

Alma Hunt

Offering for Virginia Missions

2021 Offering Allocations



Baptist General Association of Virginia

WMUV Portion:	\$470,000
BGAV Portion:	\$330,000
<u>Total Offering Goal:</u>	<u>\$800,000</u>

Church Planting \$125,000

Barnabas Grants are designed to help provide much needed funds for start-up expenses for new church starts in Virginia and beyond. With these funds, new church starts will be able to cover costs associated with renting or purchasing meeting facilities, audio visual equipment, musical instruments, sound systems, marketing and advertising, and various other expenses. Barnabas Grants serve a vital role in fueling our church multiplication movement for the BGAV.

Impact! Mission Camps \$20,000

Impact Mission Camps is our hands-on mission camps for students which has seen over 15,000 people participate since its inception in 1995. Our 'classic' mission camp gives students the chance to share Christ's love through home repair and renovation. These opportunities engage students with one of the best Christian educational tools that we can provide – Christian service. The BGAV has expanded efforts in communities to go beyond the one-week experience to true long-term community transformation and partnership. Funds will be essential in helping make this long-term investment in the communities where Impact serves.

The funds are also used to purchase appropriate project supplies and materials, provide resources for the orientation of leadership, the training of students, and the spiritual equipping of teenagers. They also serve to sponsor local students and churches to engage in the program in their own hometown. The goal is to equip them beyond their week of service so they return home ready to engage in a lifestyle of mission.

Missions in Southwest Virginia \$12,000

Virginia Baptists have an opportunity to meet many needs in the Appalachian region related to health care, development, employment, and evangelism. A longtime friend of the BGAV is the Bland Ministry Center, which excels in addressing issues such as health, education, and poverty. Another is the Southwest Virginia Partnership

working in cooperation with the district associations of the region to meet needs related to proper housing, food and clothing distribution, and overall community efforts.

Disaster Response Ministry \$20,000

Your support of disaster response through the Alma Hunt State Missions Offering helps volunteers respond strategically and increase our capabilities to respond after disaster strikes. A robust fleet, sturdy equipment, and advances in technology help our volunteers work more efficiently to serve more people which is evidenced by the tens of thousands of individuals served through this ministry.

Kingdom Advance Venturers \$20,000

The BGAV Venturer Program provides opportunities for long-term mission service and has worked with over 50 individuals and dozens of partners to date. Venturers are individuals at least eighteen years of age who support the ministries of BGAV partners around the world for one month to two years. BGAV partners request Venturers for ongoing ministries as well as for specific needs. Venturer service is a hands-on platform for leadership development and spiritual growth, and the long-term volunteers provide effective service for our ministry partners.

Virginia Baptist Historical Society \$8,000

Alma Hunt funds help the Virginia Baptist Historical Society assist churches by

- preserving valuable records through climate-controlled storage
- providing microfilming of Baptist history materials
- offering local church historians help in researching
- writing Virginia Baptist church histories and planning anniversary celebrations
- providing educational materials sent to all churches for Virginia Baptist Heritage week
- maintaining a heritage teaching gallery open to individuals and church groups

Church and Community Missions..... \$15,000

These ministries are on the ‘front lines’ of connecting BGAV churches to mission opportunities in local communities. Includes migrant work on the Eastern Shore, refugee ministries in Richmond, services to the homeless in Stafford and other church-based ministries with people who have been pushed to the margins of society. These funds assist partners with existing ministries as well as in starting new ministries that reach those marginalized in our communities.

GraceInside..... \$10,000

GraceInside celebrates 101 years of mission ministry to incarcerated men and women in Virginia’s state correctional facilities! Their ministry is dedicated to saving lives by bringing the transformative love of Jesus Christ to inmates in the facilities of the Virginia Department of Corrections (DOC) through religious programming and services provided by GraceInside’s professional chaplains that serve in 30 of Virginia’s largest state correctional facilities.

In Virginia, GraceInside’s chaplains are doing what the writer of the letter to the Hebrew church implored, “Let mutual love continue... Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them...” – Hebrews 13:1-3.

International Ministries Within Virginia \$9,000

The population of Virginia continues to grow in its diversity and ethnicity with an estimated population over 8.5 million in the Commonwealth. This great diversity creates excellent opportunity for Virginia Baptists to take the Gospel to the nations. There are many needs associated with this diversity as people immigrate to our state and as international churches become established and begin to reach out to their own communities. One area

of focus is to provide low-cost legal assistance to refugees who have been resettled and immigrants who have moved to the state. Other ministries, churches and partners are being created to effectively reach our growing population with the Gospel message.

