

# Church Dashboard User Guide

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## **CHURCH DASHBOARD INTRODUCTION**

The Church Dashboard is a web-based feature that allows local churches to update the information for their church both in the conference database and on our conference website. This includes items such as Worship Service times, directions to the church, and events being held by the church.

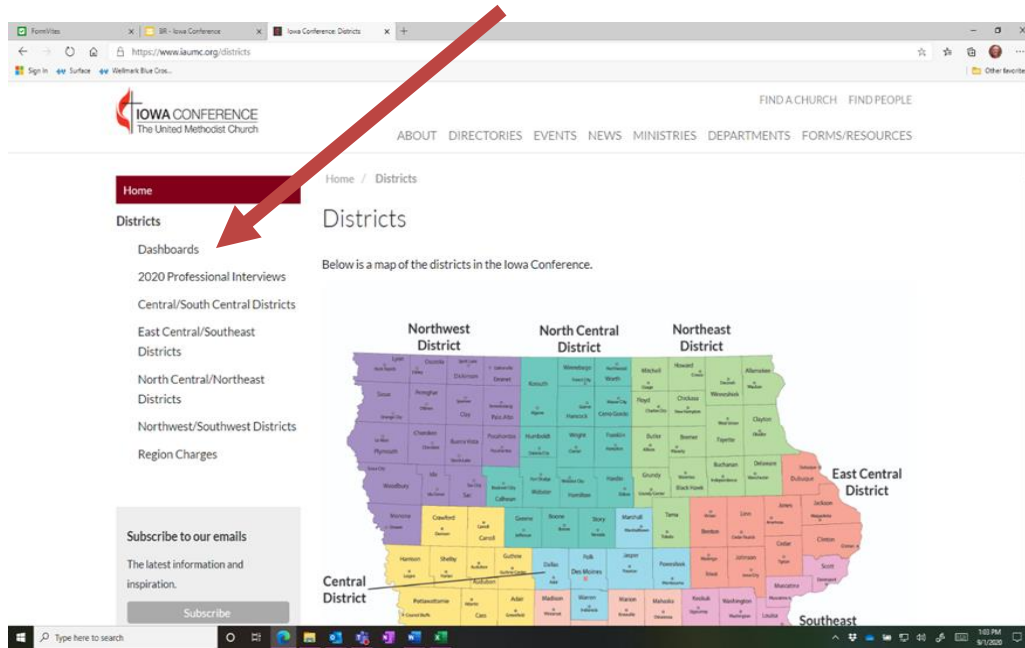
The pages that follow take you through a step-by-step process on how to use the church dashboard. If there are questions regarding the church dashboard that are not answered in this document, please contact Roland Minshall ([roland.minshall@iaumc.org](mailto:roland.minshall@iaumc.org)) in the conference office.

# LOGGING IN TO THE CHURCH DASHBOARD

There are two ways to access the login screen for the Local church dashboard.

