

**GENERAL BOARD OF  
CHURCH AND SOCIETY OF  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*As of and for the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022*

*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  
The General Board of Church and Society of  
The United Methodist Church

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

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church (a non-profit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, 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.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in *the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

*Cherry Bekaert LLP*

Charlotte, North Carolina  
September 12, 2024

**GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY OF  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,989	\$ 66
Due from General Council on Finance and Administration ("GCFA") Cash Balance Pool ("CBP")	1,574,371	1,810,164
Accrued World Service Fund allocation	584,910	642,047
Receivables, net	1,034,141	797,297
Prepaid expenses and other assets	211,552	182,754
Investments	20,436,424	17,830,953
Social Justice Ministries Endowment Fund at The United Methodist Church Foundation	469,485	419,878
Property and equipment, net	7,104,423	7,235,044
Right-of-use asset - operating	23,761	92,204
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 31,443,056</u>	<u>\$ 29,010,407</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 774,533	\$ 577,490
Lease liability - operating	23,925	95,156
Lease liability - financing	13,655	18,757
Other liabilities	274,053	281,406
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>1,086,166</u>	<u>972,809</u>
Net Assets:		
Without Donor Restrictions:		
Invested in property and equipment (excluding real property endowment)	5,974,351	6,099,870
Board-designated for endowment	10,971,361	9,512,228
Board-designated for building maintenance	2,703,784	2,578,791
Board-designated for programs	332,109	352,109
Undesignated	3,844,172	3,244,652
<b>Total Without Donor Restrictions</b>	<u>23,825,777</u>	<u>21,787,650</u>
With Donor Restrictions:		
Subject to purpose restrictions	1,240,499	1,295,064
Endowments	4,174,197	3,838,467
Endowment - real property	1,116,417	1,116,417
<b>Total With Donor Restrictions</b>	<u>6,531,113</u>	<u>6,249,948</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<u>30,356,890</u>	<u>28,037,598</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<u>\$ 31,443,056</u>	<u>\$ 29,010,407</u>

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

**GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY OF  
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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES**

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023			2022		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenues:						
Allocation from World Service Fund	\$ 1,917,169	\$ -	\$ 1,917,169	\$ 2,054,696	\$ -	\$ 2,054,696
Special Sunday offerings	-	115,841	115,841	-	121,156	121,156
Program revenue	18,057	-	18,057	800	-	800
Distribution from Benefit Trust	283,845	-	283,845	314,475	-	314,475
Contributions	154,679	3,112	157,791	153,106	2,108	155,214
Services received from GCFA	26,789	-	26,789	28,822	-	28,822
Interest income from GCFA CBP	69,880	-	69,880	17,806	-	17,806
Rental income	-	2,577,512	2,577,512	-	2,405,515	2,405,515
Investment return, net	2,022,729	646,292	2,669,021	(2,632,743)	(997,157)	(3,629,900)
Grant revenue	106,000	-	106,000	-	-	-
Other revenues	5,959	-	5,959	21,478	-	21,478
Net assets released from restrictions	3,061,592	(3,061,592)	-	3,422,571	(3,422,571)	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>7,666,699</b>	<b>281,165</b>	<b>7,947,864</b>	<b>3,381,011</b>	<b>(1,890,949)</b>	<b>1,490,062</b>
Expenses:						
Program Services:						
Core programs	1,968,875	-	1,968,875	2,003,156	-	2,003,156
Board-designated programs	21,000	-	21,000	5,000	-	5,000
Purpose restricted programs	372,572	-	372,572	368,840	-	368,840
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>2,362,447</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,362,447</b>	<b>2,376,996</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,376,996</b>
Supporting Services:						
Management and general	1,030,899	-	1,030,899	1,604,842	-	1,604,842
Leasing and property management	2,096,539	-	2,096,539	2,013,236	-	2,013,236
Fundraising	138,687	-	138,687	167,720	-	167,720
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>3,266,125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,266,125</b>	<b>3,785,798</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,785,798</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5,628,572</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,628,572</b>	<b>6,162,794</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,162,794</b>
Change in net assets	2,038,127	281,165	2,319,292	(2,781,783)	(1,890,949)	(4,672,732)
Net assets, beginning of year	21,787,650	6,249,948	28,037,598	24,569,433	8,140,897	32,710,330
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 23,825,777</b>	<b>\$ 6,531,113</b>	<b>\$ 30,356,890</b>	<b>\$ 21,787,650</b>	<b>\$ 6,249,948</b>	<b>\$ 28,037,598</b>

