

Conference Gram



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WNCC UMW ANNUAL MEETING *A Celebration of United Methodist Women*

“Called By Name”

September 5, 6 & 7, 2008 Lake Junaluska Assembly

Friday night - Opening Worship, Vickie Sigmon
Saturday morning - Mission Speaker: Lynn Sloan Barnes
Saturday afternoon—Public Education Emphasis
Sunday morning - Closing Worship & Communion,
Dr. Arnetta Beverly

Music Leaders: Gail and Charles Litaker

Hands-On Mission Opportunity: Gift to Mission Cards

Conference Love Offering: – *In Honor of Bishop & Mrs. McCleskey
for Their Support of United Methodist Women in Mission*



Vice President Sandy Hieronymus

You are “called by name” to come *Celebrate UMW! Worship! Fellowship! Have fun!* In a spiritual setting, **Conference Annual Meeting** will be held at Lake Junaluska on September 5-7, 2008. We will gather to worship and be inspired to fulfill the **PURPOSE** of UMW. We will gather to fellowship as we renew friendships and make new ones. We gather to celebrate as we hear about the ministry of our conference reaching out to women, children and youth around the world. We gather to be challenged to answer God's call for UMW. The chapel will be open all weekend for quiet time and prayer requests.

Our theme “**Called by Name**,” was also the 2008 SEJ UMW theme. Vickie Sigmon, from the Open Arms Ministry, will bring our Friday evening message. Late Night will be held in the Harrell Center Auditorium. Both the young and young-at-heart will enjoy fellowship and music at Late Night.

Saturday morning will include the business and mission sessions. Reports and information will be given in our “Funny Business” style. Our mission session will begin with the procession of our mission personnel, retired or otherwise. The pledge service will take place and the Love Offering taken. Lynn Sloan Barnes will bring the mission message. Lunch with our

mission guests is always a highlight as we visit and enjoy lunch with them at both the Terrace and Lambuth Inn.

On Saturday afternoon, the focus will be on our conference-wide priority highlighting public education. The official Mission Walk will take place after this session, but participants may walk anytime.

Saturday evening, we gather to hear from our conference president, Amy Johnson, to recognize outgoing officers, and to install new officers. The installation of our mission team will be led by former conference president, Mildred Gibson. “*Heavenly Hands*” children's group will share their ministry in music.

Sunday morning begins with Rev. Alec Alvord leading Sunday School – *I Believe in Jesus* – or Singing at the Cross led by Virginia Robinson. Closing worship will include communion, memorial service, dedication of our hands-on mission opportunity, and a message by Dr. Arnetta Beverly.

Registration will be in the lower level of the Harrell Center. Plan to browse and purchase materials in the Program Resource room and you will find Gift to Mission Cards there as well.

The Salisbury District will be our host district. Many thanks go to their District President, Pat Gilbert, and the dedicated folks from the Salisbury District. All of your Conference Team and the Salisbury District are looking

forward to welcoming you at Conference Annual Meeting. You may come for a portion of the weekend or for the entire time.

United Methodist Women is a special group. Being in the presence of other members of UMW is always a joy for me. Bring someone new with you. Someone is just waiting to be asked. May this year's Conference Annual Meeting be a blessing for all of us as we are “called by name” into service with God.

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Please remember that registration for Annual Meeting will be held downstairs in the Harrell Center Auditorium where Program Resources is set up. The registration fee is \$10 for all.



Order program resources materials on line at the Mission Resource Center website at:

www.missionresourcecenter.org

United Methodist Women of the Western North Carolina Conference

2008 Love Offering – “In Honor of Bishop and Mrs. McCleskey for their support of UMW in Mission”

(Undesignated) Mission Giving to the 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 Conference Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska, September 5-7, or send it directly to:

Sharon Smith, Conference Treasurer, PO Box 903, Marion NC 28752

Please make checks payable to: Treasurer, WNCC UMW

Amy Johnson-President

How great it was to see many of you at our Spiritual Growth Retreats and the School of Christian Mission. I look forward to greeting you at our Annual Meeting in just a few weeks. Our Conference Annual Meeting will provide ways where our **PURPOSE** will come alive...to know God, to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through PARTICIPATION in the GLOBAL ministries of the church. Our weekend will begin and end with worship. Sandwiched between our worship experiences will be a time for learning more about our Public Education Initiative, time for visiting with old friends and making new ones in the supportive fellowship of United Methodist Women, as well as opportunities to celebrate the ways in which United Methodist Women participate in mission throughout the world. If you have not made your reservations, it's not too late.

