

Unidentified Member Church

North Central District

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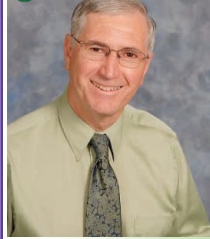
Kevin Evers

Field Outreach Minister
 (As of Sept. 1)

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From the DS...



I think God has a lot to say to us through last week's Old Testament lectionary reading (Genesis 45:3-15). It is the conclusion of the story of Joseph and his brothers. His brothers have come to Egypt for food because of the famine, predicted by Joseph, has reached even as far as the land of Canaan. His brothers do not realize that the person in charge of the Pharaoh's storehouses is their brother Joseph whom they sold into slavery. This is what Joseph

says to them: "And do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life."

The first thing to notice is how Joseph is able to forgive his brothers. Most of us find it quite difficult to forgive even much less significant wrongs we have suffered or believe we have suffered from others. I think it is only from the perspective of faith that we can offer and accept forgiveness and therefore allow reconciliation to be possible.

The second thing is that because of his faith Joseph believes that God has put him where he is for a particular purpose. Joseph is in a position not only to help his brothers, but to preserve life, which is God's intent. Joseph is God's instrument for accomplishing that purpose. I think we should be asking the question every morning: What has God put us here to do this day? What can we accomplish for God today?

I spent a couple of days with those from our North Central District doing tornado repair work in Mapleton. We were introduced to a man who retired early from his job at the local bank because he felt that God was calling him to help tell others about Jesus Christ. Now he is the coordinator for a missionary network that sends hundreds of missionaries around the world. We were amazed at how much he has been able to accomplish in helping to make the Gospel known.

Since then I have been wondering how much we could do for God if we believed that there was a reason for our being here at this place and time; if we considered how God could use our particular gifts and talents in our community, state, and world. I would hope you would consider this question. As we begin the fall season, it is a good time to prayerfully consider how useful we are God.

Blessings,

Dennis

LET'S SAVE SOME TREES!!

The District Office has decided to attempt to save a couple of trees along with printing costs & postage. We are going to go paperless with our North Central District newsletter! If you or someone you know needs to have a hard copy of the newsletter—please contact the District office and let them know and they will be sure to get it taken care of.

With that being said... Please make sure that the District Office gets ALL new email address and/or changes that are made to emails! Most information that goes out of the District office is going via e-mail and we generally don't send out hardcopy. If there is anyone that finds that they are not receiving emails as they feel they should, please contact the District office. We can check to see what the problem might be. Please send all changes to alanna.warren@iaumc.org.





Missions: Volunteer Opportunities

UM Volunteers in Mission

October 8-15, 2011

Joplin, MO: We're going to Joplin! We have been confirmed to help with relief from the recent tornados in Joplin, MO, October 8-15, 2011 (travel on Saturdays, work Mon-Fri). Because it is just a short time away, please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in being a part of the team. **Contact Elaine Capek, 21700 Girl Scout Rd., Epworth, IA 52045, 563-556-6897, ecapek@hotmail.com.**

October 30-November 5, 2011

We are going to Red Bird again to work this fall. They have raised the fee this year to \$350.00 per person. We would be glad to have you join us. Madeline Fink, 641-333-2575, mjfinck@frontiernet.net

December 25, 2011 to January 8, 2012

Mission trip to the Philippines consisting of construction and Pastoral training at Nueva Vizcaya. Cost is \$2,000 for air fair and additional costs will be

figured as the year goes along! Contacts include Reverend Gideon Gallo, Reverend Lilian Seagren at lilianseagren@yahoo.com, Chuck Norman at chuck.norman@yahoo.com or Reverend Annette Kruse at pastorannette@yahoo.com. Phone 641-332-2961 at Guthrie Center, Iowa.

January 27, 2012 to February 11, 2012

Mission trip to Dominica for work on a building addition, painting, after school program and women's sewing and craft project. The trip is \$1,500 per person from Des Moines and includes insurance, sightseeing, meals and transportation on Dominica and two overnights in San Juan, Puerto Rico. **Contact Beverly Nolte, 515-266-4186 or e-mail bnmedical@aol.com.**

February 19-25, 2012

Dulac Community Center: The \$220 cost includes \$20.00 registration and \$200.00 for meals, lodging, and building supplies. Interior and exterior housing rehab; learn about the history of the Dulac Community Center,

Houma Indians, shrimping, and southern Louisiana; experience Cajun food and a Mardi Gras parade (in Houma). Work for all skill levels. For info or to register contact Susan Olive, 641-418-0026 or smolive@mchsi.com.

