

ADDENDUM

243rd Session of the
Virginia Annual Conference



June 12-14, 2025
Roanoke, Virginia

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Thursday Afternoon, June 12
(registration from 8:00am - 6:00pm)

2:00pm	Teaching Session	Mr. Scott Erickson
3:00pm	Break	
3:15pm	Afternoon Business Prayer UMFS 125 Year Recognition Laity Address Cabinet Report Extended Extended Cabinet Report Delegation Report	Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson Rev. Lan Davis Wilson Ms. Nancy Toscano Mrs. Martha Stokes Rev. Victor Gomez Mrs. Martha Stokes Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson Rev. Lindsey Freeman Mr. Warren Harper
5:00pm	Report from Journey in Understanding Task Force	Rev. Mark Ogren

Friday Morning, June 13
(registration from 8:00am - 12:00pm)

9:00am	Morning Business Prayer Pensions Report Equitable Compensation Report Just Compensation Report Treasurer's Report CFA Report	Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson David McAllister-Wilson Mr. John Fuller Rev. Tom Durrance Rev. Jessie Colwell Mr. David Dommissse Ms. Angie Williams
10:30am	Break	
12:00pm	Recess	

Friday Afternoon, June 13

(registration closed)

2:00pm	Memorial Service	Rev. Dr. Charles Ledlum-Bates
3:00pm	Break	
3:15pm	Afternoon Business Prayer Deaconess and Home Missioner Recognition Voting on Constitutional Amendments Time of Prayer Recognizing New Faith Communities Denman Award & One Matters Award Francis Asbury Award Green Church Award	Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson Ms. Alison Malloy Deaconess Carla Blackmon Rev. Matt Benton Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson Rev. Amanda Garber Rev. Stephanie Parker Rev. Robin BeMiller Rev. Tim Hazlett Rev. AhnnaLise Stevens-Jennings Mr. Brian Christoffersen
5:00pm	Recognition of Retirees	Rev. Jessie Colwell Mr. John Fuller

Saturday Morning, June 14

(registration closed)

8:00am	Morning Business Prayer Monitoring Resolutions Unfinished Conference Business Fixing of Appointments	Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson Mr. Tony Clement Rev. Lauren Wright Rev. Drew Ensz Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson Rev. Victor Gomez
9:45am	Teaching Session	Rev. Dr. Edgardo Colon-Emeric
10:45am	Break	
11:00am	Service of Call and Ordination	Bishop Kenneth Carter Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson
12:30pm	Conference adjourns	

Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church
Balance Sheets

	<u>December 31, 2024</u>	<u>December 31, 2023</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	2,211,170	4,055,319
Investments	19,383,890	17,949,154
Receivables and accrued interest	1,949,953	1,838,375
Real estate held for sale or to be determined	7,603,000	-
Prepaid expenses	85,296	111,820
Total Current Assets	<u>31,233,308</u>	<u>23,954,669</u>
Fixed Assets		
Land	5,063,619	2,522,219
Buildings	12,419,685	6,721,985
Furniture & equipment	1,169,273	1,152,055
Accumulated depreciation	(3,791,704)	(3,504,547)
Total Fixed Assets	<u>14,860,873</u>	<u>6,891,712</u>
Other Assets		
Loans receivable	108,612	120,612
Total Other Assets	<u>108,612</u>	<u>120,612</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>46,202,793</u></u>	<u><u>30,966,993</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	3,839,439	3,265,370
Note payable	1,038,749	1,109,592
Accrued and payable personnel expenses	115,417	60,943
Total Current Liabilities	<u>4,993,605</u>	<u>4,435,905</u>
Net Assets		
Without Restrictions	1,832,812	1,940,847
Other board designated & board restricted	39,376,376	24,590,241
Total Net Assets	<u>41,209,189</u>	<u>26,531,088</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>46,202,793</u></u>	<u><u>30,966,993</u></u>

The highlighted line was inadvertently omitted from the original balance sheet found on pg. 168 of the Book of Reports. Otherwise this is the same information presented in the Book of Reports.

FINAL VIRGINIA CONFERENCE MINUTE QUESTIONS 10-13 for 2025

PART II ORGANIZED AND CLOSED CHURCHES

10. List local churches which have been:

- a) Organized or continued as **New Church Starts** (§259.1). Continue to list congregations here until listed in questions 10. c, d, e, or f. Only add church type if blended congregations, new expressions, new faith community or other established type.

GCNO	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Phone Number	Date Founded	Church Type
411675	Impact	Coastal Virginia	1200 Chesapeake Ave., Chesapeake, VA 23324	1200 Chesapeake Ave Chesapeake, VA 23324-2304	757-545-7481	7/1/2020	New Faith Community
140704	Appomattox	Living Waters	175 Old Courthouse Road, Appomattox, VA 24522	175 Old Courthouse Road, Appomattox, VA 24522	757-692-0073	1/7/2024	New Faith Community
475051	Journey	Living Waters	PO Box 190 Jetersville, VA 23083	19210 Patrick Henry Hwy Amelia Court House, VA 2300	804-307-0369	2011	New Faith Community
140393	Hope UMC	Northern Virginia	1014 Country Club Road NE, Vienna, VA 22180	1014 Country Club Drive NE Vienna, VA 22180	703-309-1329	7/1/22	New Faith Community

140943	Nooma	Northern Virginia	1428 N Jackson St Arlington, VA 2220	Virtual Church	251-586-3019	1/1/25	New Faith Community
096278	Restoration UMC	Three Notch'd	5145 Dickerson Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22911	5145 Dickerson Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22911	434-973-9077	7/1/2012	New Faith Community

b) Organized or continued as **Mission Congregations** (§259,1-4 continue to list congregations here until listed in questions 14.c, d, e, or f)

