

Fellowship Dues Proposal for 2012



Affirmative Vote Needed to Add \$0.44 to the COLA increased Fellowship Dues Rate, Resulting in \$14.18 per Member



What will the 2012 rate be?



Rate Element	Per member	Total est. income
Base: 2011 Rate	\$ 13.45	\$ 246,956
+ COLA: 2012 (2.2% est.)	0.29	5,325
= Standard Policy Rate	\$ 13.74	
+ Voted Increase: 2012	0.44	7,720
= Total: 2012	\$ 14.18	\$ 260,000

Contains minor rounding error

Background



Excerpted from the 2012 Recommended Budget –
Budget at a Glance section

“Fellowship Dues - \$260,000

(up approx. \$8,000 from '11 budget)

The Maine Conference asks churches to provide this broad purpose, general funding which supports many conference ministries.

While including the standard COLA increase for fellowship dues (about 29 cents per member), the proposed \$14.18 rate includes an extra \$0.44 per member above what current fellowship dues policy allows. Any increase above the policy driven rate of \$13.74 per church member must be voted affirmatively at Annual Meeting. This proposed budget for 2012 incorporates a key assumption that delegates will vote in favor of balancing the budget with an increase in fellowship dues beyond the current policy limit.”

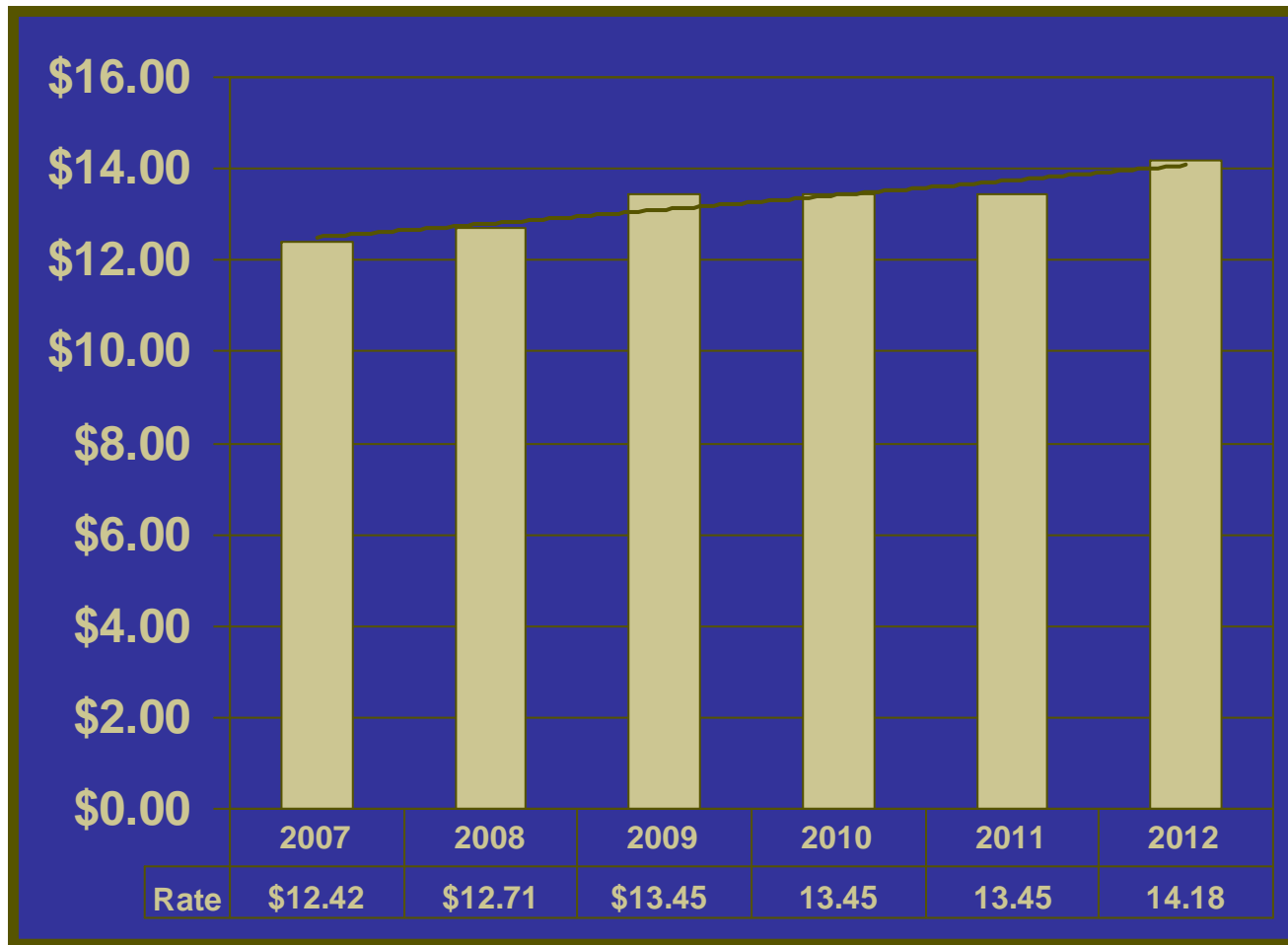
Increase Needed...



to help balance 2012 Budget

- The amount of \$7,700 raised through this proposal is significant in many ways
- This proposal reflects the Council's thoughtful development of a 2012 budget
- An affirmative vote is needed to add \$0.44 beyond a COLA driven increase to the fellowship dues rate, resulting in \$14.18 per member

Maine Conference Fellowship Dues Rates per Member



- The rate for all years is actual, except the budgeted rate for 2012.
- If increased to \$14.18 per member, the rate would represent an annualized average **increase of 2.4% per year.**
- The Year 2007 increase resulted from the 2006 Annual Meeting's affirmative vote. All other actual rates after 2007, from 2008 through 2011, result from applying the Conference COLA policy.