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WNCC UMW ANNUAL MEETING
A Celebration of United Methodist Women

“A Portrait For The Future”

September 9, 10 & 11, 2005, Lake Junaluska Assembly

Friday night - Opening Worship, Jan Love

Saturday morning - Mission Speaker: Ariel Collins

Saturday afternoon - It's a Mission Fair!

Sunday morning - Closing worship & Communion, Jan Love

Music Leaders: Susan McCurry & Rev. John-Palmer Smith

Hands-On Mission Opportunity: Gift to Mission Cards

Conference Love Offering: *“In Honor of Retired and Active Mission Personnel Related to the Western North Carolina Conference”*



Vice President's Message

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. ...Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me. Matthew 25:35-36, 40, NRSV

These favorite verses from Matthew reveal God's call on each of us...to make a difference in the lives of His children. In 2004, we celebrated the incredible legacy of 135 years of women who have served God through the organization we now call United Methodist Women. This year, we want to look forward, and consider *A Portrait for the Future*. How will we continue to answer God's call to mission...to make a difference in the lives of women, children & youth in our own communities and around the world...today, and tomorrow?

Annual Meeting is a wonderful opportunity to see and hear about the many ways that YOU are involved in mission, and also an opportunity to gather ideas and resources that you can take home to your local unit. I

hope you are already planning to join us at Lake Junaluska, September 9, 10 & 11, for the Annual Meeting of United Methodist Women of the Western North Carolina Conference. Come for a day, or come for the weekend...just come and be a part of YOUR Annual Meeting!

We are excited about our guest speakers and our music leaders for the weekend, and know that you will be blessed in special ways by each of them. You can read more about them on the following pages.

We will begin on Friday evening with worship. Jan Love, Deputy General Secretary of the Women's Division, will be with us to bring the evening message. And, Late Night at Annual Meeting will return, with special activities planned for young women, and the young at heart. On Saturday morning, we will take care of the important business of our organization to prepare us for the coming year. The ever popular "Funny Business" will once again be on our agenda, where your conference officers will share some news and information, and have some fun at the same time. Saturday morning will also include our mission at work session, beginning with one of the real highlights of An-

nual Meeting...the processional of persons in mission. We will hear from our mission speaker, Ariel Collins, participate in our conference love offering...honoring retired and active mission personnel related to the Western North Carolina Conference, and close the morning session with our pledge service. You will have the opportunity to visit with our mission guests during lunch, at both the Terrace and Lambuth Inn. On Saturday afternoon, we will all share in some fun and fellowship together as we browse an exciting Mission Fair. Saturday evening, we will gather to hear from our conference president, Mary Kizer, to recognize outgoing officers, and to install new officers for the coming year. You will definitely want to stay for Sunday morning. The morning begins with a choice between Sunday School, where a spiritual growth study on *Children of the Bible* will be led by Reverend Alec Alvord, and Singing at the Cross, led by Virginia Robinson. Our closing worship service will include communion, dedication of our hands-on opportunity Gift to Mission cards, and a message by Jan Love.

Program resources will be open on Friday and Saturday, so plan to spend

United Methodist Women of the Western North Carolina Conference

2005 Love Offering— “In Honor of Retired and Active Mission Personnel Related to the Western North Carolina Conference”

Undesignated giving to United Methodist Women supports mission projects and mission personnel around the world. With your love offering, you help to relieve suffering and make the world a better place for women, children, and youth.

You may bring your Love Offering or your Local Unit's offering to Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska, Sept. 9-11, or send it directly to:

Amy Johnson, Conference Treasurer, 4920 Belgrove Drive, Tobaccoville, NC 27050

Please make checks payable to: Treasurer, WNCC UMW

time browsing the many materials that you can find there...mission studies, the new *Program Book* for 2006, wonderful reading program books, and more!

Your conference program committee has worked hard to plan a meaningful weekend, full of opportunities. We especially want to thank Ann Aldridge, the Marion District President, and all of the wonderful folks from the Marion District who have spent countless hours preparing to be your hostess district this year. All of us, your program committee, and the Marion District, are looking forward to welcoming you, and to making your trip to Annual Meeting a special one.