GCNO	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Phone Number	Date Founded
41186	Bloxom Mission	Coastal Virginia	25585 Shoremain Dr., Bloxom, VA 23308	25585 Shoremain Dr Bloxom, VA 23308-	757-894-0880	Continued
140312	The Gathering @ Washington St.	Living Waters	225 Claremont St., Petersburg, VA 23805	225 Claremont St. Petersburg, VA 23805	804-631-3335	Continued
411254	Accotink Cana (Mission)	Northern Virginia	9043 Backlick Road, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060	9043 Backlick Road, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060	703-447-9677	Continued
41178	Ghana Wesley (Mission)	Northern Virginia	1400 G Street, Woodbridge, VA 22192	1400 G St Woodbridge, VA 22191-1605	703-494-1588	Continued
470311	Rising Hope	Northern Virginia	8220 Russell Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	8220 Russell Rd Alexandria, VA 22309-8218	703-360-1976	Continued (with designation as mission congregation 2016)
410842	First Vietnamese American	Northern Virginia	4701 Arlington Blvd. Arlington, VA 22203	4701 Arlington Blvd Arlington, VA 22203-2706	703-465-8505	Continued

480742	Belmont	Three Notch'd	3510 Broad Rock Blvd., Richmond, VA 23224		804-275-6336	Continued
41047	People United in Christ	Valley Ridge	2446 Sycamore Ave., Buena Vista, VA 24416		540-319-4009	Continued

c) Organized or continued **Satellite Congregations** (§247.23). Continue to list here until listed in questions 10.a, d, e, or f:

GCNO	Church Name	Parent Church	District	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Phone Number	Date Launched
095651	The Chapel at Landsdowne Woods	Galilee UMC	Northern Virginia	45425 Winding Road, Sterling, VA 20165	19375 Magnolia Grove Sq Lansdowne, VA 20176-5180	(703) 430-2203	10/1/2007
471452	Bristow Revive House Church	Gainesville UMC	Northern Virginia	13710 Milestone Court., Gainesville, VA 20155	None	(703) 754-4511	7/1/17
140393	Hope UMC	Ghana Wesley UMC	Northern Virginia	1014 Country Club Road NE, Vienna, VA 22180	1400 G Street Woodbridge, VA 22191	703-494-1588	7/1/22
140353	edges	Blacksburg UMC	Valley Ridge	706 Harding Ave, Blacksburg, VA 24060	706 Harding Ave, Blacksburg, VA 24060	(540) 552-5424	9/9/12
140949	New Song Church: King William	New Song	Three Notch'd	7450 Colts Neck Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111	7450 Colts Neck Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111	804-559-6064	7/1/24

d) Organized as **Chartered** (§259.5-10)

GCNO	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Phone Number	Date Chartered
411937	Restoration (Reston)	Northern Virginia	1612 Washington Plaza N, Reston, VA 20192	11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston, VA 20191	(703) 955-9888	June 8, 2025
140968	Common Table	Three Notch'd	901 S. Harrison St. Richmond, VA, 23220	901 S. Harrison St. Richmond, VA, 23220	434-569-5713	May 4, 2025

e) Merged (§2546, 2547)

(1) United Methodist with United Methodist

GCNO	Name of First Church	GCNO	Name of Second Church	New GCNO	Name of Merged Church	District	Date Merged	Merger Type
484044	Jollivue	484146	St. John's	484146	St. John's	Valley Ridge	11/3/24	Consumed
473325	Irisburg UMC	471576 472445	Carroll UMC Beckham UMC	473325	Axton	Mountain View	7/1/25	Consolidated
470322	New Life International	304316	Saint Andrews	470322	New Life International at Saint Andrews UMC	Northern Virginia	9/29/24	Consumed
421311	Verona UMC	004758	Aisle 7 Fellowship	421311	Verona UMC	Shenandoah River	7/1/2025	Consumed
140968	Common Table UMC	481267	Boulevard UMC	140968	Common Table UMC	Three Notch'd	7/1/2025	Consolidated

(2) United Methodist with Interdenominational. The newly merged church will receive a new GCNO:

GCNO	Name of First Church	Name of of Second Church	Denomination	Name of Merged Church	District	Date Merged	Merger Type
481267	Boulevard UMC	Center Church Evangelical Covenant Church	Non-Denominational	Common Table UMC	Three Notch'd	December, 2021	Consumed

f) Discontinued, abandoned, withdrawn, unreported disaffiliated 2023 action's (§641), separated, exigent circumstances or financial. Include the reason for closure for each church listed.

(1) New Church Start (§259.1)

GCNO	Church Name	District	Charge	Location	Date Closed	Reason for Closure
140439	Provision Church	Northern Virginia	Provision	P. O. Box 6400 Alexandria, VA 22306	April 25, 2025	exigent circumstances: lack of financial viability

(2) Mission Congregation (§259.1a)

GCNO	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed	Reason for Closure

(3) Satellite Congregation (§249.22)

GCNO	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed	Reason for Closure
	Love Your Neighbor Network (Ebenezer Stafford)	Mission Rivers	161 Embrey Mill Rd. Stafford, VA 22554	6/30/2025	End of life cycle

(4) Chartered Local Church (¶259.5)

