

From the Foundation

A WAY FORWARD

Throughout the Iowa Conference and the United Methodist Church, there are prayers being lifted up, and important conversations happening, about A Way Forward and the General Conference in 2019.

Concerns have been raised about the Foundation's role in investing funds if congregations or individuals change their membership in Iowa Annual Conference.

- * Your investments are **secure**. No action taken by next year's General Conference will impact any church's ability to utilize the Foundation.
- * The **mission** remains. The Foundation continues to serve as prudent investors, for ALL non-profit ministries, regardless of denomination. The Foundation will continue to partner with individuals and congregations for the long-term financial support of the ministries they love.

With the Board of Directors, we continue to pray for the upcoming General Conference and what follows afterwards. I invite you to continue in prayer with us as well.

If you have any questions about the Foundation, and the impact A Way Forward may have on our relationship with your church or organization, please contact me at Katharine.yarnell@iumf.org or info@iumf.org or call me at 515-974-8928.



YEAR-END GIVING

Gifts of stocks given through the Foundation avoid capital gains taxes, and generate a great tax deduction for the donor. The church or favorite ministry will receive the value of the stock, with no commission charges from the Foundation.

Gifts can be "**bundled**" to help with charitable tax deductions. Multi-year pledges can be bundled into one amount, given to the Foundation – designated for your favorite ministry or church. The Foundation will then distribute the funds as requested – for example, over several years. This helps simplify the local church accounting, and helps with taxes.

Required Minimum Distributions from various pension programs can be designated specifically for a church or ministry. When these funds go directly to the charity, they do not count as part of your income, which can be beneficial for your tax rates. For more information on the Charitable IRA Rollover, or these other gift options, please call 515-974-8927 or visit www.iumf.org.

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