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## Greetings!



This summer has been a time of transition for our Finance Office. In July we started using the Ezra website for apportionment giving and in August we had a reduction in our finance staff due to budgetary constraints. Thank you all for your patience and kind words. You don't know how much we appreciate them. The note in the picture was written on our Task Board by Lisa Adler, our Accounting Clerk.

As always, if you have any finance or administration-related questions please call 608-837-7320 or email [TreasurerOffice@WisconsinUMC.org](mailto:TreasurerOffice@WisconsinUMC.org). We are here to serve!

*Tamara Wims*

Conference Treasurer & Director of Administration

## 2019 Apportionment Notice



The 2019 Apportionment Notice will be mailed at the end of the month to the Pastor and Treasurer of each church. For the Wisconsin Annual Conference, the apportionment calculation is based 1/3 on church membership and 2/3 on local church expenses as reported on your statistical reports (*Conference Policy 10.1.0 found on page 341 of the 2016 Conference Journal*).

## Updated Fund List

Our churches give each month to Special Sunday Offerings, Global Advance Projects and Wisconsin Projects. An updated list of these funds/projects is available on our [website](#). For the Global Advance Projects, we will be using the project number assigned by the General Board of Global Ministries. We ask that Treasurers use these fund numbers when sending donations to the Conference Office. [View the updated fund List](#).

## Apportionment Website Up and Running!



Thank you for bearing with us through the transition to the [Ezra website](#) for apportionments. This is the same website we ask you to use to submit your yearly statistics. We transitioned to this website because the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) provides it for free to



Finance and Administration (CF&A) provides information to Annual Conferences.

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### **A Truth Runs Through It**



There is a beautiful thread running through The Book of Discipline (BoD) and the history and practice of the United Methodist Church. Much of this thread is woven between the lines of the BoD, but it shows boldly in the paragraphs concerning the Council on Finance and Administration (CF&A).

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### **Did You Know? - World Communion Sunday**



Congregations around the globe celebrate World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday of every October. The offering provides college scholarships for racial and ethnic minority students across the U.S. and worldwide. Click [here](#) for a bulletin insert on World Communion Sunday. When sending the offering to the Annual Conference, please use Fund No 1045.

### **Did You Know? - Unrestricted vs. Restricted Fund**



The donor determines if a contribution is unrestricted or restricted. Most of the Sunday offering is unrestricted since the donor has not specified how it should be used. These contributions can be used to pay for the normal operating expenses of the church.

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### **Benefits Corner: 2019 Medical Insurance Rates Set**



The 2019 medical insurance rates for clergy and laity are available on the [Conference website](#). This page also includes a HealthFlex Exchange Plan Comparison and a guide on how to choose a health plan. Policies on health insurance appear on page 363 of the 2016 Conference Journal.

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### **Upcoming Trainings**



**October 27th - Church Finance Training - 10 a.m. - Rhinelander, WI** - Training led by our Conference Treasurer will include best practices for handling church finances and a basic understanding of the roles of the church treasurer, financial secretary and finance committee members.



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**January 19th - Leadership Training Day - LaCrosse, WI**

- A day of training hosted by the LaCrosse Area Circuit that

will include training on finance, SPRC and more! More details will be provided in the next Finance News.

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