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CONFERENCE TREASURER

## Cemetery Associations

We received lots of interest from our announcement last month regarding a Spring webinar for local churches who are interested in learning more about establishing a Cemetery Association, so we wanted to share it again with local churches to see if there are more churches that are interested in attending.

We recognize the importance of our United Methodist cemeteries and the responsibility of providing perpetual care for the families we have served in the past and those we will serve in the future. Several churches have reached out seeking guidance on the steps involved and the advantages of forming a Cemetery Association. We would like to gather your input and questions to help us prepare a meaningful and informative webinar.

If your church is interested in learning more about creating a Cemetery Association, please email [caroldraper@vaumc.org](mailto:caroldraper@vaumc.org) and share any questions you would like addressed. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Native American Ministries Sunday – April 19<sup>th</sup>

Native American Awareness Sunday is one of the six General Church Special Sundays. Half of the funds are sent to the General Council on Finance & Administration (GCFA) and are equally divided between the Board of Higher Education and Ministry to provide scholarships for Native Americans attending schools of theology and the Native American Urban Initiative of the General Board of Global Ministries. For additional information go to [www.umcgiving.org](http://www.umcgiving.org) and select Special Sundays. Half of the funds are kept here in Virginia to be in ministry with Native Americans locally.

Record contributions for this cause at the bottom of your apportionment statement, designated as **Fund #4432 – Native American Awareness Sunday** and include the amount in your apportionment check.

## 2026 Apportionments

We have had a good response from churches in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter paying towards Apportionments as we shifted to four funds 101-104. If your church is not able to pay all of the monthly apportionments, we ask to pay the committed costs of ministry (Fund 101) first, at least 1/12 each month before paying the other funds.

## Kits for Conference

One way your church may be preparing for Annual Conference is packing Kits for Conference. Kits will be collected within each district in the weeks prior to Annual Conference. Use the link below to see the dates and times for drop-off for each district.

<https://vaumc.org/virginia-conference-kits-contacts-2026/>

If you prefer to make a monetary donation towards the supplies for kits, the cost of the supplies are noted below.

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 # 901440 – Material Resources (kit)**.

Below are the links to how the kits are to be assembled.

- Cleaning Kits  
<https://umcmmission.org/resources/umcor-cleaning-kit-assembly-video>
- Hygiene Kits  
<https://umcmmission.org/resources/umcor-hygiene-kit-assembly-video>
- Feminine Hygiene Kits  
<https://umcmmission.org/resources/umcor-menstrual-hygiene-kit-instructions>

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