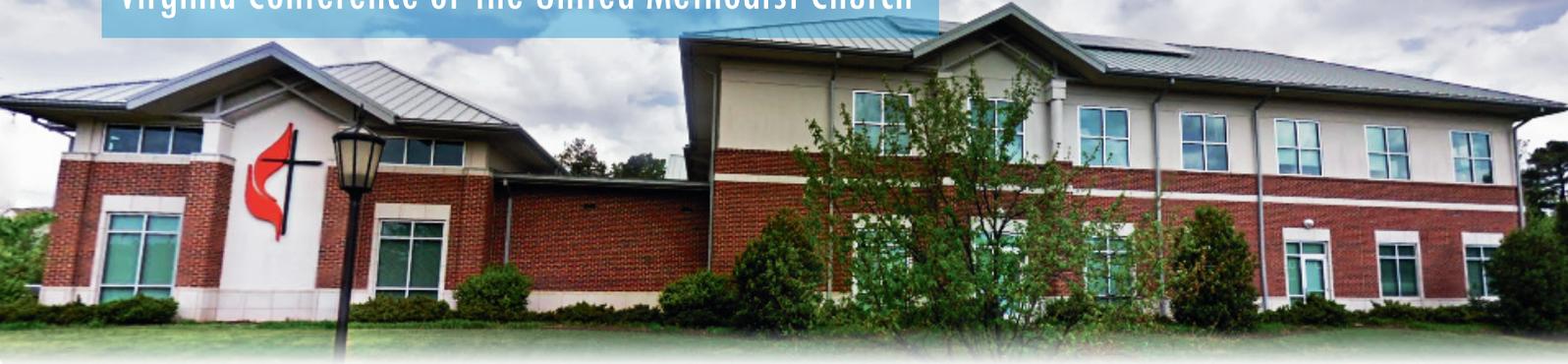


Case Study: Religious Organizations Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church



Background: The Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church coordinates the work and ministries of 16 districts and 1,143 local churches and faith communities. The Treasurer's and Business office is responsible for accounting for all financial transactions for the Virginia Conference. Additionally, the Business office staff serves as a resource to the churches and centers of the Virginia Conference providing support and training.

The Challenge: Large volumes of paper were taking up a lot of space, which they were quickly running out of. Lack of space and organization also made it more difficult to find paperwork after any length of time. Staff was required to physically file documents then dig for them when they were needed. In addition to running out of space, keeping files on paper also exposed the conference to risk of being out of compliance with privacy regulations.

"We were keeping large volumes of transaction paperwork, and were quickly running out of physical space to keep it. It was also becoming more difficult to find paper work after any length of time," said staff accountant Jennifer Honeycutt.

The Solution: Then-treasurer David Domisse heard about eBridge through the National Church and other local conferences who have used the web-based document management system to go paperless. He liked the idea that they would no longer need to physically pull files when paperwork was needed. At the click of a button, their staff could find files that would previously take several minutes, if not longer, to locate.

The Result: No more searching through boxes stored all over the building. The staff posts their invoices then scans the vouchers and invoices into eBridge. No more physical filing then having to later dig for documents when they were needed.

"Less physical space is needed and it's much easier to find what we are looking for," Honeycutt confirmed.

In addition to making documents easier to find and streamlining business processes, an entire wall of filing cabinets has been freed up. "...our filing cabinet room could easily make a new office," said Honeycutt.

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