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SEPTEMBER 2020

CONFERENCE TREASURER

2020 Annual Conference Mission Offering

This year, Annual Conference will be in a virtual format on Saturday, September 19, 2020. Bishop Sharma Lewis encourages all local churches to participate in this second mile offering as an expression of support for designated conference priority mission projects and programs. The recipients of the 2020 offering represent a mixture of long term mission partnership commitments as well as new mission opportunities:

- **50% Food Ministries within the Va Conference** – Funds for food ministries within the Virginia Conference will be disbursed by the Missional Ministries Board.
- **50% Partnerships of Hope** - Support for our conference long-term international mission partnerships with Mozambique, Cambodia and Brazil.

Please be generous in your support of the Annual Conference Mission Offering as we continue to show our strong support for God’s mission here in Virginia and around the world. For more information about Annual Conference, go to www.vaumc.org/ac2020.

Church treasurers should remit their church AC Offering electronically at www.vaumcpayapp.org or mail in the donation with your apportionment payment. Please designate the donation as **Fund #5500 – Annual Conference Offering** and **include your GCFA #**.

Individuals can make an online donation for Annual Conference Offering. Go to www.vaumcdonations.org.

World Communion Sunday – October 4th

World Communion Sunday is one of the six church-wide Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. World Communion Sunday provides scholarships for U.S. racial and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels. Go to www.umcgiving.org for more information on this important ministry. The amount can be paid online at www.vaumcpayapp.org or included in your monthly apportionment check. Record contributions to this cause at the bottom of your apportionment statement, designated as **Fund #4434 – World Communion**.

Kits for Conference

Local churches are encouraged to continue the collection of Kits for Conference. Specific collection details still underway, but will very likely include organization of regional, or district-wide, drop-off locations. More information will be forthcoming as the new plan is created and finalized.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is currently focusing efforts on Cleaning Kits (aka Flood Buckets), Hygiene Kits, and School Kits. If your church would like to have UMCOR purchase the supplies and assemble the kits, your church can simply send in a donation for any of the following amounts:

Cleaning Kits \$75 each

Hygiene Kits \$12 each

School Kits \$11 each

The below amounts are suggested for transportation:

\$1 per packed kit

\$3 for cleaning buckets

\$1 for toothpaste for each health kit

We ask that you do not put the money in the actual kit.

Church treasurers should remit donations for “Kits for Conference” and contributions for transportation electronically at www.vaumcpayapp.org or mail in the donation with your apportionment payment. Please designate the donation as **Fund# 901440- Material Resources (Kits for AC)**.

Donation website

We are encouraging churches that do not have online giving, to utilize the Conference online donations website. Your members can make a charitable donation that the Conference will receive and acknowledge then pass on to the church. Pastors will receive a detailed donation list each time a deposit is initiated. So far, the conference has **distributed over \$58,000** to local churches! Your members can use the www.vaumcdonations.org website. Provide your members with your church’s GCFA# so we are sure we connect those donations with the correct church. The website allows for credit card donations, so be aware there is a processing fee applied through the credit card company.