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Dear Conferees:

As religious leaders from various faith traditions, we ask you to include affordable housing programs in Virginia's budget. The budget is a moral document, and we believe that everyone has the right to a safe and secure home. We feel called to speak out and ensure that our budget dollars support those most in need. Our faith traditions teach us that life is sacred and that we all deserve a secure shelter.

The department of Housing and Community Development "found a deficit of 300,000 affordable housing units, with a deficit of around 32,000 federal housing vouchers in Virginia alone," according to a study issued by the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget less than a month ago. United Way's ALICE report recognizes that the cost of housing is going up all over the Commonwealth.

The Virginia Housing Trust Fund (VHTF) addresses the need to build more units, and we are grateful to see that both chambers included some funding in their proposed budgets. However, the House budget decreases the allocation for the VHTF to only \$110 million, while the Senate fund would allocate \$300 million over the biennium. We hope the conference committee sticks with the Senate version of the VHTF funding. The Housing Stability Fund language (amendment 114#2s) would lay the groundwork for a state rental assistance program, plugging the gap for federal vouchers. This language made it into the Senate version of the budget, but not the House version. There is no financial impact right now for this program, but having the language gets the Department of Housing and Community Development ready to move forward together. We hope the conference committee includes the language for the Housing Stability Fund in the final version of the budget.

Please keep the larger allocation for the Virginia Housing Trust Fund, and maintain the language around the Housing Stability Fund as you come to a consensus about the Commonwealth's monetary priorities for the next two years.

It's up to you to make housing a priority in Virginia's budget. Thank you for considering this urgent request.

*The following pages include the names of 153 clergy and faith leaders.
Clergy's institutions are listed for identification purposes only.*



Clergy Call for Affordable Housing in the 2022-2024 Budget

Rt. Rev. Bronwen Boswell
General Presbytery & Stated Clerk
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Charlottesville

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Bishop Suffragan,
Episcopal Diocese of Virginia
Richmond

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Harrisonburg

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Carrollton

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Gospel Way Church of God in Christ
Hampton

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Clerk
Presbytery of the James
Troy

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Disciples of Christ Christian
Annandale

Reverend Timothy Smith
Skipwith UMC
Midlothian

Reverend Rochelle Shoemaker
Wesley Memorial UMC, Retired
Charlottesville

Reverend Jay Campbell
Mount Vernon UMC
Alexandria

Rev. Dr. Anthony L. Fludd
St. Johns Church of God in Christ
Williamsburg

Rev. Dr. Hilary Smith
Church of the Holy Comforter
Henrico

Reverend Michael Kendall
Farmville United Methodist Church
Farmville

Reverend Herbert Brynildsen
Trinity United Methodist
N. Chestfield

Reverend Charles Swadley
Williamsburg UMC
Williamsburg

Reverend D. Byrd-Madison
United Methodist Church
Hampton

Dr. Gordon Mapes
Chester Presbyterian
Chester

Reverend Laura Martin
Rock Spring UCC
Reston

Reverend Judith Fender
Burke United Methodist Church
Springfield



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Minister Sally Diaz-Wells
Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic
Church
Arlington

Rabbi Michael Knopf
Temple Beth-El
Richmond

Reverend Timothy Hickey,
Our Lady Queen of Peace
Arlington

Reverend Paul Oakley
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Waynesboro

Mrs. Renée Mccarthy
Tidewater Sowers of Justice
Va Beach

Rev. Dr. Edward Piper
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of
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Staunton

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Richmond

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Morning Star
Luray

Pastor Rodney Hunter
Wesley Memorial UMC
Richmond

Reverend Daniel Wray
West Campbell UMC Charge
Leesburg

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Glen Allen

Mrs. Linda Smith
Virginia Beach Friends Meeting
Chesapeake

Reverend Craig Muffley
Eastland United Methodist
Reva

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Episcopal Church of the Spirit
Arlington

Pastor Charles J Comer
Flat Rock Church of the Brethren
Mount Jackson

Reverend Gayle Porias
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Alexandria

Rev. Dr. Sarah Price
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Richmond

Elder Phyllis Albritton
Blacksburg Presbyterian Church
Blacksburg

Reverend Valerie Hayes
Calvary Episcopal Church
Front Royal

Chaplain Dale Benedict
Chester United Methodist
Chesterfield

Reverend Sandra Wisco
Peace Lutheran (ELCA)
Charlottesville

Rev. Dr. John Copenhaver
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Winchester

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Our Lady Queen of Peace
Arlington

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Christ Episcopal Church, Brandy
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Reverend Daniel Velez
St Gabriel's Episcopal Church
Reston

Reverend Theresa Brion
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Alexandria

Apostle Sarah Kelley
Faith Hope and Love Healing and
Deliverance Center
Charlottesville



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Reverend Donna Holder
Westover Hills United Methodist
Midlothian

Reverend Kathryn Monfortte
Church and Society Education
United Methodist
Alexandria

Reverend Kevin Agee
Washington-Virginia District,
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Church
Alexandria

Dr. Cheryl Ivey Green
First Baptist of South Richmond
Richmond

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Russell Temple
Christian Methodist Episcopal
Chesterfield

Reverend Renee Jones
Belmont United Methodist
Chantilly

Rev. Dr. Janet Winslow
Bon Air Presbyterian
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Falls Church

Reverend Eric Anspaugh
Central Church of the Brethren
Rocky Mount

Reverend Joe Medlin
First Congregational Christian UCC
Midlothian

Reverend Melody Porter
Boulevard United Methodist Church
Richmond

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Chamberlayne Heights UMC
Richmond

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Park United Methodist Church
(Christiansburg)
Elliston

Rev. Dr. Nancy Morris
retired - PC-USA
Roanoke

Reverend William Levwood
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Richmond

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Muhlenberg Lutheran Church
Harrisonburg

Pastor Katie Gosswein
Edinburg Lutheran Parish
Edinburg

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Episcopal
Virginia Beach

Canon Jonathan Harris
Trinity Episcopal Church
Roanoke

Rabbi Ellen Jaffe-Gill
Tidewater Chavurah
Virginia Beach

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Blacksburg

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Portsmouth

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Charlottesville

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St. Michael Lutheran Church
Virginia Beach



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Richmond

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Rev. Dr. Janine Howard
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Alexandria

Reverend Lauren Ramseur
Voices of Jubilee, PCUSA
Henrico

Reverend Reuben Boyd
Third Street Bethel African
Methodist Episcopal Church
Richmond

Reverend Theresa Lewallen
Deacon, Episcopal Diocese of VA
Alexandria

Rev. Dr. Archana Samuel
Sherbourne UMC
Henrico

Rev. Dr. Lester Frye
Healing and Living Waters
Ministries
Henrico

Pastor Don Coleman
East End Fellowship
Richmond

Reverend Amy Russell
Unitarian Universalist Community
Church
Richmond

Rabbi Ahuva Zaches
Congregation Or Ami
Richmond

Reverend Carla Pratt Keyes
Ginter Park Presbyterian Church
Henrico

Rabbi Gary Creditor
Temple Beth-El
Richmond

Sister Maria Jose Silva
Our Lady of Lourdes
Richmond

Minister John Richards
Mount Zion Baptist church
Fredericksburgs

Rabbi David Katz
Temple Beth-El
Williamsburg

Reverend Amy Redwine
First Presbyterian Church
Richmond
Richmond

Reverend Shelby Owen
Emmanuel Episcopal (Staunton)
Richmond

Pastor Reginald Davis
First Baptist Church of
Williamsburg
Williamsburg

Reverend Max Blalock
William and Mary Wesley
Foundation
Williamsburg

Pastor Gwendolyn Minor
MACEDONIA A.M.E. CHURCH
Hampton

Reverend Laura Horton-Ludwig
Williamsburg Unitarian
Universalists
Williamsburg

Rev. Dr. Patricia Shipley
Centenary UMC
Richmond

Father Michael Lamanna
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Richmond

Reverend Katherine Stanford
Old Presbyterian Meeting House
Alexandria

Reverend Kelly Bayer Derrick
Virginia Synod ELCA
Roanoke



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Pastor John Kenney
Third Baptist Church
Henrico

Reverend Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charlottesville

Reverend Jacqueline Nophlin
Household of Faith Community
Church
Bristol

Dr. Elizabeth Emrey
New Beginnings Christian
Community
Charlottesville

Deacon Don Gathers
New Beginnings Christian
Community
Charlottesville

Dr. Andy Brock
Fieldale and Mount Bethel
Cooperative Parish
Winchester

Pastor Devin Coles
Union Baptist Church
Charlottesville

Reverend Heidi Moore
Resurrection Lutheran Church
Fredericksburg

Sharon Beckman-Brindley
Insight Meditation Community
Earlsville

Reverend Edward Winkler
Mount Horeb and Mount Pleasant
United Methodist Churches
Charlottesville

Reverend Erik Davidson
Lyndale Baptist Church
N. Chesterfield

Reverend Charles Ellis
Retired, Disciples of Christ
Vinton

Reverend Susan Steinberg
Retired, Presbyterian
Charlottesville

Father Robert Randall
Rector, Old Donation Episcopal
Virginia Beach

Reverend Mary Johns
Presbytery of the James
Colonial Heights

Reverend Mildred Best
UVA Chaplains
Charlottesville

Reverend Isabel Steilberg
Episcopal Diocese of Southern
Virginia
Newport News

Elder Jan Prentace-Commander
Wallace Memorial UMC
Newport News

Pastor Nathan Walton
Vineyard Christian Community
Charlottesville, Va

Reverend Robert Lewis
Hinton Avenue United Methodist
Church
Charlottesville

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Campbell
St. Paul's Episcopal
Richmond

Father Fred Poteet
Old Donation Episcopal
Virginia Beach

Rev. Dr. Charles Summers
Salisbury Presbyterian Church
Richmond

Rev. Dr. Laura George
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Independence

Reverend Hollie Woodruff
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Richmond

Pastor Brenda Brown-Grooms
New Beginnings Christian
Community
Charlottesville

Reverend Aiden Barnes
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Virginia Beach



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Minister Jack Flowers
HRBC
Midlothian

Mrs. Jaimey Honea
River Road UMC
Midlothian

Reverend Sarah Wiles
Blacksburg Presbyterian Church
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Pastor Colleen Montgomery
Virginia Synod, ELCA
Salem

Brother Vernon Savage
African Methodist Episcopal Zion
Norfolk

Rev. Canon Liz Hulme Adam
Tabor Presbyterian Church
Crozet

Rev. Dr. Chris Scott
the exchange church
Winchester

Reverend Terrie Sternberg
Trinity Lutheran Church
Pulaski

Reverend Michael Evans
Centenary United Church of Christ
Winchester

Cantor Dara Rosenblatt
Temple Beth-El
Richmond

Reverend Mary Jane Winter
Second Presbyterian Richmond
Richmond

Reverend Juli Wilson-Black
Fairlington Presbyterian Church
Reston

Rev. Dr. Kay Rodgers
Retired, United Church of Christ
Reston

Elder William Freeman
Dunn's Chapel UMC
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Reverend Bertina Westley
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Winchester

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