

# LIVING WATERS

A DISTRICT IN THE  
VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## The Living Waters District eJournal



The Living Waters District Office will be closed April 3 - 7, 2023. We will reopen on Monday, April 10 at 9:00 a.m. In case of an emergency, please leave a message at (804) 732-2538.

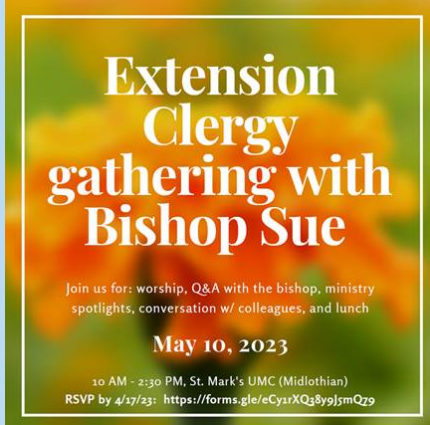


Did you miss Bishop Sue's "Skunk on the Table" videos? You can watch it here!!!

[Click here](#)

**Extension Clergy Gathering with Bishop Sue: May 10, 10am-2:30pm at St. Mark's UMC (Midlothian).**

Join for a time of worship, Q&A with our new bishop, ministry spotlights, conversation and connection with extension clergy colleagues, plenty of



coffee, and a catered lunch.

Clear your calendar and get yourself there, and the rest will be taken care of.

We hope this will be a relaxing and rejuvenating day of connection.

Questions, contact Deborah

Lewis: [deborahlewis@vaumc.org](mailto:deborahlewis@vaumc.org)

RSVP by

4/17/23: <https://forms.gle/eCy1rXQ38y9J5mQ79>

## A direct and compelling headline



## New Podcast Alert!!

The VAUMC Connection is launching a new podcast! The **Wednesday Wisdom: Sermons from Last Week!** Did you give a sermon and want to give it a second life? VAUMC is looking for your sermons to post as podcasts each week. It will be a chance to bring the Word to the mid-week slump between Sundays, but also give a spotlight to the hard work VAUMC pastors put in for Sunday mornings!

You can submit your sermons by filling out the form here - <https://forms.gle/AZHVXT4rBMeCXjsY8> or on the Digital Hub page on the VAUMC website!

# Conference News



 United as One in  
**MISSION**  
2023 VAUMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 241st Session of the Virginia Annual Conference will be held in-person from Thursday, June 15 – Saturday, June 17, 2023, at the Berglund Center in Roanoke, Va.

The Book of Reports will be available online in early May. You can request a physical copy until April 28 to be delivered by mid-May. **Fill out this form to get a physical copy.** Limited printed copies will be available at the June AC in Roanoke for purchase.

Display Area space is now available to reserve for the 2023 Annual Conference session.

Guidelines for the Display Area space are available

**Reserve an area at this link by April 21:**  
**<https://na.eventscloud.com/746103>.**

## Book of Reports



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The Living Waters District will again collect UMCOR kits as part of the Virginia Conference efforts in June. Start **NOW** making plans to collect items and assemble kits for the following three UMCOR kits (click on each to see all the

details)

- **Cleaning Kits ("Flood Buckets")**
- **Hygiene Kits**
- **Menstrual Hygiene Kit ("Period Pack")**

We will have two collection sites for UMCOR kits:

- **Western side - Farmville UMC** (212 High Street, Farmville, VA 23901) will collect kits Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am-1:00 pm (enter off Randolph Street). **The deadline for kits is Monday, June 5th from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.** Questions? Contact Rev. Susie Thomas [SusieThomas@vaumc.org](mailto:SusieThomas@vaumc.org) or call (434) 392-4686.
- **Eastern side - Living Waters District Office** (11605 S. Crater Rd, Petersburg, VA 23805) will collect kits on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. **The deadline for kits is Monday, June 5th from 9:00 am-4:00 pm.** Questions? Contact Tish Borden [TishBorden@vaumc.org](mailto:TishBorden@vaumc.org) or Thelma "Peanut" Watts [ThelmaWatts@vaumc.org](mailto:ThelmaWatts@vaumc.org) or call (804) 732-2538.

As part of this Annual Conference mission, please support your local food pantries with non-perishable canned goods. Check with your church for details.

Don't forget to send pictures of your church's kit assembly/delivery and food drives to our Communications Coordinator, Terri Rosser [TerriRosser@vaumc.org](mailto:TerriRosser@vaumc.org) so she may include them on our Facebook page and upcoming Praises and Thanks Newsletters.

