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To be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners who influence others to serve

The mission opportunities during the annual conference have been the highlight of the connectional system as 1,300 churches, their clergy, and annual conference members gathered, and we served and shared our gifts with the world. In the coming 2022 annual conference, we are excited to announce three opportunities for us to come and serve this world together united as one. "United as One in Worship" is the overarching theme of the Annual Conference. We believe that serving is another expression of our worship and we would like to provide the following opportunities for our churches to serve together:

1. **Being together** A 5K run/walk for members of the Annual Conference to remember the importance of well-being and health in ministry. There will be a virtual platform offered for churches to hold a local 5K run/walk allowing individuals to join in this effort to be together. All proceeds of this race will be contributed to the annual conference offering #nurturingtogether
2. **Nurturing together** The annual conference offering will benefit both local and international mission projects to nurture leadership. This annual conference offering will directly sponsor the D.Min Program at Wesley Theological Seminary whose graduates serve to nurture soldiers all over the world. Also, Partnerships of Hope will continue to be the recipient of this annual conference offering where most of the Partnerships of Hope projects are focused on leadership development and their countries.
3. **Collecting together** The annual conference Kits and Cans collection will continue to collect United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) kits and foods. Each district will host a district collection event one to two weeks prior to the annual conference. All UMCOR kits will be collected and sent to mission central, UMCOR Supply Depot and any collected food for any district-specific items will be distributed among the local ministry organizations.

We are thankful for this opportunity of serving together and we pray that the churches will continue their support by encouraging the local churches to be part of this effort. For more information, visit [www.vaumc.org/acmission](http://www.vaumc.org/acmission). Contact us at [serving@vaumc.org](mailto:serving@vaumc.org) for any other questions.

In Christ,

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## 2022 Virginia Annual Conference Mission Opportunities

*'United in Worship; serving together'*

Mission Opportunities provided throughout the Annual Conference is an opportunity for the churches to maximize the impact, in transforming the world, through the connectational system. Each year, Virginia Conference offers Mission Opportunities for the 1,300 churches to 'Unite in Worship' as we serve our Lord together. Below you will find three ways to become a 'blessing to this world' (Gen 12:3).

1. **#Being Together** - A 5K run/ walk event that raises awareness of wellbeing in spirit, emotion, and body, and also contributes to the Annual Conference offering (Nurturing Together). We are collaborating with Active Faith, and potentially Holy Rollers, Pension Office, and Relationship partners. All members are invited to join this event. We can also encourage church members, who are not at Hampton to join us by virtual individual/ group participation.
  - a. Date: Jun 18, 2022
  - b. Fee: TBD
  - c. All proceeds from this event will be added to the Annual Conference Offering (Nurturing Together).
  
2. **#Nurturing Together** - Annual Conference Offering dedicated to nurturing leadership in mission. This year's Conference offering will be equally shared between the D.Min Program for Military Chaplaincy (<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/doctorofministry/military-chaplaincy-2/>) and Partnerships of Hope. Both the D.Min program and Partnerships of Hope focus on nurturing Christian leaders who can make worldwide impacts.
  - a. Date: Jun 17, 2022
  - b. Dedicated during Mission worship
  - c. Goal: \$150,000
  
3. **#Collecting Together** - Kits and cans collection for local and Nationwide impact. We will collect Kits and Cans in a hybrid method. All Kits and Cans from the local church will be collected at the District Collection site, 1-2 weeks prior to the Annual Conference at Hampton, VA. UMCOR Kits (Cleaning and Hygiene) which will be picked up by the Annual Conference Kits team will be delivered to Mission Central, a collection hub for UMCOR. Cans and district-specific collection items will be distributed to the local agencies.
  - a. Collection date: each district will have specific dates and locations
  - b. What to collect: UMCOR Kits (Cleaning and Hygiene), Cans, and District-specific collection items.
  - c. Dedicated and celebrated during Closing worship

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