GCNO	Church Name	District	Charge	Location	Date Closed	Reason for Closure
476625	Epworth UMC	Coastal Virginia	Epworth	124 W Freemason Street, Norfolk, VA 23510	1/6/2025	Church Vote
475255	Thriffs Chapel UMC	Living Waters	Nottoway/ Lunenburg	45 Marshalltown Road Victoria, VA 23974	4/28/2025	Church Vote
475756	Trinity UMC	Living Waters	West Buckingham	13463 W. James Anderson Hwy. Buckingham, VA 23921	12/13/2024	Abandoned
471645	Cascade UMC	Mountain View	Cascade	6540 Cascade Mill Rd., Cascade, VA 24069	10/1/2024	Abandoned
476716	St Andrew UMC	Mountain View	St. Andrew	10164 E Gretna Rd, Gretna, VA 24557	12/31/2024	Abandoned
476671	Providence UMC	Mountain View	Providence	568 Ty Valley Ln, Glade Hill, VA 24092	12/31/2024	Exigent Circumstances
475723	Fairview UMC	Mountain View	Fairview (Lynchburg)	3041 Campbell Ave, Lynchburg, VA 24501-4635	3/1/2025	Exigent Circumstances
475701	Court Street UMC	Mountain View	Court Street	621 Court Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504	6/30/2025	Church Vote

485232	Asbury UMC	Shenandoah River	Warren	7973 Stonewall Jackson Highway, Front Royal, VA 22630	12/20/2024	Exigent Circumstances
485378	Hites Chapel UMC	Shenandoah River	Hites Chapel	150 Chapel Rd, Middletown, VA 22645	6/30/2025	Church Vote
484795	Old Bethel UMC	Shenandoah River	Old Bethel- Welltown-Rest Cooperative Parish	560 Old Bethel Church Road, Winchester, VA 22603	4/30/2025	Church Vote/Low Attendance
472833	Mt Horeb UMC (Amherst)	Three Notch'D	Mt. Pleasant	12368 Mount Horeb Rd., Amherst, VA 24521	11/30/2024	Exigent Circumstances
484011	Mountain Valley UMC	Valley Ridge	Epworth-Mountain Valley	4905 Rich Patch Rd, Covington, VA 24426	6/30/2024	Exigent Circumstances
483836	Doe Hill UMC	Valley Ridge	McDowell	7617 Doe Hill Rd – Rte 654, Doe Hill, VA 24433	8/15/2024	Exigent Circumstances
483825	McDowell UMC	Valley Ridge	McDowell	8995 Highland Tpke, McDowell, VA 24458	8/15/2024	Exigent Circumstances
483858	McKendree UMC	Valley Ridge	McDowell	166 Church Hill Rd, Doe Hill, VA 24433	8/15/2024	Exigent Circumstances
483871	Totten Chapel UMC	Valley Ridge	McDowell	4396 Black Thorn Rd, Sugar Grove, WV 26815	8/15/2024	Exigent Circumstances
484077	Persinger Memorial UMC	Valley Ridge	Potts Valley	3707 Llama Drive, Covington, VA 24426	10/24/2024	Exigent Circumstances

484055	Pinnell Chapel UMC	Valley Ridge	Potts Valley	205 Summit Drive, Covington, VA 24426	10/24/2024	Exigent Circumstances
483927	Humphreys Chapel UMC	Valley Ridge	Potts Valley	15997 Paint Bank Rd., Paint Bank, VA 24131	1/28/2025	Exigent Circumstances
483756	Ashwood UMC	Valley Ridge	Hot Springs	5674 Sam Snead Hwy, Hot Springs, VA 24445	6/30/2025	Church Vote
484000	Epworth UMC	Valley Ridge	Epworth-Mountain Valley	1101 11 th Street, Selma, VA 24474	6/30/2025	Church Vote
482364	Goodwin Memorial UMC	Valley Ridge	Goodwin Memorial	5791 W River Rd, Salem, VA 24153-8208	6/30/2025	Church Vote
483791	Longdale UMC	Valley Ridge	Longdale	121 State Route 776 Clifton Forge, VA 24422	6/30/2025	Exigent Circumstances
482466	Mays Memorial UMC	Valley Ridge	Mays Memorial	1121 Oddfellows Rd, Vinton, VA 24179-5893	6/30/2025	Church Vote
968420	Mt. Olivet UMC	Valley Ridge	Mt. Olivet	24230 Virgil Goode Hwy Boones Mill, VA 24065	6/30/2025	Exigent Circumstances

g) Readmission of Disaffiliated Church to the UMC (§2553). Churches will receive a new GCNO for the newly admitted church:

Church Name	District	Old GCNO	Charge	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Date Readmitted

h) Moved physical location and indicate new address:

GCNO	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Date Relocated

i) Changed name of church – For example, "First" to "Trinity":

GCNO	Former Name	New Name	Physical Address	District	Effective Date
480924	Greenwood Laurel Park	Greenwood	10040 Greenwood Rd, GlenAllen, VA 23060	Three Notch'D	3/19/25

j) Transferred this year into this conference from other United Methodist conference(s) and include membership (§§42, 260)

GCNO	Parish Name	Charge Name	Church Name	District

k) What cooperative parishes in structured forms have been established (§206)

GCFA Parish Number	Local Parish Number	Parish Name	GCNO	Church Name	District

I) Organized or continued as Wesley Foundations:

Name	District	Mailing Address	Mailing City	Mailing State	Mailing Zip	Physical Address	City	State	Location Zip	Phone	Date Founded
The Pace Center at Virginia Commonwealth University	Three Notch'd	PO Box 5161	Richmond	VA	23220	700 W. Franklin Street	Richmond	VA	23220-0161	(804) 658-4064	Unknown
The Wesley Foundation at Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College	Living Waters	204 High St	Farmville	VA	23901	204 High St	Farmville	VA	23901-1873	(434) 392-8089	Unknown
United Campus Ministry at Virginia State University	Living Waters	P.O. Box 9200	Virginia State University	VA	23806	1 Hayden Drive	Virginia State University	VA	23806-0001	(804) 524-5214	Unknown
Wesley Foundation at Old Dominion University	Coastal Virginia	1338 49Th St	Norfolk	VA	23508	1338 49th St	Norfolk	VA	23508-1800	(540) 820-5601	Unknown
Wesley Foundation at University of Virginia	Three Notch'd	1908 Lewis Mountain Rd	Charlottesville	VA	22903	1908 Lewis Mountain Rd	Charlottesville	VA	22903-2413	(804) 977-6500	Unknown
Wesley Foundation at Virginia Tech	Valley Ridge	209 Roanoke St W	Blacksburg	VA	24061	209 Roanoke St W	Blacksburg	VA	24061-1073	(540) 552-2827	Unknown
Wesley Foundation at William & Mary	Mission Rivers	526 Jamestown Rd	Williamsburg	VA	23185	526 Jamestown Rd	Williamsburg	VA	23185-4044	(757) 229-6832	Unknown

11. List all Ecumenical Shared Ministries in the conference (§§207, 208)

a) Federated church

GCNO	Name	District	Other Denomination(s)

b) Union Church

GCNO	Name	District	Other Denomination(s)
482318	Shiloh	Valley Ridge	Union
492694	Stonewall	Valley Ridge	Church of the Brethren
470856	United Christian Parish	Northern Virginia	Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA, United Church of Christ

c) Merged Church

GCNO	Name	District	Other Denomination(s)

d) Yoked Parish

GCNO	Name	District	Other Denomination(s)

12. What changes have been made in districts and charge lines. Please list the GCNO beside each church name.

GCNO/ Church (1)	GCNO/ Church (2)	GCNO/ Church (3)	Old Charge	New Charge	Old District	New District

a) District Move Changes

GCNO Number	Church Name	Old District	New District

b) Alignment/Charge Line Changes

Coastal Virginia

Lower Shore Charge: Cheriton (473928) - Capeville (473883) – Trinity (473861) from 100% to 75%
Covenant (479537) from 100% to 75%
Oak Grove (477004) Associate pastor from 50% to 100%
Haygood (476421) Associate pastor eliminated
Wesley Grace (476966), from 50% to 75%
Dissolve New Hope Charge (50%) (Mears Memorial (Keller) (474136) and Harborton (474400).
Harborton (474400) becomes station at 50%.
Mears Memorial (474136) becomes station at 25%.
Christ UMC (Norfolk) (476580) from 100% to 50%
The Garden UMC (476647) from 100% to 50%
Ghent UMC (476705) from 100% to 75%

Living Waters

Nottoway-Lunenburg Charge (Laurel Hill (475233), St. Marks (475244), Thrifts Chapel (475255) Discontinue Charge (Thrifts Closed 4/27/2025)
Nottoway-Lunenburg Charge (Laurel Hill (475233), St. Marks (475244) move to 50%
West Buckingham Charge (Mt. Tabor (475734), Trinity (475756), Woodland (475778) Discontinue Charge (Trinity Closed 12/13/2024)
West Buckingham Charge (Mt. Tabor (475734), Woodland (475778) move to 25%
Sycamore UMC (Prince George) (479138) move to 75%

Mission Rivers

Hopewell Caroline (480753): Reduce from 100% to 50%
Woodland (479743): Increase from 25% to 100%
Andrew Chapel Westmoreland (480640) Reduce from 100% to 25%
Andrew Chapel Westmoreland (480640) joins the Montross Charge (Lebanon 480662, Providence 480673, Andrew Chapel Westmoreland (480640)

Mountain View - 2025

Pleasant Grove (473507) from 100% to 50% appointment -
First Martinsville (473223) added 50% associate appointment
Bethlehem in Moneta (475938) Associate went from 75% to 100%

Northern Virginia

Andrew Chapel (470402) part-time associate pastor eliminated
Aldersgate (470218) 50% part-time associate to full time associate
Mount Olivet (47068) 25% part-time new associate to 50% part-time associate
Aldie (485117)- Arcola (470446) Cooperative Parish is dissolved
Cameron (47207)- reduced to 75% part-time, joined in Cooperative Parish with Bruen Chapel (471188) at 25% part time
Warrenton (471521) Associate pastor eliminated

Old Bridge (470754) part-time associate pastor eliminated
Floris (470435) associate pastor eliminated
The Vine (470275) associate pastor eliminated

Shenandoah River

Bennets Chapel (485254)-Asbury (485232)-Bethel (421594): discontinue charge (Asbury closed)
Bennets Chapel (485254)-Bethel (421594): new charge 100% time
Rest (485334)-Old Bethel (484795)-Welltown (484671): discontinue charge (Old Bethel closed)
Rest (485334)-Welltown (484671): new charge 100% time

Three Notch'd District

Ginter Park (481462): Decrease from 100% to 75%
Greenwood (480924): Increase from 75% to 100%
Central (481382): decrease from 100% to 50%
Christ (481405): decrease from 75% to 50%
Reveille (481622): increase associate from 50% to 100%
New Song (480822): adding a 25% associate
Charlottesville First (471840): adding a 50% associate