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**GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY OF  
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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Program Services			Supporting Services			2023 Total	
	Core Programs	Board- Designated Programs	Purpose Restricted Programs	Total Program Services	Management and General	Leasing and Property Management		Fundraising
Salaries and payroll taxes	\$ 1,198,142	\$ -	\$ 188,045	\$ 1,386,187	\$ 224,279	\$ 248,782	\$ 82,218	\$ 1,941,466
Program development	63,627	-	6,093	69,720	-	-	-	69,720
Employee benefits	202,377	-	39,711	242,088	97,956	14,305	12,203	366,552
Administration provided by GCFA	-	-	-	-	26,789	-	-	26,789
Travel and meetings	79,039	-	6,974	86,013	126,219	-	-	212,232
Contributions and grants to others	101,950	21,000	98,870	221,820	-	-	-	221,820
Professional fees	186,870	-	-	186,870	70,609	151,932	20,000	429,411
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	4,521	-	-	4,521
Rent and occupancy	235,187	-	28,992	264,179	33,176	(232,237)	12,155	77,273
Supplies	2,883	-	861	3,744	2,236	42	4,017	10,039
Telephone and web service	21,123	-	1,969	23,092	24,631	15,940	1,202	64,865
Postage, shipping, and freight	1,560	-	-	1,560	575	-	6,892	9,027
Utilities	-	-	-	-	-	257,613	-	257,613
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	-	17,351	707,684	-	725,035
Insurance	-	-	-	-	65,709	30,732	-	96,441
Depreciation and amortization	-	-	-	-	26,657	870,787	-	897,444
Promotional and informational materials	81,161	-	-	81,161	-	-	-	81,161
Miscellaneous	32,466	-	1,057	33,523	72,681	30,959	-	137,163
Allocation of General Secretary's Office to General Administration	(237,510)	-	-	(237,510)	237,510	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,968,875</b>	<b>\$ 21,000</b>	<b>\$ 372,572</b>	<b>\$ 2,362,447</b>	<b>\$ 1,030,899</b>	<b>\$ 2,096,539</b>	<b>\$ 138,687</b>	<b>\$ 5,628,572</b>

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**GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY OF  
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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Program Services			Supporting Services			2022 Total	
	Core Programs	Board- Designated Programs	Purpose Restricted Programs	Total Program Services	Management and General	Leasing and Property Management		Fundraising
Salaries and payroll taxes	\$ 1,431,908	\$ -	\$ 187,969	\$ 1,619,877	\$ 221,149	\$ 197,055	\$ 62,039	\$ 2,100,120
Program development	29,618	-	2,576	32,194	-	-	-	32,194
Employee benefits	221,924	-	27,726	249,650	117,304	3,657	9,940	380,551
Administration provided by GCFA	-	-	-	-	28,822	-	-	28,822
Travel and meetings	78,466	-	6,803	85,269	7,384	-	3,980	96,633
Contributions and grants to others	8,296	5,000	106,565	119,861	-	-	-	119,861
Professional fees	143,009	-	10,300	153,309	58,075	149,857	70,339	431,580
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	723,592	-	-	723,592
Rent and occupancy	216,529	-	23,370	239,899	28,909	(204,244)	7,258	71,822
Supplies	6,951	-	944	7,895	1,356	-	3,920	13,171
Telephone and web service	26,739	-	2,202	28,941	28,210	16,924	1,079	75,154
Postage, shipping, and freight	8,867	-	183	9,050	2,098	-	5,632	16,780
Utilities	-	-	-	-	-	236,451	-	236,451
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	-	11,531	660,078	-	671,609
Insurance	-	-	-	-	67,252	77,899	-	145,151
Depreciation and amortization	-	-	-	-	18,237	841,942	-	860,179
Promotional and informational materials	36,859	-	-	36,859	-	-	-	36,859
Miscellaneous	29,162	-	202	29,364	55,751	33,617	3,533	122,265
Allocation of General Secretary's Office to General Administration	(235,172)	-	-	(235,172)	235,172	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,003,156</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$ 368,840</b>	<b>\$ 2,376,996</b>	<b>\$ 1,604,842</b>	<b>\$ 2,013,236</b>	<b>\$ 167,720</b>	<b>\$ 6,162,794</b>

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**GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY OF  
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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 2,319,292	\$ (4,672,732)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash flows from operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	897,444	860,179
Net realized and unrealized (gains) losses on investments, Social Justice Ministries Endowment Fund at UMC Foundation and Ethnic Local Church Endowment	(2,367,919)	3,925,756
Contributions restricted for long-term purposes	(1,054)	(2,108)
Noncash lease expense	(2,788)	5,984
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Due from GCFA CBP	235,793	(240,030)
Accrued World Service Fund allocation	57,137	47,602
Accounts receivable, net	(236,844)	(63,538)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(106,470)	(36,193)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	197,043	344,009
Other liabilities	(7,353)	22,764
Net cash flows from operating activities	<u>984,281</u>	<u>191,693</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Acquisition of property and equipment	(689,151)	(556,526)
Purchases of investments	(914,225)	(415,302)
Sales of investments	627,066	781,666
Net cash flows from investing activities	<u>(976,310)</u>	<u>(190,162)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Proceeds from contributions restricted for long-term purposes	1,054	2,108
Principal payments on finance lease obligation	(5,102)	(3,727)
Net cash flows from financing activities	<u>(4,048)</u>	<u>(1,619)</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	3,923	(88)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	66	154
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 3,989</u>	<u>\$ 66</u>
<b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:</b>		
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for new lease liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 179,143</u>

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

# GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

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### **Note 1—Nature of the organization**

The General Board of Church and Society (the “Board”) is a general agency of The United Methodist Church (the “Church”) and is a not-for-profit organization incorporated in the District of Columbia. The primary objective of the Board is to establish programs to analyze social concerns and to develop Christian lines of action in relation thereto in keeping with the objectives of the Church.