Our Conference Love Offering is in honor of Bishop and Mrs. McCleskey and their retirement from active ministry. I invited Bishop McCleskey to share his thoughts about United Methodist Women. He shared the following words:

“For all my ministry of nearly 45 years, I have appreciated the emphasis on mission which has come from United Methodist Women. The UMW has been the conscience of the church where mission is concerned. Our UMW witness has kept the church aware of the needs of children and persons whom the world tends to forget. Without the witness of United Methodist Women, The United Methodist Church would be far weaker and

less faithful than it is. Thank God for United Methodist Women and their emphasis on mission!”

This is a good time of year to check the progress of your local unit in several areas. Have you completed requirements to be a member of The Charter Club? Has your unit given in all five channels of giving? Has your unit invited a District or Conference officer to a unit meeting or event? Are you using the Prayer Calendar? Have you corresponded with at least five persons from the Prayer Calendar? Are you having Response moments at each meeting? Has your unit participated in a hands-on mission project? Do you have members participating in the Reading Program? If the answer is “no” to any of the above, you still have time to complete the requirements to help your unit become a Mission Today Unit.

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Education & Interpretation

Sherry Sink

Look to the Future-Plan to Make It Happen!!!

It is time to look to the future and see what plans need to be made to ensure that your unit becomes a “Mission Today Unit”. If we are serving out our **PURPOSE**, I know that we are making progress and checking off the criteria one by one.

I urge you to make sure a pledge was made, and that the pledge is going to be met by the end of the year. This is a **must** to be a Mission Today Unit.

Has your unit implemented the

Charter for Racial Justice in at least two ways, and have you become a member of the Charter Club? Has your unit had a program from the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church?

Pull out your copy of the Mission Today Criteria and look it over very carefully. There are criteria that ask that participants make a report to the unit about books that were read or meetings that were attended. Each unit is asked to participate in a local mission project and in one Conference Hands-on Mission project (or a District Hands-on Mission project.)

Which of the issues have you chosen to complete on the “For Christ's Sake, Turn the World Upside Down Initiative?” This is our Conference Priority!

Our Hands-on Mission Opportunity for annual meeting is Gift to Mission Cards. We are honoring those people that work or serve in the Public Education system. Send these cards to teachers, tutors, subs, bus drivers, custodians, and principals, etc.

Conference Goal #2-Mission Today Goal: 40% of local units to become Mission Today Units.



I know that we can reach this goal! Get out that list and plan to make it happen! Conference and District Officers are available for any questions or help you

may need. We are here for you.

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Nominations Committee Chair
Patsy Baker

This time of year the Nominating Committee has some important tasks to complete. We need to get our officer list for 2009 nominees to the Communications Coordinator to print 30 days prior to our annual meeting. We also need to think about officer training and make sure all of the nominating committee attends. This will be October 11 at Highland UMC in Hickory. Local officers will attend officer training in your district. Your tenure sheets need to be updated as soon as your officers are elected. Attend as many UMW events as possible in local churches for potential leadership in your district. Always take your blank profile sheets with you.

I want to share with you a good idea from Women's Division:

"Our organization membership and leadership is changing lives – join us! Attracting and Recruiting Leadership – your first have to attract a person's attention before you can recruit them to a leadership role.

1) Start with a strategy – Success on attracting and recruiting doesn't happen by accident; it begins with a plan.

2) Spice up your message and polish the pitch – People are most permanently motivated by positive vision. Construct every appeal you make – personal, public, written – according to the 80/20 rule: 80% of the appeal should be why, and 20% should be how. First create a vision for our mission (that's the 80) then show them how they can help make it happen (that's the 20). People want to give their lives to something with purpose and significance. Show them where they can fit in. From the heart, not the head, tell the story of how our organization has changed the lives of women and children."

I hope this will help you in looking for officers. Please call me or any of the nominating committee if we can be of help to you.

