- Neighbors in Need
- One Great Hour of Sharing
- Strengthen the Church
- Christmas Fund

We partnership with

- Lancaster Seminary
- St. Paul Homes
- Homewood Homes
- Christian Associates
- Raystown Lake Ministry
- Breezewood Truck Stop Ministry
- Pennsylvania Council of Churches

...equipping the saints for the up building of the church



Ministries for Discipleship

God's Mission does have churches! A compelling, urgent Vision grounds vital churches passionately engaged in ministries. Churches are discovering faithful ways to be disciples, living witnesses, of Christ. Ministries and missions through Conference Ministry Teams support and encourage churches. The Conference Ministry Teams offer

- Transformation and Renewal of churches
- Evangelism to share God's Love
- Search and Call for ministerial and pastoral leadership
- Stewardship to bless others with God's goodness
- Inspiring Worship to worship God
- Insight into changing cultural patterns
- Support for calling and using Spiritual gifts for ministries and missions
- Consultation to find reconciliation through times of conflict
- Training resources for these and other ministries

An invitation will bring anyone of these Ministry teams to your church.

Does God's Mission have your church?



Outdoor Ministries

God's people in God's world is the experience in Outdoor Ministries:

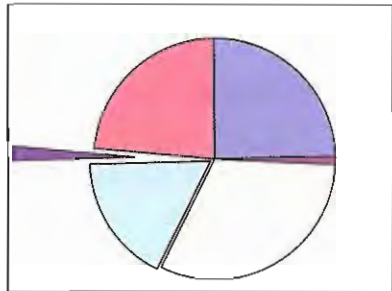
- Prayer and spiritual retreats
- Learning about God in a beautiful place
- Creative reflection and study time
- Church and family retreats and gatherings
- Summer camping ministries where children and adults grow in faith
- New friendships formed and old ones renewed
- Love and gratitude for the glorious earth God has created

These all happen at Living Waters Camp and Conference Center. Living Waters, a 150 acre facility located in Schellsburg, Pennsylvania, features a variety of natural settings and accommodations conducive for faith, fellowship, inspiration and dreams.

Living Waters Camp and Conference Center is a mission to and with our churches, strengthening ministries, creating new ministries and deepening the fellowship we share as God's people in Christ.

Changing lives, one person at a time.

You are light of the world! A city on a hill cannot be hidden! (Matt 5:14)

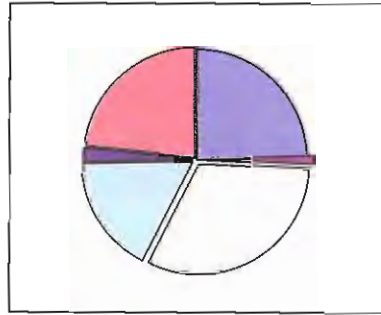


Educational Ministries

The Penn West Conference's budget supports many learning opportunities for our children, youth, adults and spiritual leaders. Through study and discernment we grow in faith, knowledge and wisdom to be brighter beacons for God's mission.

- **Penn West Conference Academy** - is training lay members in faith and knowledge for personal growth and those seeking to serve as lay pastors.
- **Partners in Education (PIE)** - a teaching ministry for churches in curriculum, teacher support, training and material resources.
- **Confirmation Enrichment** - enhancing local churches' confirmation programs by offering weekend study and experiences.
- **Pastors' Retreat** - is an annual retreat of the pastors for faith growth and leadership development.
- **Licensed Ministers' Refresher** - is an annual renewal and enrichment weekend for the licensed ministers.
- **Pre-Lent Retreat** - is a for pastoral renewal and leadership.

“...Lord, when did we see you naked and clothe you, hungry and feed you?”



Justice and Witness Ministries

What are we as disciples of Jesus to do about...

