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Local Church Resources:

Local Church Audit Guide: This packet includes; definitions, tips for selecting an auditor, examples of types of funds, checklists and more guidance for local churches.

- [Local Church Audit Guide](#)
- [Local Church Audit Guide FAQs](#)
- [Local Church Audit Guide Recommended Procedures Appendix A](#)
- [Local Church Audit Guide Internal Control Checklist Appendix B](#)

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Accountable Reimbursement Policy:

options for churches with sample policies, expense forms, and questions and answers.

- [Accountable Policy Sample Expense Form](#)
- [Accountable Reimbursement Policy Q&As](#)
- [Accountable Reimbursement Policy Short Form](#)
- [Accountable Reimbursement Policy Long Form](#)

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Administrative and Judicial Procedures

Handbook: This handbook is intended to serve as a guide to the denomination's administrative and judicial processes.

Cross and Flame

- Commercial Use of the Cross and Flame
- Cross and Flame Guidance
 - *Design,*
 - *Examples*
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Legal Manual:

- [Church Structure](#)
- [Local Church](#)
- [Personnel](#)
- [Property and Estate Planning](#)
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**Note: The Legal Manual will be updated through 2025. Be sure to [subscribe to The Collaborator](#) for regular updates!*

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Tax Packet: The GCFA Tax Packet is a series of links to resources relating to clergy taxes, federal IRS issues, Deacon tax items, and miscellaneous policies and forms.

- [Clergy Housing Allowance](#)

Federal Tax Issues and IRS:

- [Employee or Independent Contractor?](#)
- [Episcopal Residence Information Reporting](#)
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Tax Packet



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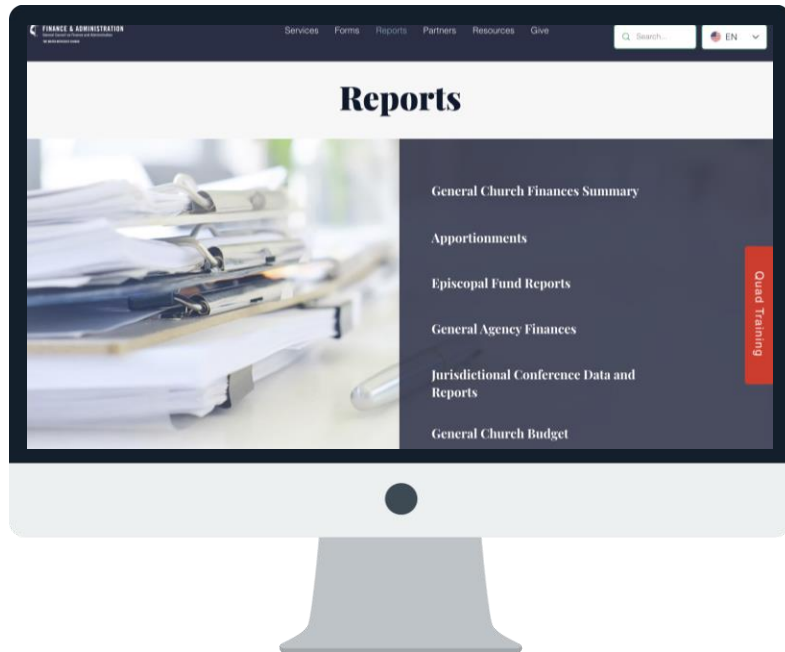
- [Benevolence Fund Policy](#)
- [Clergy Discretionary Fund](#)
- [Local Transportation Expenses](#)

Additional Legal Resources for Your Conference, Churches and Clergy

- [Sample 15 Passenger Van Policy](#)
- [Trust Clause Brochure](#)
- [Leasing by Third Party of Church Property](#)
- [Insurance Guidelines / Proper Coverage Standards](#)

**For more information or insurance resources, visit our sponsor,
[United Methodist Insurance Program](#)*

The Reports page is your general Church financial dashboard!



General Church Finances Summary:

- Financial Quarterly Video – stay up to date with the latest trends in collections
- Agency Reports: Headquarters Reports, Lists of Agency Assets and Liabilities, Audited Finance Statements
- Apportionments Information, Collections Reports, Finance Reports on Special Sundays

What About The Budget?



Budget information can currently be found at <https://www.gcfa.org/general-conference>

The Updated Financial Commitment Booklet will be published in Q1 2025 and found at [gcfa.org/budget](https://www.gcfa.org/budget). Look for The Collaborator or UM News for coming information!

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Communications:

- [Website Tips for Churches: Domain Best Practices](#)
- [Maintaining Church A/V Equipment Tips](#)

Finance:

- [Church Giving Best Practices Webinar](#)
- [Non-Traditional Revenue for Ministries](#)
- [Right-Size Your Ministry Budget \(Especially After Crisis\)](#)

Human Resources:

- [How to Screen Resumes to Find the Right Candidate](#)
- [Navigating the New I-9 Form](#)
- [Onboarding Checklist](#)

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Legal Resources:

- [All Things EIN Webinar](#)
- [Leased Church Property Insights](#)
- [Gift Receipts Webinar](#)

Information Technology Resources:

- [Common IT Scams \(The Biggest Threat Churches Don't Think They'll Face – Cybersecurity!\)](#)
- [Right-Sizing Your Ministry's IT](#)
- [Email Security Checklist](#)

Travel and Meeting Planning:

- [Guide to Planning Annual Conference](#)
- [Post-Event Guide: Proven Follow Up Tips](#)
- [Do You Have to Negotiate Contracts for Your Ministry?](#)

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