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2008 Conference Priority

To implement the "For Christ's Sake, Turn the World Upside Down Initiative" with emphasis on Public Education

We hope that your unit has been participating in this Conference Initiative! In January your district officers decided several ways to implement this through the district down to the local unit. Local units must work with your district teams to help make an impact on our public education system.

We have tried to educate our women on the No Child Left Behind Law which is our focus. There have been articles published in the Conference Gram, put on the website, and handed to those that attended our Spiritual Growth Retreats. At the School of Christian Mission our focus was on praying for our children-every child.

When we come to Annual Meeting, the Saturday afternoon session will be focusing on our Initiative. We are going to have a Public Education Rally and a panel discussion with educators, a parent, a student, and other guest.

We will not be leaving what we have learned at Annual Meeting. After coming home, there will be an intensive letter writing campaign for 4 weeks. Each week we will focus on a different source to direct our letters to. There will be sample letters for you to use, and addresses will be provided, or a way to access them.

We need every United Methodist Woman in our conference to participate in this initiative. We want you to ask others in your church and friends, relatives, or other churches to join us in this endeavor to make a difference in our public education system. We want to bring change not only in our own back yards, but also in Raleigh and Washington, D.C.

Together we can make a difference.

Together we can, "For Christ's Sake, Turn the World Upside Down— Leaving No Child Behind!"

(Mission Today #10)

Membership, Nurture & Outreach-Linda Baity

"...When I called him he was but one and I blessed him and he was many." Isaiah 51:2b

In the above scripture God is speaking of Abraham, but it can just as truthfully apply to each of us. Our organization began with "a call" of two women, wives of missionaries in India. These women saw a great injustice to girls and women who were excluded from any formal education and medical care. While on furlough they told their story to six women of the church. These six women felt the call and continued to tell the story and raised funds to send a woman medical doctor and an educator to India. We know we are called because God has blessed our organization from six women to almost one million who continue to fight injustice and help women and children.

The theme for our Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska, September 5, 6, & 7 is "Called By Name" based on Isaiah 43:1b "I have called you by name; you are mine." This meeting is a celebration of United Methodist Women, which includes numerous accomplishments for the year, missionaries, worship, music, fellowship, and lots of fun! (More details in this issue.) Women today still hear the call to help children in education. Saturday afternoon will be an Emphasis on Public Education. You will learn how you can help to improve this critical situation. Immediately following, the Walk for Mission will begin. Your sponsor forms and mission money will be turned at this time.

This is a great way to fulfill our **PURPOSE** "to know God" as we experience the beauty of the lake and mountaintop, "to develop a creative supportive fellowship" as we walk together, meet, and make new friends, and "expand our concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church." The money collected will go to help women, children and youth all over the world!

If you are unable to attend, get your unit involved. Instead of a regular sit down meeting, plan to walk to the ice cream shop. Give free ice cream to the one with the most money! Invite

friends and neighbors to join you. They may want to become a member. Be creative and make it fun!! Women and teens would rather join a group that has fun and makes the world a better place!

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Program Resources-Kim Keyse

HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!!

PUBLISH GLAD TIDINGS

YOO-HOO...do you hear that?

You've been called by name!

As UMW, we each have been called at different times for different events, but we have been called for the same purpose...to serve our God, to follow Jesus, to transform His world in the building of His kingdom. Some have been called to teach, some to administer, some to cook (that's not MY calling!), some to lead, some to follow... you get the picture. The Holy Spirit has given each at least one gift and God calls us each to serve Him and each other with that special gift. We UMW are quite good at hearing our individual and collective call and responding faithfully and compassionately.

I CHOOSE TO STAY by Salome Thomas-EL was called to remain in an urban school with many challenges. His answer to his call made a difference in the reformation of our educational school system. (Nurturing)

END OF THE SPEAR by Steve Saint tells the story of his father and five other missionaries that were martyred when called to befriend the Wao-dani people of the Amazon. This true story is part adventure, part travel log, part spiritual quest but clearly reveals the called by name to these faithful missionaries. (Education for Mission)

WHEN THE RIVERS RUN DRY has Fred Pearce traveling to more than 30 countries examining the state of water resources. He was called by name to remind us of our stewardship responsibilities. (Social Action)

AND ARE WE CHANGED by Priscilla Shirer relates the transformations made when, called by name, Biblical persons encountered God. (Spiritual Growth)

"Called By Name"...these are four books of many that continue telling the story because each was called by name, as you are.