Funding for the Board’s projects is principally provided by allocations received from the General Funds of the Church based on a four-year budget developed from projections of expected programs costs. The allocation accounts for 37% and 42% of the Board’s total operating revenue, excluding investment returns, during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. In addition, rental income and investment earnings from the Board’s assets provide significant resources to enable the Board to carry out its mission. The Board’s continued existence is partially dependent upon the Church’s future financial support. The Church’s financial support of the Board is dependent upon contributions from the congregations (i.e., congregational participation in the apportionment covenant).

Assets of the Board include the United Methodist Building, located in the District of Columbia. Tenants of the United Methodist Building include the Board, various other not-for-profit organizations which lease office space, and individuals who lease apartment units.

### **Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies**

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

*Basis of Presentation* – The Board maintains its accounts internally 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 Board. Separate accounts are maintained for each fund.

For reporting purposes, the Board’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 Board 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 Board. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the Board’s management and the Board of Directors. The Board 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 (Excluding Real Property Endowment)* – Represents net assets invested in property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation and endowed real property.

*Board-Designated* – Represents resources set aside by the Board of Directors 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 Board or by 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)**

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.

*Allocation from World Service Fund* – The World Service Fund (the “Fund”) is the basic benevolence fund of the Church. The Fund makes annual allocations to support the activities of the various organizations of the Church. Such amounts are recognized as revenue in the accompanying financial statements in the period for which the allocation is made. Certain World Service Funds are reported as with donor restrictions, if the restrictions placed on them by General Conference are more specific than the Broad limits of its mission as described in the Book of Discipline. The Accrued World Service Fund Allocation represents the apportionment income recorded as income for December that will be credited to the Board’s portion of the General Council on Finance and Administration (“GCFA”) Cash Balance Pool (“CBP”) the following month.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents* – For the purpose of reporting cash flows, the Board considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

The Board places its cash and cash equivalents on deposit with financial institutions in the United States. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation covers \$250,000 for substantially all depository accounts. The Board from time to time may have amounts on deposit in excess of insured limits. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Board did not exceed this amount.

*Due from GCFA CBP* – The amounts presented as due from GCFA CBP in the accompanying financial statements represent the Board’s portion of the CBP portfolio managed by GCFA on behalf of certain agencies and related organizations of The United Methodist Church. The amount due from this pool effectively represents the amount of cash deposits that are available to the Board to be disbursed out of GCFA’s centralized cash management system. Since these deposits are legally invested in GCFA’s name and not in a separate demand account in the Board’s name, they are not classified as cash and cash equivalents but rather are considered an amount due from GCFA. The CBP includes funds invested in demand deposits, corporate bonds, taxable municipal bonds, mutual funds, and notes from other United Methodist related organizations.

Distributions of the investment return on the CBP are characterized as interest income and are based on GCFA’s policy in the following steps:

1. The net pool return for the month to be paid by GCFA to the beneficiary agencies is the 1-month U.S. Treasury Bill Rate prevailing as of the 3 PM close of the first business day of the month plus a spread between 35 to 50 basis points. GCFA can modify the spread at its discretion, in which case the CBP beneficiaries will be notified of the new spread prior to the end of the prior month. This spread can be either an addition or subtraction from the 1-month U.S. Treasury Bill Rate. In months when the return of the CBP is less than 50 basis points, the payout to the CBP beneficiaries will be set at 50 basis points. In months when the return of the CBP is more than 50 basis points, the payout to the CBP beneficiaries shall not exceed the return of the CBP.
2. The net pool return will be earned on all monies deposited up to the individual agency limit of 1.5 times the average CBP balance for the previous two years. Above this limit, the agency will earn a net portfolio return of 1-month U.S. Treasury Bill Rate minus 15 basis points.

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**Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

GCFA allocates interest earned to the agencies invested monthly. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, GCFA allocated \$69,880 and \$17,806 of interest income, respectively. The overall return for the CBP for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was 3.83% and 1.09%, respectively. The overall rate of return for each agency will fluctuate based on balances throughout the year and the prevailing U.S. Treasury Bill Rates over time.

While interest income can be earned based on the performance of the pooled investment funds, the Board 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. GCFA is the owner of the residual risk of the investment portfolio. The operating cash requirements of the general agencies are centrally managed by GCFA.