Iowa Storm and Flood Recovery

Please check with one of these volunteer coordinators regarding current needs.

In the North West District

•**Catie Newman - (712) 899-4067 or arlbenge@yahoo.com**
•**Sarah Stevens (712) 253-9074 or • [Kim Dewey \(712\) 887-0263](mailto:KimDewey@yahoo.com)**

In Southwest Iowa contact Vicki

Wedemeyer, 712-243-8573 or 712-249-6703, vlwedem@hotmail.com.

In Eastern Iowa contact Pastor

Alecia Willams 319-530-7807.

Joplin, Missouri - Contact Audrey

Phelps at phelps@umocm.com

For more information for the Iowa Conference—Volunteers in Mission go to: <http://www.iaumc.org/pages/detail/1066>

SCHOOL FOR LAY MINISTRY

+Listen to that whisper in your heart.
Feel the nudge of God's hand.
Hear God's call to the
Iowa School for Lay Ministry

The School for Lay Ministry is a program that provides a solid foundation to build a laity leadership in the Iowa United Methodist Churches and their Christian Ministry.

God has planted something in your heart that needs room to grow
Presented by: The SLM Commission

– UM Church – IA Annual Conf. –
Board of Laity

Morningside classes begin:

September 9-11, 2011

Sioux City, IA

Dean Gabhart, Dean

Cornell classes begin:

September 30-October 2, 2011

Mt. Vernon, IA

Lynn Calvert, Dean

Simpson classes begin:

November 4-6, 2011

Indianola, IA

Avon Crawford, Dean

For More Information contact:

Barb Mann, Registrar

515-974-8905

Barb.mann@iaumc.org

www.iaumc.org/slm

Note: Church Bulletin Insert can be found at: <http://www.iaumc.org/console/files/oWeb->

[site_Page_Files/2011_WPMMYNTH.2012_Church_Bulletin_Insert.pdf](http://www.iaumc.org/console/files/oWeb-site_Page_Files/2011_WPMMYNTH.2012_Church_Bulletin_Insert.pdf)

Please feel free to distribute this information

in newsletters, bulletins, etc..

For all other School For Lay Ministry Downloads: go to: <http://www.iaumc.org/pages/detail/1219>

Thank you!

**“Prayer...is About Relationship II” -
a True Vine Ministry Event for Clergy
Spouses & Interested Adults—**




**October 8th,
at Living
Waters UMC**

The conversation began about prayer as an important part of who we are...an interactive conversation continues...please join the encouraging dialogue with us... 9am—3pm. \$25 Registration fee. Please contact Mrs. Betty Kiboko (515-981-4585, bki-boko@gmail.com) or Mrs. Lynn Louk (515-276-7900, jim-lynnlouk@mac.com) for more information.

**“Next Step Conference” -
October 28-29
at Ankeny First UMC**

This event offers presentations and workshops which describe successful approaches to local church ministry. Ankeny FUMC and other Iowa UM churches share their positive experiences in a wide variety of church activities, from sound system operation to church-wide ministry structures. The event begins with a banquet and keynote address on Friday evening and continues with break out sessions on Saturday. The keynote speaker this year is Dr. Lovett Weems, Director of the Lewis Center for Church

September						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 WELCOME!! NC District Field Outreach Minister Rev. Kevin Evers - & family to the District!	2	3
4 	5 LABOR DAY - District Office CLOSED	6 District Office Staff Mtg. - 10 AM	7	8 Dennis - Out of Office - Des Moines Mtg.	9	10 Dennis - CCMC Mtg
11	12 District Board of Laity Mtg. 6:30 PM??	13 Clergy Mentor Training - WC Faith UMC - 10 AM-3 PM	14	15 District Youth Comm Mtg. - 7 PM - District Office - WC MATTHEW 25 GRANTS DUE!!	16	17
		<i>← Dennis - Cabinet →</i>				
18	19	20 District Office Staff Mtg. - 10 AM Superintendency Comm. Mtg - 1 PM - District Office-WC	21 Fall Benefit & Wellness Mtg. - 10 AM- WC Faith UMC	22 Candidacy Mentor Training - WC Faith UMC - 1:30-4:30PM District Conn Mtg.	23	24
25	26 Order of Elders - Marshalltown, First UMC - 9-3	27 Pastoral Interviews BEGIN! Ann. Retired Min. Prof & Spouses Conf. New Hope-DM- 9 AM start	28 dCOM Mtg - WC Faith UMC - 9-5 PM	29	30	

