

DISTRICT NEWS

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From Your District Superintendent:

*Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.”
Esther 4:14b (NRSV)*

Recently, Eastern Mennonite Seminary had a Leadership Event: “Thriving in the Stormy Seas of Change.” I was invited to be a presenter for a workshop, “In Such a Time as This.” We live in a time of great division, and often we find this polarization mirrored in the church. Social media, the person sitting next to us in church, our neighbor, our coworker and even members of our family have a very different perspective politically and theologically, and conflict seems to take over. As Christians, we are called to love one another. How do we love God and neighbor?

During my presentation, I used the Book of Esther, which I always find fascinating, as she is called in a time such as this to deliver her people living in exile, and save them from a decree made by King Xerxes that would exterminate all the Jews living in the land. She risks her life in order to save the people.



During my presentation, I also used a 1948 short film called, “Chicken Little.” In that film Chicken Little is tricked to believe the sky is falling and convinces the entire community, with the help of Foxy Loxy, that indeed the sky is falling and the need to seek immediate refuge. The film was created to demonstrate that fear is a tool used to control the masses.

In the Book of Esther, Haman uses fear with King Xerxes in order to convince him that such a decree is needed. We know the end of the story and it is one where justice prevails. But the end for Chicken Little is not a happy one.

The difference is that Queen Esther is God’s instrument in such a time as this and she responds to God’s call. Although God is not mentioned in the Book of Esther, we see God’s action. I believe we are so blessed in the Harrisonburg District and in the Virginia Conference. We have pastors and laity that recognize that we live in difficult times. We recognize that we strive in the stormy seas of change and adversity, in a time such as this, but we also recognize that we are God’s instruments and that God is in control. We love God with all our hearts and minds and souls and we love all of our neighbors and embrace one another by sharing the love Jesus continues to teach us.



Please keep the delegates of the Special General Conference in your prayers. I pray for the unity of the church. I pray that the Holy Spirit is active throughout the Conference. I pray that we allow the Holy Spirit to be present. I pray that any hidden agendas are put aside. I pray that The United Methodist Church shows to the entire world that we share God’s love to all and that we stay united despite our differences, but especially that we take back our mission to the frontline. We have been distracted, so let us make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Join me in prayer. God has called us to be leaders in such a time as this. The sky is not falling. God is in control.

I plan to wake up on February 27th, have my daily devotional and get ready to come to the District Office to continue the task God has placed in my heart in making disciples in the great Harrisonburg District of The United Methodist Church.

Yours in Christ,
Victor Gómez



A challenge to read the Bible in 2019
Bible Readings for February

In 2017 participants were asked to read the Bible straight through and in 2018 you were asked to read the Bible chronologically. For 2019 the Bible challenge will be a blended style of reading, a mixture of Old Testament readings and New Testament each day.

February 1	Isaiah 28-29; Mark 7:1-13	February 16	Isaiah 65-66; Mark 14:54-72
February 2	Isaiah 30-31; Mark 7:14-37	February 17	Exodus 1-3; Mark 15:1-25
February 3	Isaiah 32-33; Mark 8	February 18	Exodus 4-6; Mark 15: 26-47
February 4	Isaiah 34-36; Mark 9:1-29	February 19	Exodus 7-8; Mark 16
February 5	Isaiah 37-38; Mark 9:30-50	February 20	Exodus 9-11; 1Thessalonians 1
February 6	Isaiah 39-40; Mark 10:1-31	February 21	Exodus 12-13; 1 Thessalonians 2
February 7	Isaiah 41-42; Mark 10:32-52	February 22	Exodus 14-15; 1 Thessalonians 3
February 8	Isaiah 43-44; Mark 11:1-18	February 23	Exodus 16-18; 1 Thessalonians 4
February 9	Isaiah 45-46; Mark 11:19-33	February 24	Exodus 19-20; 1 Thessalonians 5
February 10	Isaiah 47-49; Mark 12:1-27	February 25	Exodus 21-22; 2 Thessalonians 1
February 11	Isaiah 50-52; Mark 12:28-44	February 26	Exodus 23-24; 2 Thessalonians 2
February 12	Isaiah 53-55; Mark 13:1-20	February 27	Exodus 25-26; 2 Thessalonians 3
February 13	Isaiah 56-58; Mark 13:21-37	February 28	Exodus 27-28; Philemon
February 14	Isaiah 59-61; Mark 14:1-26		
February 15	Isaiah 62-64; Mark 14: 27-53		

