

NED – NORTHEAST DISTRICT – NEW AND REVISED VERSION



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Message from District Superintendent Paul Wilcox:

“In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” John 1:4-5

Marguerite Gode wrote a poem that describes this time of year all too well:

The Day After Christmas:

Tis the day after Christmas, and inside and out,
The holiday carnage lies scattered about.
And Ma with a wet towel atop her head
And aspirin tablets has crawled into bed.
The kiddies, God bless ‘em, are raising a din,
With thundering drums and shrill trumpets of tin.
While Pa, like a schoolboy, forgetting his years,
Is all tangled up in the bicycle gears.
Old Duffer, the dachshund, delightfully smug, Lies
gnawing a carcass upon the new rug.
And Muffet, the kitten despaired of a lap, On
the dining room table is taking her nap.
Plaid neckties and pink socks and whot-nots galore
Await their exchange at the five-and-ten store.
While tidbits and knick-knacks of left-over sweets Must
furnish the menu for future-day eats.
Tis the day after Christmas, and once every year Folks
willingly pay for their holiday cheer.
With toothaches from candy and headaches from bills,
The call up the doctor and order more pills.

After all of the hub-bub of Christmas is over and with a certain relief we look for things to go back to normal. It's nice to know that there's a promise to Christmas that last beyond the broken toys and the aches of back, tooth and head. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Whatever darkness may come your way this year, remember that the light shines on. Let us walk in that light, live and love in that light, and never forget that single flame of hope that has brought us thus far and carries us into a future, confident and unafraid. May your New Year be bright with the light of Christ. Blessings. Paul

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In Mission Together: A new way of planning and reporting our mission outreach.

(In Mission Together is replacing the "Rainbow Covenant")

Here is a brief introduction to In Mission Together that will be taking over for the rainbow covenant. There is still one more time of that and then straight into IMT. "In Mission together" is just that, making sure that we are doing mission together and not at people. Instead of miles churches will mark down where they are giving, serving and partnering.

Giving

Provides financial and material gifts at local, conference, national, and international levels. This is what has always been reported on the Rainbow Covenant forms before. You can still support the same missionaries and advance projects. Churches will list all giving in each category (local, conference, national, and international), whether it is a United Methodist project or not.

Serving

Provides a physical presence to assist in programs that help spread the word of God and make disciples of Jesus Christ. Churches will list volunteer hours and mission team experiences for each category. Remember we want to "Be with" instead of "Do for" others. Who is going to be there with us? Do you know the names and circumstances of those you are serving?

Partnering

Deepens the relationship. You learn names, acknowledge and share your gifts, sit, listen, laugh, cry, and worship together. You understand each other's circumstances and make real, long-term friendships. Churches will give a brief narrative of partnering experiences for each category. Remember this is shared empowerment. They are making decisions. Allow them to fail forward. Don't do for them what they can do for themselves. Long-term involvement, not one and done. A partnership leads to relationships.

**Church Remittance of Apportionment Payments – final date for 2018 recording is:
Wednesday January 9, 2019.**

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Resources on how to Help "When you Don't know what to say".

Iowa Concern Hotline: Toll-free: 1-800-447-1985 or www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern
For more information – click [here](#).

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Important Dates and forms that are coming soon:

Wed. January 9th – last day for 2018 remittances to be recorded to the 2018 year.

Thurs. February 14th – Statistical collection date – **NEW**

Friday February 15th – District Askings Grant Application are due – *they are now on the NE District web page under “Resources”*. <https://northeast.iaumc.org/resources>

Friday February 15th – Rainbow Covenant forms are due – click [here](#) for more information.

Friday March 1st – Fund Balance Report – aka – Audit Report – is due in the NE District Office – see the NE District web page and this is under “Forms” - <https://northeast.iaumc.org/forms>

Sunday April 28th - NE District Conference is scheduled – more information to come later (District Askings Grants are handed out here.)

