

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE NORTHEAST DISTRICT



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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Closed 12-1 pm

### LOVING

Please mark your calendar for a very important event in the NE District for the life of the United Methodist Church. \*\* See end of paragraph for dates and locations of charge conferences. Clergy have been notified of date for their church. \*\*

“INSPIRED HOPE” will bring several churches together for an afternoon workshop designed to equip laity for discipleship. The 2 to 5 pm workshop include 3 sessions: **(Please come between 1:30 and before 2 so we can start promptly at 2:00 PM).**

- Charge Conference – particularly important for all clergy, Administrative Council and SPPRC members.
- Discipleship session – for all clergy and laity – Get resources for the new “Wildly Important Goal” (WIG).
- Laity Empowerment – for all laity: Laity in the UMC are playing an ever more important role in the life of the church. This afternoon workshop, “Inspired Hope: Making a difference as Disciples for Christ” is being designed for you to recognize your gifts and explore ways to use your gifts in making disciples for Christ.

Please plan to attend. Help your church have good representation in the NE District. \*\*\* The dates, time and locations are:

Sunday, October 22, 2017 at West Union UMC  
Sunday, October 29, 2017 at Dike UMC  
Sunday, November 5, 2017 at Charles City UMC  
Sunday, November 19, 2017 at Cedar Falls, First UMC

Please send to the NE District Office one (1) week prior to your charge conference, your signed FORM I – this form is on the NE District web page. <http://northeast.iaumc.org/> To view the letter from Jackie regarding completion of the FORM I – click [here](#).

Parsonage Inspection forms are also due.

### LEARNING

New workshop coming up – TALKING ABOUT TOUGH TOPICS – on Saturday, December 2 at Independence, First UMC. To register, send to: [fumcoffice@indytel.com](mailto:fumcoffice@indytel.com) or call 319-334-3689. Cost is

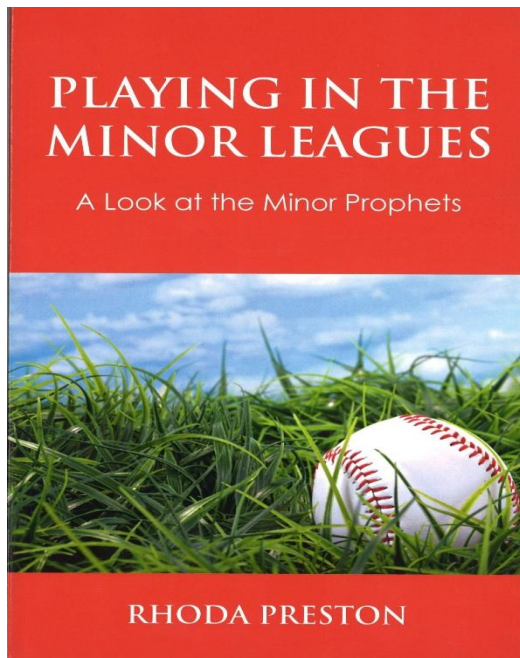
\$25.00 per person, make checks payable to First UMC and send to Independence, First UMC. See [flyer](#) for more information.

**Practices of Disciple Making (.4 CEU is available upon attendance)** will be held at Jesup UMC on Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 3:00pm. To view the registration form, click [here](#). Please have registration into the NE District before October 6, 2017.

Health Benefits will be changing in the upcoming year. The NE District has scheduled October 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm at Waverly, Trinity UMC. If you are attending on this date, you are asked to bring your own lunch or wait until released to get lunch in Waverly. See [here](#) for other locations if you are unable to attend this one.

HCI – Next Retreat: Deepening Discipleship Pathways. To see flyer, click [here](#).

### LEADING



Our very own NE District Clergy – Rhoda Preston has published a new book – see her article here: The Rev. Dr. Rhoda Preston, who serves the St. Ansgar and Little Cedar United Methodist Churches, recently published a new book entitled: *Playing in the Minor Leagues: A Look at the Minor Prophets*. Readers will discover what these twelve Old Testament minor prophets (Hosea through Malachi) can teach us about the essential game of life. How did they address God's major concerns for the world? How might their insights strike home with us today? Each prophet is presented in easy-to-understand fashion, placing each into historical context and showing connections with New Testament Scriptures. The study includes in-depth commentary and discussion questions for group study. Copies of the book are available on Amazon, in both paperback and Kindle editions. Additional articles on the prophets can be found on her blog, [rhodapreston.com](http://rhodapreston.com).

NE District Youth News: Youth Lock-In on November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>. See [flyer](#) for more information.