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Dear Iowa Conference Pastors, Treasurers, Finance Chairs and Church Secretaries/Admins

RE: 2017 Annual Statistical Reports

Along with the winter holidays comes the report of the local church statistics. The 2016 Book of Discipline ¶340.2c(2)(f) states that a pastor's responsibility is "to care for all church records, and local church financial obligations, and certify the accuracy of all financial, membership, and any other reports submitted by the local church to the annual conference for use in apportioning costs back to the church." A pastor may fulfill this requirement by ensuring that all statistical information for tables one, two and three are completed.

As we have done in past years, we are asking all churches, to submit their statistical tables on-line **by Wednesday, February 28th, 2018**. Please visit the Statistics page on the conference website <http://www.iaumc.org/stats> for directions.

If it is impossible for you or someone from your congregation to submit your statistics on-line, please contact me at 515-974-8924 and we will send you paper copies of the report.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation by providing this valuable information. Again, remember that submission must be completed no later than **February 28th, 2018**. Congregations that do not complete the report by that day will have an automatic 10% increase added to their 2019 apportionments.

Will be conducting webinars (on-line meetings) to discuss various statistical questions in mid-January. Please watch the Finance and Administration page on the conference website for details on how to register for these meetings.

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