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CONFERENCE TREASURER

2022 Apportionments

The Final 2022 Conference Apportionments will be distributed to the district offices on September 3rd. The overall Conference Budget for 2022 is a 4.7% increase over 2021. In 2021, CFA worked to keep the lowest amount of apportionments while providing important support to our churches during COVID, which result in a reduction of 11.4% from 2020 to 2021. See page 2 for additional information.

In 2022, the Conference Apportionments will be categorized 401-415 to support Conference, Clergy Benefits. and the General & Jurisdictional Apportionments, as was familiar in pre-COVID years. There is a Priority 2 Apportionment (Fund 422) as well, which represents the portion of the increased General Church Apportionments in 2022. Due to the delay in the General Conference meeting originally scheduled in August of 2020, a new quadrennial budget has not been voted on and the previous pre-COVID budget is still in effect. Churches are asked to pay 401-415 in full to be considered 100% for 2022 and contribute to 422 if your church feels called to do so.

New Online Apportionment Website is Coming!

The Conference Treasurer's office has been working on rolling out a new online payment website. We have used www.vaumcpayapp.org since 2012 and we wanted to update our system and provide additional features for our churches. We receive more than \$9 million each year through our current website and average 225 churches that use the online remittance monthly. The current website is still accessible and will remain in place for awhile, but we wanted to give you a heads up that a change is coming.

Some of the features in the new system will include:

- Online payments
- Update bank and routing information online
- View historical payments online

If you are interested in helping us test the new system and be one of the first to use it, please send an email to <u>caroldraper@vaumc.org</u>. We will continue testing in September.

Support for Haiti Recovery

Your church can support Haiti in their disaster relief and humanitarian efforts through the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) Advance #982450 – Disaster Response, International.

The Conference Board of Missions has had a long standing relationship with the Eglise Methodiste d'Haiti (EMH) providing support for Haiti churches as the do they day to day mission work in their country. To support EMH and the other churches directly affected by the disaster, you can send funds through the Va International Disaster Relief Fund #4051. For more information, go to https://vaumc.org/resources-to-help-haiti-in-its-effort-to-recover/.

Support for Afghan Refugees

Your church can support Afghan Refugees through the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) **Advance** #3022144 – UMCOR Global Migration Fund. To learn more, go to https://umcmission.org/august-2021/umcor-supports-afghans-in-need/.

VUMPI Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for the Virginia Conference medical plans will begin on October 11 and run through October 29. Information, including instructions for use of the online open enrollment system, will be mailed to current plan participants in mid-September. The health plans currently made available will continue to be offered in 2022. Please call Melissa Wahlberg at 804-521-1131 for more information.

World Communion Sunday – October 3rd

World Communion Sunday is one of the six church-wide Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. World Communion Sunday provides scholarships for U.S. racial and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels.

Go to www.umcdiscipleship.org/calendar/special-sundays for more information on this important ministry. Record contributions to this cause at the bottom of your apportionment statement, designated as **Fund #4434** – **World Communion.**