North Central District Lay Speaking Trainings

BASIC FOR ALL TRAININGS:

: "Lay Speaking Ministries Basic
- Participants Course"
ISBN # 9780881775525
Author: Sandy Jackson

FT. DODGE TRINITY

OCTOBER 22ND & 23RD, 2011

(SATURDAY 9-4:30 AND SUNDAY 2-5)

ADVANCED:

"Accountable Discipleship" -
Living In God's House
ISBN # 9780881773392
Author(s): Manskar

IOWA FALLS, FIRST UMC

April 21st & 22nd, 2012

(Saturday 9-4:30 and Sunday 2-5)

Advanced:

Afire With God: -
Becoming Spirited Stewards
ISBN # 9780881775204
Author: Betsy Schwarzentraub

MASON CITY, WESLEY UMC

April 28th & 29th, 2012

(Saturday 9-4:30 and Sunday 2-5)

Advanced:

"From Your Heart to Theirs" -(Participant Book) -
Delivering an Effective Sermon -
ISBN # 9780881775365
Author(s): David Carroll, Tony Franks

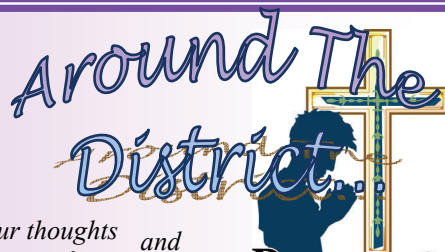
For More information or to register for a training, go to
www.iaumc.org - Click on Districts - Click on NC -
Click on [NC District Lay Speaking page.](#)

Prayer Concerns:

Please keep Rev. Charles Thompson and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Charlie's wife, Karyl passed away suddenly Monday, August 15th. Rev. Charles serves at Scranton/Greenbrier.

Please keep the family of Rev. Nancy Hofmeisterr and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Nancy has been suffering from health concerns.

Please keep Dr. Charles Smith and his family in your thoughts



Prayers & Praises
and prayers. Chuck's wife, Avis is recovering from surgeries. Dr. Charles Smith is Treasurer for the Iowa Annual Conference.

Please keep Rev. Stephen Peters and his family as he begins deployment. Rev. Steve is pastor at Ft. Dodge, Trinity.

SAVE THE DATE

2011 Annual Retired Ministry Professionals' & Spouses' Fall Conference

Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2011

Location: New Hope UMC, 4525 Beaver, Des Moines
Social hour and refreshments will begin at 9 a.m.
Bishop Trimble will be leading worship beginning at 10 a.m.
Adjournment will be at 2:00 p.m.

The featured speaker will be Dan Kaercher, former Editor in Chief, MW Living Magazine. Information regarding registration will be forthcoming later in August.

WANTED: The Jefferson, First UMC is looking for **candelabras** that a church is no longer using and in good shape. Please contact Rev. Julie Poulsen or Deb Blackburn at the Jefferson, First UMC - 515-386-4411 or jeffumc@netins.net



Contact: Linda Remster

Order of Elders, Order of Deacons, the Fellowship of Associate Members & Local Pastors, & Diaconal Ministers

Monday, September 26, 2011

Marshalltown First UMC - 202 W. Main Street, Marshalltown,

Registration: 9 AM Event: 10 AM—3 PM

More information will be forthcoming closer to September 2011



United
Methodist
Women

**NORTH CENTRAL
DISTRICT
ANNUAL UMW
MEETING**

*Friday,
September 16, 2011*
Mason City, First UMC
119 S. Georgia Street
Mason City, IA 50401

“A Vision for the Future”

Theme Verse: Faith—Hope—Love in Action

Song: Hymn #408—The Gift of Love

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Speaker—Linda Nicholson, Conference President

Also the new Director from Bidwell Riverside, Rev. Dennis Coon and Marsha Gerot, Conference Education and Interpretation Officer.

Silent Auction with proceeds to Hawthorn Hill & Shesler Hall
(We would like each unit to bring a basket with produce, baked goods or white elephants.)
PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR LOCAL UNIT.

