

## **Executive Analysis 4 of 4: Issues Raised by the Findings in *The State of Church Giving through 2011: Allocation List: How 187 Communion with Their Inclusive Membership x \$50 Could Provide at Least the Additional \$5 Billion Needed Annually to Help, in Jesus' Name, Reduce Global Child Deaths to Close the Gap between Goal and Reality***

**“Now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a part of it”** (1 Cor. 12:27, NIV).

The parts of the body of Christ in the U.S. are organized into denominational traditions. You and others have mission components on the front lines throughout the world. Donations could increase to expand these already-present mission activities through established church delivery channels, **including yours**.

Is there a **special opportunity** for Christians in the U.S. to act as the body of Christ **now**? Consider:

**The triage need:** “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked the blind men (Matt. 20:32). Following in the Master’s steps, if the body of Christ in the U.S. asks the world in 2013, “What do you want us to do for you?” the world has already answered.

- World leaders declared, in 1990 and again in 2000, that **reducing, in the next few years, the rate of death among children under age five globally is a top priority** (scg11, chapter 8, pp. 145-146).
- World agencies have provided a **country-by-country analysis of the causes of death** of these children, by disease and other causes of death, in the **74 countries that account for 96% of these annual deaths** (scg11, chapter 8, pp. 148-155) [for chapter 8 PDF see <[www.emptytomb.org/scg11chap8.pdf](http://www.emptytomb.org/scg11chap8.pdf)>].
- World experts have estimated that **an additional \$5 billion a year could reduce the rate of death** among the world’s most vulnerable citizens (scg11, chapter 8, pp. 146-147).

**Is it possible that the body of Christ in the U.S. could respond to this need in a significant way?**

- Church leaders could develop a coordinated, parallel emphasis across denominations and other church organizations to **increase the priority level of reducing global child deaths** among their constituencies.
- Church leaders could **launch a coordinated distribution effort, through the vast network of church delivery channels that already exist**, to deliver the additional needed assistance to the children in the 74 countries identified as most in need. The increased efficiency would result from parallel, coordinated distribution through each church leader’s channel in concert with the other parts of the body of Christ.
- **100 million church members and unaffiliated Christians could each make their annual donation of \$50, to their own churches, or the Christian organization of choice**, that is committed to the efficient coordinating delivery network helping to reduce global child deaths in the 74 countries in the next few years, thereby delivering the assistance in Jesus’ name.

In a world where **2,297,991 children under age 5 are slated to die in 2014 if we do not increase our help** to them, God, through Jesus Christ, has called the church to care.

**Only together, in the miracle of the oneness that Christ prayed for** in John 17:20-23, could the amount needed be raised and distributed in an efficient, coordinated fashion to greatest effect.

Your church is on the Allocation list that follows. **If each communion does its part, funds would be sufficient so that the additional \$5 billion needed could be distributed annually** in Jesus’ name through your and other church channels.

You may ask, is such a campaign possible? As you review the list on the next pages, please reflect on the **power with which God has imbued the church in the U.S.** to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in word and action: “For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power” (1 Cor. 4:20).

Please pray about what next steps your communion can take, and who God is calling to lead such a broad coordinated campaign. Talk within your staff. Talk to your networks. **Now is the time to demonstrate the truth that the church is God’s instrument:** “His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold

wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Eph. 3:10-11). Amen.

A pastor once commented that his church was a “bill-paying” church. All he had to do was stand up and announce, “We have an extra furnace bill,” and money would be donated to pay it. **If only, he mused, the dying children could send a bill,** he was sure his church would pay it. Okay. On behalf of the voiceless dying little children around the world so loved by Jesus, please consider this list that “bill.”

### **Allocation List: How 187 Communions with Their Inclusive Membership x \$50 Could Provide at Least the Additional \$5 Billion Needed Annually to Help, in Jesus’ Name, Reduce Global Child Deaths to Close the Gap between Goal and Reality**

Note: The inclusive membership of each historically Christian communion listed in the *Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches 2012* was multiplied by \$50 to yield the dollar figure shown below by each communion’s name. If each communion does its part, the amounts shown are more than sufficient to meet the estimated \$5 billion needed annually to help, in Jesus’ name, reduce global child deaths. The money raised could flow through each communion’s own already existing delivery channel, each part of the body working in a parallel yet coordinated way, to help reduce, in Jesus’ name the annual number of child deaths in the 74 countries that account for 96% of these deaths.

