

# DOLLAR\$ & \$SENSE

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CONFERENCE TREASURER

## 2023 Apportionment Interpretation

As your church prepares for your Charge Conference, it is often helpful to have a document available to help your church council leadership know and understand apportionments. You can use the 2023 Apportionment Interpretation to explain the calculation, show the Approved Conference Budget, and also provide details for each of the apportionments. You can access the 2023 Apportionment Interpretation by going to <https://doc.vaumc.org/23ApportInt.pdf>.

## Grant Opportunity from the Va UM Foundation

The Virginia United Methodist Foundation is accepting applications for churches seeking financial support for programs and activities (including operating expenses and supplies necessary for those programs and activities). Grant funds cannot be used for building repair, replacement, or expansion. Grants may be awarded at the Conference, District, and local church level in the Virginia Conference where there is potential of enriching many or all local churches or affiliated agencies of the Virginia Conference.

Go to <https://vaumfoundation.org/about-us/grants/> to apply by October 31, 2022 at 5pm.

## Tax Status Documentation – 501c3

Periodically churches need documentation of their 501c3 religious non-profit tax status for various reasons (i.e. establishing a bank account). GCFA, our UM national organization, has taken care of this filing for you already. To print this official letter, go to [www.umgroupruling.org](http://www.umgroupruling.org) and complete the information for your church. You will need the church Federal ID#.

GCFA also provides greater documentation for local churches by allowing churches to choose to be listed on GuideStar when you complete the Group Ruling Application. GuideStar is a key website for non-profits to be listed on for donations like AmazonSmile. Banking institutions will also often refer to this source for documentation

## VUMPI Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for the Virginia Conference medical plans will begin on October 10 and run through October 31. This year, health plan elections will be made in UnityWeb. Detailed instructions, along with a video overview describing the UnityWeb open enrollment system, will be posted on the Virginia Conference website. Please call Melissa Wahlberg [melissawahlberg@vaumc.org](mailto:melissawahlberg@vaumc.org) at 804-521-1131 or with any questions.

## SPECIAL CALLED – Cleaning Kit Collection

VAUMC Disaster Coordinator, Rev Bob Pihlcrantz, received a call from UMCOR requesting cleaning buckets. UMCOR Supply Depots have nearly disbursed all the stored cleaning kits to areas impacted by the recent hurricanes.

The Virginia Conference goal is to collect 4,677 Cleaning kits by November. For information on kits, go to <https://vaumc.org/2022cleaningkit/>. Financial support for outreach ministry should be designated as **Fund #5041 – Serving Response Fund.**

## Carefully review invoices for potential fraud

As we all are raising our awareness relating to invoice fraud, we wanted to share one company that has lured several of our organizations/churches into paying a fraudulent invoice.

An internet company has been sending solicitations that looks like an invoice customized with your church website name for a year subscription to list your church on their website for greater exposure on the web. At the bottom of the invoice, there is a notice that: *THIS IS NOT A BILL. THIS IS A SOLICIATION. YOU ARE UNDER NO OBILIAION TO PAY THE AMOUNTS STATED ABOVE UNLESS YOU ACCEPT THIS OFFER.*

## Federal 941 Tax Form Reminder

Be sure to file Federal Form 941 no later than October 31<sup>st</sup> for the third quarter ending September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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