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Comment - Please cover single people who make no more than \$24,000 per year and families of four who make less than \$48,000/per year of take home, after tax pay. Everything has gone up except salaries. if a person is living in a single dwelling, whether renting or paying mortgage, these salary levels are barely a living wage, but will not pay for healthcare. I am very concerned about young families with children and the elderly who are living on a fixed income, as well as folks who have any handicapping conditions and single parents. as a United Methodist Clergywoman, I have pastored people in all these categories and they all need assisyanace from time to time. I don't like taxes, but we have to believe/realize that all major religions mandate charitable giving foe those who are in need. In our world we have a lot of working poor. By keeping the upper level of salary to qualify fir services so low, we are encouraging people to stop working in order to qualify for benefits. That makes no sense for them or Virginia. we need a broader tax base to be able to provide services for the \$15, 400/1 and \$32, 000/4. We will have to raise taxes and I, ad a United Methodist Pastor am willing to pay more taxes to help those who are struggling qualify for Medicaid. Biblical principles madate this response, but it is heart felt because of my experience in the church and even in my family. If we all pay a little more taxes and some loopholes for the very wealthy are closed, we can do this pretty easily. it isn't rocket science. Respectfully submitted, Sue Ann Ely Salmon Gordonsville UMC charge