



2015 Virginia Annual Conference Offering

Bishop Cho has announced the recipients of the 2015 Annual Conference Offering. The offering goal will be \$150,000 and again focus on both international and Virginia-based mission needs.



METHODIST MISSION IN CAMBODIA: \$50,000

We will be offering our continued support to our partnership with the Methodist Mission in Cambodia with \$50,000 as they continue to purchase property for new churches and expand their fast growing mission.

UMCOR GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES: \$50,000

\$50,000 will go to UMCOR Global Health ministries to aid the Ebola ravaged countries of Sierra Leone and Liberia. Both of these countries have trained and equipped Health Boards in their United Methodist Conferences that are working to meet priorities and needs of communities recovering from the Ebola outbreak as well as a holistic approach to health that empowers people to take charge of their own lives and develop positive health-seeking behavior in their communities.



CHILDREN OUT OF POVERTY – VIRGINIA: \$50,000

In Virginia our goal is \$50,000 that will be offering support to mission projects working with the poor in the Danville and Eastern Shore Districts. Both of these districts are working in ministry in areas of Virginia that are well below the national and state poverty levels. Of particular concern and emphasis are children that are living in poverty.



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Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to offer a great challenge to you this year as we approach the 2015 Annual Conference session of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church. That challenge is that we accept a renewed call to being disciples of Jesus Christ and explore together all that comes with that calling!

Being involved directly in God's missional activity in the world is a big part of that call and this year we as a conference are being asked to make a difference in the lives of the least of these by setting our conference offering goal of \$150,000!

Our offering will be focused on both international and Virginia-based mission needs.

We will be strengthening our commitment to the **Methodist Mission in Cambodia** in our third year of support as that church continues its rapid growth moving toward its goal of being an autonomous Methodist Church.

A second international component of the offering will be to actively support the **Global Health Mission of UMCOR** as they work with health boards of the United Methodist Conferences in the Ebola ravaged countries of Liberia and Sierra Leone. Our connectional church makes a difference in the lives of sisters and brothers living hopefully beyond the despair of that disease.

Our Conference is placing ministry with the poor as a priority and will be exploring new ways to be in ministry with the poor across the conference. This year a portion of our conference offering is designated to **Children Out of Poverty** as we offer love and support for mission projects in the Danville and Eastern Shore districts that serve children and families in these areas of our state that are well below the national and state poverty levels.

It is our calling and our response as disciples to prayerfully give. May our conference offering this year reflect that calling to wholeness and justice as we live out our discipleship through giving and loving in the name of the one who first loved us!

In Christ,

Young Jin Cho