L.O.T.E. - Local officers are encouraged to attend
8:30 a.m. - Registration & Coffee 9:30 a.m. - Meeting Begins
12:00 Noon - Lunch
1:00 p.m. - Meeting Resumes 2:30 p.m. - Dismissal

More information and registration information can be found at: <http://www.iaumc.org/pages/detail/1603>

THE ROLE OF THE LAITY

I have been preparing my talk for the Southeast District Laity Session that will be September 18 in Washington. I am to speak on the role and responsibility of the laity in the Church. After I worked on assembling a list of things that are expected from the Laity I realized that this list is only as good as the people reading it. The Laity in the United Methodist Church is very diverse and one single list doesn't cut it.

During my service as a Lay Leader for both my church and the District and graduating from the School for Lay Ministry I have come to realize that there is no one definition of a Lay person in the church. I have seen people that give huge amounts of their time, talents and treasures and in contrast there are those that feel little obligation to serve the church in any manner. The good news is that God loves all of us and he offers the same saving grace to everyone regardless of how much we feel a connection to a local church.

I do not come to the Laity of this District with a long set of rules and requirements in order to be a member in good standing with a local church. I have, however learned from Lovett Weams that we have a large group of young to early middle aged people that love and worship Jesus, but not in a way that we are doing in most of our churches. Whether we are one of the disconnected ones or a person that is very active in a local church we need to know that we need to get together and figure out what this new style of worship should be.

The Life of the United Methodist Church in the United States needs this merger and change in order to survive. Our “Call to Action” by the Connectional table mandates and endorses this change. Bishop Palmer told all of us, during the world wide simulcast this spring that we do not need to wait for permission to engage in this change. We should all start now!!

So who are you as a Lay person and what do you see as your part in affecting this change? If you are willing to engage in conversation with others on this topic you will discover that you are slowly becoming a part of the active Laity in the church. My prayer is that all of you will see a need to become more active, to study to learn to become of the same mind as Jesus Christ. That is my life-long goal. To study the scripture and pray so I may learn to think and act more like Jesus in my daily life. I will continue to pray to God for answers and I will find those answers in scripture.

It has been a pleasure serving all of you as the North Central District Lay Leader. As I prepare to become Conference Lay Leader my thoughts and prayers will remain with all of you.

Blessings,

Dave Decker

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deckia@iowaconnect.com

*Thank you!
Dave*

Training for CLERGY MENTORS for the North Central District

Faith United Methodist Church, Webster City

10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 13

Lunch is provided

Register by contacting the District Office

(alanna.warren@iaumc.org or call 515-832-2784)

by September 1, so that materials may be ordered.

Who is Eligible?

Elders in Full Connection

Deacons in Full Connection

Associate Members

Full-time Local Pastors who have completed the Course

of Study

What is the Responsibility?

CLERGY MENTORS are assigned to local pastors to provide ongoing oversight and counsel. (Clergy Mentors for provisional members are assigned by the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.)

What is Needed?

Training is needed if you have not been trained in the last three years. (A pastor may also serve as a Candidacy Mentor, if desired.)

Training for CANDIDACY MENTORS for the North Central District

Faith United Methodist Church, Webster City

1:30 – 4:30 p.m., Thursday, September 22

Register by contacting the District Office

(alanna.warren@iaumc.org or call 515-832-2784)

by September 19.

Who is Eligible?

Elders in Full Connection

Deacons in Full Connection

Associate Members

Full-time Local Pastors who have completed the Course

of Study

What is the Responsibility?

CANDIDACY MENTORS are assigned to persons who have identified themselves as pursuing a call toward ordained ministry. The Candidacy Mentor provides counsel and guidance related to the candidacy process. Candidacy Mentors work with the person until she/he begins serving in an appointive ministry as a local pastor or a commissioned minister.

What is Needed?

Training is needed if you have not been trained in the last three years. (A pastor may also serve as a Clergy Mentor, if desired.)

NEW PLACES FOR NEW PEOPLE – TRAINING FOR LAITY

Laypersons, is God tugging at you to start something new in your community, to reach people that our churches are failing to reach right now? If that's you, then we invite you to become part of the new "Foundations for New Communities of Faith" training that we will be offering in 2012. Patterned after the Jim Griffith new church start boot camps and the PATH 1 Lay Missionary Planting Network, participants will be equipped with the necessary practical skills to begin new communities of faith right in their own

towns, neighborhoods and settings, including:

- Identify your mission field and the most effective models for reaching new people, there
- The Seven Seasons of planting
- The Top 10 planting mistakes
- Why lay led initiatives work best in these contexts
- How to build a launch team
- How to network with and recruit people
- The practical benefits of local church and new community of faith partnerships
- How to launch a new community of faith
- Hands on coaching as you actually do it—Starting your planting
- And more!