Denomination	Allocation
Advent Christian Church	\$1,181,450
African Methodist Episcopal Church	\$125,000,000
The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	\$70,000,000
Albanian Orthodox Diocese of America	\$150,000
The Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Connection	\$69,250
Alliance of Baptists	\$3,250,000
The American Association of Lutheran Churches	\$800,000
The American Baptist Association	\$5,000,000
American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.	\$65,402,700
The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church	\$633,000
American Evangelical Christian Churches	\$870,000
American Rescue Workers	\$175,000
Anglo-Lutheran Catholic Church	\$555,000
The Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America	\$21,500,000
Apostolic Catholic Church	\$370,700
Apostolic Catholic Orthodox Church	\$425,000
Apostolic Christian Church (Nazarene)	\$176,350
Apostolic Christian Churches of America	\$642,500
Apostolic Episcopal Church	\$600,000
Apostolic Faith Mission Church of God	\$344,000
Apostolic Faith Mission Church of Portland, Oregon	\$225,000
Apostolic Orthodox Catholic Church of North America	\$795,000
Armenian Apostolic Church of America	\$17,500,000
Armenian Apostolic Church, Dioceses of America	\$3,250,000

Denomination	Allocation
Assemblies of God	\$151,547,200
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (General synod)	\$1,981,950
The Association of Free Lutheran Congregations	\$2,223,650
Association of Independent Evangelical Lutheran Churches	\$388,000
Baptist Bible Fellowship International	\$5,500,000
Baptist Missionary Association of America	\$6,895,450
Beachy Amish Mennonite Churches	\$580,550
Berean Fellowship of Churches	\$600,000
The Bible Church of Christ, Inc.	\$342,500
Bible Fellowship Church	\$381,350
Brethren in Christ Church	\$1,036,950
Brethren Church (Ashland, Ohio)	\$511,350
Calvary Chapel	\$500,000
The Catholic Church	\$3,410,124,600
Christ Catholic Church	\$144,350
Christ Community Church (Evangelical-Protestant)	\$90,950
Christian Brethren (also known as Plymouth Brethren)	\$4,300,000
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada	\$31,977,550
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ	\$53,580,800
The Christian Congregation, Inc.	\$6,109,050
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church	\$42,500,000
Christian and Missionary Alliance	\$21,821,400
Christian Reformed Church in North America	\$9,025,100
Christian Union	\$200,700
Church of the Brethren	\$6,002,050

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Church of Christ	\$400,000
Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A.	\$573,400
Church Communities International	\$88,800
Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)	\$12,476,050
The Church of God in Christ	\$274,993,750
Church of God in Christ, Mennonite	\$740,200
Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)	\$53,702,350
Church of God by Faith, Inc.	\$1,750,000
Church of God General Conference (McDonough, GA)	\$171,050
Church of God, Mountain Assembly, Inc.	\$350,000
Church of God of Prophecy	\$4,483,700
The Church of Illumination	\$60,000
The Church of Jesus Christ (Bickertonites)	\$135,000
Church of the Living God (Motto, Christian Workers for Fellowship)	\$2,100,000
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America	\$654,950
Church of the Lutheran Confession	\$419,500
Church of the Nazarene	\$32,491,800
Churches of Christ	\$81,974,750
Churches of Christ in Christian Union	\$561,700
Church of the United Brethren in Christ, USA	\$1,050,000
Churches of God, General Conference	\$1,628,000
Congregational Holiness Church	\$1,250,000
Conservative Baptist Association of America (CBAmerica)	\$10,000,000
Conservative Congregational Christian Conference	\$2,114,800
Conservative Lutheran Association	\$63,350
Converge Worldwide (BGC)	\$800,000
Coptic Orthodox Church	\$15,000,000
Cumberland Presbyterian Church	\$3,608,350
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America	\$757,100
The Episcopal Church	\$97,595,350
The Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church	\$175,400
The Evangelical Church	\$623,750
The Evangelical Church Alliance	\$15,000,000
The Evangelical Congregational Church	\$878,850
The Evangelical Covenant Church	\$5,714,150
The Evangelical Free Church of America	\$17,800,000
Evangelical Friends International - North American Region	\$1,921,400
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	\$213,742,750