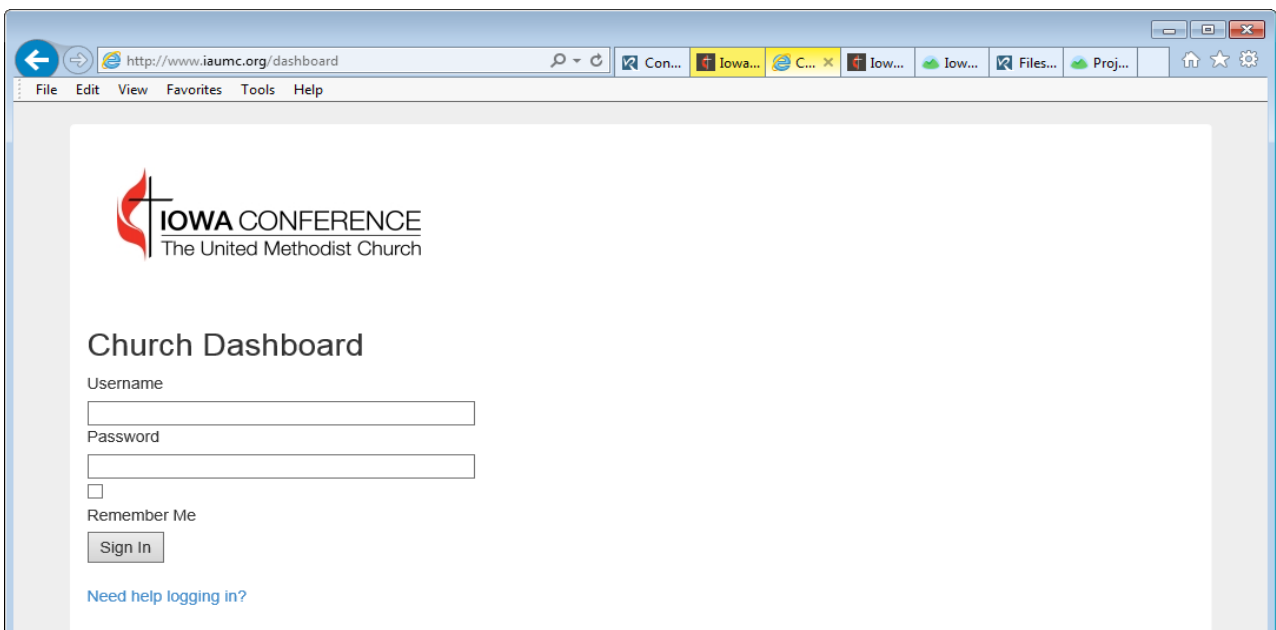
## Option 1

Visit your district's website (accessible through [www.iaumc.org/districts](http://www.iaumc.org/districts)) and click on "Church Dashboard" on the left-hand side of the screen.