Annual Meeting is an important event in the life of United Methodist Women. We gather for worship... centering ourselves, and listening for God's direction for our lives. We gather for fellowship...making new friends, and reuniting with old. We gather for celebration...singing praises to God, and sharing information about our efforts. And, we gather for preparation . . . recommitting ourselves to our PURPOSE, and to the many ways that we are in mission and ministry with women, children, and youth. God is calling us from tomorrow to continue to make a difference in the lives of His children...today. How will we paint *A Portrait for the Future?*

Plan to join us, for a day, or for the whole weekend. And bring a friend! In the beautiful setting of Lake Junaluska, surrounded by other

United Methodist Women . . . you'll be glad that you did! I look forward to seeing you there!

Lynne Gilbert
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President's Message

Greetings, my UMW Sisters!! How great it was to see many of you at our Spiritual Growth Retreats and School of Christian Mission, and I look forward to seeing you again at our Annual Meeting in just a few weeks. This issue of the *Conference Gram* will tell you that we have another inspiring and informative event planned with wonderful speakers and music leaders. The highlight of all our Annual Meetings is honoring our missionaries and deaconesses. We will have a fun time of learning Saturday afternoon as we “go to the fair”. Business will be handled and reports given of your outstanding work during the past year. This will be another superb Annual Meeting and I hope you already have your plans made to be a part of it (if not, there is still time to do so).

It is hard to believe that this is my last *Conference Gram* article as conference president. Time has moved on so quickly these four years! It has been my special joy to get to know so many of you as you have afforded me the privilege of being in your districts and in local churches. The dedicated service of every member of this conference is so very important for us to continue to help make a better quality of life for women, children and youth

around the world. My heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for all that you do as you give of your time, talent and resources! May God continue to richly bless you and yours as you continue serving Him wherever He calls.

Thank you for your expressions of love, your prayers and your support. I look forward to renewing our friendships at UMW events because I will always be there supporting whomever is leading this wonderful organization in this great conference.

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Education & Interpretation

Time is marching right along and if you notice we are now over six months into this year. It is time for a check up!! It is time to see how much progress we are making on becoming a Mission Today Unit. There is plenty of time left to check off some of the criteria on your list.

Keep on using those Response Magazines to have Response Moments and to help you tell where our Undesignated Giving is being used. Prayer Calendars are needed to help with contacting missionaries and to use at your meetings to pray for missionaries and our work with women, children and youth.

We need to check and see where we stand on meeting our pledges and giving in all 5 channels of Undesignated Giving. Time has a way of slipping up on us and finding us falling short of our goals because we didn't

stop to check our progress. Taking part in our Hands on Mission Opportunity at annual meeting will help you participate in one of the five channels of Undesignated Giving. This opportunity is giving a Gift to Mission card in honor of someone.

We will be having our Conference Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska on September 9th, 10th, and 11th. When you attend our meeting you are fulfilling Mission Today Criteria #3.

Let's be aware of our 3 Conference Goals: #1-Challenge each member to increase her pledge by \$1.00. You know that you can give up one soda, candy bar, or latte to increase your pledge by a dollar!!!! #2-Increase the number of local units that are Mission Today Units by 5%. Let's check the progress we've made and charge on making our unit become a Mission Today Unit!!! #3-Increase awareness of Social Action as Mission. Act on those Action Alerts, get out your paper and pen, and check out the Charter for Racial Justice. Be aware and act for Social Action.

I encourage you to participate in our Conference Goals and in becoming a Mission Today Unit because these are the tools to use to help each of us fulfill our Purpose as United Methodist Women. **Remember.....** Use the Prayer Calendar-criteria #1 and #6, Response Moment #13, Meet Pledge #10, and 5 Channels of Giving #11.

