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Dear Servant in Christ:

The 2019 Shared Ministry Apportionments are included with this letter.

The total apportionment budget approved for 2018 by the lay and clergy members of the Annual Conference was **\$14,288,286** which is **\$(505,925) or 3.4% lower than the 2018** apportionment budget of \$14,794,211. A full breakdown on where apportionments would be spent in 2019 was given at the Annual Conference Sessions and you can find the breakdown for your individual churches on the website under Apportionment Resources. *The Book of Discipline* and *The Judicial Council of the Church* requires the total amount of apportionments voted on and approved by the Annual Conference is to be shared among the churches. The method by which the apportionment will be shared among the churches was also approved by members of the most recent Iowa Annual Conference. The apportionment formula is in Action Item #204 on page 138 of the *2017 Iowa Conference Journal*.

After the faithful and extensive effort to ensure that the inputs are correct, the final apportionments have been calculated. After the 2017 Statistics were submitted by your church in late-winter, the Conference Staff reviewed all statistics looking for abnormalities. In addition, multiple reports were sent to each church to validate and confirm the reported statistics including separate postal mailings to both the Pastor, Church Treasurer and Finance Chairperson. We will not be able to make further corrections or changes for any congregation that affect the 2019 apportionments. We will, however, receive corrections which may affect future apportionments. As you can understand, to correct an apportionment for one congregation means recalculating the apportionments for all the congregations so we can meet the Disciplinary requirement of apportioning the entire amount.

Apportionments are the fundamental method the church uses to fund mission and ministry beyond the local community. United Methodists, from its beginning, has been a denomination that believes congregations are to fund both a local ministry and a ministry beyond its own community to the world parish. For the followers of John Wesley, ministry has never been one or the other but always both.

Thank you for your ministry as a United Methodist.

Sincerely,

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