Additional details and FAQs may be found on the VA Conference website: **Annual Conference Kits and Cans | VAUMC**



## Green Church Awards

We are accepting nominations for the 2023 Virginia Annual Conference Green Church Award and the Sustaining Green Church Award. Please complete the nomination applications by 14 May 2023. I've included for you the nomination application links below.

God calls us people of flourishing love, hope, and renewal. One way United Methodists participate in the restoration and transformation of this world is by caring for God's good creation. In 2009, the Virginia Annual Conference established the Green Church Initiative and called our churches to "green" their ministries. To recognize the continuing work of creation care in the Virginia Annual Conference, we are asking for nominations to receive the Green Church and Sustaining Green Church Award during the Virginia Annual Conference during June 15-17, 2023 session.

We seek to recognize new awards recipients with the Green Church Award and previous recipients with the Sustaining Green Church Award; both recipients strive to affirm the importance of healing and defending God's creation in their mission as local congregations. They are engaged in this ministry in the following ways:

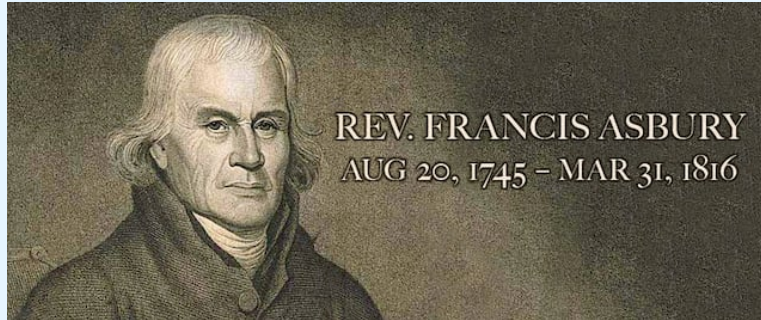
1. Worship; 2. Learning and teaching; 3. Individual and congregational lifestyle; and 4. Community, national, and global advocacy/involvement.

Please complete the nomination applications below by 14 May 2023 and send any questions to Brian Christoffersen at [redceltic2010@gmail.com](mailto:redceltic2010@gmail.com)

**VAUMC Board of Church and Society Green Church Award**  
Application <https://forms.gle/F3LeDYwRr529TwQy5>

**VAUMC Board of Church and Society Sustaining Green Church Award**  
Application <https://forms.gle/9HkB56u4JXPy8zZcA>

Thank you, Brian Christoffersen, Chair Caretakers of God's Creation, and the Rev. James Page, Chair VAUMC Board of Church and Society.

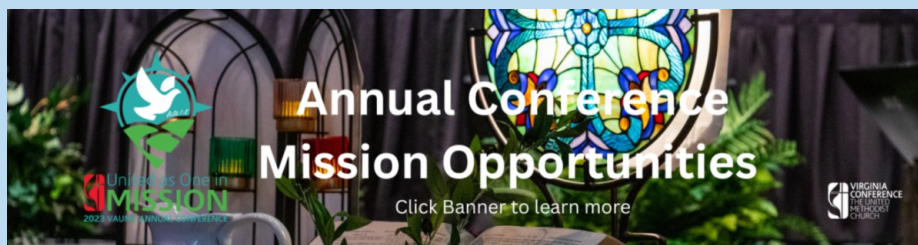


## Francis Asbury Award Nominations

Nominations for the Francis Asbury Award, presented annually during the June session of the annual conference, are due April 10. This award recognizes a lay or clergy person who has supported and encouraged United Methodist collegiate ministry. Nominations go to the General Board of Higher Education, and the conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry reviews nominations and determines the recipient.

For more information, or to submit a nomination, use this link: <https://www.gbhem.org/education-leaders/collegiate-ministry/francis-asbury-award/>

If you have questions, please contact Rev. Ryan LaRock, chair of the conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry ( [ryan.larock@deepcreekumc.org](mailto:ryan.larock@deepcreekumc.org)).



2023

## Mission Opportunities on conference website

Mission Opportunities provided throughout the Annual Conference allow the churches to maximize the impact in transforming the world through the connectional system. Each year, Virginia Conference offers Mission Opportunities for the over 1,000 churches to 'Unite in Mission' as we serve our Lord together. Below you will find information on how we, serving together, can become a 'blessing to this world' (Gen 12:3).

**[Learn More](#)**

# Announcements



## SUNRISE SERVICES

We are thankful for everyone who takes the time to share your church's events with the VAUMC!

