

Hi Marlene,

Thanks for reaching out with your questions. Here are the answers:

1. Proceeds from property sales cannot be used for operating expenses unless the church petitions the Annual Conference session for permission to use the funds in this way. Proceeds from property sales can only be used for capital improvement, according to the Book of Discipline. Now, if the church invests the proceeds and begins to draw interest, that interest can be used in ways the principal cannot.
2. Yes, the church can invest the funds without conference oversight.
3. The proceeds are not part of the 13% mission share figure because the proceeds cannot be used for operating expenses.
4. The Annual Conference does not have control over what the church does with money from property sales. The District Building and Location Committee does need to be involved and approve any sale of property, before it happens, along with the District Superintendent, but neither has control over the proceeds.

Please let me know if you have any more questions.

Grace and Blessings,

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In the event one or both of the acquisitions noted above were to be sold some time in the future, these are my questions:

1. Can the monies from the sale of these properties be used for operating costs of the church at the church's discretion? Could the local church forbid that the monies be used for operating costs? Does the Discipline give direction in either?
2. Can the church invest the monies on their own without Conference oversight?
3. Would 13% of the monies derived from sale of these properties be required to be given to the conference as is now the case with current income? If so, is there a way to avoid such?
4. How much control does the Conference have over what the local church chooses to do with money from the sale of such properties?