

# Conference Gram



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

September 10, 11 and 12, 2010, Lake Junaluska Assembly

Friday Night - Opening Worship, elmira Nazombe

Saturday Morning - Mission Speaker, Sandi McGarrah  
and business session, "The Next Top Model"

Saturday Afternoon - Workshop on the charter for Racial Justice

Workshop on Using Facebook for United Methodist Women

Sunday Morning - Closing Worship & Communion, elmira Nazombe

Music Leaders - Rhonda Smith & Renee Shatley

Hands on Mission Opportunity - Gift to Mission Cards

Conference Love Offering – A Gift in Mission "In Honor of Children  
Experiencing God's Love in Action"



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**Forms for Annual Meeting  
available from district  
presidents or online at  
conference website: [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org)**

### Vice-President - Tonya Lanier

Faith. Hope. Love..... in Action!

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints—the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. Colossians 1:3-6 NIV

This Assembly 2010 scripture speaks volumes to our theme: Faith. Hope. Love in Action. It captures the 140 year history of United Methodist Women, says a great deal about where we are today and provides a framework of where we want to go. Faith. Hope. Love in Action is the force that dances through each woman that has pledged her time toward service for United Methodist Women.

As we attempt to bring a taste of Assembly to Western North Carolina, we hope that you will feel the excitement. After studying on this scripture, we hope you arrive at the lake wound up and ready to move..... to move further toward the forefront of

the work needed to improve the lives of women, children and youth. We hope you find meaningful resources and useful ideas that will enhance your local unit. Find time to reconnect with friends but also make a special effort to make new ones. Your calendar should already be marked for September 10, 11 and 12, 2010. Let's assemble to celebrate the 37th Annual Meeting of United Methodist Women in Western North Carolina.

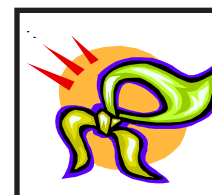
We are thrilled to have elmira Nazombe, Executive Secretary of Racial Justice for the Women's Division, as our guest speaker. Read more about her later in this issue of the *Conference Gram*.

We will begin on Friday evening with worship. There will be music by our wonderful song leader Rhonda Smith, Director of Music Ministries for First UMC, Hickory, NC. The business session will be held on Saturday morning. This special reporting time will include an extremely funny bit on the next top model. We will celebrate the accomplishments and share unit information in a fashionable way. Come see if our models really are runway material.

The processional of our mission personnel is a highlight during our mission session. Sandi McGarrah will bring an address:

"Balancing Hearts, Minds, & Hands." The opportunity to visit and have lunch with our mission guests is an extra bonus. The morning will close with a pledge service. Make a Memory with a Child will be featured during the afternoon. Come see how local units created a memorable experience for a child/children. The Public Education Committee has worked hard to keep this social action initiative alive. There will be two workshops in Terrace Hotel on Saturday afternoon (1) *Making our Charter for Racial Justice Come Alive* and (2) *Using Facebook for United Methodist Women*. