

TRANSFORMED LIVES TRANSFORM LIVES

The Baltimore-Washington Conference inspires & equips local faith communities to develop disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world so that more transformed lives transform lives. Learn more about how you can get connected at www.bwcumc.org/get-connected.

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Training Tuesdays:
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YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY

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STEWARDSHIP

RESOURCES

Want to know how to get your church connected with electronic giving? Where do you go to get a grant or loan for church improvements or start a new program? What do your mission shares support? Thousands of resources exist to help you and your church live out God's call to be good and generous stewards.

bwcumc.org/stewardship

Paying Mission Shares

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COMMUNICATIONS

Sharing of the stories of God at work in the world is at the heart of our faith. The BWC's Communications Ministry tells your story, those of the more than 500 churches in our Conference, and the broader United Methodist Church in a variety of media. Its mission is to inspire, inform and equip the spiritual leaders of the church.

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