



Rocky Mountain Conference
of The United Methodist Church

"Every generous act of giving...is from God" -- James 1:17

Thank you for your continued giving to the mission and ministry of the Rocky Mountain Conference and the United Methodist Church throughout 2008! Your faithful generosity and stewardship throughout the past year help us all to participate in mission and ministry throughout the whole Church. Working together, we United Methodists provide coordination at a Conference and Jurisdictional level for Volunteers in Mission to minister to others. Together, we are helping the people of Zimbabwe through United Methodist hospitals, Africa University, and by the diligent work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Tithing to the Rocky Mountain Conference provides an opportunity to do together what no one person, church or annual conference could do alone. It is **an opportunity to multiply and share God's gifts with the world**. When we are generous in our acts of giving we are giving generously from God.

This is a reminder that the "**Church Tithe plus Mission Giving**" for 2009 is adjusted to **10% Tithe plus 3% Mission Giving**--or a total of 13%. This action by the 2008 Annual Conference is effective with your December 2008 church receipts upon which the Tithe plus Mission Giving is calculated and forwarded in January 2009.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the new 2009 Remittance Form as well as an Information and Instruction sheet for filling out the Remittance Form. Please read the sheet and check that you are entering your correct Church Number (found on the Instruction sheet).

During these difficult economic times, it is important to keep in mind that **stewardship and giving come from the heart**--not the economy. You should know that your conference office staff continues to look at various ways to realign the cost of operations to effectively serve you and meet the mission and vision of the Rocky Mountain Conference. Together, with each of us doing our fair share, we can accomplish our mission of "**Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world**".

Please let us know how we may improve and/or expand our conference services to support your daily ministry. **We exist to support your local efforts!**

Thanks and Blessings,
Wayne Bettendorf – Conference Treasurer

December Tithing income, based on November receipts in local churches, totaled \$518,321. This gives the Conference a total Tithing income for 2008 of \$4,415,747.23. Thank you to all churches that supported the Conference during 2008! A detailed Tithing report, by church, is available for your information. The graph reflects Conference-wide church giving comparisons to last year 2007.

If you have any questions regarding the Tithing program, please contact Laurie Day, Asst. Treasurer-- Donor Services (ext. 162) or Wayne Bettendorf, Conference Treasurer (ext. 151) at 800-536-3736 or 303-733-3736.