

# DOLLAR\$ & \$ENSE

**AUGUST 2023**

**CONFERENCE TREASURER**

## **2023-2024 Advance Special Partners**

The Advance is an accountable, designated giving arm of The United Methodist Church that ensures 100% of each gift is used for its intended mission or ministry. Our work fulfills both physical and spiritual needs through various partnerships in the Commonwealth to make a life-changing and long-lasting impact. The Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church continues our effort to support our Advance Special Partners through prayer, financial support, and engagement. To learn more about the Virginia, National, and International Advance Specials go to <https://vaumc.org/advance/> and find a partner in ministry!

The General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) is the worldwide mission, relief and development agency of The United Methodist Church, working with partners and churches in more than 115 countries to equip and transform people and places for God's mission. To find a missionary or a place to provide support, go to <https://umcmmission.org/>.

## **Partnerships of Hope – September Offering**

Partnerships of Hope (POH) is one of the five Annual Conference Special Offerings. POH is a focused effort of the Virginia Conference, partnering in mission for the 'Transformation of the World' to cultivate soil for the Gospel to grow through our six partners: Brazil, Cambodia, Haiti, Mozambique, Native American Ministries, and Vietnam. Through your support, we will be able to continue to join hands with our partners to share the good news across the world! Go to <https://vaumc.org/partnerships-of-hope/> to learn more or email [serving@vaumc.org](mailto:-serving@vaumc.org).

Church treasurers can remit contributions to the Treasurer's office by notating **Fund #5015-Partnerships of Hope** at the bottom of your apportionment statement or remitting a payment through [vaumc.acumatica.com](http://vaumc.acumatica.com).

## **Apportionment Statements**

Email [treasurer@vaumc.org](mailto:treasurer@vaumc.org) or call us at 804-521-1100 for any statement questions.

## **Local Church Audit**

As we begin to look towards the fall and churches are planning their Charge Conferences, the local church finance team should designate an audit committee that is independent to conduct the audit. The Audit Committee should be composed of at least two people unrelated to the treasurer, financial secretary, pastor(s), finance committee chair, business manager, those who count the offerings, or the church secretary. The key to using an audit committee made up of people within the church is *independence*, both in fact and appearance with no bias. They can be members of your church or swapped with members from another church. Go to the online audit guide for step-by-step instructions.

<https://www.gcfa.org/resource/local-church-audit-guide>

## **Finance – Handling God's Money in the Church**

As your church begins to look toward a new appointment year, and leaders of your church are assuming new roles, you may wish to have some guidelines to follow. Please consider using the booklet "Finance – Handling God's Money in the Church". This United Methodist publication can be purchased online through Cokesbury. Go to:

<https://www.cokesbury.com/Guidelines-Finance?refq=guidelines>

Resources for Stewardship, Trustees, SPR, and many other areas of church leadership are also available.

## **UM Market**

The General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) provides resources for all United Methodist Churches around the world. UM Market is an online portal designed for United Methodists to shop online with retailers who will donate a portion of their profit to your local church to help you raise funds for ministry. Check out <https://www.gcfa.org/umc-market>.

## **Labor Day Holiday**

The Conference Office will be closed on Monday, Sept 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

**DAVID DOMMISSE**  
**TREASURER@VAUMC.ORG**

**804-521-1100**