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Dear youth ministry partner,

The theme of the 2019 Iowa District West Junior Youth Gathering is “Come to the Table.” The theme verse is 1 Cor. 11:26 *“For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”* We have an awesome opportunity to “come” and learn about the faith strengthening gifts offered at the “table”!

Our focus this year is Holy Communion. Your Junior Youth Gathering team has been working diligently to form the Gathering around the theme “Come to the Table.” As always, we pray that your congregation will send a group of students and adults to participate in this faith-growing, relationship-building gathering organized for the youth of our District.

Please share this information with your congregation’s sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. The Gathering Team suggests that the information be presented at your confirmation/midweek orientation (or perhaps sooner). Please note the registration deadline. Hotel and other details mandate this deadline. Please feel free to make copies. The materials are also available on the District Website (www.idwlcms.org) and on the District gathering site (www.idwyg.org). Please publicize the opportunity in your congregation. Congregations with smaller youth groups might consider teaming up with neighboring congregations. Hopefully your congregation can provide some financial assistance for youth and counselors who wish to attend. District assistance is available for financially challenged families (health, unemployment, etc.). Please review the District financial aid application for more information.

The Gathering will again be held at Sheraton in West Des Moines (I80/35 & University). It is a convenient and comfortable setting. We hope to see you at **“Come to the Table.”** Thank you for your partnership in reaching and teaching the younger generation of God’s people!

Saved by grace,

The Junior Youth Gathering Team