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Spiritual Growth

I hope your summer is going well and that you are having some time to spend with family and are also finding some "one on one" time with God. With the retreats at Lake Junaluska behind us, it is time to focus on other opportunities coming up. After the School of Christian Mission in July, Annual Meeting will be Sept. 9-11 at Lake Junaluska. Jan Love, our new Deputy General Secretary, will be speaking. What an opportunity for us to hear a *dynamic* young woman who has taken over the reins of the Women's Division! Come also and enjoy the information, the spiritual

nourishment and the fellowship of the UMW!

As Spiritual Growth Coordinator, you help to promote special days such as **Call to Prayer and Self-Denial**, the **Children's Sabbath**, retreats and other forms of worship. If your name has been sent to the Service Center, you will receive a packet of materials for the **Call to Prayer** in the fall. If you do not receive them, your Secretary of Program Resources or your president should have a packet. The Program Book will also include the poster and worship service. The new **Children's Sabbath book (#3697/\$7.00)** is now available from the Service Center (1-800-305-9857) or at district and conference events. As you plan the Children's Sabbath for your church, remember that although children may be included in the service, it is a service *about* children and how we as people of faith can help with the many problems they face. The book is a *wonderful* resource for planning. The **Program Book for 2006 (#3651/\$3.75)**, entitled **Building Peace, Piece by Piece**, is also now available.

I would like to encourage you to attend your **Officer's Training** when it is offered in your district or conference in the fall. It is wonderful that you have agreed to accept an office, but you need to know what you are supposed to be doing in order to help your unit or district in their spiritual growth. Reading a job description just doesn't quite "get it"! UMW is a *supportive* community. This is just one way in which you can experience that support, by starting to build a foundation through training. It will give you information needed and ideas that you can use in your unit or district. It also allows you to brainstorm with other Spiritual Growth coordinators who share the same questions and concerns and ideas as you. As a local unit officer, you might want to go as a team from your unit and, if training is over by lunch, go out to eat somewhere. Let it be a time of bonding and fellowship with the other officers in your unit.

Continue to work with your ladies through devotional materials or little

articles you might want to put in your church newsletter, as you encourage spiritual growth through music, reading, Bible studies, and attending district and conference events. Use *your* creativity. There are many different ways you can carry out the responsibilities of Spiritual Growth Coordinator. Use *your* gifts as you nurture the spiritual side of your sisters in Christ. As always, your district counterpart and I are willing to help you in any way we can. Just give us a call.

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Leader Development

District officers, your "LUV" visits to the units continue to spread the news of UMW. During your visits, be sure to lift up program resources, district and conference events and your support of their unit.

I hope each of you have marked your calendar for District Officer's training on Saturday, October 1st at Broad Street UMC in Statesville. I know that every district mission team member will attend in order to gain a wealth of knowledge from their conference counterpart. **There will be a class for teens, so if you have a teen circle, please let me know so I can personally invite them to our training day.**

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More info at: www.gb-gm-umc.org/wncumw

Program Resources

Are you enthusiastically reading!? I hope so for we have an abundance of books on the United Methodist

Women's Reading List. You know, *it's not just a list*, but a way to enhance and reshape your life in countless ways. You'll understand just by setting a goal to begin reading on Plan I; then Plan II and before you know it, you're reading on Plan IV !! At your local meetings, volunteer to give a short synopsis of a book you've read and make it so enthusiastic that the women in your unit will yearn to read that book. So, after you have read a certain book, ask someone in your unit if they have read that book. It can be contagious. At your general meetings, wear a simple badge stating, **"I'm Reading"** with ribbon streamers. One from the 2005 list I'd like to recommend is T.D. Jakes, *God's Leading Lady*. He will inspire you to be you!

Also remember to read from *Response* and *New World Outlook*—great programs can be given from these resources, as from many of the resources offered by United Methodist Women.

Congratulations to our first recipient of a Children's Reading Program certificate, the Preschool of Mt. Pleasant in the Statesville District. We have so many wonderful children's books to help children in so many ways. I hope your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews are reading or that you are reading to them if they are under-age readers. These children will be thrilled to receive a certificate. **Please send names of children who have satisfied the requirements for reading to either your district Secretary of Program Resources or to me so certificates can be issued.** If adults are reading on Plans I-IV youth books will count as you total your books read. If reading on Plan III or IV children's books may be considered in your total number read. United Methodist Women have resources in every aspect. Browse the catalog.

