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CONFERENCE TREASURER

Annual Conference Offering Update

The Virginia Conference has received a little under **\$100,000** toward the \$200,000 goal for the Annual Conference Offering so far this year. Church treasurers should remit their church AC Offering electronically at www.vaumcpayapp.org or mail in the donation with your apportionment payment designated for Fund #5500 – AC Offering. Individuals can go to www.vaumcdonations.org to make an online donation as well. Learn more about the how you can help and go to www.vaumc.org/acoffering.

Material Resources/Kits Donations

Our office continues to receive monies for supplies and shipping. Please be sure to make checks payable to VAUMC and mark it Fund #901440.

Newly Appointed Lay Pastors

For churches that received a Lay Pastor, be sure to withhold Social Security and Medicare as well as Federal and State taxes.

USCIS Form I-9

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services requires the Form I-9 to be completed for all individuals hired for employment in the United States. Newly appointed pastors must complete this form at each new appointment prior to their first day. Access the most recent form by going to <https://www.uscis.gov/i-9>.

Clergy Personal Contributions to UMPIP

If you have a newly appointed clergy person at your church who wants to make a personal contribution to their pension plan, be sure they complete the below form so Wespath is made aware of the contribution and will also change their billing to the new church.

<https://www.wespath.org/assets/1/7/3436.pdf>

Lay Supply Pastors

Treasurers should be sure to withhold Social Security and Medicare (FICA), as well as Federal and State taxes from your pastor's paycheck if they are lay supply pastors. Lay supply pastors are not eligible for the Housing Exclusion. Call our office if you need guidance on payroll withholding.

2021 Minimum Compensation Schedule

Annual Conference approved the following schedules:

Minimum Compensation Schedule

Full Connection Pastors	\$42,000
Provisional & Associate Members	\$38,500
Local Pastors	\$36,000

New Online Apportionment Website is Coming!

The Conference Treasurer's office has been working on rolling out a new online payment website. We have used www.vaumcpayapp.org since 2012 and we wanted to update our system and provide additional features for our churches. We receive more than \$9 million each year through our current website and average 225 churches that use the online remittance monthly. The current website is still accessible and will remain in place for a few more months, but we wanted to give you a heads up that a change is coming.

Some of the features in the new system will include:

- Online payments of apportionments and other benevolences, like Special Sundays
- Update your church's bank and routing information online
- View historical payments online

If you are interested in helping us test the new system and be one of the first to use it, please send an email to caroldraper@vaumc.org. We plan to begin testing in August.

UM Market

The General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) provides resources for all United Methodist Churches around the world. UM Market is an online portal designed for United Methodists to shop online with retailers who will donate a portion of their profit to your local church to help you raise funds for ministry. Check out <https://umcmarket.org> for more information.

Conference Summer Hours

Conference office will keep regular hours through the summer, Monday through Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm. The staff sends you all best wishes through the summer and is here to support our churches.

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