

November 13, 2018

BUDGET TEAM UPDATE

To: All Pastors & Local Church Leadership

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Budget Team met for the second time on Friday, November 2 and will meet again on Friday, November 16. As stated in our first letter, we wish to establish ongoing communications as we seek to establish relationships and conduct our work.

We have laid out our process and have a basic framework upon which there is stated agreement. Our intention is to discern specific recommendations we will share first with the Bishop's and Cabinet Operational Teams, then to impacted groups, and then to the Conference. We have set time for feedback and listening sessions to begin with our Boards and Agencies here at the Conference Center on December 8. We have scheduled three one and half hour feedback/listening sessions throughout the Conference in January at the following dates and locations:

January 13, 2019: North Liberty United Methodist Church from 2:45 – 4:15 PM

January 20, 2019: Carroll, First United Methodist Church from 2:00 – 3:30 PM

January 26, 2019: Ames, First United Methodist Church from 10:30 – 12:00 Noon

The Team would have preferred more sessions, but we are limited due to our time frame. We will meet to collect concerns and feedback, process unanswered questions, and make adjustments as they are discerned. We will then communicate back what we have heard, our response, and our final recommendations back to the Bishop's Operational Team who convened us for this work. They will forward their recommendation to the Conference Council of Finance and Administration and the Conference Connectional Ministries Council. The final decision will be that of the Annual Conference as we adopt the budget.

We have received questions, comments, suggestions, and commitments of prayer as we conduct our work. They are helpful and welcome. Thank you to all who took time to email us. A temporary email address has been set up for you to use if you'd like to communicate with the Budget Team. It is [budget@iaumc.org](mailto:budget@iaumc.org).

Please know we strive to be good stewards of both the financial and human resources with which we have been blessed. We will also continue to hold you in our prayers and we invite your prayerful support as well.

Grace and Peace,

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