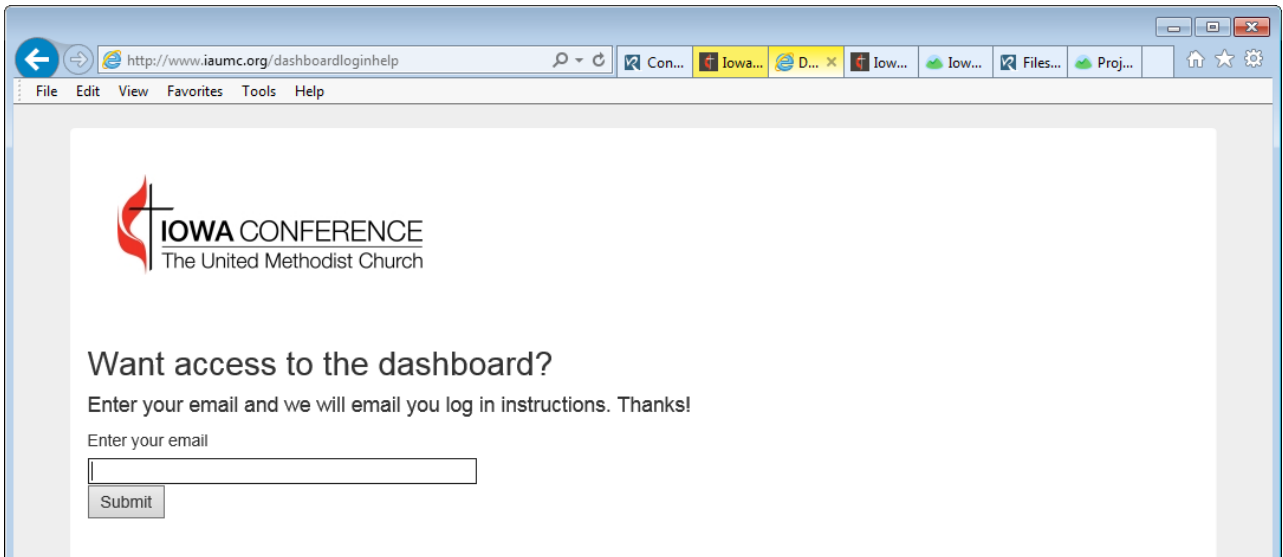


## Option 2

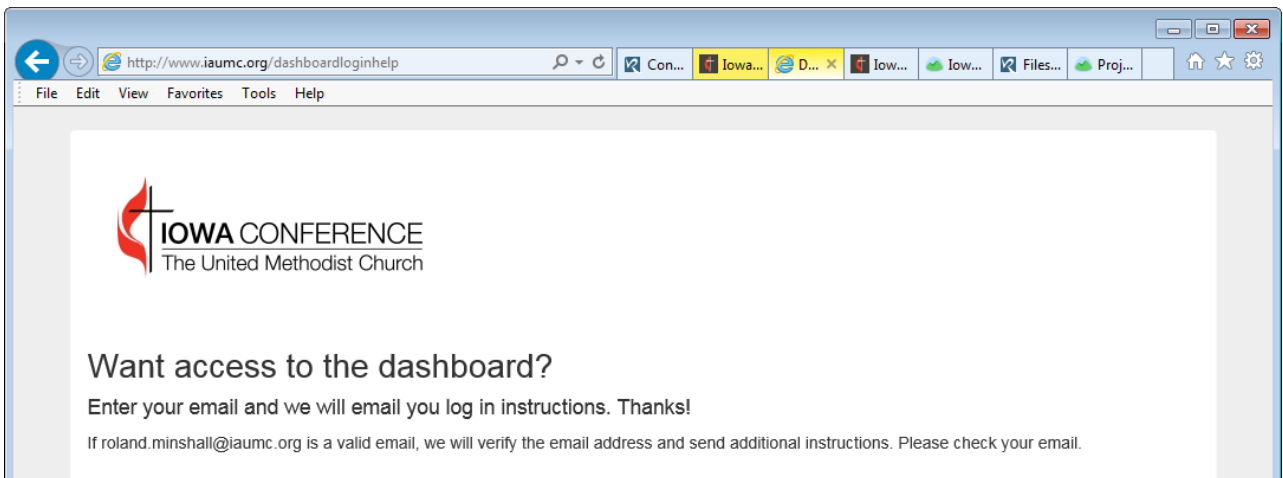
Type <http://www.iaumc.org/dashboard> into the address bar of your web browser and go directly to the following screen.



Log in using the username and password for your church. If you cannot remember your login information, please click on the “Need help logging in?” link and you will be presented with the following screen:



Enter your **church's** e-mail address and click "Submit". The church email that you use here **must match** the email address that is listed in our database for your church. You will see the following screen.



If the email address you entered is the correct email address listed for your church, you will receive an email with a link to change your password.

Click on the link and you will be prompted to enter your new password and then to confirm it. Your username will be in bold letters. In the example below, the username is "Your Church Username".

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://www.iaumc.org/8ea156d6aa0573075697d3ebca05c9b1342bfc>. The browser's address bar and menu bar are visible. The main content area displays the Iowa Conference logo, which includes a red flame-like graphic and the text "IOWA CONFERENCE The United Methodist Church". Below the logo, the text reads "Want access to the dashboard? Enter your email and we will email you log in instructions. Thanks!". A form section titled "Reset password for" has a text input field containing "Your Church Username". Below this, there are two more text input fields labeled "Enter your new password" and "Confirm password". A "Submit" button is located at the bottom of the form.

Once the password is accepted, you will need to go back to the login screen and enter the new information.

Once you have logged in, you will be presented with the home page of the church dashboard:



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## 'CHURCH DASHBOARD' HOME PAGE

The church dashboard home page has links that will take you to each section of the dashboard. This manual will cover each of the sections. The sections are as follows:

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**Log Out** - *Clicking on the Log Out link will log you out of the system and return you to the Church Dashboard Login screen.*

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## CHURCH INFORMATION

This area allows you to update the information for your church. Click on the “Church Information” link and the following screen will display with the information we currently have in the database for your church.

**Click** on the green **“Update”** button to make changes in any of the displayed fields. (See screen below).

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Update

Primary Image



Church SHORT Name

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Church FULL Name

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## Church Information

**Save**

Primary Image [add title ...](#)

waukee\_umc\_nqqr2qmm.jpg  
http://YourWebsite/files/tables/contacts/494407/fields/primaryimage/8c2f140b158e44c19d866ef7f92336

**Remove**

**Browse**

**- Name Fields**

**- Email and Phones**

Email Address

Business Phone

Church Fax

**To upload a Primary Image** (current picture of your church), click on the “Browse” button and navigate to the picture located on your computer. Click on the file name to highlight it and then click “open”. This will upload your picture to the website.

