

Greater Pacific Northwest (USA) Mission Center

Approved 2012 Congregational Allocations

Although no perfect system for determining allocations exists, the formula used by the GPNW has been refined over the past eight years with the hope of more closely attaining an equitable distribution of funds needed by the mission center to provide missional ministries and services to the congregations of the mission center.

- The Congregational Allocation Formula uses data and computations that reflect a congregation's generosity and attempts to identify a congregation's ability to give. The data used is readily accessible from Shelby (the Church's computerized data management system) and consists of three elements.
- 40% of the total allocation is based on Congregational Ministries (Operating Fund) giving. It is computed using total contributions to Congregational Ministries fund (purpose code) in 2009 and 2010.
- 30% of the total allocation is based on the number of Contributor Units of a congregation. It is computed using the number of people contributing more than \$100 to the Congregational Ministries fund (purpose code) for 2009 and 2010. A husband and wife count as one contributor unit.
- The final 30% of the total allocation is based on All Other Giving. This includes all giving to all funds (purpose codes) except contributions to the building fund for 2009 and 2010.
- The final allocation computations include a totaling of all three categories (40%, 30% and 30%) for each congregation, an averaging of the 2011 and 2012 total percentage by congregation and finally a redistribution of the allocations by percentage across the congregations.
- Congregational closures and mergers, along with other factors, have resulted in unusual allocation swings this year. In an attempt to mitigate significant increases in allocations this year, we have implemented two "caps", have included another factor and have asked four congregations to help in a special way.
- The additional factor included this year was to treat congregational Houses of Worship Revolving Fund loan payments as Building Fund payment. For our congregations who have regularly been paying toward a building loan, their payments were subtracted from the computations.
- To keep congregations from experiencing unusually large increases in allocations within one year, we have implemented a cap at \$500 and one at 10%. No congregation will have an increase this year of more than \$500 or 10%.
- The other change this year was to ask the congregations who have recently sold their properties and who have benefited from the net proceeds of those sales to express their generosity by accepting the average 4.4% increase in allocation over 2011 rather than their traditionally computed allocation, which in some of the cases was actually a reduction from 2011. We are extremely grateful for this expression of generosity and encourage any congregation that is willing and able to contribute more to our shared mission as a mission center, to do so.

GPNW Congregation	2011 Allocation	2012 Allocation	\$ Var w/2011	% Var w/2011
Albany	\$ 2,508	\$ 2,519	\$ 11	0.4%
Anchorage	\$ 818	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Auburn	\$ 6,258	\$ 6,758	\$ 500	8.0%
Bend	\$ 2,767	\$ 3,000	\$ 233	8.4%
Bremerton	\$ 2,653	\$ 2,918	\$ 265	10.0%
Bridgeport	\$ 268	\$ 280	\$ 12	4.4%
Cedarcrest	\$ 2,199	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Cottage Grove	\$ 1,366	\$ 1,503	\$ 137	10.0%
Cowlitz Valley	\$ 2,823	\$ 3,105	\$ 282	10.0%
Crystal Springs*	\$ 4,229	\$ 6,711	\$ 283	4.4%
East Wenatchee	\$ 1,050	\$ 909	\$ (141)	-13.4%
Ellensburg	\$ 1,544	\$ 1,523	\$ (21)	-1.4%
Eugene	\$ 6,560	\$ 6,763	\$ 203	3.1%
Fairbanks	\$ 2,527	\$ 2,638	\$ 111	4.4%
Garden Grove	\$ 4,544	\$ 4,701	\$ 157	3.5%
Grants Pass	\$ 1,742	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Highland Park	\$ 3,063	\$ 3,044	\$ (19)	-0.6%
Klamath Falls	\$ 875	\$ 910	\$ 35	4.0%
Lacamas Heights	\$ 1,679	\$ 1,645	\$ (34)	-2.0%
Lincoln City	\$ 802	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Mat-Su Valley	\$ 1,603	\$ 1,235	\$ (368)	-23.0%
Medford	\$ 3,616	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Myrtle Point	\$ 1,164	\$ 1,280	\$ 116	10.0%
Neilton	\$ 531	\$ 584	\$ 53	10.0%
Olympia	\$ 1,266	\$ 1,393	\$ 127	10.0%
Portland	\$ 6,293	\$ 6,389	\$ 96	1.5%
Puyallup	\$ 3,988	\$ 4,387	\$ 399	10.0%
Rainier Valley	\$ 2,224	\$ 2,339	\$ 115	5.2%
Redmond	\$ 3,256	\$ 3,582	\$ 326	10.0%
Renton	\$ 6,425	\$ 6,925	\$ 500	7.8%
Rogue Valley**		\$ 5,594	\$ 236	4.4%
Roseburg	\$ 952	\$ 968	\$ 16	1.7%
Salem	\$ 5,151	\$ 5,651	\$ 500	9.7%
Samish	\$ 5,061	\$ 5,434	\$ 373	7.4%
Selah	\$ 1,174	\$ 1,103	\$ (71)	-6.0%
Southridge	\$ 6,779	\$ 7,012	\$ 233	3.4%
Tuality CC	\$ 7,827	\$ 7,144	\$ (681)	-8.7%
University Place	\$ 5,017	\$ 5,517	\$ 500	10.0%
Woodburn	\$ 2,650	\$ 2,915	\$ 265	10.0%
Woodland Park	\$ 3,942	\$ 4,322	\$ 380	9.6%
Yakima	\$ 1,803	\$ 1,938	\$ 135	7.5%
Total	\$ 120,997	\$ 124,639		

* 2012 reflects blending of Cedarcrest and Crystal Springs
 ** 2012 reflects blending of Grants Pass and Medford

- Thanks to **Bridgeport, Crystal Springs, Fairbanks and Rogue Valley** for your generosity and support of our shared mission. And thanks to each of you for your patience and understanding as we work through this transitional year. Over the next year, the Finance Committee and Mission Center Council will be reviewing the allocation process and seeking an alternative approach that continues to honor each of our congregations and gives opportunity for the expression of generosity in support of mission.