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2024 Annual Conference Offering

The Virginia Annual Conference offering is a collective effort of the churches in the Conference to support local and global missional needs. Churches are encouraged to share the purpose of each year's offering and invite church members to join the cause. 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. You can also remit your contribution in advance either online or by mail to the Conference Treasurer if you prefer.

This year the Annual Conference special offering supports the ministries listed below:

- **RIP Medical Debt**

Focusing on reducing the medical debt burdens of low-income individuals with limited capacity to pay their medical bills by leveraging donations from people across the country.

- **International Missions**

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 14th

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. Kits will be collected within each district in the weeks prior to Annual Conference. The goal is to pack 2,000 kits! We thank the Central Virginia Mission Hub for partnering and coordinating this event for us!

If you prefer to make a monetary donation towards the supplies for kits, the cost of the supplies are noted below.

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**.

If you need additional information or want to help volunteer with the kit collection day for your district, contact davidmagruder@vaumc.org. He will be able to answer questions related to kits as well as connect you with the district representative who is organizing their collection site. For any further questions, please contact the Missional Engagement Office at missions@vaumc.org.

Support for communications technology

Does your church need help or have questions about general communications, live streaming, social media or video production? As a resource, the conference Board of Communications has a help request form where you can submit your information to get your questions answered by clergy and laity who work in these communication fields daily. Complete the below link for areas in communication technology that your church is interested in learning more:

<https://vaumc.org/need-help/>