[resource: www.vaumc.org > office & staff > Bishop > 2019 Bible Challenge]

From the District Director of Congregational Vitality Gordon Meriwether:



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May Our God, Most Merciful and Holy, hold us close and breathe into us the Spirit of God's Community.

It is no secret; certainly not requiring clairvoyant thought or a sudden "Great Awakening" in the Harrisonburg District, that the foundation of our denomination traces its roots back to one word: Community. Maybe you call it connection, society, class, circuit, charge, church or even district, regardless of how it is painted, Methodism and United Methodism, have been and always will be grounded in Community, a community based on love and outreach and inclusion and support.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25

We are all privileged to serve the Lord within the Harrisonburg District in these times of difficult discernment. The voice of the Lord is calling to us NOW to embrace our Community based on the writings and teachings of those Apostles and saints who have gone before us and those that stand in the unity of the Lord in leadership and prayer, in the presence of the Holy Spirit in the face of the confusion and opportunity ahead. Today we are all called in discernment. . .to stand as Methodist in loving communities of hope and promise.



"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he [or she] has receive to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks he [or she] should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he [or she] should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised." 1 Peter 4:8-11

In this month of February 2019 with urgent conference and committee before us, remember the legacy of community and fellowship that have graced us in these times as devoted followers and true believers of Christ, Our Lord, this Jesus of Nazareth. And let us be encouraged in Him.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42, 44

May the Lord Jesus, the Christ bless you in the Spirit of His Holy Community.

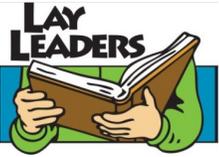
So Be It.

In Christ, *Gordon*

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Balance Devotion—v. 1.0

When my sisters and I were growing up in the 1950s and 60s both of our parents worked and we spent our summers on my Grandmother's farm just outside of Stanley in Page County. On the old US 340 highway going south out of Luray towards Stanley, there was a pasture with a blue and white sign saying, "Sins pays wages. The wages of sin is death! Romans 6:23". Every time I went by that sign I shuddered. Just so you all know, I didn't shudder enough to do anything about it; no, that would come some 20 years later, in a country half way

around the world.

Looking back, it seems ironic, that the comfort I was looking for was in the very same verse. In its entirety, Romans 6:23 reads, "*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*". Focusing on the first half of Romans 6:23 - the Law, to the exclusion of the second half - Grace - or vice versa, seriously dilutes God's message to us. We must balance both parts to be in harmony with God's will. Since the Lord meets each of us at our individual point of need, we shouldn't be surprised when we realize that others might have a different balance point between Law and Grace. That doesn't make one of us wrong and the other right, rather we can, and do, interpret Scripture differently and we both can be right.

God's word and promise through His Son is a two-edged sword - it is grace and judgment. The entire Bible is about 'Balance'. When I was active in the Kairos Prison in Texas, one of the 'inside-brothers' favorite songs was an Andre Crouch song entitled, "Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus, He's My Friend". This most certainly is correct, but at the same time, Jesus is also "King of Kings and Lord of Lords and He shall reign forever and ever" - to quote George F. Handel in the Oratorio, "Messiah".

Again, we can all have different balance points on how we view Jesus at any particular point of time in our lives. In fact, I am more concerned when everyone around me has the same balance point - we just might be missing something! One excellent way to minimize this potential is what John Wesley called 'Christian Conferencing'.

At the 2018 Virginia UMC Annual Conference this past June, Conference Elder and Commission on the Way Forward (COWF) Member, the Rev. Tom Berlin, remarked that the differences of opinion between opposing views of the LGBTQ issues currently confronting the UMC was actually a question of balance between Law and Grace - and that our differences were a matter of how we each interpret Scripture.

