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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, 2025, at 5pm.

2026 Compass and Direct Bill Calculator

In order to help churches prepare for the launch of the new Compass denominational retirement savings plan in January, VUMPI has prepared a calculator that is being made available to clergy and churches. The calculator identifies the annual and monthly billing amounts for Compass, along with the billing amounts for the Comprehensive Protection Plan, or CPP, which is our denominational life and disability insurance plan. The calculator also identifies the new clergy health plan direct bill, which is the way that churches will contribute the employer contribution to the cost of the Conference-sponsored clergy health plan. A video addressing the new billing methodology, along with a link to the calculator, can be accessed on the Conference website at the following location: <https://vaumc.org/2026-benefits-billing-calculator/>

When your pastor completes their clergy compensation form, the Compass and Direct Bill will also be reported here.

For more information, reach out to the VUMPI office at 804-521-1128 or by email johnfuller@vaumc.org.

Federal 941 Tax Form Reminder

Be sure to file Federal Form 941 by October 31st for the third quarter ending September 30th.

VUMPI Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for the Virginia Conference health benefits in 2026 will begin on **Monday, October 6th** and run through Friday, October 31st. Health plan elections for 2026 will be made using the Unity Web system.

Participant contributions for medical and dental will increase approximately 5% for 2026, although varying by plan and dependent coverage tier. Vision rates will be unchanged in 2026. There are no significant plan design changes to any of the plans in 2026.

If no plan elections are made in the Unity Web system during Open Enrollment, current enrollees will remain enrolled in the same health plans in 2026 as in 2025. 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 as Open Enrollment begins. 2026 plan information and contribution rates can be previewed through the VUMPI website at vumpi.org. Please call Stacey Anthony at 804-521-1131 or email her staceyanthony@vaumc.org with any questions.

World Communion Sunday – October 5th

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>

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