The allocation of funds in the CBP as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Texas Methodist Foundation loan fund	14.4%	11.8%
Mutual funds	35.4%	19.6%
Short-term collateralized loan fund	0.2%	0.2%
Fixed income	5.5%	8.9%
Corporate bonds	42.2%	46.3%
Cash	2.3%	13.2%
	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

*Receivables* – Receivables consists of operating cash held by the leasing and property manager, interest receivables, rent receivables from tenants, and miscellaneous receivables, less an allowance for credit losses. The allowance for credit losses for rent receivables is based on the Board’s assessment of the collectability of rents receivable. In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 326, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses*, the Board makes ongoing estimates relating to the collectability of rents receivable and records an allowance for estimated losses expected from the inability of its tenants to make required payments. The Board establishes expected credit losses by evaluating historical levels of credit losses, current and future economic conditions that may affect a tenant’s ability to pay, and creditworthiness of significant tenants. These inputs are used to determine a range of expected credit losses and an allowance is recorded within the range. Rents receivables are charged to the allowance when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery.

*Investments and Investment Earnings* – Investments in debt and equity securities with a readily determinable market value are reported at fair value with gains and losses included in the statements of activities based on quotations obtained from national securities exchanges. Cash equivalent funds held by the investment manager are not considered cash equivalents for purposes of the statements of cash flows.

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**Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

The Board's investment portfolios were established for the purposes of supporting the programs of the Board to carry out the missions as defined in the Book of Discipline and to maintain the physical plant of the Board. Consistent with that purpose, the goal of investing the portfolios assets is to provide current funding to the Board defined by the spending policy, while preserving the purchasing power of the funds held for future expenditure. The Board has adopted the total return concept in allocating investment income. The Board has designated the income from a portion of its investment portfolio that represent funds without donor restrictions to support operations. In accordance with the Board's total return objective, an amount equal to 5% of a three-year rolling average of total fair market value of this portion is in the form of an investment payout. If investment income received (i.e., interest and dividends) is not sufficient to support the total return objective, the balance is provided from realized gains. If investment income is received in excess of the objective, the excess is reinvested.

*Property and Equipment* – Property and equipment assets are carried at original cost or estimated fair value at date of donation, if donated. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over estimated useful lives of 37.5 years for major building renovations and 10 to 20 years for minor building improvements, furniture, and equipment. Tenant improvements are amortized over the term of the related lease.

*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 Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* are as follows:

*Level 1* – Values are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets in active markets accessible at the measurement date.

*Level 2* – Inputs include quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, quoted prices from those willing to trade in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by market data for the term of the instrument. Such inputs include market interest rates and volatilities, spreads, and yield curves.

*Level 3* – Certain inputs are unobservable (supported by little or no market activity) and significant to the fair value measurement. Unobservable inputs reflect the Board's best estimate of what hypothetical market participants would use to determine a transaction price for the asset or liability at the reporting date.

*Contributions* – Contributions are recognized when cash, other assets, or an unconditional promise to give is received. Conditional promise to give, that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier and a right of return of 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.

*Program Services* – The Board completes a programmatic evaluation each quadrennium. The Board's Board of Directors determine the direction for programming based on assignments by General Conference, constituent surveys, and assessed needs. These “prioritized” programs change over time and each quadrennium, the Board's Board of Directors determine what those changes are.

*Services Received from Personnel of an Affiliate* – Services received from personnel of an affiliate for which the affiliate does not charge the Board 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 14 and totaled \$26,789 and \$28,822 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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*Functional Expenses* – The costs of providing program and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities and statements of functional expenses. The statements of functional expenses present the natural classification detail of expense by function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among program services and supporting services benefited. Such allocations are determined by management on an equitable basis.

The expenses that are allocated include the following:

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Method of Allocation</u>
Rent and occupancy	Department’s percentage of total annual payroll

*Leases* – The Board leases office space and equipment. The determination of whether an arrangement is a lease is made at the lease’s inception. For contracts entered into on or after the effective date or at the inception of a contract, the Board assessed whether the contract is, or contains, a lease. The assessment is based on: (1) whether the contract involves the use of a distinct identified asset, (2) whether the Board obtains the right to substantially all the economic benefit from the use of the asset throughout the period, and (3) whether the Board has the right to direct the use of the asset.

Right-of-use (“ROU”) assets and lease liabilities are recognized at the commencement date based on the present value of the future minimum lease payments over the lease term. Renewal and termination clauses are factored into the determination of the lease term if it is reasonably certain that these options would be exercised by the Board. Lease assets are amortized over the lease term unless there is a transfer of title or purchase option reasonably certain of exercise, in which case the asset life is used. Certain of the Board’s lease agreements include variable payments. Variable lease payments not dependent on an index or rate primarily consist of common area maintenance, property tax, and property insurance charges and are not included in the calculation of the ROU asset and lease liability and are expensed as incurred. To determine the present value of lease payments, the Board uses the implicit rate when it is readily determinable. As most of the Board’s leases do not provide an implicit rate, the Board has elected to utilize the risk-free rate to calculate lease assets and liabilities.

