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Dear Churches of the Iowa Conference,

The recommended offering date for *Funding Future Leadership* is less than two weeks away! On **Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup>** all 168 churches of the Iowa Conference are encouraged to take this special offering that goes to providing scholarship aid for our members-in-discernment.

Everyone should have received the offering materials via mailing and electronically. If you have not received the materials please be in contact with the Iowa Conference office.

If the date of January 21<sup>st</sup> does not work for the offering please consider having it on another date. The absolute deadline to have money returned to the conference is by **Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>**. Any money received by the conference office after this date will be held onto and disbursed the following year.

It is important we do whatever we can to care for tomorrow's leaders. In a time where church is changing and we're asking more from our leaders than any other point in our denomination's history we need to come together and support the women and men who have heard God's call to serve the church. Our future depends on having strong pastors.

If anyone has any questions please be in contact with the Iowa Conference office and they will help you get in contact with me. I am happy to help however I can to spread the word about Funding Future Leadership.

In Christ's Love,

The Rev. Charles D. Owens  
Pastor at Osage United Church of Christ  
Chairperson for *Funding Future Leadership*

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