



**Roanoke District  
Virginia Conference  
United Methodist Church**

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Dear SPRC/PPR Chairpersons,

I pray that the summer has been good to you and to the churches you represent. I have always thought of the summer as a rich opportunity to do things differently and dream a little for our churches.

As you approach your work for the fall as committees, one of the most important tasks before you is to recommend a salary and other support for your pastor and associate pastor (where applicable). The role we share in this process is consultation. I want to encourage each of you to realize that the pastor who leads and serves you is arguably your most important budget concern. And in this economy, I want you to work hard to help your pastor(s) with an adequate salary. With the rising costs of fuels, electricity and food, our pastors have to spend more to live their lives.

Please feel free to contact me if you need guidance in this regard. I can answer some questions you may have in this task and if I do not know the answer, I will find the answer for you.

You will find enclosed a guideline sheet from our conference treasurer about the consumer price index for your consideration.

Thanks for all you do.

In service, I am

Stephen Hundley

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