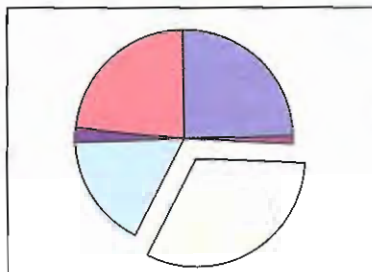
- Poverty and injustice
- Illness and disease
- Homelessness and illiteracy
- Unemployment and hopeless
- Prejudice and discrimination
- Wars and conflicts
- Middle East –Palestine and Israel
- Environment and global warming

Ever since the Fall, our world has been scarred by injustice. In Scripture's first account of it, Cain – after having murdered Abel - asked God, "Am I my brother's keeper?" God hears the cries of injustice from the people of God.

Jesus calls us to hear these cries today and to minister to those who are ignored, lost, losers and marginalized, those whose voices are not heard by others in our society.

This Ministry Team helps churches address these issues in our rural and urban communities.

Your church can make an impact in the life of others.



Maintaining our Office Facilities

In order to carry out the essential ministries and services, we look to the office and support staff. The PWC staff coordinates all conference mailings and the distribution of educational materials, the *Communicator*, Annual Meeting registrations and mailings, distributing the Living Waters summer camping schedule and receiving and tracking all camp registrations. These staff members utilize a broad range of skills to assist and support the mission and ministries of the Penn West Conference.

The dedicated and skillful support staff bring skills and knowledge to support these ministries.

- Board of Directors
- Building maintenance, repairs and utilities, phone, internet, postage, and other items
- PWC Communicator
- Mailings to pastors and churches
- Computers and data storage
- Historical documentation

These are not exciting yet it makes possible the mission and ministries of the Penn West Conference.

Penn West Conference...

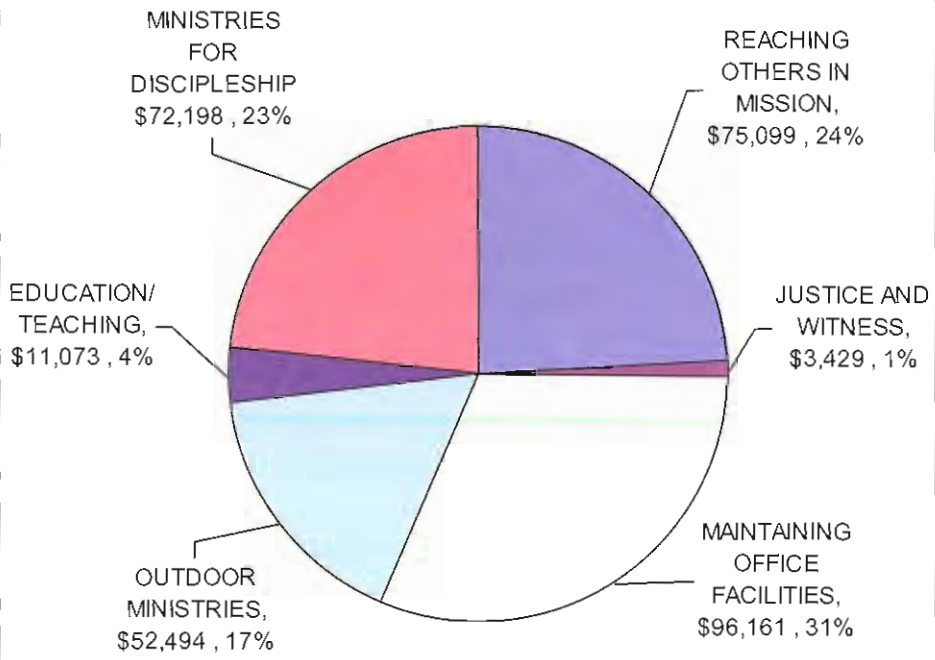
*...A diverse community
of creative disciples.*

The Penn West Conference carries out God's Mission through these "Essential Ministries" shaped by the Board of Directors and input from the feasibility study by the Capital Campaign.

- Transformation and Renewal of congregations
- Evangelism
- Outdoor ministries—Living Waters Camp and Conference Center
- Stewardship
- Christian Education and Youth
- PWC Academy for licensed ministers

As we, members of the Penn West Conference, make a difference through our witness to the Realm of God's Love in the world.

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