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Just to indicate that no money appropriated for work in home & foreign fields is involved in an expenditure from "General" funds.
Lute



from the treasurer's desk

“WHAT happens to the money we send to the Woman's Division? What do 'they' do with it?”

Perhaps you have heard or even asked these questions in your own local group. You whom we welcome as new treasurers this month will be more concerned than ever before with the answers. You have the responsibility to handle funds properly. You will be interpreting the needs and keeping them before your group. You will be sending money on its way to become a part of the total that gives financial undergirding to the outreach of your church through the channel of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

We will first remind ourselves that the reason we give our money is that we are committed to the challenges and opportunities which are ours through this particular channel. True, there are other outreach groups in the church, but none has the emphasis of focus and responsibility which is ours in women's work—women's work from the standpoint of those things in which women are particularly interested and for which they are particularly fitted.

The money you send to your district and/or conference treasurer is that which you have voted for the work of the Woman's Division. You have set it apart as “missionary funds.” With the exception of the money you mark as “cultivation fund,” the conference treasurer holds none of the money you send her. She sends it all to the Division treasurer.

Appropriations

“Credit on pledge toward appropriations” is by far the most important classification of all. It represents our basic philosophy of

giving: voluntary, undesignated! This is your “pledge to missions” money. When received in New York, the money is deposited in the General Fund and checks are written against it to pay for the work according to the adopted budget.

Listed in the following paragraphs are budget summaries for the 1963-64 years. These are shown by the various departments on the basis of how many cents out of each dollar would be spent for the work.

Department of Work in Foreign Fields: 41.9 cents. Used for missionary support which includes salaries, travel, medical care, retirement provisions, and miscellaneous items. Contributes to work budgets of programs and institutions related to the Woman's Division in 32 countries. Much of this work is carried out jointly with the Division of World Missions. In some places there are contributions from the local areas in which the work is located. Also used in cooperative programs such as World Christian Literacy and Literature; Radio, Visual Education and Mass Communication Committee (RAVEMCCO); union colleges in India, Japan, and Korea; and various interdenominational “councils” around the world. Pays department administrative expenses with exception of salaries.

Department of Work in Home Fields: 38.0 cents. Used in the support of budgets in work related to the Woman's Division in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic. Salaries of deaconesses and home mission workers and current operating expenses of the projects are included in the budgets. These projects include community centers, inner-city and rural work, schools, residences, child care centers, and hospitals. Contributes to retirement provisions for deaconesses and home missionaries. Supports the program of the Commission on Deaconess Work. Contributes to National Council for interdenominational work such as the migrant ministry. Pays general related miscellaneous expenses of the department except salaries.

Homes for Retired Workers: 1.5 cents. Used for general operating expenses above the room, board, and care fees paid by residents. These homes are: Bancroft-Taylor, Brooks-Howell, Robincroft, Thoburn Terrace, and Robincroft-Thoburn Infirmary.

Department of Christian Social Relations: 0.8 cents. Used for expenses in connection with the promotion and cultivation for the program of the department, including the Methodist United Nations office, seminars, workshops, and special program emphases. Pays department administrative expenses except salaries.

Section of Education and Cultivation: 2.8 cents. General Operations: 15.0 cents. Used to pay all salaries and operating expenses of the office in New York, including proportionate share of joint services to the Woman's Division from the Board of Missions offices. Also pays promotion and cultivation costs associated with literature, audio-visuals, field workers, and secretaries of lines of work. Pays costs of board and committee meetings and officers' expenses.

Over and Above

Money sent in under this classification is designated for a particular use by you in the local Woman's Societies and Guilds. It carries the terminology “over and above” because it represents extra giving after pledge payments have been met.

“Cash for Supply Work” and “Supplementary” giving are sent by the Division treasurer to the projects which you indicate in just the same amount as you send.

Offerings from the “Call to Prayer and Self-Denial” are divided in the Division treasurer's office. Half of the offering goes to the work in foreign fields and half to the home fields as listed in program materials.

Bequests are handled according to the wishes of the donor as expressed in the will. Whenever money comes in from a bequest without a designation for use, it is divided equally between the Departments of Work in Foreign and Home Fields. The executive staffs of the departments then recommend how the money will be used.

While we have said here what happens to the money you send—we have made no attempt to say what happens in the lives of people *because* you send the money. The response of people to the gospel you help spread to all areas is the most important factor connected with your gifts. “. . . and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? . . .” (Romans 10:14)