

**2009 ALMA HUNT OFFERING FOR VIRGINIA MISSIONS ALLOCATIONS  
FOR THE VIRGINIA BAPTIST MISSION BOARD  
Goal: \$1,167,500**

**New Church Investment Grants (NCIG) .....\$380,000**

NCIG are Kingdom Advance 2.0 opportunities that assist in launching new worshipping/imaginative gospel communities, emerging/missional churches, new churches/missions, multi-sites churches, and international faith communities by providing:

- Start-Up Grants (up to \$40,000) for:
  - Rent
  - A/V and sound equipment
  - Portable storage/transportation
  - Advertising/Marketing
  - Other operating costs
  
- Permanent Facility Grant (up to \$20,000) for:
  - Land purchase
  - Construction
  - Permanent facility purchase

**Bland Ministry Center & Appalachian Regional Ministry .....\$18,750**

The region of Appalachia has many needs that result from underdevelopment and underemployment. The Bland Center and Appalachian Regional Ministries do an outstanding job in addressing some of these needs from within that area.

**Transformers.....\$10,000**

Since 1998 Transformers has been an opportunity for adults to be actively engaged in a large-group, hands-on, construction-mission setting. Each year nearly 150 adults gather for these events. Home repair, worship, personal devotions, and fellowship help give this event a flavor that broadens the horizons of those who attend.

In 2008 this event was expanded and now includes a camp designed specifically for college-aged students. Funds will be used to purchase building materials and supplies, provide leadership, and establish new partnerships in the field.

**Innovative Discipleship Grants.....\$11,250**

These funds challenge Virginia Baptist churches to be a Life Transformational Culture by:

- developing new and/or more effective ways to foster a deepening faith journey with God through life experiences that produce fully devoted followers of Christ.
- establishing new life transformational groups composed of underchurched, unchurched, or not-yet-churched segments within local congregations
- assisting congregations with targeted training for specialized ministry projects such as 670, APEPT, Life Transformational Groups, Virginia Great Commission Initiative, etc.

**Educational/Training Assistance for Key Leaders .....\$10,000**

These funds provide assistance to pastors and lay leaders in African American, Ethnic, and Language churches to attend:

- courses offered by the various colleges and seminaries
- local and statewide training/seminars
- summer conferences offered by national and international partners
- affinity/network events gathered around shared interests and causes

**Impact Virginia!.....\$18,750**

The great success of Impact Virginia! has allowed Virginia Baptists to expand how we plan and organize mission camps for students. Impact! Mission Camps is now the umbrella terminology for a variety of mission camp experiences for students. Impact Virginia! is our “classic” mission camp that utilizes home repair and renovation as a base of all of its projects.

Funds would be used to purchase appropriate project supplies and materials and to provide resources for the orientation of leadership, the training of students, and the spiritual equipping of teenagers.

All Impact Virginia! projects seek to make an individual’s home warmer, safer, and drier. The following is a sample of what your gift can provide:

- \$1,900 – will purchase materials to replace a leaky and deteriorated roof.
- \$2,500 – will build a handicap ramp for elderly or injured person to allow them access to and from their house.
- \$1,400 – will remodel the interior of a person’s home to make it wheelchair accessible.
- \$1,000 – will repair, prime, and repaint the exterior of a home to protect wood siding from rotting and further damage.
- \$2,300 – will remove a dangerous porch and replace it with a safe decking with appropriate handrails and safeguards.

Impact Virginia! anticipates the need for approximately \$140,000 to complete work on 75 homes during the course of one summer.

**Disaster Response (Relief and Recovery) Ministries .....\$20,000**

Since the massive and high profile disaster response following Hurricane Katrina’s landfall in 2005, the number of physical assets in the Virginia Baptist Disaster Response fleet has doubled. This growth, however, has not been matched by growth in Cooperative Missions Budget’s funding for DR ministries. Traditionally, it has been true that the provision of the CM budget has been substantially supplemented when high visibility disasters have occurred. Virginia Baptists have given generously for specific responses. However, such did not happen in a substantial way during 2008 responses following Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. The expenses of maintaining a state of readiness with trained leaders, trained general volunteers, and a well cared for and equipped response fleet continue. Funds from the Alma Hunt Offering are crucial to meeting these needs.

**Ministers and Families in Crisis .....\$10,000**

These funds offer a safety net for families during a time of financial crisis.

- offers a compassionate hand to ministers in transition whose positions have been terminated
- Maintaining health insurance
- Helping with rent or mortgage payments

**Developmental Disabilities Mentoring (DDM).....\$18,750**

The Developmental Disabilities Ministry serves individuals with developmental disabilities such as mental retardation or other neurological impairments. Residents may also have physical disabilities.