It was good to see so many of you at the School of Christian Mission. Remember the study books are also on the Reading List. Resources are available at all district and conference events. You may order by email at scorders@gbgm-umc.org, or by using the Service Center catalog. Details

regarding the Children's Reading Program are available at the conference web site, www.gbgm-umc.org/wnccumw.

Let me know if I can help you and keep reading remembering **"It's not just a list."**

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Social Action

Greetings!! The hazy days of summer have arrived and our annual meeting is just around the corner. I look forward to being with you at this very special meeting.

Opportunities for Social Action abound. Among the many is the future of Social Security. According to "Social Security Essentials North Carolina", here are some North Carolina Social Security (SS) facts. The number of people receiving SS benefits in NC is 1,436,124 or 17% of the population...the number of retirees receiving SS benefits is 957,903 which includes spouses and eligible children of retirees...the number of recipients 65 and older who rely on SS for 90% or more of their income is 263,000...50% of those 65 and over would have incomes below the poverty line without SS...the number of disability benefits including spouses and children of disabled workers is 285,915. SS helps widows, widowers, and their families...192,306 are receiving survivor benefits, this includes spouses and children of deceased workers. The number of children under the age of 18 receiving benefits is 98,360 or 7%. For more detailed information in your county visit <http://www.epinet.org>.

"Global Action on Aging" tells us that 58% of SS recipients 65 and older are women. 70% of recipients 85 and older are women. 52% of all SS beneficiaries are women. 39% are men and 8% are children. That translates into about 24 million women, 18 million men and 3 million children who rely on SS during any given month. Women rely on SS for a larger portion of their retirement income than men do because only 30% of women receive pension benefits com-

pared to 47% of men. Because women also earn less than men, they receive on average less than half of what men receive in pension benefits. Women have more at stake than men in the plan to privatize SS. According to federal and private data women are more likely to receive SS benefits, live longer after retiring, have less money and rely more heavily on government retirement insurance programs. Some say it's risky while others say women are smart enough to decide for themselves whether they want a personal account. According to "The Institute for Policy Research", SS is the only source of income for one of every four women 65 or older. SS is the only source of retirement income for 41% of Latino women. Women also depend 10 times more heavily than men on the parts of SS that pay benefits to widows and widowers and to the spouses and children of disabled workers. Write to your congressional representatives in Washington and tell them how changes in Social Security will affect you.

Update on the Death Penalty: There have been two executions in 2005. The most recent was on May 4th. United Methodist Women must continue to write Gov. Easley opposing the death penalty.

Although we celebrated the end of the Taco Bell Boycott, there are three more fast food giants that we must turn our attention to and they are McDonald's, Burger King and Subway. These three need to feel the pressure to provide fair wages, safe working conditions and humane treatment for their employees. Through letter writing we must urge them to "do the right thing". Recent cross burnings in Durham indicate that there is still much to be done in the areas of "liberty and justice for all". We are encouraged to become familiar with the Social Principles of the UMC. The 2005-2008 Social Principles of the United Methodist Church are found in the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church and the Book of Resolutions. However there is also a soft cover Social Principal Book with official text, topical index,

teaching exercises, plus the Social Creed. It is a great resource for references to the church's position on issues of social justice.

Therefore my sisters...If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. James 2:15-17. See you at the Lake!!!

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2005 UMW Annual Meeting PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS September 9, 10 & 11, 2005

Join your sisters-in-Christ for a spirit filled, informative weekend at beautiful Lake Junaluska.

Registration: Friday, beginning at 2:00pm, Harrell Center. Housing reservation forms for Lake hotels and facilities are available from your district president, and on the conference web site at: <http://www.gbgm-umc.org/wncumw>

Hotel Check-In at Lake Junaluska hotels: Friday, beginning at 3:00pm.

