

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE NORTHEAST DISTRICT



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NED – North East District

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

Just FYI – reminder that NED is now a bi-weekly event.

A Note from Home:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, a gentle Father and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows, so that we can offer others, in their sorrows, the consolation that we have received from God ourselves. – 2 Corinthians 1: 3-4

Several years ago, I was invited to an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting to help celebrate a church member's 25th year of sobriety. It was just a regular meeting, but I was so impressed with the openness of the sharing and the deep needs that were expressed and cared for in that small group. They all knew why they were there, and their mutual struggles linked them together with a commitment that made them available to help each other any time of day or night.

Their strength came from admitting their weakness, their need, and their struggle. The church can learn a lesson from A.A. Too often, church is the last place we'd go if we don't "have it all together." Heaven forbid if we cry at church or allow others to see our pain, and so we leave, unhealed. Henri Nouwen writes:

Why do we keep hiding our deepest feelings from each other? We suffer much, but we also have great gifts of healing for each other. The mystery is that by hiding our pain we also hide our ability to heal.

As we journey through Lent, I hope it will be a time for all of us to discover the strength and power we have to offer one another as wounded healers in Christ. Blessings. Paul

DISTRICT CONFERENCE:

The date is set - Sunday April 28, 2019

Time is: 2:30 to 5:00 pm

Where: Waverly Heritage UMC

What's happening – you will need to come to see all the wonderful things that will happen this day.

NEXT YEAR – RAINBOW COVENANT WILL BE CALLED “IN MISSION TOGETHER”

Hello all!

It is getting closer to start the new reporting. In Mission Together. We will be reporting on three main items

giving:

servicing:

partnership

what you gave, where you served and who you are creating a partnership with. This way we have a spot for things such as spending all day at the homeless shelter, with 12 volunteers and meeting the director Jane who now knows who to call when they need things. (that is a made-up example).

I am looking forward to how this will all work out an getting the final touches on everything. Our mission Ed meeting is March 9th.

In the meantime, if you could help remind people that the ones that do their rainbow covenant forms, and soon IMT forms, are volunteers. That we are in a time of transition and to please not yell at them.

Thank you for all that you do. I am sending a mission moment that may help with some questions.

Beth Odor, Chair of Mission Ed

See flyer [here](#).

Lay Servant Training available in the North Central District on Saturday April 27th – see more information [here](#).

2019 Iowa Licensing School is May 16 – 24th in Dubuque, IA. Deadline for registration is April 20, 2019!

See more information at this link: <https://www.iaumc.org/iowalicensingschool>

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> The churches that have not sent theirs in yet and have been notified of this are:

Cedar Falls Washington Chapel, Colesburg, Dunkerton, Elma, Floyd Grace, Independence, Waterloo Jubilee, Randalia, Raymond, Rockford First, Waterloo Linden, West St. Charles.

Sunday April 28th - NE District Conference is scheduled from 2:30 to 5:00. We will discuss many topics and hand out Rainbow Covenant Certificates, Grant checks from applications received, receive much information to help us thru the year.

Friday May 1st – Another Set of Eyes are due and they are on the NE District Web page: <https://northeast.iaumc.org/forms> – by everyone – **even if you are retiring the end of June.**

June 7 – 11th – 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 need to order your Pre-Conference Manual, make sure you keep checking here.**

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>

The Ingathering Task Force has made some changes for 2019. See the flyer [here](#). You can also visit their web page at: <https://www.iaumc.org/ingathering/#iac>

“The Accidentals” will be in concert on Sunday April 7, 2019 at 2PM at 354 – 2nd Street N. Winthrop, IA. See flyer [here](#).

Westward Road Concert will be Sunday April 7th at 10:00 am at Waterloo St. Paul’s UMC. See more information at: www.westwardroad.com or check out the NE District Web page: <https://northeast.iaumc.org/> under “District Calendar”.

Hello mission-minded Methodists of the North East District,

It was a real joy to be able to accompany our Bishop and Cabinet to visit Africa University in Zimbabwe last October. Bishop Laurie and her husband, Gary, have been instrumental in the building and completion of the visitor’s center that we stayed in during our visit to AU. One noticeable shortcoming, however, was the lack of a kitchen, so that guests didn’t have to shuttle all across campus to find a meal. Wanting to finish the job she started as a parish pastor, Bishop Laurie challenged us and our 8 districts to raise funds for an offering to be presented at Annual Conference for the Ubuntu Center Kitchen.

I want to encourage you to view the video link below to learn more about the project and then share the video with your congregation via email, web site and Sunday morning worship. This would be a great “noisy offering” project for the next couple months. The cost of the project is around \$40,000, so if each district could bring \$5000, we’ll reach our goal! Bring your offering with you to Annual Conference and we’ll collect it then.

Thank you for your faithfulness, Paul Wilcox

Here are the links

- Vimeo (for viewing): <https://vimeo.com/322516265>
- Vimeo (for downloading): vimeo.com/iowaannualconference/download/322516265/e94e608b0e

Iowa Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation – for Laity and Clergy – see flyer [here](#).