Remember, this is a discussion between sincere, believing Christians. And it is our individual balance points between the Law and Grace that determines how each of us view the three options submitted by the COWF to the Council of Bishops. That report is available for all to read on the Virginia Conference of the UMC website. I highly recommend each of us take the time to read the report—reading to understand the different points of view they represent - and not just to pick them apart. Ask yourself the question, "How does my balance point between the Law and Grace affect my view of the recommendations?"

All of us can be believers and have different balance points between the Law and Grace - and that is based on our individual interpretation of Scripture. The task at hand is to first determine where our balance point is - realizing that it can and will change depending on our specific circumstances and throughout our lives. Personally, my balance point started very close to the Law - and has continues to move toward Grace in the ensuring 39 years since becoming a believer.



My favorite stanza of Christian music (and all music for that matter) is the third stanza of the John Newton classic, "Amazing Grace" which goes:

Thru many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home."

I have often pondered why I am so drawn to this particular verse. Now I'm finally beginning to understand why. . .

The important thing to remember is we should always take heed to the church sign I once saw, "Love your neighbor, I'll sort 'em out later - God"

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. AMEN

Joe Amend

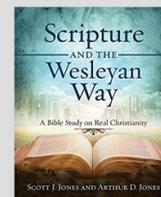
Harrisonburg District Co-District Lay Leader



From Sue MacTavish, District Librarian

February 2019 featured item:

Scripture and the Wesleyan Way: A Bible Study on Real Christianity
By Scott J. Jones and Arthur D. Jones, 2018.



The Bible was central to John Wesley's faith and the Christian movement he founded. In *Scripture and the Wesleyan Way*, you will discover a Wesleyan approach to the Bible and Christian life through a Bible study using Wesley's own words.

In this 8 week study, authors Scott and Arthur Jones use John Wesley's sermons to illuminate the Bible passages at the heart of Wesley's understanding of what it means to be a real Christian. Each chapter explores a key Scripture text and one of Wesley's sermons on it. Through their insightful and engaging study, Bishop Jones and his son Arthur show how the teachings of Wesley address questions that many of us in the twenty-first century still struggle with today.

The District Library has the book, leaders guide and the DVD. This study can be found in the Bible/Bible Studies section of the District Library.



Stop by the District Office and "check out" the library. Please remember to check out library items by signing the book card in the pocket with your name and church and date—you may keep items as long as you need—but remember to return when finished so that others may borrow.

Thanks, Sue

Conversations on "A Way Forward" for United Methodism on the Harrisonburg District



On **Sunday, February 3rd** and again **February 10th** there will be presentations and discussions on "The Commission on a Way Forward" and the General Conference discussion on human sexuality. Both meetings will be at **2 p.m. (Please note change in time.)** at Asbury Church, co-hosted by Pastor Adam Blagg of Otterbein Church and Pastor Steve Hay of Asbury Church. The meetings will be in room 300, also called Slaven Hall.

On **February 3rd** the presentation will be about the options and the decisions before the General Conference, and some of the potential consequences of the plans. There will be opportunities for questions and discussions. This first meeting will focus more on the institutional questions.

On **February 10th** the presentation will be about the theological issues raised by the topic of human sexuality. The values informing the three plans will be lifted up and brief reflections on Biblical/theological approaches will be offered. Again there will be opportunities for questions and discussions around the tables. This second meeting will focus more on the personal questions.

All are invited to join in both meetings on the first two Sundays of February at 2:00 p.m. in room 300 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 205 South Main Street, Harrisonburg.



Visit Harrisonburg District on Facebook: [Harrisonburg District of VaUMC](#)

NOTE: [NEW Harrisonburg District webpage: www.harrisonburgdistrictumc.org](#)



VALLEY VISION DAY

February 16

9:30AM - 3:30PM

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2179 STUARTS DRAFT HWY
STUARTS DRAFT, VA 24477

A Fresh Expression is a form of church for our changing culture, established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet members of any church. It will come into being through principles of listening, service, contextual mission and making disciples. It will have the potential to become a mature expression of church shaped by the gospel and the enduring marks of the church and for its cultural context. (p. 3-4, Fresh Expressions, A New Kind of Methodist Church for People Not in Church)

A Vision Day is a one-day training event that provides an opportunity to discover what it means to be the Church in new and creative ways, hear from Fresh Expressions practitioners, learn how to renew existing congregations through fresh expressions of church, and discern what this could mean for your region, community, or neighborhood. There is active discussion as well as opportunity to build networks and relationship among those in your area.