The Board’s lease agreements do not contain any material residual value guarantees or material restrictive covenants. The Board does not have leases where it is involved with the construction or design of an underlying asset. The Board has no material obligation for leases signed but not yet commenced as of December 31, 2023.

*Income Taxes* – The Board 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 Board had no significant unrelated business income during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

The Board 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 Board include, but are not limited to, the tax-exempt status and determination of whether income is subject to unrelated business income tax; however, the Board has determined that such tax positions do not result in an uncertainty requiring recognition.

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**Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

*Use of Estimates* – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expense during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Changes in Accounting Principles* – Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2016-13, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326)* guidance replaces the existing incurred loss impairment guidance and establishes a single allowance framework for financial assets carried at amortized cost based on expected credit losses. The estimate of expected credit losses requires the incorporation of historical information, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts. The Commission adopted this ASU effective January 1, 2023 using the modified retrospective approach. Adoption of the new standard had no material effect on the Board’s financial statements or disclosures.

**Note 3—Liquidity and availability of resources**

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

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Financial assets at year-end:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,989	\$ 66
Due from GCFA CBP	1,574,371	1,810,164
Accrued World Service Fund allocation	584,910	642,047
Accounts receivable, net	1,034,141	797,297
Investments	20,436,424	17,830,953
Social Justice Ministries Endowment Fund at UMC Foundation	469,485	419,878
Total financial assets	<u>24,103,320</u>	<u>21,500,405</u>
Less amounts not available to be used for general expenditures within one year:		
Board-designated funds	14,007,254	12,443,128
Subject to donor purpose restrictions	1,240,499	1,295,064
Endowments (excluding real property endowment)	4,174,197	3,838,467
Financial assets not available to be used within one year	<u>19,421,950</u>	<u>17,576,659</u>
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures within one year	<u>\$ 4,681,370</u>	<u>\$ 3,923,746</u>

The Board considers general expenditures to include program expenses, supporting services, and any commitments or liabilities to be paid in the subsequent year. The Board has certain assets limited to use for donor-restricted purposes. Additionally, board-designated assets are designated for future operating and capital expenditures. These assets limited to use, which are more fully described in Notes 9 and 10 are not available for general expenditure within the next year. However, the board-designated amounts could be made available, if necessary.

As part of the Boards liquidity management plan, cash in excess of daily requirements are invested in GCFA’s CBP and the Board’s general investment pool held by a financial institution.

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**Note 4—Receivables, net**

Receivables, net at December 31, 2023 and 2022 consist of the following:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Operating cash held by leasing and property manager	\$ 890,292	\$ 759,657
Interest receivable from GCFA CBP	69,880	-
Rent receivables	55,949	20,770
Other	35,088	33,938
Allowance for credit losses	(17,068)	(17,068)
	<u>\$ 1,034,141</u>	<u>\$ 797,297</u>

**Note 5—Investments**

Investments at December 31, 2023 and 2022 consist of the following:

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 903,901	\$ 903,823	\$ 444,967	\$ 444,974
Mutual funds	2,222,618	2,583,702	2,124,393	2,468,443
U.S. government securities	1,095,544	1,171,141	1,033,955	1,175,484
Bonds	1,552,238	1,666,591	1,483,220	1,661,091
Common stocks	8,200,550	6,215,751	7,262,767	6,318,481
International equity securities	6,461,573	5,870,966	5,481,651	5,559,431
Total investments	<u>\$ 20,436,424</u>	<u>\$ 18,411,974</u>	<u>\$ 17,830,953</u>	<u>\$ 17,627,904</u>

The Social Justice Ministries Endowment Fund, which is invested with The United Methodist Church Foundation (the "UMC Foundation") as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 consist of the following:

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>
The UMC Foundation	<u>\$ 469,485</u>	<u>\$ 481,268</u>	<u>\$ 419,878</u>	<u>\$ 488,239</u>

Investment return and interest income earned on the GCFA CBP for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 consist of the following:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ 444,541	\$ 449,711
Realized gains (losses) on sales of investments	453,623	(199,366)
Unrealized gains (losses) on investments	1,914,296	(3,726,390)
Investment management fees	(143,439)	(153,855)
Investment return, net	<u>\$ 2,669,021</u>	<u>\$ (3,629,900)</u>



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**Note 6—Fair value measurements**

Required disclosures concerning the estimated fair value of financial instruments are presented below. The estimated fair value amounts have been determined based on the Board's assessment of available market information and appropriate valuation methodologies. The following tables summarize required fair value disclosures and measurements at December 31, 2023 and 2022 for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis under ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*:

**Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2023**

	<b>Total Assets Measured at Fair Value</b>	<b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</b>	<b>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</b>	<b>Significant Other Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</b>
Investments:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 903,901	\$ 903,901	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual funds	2,222,618	2,222,618	-	-
U.S. government securities	1,095,544	1,095,544	-	-
Bonds	1,552,238	-	1,552,238	-
Common stocks	8,200,550	8,200,550	-	-
International equity securities	6,461,573	6,461,573	-	-
	<u>\$ 20,436,424</u>	<u>\$ 18,884,186</u>	<u>\$ 1,552,238</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Investments recorded at net asset value:				
The UMC Foundation*	<u>\$ 469,485</u>			

**Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2022**

	<b>Total Assets Measured at Fair Value</b>	<b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</b>	<b>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</b>	<b>Significant Other Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</b>
Investments:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 444,967	\$ 444,967	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual funds	2,124,393	2,124,393	-	-
U.S. government securities	1,033,955	1,033,955	-	-
Bonds	1,483,220	-	1,483,220	-
Common stocks	7,262,767	7,262,767	-	-
International equity securities	5,481,651	5,481,651	-	-
	<u>\$ 17,830,953</u>	<u>\$ 16,347,733</u>	<u>\$ 1,483,220</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Investments recorded at net asset value:				
The UMC Foundation*	<u>\$ 419,878</u>			

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**Note 6—Fair value measurement (continued)**

\*In accordance with ASC Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value (“NAV”) per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in the above tables are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statements of financial position.

For entities that calculate 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, 2023:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
The UMC Foundation <sup>(*)</sup>	\$ 469,485	none	Daily	3 Days

(\*) The UMC Foundation investment is within the Methodist Socially Principled Fund. The objective of the Methodist Socially Principled 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.

**Note 7—Property and equipment, net**

Property and equipment, net consist of the following at December 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Land	\$ 183,038	\$ 183,038
Building and improvements	16,491,035	16,129,197
Furniture and equipment	1,093,628	766,313
Right-of-use asset	22,499	22,499
Total property and equipment	17,790,200	17,101,047
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(10,685,777)</u>	<u>(9,866,003)</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 7,104,423</u>	<u>\$ 7,235,044</u>

Depreciation expense was \$819,771 and \$788,983 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The Board has legal title to the United Methodist Building at 100 and 110 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. However, the Board must obtain approval from the General Conference of The United Methodist Church prior to sale of the building.

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**Note 8—Net assets with donor restrictions**

Net assets with donor restrictions at December 31, 2023 and 2022 have been restricted by the donors for the following purpose restrictions:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Subject to purpose restrictions:		
Hugh Moore population	\$ 933,033	\$ 972,092
Human Relations Day Sunday offerings	79,276	93,857
Other programs	228,190	229,115
Total subject to purpose restrictions	<u>1,240,499</u>	<u>1,295,064</u>
Endowments:		
Subject to appropriation and expenditure:		
Restricted by donor for general use	353,219	70,282
Restricted by donor for ministries of the Board	160,208	108,469
Subtotal	<u>513,427</u>	<u>178,751</u>
Held in perpetuity subject to endowment spending policy and appropriation:		
Building Fund - For general use	3,286,602	3,286,602
Building Fund (Real Property) - For general use	1,116,417	1,116,417
Ethnic Local Church Fund	60,025	60,025
Social Justice Endowment Fund - Ministries of the Board	314,143	313,089
Total endowments	<u>5,290,614</u>	<u>4,954,884</u>
Total net assets with donor restrictions	<u>\$ 6,531,113</u>	<u>\$ 6,249,948</u>

Net assets with donor restrictions for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	<u>\$ 3,061,592</u>	<u>\$ 3,422,571</u>

**Note 9—Board-designated net assets**

Certain net assets without donor restrictions at December 31, 2023 and 2022 have been designated by the Board of Directors for varying purposes.

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

The building maintenance fund represents funded depreciation, where the amount of annual depreciation is appropriated from operations for future capital expenditures of the Board.

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**Note 9—Board-designated net assets (continued)**

The board-designated for programs are funds, such as the Emerging Issues Fund, set up by the Board of Directors for specific and periodic needs that may arise and are directed to be used for ministry program needs including advocacy.

**Note 10—Endowments**

The Board's endowments consist of 3 individual funds established by donors to provide annual funding for specific activities and general operations: (1) the Methodist Building Endowment Fund, (2) the Social Justice Endowment Fund, and (3) the Ethnic Local Church Concerns Endowment Fund. The Board's endowments also include certain net assets without donor restrictions that have been designated for endowment by the Board of Directors.

The Methodist Building Endowment Fund (the "Building Fund") was created by the Building Fund's Trust Agreement (the "Trust"), from the Division of Alcohol Problems and General Welfare of the Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Methodist Church, and from the Board of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Trust permanently restricts the use of the Building Fund's corpus and requires that income generated by the corpus be used for building operations, alterations, repairs, improvements, and to support programs addressing problems involving alcohol, public morals, gambling, drug abuse, and general welfare.