Hospitality and Refreshments: Friday, 2:00-5:00pm, Susan Todd Lounge, Harrell Center.

Program Resources Room: Beginning Friday at 2:00pm, and open various other times through Saturday afternoon, downstairs in Harrell Center.

Friday Evening: 7:00pm, Opening Worship, Guest Speaker - Jan Love.

Friday Late Night : Immediately following the evening session, special activities are being planned for young women and the young at heart.

Saturday Morning: 8:30am, Business session, "Funny Business" presentation of reports, procession of Missionaries and special guests, Mission Speaker - Ariel Collins, the Confer-

ence Love Offering, and the Pledge Service.

Lunch with our Mission Personnel: Join mission personnel, retired and otherwise, who live in our area. They will be honored guests at the Terrace and Lambuth Inn Dining Rooms. Enjoy sharing a meal with them and learning how they are still serving God.

Saturday Afternoon: 2:00pm, "It's a Mission Fair!!"

Saturday Evening: 7:00pm, Officer recognition and installation, President's report.

District Parties: Relax with others from your district after the evening program.

Sunday Morning: 8:30am, Meet Virginia Robinson at the Cross for singing and worship through music.

Sunday School: 8:30am, A spiritual growth study on *Children of the Bible* led by Reverend Alec Alvord, Harrell Center Auditorium.

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00am, Communion, dedication of Gift to Mission cards, and message by Jan Love.

Individual Prayer Time: Chapel next to Stuart Auditorium, open all weekend.

FEATURED GUESTS, SPEAKERS, AND MUSIC LEADERS

Dr. Jan Love, Deputy General Secretary of the Women's Division, Guest Speaker

Jan Love began her tenure as chief executive of the Women's Division in August, 2004. Known in the United Methodist Women, the Church, ecumenically and academically, Jan brings to the organization a variety of experiences that have formed her as a leader. Before coming to the Women's Division, she served for 22 years on the faculty of the University of South Carolina, teaching courses on religion and world politics, globalization and international political economy. She holds a PhD in Politi-

cal Science from Ohio State University. A prolific speaker and writer, she has written and spoken on issues such as Christian unity, inter-religious concerns, issues affecting women, the global church, economics, and racial justice. Her work came full circle when she returned to the Women's Division in 2004. She served on



the Board of Missions, and then the Board of Global Ministries, 1970-1976, and has served on the board of directors of the World Council of Churches, the General Commission on Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns, and Church World Service. In 1975, she was a youth delegate from The United Methodist Church to the World Council of Churches (WCC) Nairobi Assembly. In 1995, she headed the WCC delegation to the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing. In 2000, the United Methodist Council of Bishops honored her in the presence of the General Conference for exceptional leadership in ecumenical arenas. Jan is married to Peter Sederberg, a dean at the University of South Carolina, and they have two children.

Ariel Collins, Mission Speaker

Ariel Collins is a native of the Philippines. She is a Cum Laude graduate of Philippine Normal College, with a Bachelor of Education Degree, and she holds a Master of Arts Degree in Reading Education from Philippine Normal University. She has also taken advanced degree programs in Reading Education and English as a Second Language. Ariel works in the Guilford County Schools teaching English to new arrivals in the United States.



And, she currently serves as the Coordinator for Refugees and Immigration for our conference. She and her husband, Rev. Mike Collins, served as missionaries in Cambodia for 2001-2003, and now coordinate "In Mission

Together – Cambodia Initiative” for the General Board of Global Ministries. She initiated programs for working with youth, women, street children and disadvantaged children of the garbage dumps of Phnom Penh, which have now emerged as the basis for future programs.

Susan McCurry, Music Leader

Susan McCurry serves as the Choir Director at Hopewell UMC in Trinity (Lexington District). She is a graduate of High Point University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, and she worked for 20 years as a sales representative in logistics management. Susan has a great love for music, and has studied piano, voice, organ and guitar. She also has a love for community theater, and has appeared in twenty-one productions with the Chair City Players & the Lexington Friends of the Theater. She has been a member of the Golden Triad Chorus of the Sweet Adelines, the High Point College Singers, and the High Point College Chorus. Susan is married to Gene McCurry, and has a daughter, Emily.



