

DOLLAR\$ & \$SENSE

SEPTEMBER 2023

CONFERENCE TREASURER

2024 Apportionments

The distribution of the 2024 Apportionments will be delayed this year due to the Special Called Annual Conference, scheduled for Saturday, October 7th. The Council on Finance and Administration (CFA) is focusing on the number of churches in the conference in 2024 and the effect on apportionments to our churches.

We anticipate 2024 Apportionments to be distributed by mid-October. District offices can provide information on how this may affect your charge conferences.

Support for Maui

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to process an initial grant for emergency supplies such as shelf-stable food, water, hygiene items and tools to help survivors recover belongings as first responders continue to provide initial aid in the area.

Record your contributions to support the recovery efforts, designated as **Advance #901670 – Disaster Response United States UMCOR**.

Partnerships of Hope – September Offering

Partnerships of Hope (POH) is one of the five Annual Conference Special Offerings. POH is a focused effort of the Virginia Conference, partnering in mission for the 'Transformation of the World' to cultivate soil for the Gospel to grow through our six partners: Brazil, Cambodia, Haiti, Mozambique, Native American Ministries, and Vietnam. Through your support, we will be able to continue to join hands with our partners to share the good news across the world! Go to <https://vaumc.org/partnerships-of-hope/> to learn more or email serving@vaumc.org.

Church treasurers can remit contributions to the Treasurer's office by notating **Fund #5015-Partnerships of Hope** at the bottom of your apportionment statement or remitting a payment through vaumc.acumatica.com.

Local Church Audit

As we begin to look towards the fall and churches are planning their Charge Conferences, the local church finance team should designate an audit committee that is independent to conduct the audit. The Audit Committee should be composed of at least two people unrelated to the treasurer, financial secretary, pastor(s), finance committee chair, business manager, those who count the offerings, or the church secretary. The key to using an audit committee made up of people within the church is *independence*, both in fact and appearance with no bias. They can be members of your church or swapped with members from another church. Go to the online audit guide for step-by-step instructions. <https://www.gcfa.org/resource/local-church-audit-guide>

World Communion Sunday – October 1st

World Communion Sunday is one of the six church-wide Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. Your donations support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals and transforming communities. Your generosity continues to provide scholarships, grants, mentoring and training for leadership development. The needs exceed what we can fund, and your gifts can further growth and success.

World Communion Sunday provides scholarships for U.S. racial and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels. For more information, go to

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/world-communion-sunday-ministry-article>

Record contributions to this cause at the bottom of your apportionment statement, designated as Fund #4434 – World Communion or remit a payment through <https://vaumc.acumatica.com/>.

Labor Day Holiday

The Conference Office will be closed on Monday, Sept 4th in observance of Labor Day.

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