When making changes to the contact information for your church, entries must be made using CAPITAL LETTERS and no punctuation. (The only exception is the email address.) Phone numbers should be entered in the following format (xxx) xxx-xxxx. It is very important that you **do not** put words in the phone number field such as “call first”. Do not enter words in the phone number field even if you are indicating an extension. Just enter the phone number without the extension.

Please note: If you need to make a change to your Physical Address please contact a conference or district office with the desired update.

When you have finished updating the information for your church, **click on “SAVE”**. The following screen will display. Click “Return to Church Info”.

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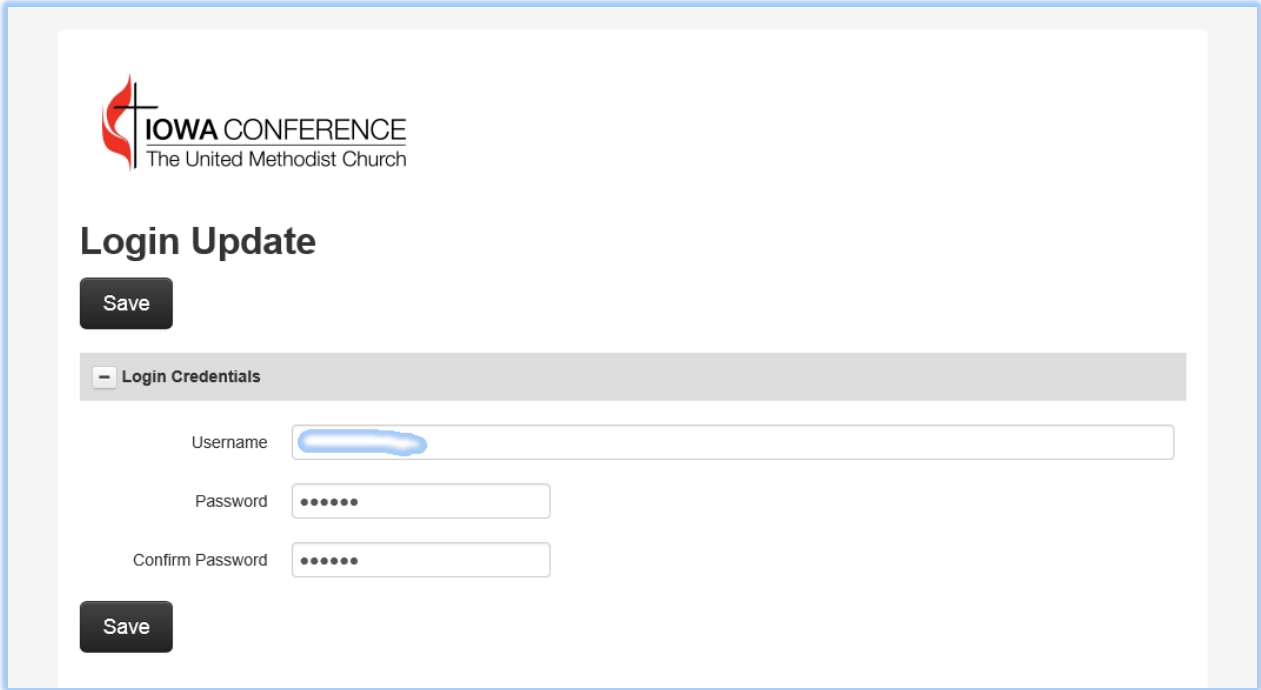
## Church Information

**Your change has been saved**

**Return to church info page**

# CHURCH LOGIN INFORMATION

This area is used to change the login information for your church. (This login is for the church, not an individual.) If more than one person at your church accesses this program, you will need to inform them of the change. Click on the "Update" button, and the following screen will appear.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Login Update" for the Iowa Conference of The United Methodist Church. At the top left is the logo, which consists of a red cross with a flame-like shape on its left side, followed by the text "IOWA CONFERENCE" and "The United Methodist Church" below it. Below the logo is a "Save" button. Underneath is a grey header bar with a minus sign and the text "Login Credentials". Below this header are three input fields: "Username" with a blue cursor, "Password" with six dots, and "Confirm Password" with six dots. At the bottom left of the form area is another "Save" button.

Enter the new username that you want to use, enter the new password and then re-type the new password to confirm it. Click on "Save". Put this information in a safe place.

