

The recipients of the offering this year are a mixture of long term mission commitments and partnerships with new and emerging opportunities for engaging in God's mission locally. This year the offering goal set by Bishop Lewis is \$200,000. She has designated the offering to focus on the following missional priority projects:



**METHODIST MISSION IN CAMBODIA: \$50,000**

For continued support of our conference partnership with the Methodist Mission in Cambodia as they move toward being an autonomous Methodist Church.



**METHODIST CHURCH OF BRAZIL: \$25,000**

For our continued long term support of the Shade and Fresh Water ministry with at risk children across several conferences in the Methodist Church of Brazil.



**METHODIST CHURCHES IN MOZAMBIQUE: \$25,000**

Our partnership with The United Methodist Church of Mozambique focuses on education by providing lay training resources that strengthens their discipleship and witness across both conferences in Mozambique. This year part of the offering will also go to help with disaster recovery at Chicuque Rural Hospital following a typhoon.



**LONG TERM DISASTER RECOVERY IN VIRGINIA: \$50,000**

We are committed to a long term response to those whose lives were changed by tornadoes and Hurricane Matthew in 2016. The funding of the recovery will allow further teams to answer the call to make a compassionate response.



**ETHNIC MINORITY MISSIONAL MINISTRIES: \$25,000**

Funds for grants to go toward developing ministry outreach in the conference to immigrant populations and other marginalized groups.



**VIRGINIA VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION: \$25,000**

To provide funds to small membership faith communities that may lack resources who wish to engage in short term mission experiences.



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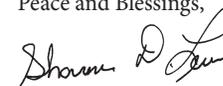
Dear Virginia United Methodists,

Theologian and Biblical Scholar Walter Bruggeman says, "The greatest task of the Christian message in our time is whether it is able to engage and transform despair into hope." God calls us to participate in that transformation by compassionately giving to others.

Our goal is to receive \$200,000 during our Annual Conference session. This year's offering will focus on missional priorities and projects in Cambodia, Mozambique, Brazil and Virginia.

As your bishop, I ask you to join with me in responding to the call of transforming lives from despair into hope through our missional offering.

Peace and Blessings,



Bishop Sharma D. Lewis