

GPNW Mission Center Conference 2012:
Journey Together in Faith
Proposed 2013 Congregational Allocations



GPNW Congregation	2013 Allocation	2012 Allocation	\$ Variance with 2012	% Variance with 2012
Albany	\$2,573	\$2,519	\$54	2.10%
Auburn	\$7,434	\$6,758	\$676	10.00%
Bend	\$3,258	\$3,000	\$258	8.60%
Bremerton	\$3,087	\$2,918	\$169	5.80%
Cottage Grove	\$1,653	\$1,503	\$150	10.00%
Cowlitz Valley	\$3,259	\$3,105	\$154	5.00%
Crystal Springs	\$6,040	\$6,711	(\$671)	-10.00%
East Wenatchee	\$1,000	\$909	\$91	10.00%
Ellensburg	\$1,675	\$1,523	\$152	10.00%
Eugene	\$7,147	\$6,763	\$384	5.70%
Fairbanks	\$2,374	\$2,638	(\$264)	-10.00%
Garden Grove	\$4,231	\$4,701	(\$470)	-10.00%
Highland Park	\$2,740	\$3,044	(\$304)	-10.00%
Klamath Falls	\$1,001	\$910	\$91	10.00%
Mat-Su Valley	\$1,258	\$1,235	\$23	1.90%
Myrtle Point	\$1,408	\$1,280	\$128	10.00%
Neilton	\$643	\$584	\$59	10.00%
Olympia	\$1,532	\$1,393	\$139	10.00%
Portland	\$6,918	\$6,389	\$529	8.30%
Puyallup	\$4,826	\$4,387	\$439	10.00%
Rainier Valley	\$2,516	\$2,339	\$177	7.60%
Redmond	\$3,888	\$3,582	\$306	8.50%
Renton	\$6,803	\$6,925	(\$122)	-1.80%
Rogue Valley	\$5,035	\$5,594	(\$559)	-10.00%
Roseburg	\$1,065	\$968	\$97	10.00%
Salem	\$6,216	\$5,651	\$565	10.00%
Samish	\$5,031	\$5,434	(\$403)	-7.40%
Selah	\$1,213	\$1,103	\$110	10.00%
Southridge	\$7,713	\$7,012	\$701	10.00%
Tuality CC	\$6,430	\$7,144	(\$714)	-10.00%
University Place	\$5,145	\$5,517	(\$372)	-6.70%
Woodburn	\$3,207	\$2,915	\$292	10.00%
Woodland Park	\$4,288	\$4,322	(\$34)	-0.80%
Yakima	\$2,001	\$1,938	\$63	3.30%
Total	\$124,608	\$122,714	\$1,894	1.50%

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Based on feedback received from the mission center, the formula for congregational allocations to the GPNW Mission Center has been refined this year more than in previous years.

The allocation computation uses two primary factors:

1. Total Congregational Ministries contributions (purpose code 100)
2. Total number of Contributor Units for congregational contributions. A single person or a married couple counts as 1 unit.

Total proposed allocations for 2013:	\$124,608
Total 2011 contributions to Congregational Ministries:	\$579,180
Total number of 2011 local contributors:	541

- Congregations that receive the most contributions and have the most contributors will have the highest allocation.
- The allocation formula is designed to help determine a congregation's ability to pay and is a reflection of their collective generosity.
- There is no perfect formula; however, this new computation does resolve some chronic issues with the previous formula.

The criteria and rationale for the revision include:

- The data used to compute the allocations is from the church's computerized database, Shelby.
- The allocations are based only on the immediate past year's contributions—because it is a more current reflection of the congregation's contributor composition.

- It does not drag multiple years of historical data forward—because the previous formula included “stale” data and did not reduce fluctuations as much as hoped.
- Half of the allocation is based only on Congregational Ministries (purpose code 100) contributions, not other local or Mission Center or World Church contributions—because congregational contributions more accurately reflect the giving strength locally.
- The other half of the allocation is based on the number of congregational contributors who contribute over \$100 during the year—because it eliminates contributors who may be developing in their giving (children and youth), and this would encourage that process.
- For congregations with a Houses of Worship Revolving Fund loan (HWRF), the loan payments for the year are subtracted from the contributions to Congregational Ministries used to compute the first half of the allocation— this supports congregations that are attempting to improve facilities and grow, but have the added burden of a loan payment.
- A “ceiling” and “floor” of 10% (more or less than the previous year's allocation) is included in the process—because this is a way to directly limit fluctuations year to year and makes budgeting for congregations more predictable.

Hypothetical Example Using Congregation X:

To keep it simple, let's say total annual GPNW congregational allocations are \$100,000, total GPNW member contributions were \$1,000,000, and total number of GPNW contributors were 1,000.

- The first half of the total GPNW combined congregational allocation is based on Congregational Ministries contributions (Purpose code 100) during 2011 (most recent completed year) —\$50,000 (1/2 of \$100,000).
- Congregation X had annual local contributions of \$80,000, which is 8% of the total GPNW member contributions (\$80,000/\$1,000,000).
- Congregation X's part of this half of the allocation would be 8% of \$50,000, or \$4,000.
- The second half of the total allocation (\$50,000 (1/2 of \$100,000)) is based on the number of congregational contributors to Congregational Ministries during 2011.
- Congregation X had 24 contributors, which is 2.4% of the total GPNW contributors (24/1,000).
- Their part of this half of the allocation would be 2.4% of \$50,000, or \$1,200.
- Congregation X's total allocation for 2013 would then be \$4,000 + \$1,200, or \$5,200.

Final Considerations:

1. If Congregation X's computed allocation for 2013 is more than 10% higher than their 2012 allocation, their 2013 allocation will be limited to a 10% increase. If Congregation X's computed allocation for 2013 drops by more than 10% compared with their 2012 allocation, their 2013 allocation will be limited to a 10% decrease.
2. If Congregation X made \$2,000 in Houses of Worship Revolving Loan Fund loan repayments during 2011, their contributions would be adjusted for the allocation formula to \$78,000 from the original \$80,000.