

January Direct Billing: Our office makes every effort to mail the January Direct Bill for Pension and Health Insurance in a timely manner. However, the January bill will come a little later as we need to make salary adjustments to make certain the pension bill is correct. This also requires entering address information for new 2008 church treasurers. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

2007 Remittance Payments: January 8, 2008 is the due date when remittance forms must be received in our office to receive credit towards your 2007 apportionments. Any 2007 apportionments received after that date will be credited to 2007 but will show on your January 2008 statements as "Prior-year apportionments paid."

Remittance Forms: The Conference office will be mailing the twelve monthly Church Remittance Forms for 2008 within the next few weeks, envelopes are also provided for sending payments to the Conference. If your church is one of the many number of congregations who are sending money to the conference by E-service you will not receive the remittance forms or envelopes. If your church wishes to begin electronic payment, please contact Jeremy Jolly at the conference office 515-974-8923 or e-mail Jeremy.Jolly@iaumc.org.

These forms are also available on the web at www.iaumc.org/tforms.

2008 Church Statements: For 2008, each month Church Statements will be able to be accessed by visiting www.iaumc.org/remits. If you want a paper copy mailed to you, you must contact Jeremy Jolly at 515-974-8923 or e-mail Jeremy.Jolly@iaumc.org. One of the reasons we are going to the web site is efficiency and cost savings. Postage alone for this mailing costs over \$9,000 a year plus paper, envelope and staff time. However, our office will mail them to you upon request.

2007 Statistical Information: Near the end of December you will receive information regarding the year-end statistical data. We are asking that each church go to the web site to input your statistical data. You will also receive information in a letter explaining how that can be done. The forms will be on the web site at www.iaumc.org/stats. If you cannot download the forms, please contact Cynthia Davis at the Conference Center 515- 974-8920 or e-mail her at Cynthia.Davis@iaumc.org and she will send

you a paper copy. If you cannot input the data we will ask that you send a copy to the Conference Center and our staff will input the data. Again, we hope to save printing and mailing costs by using this method. Also, we hope to reduce errors in the statistics which you know can happen each time someone else must handle the information. Thank you for your cooperation. Our office will send you communication providing instructions.

Holiday Closings: The Conference offices will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25 and will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 31 and January 1, 2008.

Apportionment Receipts

Thank you for your faithful payments of 2007 apportionments and for the payments that you have made for prior-year apportionments. For 2007, that amount is \$762,404. If receipts for December follow the usual pattern, this year should be one of the best years for Iowa United Methodists faithful response to our shared ministries. I know that every gift supporting the ministry of the church starts by someone recognizing God's blessing in their life and being willing to share those blessing with others. All of us are strengthened with a generous spirit as we give as God has given to us. We cannot say thank you enough as you give to missions in your local communities, in Iowa, our country and the world. Your gifts do make a difference in the lives, the hopes and future eternity for so many.

November Apportionment Receipts

	2006	4 YR AVG	2007
Ministerial Support	4,091,949 70.50%	4,226,454 70.08%	4,145,273 73.29%
Administration	1,887,218 60.72%	1,676,860 59.99%	2,117,551 63.15%
World Serv & Conf. Benev.	3,131,364 54.47%	3,051,357 53.61%	3,551,990 57.40%
Other Ministries	128,016 59.97%	125,833 57.46%	123,346 60.65%
Total Apportionments	9,238,547 62.11%	9,080,505 61.62%	9,938,160 64.53%

W-2 Helps

If you need help with completing W-2 forms, go to www.iaumc.org click on Finance & Administration, click on Finance Web Links, then Clergy Tax Packet. Hopefully, this will answer many questions.