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**MAY 2023**

**CONFERENCE TREASURER**

## 2023 Annual Conference Offering

The Virginia Annual Conference offering is a collective effort of the churches in the Conference to support in-state and overseas missional needs. Annual Conference members are encouraged to share the purpose of each year's offering and invite church members to join the cause. Conference offering will be collected during the Annual Conference Opening Worship in Roanoke VA on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am. You may bring your offering to Annual Conference in Roanoke with a check made out to the Virginia United Methodist Conference, designated for **Fund #5500 - Annual Conference Offering**. Be sure to **include your church's GCFA# on the check** so we can apply it to your church statement.

This year the Annual Conference special offering goal is \$150,000 to support the ministries listed below:

- **In-State Missional Needs (50%)**  
Focusing on Food Insecurity and Refugee Resettlement
- **Overseas Missional Needs (50%)**  
Focusing on Partnerships of Hope, our support for missions with our 6 partners (Brazil, Cambodia, Haiti, Mozambique, Vietnam, and Native Americans)

## Samaritan Fund Offering – Mother's/Father's Day

The Samaritan Fund Offering is one of the five Virginia Annual Conference Special Offerings. The Samaritan Fund is a benevolent fund that provides financial assistance to Pinnacle Living residents who have outlived their monetary resources and can no longer afford the full cost of their care. The time between Mother's Day and Father's Day is designated as the time to support this ministry at Pinnacle Living. Materials and information can be found at <https://www.pinnacleliving.org>. Church treasurers can remit contributions to the Treasurer's office by notating **Fund #6411 - Pinnacle Living (Samaritan Fund)** at the bottom of your apportionment statement.

## Accountable Reimbursement

If your clergyperson is moving to a new church, churches can only pay up to half of the annual amount agreed upon on the Charge Conference Form.

## Clergy Moving Expenses

In 2018, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act made numerous changes to the taxation of both individuals and organizations. One of those changes disallows the deduction of moving expenses from Jan 1, 2018 – Dec 31, 2025, which means that employee moving expenses paid directly by the church or reimbursement to an employee (i.e. pastor) will be subject to income tax and must be reported on the W2. If your church is receiving a new clergy person, the moving expenses paid to or for that person will be subject to income tax and will need to be added to their W2 at the end of the year.

## Kits for Conference

One way your church may be preparing for Annual Conference is packing Kits for Conference. Go to <https://vaumc.org/collecting/> for details. This year, kits will be collected within each district in the weeks prior to Annual Conference. No kits will be collected at Annual Conference!

Along with other mission opportunities at Annual Conference, all AC members are encouraged to join in packing UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kits on Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to pack 2,000 kits. We thank the Central Virginia Mission Hub for partnering and coordinating this event for us!

If your church would prefer to have UMCOR purchase the supplies and assemble the kits, your church can simply send in a donation for any amount to support:

UMCOR cleaning kits \$75 each  
Hygiene kits \$12 each  
Menstrual hygiene kits \$24 each

Send \$1 per packed kit (\$3 for cleaning buckets) to the Conference Treasurer for processing and shipping, and \$1 for toothpaste for each health kit. Please do not put the money in the actual kit. Donations for kits contributions for transportation should be sent to the Conference Treasurer's Office designated as **Fund # 5041 – AC Serving Response Fund**.

## Memorial Day Holiday

The Conference office will be closed on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> in observation of the Memorial Day holiday!