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

**Associational Mission Support.....\$65,000**

- Mission projects
- Partnership in missions

**Virginia Baptists' Missions History .....\$18,750**

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.

**Chaplain Service of the Churches of Virginia.....\$20,000**

These funds will be used to assist the Chaplain Service of the Churches of Virginia provide ministry to prisoners and their families.

**Courageous Vision Partnership (CVP) Grants.....\$5,000**

CVP grants are intended to encourage churches to create new ways of doing ministries/missions that impact spiritual lostness in their communities by reimbursing costs associated with:

- Start-up expenses related to the establishment of the new ministry/mission
- training staff/lay persons to lead the new ministry/mission
- supplementing the stipend for the new ministry/mission leader

**Deaf Ministry.....\$5,000**

These funds provide leaders of our deaf community with quality training on an annual basis that serves as:

- a platform for building stronger affinity/networks which are critical in helping our deaf community face their unique challenges.
- an opportunity to increase the number of qualified interpreters adhering to stricter ASL guidelines.
- an incubator for the development of effective chronological bible storying techniques for the Virginia Great Commission Initiative.

**Experiential Mission Education .....\$11,250**

**PHREAKS** (**P**eople **H**aving **R**adical **E**xcitement **A**bout **K**ingdom **S**tuff) is one resource that is designed to help students make the application of their mission experience more easily and effectively. It is a process incorporated into the Impact! Mission Camps to encourage student leaders to step up to the challenge that has been laid before them as they seek out God’s calling in their lives. *Journey* is another resource that walks participants through a daily journaling process while they are serving on the field.

Funds are needed to further develop these resources as well as to create new models for education. Leaders need to be trained to guide Virginia Baptists into a deeper understanding of their faith in action as everyday life and not as singular events.

**THE PLUNGE** is an innovative avenue for mission education. The concept is to place participants in simulated events and situations in order for them to experience and understand the settings in which other “people groups” live. Several years ago a pilot project placed students in the “virtual” arena of the life of a refugee. This “virtual reality” forced the students to make choices, endure hardships, and basically live life like a refugee. The experience opened the eyes of all the participants to the actual life of a refugee to the extent that each church involved has become on mission for refugees here in Virginia.

A focus this year will be on hunger-related issues and subsequent years will deal with issues related to marginalized people groups.

**Kingdom Advance Venturer Mission Service .....\$40,000**

The Venturer Program seeks to mobilize pairs of individuals for mission service of six months to two years in duration. The program came new to Virginia Baptists’ strategy for mission mobilization in 2006. To date (1/27/09), some 31 persons have been approved for Venturer service. However, only a modest amount to assist with administration of, promotion of, and service through the program has been included in the Cooperative Missions budget. The annual cost for mobilizing one Venturer can be between \$15,000 and 25,000. As the program continues, some Venturers will be funded by partners in the field who benefit from their service. Others will raise their own support. However some (those serving in positions of high strategic value and need for our partners) should be funded from BGAV/VBMB sources. \$ 50,000 from the Alma Hunt Offering will provide annual expenses for approximately three Venturers in priority positions.

**Latino Ministries in Virginia .....\$7,500**

LUCHA Ministries, Inc., located in the Fredericksburg area, is committed to helping recent Spanish-speaking immigrants with limited English skills become more productive, integrated, and involved in their local communities. In partnership with churches, social service agencies, and other human needs organizations, LUCHA provides a holistic approach to meeting needs while seeking to share the message of Christ. Funding from the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions will be used for missions and ministry programming in three basic areas:

- Spiritual and Evangelistic Ministries (including funding for distribution of Spanish Bibles, tracts, and devotional materials; for family and special emphasis events or activities; and for 15 persons to attend a session of Passport.)
- Youth Ministries
- Emergency Assistance Fund for Needy Families

**Muslim Outreach Ministries in Virginia .....\$7,500**

These funds enable the development of a statewide strategy for evangelizing and connecting to our Arab/Muslim neighbors in a respectful and faithful way.

- Muslim Background Believers Conference
- Crossroads Peace Center
- People of the Book Ministry
- Cross-cultural training for Virginia Baptists as they relate to Arabic and Muslim neighbors
- ESL training
- Student ministries for Arab/Muslim background youth

**Camp Piankatank Scholarships.....\$5,000**

The Camp Piankatank summer camp program exists to minister to children and youth through:

- Opportunities for the children to do work that will help benefit the local community
- Organized Bible study
- Impromptu outdoor experiences
- Scholarships for needy children

**Resort and Leisure Ministries.....\$5,000**

There are many opportunities to assist congregations that are located in resort areas across the Commonwealth. These grants will encourage Virginia Baptists in these ministries. The funds will be used for local congregations with grants from \$500 to \$1000 to initiate major resort ministry efforts. These efforts will encourage laypersons in action and leadership.