This training is offered at the same time the School for Lay Minis-

try holds classes at Simpson College in Indianola. It is open to all laity (and interested clergy), not just SLM graduates. Classes will be held January 6-8, March 2-4, May 4-6, and November 2-4. Tuition for participants is \$100 per weekend which includes three (3) meals and instructor hand-outs. Scholarships are available through the Board of Laity. There are two hotels in Indianola, and Wesley Woods also welcomes persons for the weekend when they have space.

To request a registration information packet, *to be sent at a later date*, contact **Barb Mann**: barb.mann@iaumc.org / 515-974-8905 or for more information about this class, contact **Scott Hibben**, Iowa Conference Leadership Development Minister for Evangelism and New Ministry: scott.hibben@iaumc.org / 515-974-8926.

**2011 IOWA CONFERENCE UNITED
METHODIST WOMEN -ANNUAL
MEETING**

Saturday, October 1, 2011

**First United
Methodist Church**

**508 2nd Ave. N.
Clear Lake, Iowa**



United
Methodist
Women

"All Things Made New"

**Keynote Address given by Bidwell
Riverside Staff**

Registration and Coffee 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Worship Special Music

Displays & Reports

Program Resources Workshops

Election & Installation of

Conference Officers Communion

Come join us for fellowship - surprises & fun!!

**More information and registration information can be found
at: <http://www.iaumc.org/pages/detail/1603>**

Directions: Take exit 193 from I35 toward Clear Lake. (.3 mi) -Turn
left onto 4th Ave. S. (IA-106) (1.2 mi) -
Turn right onto S. 8th St. (.4 mi) -Turn left onto 2nd Ave. N. (.1 mi)-
Church is on the right)



The District Office has been asked in the past to include some information in the Newsletter pertaining to District Askings as well as other items. The following information comes from the most recent IA Annual Conference Treasury Notes -- August 2011



Charitable Contributions are monies given for a specific purpose. The Treasurer's office receives the gifts and passes them on to the designated organization. The gifts include campsite projects, relief for a natural disaster, special mission projects, Ingathering collections and advance special projects support for many local and state institutions. As each gift is received, 100% of what is received is passed on for its designated purpose. The cost to administer these gifts is part of the apportionment cost. *The estimated amount for 2012 is \$3,476,255.*

Fees for Service is just that, a fee that is charged for an event or other related costs. The majority of the fees come from registration, for an event that is held by the Conference. It could be a children's camp, a youth gathering, one of our Academy's or for clergy and lay continuing education. The fee is collected by the agency that is organizing the event and is used to pay for the cost of providing this event. The cost to charge and collect the fees, for an event, is part of the apportionment cost. Thus, fees collected are only used to pay or help pay for the event itself and not any administrative costs. *The estimated amount for 2012 is \$1,466,442.*

Contributions to Benefit Plans are direct bills local congregations receive for their clergy's retirement pension benefit and the apportionment fee for the health insurance cost. The money is collected by the treasury and forwarded to the General Board of Pensions and Wellmark BC/BS of Iowa. As with charitable gifts and fees for service, the Conference cost to administer these plans is funded by our apportionments. *The estimated amount for 2012 is \$12,054,502.*

Investment Earnings come from various bequests that have been left to the Conference. The income from an investment is often restricted for a particular use; such as the Westmar College Scholarship Funds or our Pension Permanent Fund. Some funds are received and invested for a short term until the project is complete. *The estimated amount for 2012 is \$2,184,341.*

Sale of Assets is exactly that, an asset that for some reason is sold. Generally, the assets sold may be equities or occasionally some equipment that still has some usefulness but is no longer appropriate for the Conference. *The estimated amount for 2012 is \$53,000.*

District Asking are funds raised within each of our eight districts for a particular ministry or mission project within that district. As with Charitable Gifts, all the money given for the District Askings goes to the designated project because the apportionment funds cover the administrative costs. *The estimated amount for 2012 is \$219,000.*

Apportionments are the historical methods the United Methodist Church and its predecessor denominations used to support the ministry beyond the local church community. Each congregation is assigned (through a formula) their fair portion of our shared Conference, national and world ministries. *The apportionments for 2012 are \$15,624,566 a 1.98% decrease from 2011.*

