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Understanding Clergy Finances Webinar

The Virginia Conference is offering a Clergy Webinar, *"Called, Compensated, and Covered: Understanding Clergy Finances"*. Through this 4-week webinar series, clergy will be informed about important tax information as well as some upcoming changes and opportunities in the Virginia Conference UMC. One (1) C.E.U. will be offered to those who attend all four sessions, read the assigned book, and write a 1-page reflection paper, which will be due on November 1, 2026. The deadline to sign up for this webinar series is October 2, 2026. Use the link below to register for this opportunity:

vaumc.org/clergy-finances-updates2026

Clergy Payroll Update

If you were not able to attend the Clergy Payroll Webinar earlier in September, we wanted to share the information and the video with you. It includes important information with the upcoming changes January 1, 2027. One of the most important things to note on your calendars is that **all clergy compensation must be entered in Unity no later than November 30, 2026** and churches must make a selection on how payroll will be processed. Here is the link if you need more information:

<https://vaumc.org/clergypayroll/>

So far, we have 108 churches/charges who have selected for the Conference to process payroll beginning January 1, 2027. If you have questions, please email clergypayroll@vaumc.org or call 804-521-1104.

2026 Apportionments Reminder

In 2026, we moved to four apportionments (funds 101-104). We would like to remind all churches to pay the committed costs of ministry (fund 101) first, at least 1/12 each month before paying the other funds. All apportionments are important and we are hopeful that all churches can pay 100% of all apportionments this year.

Reminder from our VUMPI Office-Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for the Virginia Conference health benefits in 2027 will begin on Monday, October 5th and run through Friday, October 30th. Health plan elections for 2027 will be made using the Unity Web system as in prior years.

Participant contributions for medical and dental will increase approximately 5% for 2027 for Self, Self+Spouse and Self+Child(ren) coverage tiers, and approximately 10% for Self+Family coverage as approved at 2026 Annual Conference. Vision rates will be unchanged in 2027. There are no significant plan design changes to any of the plans in 2027.

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 2027 as in 2026. Only medical Flexible Spending Account and Dependent Care Account participation need to be actively elected each year by IRS regulations. However, it is recommended for all plan participants to review plan elections and contribution rates to ensure accuracy and to provide 2027 deduction amounts to their payroll processor for 2027.

Contact Stacey Anthony at staceyanthony@vaumc.org or call 804-521-1131 with any questions.

World Communion Sunday – October 4, 2026

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

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