DISTRICT ALIGNMENT LISTENING SESSIONS (Virtual)

Bishop Lewis formed a work team in May 2020, after being asked by the conference Council on Finance and Administration (CFA) to evaluate the Virginia Conference's district structure, to consider this important question: "*How can districts most effectively order themselves for the adaptive challenges of the 21st century?*"

The District Alignment Team (DAT) has been diligently deliberating the question posed by Bishop Lewis over the last 12 months. The teams are now inviting all clergy and laity in the Virginia Conference to two opportunities to learn more about district alignment and take part in this ongoing conversation.

Interested clergy and lay members can find out more about this realignment via two virtual listening sessions:

Session One: Monday, May 3rd from 6:30 to 8:00 pm Session Two: Monday, May 17th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Each listening session will begin with a short update on the efforts thus far, a few discussion questions, and a period of Q&A. Recordings of both sessions will be shared following the May 17th listening session.

VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (Virtual)

The VAUMC Annual Conference will take place virtually on June 18th and 19th. The theme this year is *United As One*. If you plan to attend, there will be a *Test Your Tech* time from 8:00am on June 14th and continuing through 8:00pm on June 16th. Additionally, there will be a time of Holy Conferencing on June 17th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, as we are all reminded that we are all called to serve in this Annual Conference.

For more information on this, and many other upcoming events in the Virginia Annual Conference, visit the Conference website at <u>www.vaumc.org</u>.

