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CONFERENCE TREASURER

Support for Ukraine

In March we received over \$55,000 to support the people of Ukraine. Many of our United Methodist Churches have responded with prayer vigils and raised funds to those who are suffering. To support this cause, designate the gifts to **Fund # 982450 – UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery Fund and note Ukraine.**

2022 Annual Conference Offering

This year the Annual Conference special offering goal is \$150,000. Bishop Sharma Lewis is requesting contributions to support the ministries listed below:

- **D. Min Scholarship Program (Military Chaplaincy)**

This annual conference offering will directly support scholarships for the Military Chaplain Doctor of Ministry Program at Wesley Theological Seminary. US Military Chaplains from all participating branches receive 100% tuition scholarships. These Chaplains minister to and impact the lives of military members and their families all across the world.

- **Partnerships of Hope Leadership Development**

Partnerships of Hope is the official mission of countries/projects supported by the Virginia Annual Conference. Currently, Partnerships of Hope is serving Brazil, Cambodia, Mozambique, and Native American Ministries. We are planning to add two more countries, Haiti and Vietnam, during the 2022 Annual Conference. All projects are focused on leadership development and education for the next generation.

You may bring your offering to Annual Conference in Hampton with a check made out to the Virginia United Methodist Conference, designated for **Fund #5500 - Annual Conference Offering**. Be sure to **include your church's GCFA# on the check** so we can apply it to your church statement. This offering will be taken up on Friday, June 17th during the worship service. Churches can also remit this offering online to vaumc.acumatica.com or send a check to the Conference Treasurer's office. For more information about Annual Conference, go to www.vaumc.org/ac2022.

Correction from last month's newsletter

The corrected link to update the person responsible for your church finances with the IRS this IRS form is [Form 8822-B \(Rev. December 2019\) \(irs.gov\)](https://www.irs.gov/efile).

Native American Ministries Sunday – May 1st

Native American Awareness Sunday is one of the six General Church Special Sundays. Half of the funds are sent to the General Council on Finance & Administration (GCFA) and are equally divided between the Board of Higher Education and Ministry to provide scholarships for Native Americans attending schools of theology and the Native American Urban Initiative of the General Board of Global Ministries. For additional information go to www.umcgiving.org and select Special Sundays. Half of the funds are kept here in Virginia to be in ministry with Native Americans locally.

Record contributions for this cause at the bottom of your apportionment statement, designated as **Fund #4432 – Native American Awareness Sunday** and include the amount in your apportionment check.

Kits for Conference

One way your church may be preparing for Annual Conference is packing Kits for Conference. Go to <https://vaumc.org/collecting/> for details. If your church would prefer to have UMCOR purchase the supplies and assemble the kits, your church can simply send in a donation for any amount.

UMCOR Cleaning Kits \$75 each
Hygiene Kits \$12 each
School Kits \$11 each

Send \$1 per packed kit (\$3 for cleaning buckets) to the Conference Treasurer for processing and shipping, and \$1 for toothpaste for each health kit. Please do not put the money in the actual kit. Do not turn it in with the kits at Annual Conference. Donations for Kits for Conference and contributions for transportation should be sent to the Conference Treasurer's Office designated as **Fund # 901440 – Material Resources (Kits for AC)**.

Lay Supply Pastors - Reminder

Treasurers should be sure to withhold Social Security and Medicare (FICA), as well as Federal and State taxes from your pastor's paycheck if they are lay supply pastors. Lay supply pastors are not eligible for the Housing Exclusion. Call our office if you need guidance on payroll withholding.

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