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Evangelical Lutheran Synod	\$969,700
Evangelical Methodist Church	\$367,400
Evangelical Presbyterian Church	\$4,459,500
Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches	\$105,150
Fellowship of Evangelical Churches	\$387,700
Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches	\$88,000
Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches	\$1,518,550
Free Methodist Church--USA	\$3,751,000
Friends General Conference	\$1,600,000
Friends United Meeting	\$1,815,100
Full Gospel Assemblies International	\$139,300
Full Gospel Fellowship of Churches and Ministers International	\$21,631,600
Fundamental Methodist Church, Inc.	\$39,350
General Association of General Baptists	\$3,052,000
General Association of Regular Baptist Churches	\$6,635,000
General Conference of The Church of God (Seventh Day), Denver, Colorado	\$700,000
General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches	\$4,106,500
Grace Gospel Fellowship	\$3,000,000
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America	\$75,000,000
The Holy Eastern Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church in North America, Inc.	\$206,900
Hungarian Reformed Church in America	\$300,000
Hutterian Brethren	\$2,150,000
IFCA International, Inc.	\$3,082,750
International Church of the Foursquare Gospel	\$17,699,750
International Council of Community Churches	\$3,415,000
International Fellowship of Bible Churches, Inc.	\$42,500
International Fellowship of Christian Assemblies	\$17,850
The International Pentecostal Church of Christ	\$188,000
International Pentecostal Holiness Church	\$16,502,700
The Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad	\$2,750,000
The Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	\$547,500
The Liberal Catholic Church-- Province of the United States of America	\$290,000
The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod (LCMS)	\$113,929,300
Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, Diocese of America	\$1,500,000

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Mar Thoma Syrian Church of India	\$2,500,000
Mennonite Church USA	\$5,234,200
The Missionary Church	\$1,910,300
Moravian Church in America (Northern Province, Southern Province)	\$1,011,000
National Association of Congregational Christian Churches	\$3,269,600
National Association of Free Will Baptists	\$9,289,900
National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.	\$175,000,000
National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc.	\$259,875,600
National Missionary Baptist Convention of America	\$125,000,000
National Org. of the New Apostolic Church of North America	\$1,976,600
National Primitive Baptist Convention, Inc.	\$30,000,000
Netherlands Reformed Congregations	\$524,650
North American Baptist Conference	\$2,357,500
North American Old Roman Catholic Church (Archdiocese of New York)	\$139,250
Old Calender Orthodox Church of Greece (Holy Synod in Resistance), American Exarchate	\$54,750
The Old Catholic Orthodox Church	\$573,500
Old German Baptist Brethren Church	\$188,300
Old Order Amish Church	\$4,041,000
Older Order (Wisler) Mennonite Church	\$355,000
Open Bible Churches	\$2,250,000
The Orthodox Church in America	\$6,550,000
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church	\$1,492,100
Patriarchial Parishes of Russian Orthodox Church in the U.S.A.	\$850,000
Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.	\$90,000,000
Pentecostal Church of God	\$4,928,950
The Pentecotal Churches of Christ	\$250,000
Pentecostal Fire-Baptized Holiness Church	\$11,150
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends	\$575,550
Polish National Catholic Church of America	\$3,000,000
Presbyterian Church in America	\$17,074,100
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	\$133,793,650
Primitive Advent Christian Church	\$17,250
Primitive Methodist Church in the U.S.A.	\$180,050

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Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.	\$50,500,000
Protestant Reformed Churches in America	\$390,300
Reformed Catholic Church	\$2,850,000
Reformed Church in America	\$12,301,200
Reformed Church in the United States	\$218,450
Reformed Episcopal Church	\$778,650
Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America	\$339,950
Religious Society of Friends (Conservative)	\$5,200,000
The Romanian Orthodox Church in America	\$485,000
The Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America	\$531,750
The Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia	\$24,000,000
The Salvation Army	\$20,698,050
The Schwenkfelder Church	\$115,000
Separate Baptists in Christ	\$400,000
Serbian Orthodox Church in the U.S.A. and Canada	\$3,350,000
Seventh-day Adventist Church	\$53,019,300
Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, USA and Canada	\$315,000
Southern Baptist Convention	\$806,802,200
Southern Methodist Church	\$300,000
Sovereign Grace Believers	\$200,000
Syriac-Greek Antiochian Orthodox Catholic Church	\$855,400
Syrian (Syriac) Orthodox Church of Antioch	\$1,625,000
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A.	\$2,500,000
The United Catholic Church, Inc.	\$197,300
United Christian Church	\$14,000
United Church of Christ	\$52,921,150
The United Methodist Church	\$383,992,500
United Pentecostal Church International	\$32,315,200
United Zion Church	\$38,700
Unity of the Brethren	\$160,900
Vineyard USA	\$9,073,700
The Wesleyan Church	\$6,966,500
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod	\$19,266,050