

Alma Hunt

Offering for Virginia Missions

2021 Offering Allocations



Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia

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

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

Missions & Ministry \$280,250

This category encompasses the highest percentages of the AHO designated for the work of WMUV as this covers several key areas including direct hands-on ministry initiatives, leadership development for women and children and camping experiences. Further itemization detailed below:

Mission Events \$42,425

WMUV missions and leadership development sponsored events are coordinated for all age-levels including all our specialized adult audiences. In addition, this line-item provides financial support to The Latino Network of Pastors in their efforts to develop leaders. WMUV events include: SHINE, Mom & Me, RA Racer at Kings Dominion, The Women's Get Away, The Men's Experiencing God event, HOPE Training Events and Come to the Table which is an opportunity for WMU associational leaders.

Mission Projects/Initiatives/Partners \$80,100

WMUV supports missionary endeavors and engage in missional partnerships. In response the pandemic, 20K is available to provide grants to churches for meeting their community needs such as feeding and financial assistance ministries. Projects and initiatives include our national WMU Project HELP with the current social issue focused on refugees. Partnerships are primarily led by the Missions Development Team of the Baptist General Association. These include our work in Haiti, SW Virginia and the Eastern Shore. Sisters Who Care will engage in a national project City Reach in Chattanooga with other WMU volunteers from across the country. WMUV leads in the work at Standing Rock in the Dakotas and will support Randy and Maria Lynn as Virginia Missionaries to Standing Rock. Our new work in Kenya with the Mully

Children's Family (MCF) will witness the deployment of a medical missions team in March 2020. The Baptist Nursing Fellowship continues to develop to include organizing nurses to be on mission and to engage in professional development for ministry.

CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center..... \$157,725

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 designated for special retreats throughout the year such as the Pastors Wives Retreat and the Pastors Silence Retreat. Due to the pandemic and the inability to host overnight camp, this line item has been increased by \$41,725 for 2021.

Leadership Initiatives..... \$22,200

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 to UPTICK, Virginia and the Baptist World Alliance Women's Uptick both of the BGAV.

Scholarships..... \$11,500

This designation is allowed for scholarships for camping opportunities at CrossRoads and at other WMUV sponsored events. A significant portion, \$10,000, is used for college scholarship for summer camp counselors at CrossRoads.

Consultants and Ministry Assistant \$54,000

Age-level missions education specialists and special audience mission Consultants are contracted to work with volunteers in coordinating state missions events and resourcing the local church in the area of missions and leadership development for children, students, adults, and with multi-cultural and African-American audiences.

Field Servicing..... \$33,500

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

Volunteer Boards and Councils \$17,000

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's the women in the churches and associations that develop and implement the mission and ministry strategies for the work of WMUV. Each age-level and special audience consultant 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.

Resourcing, Marketing, Communications \$47,650

This area of ministry includes WMUV print and digital publications that promote mission and leadership development opportunities such as the quarterly print publication of WMUV The Highlights, the annual print publication, and Annual Report, The Engage, the bi-monthly electronic publication of the WMUV E-News and other printed materials. This year will include the purchase of equipment for our new Marketing and Communications Manager that will move us into doing WMU for today's world.

Administrative Support Item.....\$3,900

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.

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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.