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Mission Moment

The United Methodist Church has weathered many a storm. John Wesley was opposed to slavery long before it was abolished. Methodists were involved in education of children long before school was provided by the state. Still, today there is no shortage of storms in our political and social climate. It is the task of our bishops to help steer us in ways that is faithful to our mission of making disciples for the transformation of the world, and this is no easy task.

The Episcopal Fund is one of seven apportionments of The United Methodist Church. We use the word “episcopal” because it refers to a church structure that includes bishops who govern over the church. Bishops act as shepherds, providing general oversight and spiritual leadership over the church, as well as setting appointments, and holding the church accountable to the rules and regulations set at the General Conference. Bishops also bear the responsibility of setting the direction of the church that it may be faithful to its mission of discipleship.

As our bishops are doing the work of caring for the flock, the Episcopal Fund provides for the care of our bishops.

Bishops are navigating through difficult waters and need our prayers and generous apportionment as they discern where God is calling the Church.