This year as we prepare to celebrate Easter, we would love to highlight all of the Sunrise Services taking place with an interactive map.

The goal is for individuals who want to know where the closest Sunrise Service to them is located.

Here is the page for the interactive map: <https://vaumc.org/easter2023/>

To add your church's Sunrise Service, please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/TftDc1ipxaFhmkaM9>



Have you heard what is happening at **Journey Community Center**?

[Follow their story!](#)

## New webpage to highlight VAUMC clergy books

A new webpage on the conference website will share books written by VAUMC clergy (books focusing on faith, UM mission, ministry, and polity) as a way to share with conference clergy and laity potential resources for individual and group study. Clergy can share their information by

emailing [communications@vaumc.org](mailto:communications@vaumc.org). Books listed on the webpage are not endorsed by the conference. [Learn more:](#)

## Youth Events



**HIGHLAND SUPPORT PROJECT**  
WITH  
THE PACE CENTER AT VCU

**Young Adult Trip**  
Santa Catarina, Guatemala

- Stove Building
- Maya Arts Program- working with indigenous schools
- Coffee Coop Tour
- Fellowship with young adults outside your congregation

**\$1300 not including airfare**

**June 24-July 1  
2023**

Email [hello@highlandpartners.org](mailto:hello@highlandpartners.org) to sign up!

### HIGHLAND SUPPORT PROJECT

A Richmond based Advance Special of the UMC. We have partnered with indigenous communities for over 30 years to facilitate cross cultural exchange and transformational development alongside the Pace Center at VCU. We are putting together a young adult mission trip for high school and college students in Virginia to Guatemala this summer. The cost of the trip is \$1,300, not including airfare. For additional information, contact Rebecca Andrews.

**Rebecca Andrews**  
**Highland Support Project**  
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[highlandsupportproject.org](http://highlandsupportproject.org)  
[rebecca@highlandsupportproject.org](mailto:rebecca@highlandsupportproject.org)



Go ahead and mark your calendars to come mentor with us next summer at All God's Children Camp. Below are the dates. Please email Lori Smith at [agcc@vaumc.org](mailto:agcc@vaumc.org) for more information.

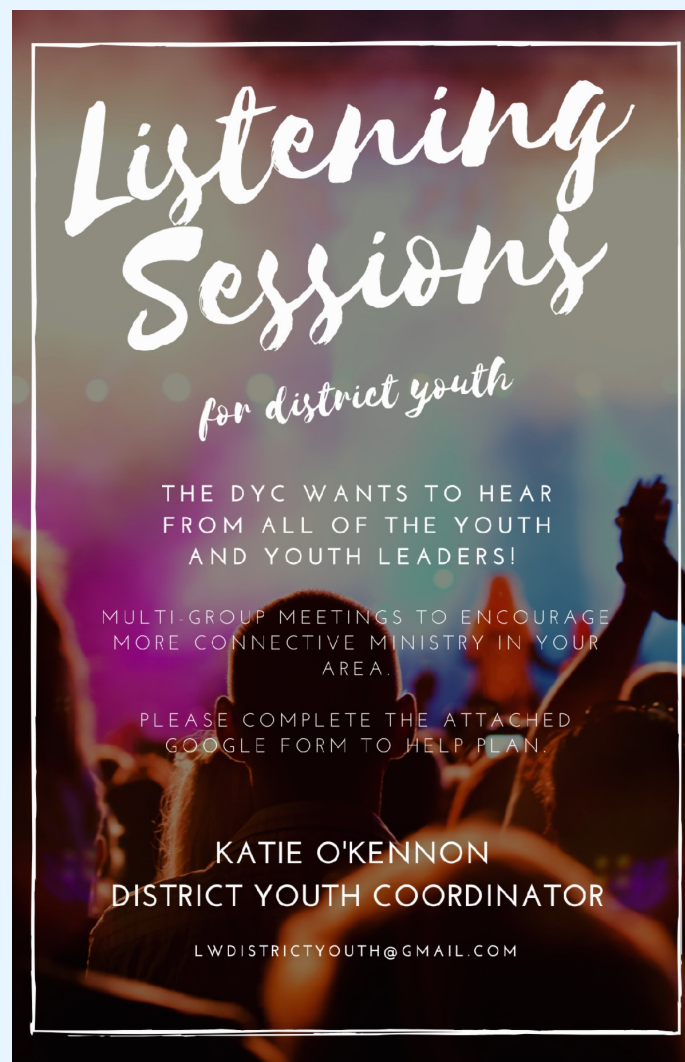
Camp Chanco-June 18-23  
Camp OOTB-August 6-11  
Camp Chanco August 13-18