Valley Ridge

Bonsack (482147) decrease from 100% to 50%
McDowell Charge (McDowell 483825, McKendree 483858, Totten Chapel 483871, Doe Hill 483836) Churches closed under exigent circumstances.
Potts Valley Charge (Pinnel Chapel 484055, Persinger Memorial 484077, Humphries Chapel 483927) - Discontinue charge. Pinnel Chapel and Persinger close.
Humphries Chapel becomes 100% station church.
West End (482945) move from 75% to 50%
Woodlawn (Roanoke) (482980) move from 100% to 50%
Rockingham Court (482843) move from 100% to 50%
Mt. Pleasant (Roanoke) (482808) move from 75% to 50%
Epworth-Mountain Valley Charge (Epworth 484000 and Mountain Valley 484011) Discontinue charge
Bonsack (482147) increase from 50% to 100%
Fairview (482706) move from 75% to 50%
Hot Springs Charge (Ashwood 483756 and Emory 483472) Discontinue charge
Marquis Memorial (484124) move from 100% to 75%
Shenandoah Charge remove Asbury (970241). Asbury now 25% station appointment

Church Closures under ¶2549 of The 2020-2024 Book of Discipline at the 2024 Virginia Annual Conference

Coastal Virginia District

Be it resolved that Epworth United Methodist Church, in the Coastal Virginia District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved, and that the membership of Epworth United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Larchmont United Methodist Church, except for each member who shall otherwise direct.

Living Waters District

Be it resolved that Trinity United Methodist Church, in the Living Waters District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved, and that the membership of Trinity United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church, except for each member who shall otherwise direct.

Be it resolved that Thrift's Chapel United Methodist Church, in the Living Waters District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved, and that the membership of Thrift's Chapel United Methodist Church shall be transferred to St. Mark's United Methodist Church, except for each member who shall otherwise direct.

Mountain View District

Be it resolved that Providence United Methodist Church, in the Mountain View District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved, and that the membership of Providence United Methodist Church shall

be transferred to Republican Grove United Methodist Church, except for each member who shall otherwise direct.

Be it resolved that St. Andrew United Methodist Church, in the Mountain View District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved.

Be it resolved that Cascade United Methodist Church, in the Mountain View District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved.

Be it resolved that Fairview United Methodist Church, in the Mountain View District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved, and that the membership of Fairview United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Forest Road United Methodist Church, except for each member who shall otherwise direct.

Be it resolved that Court Street United Methodist Church, in the Mountain View Virginia District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved, and that the membership of Court Street United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Centenary United Methodist Church, except for each member who shall otherwise direct.

Shenandoah River District

Be it resolved that Asbury (Warren) United Methodist Church, in the Shenandoah River Virginia District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated,

in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved, and that the membership of Asbury (Warren) United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Bennetts Chapel United Methodist Church, except for each member who shall otherwise direct.

Be it resolved that Old Bethel United Methodist Church, in the Shenandoah River District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved, and that the membership of Old Bethel United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Welltown United Methodist Church, except for each member who shall otherwise direct.

Be it resolved that Hites Chapel United Methodist Church, in the Shenandoah River District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved, and that the membership of Hites Chapel United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Grace United Methodist Church, except for each member who shall otherwise direct.

Three Notch'd District

Be it resolved that Mt. Horeb (Amherst) United Methodist Church, in the Three Notch'd District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved, and that the membership of Mt. Horeb (Amherst) United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Mt. Pleasant (Amherst) United Methodist Church, except for each member who shall otherwise direct.

Valley Ridge District

Be it resolved that McDowell United Methodist Church, in the Valley Ridge District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved.

Be it resolved that McKendree United Methodist Church, in the Valley Ridge District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved.

Be it resolved that Totten Chapel United Methodist Church, in the Valley Ridge District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved.

Be it resolved that Doe Hill United Methodist Church, in the Valley Ridge District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved.

Be it resolved that Mountain Valley United Methodist Church, in the Valley Ridge District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved, and that the membership of Mountain Valley United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Central (Clifton Forge) United Methodist Church, except for each member who shall otherwise direct.

Be it resolved that Epworth United Methodist Church, in the Valley Ridge District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved, and that the membership of Epworth United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Central (Clifton Forge) United Methodist Church, except for each member who shall otherwise direct.

Be it resolved that Humphries Chapel United Methodist Church, in the Valley Ridge District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all

real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved, and that the membership of Humphries Chapel United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Parrish Court United Methodist Church, except for each member who shall otherwise direct.

Be it resolved that Pinnell Chapel United Methodist Church, in the Valley Ridge District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved.

Be it resolved that Persinger Memorial United Methodist Church, in the Valley Ridge District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved.

Be it resolved that Mays Memorial United Methodist Church, in the Valley Ridge District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved, and that the membership of Mays Memorial United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Parrish Chapel United Methodist Church, except for each member who shall otherwise direct.

Be it resolved that Goodwin Memorial United Methodist Church, in the Valley Ridge District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved, and that the membership of Goodwin Memorial United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Locust Grove United Methodist Church, except for each member who shall otherwise direct.

Be it resolved that Ashwood United Methodist Church, in the Valley Ridge District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved, and that the membership of Ashwood United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Emory United Methodist Church, except for each member who shall otherwise direct.

Be it resolved that Longdale United Methodist Church, in the Valley Ridge District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved, and that the membership of Longdale United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Central (Clifton Forge) United Methodist Church, except for each member who shall otherwise direct.

Be it resolved that Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church (Boones Mill), in the Valley Ridge District, shall be discontinued effective as of June 30, 2025 that the transfer of title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms of ¶2549 of the Book of Discipline (2020/2024, as amended) is hereby approved, and that the membership of Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church (Boones Mill) shall be transferred to Saint Paul United Methodist Church, except for each member who shall otherwise direct.

The Virginia United Methodist Conference Historical Society

The Trustees of the Virginia Conference Historical Society met twice during 2024. On February 24, we met at Shenandoah University and toured the EUB Archives. On October 5, we met at the Virginia Conference Center where David Worthington spoke on Charles Wesley.