More Than Nets, Ghana.....\$10,000

Virginia Baptists have been in a partnership with the Global Mission Center/Northeastern Mission Field through the Ghana Baptist Convention for the past eight years. In February of 2020 we were able to celebrate our goal of distributing 100,000 chemically treated mosquito nets to the families living in the Yendi region. We have now been asked to continue this ministry to reach further into the outlying communities. One of the key avenues to distribute these nets and educate regarding malaria is through the planting of churches in all the villages. To date, more than 200 volunteers have assisted local church planters in planting over 465 churches throughout the region. More than 25,000 people have come to know Christ and are involved in their village church.

Source of Light Center, Haiti\$7,000

When the 2010 earthquake devastated Haiti, Virginia Baptists generously helped the Haiti Baptist Convention establish the Source of Light Center. This children's home and neighborhood school has a vision: "Transform Delmas 19 with hope, for the glory of God!" Your support helps provide a home for children who would otherwise live on the street. In a country with little capacity for providing infrastructure, you can help the Source of Light school train up a new generation of Haitians who want to rebuild their society in a way that honors Christ.

Great Commission Church Plantings.....\$25,000

The BGAV believes strongly in empowering indigenous leaders and walking alongside them in their efforts to reach their communities for Christ. BGAV works with our sister Baptist conventions to help start churches. We currently provide monthly support to 8 church planters in 7 countries in Europe and 20 church planters in Ghana.

Refugees and Internally Displace Persons – Europe\$10,000

68.5 million people around the world have been forced from their homes. Among them are nearly 25.5 million refugees, over half of whom are under the age of 18. In Lebanon, every fourth person is a refugee, and our Baptist partners are caring for hungry families and children who cannot go to school. Croatia Baptist Aid provides supplies and health care to refugees in overfilled camps and informal campsites under bridges. In Austria, projekt:gemeinde helps refugees to seek asylum, learn German, and participate in their loving community.

Chaplaincy Endorsement and Training.....\$15,000

The BGAV, in partnership with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, relates to over 1,000 endorsed chaplains. The chaplains are military, medical, correctional, corporate, clinical, and institutional. These fields require endorsement by a religious body to serve. The funds support the endorsement process, offer annual training, and enable the BGAV to offer personal support and encouragement as our chaplains serve in their ministries.

Since Virginia Baptists entered the partnership with BGCT four years ago, we have endorsed over 35 Virginia Baptists into chaplain ministry, hosted two Spiritual Care and Chaplain Training events, participated in a Chaplain Candidate Cohort for our prospective military chaplains as they continue their seminary experience, and engaged in numerous pastoral care and support opportunities for many of our chaplains.

Associational Mission Support \$10,000

These dollars provide more adequate funding for associations and enable them to accomplish mission projects that are otherwise underfunded. This reinforces a partnership in missions as the state and associations advance the Redeemer’s Kingdom together.

Piankatank Camp Scholarships \$2,000

The Camp Piankatank summer camp program exists to minister to children and youth through organized Bible study as well as impromptu outdoor experiences. Our mission statement is “Developing dynamic disciples for Christ through relationships and adventure.” The campers are taught about missions, and how they can be a light to the community around them. The theme for this year is “Joy in All Things” based on the passage from James 1:2-3. We want to teach campers that there is a reason for all things, and that they should consider it joy even when things are difficult.

Since we know how important it is for children to have this experience, we want to make it available to all children, no matter what their economic background is. Campers’ parents submit scholarship applications to verify the need for assistance.

Deaf Ministry \$3,000

These funds provide leaders of our deaf community among Virginia Baptists with quality training. Each year, these training sessions serve as an opportunity to build stronger affinity networks which are critical in helping our deaf community face their unique challenges. These funds are also used to increase the number of qualified interpreters among our Virginia Baptist churches.

Developmental Disabilities Ministries \$9,000

The Developmental Disabilities Ministry serves over 90 individuals with intellectual disabilities across the Commonwealth.

DDM offers care that will help strengthen the family’s caregiving role, and when needed, assist in planning for suitable long-term care for disabled family members. When appropriate, DDM offers long-term residential care for adults with intellectual disabilities that encourages continued growth toward individual maximum potential within a Christian, community-integrated, home-like environment.