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SEPTEMBER 2024

CONFERENCE TREASURER

2025 Apportionments

Local church 2025 Apportionments will be distributed to your district office on Friday, Sept 13th and then sent out per each district's schedule.

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.

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.acumatica.com/>.

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 missions@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.

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**.

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>.