Register today: FreshExpressionsUS.org/event/ValleyVisionDayStaunton
\$25/person for affiliate of the Virginia Conference of the UMC
\$35/person for General Admission

Ticket includes lunch

A .5 CEU will be available

[Please see attachment for information regarding this event.]



Bishop Sharma Lewis will be holding her **Chat 'n Chew** sessions around the conference with clergy and laity once again in 2019. The Harrisonburg District's session will be on **March 23, 2019** (Charlottesville, Harrisonburg, Staunton, Winchester Districts) at **St. Paul's UMC in Staunton**. Time to be announced.

Please reserve this date!



The Harrisonburg District Office will follow the Harrisonburg City School closings for inclement weather this winter. If the Harrisonburg City Schools are closed, the Harrisonburg District Office will also be closed.

District Council on Ministries

The **District Council on Ministries Executive Committee** will be meeting in 2019 on March 28; April 27-Retreat at Asbury UMC 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; DCOM Dinner at Camp Overlook, May 30, arrive at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. [note change in date and times] ; August 29; and November 21. All meetings, unless otherwise noted, will be at the District Office at 7:00 p.m. Please see information below on the Ministry Teams. *Rev. Bob Talbott, DCOM Chairperson*



Faith Development Ministry Team: The team members for 2019 are: Tommy Crosby, Kemper Dadisman, Scott Dillard, Dale Dodrill, Becky Downey, Victor Gómez, Sharon Harold, Gordon Meriwether, Annie Pierce, Kevin Poeckert, and Phil Secrist.



MISSIONS

Mission and Outreach Ministry Team: Team members for 2019 are Artie Frederick; Delores Reid; Brian Posey; Ann Homan; Victor Gómez, Louise Jennings; Mary Lock; Elizabeth Neff; Mary Jane Rawley; Lydia Weeks; and Bill Lalla.



Mission Central's Children's Clothes Closet: What an exciting year 2018 has been for Mission Central.

The completion of our building stands as an example of sisters and brothers in Christ united in serving our Lord. Many members of our community have been blessed by their hard work and faithfulness. In 2018 we helped 387 families, 832 children, (children can receive clothing once a month), 801 visits to Mission Central, clothing given out 2,335 times and 27,700 individual diapers. None of this would have been possible without the support of our churches. We have received two grants, one from Wal-Mart and one from the Methodist Foundation. These grants will help us purchase needed supplies. We are currently waiting for our water to be available, but like everything else it will happen. Thank you again to all the helping hands who have served this past year. We look forward to be blessed with new volunteers in 2019 as we continue to serve our community and our Lord.

Artie Frederick, Sub-Committee Chairperson, 208-7669



Mission Central's Medical Equipment for Caring Loaner Closet: Our medical equipment loaner closet remains open at Mission Central, 1704 Smithland Road, Harrisonburg on **Mondays, 9 a.m. -12 noon** and **Thursdays 5-7 p.m.** with persons from the community finding and using our donated medical equipment. We still need donations if you have these in your home and we especially need shower chairs or benches. We are interested in lift recliner chairs if you have one you would like to donate. Also as a reminder, if you have received equipment from the loaner closet and no longer need it, please return it so someone else can use it. We still

need volunteers to help, so please consider this as something you might help with in giving of your time during the hours we are open to the public or being one of the persons who helps in the delivery and set up of hospital beds. You may contact Delores Reid, 540-383-6112, with questions or information.