The reports of our foundations and committees are submitted below.

Mike Browder, president

The Old Brunswick Circuit Foundation (TOBCF)

More details and photos available in our OBCF e-Newsletters at <https://vaumc.org/obcfnewsletters/>

In 2024 the Old Brunswick circuit Foundation accomplished the following:

I. Continued the implementation of the \$209,605 ESHPF grant (aka Hurricane grant) received in 2021 from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) in partnership with the National Park Service (NPS) as follows:

1. Worked with Mr. Mike Hoffman of Hovera, Inc., the single contractor who responded to our first request for proposals (RFP) with a bid proposal with a scope of work which included rebuilding of the foundation, repairing and stabilizing the wooden understructure, taking down and rebuilding the front porch and taking down the chimneys to include photographing, numbering, accessioning and stacking the bricks for later rebuilding.
2. TOBCF submitted Mr. Hoffman's proposal for review by the VDHR, but it was not accepted mainly because they did not feel that taking the chimneys completely down was within the Dept. of Interior's preservation standards.
3. Mr. Hoffman did not feel it was safe for his crew to work around the fragile and unstable chimneys. TOBCF announced a second request for proposal (RFP) in which the scope of work was reduced eliminating any work on the chimneys until further plans could be drawn up specific to that construction element.
4. Historic brick mason, Mr. Clint Hobbs of Old World Masonry, submitted a proposal which was reviewed and accepted by VDHR and TOBCF. He began masonry work on the foundation in December 2024.

II. Applied for a grant from the Virginia 250 Preservation fund sponsored by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and funded by the General Assembly. This grant, if awarded, would be used to make improvements to the access road to our historic Rev. Edward Dromgoole House.

III. Continued our outreach efforts to foster awareness of our three sites and their history which included:

1. Organizing and hosting a tour of our three sites and the Sapony church on October 4, 2024 for Mr. David Worthington, Global Ambassador of Methodist Heritage Sites for the UMC.
2. Setting up an informational display at the Virginia United Methodist Annual Conference in Hampton VA on June 19-21, 2024.
3. Coordinating a tour of the Rev. Edward Dromgoole house for a Dromgoole descendant, Dr. Larry Heath and his wife Jeanette, on March 7, 2024.
4. Setting up TOBCF's historical display at the Brunswick County Family Fun Day in Lawrenceville VA on Sept 21, 2024.
5. Giving presentations on TOBCF and our three historical sites to:
 - a. The monthly dinner gathering at the Centenary United Methodist Church in Portsmouth VA on October 16, 2024
 - b. The Lucy Blanton Circle at the Reveille United Methodist Church in Richmond, VA on Nov. 5, 2024

IV. Created and maintained partnerships with other organizations to promote common goals to include:

1. Partnering with the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) under their "Service to America" program, two board members spent several days using DAR approved techniques to clean the family Dromgoole tombstone at the Rev. Dromgoole House.
2. Recognizing the shared history between Randolph Macon College and the Boydton Methodist Church by celebrating together the church's 200th year anniversary. The College's choir and chaplain made several trips to Boydton to sing and preach at that year's celebratory services.
3. Celebrating with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources as we unveiled their newly installed Virginia historic highway marker which pointed out and provided visitors information on the Ebenezer Academy.

The William Watters Foundation

The William Watters Foundation is responsible for preserving and interpreting the William Watters Gravesite, United Methodist Historic Site No. 7, located in McLean, Virginia.

William Watters was the first American-born Methodist itinerant preacher to be officially appointed to a circuit at the first Methodist Conference held in America, in Philadelphia in 1773.

In fall 2024, the Virginia Conference Historical Society granted the William Watters Foundation a generous allotment of funds from an endowment made by the estate of William "Bill" Arthur Olson. The foundation has several projects in mind for using the money: performing ground penetrating radar of the cemetery to find unmarked graves, repairing the driveway's erosion damage, and installing a fence along the wooded side of the driveway to prevent pedestrians from crossing the property and trespassing on neighbors' lawns.

David Worthington, the Global Ambassador of Methodist Heritage Sites for the United Methodist Church, visited the William Watters Gravesite on October 9, 2024. Members of the foundation board welcomed Mr. Worthington to the site, showed him around the property and discussed the significance of William Watters' ministry in American United Methodist history. Worthington, in turn, advised us to strive to tell the story of William Watters by emphasizing historical events that were occurring at the time of his ministry. We then assisted Mr. Worthington to the next stop on his journey, the Old Stone Church Site in Leesburg.

Myra Lindsey, President

THE OLD STONE CHURCH FOUNDATION

It is true that Virginia's only Methodist Shrine, *The Old Stone Church* site in Leesburg, VA is not well known - hence not often visited by Methodists outside of Leesburg, VA and its nearby environs. While Leesburg and its environs in Northern Virginia are steeped in the early history of our nation, they are equally steeped in the early history of Methodism on this continent.

Having mostly recovered from its Covid-induced inactivity, the Old Stone Church Foundation intends to vigorously Promote *The Old Stone Church* site to an expanded set of persons and churches to the end that the *site* become better known and visited by persons and churches throughout Virginia. In addition, the Foundation intends to expand its membership list, engage in cooperative work with other history-oriented organizations, and improve our attention to administrative and operational obligations and details.