The Social Justice Ministries Endowment Fund (the "Social Justice Fund") represents resources received from donors that must be invested into perpetuity. The investment returns earned from the investments of the Social Justice Fund will be available to the Board to use for any purpose consistent with its ministries to respond to the Christian social concerns of the day. The Social Justice Fund is invested in the UMC Foundation's Balanced Plus Fund. The UMC Foundation has established, for accounting purposes, an initial unit value for an accounting unit of the participants' accounts based on the participants' net assets divided by the unit value. At all times, the total value of the participants' net assets, divided by the total of all participants' units, will equal the unit value. The unit value of the net assets is determined on each business day.

The Ethnic Local Church Endowment Fund represents resources received from donors that must be invested into perpetuity. The fund permanently restricts the use of the corpus and requires that income generated by the corpus be used to further the work of ethnic and local church concerns, reproductive health of youth, and ethnic youth internships.

The Board's management has long interpreted its work on public policy as well as its efforts to communicate that work to its constituents and resource local congregations to affect public policy change as fitting under the categories of "public morals" and "general welfare" for Trust Fund purposes. Specifically, management believes the work it performs in all core programs of the Board meets the public morals and general welfare descriptions above. This would include the following core programs: Public Witness and Advocacy, Education and Leadership Formation, Communications, Resource Production, United Nations Office, and the program-related portion of the General Secretary's Office. This policy is based on a legal opinion obtained by the Board in 1975 and was upheld in a ruling of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia on October 6, 2010.

The Board's management 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 Board 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 endowment.

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**Note 10—Endowments (continued)**

In accordance with applicable state laws, the Board 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 Board
- The investment policies of the Board

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Board had the following endowment net asset composition by type of fund:

	<b>December 31, 2023</b>		
	<b>Without Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>With Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>Total</b>
Board-designated endowment funds	\$ 10,971,361	\$ -	\$ 10,971,361
Donor-restricted endowment funds:			
Original donor-restricted gift amount and amounts required to be maintained in perpetuity by donor	-	4,777,187	4,777,187
Accumulated investment gains	-	513,427	513,427
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 10,971,361</u>	<u>\$ 5,290,614</u>	<u>\$ 16,261,975</u>
	<b>December 31, 2022</b>		
	<b>Without Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>With Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>Total</b>
Board-designated endowment funds	\$ 9,512,228	\$ -	\$ 9,512,228
Donor-restricted endowment funds:			
Original donor-restricted gift amount and amounts required to be maintained in perpetuity by donor	-	4,776,133	4,776,133
Accumulated investment gains	-	178,751	178,751
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2022	<u>\$ 9,512,228</u>	<u>\$ 4,954,884</u>	<u>\$ 14,467,112</u>

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**Note 10—Endowments (continued)**

Changes in endowment net assets for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were as follows:

	<b>Without Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>With Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>Total</b>
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2021	\$ 12,723,095	\$ 6,367,729	\$ 19,090,824
Contributions	-	2,108	2,108
Investment return, net	(2,632,743)	(687,611)	(3,320,354)
Rental income on real property (net of expenses)	-	392,279	392,279
Amounts appropriated for expenditure	-	(1,119,621)	(1,119,621)
Distribution from board-designated endowment	<u>(578,124)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(578,124)</u>
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2022	9,512,228	4,954,884	14,467,112
Contributions	-	1,054	1,054
Investment return, net	2,022,729	514,002	2,536,731
Rental income on real property (net of expenses)	-	480,974	480,974
Amounts appropriated for expenditure	-	(660,300)	(660,300)
Distribution from board-designated endowment	<u>(563,596)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(563,596)</u>
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 10,971,361</u>	<u>\$ 5,290,614</u>	<u>\$ 16,261,975</u>

*Underwater Endowment Funds* – From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or the applicable state law requires the Board to retain as a fund of perpetual duration (underwater endowments). The Board has interpreted UPMIFA to permit spending from underwater endowments in accordance with prudent measures required under law. There were no underwater endowments as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

*Return Objectives and Risk Parameters* – The Board has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowments while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Under this policy, as approved by the Board of Directors, the endowment assets of the Board, which are in liquid assets, are invested with an unrelated financial institution and the UMC Foundation.

*Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives* – To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Board 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 Board targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

*Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy* – The Board has adopted a distribution policy of 5% of a three-year rolling average of the total fair market value of an endowment fund, including those endowments deemed to be underwater. If investment income received (i.e., interest and dividends) is not sufficient to support the total return objective, the balance is provided from realized gains. If investment income is received in excess of the objective, the balance is reinvested.

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**Note 11—Employee benefits**

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

The Board makes semi-monthly contributions to each eligible employee’s account held by Wespath based on 8% of annual employee compensation. Additionally, the Board matches up to 2% of each eligible employee’s annual compensation to their United Methodist Personal Investment Plan. Total contributions made by the Board during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were \$180,538 and \$180,850, respectively.

