All Things New: Fruitful and Multiplying

All Things New: Fruitful and Multiplying was approved by the 2008 Virginia Conference as a strategy for living into the conference vision:

“We envision faith communities where all God’s people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world.”

All Things New is a core strategy of the Virginia Conference. It’s primary objectives are to:

- Begin new faith communities, and
- Renew existing ones.

All Things New is …

… A proclamation of faith in the abundance of God’s grace through Jesus Christ.

… A reclaiming of our United Methodist heritage as a missionary movement of God’s Holy Spirit.

… A vision for spiritual renewal.

See, I am making all things new.

– Revelation 21:5

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Invitation to Give

The Virginia Conference is committed to raising funds to establish 250 new faith communities in the next 30 years, and to strengthen existing churches that want to grow and flourish.

Your gift to All Things New will help the Virginia Conference plant new faith communities to reach new people with the good news of God’s love in Jesus Christ.

Your gift to All Things New will help the conference provide resources, leadership training and support for existing congregations that desire to become renewed faith communities.

♦ A gift of $500 will pay for the discernment and evaluation process to identify one new church planter.

♦ $1,000 will send one person to the National School of Congregational Development or send one planter to “Boot Camp.”

♦ $3,500 will provide a coach for a new church planter for one year.

♦ $10,000 will buy audio/visual and sound equipment for a new faith community.

♦ $50,000 will pay a new church planter’s salary and pension benefits for one year.

♦ $100,000 will provide a start-up grant for one new faith community.

♦ $225,000 will fully fund a new faith community for 42 months.

Please send gifts and pledge cards to:

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Please make checks payable to VAUMC and note “All Things New Campaign” on the memo line. Questions should be directed to the Rev. Marc Brown, director of Connectional Ministries, at marcbrown@vaumc.org or (804) 521-1133 or 1-800-768-6040, ext. 133.

Invitation to Plant…

Invitation to Harvest…

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Invitation to Plant

The Virginia Conference takes the planting of new faith communities seriously. It’s one way we live out the Great Commission.

We have an ambitious plan to begin 250 new faith communities in the next 30 years, by:

a) establishing new faith communities.
b) resourcing existing congregations that wish to establish new faith communities.

To do this, we will recruit and train new church planters. Leadership development for new faith communities includes:

- **New Church Leadership Institute** helps clergy and laity understand what is involved in starting a new faith community.
- **Conference Assessment Team** helps persons discern their gifts for forming a new faith community.
- **Basic Training “Boot Camp”** offers just-in-time training for newly appointed faith community planters.
- **Participation in National School of Congregational Development**, sponsored by United Methodist General Board of Discipleship, is required of every pastor appointed to start a new faith community.
- **Lay Missionary Planting Network** — joint effort of the Virginia Conference, Baltimore-Washington Conference, Wesley Theological Seminary and Path 1 of the United Methodist General Board of Discipleship — trains clergy and laity to plant new Latino faith communities in partnership with existing anchor congregations.
- **Coaches** are assigned to new faith community planters to keep the planters on track toward mutually agreed upon benchmarks in the first three years of ministry.

- **Conference funding** is given to new faith communities for the first 42 months.

Your contributions will help recruit and train new church planters, pay for salaries of pastors starting new faith communities and pay for operating expenses for fledgling congregations.

**Since Annual Conference approved All Things New in 2008, we have planted 14 new faith communities:**

- **Planted in 2010:**
  - Spirit and Life, Alexandria District
  - Lincolnia House Church for Sierra Leone Members, Alexandria District
  - The Stand, Petersburg District
  - RISE, Harrisonburg District

- **Planted in 2009:**
  - House of Prayer, Eastern Shore District
  - The Vine, Arlington District
  - Crossroads at Brambleton, Arlington District
  - Crossroads Hispanic, Arlington District
  - Emmaus UMC at Stratford Hills
  - Second Generation Korean, Richmond District
  - Sterling Hispanic, Arlington District
  - The Gathering, Norfolk District

- **Planted in 2008:**
  - Korean UMC/Centreville, Arlington District
  - Cana, Alexandria District
  - Ghana Wesley, Arlington District

- **Stakeholder groups, mentors and peer-to-peer learning** are provided for new church planters.

**Invitation to Harvest**

The Virginia Conference is providing resources and leadership training to support existing churches that desire to become renewed faith communities.

- **The 5 Talent Academy** helps existing congregations grow in fruitfulness. Key areas of focus are ministry with the poor, worship, faith development, evangelism, stewardship and creation of new faith communities. More than 110 churches of all sizes now participate in this exciting new opportunity that features nationally known presenters and peer group learning.

- **Virginia Conference program boards and agencies** are restructuring to focus on leadership development for existing congregations. Part of this restructuring is development of resource teams to assist local congregations in mission and discipleship.

- **Centers of Excellence** are being developed to offer training and resources for existing congregations. Current centers focus on Congregational Excellence, Missional Excellence, Leadership Excellence and Clergy Excellence.

**New faith communities** are being planted by districts and local congregations. These include Timberlake East, Lynchburg District; Latino-Hispanic Ministry of Sterling UMC; Arlington District; Bread and Jam of Ebenezer UMC, Portsmouth District; and The Point of West Point UMC, Rappahannock District.

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**We will contribute $______________________ to All Things New: Fruitful and Multiplying, by: **

- per month for ____________ months, or
- per quarter for _______________ quarters, or
- semi-annually for ___________ years, or
- per year for ___________ years, or
- As follows: ___________________________________________________________________________________

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- $_______________ semi-annually for ___________ years, or
- $_______________ per year for ___________ years, or
- As follows: ___________________________________________________________________________________

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