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OCTOBER 2024

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Hurricane Response - Helene

As United Methodists, we respond when disasters occur through prayer, preparation, and providing. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) connects throughout the world in many ways, including disaster recovery.

Cleaning kits are needed to replenish the supplies that are being deployed now. Here is a video of how to assemble an UMCOR Cleaning Kit.

<https://umcmmission.org/umcor-cleaning-kit/>

There will be at least two sites on every district where cleaning kits can be delivered. The list of drop off sites will be available by Wed, Oct 2nd through the conference website. <https://vaumc.org/helene/>

To provide financial support, designate funds for **Advance #901670 – US Disaster Response and Recovery**.

World Communion Sunday – October 6th

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.acumatika.com/>.

VUMPI Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for the Virginia Conference health benefits in 2025 will begin on **Monday, October 7** and runs through Thursday, October 31. Health plan elections for 2025 will be made using the Unity Web system. The same health plans will be made available in 2025 as in 2024.

Participant contributions across all medical, dental and vision plan options will be unchanged in 2025. There are no plan design changes to any of the plans in 2025. If no plan elections are made in the Unity Web system, current enrollees will remain enrolled in the same health plans in 2025 as in 2024. Only Medical Flexible Spending Account and Dependent Care Account participation need to be actively elected each year.

More information will be posted on the Virginia Conference website. Please email Stacey Anthony at staceyanthony@vaumc.org or call 804-521-1131 with any questions.

Undue Medical Debt

Undue Medical Debt is an organization that purchases medical debt from insurance and other third-party companies to erase medical debt for the most vulnerable persons in our communities. Your church can support this effort through **Fund 5000-Va Benevolences Misc and note Medical Debt**.

Grant Opportunity from the Va UM Foundation

The Virginia United Methodist Foundation is accepting applications for churches seeking financial support for programs and activities (including operating expenses and supplies necessary for those programs and activities). Grants may be awarded at the Conference, District, and local church level in the Virginia Conference where there is potential of enriching many or all local churches or affiliated agencies of the Virginia Conference. Grant funds cannot be used for building repair, replacement, or expansion.

Go to <https://vaumfoundation.org/about-us/grants/> to apply by October 31, 2024, at 5pm.

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