Important Change in Church Treasurer Bonding

Beginning January 1, 2010, it will now be the responsibility of each local church to provide fidelity bonding for its church treasurer. This bonding is required by *The Book of Discipline 2008, ¶258.4(b)* and protects both the local church and the treasurer. Previously, the Virginia Conference had been able to provide this bonding for all churches that are a part of the Conference. However, the increasing costs and restrictions in providing this coverage have led to the decision that bonding can be provided easier and less expensively when included in each church’s own insurance.

Trustees of each local church should discuss the inclusion of this bonding with their insurance representative. In many instances, bonding of treasurers is already included in a church’s insurance package.

Trustees should also consider including Financial Secretaries and others who handle money in the bonding if such insurance is available. Bonding of these others beyond the Treasurer is not required, but it is wise.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Conference Treasurer’s Office.

Dommissé Named New Conference Treasurer

The Virginia Conference Council on Finance and Administration (CFA) announced Monday, August 24, that it has selected David Dommissé as the Conference Treasurer and Director of Administrative Services, effective immediately. David has been serving as Interim Conference Treasurer since June 1 and has served as Conference Controller for the past 18 months. A nationwide search was conducted by a Search Committee chaired by Nathaniel L. Bishop. After final interviews of candidates, the Search Committee made a unanimous recommendation to CFA that Dommissé be named Conference Treasurer and Director of Administration.

Dommissé began work as controller of the Virginia Conference on April 1, 2008. Prior to joining the conference staff, he worked for eight years as controller of Unistaff, a family-owned industrial staffing company in Richmond. Prior to that, he was a CPA with Smith & Eggleston, a Richmond accounting firm.

“I am excited about the opportunity to serve the conference,” Dommissé said, adding that one of his main goals is to be accessible to local churches.

Questions Regarding Church Remittances?

Beginning this month, Carol Crawford will be undergoing chemotherapy treatments for several months followed by surgery. She is a dedicated and loyal employee who for the past 35 years has handled the church receipts accounting. Due to the nature of her treatments, there may be times when she will be out of the office. If you should require assistance, please phone or email Carol and she will be in contact with you immediately upon her return.

2010 Minimum Salaries

The Equitable Compensation Fund apportionment for 2010 is $819,075.

The Minimum Compensation Schedule for 2010 is:

- Full Connection Pastors $39,336
- Probationers and Associate Members $35,880
- Local Pastors $33,288

The Floor Schedule for 2010 is:

- Full Connection Pastors $27,552
- Probationers and Associate Members $25,128
- Local Pastors $23,280

From Carol’s Desk

E-Mail Address Changes

There were issues with emails last month and I have tried to correct them. If you feel you are receiving statements that are not yours, please contact me at carolcrawford@vaumc.org or by phone at 1 800 768-6040, local 521-1100.