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MAY 2019

CONFERENCE TREASURER

2019 Annual Conference Offering

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

- Africa University Student Scholarships - \$40,000
- Cambodia Pastors Leadership Scholarships - \$40,000
- Mozambique Lay Leadership Training - \$20,000
- Brazil “Shade and Fresh Water” children’s program - \$20,000
- Just Neighbors Matching Funds Grant for Immigrant Legal Counsel in four districts - \$30,000

You may bring your offering to Annual Conference in Roanoke (June 20th-22th) or mail it to the Conference Treasurer’s Office in advance. Please designate as **Fund #5500 – Annual Conference Offering** and **include your GCFA #**. Because we process hundreds of checks after the Annual Conference offering is taken up, we are unable to research each church name to apply it to your apportionment statement if your GCFA # is not provided. For more information about Annual Conference, go to www.vaumc.org/ac2019.

Kits for Conference

One way your church may be preparing for Annual Conference is by packing “Kits for Conference”. If your church would like to have UMCOR purchase the supplies and assemble the kits, your church can simply send in a donation for any of the following amounts:

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

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)**. 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. We ask that you do not put the money in the actual kit and please do not turn it in with the kits at Annual Conference. **Go to www.vaumc.org/AC2019 for details.**

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Clergy Moving Expenses

In 2018, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act made numerous changes to the taxation of both individuals and organizations. One of those changes disallows the deduction of moving expenses from Jan 1, 2018 – Dec 31, 2025, which means that employee moving expenses paid directly by the church or reimbursement to an employee (i.e. pastor) will be subject to income tax and must be reported on the W2. If your church is receiving a new clergy person, the moving expenses paid to or for that person will be subject to income tax and will need to be added to their W2 at the end of the year.

Samaritan Fund Offering – Mother’s/Father’s Day

The Samaritan Fund Offering is one of the four Virginia Annual Conference Special Offerings. Any time between Mother’s Day and Father’s Day is designated as the time to support this ministry at Pinnacle Living. The Samaritan Fund is a benevolent fund that provides financial assistance to Pinnacle Living residents who have outlived their monetary resources and, through no fault of their own, can no longer afford the full cost of their care. Visit their website at <https://www.pinnacleliving.org> for materials or to learn more about this special ministry! Church treasurers can remit contributions to the Treasurer’s office by notating **Fund #6411-Pinnacle Living (Samaritan Fund)** at the bottom of your apportionment statement.

UMCOR Support

We have recently had questions about support for projects related to UMCOR. UMCOR designates funds in the United States and Internationally. Go to www.umcmmission.org for additional information.

UMCOR International Disaster Response
Fund #982450
UMCOR United States Disaster Response
Fund #901670

Virginia Disaster Response

Earlier this year, Bishop Lewis appealed to all churches throughout the state to support the Virginia Disaster Response Team. They are currently working in the Danville area where more than 45 homes had significant damage as a result of historic flooding. Disaster response fund is #5037.

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