

# **Financial Impact of COVID-19**

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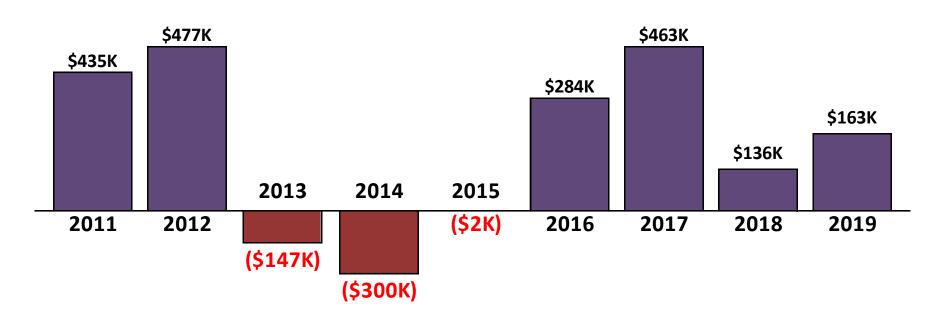
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## We Finished 2019 with a Mixed Bag

**Net Income** 



#### Components of the 2019 YE Results:

- Mission Shares LESS than budget (\$ 549,000) -3.9%
- Other Income LESS than budget
- Expenses LESS than budget

(\$ 302,000) \$ 1,014,000 -5.4%

+0.9%

TOTAL + \$ 163,000



## Where Are We in March 2020?

- March Mission Shares were 21% less than budget
- Mission Share Giving YTD Data:

January 14% LESS than budget

February 7% LESS than budget

March 12% LESS than budget \$390,000 shortfall

### • Year End Forecasts:

Based on last year alone: Based on last 3 years: Worst Case Scenario: \$1,300,000 shortfall \$1,800,000 shortfall \$2,500,000 shortfall



## CFA Actions to Address the Shortfalls

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- Action #1: Reduced 2020 Budget by \$1.1M
- Action #2: Applied for Paycheck Protection Program for \$1.2M
- Additional Actions Could Include:
  - CFA Reserves = \$2,100,000
  - 15% and 25% Contingency Plans = \$1,600,000
  - General Church Apportionments = \$3,400,000



## **BWC Mission Shares**

- We ended 2019 with a 3.9% shortfall in mission shares.
- Through March 2020 we have a 12% shortfall in mission shares.
- The CFA realizes that churches are working through difficult times and the Conference Stewardship Teams are doing their best to help support you.
- To maintain that support during this period, we are asking churches to do their best to continue making their mission share payments and that you keep your DS informed of your status.
- The CFA commits to each church that we will monitor Conference finances closely and make necessary adjustments in ways that maintain the BWC ministries and programs that most benefit our local churches.



## **Board of Pension Actions**

### • <u>Approved 3-Month Waiver of Church Paid Benefits</u>:

April, May, and June \$2,600,000 waived 22% of Clergy Average Total Compensation for 3 months

### Small Church Grants

252 churches without benefit payments22% of Clergy Average Total Compensation for 3 months\$321,000 Total Payments



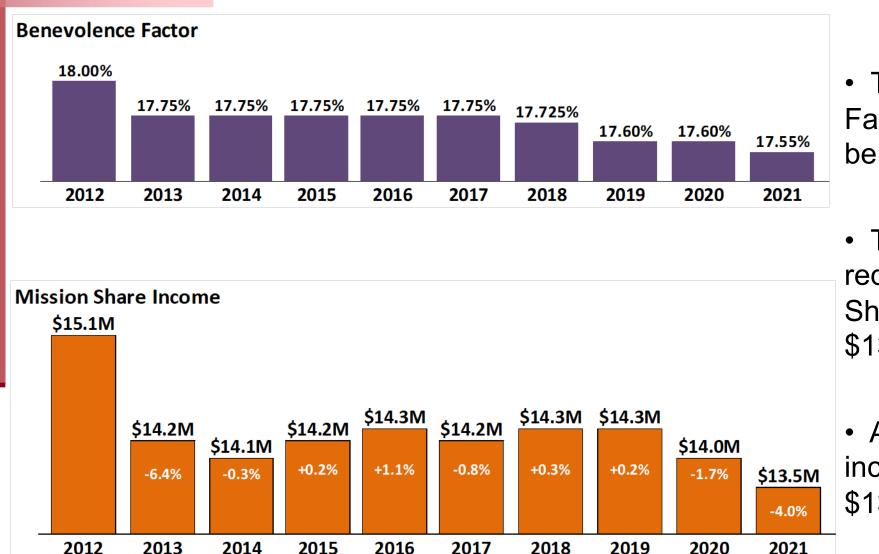
### Board of Pension: 2021 Proposals

- <u>CRSP-DB Pension Rates will be Reduced from 12% to 11%</u>: Church payments for full-time clergy will be reduced by \$600-1000/yr.
- <u>HealthFlex Rates Need to Follow Cost Trends</u>
   Church Payments: Increase from \$860/mo. to \$890/mo.