**Migrant/Rural Ethnic Ministries.....\$10,000**

The Eastern Shore and Southside Virginia farming operations attract and utilize many ethnic workers, most of whom are migrant and poverty stricken. The Alma Hunt Offering can help district associations and local churches that seek to provide ministry with these workers.

**Total .....\$697,500**

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF VIRGINIA  
(WMU OF VIRGINIA)**

**Involving Churches and Individuals in Mission Initiatives that Transform Lives                      \$108,000**

This encompasses ministry council projects and enables the WMU of Virginia to be flexible and responsive as it addresses the needs and opportunities throughout the state.

***NEW: Hunger Focus***

- ***Partner with local church initiatives***
- ***Facilitate regional networks of local churches***
- ***Develop resources to address spiritual hunger, nutritional issues, etc.***

Ministry Council Projects

- Community Transformation
  - Hope Builders/Christian Women's Job Corps
  - Women in Prison
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - Mentoring
- Health and Wellness
  - Parish Nurses
  - Aging With Significance
- Adult Ministry Council
  - Literacy Initiatives
- Student Ministry Council
- Children's Ministry Council
- Multicultural Initiatives

Summer Camp Missions at CrossRoads

- Family Adventure Camp
- Girls summer camp
- Co-ed camp
- High Adventure weeks
- Leader-in-Training (LIT) Program
- Camper Scholarships

**Equipping Women, Students and Children to Lead a Missional Lifestyle                      \$78,100**

Mission awareness and transformational opportunities equip local church members and leaders for inter-generational mission involvement.

Activities for Preschoolers

Mom and Me Camp – attended by over 800 mothers and daughters each year

- Outstanding GA of the Year

Children's Ministry Day

Children's Virginia Missions Day

Mission Opportunities at CrossRoads for Summer Camp

Weekender – attended by over 200 teenagers and their leaders each year

- Virginia State Panelists for teens

Women’s Silence Retreat

Women’s Get Away – attended by over 1000 women each year

**Strategic Development**

**\$77,500**

Continuing to provide the most current information on missions and education, the WMU of Virginia continues to pursue innovative processes and strategies.

***NEW: Mission Street Teams (SM)***

***NEW: U.P.R.I.S.E. (SM)***

***NEW: Learning Labs***

World Missions Unlimited (SM)

Resources and publications

CrossRoads development initiatives

**Developing Future Leaders**

**\$60,000**

Recognizing its responsibility to develop leaders of all ages, the WMU of Virginia provides many options for growth in spirit, mind and body.

***NEW: Strategic initiatives for future women leaders***

CrossRoads Summer Staff Scholarships

Connecting with multicultural leaders

Leadership Scholarships

Bridging leaders across the generations

Statewide leadership training

Leadership Development Council initiatives

**Responding to the Local Church Through Field Servicing**

**\$52,900**

Networking and traveling across the state to meet individually with local church and associational leaders are key components to providing current “best source” information on mission and ministry opportunities.

Develop and facilitate networks across the state

Provide assistance to groups with customized information

Enable consultant’s connection with local church

Supply additional training at local church and associational events

Lead regional conferences and seminars

**Promoting Mission Networks and Partnerships**

**\$38,000**

The WMU of Virginia’s Missions Networks create many opportunities and options to connect with its many ministry partners in new and innovative ways.

***NEW: Roma Gypsy women in Hungary and Romania***

***NEW: Standing Rock Indian Reservation with Roanoke Valley Baptist Association***

Baptist World Alliance Women’s Leadership Conference  
Seminary Scholarships for women in India  
Health Ministry Network  
Virginia Missions Network

**Expanding Catalytic Mission Opportunities**

**\$29,500**

Active “hands on” opportunities are an important component of mission education. These projects provide options for people of all ages to learn about and participate in experiential mission opportunities.

***NEW: Mission InnoVAtors***

Updraft (SM)  
International Baptist Churches Women’s Networks  
Partnership Missions with Virginia Baptist Mission Board

**Supporting Those Involved in Missions**

**\$26,000**

This recognizes the contribution of missionaries and their families, and demonstrates a continuing commitment by WMU of Virginia to providing assistance.

Nurturing Missionary Families  
Missionary Kids (MKs) Annual Re-Entry Retreat  
Missionaries serving at CrossRoads

**WMU OF VIRGINIA TOTAL REQUESTS ..... **\$470,000****