Delores Reid, Medical Equipment Sub-Committee Chairperson



To reach Mission Central's Children's Clothes Closet and the Medical Equipment for Caring Loaner Closet by phone is as easy as calling the District Office at **433-2382**! You will be connected to a voice mailbox for each of these ministries to leave a message. If you call the district office and no one answers, you may leave a message by **pressing 300 for the Medical Equipment for Caring Loaner Closet** and Delores Reid will pick up your message and return your call. You may leave a message for the **Children's Clothes Closet by pressing 301** and Artie Frederick will receive your message and return your call. We hope this will make your correspondence with these two vital district ministries easier.

Bill Lalla, Mission & Outreach Ministry Team Leader, billlalla@gmail.com



Attention Local Church Treasurers: Please remember the District "Askings" funds are to be sent to the District Treasurer JoAnn Liskey, 4856 Shen Lake Drive, Rockingham, VA 22801. *Please do NOT send these funds with your Conference and District Apportionments to the Conference Treasurer's Office.* Thank you for your

attention to this detail.



February 3 & 10 (Sundays) - **March 4** (Monday) - Partners in Ministry [PiM] Vision of Conversations on "A Way Forward", Asbury UMC, 2:00 p.m. [NOTE the time change!]

February 4 (Monday) - Partners in Ministry [PiM], Sunset Drive UMC-Broadway, 9:00 a.m.*

February 5 (Tuesday) - District Lay Servants Committee, District Office, 7:00 p.m.*

February 16 (Saturday) - Valley Visioning Day, Calvary UMC-Stuarts Draft, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.*

February 23-26 (Sat-Tues) - Called General Conference at The Dome, part of the America's Center Convention Complex in St. Louis, Missouri*

February 28 (Thursday) - District Committee on the Ordained Ministry, Asbury UMC, 9:00 a.m.

March 2 (Saturday) - DUMW Spiritual Life Retreat, McGaheysville UMC, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

March 8-9 (Fri-Sat) - Clergy Spouse Retreat, Blessings Lodge-Camp Overlook*

March 23 (Saturday) - Bishop Lewis' Chat 'n Chew Session, St. Paul UMC-Staunton, time to be announced*

March 28 (Thursday) - District Committee on the Ordained Ministry, District Office, 9:00 a.m.

March 28 (Thursday) - District Council on Ministries, District Office, 7:00 p.m.*

March 30 (Saturday) - District-wide UMM Breakfast, Christ UMC-Shenandoah, 10:00 a.m.*

March 30 (Saturday) - District Lay Servant Training, Woodstock UMC, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

**Denotes related article elsewhere in this newsletter*



Partners in Ministry [PiM] will meet on **Monday, February 4th at Sunset Drive UMC in Broadway at 9:00 a.m.** Two programs will be presented. A program entitled, "A Way Forward-General Conference 2019", will be presented by Beth Christian, Director of Congregational Vitality for the Staunton District, and a Delegate to General Conference.



Virginia United Methodist Foundation staff will present a program on "Stewardship; How to be a Wise Investor; Ways of Giving; and Wills and Trusts". Presenters will be Ted DeSoto, Senior Vice-President for Investing and Stewardship Developing and Chief Operation Officer, and Tommy Herndon, Vice President for Legacy Giving and Stewardship Giving. All clergy are asked to be present.

PiM Executive Committee

United Methodist Women



The **United Methodist Women** invites everyone to attend our **District Spiritual Life Retreat on Saturday, March 2, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at McGaheysville UMC.** Please join us as Laura Douglass, our new District Spiritual Growth Coordinator, presents her program, "Reflecting on Women and the Spirit Spanning Time and Space: A Lens on Early Sisterhood of Grace". The cost is \$12.00 and will include lunch which will be served by the McGaheysville UMW. A registration form is attached to this newsletter. Please mail to Sharon Harold by the deadline of Friday, February 22nd. Everyone is invited to attend. Hope to see you there!

Sharon Harold, Harrisonburg District UMW President, sharold714@aol.com or 540-879-2270



District United Methodist Men President Scott Dillard has completed his term of service. Are you being called to lead District Men's ministry on the Harrisonburg District? If so, please contact the district office (433-2382) for information.



