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RE: UMC Clergy Well-Being Survey—Request for Participation

Dear Rev./Bishop <Firstname> <Lastname>:

Clergy well-being is an important consideration because it directly affects mission and ministry. We know that the well-being of our clergy is reflected in the health of their congregations, and by extension, the health of the denomination as a whole. In the coming days, you will receive an e-mail invitation from the Center for Health division of Wespath Benefits and Investments (Wespath) asking you to participate in our biennial Clergy Well-Being Survey. Wespath is the new name for the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits—it invokes our founder, John Wesley, and indicates a health and wholeness path to follow for those we serve.

2017 Survey

Our 2017 survey continues the Center for Health's focus on clergy well-being. Thirty-eight percent of the randomly-selected United Methodist clergy completed the 2015 survey. This year, we are striving for an even higher response rate. That is why your feedback is critical—it will help us learn more about clergy well-being as we continue to monitor trends, and develop programs and services to improve those trends. I hope you will participate in this survey because it will help the denomination better understand and support the well-being of our clergy.

Collaboration

The survey was developed in collaboration with the Virginia Annual Conference, Duke Clergy Health Initiative (CHI) and Duke University Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health. Duke CHI is helping fund the survey, while Versta Research will again conduct it on our behalf.

Your Participation

Your participation is voluntary, and your responses are completely confidential—you will receive an e-mail invitation to complete the online survey; it will take about 20 minutes. Please feel free to call Versta Research toll-free at **1-312-348-6089** with any questions.

On behalf of Wespath, we appreciate your time and the opinions you share with us. Clergy across the denomination benefit from the information we gather and the well-being programs that are developed as a result—all in support of long-term UMC vitality in mission and ministry.

Yours in service to Christ,

Barbara A. Boigegrain
General Secretary