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Clergy Payroll for 2027

As a follow up from our July Newsletter, we wanted to share more information about Clergy Payroll for 2027. Beginning January 1, 2027, clergy payroll shall be administered through one of three options:

- (A) Clergy payroll may continue to be managed by a paid professional staff member of the local church.
- (B) Clergy payroll may continue to be managed through an outside payroll vendor selected and funded by the local church.
- (C) Clergy payroll may be administered by the Va Conference Clergy Payroll managed by the Treasurer's Office at no additional cost to the local church.

Staff Parish Relations shall make a recommendation to the Charge Conference as to which payroll option they are choosing for their clergy. This will be **reported by November 30, 2026**, via the Clergy Compensation Agreement in Unity, for January 1, 2027. More in FAQs <https://vaumc.org/clergypayroll/> or email clergypayroll@vaumc.org with questions.

There will also be a webinar on Monday, September 14 at 6:30 PM to provide an overview and a space for Q&A. Register here: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

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>

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.

Miracle Sunday – October 11, 2026

United Methodist leaders are inviting 30,000 worldwide congregations during 2026 into a God-led, Holy Spirit-empowered six-week emphasis to Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously. The emphasis will equip congregations through worship and small group study to extend the vision of the church and receive a special offering to help support 500 students annually to prepare for pastoral ministry across Africa, Europe and the Philippines.

In Virginia, the six-week series begins September 6 and culminates on Miracle Sunday, October 11 with a special offering. By equipping pastors, teachers, and lay leaders, the Church invests in leaders who will guide communities with wisdom, compassion, and courage. For more information, go to <https://vaumc.org/miraclesunday/>.

Church donations should be sent to the Conference Treasurer's Office designated as **Fund #4252 – Miracle Sunday**.

Labor Day Holiday

The Conference Office will be closed on Monday, Sept 7th in observance of Labor Day.