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## Events

This selection allows you to enter events being held by your church. These events will then show on the Conference website calendar, along with the church detail page for your church under the district church lists.

To begin, **click on “Add New Event”**

# Submit an Event from Church

Save

Title

## Event Dates ▼

Start

End

Recurrence

## Event Details ▼

Calendar  ▼

Body

Church

Main Contact Name

Location Name

Address 1

Address 2

City

State  ▼

Email

External URL

Save

Enter as much of the information as you have available. Required fields include the Title, the Start Date, and the Body (description of the event). Make sure you select your church from the dropdown list of churches.

**Click Save when completed**

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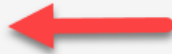
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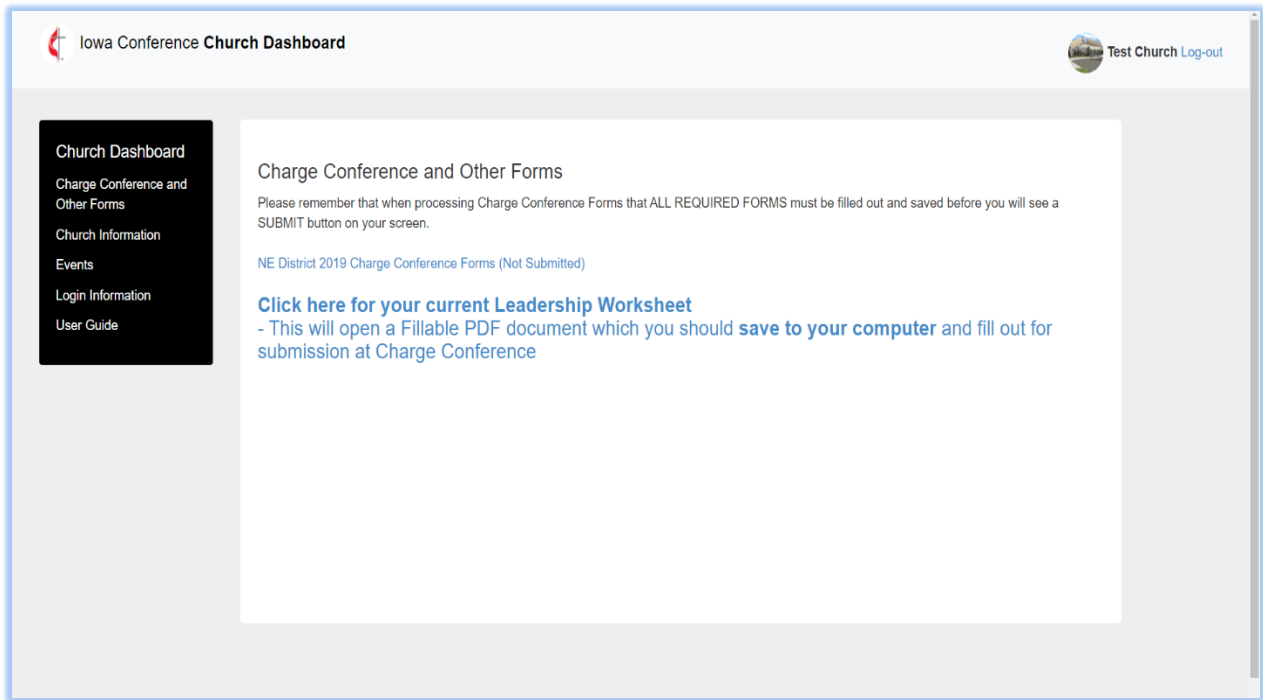
Dec-01-2016 Soup Dinner

Dec-01-2016 Soup Supper

[Add New Event](#)

You will be returned to the events screen with your newly added event showing.

To make changes to any event simply click on the name of the event to go to the update screen.



## Charge Conference and Other Forms

The Charge Conference and Other Forms link will take you to a screen which will contain links to various FormVites which have been sent to your church for Charge Conference Reports. Simply click the appropriate link for the forms you need to fill out.

Beginning in 2017 this will be the only method for accessing the Charge Conference Forms links.

You will also find a link to your Current Leadership Worksheet. You will need to save this file to your computer and fill it out and save your changes. Then submit your Leadership Worksheet to your District Administrative Assistant following Charge Conference.

