

DOLLAR\$ & \$ENSE

MAY 2026

CONFERENCE TREASURER

2027 Proposed Annual Conference Budget

The Council on Finance and Administration (CFA) has approved a proposed budget to be voted on at the 2026 Annual Conference in June. The budget includes a .5% increase over the 2026 budget which significantly lags the 3.3% rate of inflation.

A new item in the budget this year is \$40,000 for local church pulpit supply support for those churches who have a pastor out on parental leave. While we have had our Belonging and Advocacy office for 10 months, the creation of that office did not take place until after the 2026 budget was approved. Therefore, the 2027 proposed budget is the first time the expenses of that office, \$75,000, are included.

I encourage you to review the full budget when it is released in the Book of Reports in May.

Samaritan Fund Offering—Mother’s/Father’s Day

The Samaritan Fund Offering is one of the five Virginia Annual Conference Special Offerings. The Samaritan Fund is a benevolent fund that provides financial assistance to Pinnacle Living residents who have outlived their monetary resources and can no longer afford the full cost of their care. Between Mother’s Day and Father’s Day is the time to support this ministry at Pinnacle Living. For more information, go to:

<https://www.pinnacleliving.org/samaritan-program>.

Send contributions to the Treasurer’s office designated for **Fund #6411 - Pinnacle Living (Samaritan Fund)**.

Audit Confirmation Emails

The Conference is currently undergoing our annual audit. A sample of churches has been selected to confirm their apportionment giving for 2025. If your church was selected, an email to the pastor was sent from our auditors, Yount, Hyde & Barbour (YHB). Please respond at your earliest convenience.

Memorial Day Holiday

The Conference office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observation of the Memorial Day holiday!

Clergy Moving Expenses

In 2018, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act made numerous changes to the taxation of both individuals and organizations. One of those changes disallows the deduction of moving expenses which was made permanent in 2025. That means that employee moving expenses paid directly by the church or reimbursement to an employee (i.e. pastor) will be subject to income tax and must be included in Box 1 and 16 on the W2. If your church is receiving a new clergy person, the moving expenses paid to or for that person will be subject to income tax and will need to be added to their W2 at the end of the year.

Annual Conference Offering

If your church wants to send your Annual Conference Offering ahead of time, please denote AC offering on your check or statement with Fund #5500.

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)**.

DAVID DOMMISSE

TREASURER@VAUMC.ORG

804-521-1100