Rev. John-Palmer Smith, Organist

John-Palmer Smith is a native of Oklahoma, where his early musical training was inspired by the Church. He holds the Bachelor of Music Degree with a major in Organ Performance from Oklahoma Baptist University, where he was recipient of the Music Performance Award, the McKinney Award for Choral Arranging, and the Nell Denyer Award of Excellence for Performance in Organ. Graduate studies were completed at Southern Seminary with the Masters of Church Music Degree in Organ Performance and Sacred Music. John-Palmer is an ordained Deacon in the United Methodist Church, and an active recitalist, clinician, and composer. He has



served St. Andrew’s UMC and First UMC in the Charlotte District, and is presently appointed to the staff of Davidson UMC, where he serves as Minister of Music and Organist.

2005 Program Committee

Lynne Gilbert, Chairperson; Mary Kizer, Carolyn Kiker, Amy Johnson, Kris Peurifoy, Polly Pearson, Sherry Sink, Angela White, Bettie Sharpe Rowe, Karen Wilkerson, Virginia Robinson, Ann Aldridge, Dixie Tyson, Sara Williams, and Reverend Mark Barden.

Host District

The Marion District UMW, under the leadership of President Ann Aldridge, is the host district this year for the WNCC UMW School of Christian Mission & Annual Meeting. Thank you Marion District!!

Annual Meeting Info on the Web

Annual Meeting Information and housing reservation forms for Lake Junaluska are also available on our conference web site: www.gbgm-umc.org/wncumw. Check it out!

Directions to Lake Junaluska

FROM THE EAST: Travel west on I-40 to Exit 27, US-23/US-74. Go 1.5 miles. Bear right on US-19/US-23/US-74 and go 2.5 miles. Continue on ramp at sign reading “US-19 to Maggie Valley/Cherokee/Junaluska Assembly” and go for 0.2 miles. Bear right on US-19 and watch for the signs.

FROM THE WEST: Travel east on US-19 and watch for the signs.

FROM THE SOUTHWEST: Travel northeast on US-23/US-441. Turn right on ramp at sign reading “US-76 East/US-23 North to Waynesville/Asheville.” Go 20 miles. Exit 102B, sign reads “US-276 North to Maggie Valley/Junaluska Assembly.” Turn right on US-276, Dellwood Ave., go north 1.4 miles. Turn right on US-19 & watch for the signs.

As soon as you get to Lake Junaluska, look for the bright yellow UMW Registration signs. Stuart Auditorium and Harrell Center are right next to each

other on Lakeshore Drive. Parking surrounds the auditorium.

Leadership Training for District Officers

Saturday, October 1, 2005
9:30am - 2:00pm

**Broad Street UMC,
Statesville**

Bring a bag lunch. Drinks & dessert will be provided.

It is important for new and continuing district UMW officers to attend this training.

Membership Nurture and Outreach

As the months, weeks and days go by I almost think daily of how blessed I’ve been to have been in service to God and the women of the WNCC UMW. When I think about sharing the gift of God and the work of UMW, Psalm 54:4 comes to mind. “Behold God is mine helper; the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.” Not only have I been blessed to share but there are teams of women across this conference who have shared their gifts and service as well. This is especially true, when we look at organizing UMW units. YOU are the reason we as a conference have received the Gold Membership Certificate and have been honored by Women’s Division. We know that it’s through team work that we have been so blessed with women in our conference willing to share their gifts and service. As my time with you comes closer to completion, I pray my rendition of the prayer of wisdom found in the Psalms. “Help us to seek after you Lord. In the beginning and throughout this journey. Give us reminders that you are with us. Remind us to tell others of your love, that we might share the great gift we have been given.” Amen.