Friday May 1st – Another Set of Eyes are due – by everyone – ***even if you are retiring the end of June.***

June 7 – 10th – Annual Conference in Des Moines – see web page at Iowa Conference - <https://www.iaumc.org/eventdetail/12062135?month=6&year=2019&day=1&display=m> Hotels are available to make your reservations.

**** If you have a Lay member to Annual Conference that was not in your fall charge conference minutes - get this information to me ASAP as I have registered everyone that I have information on. All Clergy have been registered also. Do you have your charge conference minutes turned into the NE District Office yet? Please do so right away.**

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Parsonage Inspection Reports are due - we also have a "NEW" form - Parsonage Information Sheet - and you can view these on our NE District Web page at: <https://northeast.iaumc.org/forms>

Leadership information is due at the NE District Office this week. If you have elected “new” officers, please get that information turned in.

Calling all Youth who want to go skiing: See more information [here](#).

The Budget Team has scheduled listening sessions around the Conference to gain feedback regarding their recently released recommendations. To read their recommendations, click

[2018+November+30+Budget+Team+Update.pdf](#)

Dates and locations for these meetings are:

January 13, 2019 - 2:45 PM-4:15 PM at [North Liberty, First UMC](#) - (85 N. Jones Blvd)

January 20, 2019 - 2:00 PM-3:30 PM at [Carroll, First UMC](#) (1621 N Main St.)

January 26, 2019 - 10:30 AM-Noon at [Ames, First UMC](#) (516 Kellogg Ave.)

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Guidelines for 2020 General Conference Petitions

They must be sent to the Conference Secretary by
February 1st, 2019

Persons or groups interested in having Annual Conference adoption of petitions going to the 2020 General Conference, please refer to the following guidelines:

Rule 1050.05. Annual Conference adoption of Petitions to General Conference. All General Conference petitions must be submitted in accordance with the current [Book of Discipline \(§507\)](#).

1. Persons or groups seeking Annual Conference adoption for petitions must submit the petition to the [Conference Secretary](#) by February 1 of the year preceding the General Conference. Petitions must originate with or be sponsored by the individuals or groups who are members of or related to The United Methodist Church in Iowa.
2. After February 1, the Committee on Rules of Order will review the petitions for accuracy, duplication, and compliance with Disciplinary guidelines.
3. The petitions will be printed in their entirety in the Pre-Conference Manual. These petitions are amendable and debatable.
4. Petitions adopted by the Annual Conference are sent by the Conference Secretary to the General Conference Petitions Secretary.

Petitions not adopted by the Annual Conference may be submitted by individuals or groups directly to the General Conference Petitions Secretary in accordance with §507

2019 Thanksgiving Ingathering

Northeast District Hunger Relief Grant Funds Now Available!

As part of the Bishop's Ingathering held each November, cash gifts are received in addition to quilt auction and bazaar funds. A portion of these cash gifts is returned to each of the eight districts in Iowa to be used in combating hunger in local communities through food pantries, feeding programs, community gardens, etc. This year \$2,000 is available for each district to distribute.

Churches may apply for a grant to fund a program that they themselves administer, or a church may pass an application to a local community agency that addresses hunger. A copy of the application form is included [here](#). ***The deadline for submission of completed applications is February 15, 2019.*** It is imperative that this deadline is met as the State Ingathering Committee has revised the payment process so that payment may be made to recipients in a timely manner.

Jan Benson, Northeast District Ingathering representative, is administering this hunger grant for our district. The application is on the Iowa Conference Homepage under [Thanksgiving Ingathering](#) and then Hunger Grant Application. Be sure to include contact information for the person filling it out so she can get back to you if there is a question. The deadline for these applications is **FEBRUARY 15**. Applications received after that date cannot be considered. Getting the application in before that date is much appreciated. New projects not connected with a United Methodist Church will need to fill out a W-9 form if the organization has not received Hunger Grants in the past; contact Jan for this form.

Send completed applications postmarked on or before February 15, 2019, to Jan Benson, 3925 Briarwood Drive, Cedar Falls, IA 50613. Questions may be directed to Jan at 319-268-9111 or jbenson@cfu.net.

Jesus said, "...For I was hungry, and you gave me food..."