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GREETINGS!

It is the beginning of a new year and there is so much to do! Hopefully, the information in this newsletter will be helpful to your church leadership.

Blessings...

Tamara Wims

Conference Treasurer & Director of Administration

2018 Apportionments Due January 14



Through December we received 73.3% of the Gross Apportionments billed to churches for 2018. Our goal for 2018 is 85%! If your church is able, please consider giving over and above the amount apportioned. Your generosity is appreciated! If you can, please send in your final giving through the [Ezra website](#).

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2018 Statistical Reports Due January 31



Each year, United Methodist Churches complete Statistical Reports which compiles data on Membership and Participation (*Table #1*), Church Assets and Expenses (*Table #2*) and Church Income (*Table #3*) for the entire denomination. The year-end reporting is done through the [Ezra website](#) (the same website used for online apportionment giving). The login credentials for your church

will not be reset this year. Please use the password your church set last year or contact [Lisa Adler](#) to have it reset.

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IRS Raises Standard Mileage Rates for 2019



Beginning January 1, 2019, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car will be 58 cents per mile driven for business use and 14 cents per mile driver in service of charitable



organizations.

Volunteers Needed

If you are in the Sun Prairie area and would like to help out our Finance & Administration Office by filing, data entry and other clerical work we would welcome it! As you know, our office was recently down-sized and although we are putting new efficient processes in place, we still have a lot of work to get things back to running smoothly! The good news is that all of our staff are up for the challenge. Please email TreasurerOffice@WisconsinUMC.org if you have the availability to spend a day with our F&A team.

Year End Tasks



There are some year end tasks you should be aware of, including form W-2 Wage and Tax Statement, contribution statements and a few tips for closing your books.

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Upcoming Trainings



January 19th - Leadership Conference - 9 a.m. at Onalaska UMC. [Click here](#) for the flyer. **January 28th** - Clergy Tax Workshop 9:30 a.m. at Conference Center in Sun Prairie. [Click here](#) to register. **February 11th** - Clergy Taxes: Keep All You Can! 10 a.m. webinar. [Click here](#) to register.

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