*Health Care and Life Insurance 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 Board 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 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 Board’s active employees are covered by the Plan. The cost of the benefits is recognized as expenses as premiums are paid. The total cost of benefits for active employees was \$186,014 and \$199,702 during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, exclusive of reimbursement from the General Agency Benefit Trust (“Benefit Trust”). The cost of benefits for retired employees was \$34,398 and \$42,020 in 2023 and 2022, respectively, exclusive of reimbursement from the Benefit Trust.

The Plan’s unfunded accumulated postretirement benefit obligation was approximately \$26,626,000 and \$25,007,000 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and the Plan’s unfunded expected postretirement benefit obligation was approximately \$36,004,000 and \$32,535,000 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Wespath has transferred certain excess pension assets to the Benefit Trust established by the 1996 General Conference. Annually, the Benefit Trust allows a stated percentage, not to exceed 6% 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. In December of 2022, the Benefit Trust agreement was amended to increase the annual distribution rate to a percentage not to exceed 8% beginning with Benefit Trust distributions on or after January of 2023. Subsequent to year-end, in May of 2023, the agreement was amended to change the fair value measurement date from December 31st of the prior year to June 30th of the previous year starting on June 1, 2023. The fair value of the Benefit Trust’s assets (not plan assets), for which GCFA is the beneficiary, was approximately \$156,194,000 and \$148,588,000 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The total amounts available for reimbursement during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were \$11,887,000 and \$11,424,000, respectively, of which the Board’s share, including retired health benefits, was \$283,845 and \$314,475 during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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**Note 12—Leases**

As lessor, the Board rents office space to not-for-profit organizations in the buildings it owns. A summary of future minimum rental income on noncancelable leases at December 31, 2023 is as follows:

**Years Ending December 31,**

2024	\$ 2,454,816
2025	1,510,898
2026	1,141,179
2027	822,565
2028	488,719
Thereafter	<u>176,653</u>
	<u>\$ 6,594,830</u>

The Board capitalizes and amortizes over the life of the lease any lease commission fees paid. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, unamortized lease commissions were \$163,849 and \$141,776, respectively; and are reported in prepaid expenses in the statements of financial position. Amortization expense related to lease commission fees were \$77,672 and \$71,196 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

In addition to the aforementioned rental income, the Board rents certain office space to other agencies of the Church as well as certain residential space to employees on an annual basis. Rental income for related agencies was \$106,605 and \$102,705 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. There was no rental income received from employees for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

As lessee, the Board leases office space from The United Methodist Women in New York and other office equipment. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments:

**Years Ending December 31,**

	<u>Finance</u>	<u>Operating</u>
2024	\$ 6,060	\$ 24,104
2025	6,060	-
2026	<u>2,511</u>	<u>-</u>
Total undiscounted cash flows	14,631	24,104
Less present value discount	<u>(976)</u>	<u>(179)</u>
Present value of lease liabilities	<u>\$ 13,655</u>	<u>\$ 23,925</u>

Required supplemental information related to the Board's leases as of and for the year ended December 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities		
Operating cash flows from finance leases (i.e. Interest)	\$ 957	\$ 644
Financing cash flows from finance leases (i.e. principal portion)	5,102	3,727
Operating cash flows from operating leases	74,609	68,870
ROU assets obtained in exchange for new finance lease liabilities	-	22,499
ROU assets obtained in exchange for new operating lease liabilities	-	156,644
Weighted-average remaining lease term in years for finance leases	2.50	3.50
Weighted-average remaining lease term in years for operating leases	0.33	1.33
Weighted-average discount rate for finance leases	6%	6%
Weighted-average discount rate for operating leases	6%	6%



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**Note 13—Related parties**

The Board receives World Service allocations from the General Funds of the Church, which are administered by GCFA to support the activities of the agency. In addition, GCFA performs limited managerial, financial, and clerical duties for the Board.

The Board had the following transactions with or through GCFA or other Church entities:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Statements of Financial Position:		
Due from GCFA CBP	\$ 1,574,371	\$ 1,810,164
Social Justice Ministries Endowment Fund at UMC Foundation	469,485	419,878
Accrued World Service Fund allocation	584,910	642,047
Statements of Activities - Revenues:		
World Service Fund Allocation	1,917,169	2,054,696
Special Sunday offerings	115,841	121,156
Services received from GCFA	26,789	28,822
Distribution from Benefit Trust	283,845	314,475
Interest income from GCFA CBP	69,880	17,806
Statements of Activities/Functional Expenses - Expenses:		
Administration provided by GCFA	26,789	28,822
Employee benefits - group insurance expense	220,412	241,722

**Note 14—Subsequent events**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through September 12, 2024, the date the financial statements were available for issuance, and has determined that there are no subsequent events requiring disclosure.