With the recent receipt of funds from the Historical Society and the revival of a beautifully inspiring Old Stone Church Prayer Walk project, *The Old Stone Church Foundation* finds itself at a tipping point wherein it can now strongly support its Promotion, Preservation and Interpretation efforts and initiatives. With this in mind the Foundaton is undertaking the following efforts for 2025:

1. Increase the Foundaton mailing list toward a year-end goal of 400 electronic and USPS addresses and \$4K annual membership income.
2. Find the door key to the Old Stone Church that was unearthed by the archeological dig of the site in the 1960's.
3. Follow the lead of the VA Conference and modify By Laws, Job Descriptions, organization and operational/filing procedures to provide improved guidance to future Directors/Officers of the Foundation.
4. Join with the local Morven Park social justice initiative to document the history of enslaved people of the United States.
5. Encourage real and/or virtual pilgrimage to *The Old Stone Church* site by generating and publishing (in hard copy and digitally) resource packages for Confirmation Classes and Methodist History curricula.

On the 4th point above, the joint effort has benefits to both Morven Park and *The Old Stone Church Foundation*. The Foundation has 19th century Old Stone Church documents that record church-related activities of local enslaved people. The documents are helpful to the

Morven park initiative, a feature of which is the digitization of relevant records. Digitization of the records will be beneficial to the *Old Stone Church Foundaton* at no cost to the Foundation.

On the 5th point above, the combination of the Prayer Walk project, an academic monograph in the files of the VCHS (Leesburg's Old Stone Church 1766), and The Old Stone Church video form a strong, academically sound, resource package for real or virtual classroom use or pilgrimage. Achieving prime time readiness of these packages may require funds for publication and possible copyright permissions. If so, *The Old Stone Church Foundation* will either apply funds it has or seek grant funding.

The Old Stone Church Foundation is dedicated to Promoting, Preserving, and Interpreting *The Old Stone Church* site to the benefit of an expanding population of real and virtual visitors.

JACK KING, President

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE REPORT

Archivist Stephanie Davis has begun working on identifying media for digitization, with the records of the early Virginia Annual Conferences as a priority. Based on recommendations from Laurie Preston, she has contacted “George Blood” for a quote to perform the work, and money currently in the Archives budget will be used for this project. Other funds will be requested as needed.

Stephanie has also reached out, once again, to District Superintendents’ Offices to remind them about the requirement to forward records from disaffiliated churches to the Archives. The Committee is pleased that Stephanie’s persistence and attention to this issue has resulted in transfers, and she has confirmed that those records remaining in the District Offices are being maintained until they can be reviewed and transferred to the Archives.

The Archives is still searching for additional storage space for incoming records. Stephanie continues to arrange current records as efficiently as possible to clear space, but as more and more records are received from disaffiliating churches, this may become a problem and will require additional storage space. Renting off site storage space is not ideal since humidity and temperature controls, needed for proper preservation, will be extremely costly. Additionally, off site storage of the records would mean they would not be readily available for responding to information requests and for researchers. Digitization of records will help with this problem.

Stephanie is ensuring that the Archives website is kept up to date, and she will continually review it as additional records are received or deemed appropriate for uploading.

Laurie Preston announced that phase one of the digitization of the Virginia Advocate is moving along more quickly than expected. The cost of \$18,980.50 was well under the \$42,000 earmarked for the project and approved by the VCHS, leaving a balance \$23,019.50. The cost of the final stage of the project is \$20,446.97.

The RMC Library is working on the preservation of the papers of Bishop John Early, one of the founders of RMC. Laurie is working on a project on the Virginia Conference’s military chaplains, in

part to commemorate the Army Chaplaincy's 250th Anniversary of its establishment, with a particular emphasis on RMC alumni.

Nina Frederick , Chair

Virginia United Methodist *HERITAGE*

The objective of Virginia United Methodist *HERITAGE*, first published in 1973, has always been to carefully document, then tell the stories of our rich Virginia United Methodist history. Virginia United Methodist history enthusiasts prepare the stories of this bi-annual scholarly journal.

Last fall's issue of *HERITAGE* featured Charles Wesley: Sweet Singer of Methodism, an insight into the life of Charles Wesley and his contributions to early Methodism. David Covington, the Global Ambassador of Methodist Heritage Sites, gave the speech at the Virginia Conference Historical Society meeting in October.

The issue also included the eponymously-named The Rev. Dr. Robert Roszel Stephen Hough: A Life in Ministry.

The Spring 2025 issue presented An Essay in Mud, a speech given by the venerable Raymond Fitzhugh Wrenn to the Old Stone Church Foundation in 1993. The story focused on two rescued ledgers of old district conference records covering the years 1885-1925. The records gave excellent insight into the goings-on of Northern Virginia Methodist Episcopal, South churches of that day.

The issue also included a story about William Watters, the first American-born Methodist Itinerant preacher called Billie Watters Makes a Decision, written by Fern C. Stukenbroeker.

Many Churches' Mini-Histories, a feature begun in Spring 2024 *HERITAGE*, continues to give the individual church the opportunity to stand out by discussing something unique in that church's history. Our Saddlebags segment continues to tell of the day-to-day experiences of circuit riders. Our Foundations features updates on the activities of the society's three foundations: The Old Stone Church Foundation, The William Watters Foundation, and the Old Brunswick Circuit Foundation.

Myra P. Lindsey, Editor

HISTORY UPDATE COMMITTEE

The History Update Committee is continuing its work on preparing an updated history of the Virginia Conference focusing on the last 70 years. A committee of some 15 persons and other volunteers have been drafting chapters on selected topics important for telling the story. Some drafts are completed and our goal is to complete all drafts by November 25, 2025. We will be looking for editorial review by persons familiar with the respective topics and the assistance of a general editor yet to be identified. We expect that our project will be digital in format so as to allow for flexibility in content together with the possible publication of an abbreviated print version. Some funds have been made available to help with the financing of the project.