Miscellaneous Income is money that comes to the Conference but does not readily match any of the other receipt categories. *The estimated amount for 2012 is \$128,000....— (The September Treasury Notes will describe the estimated functional expense of the Conference for the year 2012*



Apportionments

% AS OF 7/31/2011

Ackley	0%	Fort Dodge, Trinity	63%	Radcliffe, St. John's	42%
Alden	25%	Garner	54%	Ellsworth	33%
Algona, First	67%	Geneva	100%	Renwick	0%
Ames, Calvary	17%	Gifford	0%	Goldfield	0%
Ames, Collegiate	58%	Gowrie	58%	Rockwell	42%
Ames, First	58%	Grand Junction	58%	Swaledale	58%
Ames, Korean	0%	Hampton	50%	Rockwell City	50%
Beaver Yoke	100%	Hubbard, Salem	29%	Jolley	58%
Belmond	42%	Huxley, Trinity	48%	Rowan United Church	58%
Boone, First	50%	Cambridge	55%	Scranton	0%
Boone, Marion Street	7%	Iowa Falls, First	17%	Greenbrier	42%
Boxholm	50%	Jefferson, First	3%	Sheffield, First	20%
Pilot Mound	40%	Kanawha	20%	Hansell	50%
Lehigh	42%	Klemme	24%	West Fork	58%
Otho	58%	Goodell	53%	Slater	17%
Britt	19%	Lake City Union	4%	Sheldahl	0%
Buffalo Center	23%	Lake Mills, Asbury	35%	Stanhope, Grace Parish	19%
Clarion, First	32%	Lohrville	0%	Story City, Grace	0%
Clear Lake	63%	Lanesboro	50%	Stratford, Calvary	30%
Colo	6%	Loring	58%	South Marion	25%
Collins	15%	LuVerne	60%	Duncombe	14%
Corwith	25%	Mackey	58%	Swea City, First	78%
Wesley, First	58%	Manly, Bethel	23%	Thompson	25%
Dayton	34%	Bolan-Trinity	58%	Titonka	8%
Harcourt	14%	Mason City, First	29%	Ventura	60%
Dows	50%	Mason City, Wesley	58%	Webster City, Asbury	42%
Alexander, Community	59%	Mason City, Grace	37%	Webster City, Faith	50%
Eagle Grove	24%	Maxwell	50%	Kamrar	58%
Eldora	51%	Meservey, Salem	2%	Willians	0%
Ellis	58%	Thornton, First	57%	Woolstock	100%
Faith (GC,Hmbdt, RtInd, Lvmr)	8%	Morgan	8%	Bethel UMC (Zearing)	5%
Farnhamville First	42%	Bradford	51%		
Somers	22%	Lee Center	58%		
Fenton, First	0%	Napier	58%		
Forest City	25%	Nevada, First	50%		
Crystal Lake	51%	Northwood	50%		
Fort Dodge, Epworth	2%	Ogden, Community	22%		
Fort Dodge, First	58%	Our Savior UMC	50%		
Fort Dodge, Riverside	9%	Owasa	100%		
		Paton	22%		
		Churdan	17%		

**North Central District
Total 38%
District Apportion-
ments paid as of
7/31/2011**

PASTORAL INTERVIEWS & CHARGE CONFERENCE SCHEDULES



Schedules can be viewed by going to the Conference Website. Go to www.iaumc.org click on [Districts](#). Click on [North Central District](#). Click on [Pastoral Interviews](#) or [Charge Conference Schedule](#).

[Charge Conference Forms](#) are now AVAILABLE on line!! Watch for Form I after September 1st.



REMINDER TO ALL ELDERS:

We need your help again this year to preside at the 2011-2012 Charge Conferences. Please contact [Alanna](#) at the District office to sign up to help and/or if you have any questions. .
Thank you!

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Des Moines, IA 50321**

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North Central District Newsletter

2012 Matthew 25 Grant Applications Available

Does your church, institution, or ministry action team have a growing ministry or plans to begin a new program that addresses the needs of the poor or marginalized in your community? It might be eligible for a Matthew 25 grant. These grants are funded by apportionments for the purpose of supporting and expanding outreach in local communities. Grants typically have ranged from about \$500 to \$4,000. Application forms and guidelines are available on the district website (www.iaumc.org) and click on “districts” and then NC District. Completed applications including all necessary signatures are due in the district office by **Thursday, September 15, 2011**.