Lori Smith, Coordinator  
All God's Children Camp  
P.O. Box 8506  
Glen Allen, VA 23058

## Mentors needed for summer camps

All God's Children Camp is looking for mentors this summer. There are three opportunities to serve: June 18-23, August 6-11, and August 13-18. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve locally. Also, this is a great mission trip for youth groups and other small groups and it's free. Please contact Camp Coordinator **Lori Smith** for more information. A ministry of the Virginia Annual Conference, All God's Children Camp is a weeklong overnight camp for children ages 7 to 12, with an incarcerated parent. Campers have an opportunity to participate in all the physical activities the camp has to offer such as boating, swimming, hiking, archery, music, crafts, and Bible study, along with a conflict resolution/self-esteem-building class. [Learn more...](#)

For more information, check the website at [www.vaumc.org/agcc/](http://www.vaumc.org/agcc/) or contact Lori Smith [agcc@vaumc.org](mailto:agcc@vaumc.org)



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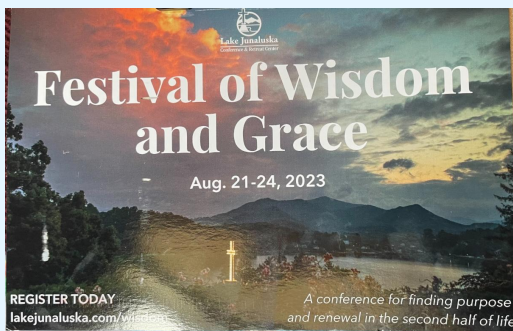




## Lake Junaluska to hold three women retreats in 2023

Lake Junaluska will host three Journey to Joy Women's Retreats in 2023, bringing women together for meaningful weekends of laughter, sharing, worship and fellowship. [Learn more...](#)

Offered in partnership with Leigh Young, author of "Journey to Joy: A Seven-Week Path to the Joyous Life God Intended" and "Lessons from the Letters," the retreats will be held Aug. 25-27, and Nov. 10-12. Lake Junaluska in North Carolina is a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind and body. All are welcome at the beloved retreat center nestled in the mountains of Western North Carolina. The 1,200-acre property is perfect for personal getaways, family vacations, conferences, retreats, weddings and reunions.



Join us for the Festival of Wisdom & Grace  
**Aug. 21-24, 2023**  
 Worship | Learning | Workshops | Recreation | Fellowship

Come to beautiful Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center for the Festival of Wisdom and Grace.

Through worship, workshops and teaching, gain insight about Jesus' experiences as we explore the 2023 theme, "Strong Roots, Bright Future: Our Jewish Roots."

Plus, renew your spirit and make new friends as we pray at the Cross, enjoy lake devotional walks, and discuss topics from leaving a legacy to sharing our stories.

**Workshops**

- Messianic Prophecies "Bless The Lord, O My Soul"
- The 5th Gospel: The Geography Of Israel
- Jewish Grief Traditions
- Remembering Your Story - Sharing Your Legacy
- Generous Living - Time, Talent, And Treasure
- Finishing Well

Rev. Dr. Bob Rambo  
 Conference Preacher

Ellen F. Davis  
 Keynote Speaker

Marty Goetz  
 In Concert

REGISTER TODAY | lakejunaluska.com/wisdom | 800-222-4930

## PENNIES FOR POUNDS!!!

Lent Fundraiser for Veteran Suicide Prevention. Click the link below to learn more and support this worthy cause.

[Click here](#)

**UNITED METHODIST MEN**  
**UNITED METHODIST MEN/VAUMC**  
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# JOYS!!!!

We rejoice in the marriage of Stan Covington

Joys

and Terri Anders on Saturday, March 11, 2023.  
Stan is the Lay Pastor serving the Prince Edward  
Charge. We wish them all the best!

Congratulations to Tish and Jim Borden, new  
grandparents to Elliott James Borden, born  
March 17, 2023.



## Prayer Requests

The Family of Rev. David Lee Wade

The Family of Rev. Dr. Lewis H. Morgan

Rev. Jasmyn Graham, our campus minister  
at VSU, lost her grandmother who raised  
her, Edith Mack, on March 11, 2023.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/the-tandd/name/edith-mack-obituary?id=50809694>

Churches and Pastors in transition

Please send your prayer requests  
to [terrirosser@vaumc.org](mailto:terrirosser@vaumc.org)



# NewsLetter DEADLine

April 18th, 2023

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