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INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

Rules of Order for Annual Meeting Voting Membership

The voting body of the Conference organization shall be composed of the following persons: one representative of each local unit of fifty (50) members or less, with one additional representative for each fifty (50) members in the unit; all District officers and chairpersons of District Committees; Past Presidents of the former Western North Carolina Conference Women's and Women's Societies of Christian Service, Past Presidents of the former North Carolina-Virginia Conference Women's Society of Christian Service, former Secretaries of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and Conference Past Presidents of the United Methodist Women now living within the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference (the Conference organization assumes no financial responsibility for this group); District Presidents, as members of the Conference Executive Committee; Conference officers and chairpersons of committees; any member of the Women's Division or of the Jurisdiction organization residing within the bounds of the Conference; the resident Bishop; the President of the Jurisdiction Deaconess Association if residing within the bounds of the Conference; and all elected members-at-large.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- (1) Meetings shall open and close at the times stipulated in the official program.
- (2) Members and guests shall wear nametags at all times to all functions to indicate delegate status.
- (3) During voting sessions (business sessions) delegates shall be seated within a designated voting bar.
- (4) Members and visitors not designated as delegates shall be seated elsewhere.

NEW BUSINESS

- (1) All new business that has not been considered by the Executive Committee of the Conference shall be presented in writing to the Secretary twenty-four (24) hours prior to being considered by the voting delegates.
- (2) Proposed Resolutions must be submitted in writing to the Conference President sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of the Conference Annual Meeting.

MOTIONS

- (1) All motions except on matters of procedure shall be written and signed by the maker and furnished to the Chair before action is taken.
- (2) The Secretary, unless directed otherwise, shall not record motions ruled out of order, points of order on which no appeal is taken, or trivial matters of privilege.

DEBATE

- (1) In seeking recognition from the Chair, a member must stand to address the Chair and, upon being recognized, state his or her name before making comment or motion.
- (2) The maker of a motion in preference to any other delegate shall be entitled to the floor immediately after the motion is stated.
- (3) Debate shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes per topic.
- (4) No delegate shall speak to a motion a second time until all others have been given the opportunity to speak.
- (5) No delegate shall speak more than twice on the same question on the same day, nor more than two (2) minutes at one time without consent of the body.
- (6) General consent shall be required if additional time is to be given.

DELEGATES FOR QUORUM

A quorum shall be a simple majority of the delegates registered for the meeting.

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

- (1) *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority.

A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates is required to suspend or amend these rules.



Undesignated Giving Symbol—Whenever you see this symbol, you are reading about a program and/or person supported by your undesignated giving. Watch for this symbol in your *Response Magazine*, and read about how your money is making a difference in the lives of women, children and youth.

2006 PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE WNCC UMW

The Committee on Nominations is pleased to submit the following proposed slate of officers for 2006-2007 for the WNCC UMW:

NOMINEES FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
President	Amy Johnson	Winston-Salem
Vice President	Sandy Hieronymus	Charlotte
Secretary	Dixie Sheff	Winston-Salem
Treasurer	Sharon Smith	Marion
MC, Social Action	Linda Young	Statesville
MC, Membership, etc.	Linda Baity	North Wilkesboro
MC, Spiritual Growth	Kris Peurifoy	Salisbury
Sec., Program Res.	Bettie Sharpe Rowe	Lexington
Chair, Nominations	Irma Ellwanger	Charlotte

CONTINUING OFFICERS: (Returning for year two of a two year term)

Coord. Mission Education & Interpretation	Sherry Sink	High Point
Communications Coord.	Karen Wilkerson	Statesville

NOMINATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Class of 2006	Linda Estes	Gastonia
Class of 2006	Rosetta Everett	North Wilkesboro
Class of 2006*	Lynn Brunner	Asheville
Class of 2007	Irma Ellwanger	Charlotte
Class of 2007	Marie Leonard	Lexington
Class of 2008	Norris Wilson	Statesville
Class of 2008	Ann Burrow	High Point
Class of 2009**	Patsy Baker	Albemarle
Class of 2009**	Angela White	Greensboro

Nominated for a one year term*
Nominated for a four-year term**

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October 1 **WNCC UMW Officer Training for District Officers, Broad Street UMC, Statesville**

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