Jim Athearn, Chairman

REPORT TO THE SOUTHEAST JURISDICTIONAL COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES & HISTORY

The Virginia Conference Historical Society (VCHS) continues to support and develop ways to ensure the important history of the Virginia Conference is recognized and documented. Despite some setbacks, VCHS continues in its quest to provide a thorough and complete record of the many actions and individuals who contributed to the spread of United Methodism in the state.

Work on updating the written history of the Virginia Conference from 1939 to the present is moving along with four draft chapters completed: Asian American Ministries, Mission and Related Topics, Higher Education, and Campus Ministries. Drafts of all chapters are expected to be submitted for review and editing by November 25, 2025.

The William Watters Gravesite, located in McLean, VA, which commemorates the first American-born Methodist itinerate preacher, is in good condition. VCHS recently approved a request for \$10,000 to support several projects relating to the site, including: performing ground penetrating radar of the cemetery to find unmarked graves; repairing erosion damage to the driveway leading to the graveyard (gravesite?); and installing fencing in the area.

1) the relationship of the OBCF to the VCHS changed when it was discovered that grants would be difficult to get, due to the organization not appearing on the Guidestar program that certifies entities that are eligible for grants, despite the fact that the OBCF was said to be under the tax-free aegis of the VA Conference. We lost out on a grant from Sun Trust Bank because of it. It was then decided to seek 501 (C) 3 status. From that time the OBCF has had a stand-alone, yet collegial position with the Conference, and is supposed to receive \$500 annually to assist in its work. The President reports to the VCHS annually.

The Old Brunswick Circuit Foundation, supported in part by VCHs, continues work on two sites: the Dromgoole House and the original site of Randolph-Macon College, which became the Boydton Institute, the campus of which includes the Helensha Cottage. The Dromgoole House, located in Brunswick, VA, was built by Edward Dromgoole, an early Methodist itinerate preacher and associate of Francis Asbury, and is an outstanding example of late 18th-century domestic architecture. Recently missing sections of the foundations were replaced, stonework on various walls has been completed, and brush around the building has been removed. Repairs of the chimneys of the Helensha Cottage have been complete, along with general cleaning and clearing of the site.

To support continued preservation work on the Dromgoole House and surrounding area, two applications for grants were submitted: one to the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the other to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. Unfortunately, neither request was accepted and there is concern that future grant request may not be available due to recent charges in governmental priorities.

Although a request to nominate the Randolph-Macon College and Boydton Institute Campus as an Historical District did not come before the Virginia State Review Board in December 2024 as hoped, the nomination packet will be resubmitted in June 2025 at the Review Board's quarterly meeting.

In October 2024, David Worthington, Global Ambassador to Methodist Heritage Sites based in Bristol England at the John Wesley New Room, presented a program on Charles Wesley at the VA Conference Historical Society semi-annual meeting. He reminded the VCHS of the important role Charles Wesley played in early Methodism, although he is often overshadowed by his brother. Mr. Worthington noted that, while few people can recite any of John's written works, Charles' contributions are still an important part of Sunday worship. Mr. Worthington also visited the VCHS-maintained sites in McLean and Southside Virginia, and provided helpful suggestions on obtaining grant requests.

Dr. Anna M. Lawrence, Associate Professor of History at Fairfield (CT) University, spoke at the VCHS March 2025 meeting on "Revolutionary Era Methodism and Black Believers." Dr. Lawrence has written and published articles and chapters on revolutionary era Methodism, including Wesleyan ideals on marriage and sexuality, Methodist responses to the revolutionary war, and Jarena Lee, considered the earliest Black female preacher in U.S.

Important historical records of the United Methodist Church in Virginia are maintained in three locations: Conference Archives in Glen Allen at Conference Headquarters; the Methodist Collection at Randolph-Macon College (RMC) in Ashland, VA; and Evangelical United Brethren (EUB) collections located at Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA. All three locations welcome researchers, maintain websites containing a vast collection of records, and archivists at all three locations are active members of VCHS.

The Virginia Conference Archivist continues to work to ensure the preservation and transfer to the Archives of the records of disaffiliated churches. Some records have been transferred and the Archivist continues to work closely with District Offices to ensure the collection and preservation of records still to be transferred.

The early recordings of the Virginia Annual Conference in the Conference Archives have been identified as a priority for digitization and work on this project will begin in the very near future. The digitization of the Virginia Advocate, housed in the McGraw-Page Library of RMC is entering phase two and the project is scheduled to be completed and uploaded before the end of 2025.

The RMC Library is involved in two important projects: preserving the papers of Bishop John Early, one of the founders of RMC, and identifying RMC alumni who served as Military chaplains as part of the commemoration of the Army Chaplaincy's 250th Anniversary.

The EUB Archives curated a collection of early records and artifacts that document the Denomination's history up to its merger with the Methodist church in 1968. The exhibit is available for viewing in the Shenandoah University Library during operating house.

Heritage, the biannual publication of the Committee on Archives and History, distributes important historical articles and information about the history of the United Methodist Church in Virginia. Recent articles include a retelling of the rescue of old district conference records from the Fredericksburg dump in 1962, and a story from Fern Stukenbroeker's book, *A Watermelon for God*. Mini histories of Conference churches, stories about circuit riders ("Saddlebags") and updates from VCHS Foundations are regularly included in each issue.

In October 2024, a Governance Committee was established as a standing committee to review current VCHS Bylaws and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees for changes and improvements. These have been drafted and vetted, and the next step is to ensure that bylaws are in accordance with the Book of Discipline.

Nina Frederick, Va. Conf. Representative