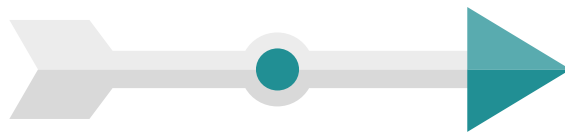


A Way Forward in Virginia



God's mission in the world has no boundaries. Although when we first think of mission we usually think of ministry in some other part of the world, we also know that the need for us to participate in God's mission is most evident next door. Our call to mission and ministry in Virginia is represented by the following Virginia Advance Specials, which have been chosen for special emphasis by the conference Missional Ministries Board. These mission opportunities provide individuals and churches an opportunity to know that 100 percent of their gift goes directly to the project — another benefit of our United Methodist connection! For more information about these Virginia Conference Advance Specials, visit the conference website at www.vaumc.org/Mission.

Virginia Conference Advance Specials

- 1. Rocky Mount: Henry Fork Service Center:** Henry Fork Service Center seeks to make God's love visible by being a positive Christian presence in the neighborhood south of Rocky Mount, Va. Age appropriate activities for children ages 2-14 include Christian education, academic enrichment, nutrition, recreation and opportunities for the arts.
www.henryforkcenter.org (#5008)
- 2. Roanoke: United Methodist Community Outreach Program:** A direct-service provider for children and youths of poverty in inner-city Roanoke. It addresses basic needs of poverty such as food and clothing, and provides a safe environment for children and youths in dealing with issues of violence, racism, drug and alcohol abuse. ...
..... (#5004)
www.communityoutreachroanoke.org
- 3. Virginia Conference Disaster Response and Recovery:** Coordinates preparation, response and recovery in the conference during times of disaster. This addresses the personnel needed, equipment required and Christian witness that is desired in such situations.
vacdrt1@gmail.com (#5037)
- 4. Eastern Shore: Agape Christian Children's Community Center, Inc.:** An outreach ministry to children at high risk for abuse, neglect and school dropout on the Eastern Shore. Sharing Christ through programs like preschool, Vacation Bible School and computer training.
doughchild@gmail.com (#5020)
- 5. Arlington: GRACE Ministries of The United Methodist Church:** A network of six churches in the Arlington District. Provides support and empowers the low-income immigrant community in northern Virginia through its ministries, distribution and job-training classes.
mreal@florismc.org (#5035)
www.graceministriesumc.org
- 6. Northern Virginia: ESL and Immigrant Ministries:** A network of churches offering English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to northern Virginia immigrant communities. Provides volunteer recruitment, student recruitment and administrative support for its partner ESL programs.
www.eslim.org (#5036)

(Below) Youths at Melrose UMC in the Northern Neck of VA got a taste of homeless living by spending a night in a box before serving the homeless in Richmond through Teens Opposing Poverty.



- 7. **Teens Opposing Poverty, Inc. (TOPS):** Provides opportunities for youths to serve and share Christ to the poor and homeless. (#5010)
www.teensopposingpoverty.org
- 8. **Virginia: Heart Havens:** Provides residential support for adults with intellectual disabilities through a network of 12 homes across Virginia. Heart Havens' homes offer a Christian, faith-based home environment, empowering individuals to be independent, contributing citizens in their community.
www.hearthavens.org (#6442)
- 9. **Lynchburg: Park View Community Mission:** The United Methodist Church's Four Areas of Focus converge at Park View Community Mission, an outreach ministry of the Lynchburg District.
parkviewmission@gmail.com..... (#5019)
www.parkviewcommunitymission.org
- 10. **Portsmouth: Wesley Community Service Center:** A national mission institution related to the United Methodist Women, Inc., offering programs and services in the tradition of the historic settlement house movement in America, aimed at empowering the poor and marginalized while conveying a message of human dignity and worth for all persons. (#5025)
wesley@wesley.hrcoxmail.com
- 11. **Virginia: Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries of Virginia:** Ministry whose mission and vision is to take Disciple Bible studies to the inmates of every state and federal prison in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
dbomofva@gmail.com..... (#5029)

- www.disciplebibleoutreach.org
- 12. **Pathways:** Advancing community restoration, spiritual and physical health, and economic growth in Petersburg through partnerships. Programs include youth and workforce development, affordable green housing production, civic engagement, and free specialty health services. (#5045)
www.pathways-va.org
- 13. **Charlottesville: Tuesday's Table:** An outreach ministry that provides meals to the hungry in the community. (#5024)
www.stanardsvilleumc.org
- 14. **Alexandria: Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church:** This ministry meets the needs of the poor through programs such as food, clothing, emergency assistance, after school care and others. The programs are run by volunteers. (#5043)
www.risinghopeumc.org
- 15. **Caretakers of God's Creation:** Virginia Conference Bd. Of Church and Society project that develops and promotes resources for churches to become "Green Churches" in their efforts to become environmentally sustainable. (#5016)
jaydeehanson@gmail.com
- 16. **Highland Support Project:** HSP networks Indigenous communities of the Americas with financial, technical and political support to enlarge people's freedom and

opportunities and improve their well-being. (#5007)
ben@highlandsupportproject.org

- 17. **Journey Community Center:** A multi-program mission of Journey Church to at risk children and adults in rural western Amelia County. (#5009)
director@jccenter.org
- 18. **Proclaiming Grace Outreach:** Provides a holistic approach to the needs of the community by providing food, clothing and other services to help the disadvantaged and those with economic hardships in Barhamsville, VA..... (#5011)
jcrouse@yahoo.com
- 19. **Una Familia:** Ministry of the Eastern Shore District serving migrant and immigrant families in the areas of after school tutoring, translation, accompaniment and advocacy. (#5027)
veronicabarrell@vaumc.org
- 20. **Crossroads Mission Center:** A mission center of the Rappahannock River District providing worship (Messy Church), missional outreach in the form of food, clothing, hygiene supplies and school tutoring in King William County. (#5028)
www.crossroadsmissioncenter.org

Virginia Advance Special that is also supported through General Board of Global Ministries

- **Arlington: Just Neighbors Ministry:** Offering immigration legal services to low-income immigrant communities. Also, involved in bringing immigrant and non-immigrant communities together through community clinics. (#803002)
www.justneighbors.org