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**Central-SC District 2020 Charge Conference**

**Files:**

- 2020 charge conference minutes.doc
- certified-lay-servant-annual\_report\_fillable.pdf
- lay-speaker\_annual-report.pdf
- form i 2021 .xlsx
- 2021 planning pastoral support guide.pdf
- 2021 quick instructions form i.pdf
- resolution+on+accountable+reimbursement+plan.doc
- resolution+on+church-owned+parsonage.doc
- resolution+on+clergy-owned+housing.doc

**Forms for Test Church** These are the forms you need to complete

Board of Trustees Report for 2020	Required	<input type="button" value="Start this form"/>
Church Membership Report for 2020	Required	<input type="button" value="Start this form"/>
Historian Report for 2020	Required	<input type="button" value="Start this form"/>
Mission and Ministry Plan for 2021	Required	<input type="button" value="Start this form"/>

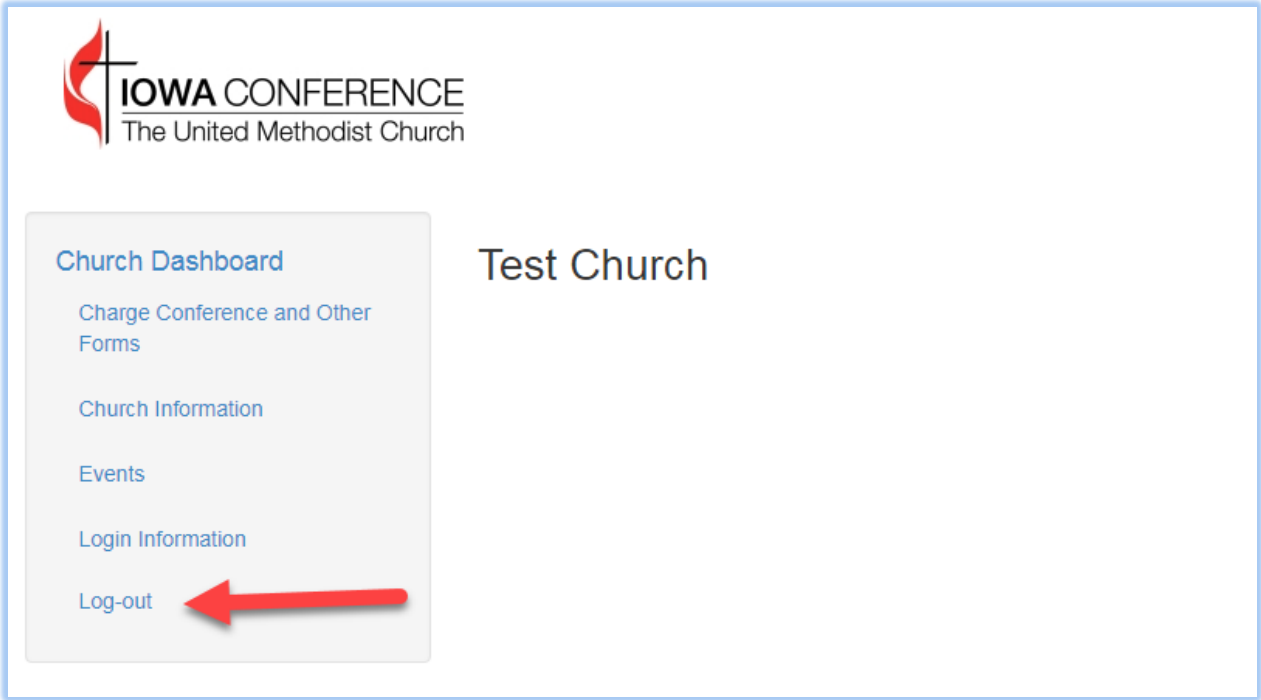
## Charge Conference Files

Each file will open up a document which will need to save to your computer and print for signatures these files were previously found on the iaumc.org website on the Forms page under Charge Conference Forms.

Remember that you will need to email these files to your District Administrative Assistant with signatures following Charge Conference.

# LOG-OUT

After you are finished working in the Local dashboard, click on “Log-Out”.



You will be returned to the homepage of our conference website.