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CONFERENCE TREASURER

2023 Annual Conference Offering

The Virginia Annual Conference offering is a collective effort of the churches in the Conference to support in-state and overseas missional needs. Annual Conference members are encouraged to share the purpose of each year's offering and invite church members to join the cause. Conference offering will be collected during the Annual Conference Opening Worship in Roanoke VA on Thursday, June 15th at 10am. You may bring your offering to Annual Conference in Roanoke 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 year the Annual Conference special offering goal is \$150,000 to support the ministries listed below:

- **In-State Missional Needs (50%)**

Focusing on Food Insecurity and Refugee Resettlement

- **Overseas Missional Needs (50%)**

Focusing on Partnerships of Hope, our support for missions with our 6 partners (Brazil, Cambodia, Haiti, Mozambique, Vietnam, and Native Americans)

Native American Ministries Sunday – April 23rd

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. This year, kits will be collected within each district in the weeks prior to Annual Conference. No kits will be collected at Annual Conference!

Along with other mission opportunities at Annual Conference, all AC members are encouraged to join in packing UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kits on Thursday June 15th. The goal is to pack 2,000 kits. We thank the Central Virginia Mission Hub for partnering and coordinating this event for us!

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 to support:

UMCOR cleaning kits \$75 each
Hygiene kits \$12 each
Menstrual hygiene kits \$24 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. Donations for kits contributions for transportation should be sent to the Conference Treasurer's Office designated as **Fund # 5041 – AC Serving Response Fund**.

Local Church Audit

It is important that the finance team designate one or two people that are independent to conduct the audit. They can be members of your church but should not be related to the financial secretary or treasurer. Be sure to use the online audit guide under financial forms at www.gcfa.org/forms-and-resources/local-church-forms/.

Record Retention

After the close of a year, we receive many questions about record retention. For a quick reference, go to the link below <https://doc.vaumc.org/Business/RecordRetention.pdf>

Good Friday

The Conference office will be closed on Friday, April 7th in observation of Good Friday. We wish you a wonderful Easter!

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