

FAQs for Virginia's Miracle Sunday

What is expected of me at my local church?

To participate in Miracle Sunday Initiative through (1) small group study, (2) worship engagements with videos and liturgy from UM clergy leaders from Africa, Europe and the Philippines and (3) an offering on October 11.

What do I do if my church does not have the technology for viewing a video during worship?

Each of the videos has a transcript. One possibility is to read the transcript in place of showing the video. You can also make the QR code available to the congregation to watch themselves. QR codes for each video are in the appendix of the *Congregational Coordinator's Manual* (be sure it's version 6 found on the website after July 17)

Where do I send our Miracle Sunday Offering after October 11

The church treasurer can send funds in the same manner as they do apportionments or other payments using the online payment portal. If there are questions, please email treasurer@vaumc.org or call 804-521-1100. If individuals desire to make a gift of stock, arrangements can be made through the Virginia United Methodist Foundation by contacting Courtney Howell at 804-521-1159 or CourtneyHowell@vaumc.org. People can also give directly through the [Miracle Sunday page](#) on the conference website.

How will the funds be used?

The funds are used to create more gifted leaders and close the disparity gap by providing an endowment in perpetuity for theological education in Africa, the Philippines and Europe. Their use is in scholarships and resource materials – offering both on-site and online training for United Methodist clergy candidates. They do not support construction or faculty salary support however they do support teachers of United Methodist theology. The goal is to be able to offer 500 scholarships for clergy education annually. More detailed information is available at <https://www.endowftecc.org>.

Who is supervising the ongoing initiative?

Oversight is provided by a group of United Methodist leaders selected by the Council of Bishops with endowment management provided by Wespath. Currently two Virginians serve as a part of this group, Minnis Ridenour (member Blacksburg UMC) and Dale Jones (Wespath's Managing Director of Church Relations).

Our congregation is doing our annual stewardship campaign in October. Is there a way

Miracle Sunday can support our financial campaign?

You have a grand opportunity to enhance an annual stewardship campaign with the resources offered by Miracle Sunday. The bishops vision statement, **Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously**, and the related small group study materials offers a solid foundation for any stewardship work. The pairing of such a bold mission initiative as Miracle Sunday with an annual financial campaign underscores the knowledge that congregants don't give to budgets, they give to mission. The mission of assisting in the formation of trusted clergy leaders in Africa, Europe and the Philippines deepens our connectional ties and solidifies that we are truly a church around the world serving Christ together. To explore more resources on **Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously**, [click here](#).