Call my name at our Annual Meeting September 5-7 in the Resource Room. I have been called by many names but the one I love to hear most is "friend." Read, my beloved and listen for your name as you glean from these pages of wealth.

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Social Action-Linda Young

As I prepared to write this article, it dawned on me that it is the last one for 2008. I take this opportunity to say 'thank you' for all you do to make mission possible. "The Lord gives the command; great is the company of the women who bore the tidings." (Psalm 68:11) One hundred and thirty-nine years ago, Mrs. William Butler and Mrs. Edwin Parker, wives of missionaries to India, spoke to a company of six women in Boston. Only six were present due to an intense storm. They listen as Mrs. Butler told about the desperate spiritual and physical needs of women in India. No woman could be seen by a male doctor. Schooling for girls was almost non-existent. Single, trained, and dedicated women were needed for medical and educational work. The six women who were present responded by calling another meeting of women, writing a constitution, and organizing the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (WFMS). They raised funds and sent Isabella Thoburn, an educator, and Dr. Clara Swain, a doctor, to India. We are a powerful, independent women's organization, sending hundreds of missionaries all over the world and supporting many projects. From six members in 1869 to nearly one million members today, the **PURPOSE** essentially remains the same. United Methodist Women are organized for mission. We seek wholeness for ourselves and for others, especially women, youth, and children. Women in mission seek transformation of systems that oppress, exploit, and marginalize the 'least of these' in church and society.

"A great history does not give you the right to rest. It gives you the responsibility to continue to create great history."-Herschel L. Johnson

I ask that you continue to be in mission. I look forward to the fellowship at Annual Meeting in September, and at Officer's Training in October.

Remember to send in your Social Action applications by December 31, 2008. The application can be downloaded from our Conference UMW web page, or contact me and I will mail it to you. The first Social Justice award was given in 2007. I am thankful to say that applications are being reviewed for recognition at the upcoming annual meeting in September. It could be you!!

Are you a member of the Charter Club? Is your unit a Mission Today Unit? Have you signed up for the Action Network? Go to our website address: www.wnccumw.org for a wealth of information or contact me.

Lastly, don't forget to VOTE. If you think the struggle is over, think again. The presidential election of 2008 will need the prayers and vote of us all. There is no democracy without the right to VOTE. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

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Leader Development Chair **Betty Swarhout**

To all District Officers, we look forward to having you attend the 2008 District Officer's Training to be held at Highland UMC in Hickory. This training event is Saturday, October 11th. Remember to car pool to save on gas and our mission monies.

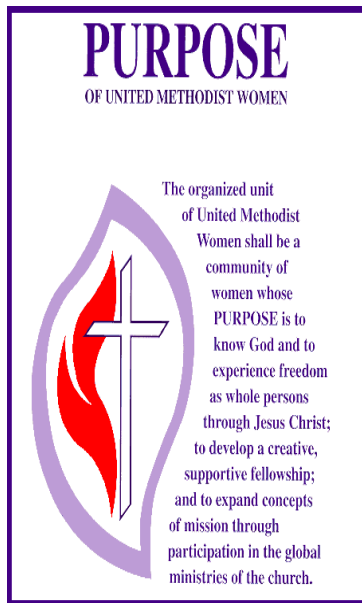
The theme for the day is "LEARNING IS THE KEY" and we will have a Hands-on Mission Opportunity of "FEET AND SEAT COVERS" (socks and under pants for the Charlotte and Winston-Salem Bethlehem Centers.)

The training will begin with a gathering registration and greetings at 9:00am with a closing from each class session at 12:30pm.

I look forward to working with you in leadership development so we can all do a good job of being United Methodist Women mission leaders throughout our Conference.

Let God bless you in the midst of serving!!!

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Scholarship-Louise Jones

The Scholarship Program assists persons who are pursuing an academic course leading to a church-related vocation. United Methodist Women have been helping deserving students who have been called to be spiritual leaders in the United Methodist Church since the 1940's.

