

**2023 Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions Allocations for  
For the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia**

The designation and distribution of the Alma Hunt Offering (AHO) Funds of \$500,000 are allocated by WMUV in the following manner:

**1. Missions & Ministry \$307,150**

Missions and Ministry encompasses the highest percentages of the AHO designated for the work of WMUV. Direct ministry initiatives, leadership development for the participants and camping experiences is our core work. Further itemization is detailed below:

***Mission Projects/Training/Partners/Events* \$60,750**

WMUV missions and leadership development sponsored events are coordinated for all age-levels including all our specialized adult audiences: Multicultural and African American audiences. In addition, this line-item provides financial support to The Latino Network of Pastors Retreat held at CrossRoads as a part of their efforts to develop leaders. WMUV events include SHINE, Mom & Me, The Women's Get Away, Young Women's Retreat, Preplanning for a Family Legacy Day, HOPE Training: Trauma Informed Churches at CrossRoads, and a Sisters Who Care Spring Retreat.

WMUV supports its own ministry partnerships and other missionary endeavors in collaboration with strategic partners such as the local church and the Baptist General Association. Funds are made available to provide grants to churches for meeting their community needs such as feeding the hungry, home repair for the elderly, community gardens and other project. Projects HELP with National WMU focus on refugees as the current social issues resources the church. Our strategic partnerships with the Missions Development Team of the Baptist General Association this year will include our work with Bridges for Hope in SW Virginia, on the Eastern Shore, Refugee Partnership overseas in Lebanon and Austria, and Italy. WMUV solely leads in the work at Standing Rock in the Dakotas and supports self-supporting BGAV Venturers, Randy and Maria Lynn as Virginia Missionaries to Standing Rock as self-supporting missionaries. WMUV leads in the work with the Baptist Nursing Fellowship as it continues to develop in the areas of organizing nurses to be on mission and to engage in professional development for ministry in local church and community. International Partnerships mobilizing short-term mission teams in 2023, will be medical missions to Kenya in partnership with MCF and the launch of our new partnership with Villa Milagro in Cajamarca, Peru.

***CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center* \$136,000**

These funds are used to support the overall work of CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center's outreach to children and students through Christian Camping experiences and leadership development. A portion of these funds are

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designated for special retreats throughout the year such as the Pastors Wives Retreat and the Pastors Silence Retreat. Creative new models are being introduced in our denominationally changing landscape such as Winter Camp.

***Leadership Initiatives***

***\$26,700***

These funds allow WMUV volunteers, interns, and staff to take advantage of missional training opportunities throughout Virginia Baptist life and elsewhere when appropriate. This allows for a WMUV Staff Retreat and team building opportunities throughout the year. Support is allocated two partner leadership programs: UPTICK Virginia, and the Baptist World Alliance Women's Uptick of the BGAV.

***Scholarships***

***\$16,000***

This designation is allowed for scholarships for camping opportunities at CrossRoads and at other WMUV sponsored events. A sizable portion, \$15,000 is used for college scholarships for summer camp counselors who serve at CrossRoads.

**2. Strategists and Ministry Assistant**

**\$89,400**

Age-level missions education specialists and special audience mission strategists are contracted to facilitate the work with volunteers in coordinating state missions' events and coaching mission leaders. This includes resourcing the local church in missions and leadership development for children, students, adults, and with multi-cultural and African American audiences. Also contracted is an IT specialist for staff training and technology troubleshooting as needed.

**3. Field Servicing**

**\$29,500**

The WMUV Board President, Staff and Strategists travel to resource the local church, associations, and related entities such as nonprofits, government agencies and conferences. This item covers travel and related expenses.

**4. Volunteer Boards and Councils**

**\$25,225**

These funds are used to support the work of those serving on WMUV Boards and Councils. As WMUV seeks to remain a grassroots organization, it is the people in our churches and associations that develop and implement the mission and ministry strategies for the work of WMUV. Each age-level and special audience strategies has a statewide volunteer council that meets several times per year to chart the course for the work in a specific area of ministry. In addition, WMUV Board members are compensated for their travel and select expenses incurred in doing the work of WMU.

- 5. Resourcing, Marketing, Communications** **\$45,625**
- This area of ministry includes WMUV print and digital publications that promote mission and leadership development opportunities. This includes website maintenance; equipment purchases for our Marketing and Communications Manager and technical contractors as needed to do the work in a changing world. Alma Hunt promotional videos are included as this year as requested BGAV WMU church leaders as a tool to help promote the AHO.
- 6. Administrative Support Item** **\$3,100**
- This item is for WMUV/CR needs such as background checks and bank merchant fees related to the administration of Alma Funds. In addition, this allows for Executive Director/Treasurer discretionary funds.

**Total: \$500,000**