Participant Payments: Medical and Dental – No Change Vision - \$3-5/mo. Increase



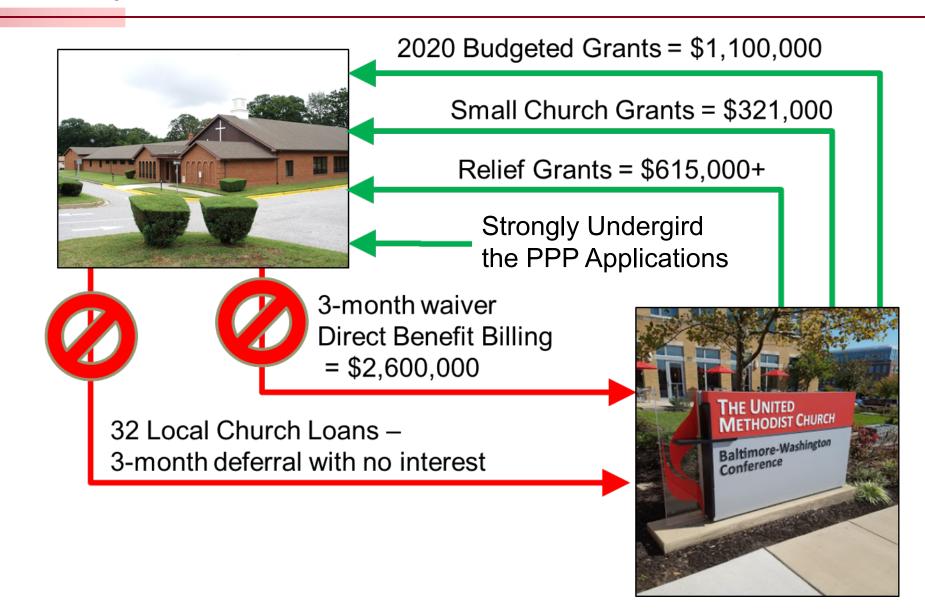
### CFA: 2021 Budget Proposal



- The Benevolence
  Factor will once again
  be lowered to 17.55%.
- The result is a 4.0% reduction in the Mission Shares Income to \$13.5M.
- Actual Mission Share income in 2019 was \$13.7M.



## Summary: Local Church Relief Initiatives





## **Conference Stewardship Roadmap**

#### March Actions (completed)

(Focus on immediate relief)

**3-Month Initiatives** (April – June) Benefit Waivers (\$2.6M) Small Church Grants (\$0.3M) Trustee Loan Deferrals

#### **Supplemental Initiatives**

Relief Grants - \$615K On-line Giving Focus Trustee Loans/Grants (Brick & Mortar)

#### **Immediate Budget Reductions**

\$1.1M or 8% reduction made 3/25

#### <u>April Actions</u> (very high activity level)

(Focus on payroll continuity)

#### **Pursue Alternate Funding Streams**

Government Grants Mid Atl Foundation Line of Credit Government Loans and Local Banks Conference Loans (Brick & Mortar)

<u>May Actions</u> (as needed) (Focus on restructuring) 15%/25% Contingency Decisions

June Actions (as needed)

Potential renewal of 3-month initiatives (July – Sept)



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# Health Resources for COVID-19

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### **COVID-19 Wespath Initiatives**

### Available to all:

• Emotional Health Crisis Line (1-866-342-6892).

### **Available to HealthFlex participants:**

- EAP virtual EAP counseling (1-866-881-6800).
- No-cost Nurseline (1-800-475-7923).
- Telemedicine MDLIVE (1-866-750-4991).
- COVID-19 Test covered 100% by UnitedHealthcare.
- Early prescription drug refills.



### **COVID-19 Wespath Initiatives**

### Wespath weekly e-connection

- Update Email Address
- Health Accounts restrictions
- HealthFlex Incentives new deadline

### • UMPIP

- Loan repayment



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