Persons who are members of the United Methodist Church and who live within the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference are eligible. You must enter a church-related vocation to qualify for a scholarship.

You must be enrolled in Bennett College, Brevard College, Greensboro University, High Point University, or Pfeiffer University.

Application deadline is March 1st of each year. Interviews are scheduled for early April.

Being part of our Conference Scholarship Committee is very rewarding. You get to see our mission money at work and see the growth of our recipients from year to year.

If you have any questions, wish to contribute to or endow a scholarship or need an application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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2008 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

September 5, 6, & 7, 2007

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

Registration: Friday, beginning at 2:00pm, downstairs in Harrell Center. Housing reservation forms for Lake hotels and facilities are available from your district president, and on the conference website at: www.wncumw.org.

Hotel Check-In at Lake Junaluska hotels: Friday, beginning at 3:00pm in the new Betha Welcome Center.

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 - Vickie Sigmon.

Friday Late Night: Immediately following the evening session, special activities are being planned for young women and the young at heart. Join the fun in the Susan Todd Lounge until 11:00pm.

Saturday Morning: 8:30am, Business session, "Funny Business" presentation of reports, procession of mission personnel and special guests, Mission Speaker - Lynn Sloan Barnes the Conference 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, Emphasis on our conference initiative, "For Christ's Sake, Turn the World Upside Down, with emphasis on Public Education."

Saturday Mission Walk: Following the afternoon session, join others in front of Stuart to walk around the lake or as far as you are able to raise money for Mission Giving. Get

sponsor forms from our website and keep healthy while supporting Mission Giving. All money will be collected at this time.

Saturday Evening: 7:00pm, Officer recognition and installation, President's report and special presentation by *Heavenly Hands*.

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. It's a wonderful way to welcome the day and worship through music.

Sunday School: 8:30am, A spiritual growth study on *I Believe in Jesus* led by Reverend Alec Alvord, Harrell Center Auditorium.

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00am, Communion, dedication of Gift to Mission Cards, *Heavenly Hands* presentation and message by Dr. Arnetta Beverly.

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

Emergency Telephone Number: The Assembly switchboard number is 828-452-2881.

FEATURED GUESTS, SPEAKERS, AND MUSIC LEADERS

Vickie Sigmon-Friday Night Guest Speaker

Vickie Sigmon is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church who



has been serving in our conference since 1985. She has a liberal arts degree from Lenoir Rhyne College and criminal justice degree from Davison Community College. Her ministry has included recruiting and training volunteers for prison ministries, helping educate congregations about restorative justice and promoting principles of restorative justice within the state government. Vickie is currently assigned to Open Arms Community in Winston-Salem. Vickie and her husband, Kevin Hayes, live in the Open Arms neighborhood.

Lynn Sloan Barnes
Mission Speaker

Lynn is a 1975 graduate of Methodist College and a retired Spanish teacher. She was commissioned a Deaconess in The United Methodist Church in April of 2005 and currently serves as Executive Director of Tri-County Health Resource Center (HRC) in Elkin, a ministry she started which helps provide medications, medical care, and dental treatment for persons lacking health insurance. HRC has just recently opened Grace Clinic which is a free clinic for the community. Lynn is an active member of United Methodist Women. Lynn has taught at several conference Schools of Christian Mission. She has also made nine trips to Bolivia on medical mission teams. She is married to Wayne Barnes and they reside in Elkin, North Carolina.



Dr. Arnetta Beverly
Sunday Morning Guest Speaker

Dr. Arnetta Beverly was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, and grew up in Lexington, North Carolina. In 1968, she graduated from American Academy-McAllister Institute of Funeral Service and was a licensed funeral director and embalmer. She served as a member of the NY Police Department. She was employed by the Davidson County Sheriff's Department in 1976. She received the Associates in Arts Degree from Davison County Community College and Bachelor of Arts Degree from Shaw University. In 1986 she began her ministry as pastor in churches in our conference. She received her Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School in 1992 and her Doctor of Ministry Degree from Drew University in 1999. She served as the Director of Nurturing and Ethnic Ministries of our conference. She served as the Northeast District Superintendent and Director of Connectional Ministries for WNCC. In July, she became the pastor of St. Matthews UMC, Greensboro District. Arnetta's hobbies include NASCAR racing, foot-



ball, reading and swimming. She has two sons and eight grandchildren. She and grandson, Matt, make their home in Charlotte.