The United Methodist Men at Christ UMC in Shenandoah (211 Central Avenue) invites all men in the Harrisonburg District to a **district-wide FREE breakfast on Saturday, March 30, 10:00 a.m.** Please reserve this date and plan to be present for fellowship with your brothers in Christ.



The **District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries** will meet on **Tuesday, February 5, 7:00 p.m. at the District Office.**

The **Spring Lay Servant Training** will be held on **Saturday, March 30, 2019, at Woodstock United Methodist Church.** The hours will be **9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** The courses being offered are:

- Basic (English and Spanish)
- Living Our Beliefs (UM Heritage)
- Baptism

Cost: \$20 (payable on March 30th) **Advanced registration by Friday, March 15** by contacting Dale Dodrill at cell #770-402-0752 or email: hdumc.layservants@hotmail.com or Brenda Woods, District Administrative Assistant, at 540-433-2382 or e-mail: harrisonburgdistrict@vaumc.org. Classes are open to anyone, not just Lay Servants. **To teach a course, we need a minimum of 6 people registered by March 15th. REGISTER EARLY!**



February is Heart Havens Month!

Heart Havens is a Virginia Conference Advance Special mission that provides support to adults with a developmental disability. Heart Havens empowers people to discover what it is they love and then pursue it. No matter what the goal is, Heart Havens is all about helping the people they support find a way to make their dreams a reality. When we make space for everyone in our churches and communities, we give them a chance to thrive and we often are blessed in return. Your gifts make their empowerment possible!

Visit www.hearthavens.org for additional information.



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Conference Opportunities & News



The Council of Bishops has called a **Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held February 23-26, 2019**, at The Dome, part of the America's Center Convention Complex in **St. Louis, Missouri**. The purpose will be to act on



a report from the Council of Bishops based on the recommendations of the Commission on a Way Forward. The 32-member Commission was appointed to examine in *The Book of Discipline* concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church. Resources about this special session are available on the Virginia Conference website at <https://www.vaumc.org/GC2019> This includes the archived livestream from the September 26 Q & A session featuring Bishop Sharma Lewis, Rev. Tom Berlin, and Ms. Martha Stokes, direct link: <https://livestream.com/VAUMC/COWFQA> Links to the three proposed plans: <https://www.vaumc.org/document.doc?id=3289>

Clergy Spouses Retreat: *Are you anticipating some kind of major transition in 2019? Maybe a new appointment, or retirement, or the results of the February's denominational vote?* This session is designed exclusively for you - the clergy spouse! In confidential and group discussions, prepare your mind and heart with healthy habits and strategies for each phase of a transition. Have fun with other clergy spouses solving real-life scenarios about saying goodbye, dealing with the chaos, and planting new roots. Walk away with meaningful, supportive connections with other clergy spouses.



Julie Anderman has been a clergy spouse in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference for 20 years. She co-founded Artos Retreats two years ago out of a calling to improve the well-being of clergy spouses through connection and learning.



This year's retreat is entitled, "Healthy Transitions for Clergy Spouses". Please mark your calendars now for **Friday, March 8 - Saturday, March 9, 2019, at Blessings Lodge at Camp Overlook**. Cost is \$100 for accommodations and meals, based on double occupancy. Space limited. Questions? Contact Judy Hall at (804) 264-0524.



The 2019 Robert F. Boyd Institute at Virginia Wesleyan University presents "**Leadership: On the Journey with Mission, Vision and Purpose**" with **Bishop Sharma D. Lewis on April 8-9, 2019**. Bishop Lewis will lead participants in exploring the building blocks of developing, communicating, and implementing a vision. Cost is \$75 (accommodations not included). The seminar will award one (1) CEU for clergy from the Virginia Conference. For more information, please contact Kelly Roenker Cordova at 757-455-5709 or kcordova@vwu.edu

2019 Annual Conference, June 20-22 (Thursday-Saturday), Roanoke Berglund Center: The Annual Conference housing letter is now available on the conference website: www.vaumc.org/AC2019

Hotels will NOT accept reservations before Monday, Feb. 11, at 10:00 a.m.

Office of Connectional Ministries, e-mail message 1-31-19