Charles and Gail Litaker
Song Leaders

Charles and Gail Litaker are residents of Wadesboro, North Carolina, and are active in First United Methodist Church there. Gail is a music teacher in the Anson County Schools, where she teaches K-3 music at Wadesboro Primary School, and was selected as the Anson County Teacher of the Year for 2006-2007. She is also the Associate Director of Music at First UMC, where she directs the Handbell Choir, Joyful Noise Youth Choir, and "Thursday's Child," a community children's choir made up of first through sixth graders



from all across Anson County. In addition, she is the Children's Choir director at First Baptist Church, Wadesboro. Charles is the Director of Music and organist at First UMC, Wadesboro. He retired several years ago as music teacher at Anson Senior High School, after 30+ years of teaching. They are the parents of three grown children, and grandparents of three grandchildren in Winston-Salem and California.

2008 Program Committee

Sandy Hieronymus, Chairperson, Ann Aldridge, Linda Baity, Pat Gilbert, Amy Johnson, Kim Keyse, Sherry Sink, Sharon Smith, Betty Swarhout, Karen Wilkerson, Peggy Wilkerson, Patricia Wiseman, Linda Young.

Host District

The Salisbury District UMW, under the leadership of President Pat Gilbert, is the host district this year for the WNCC UMW School of Christian Mission & Conference Annual Meeting. Thank you Salisbury District!!

Annual Meeting Info on the Web

Annual Meeting Information and housing reservation forms for Lake Junaluska are also available on our conference website: www.wnccumw.org. 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.

Hands-On Mission Opportunity
for Annual Meeting

Gift to Mission Cards.

Our 2008 Financial Goal is to increase total Mission Giving through the Five Channels by 1%. Gift to Mission Cards (and stamps) are one of the 5 channels and will be available in the Program Resources Room. Remember someone with a Gift to Mission Card. Gift to Mission Cards you can purchase at Conference Annual Meeting:

Baby /Thinking of You

Thank You / Congratulations

In the Service of Christ

Happy Birthday

A Special Day

Christmas Cards

Giving in all the 5 channels of Mission Giving helps your unit meet #16 of the Mission Today Criteria.

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 Woman'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.

2008 PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE WNCC UMW

The Committee on Nominations is pleased to submit the following proposed slate of officers for 2008 for the WNCC UMW:

NOMINEES FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM 2009-2010

Coordinator of Mission Education & Interpretation:

Virginia Robinson.....Marion District

Communications Coordinator:

Janice Lentz.....North Wilkesboro District

Committee on Nominations – Class of 2012

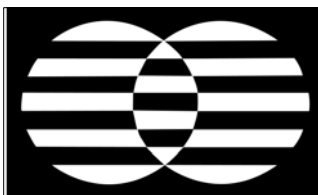
Bess Redmond.....Asheville District

Mem Luther.....Salisbury District

Committee on Charter for Racial Justice – Two Year Term

Ann Aldridge.....Marion District

Velma Zeek.....Waynesville District



Mission Giving
New Name, Same Great Opportunity

Mission Giving

The name for United Methodist Women's basic financial giving has been changed from *undesignated giving* to **Mission Giving** to make it easier to tell the story of the organization's vast mission outreach. The new name says what UMW is about – **mission** – and what makes that possible – **giving**. Mission Giving is the foundation for mission work through United Methodist Women and the Women's Division. Your contribution enables a full and consistent response to human need, especially the needs of women, children and youth. It affirms the wholeness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and a commitment to its proclamation in word and deed. Mission Giving strengthens basic programs and projects. It also makes emergency response and exploration of new and evolving areas of mission possible.

CONFERENCE GRAM

The official newsletter of the
WNC Conference United Methodist Women
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Wanted All District Officers To Attend....

District Officers Training

When:

Saturday, October 11, 2008

Where:

Highland UMC in Hickory

All district officers should make plans to attend!!!!

If you have any questions,
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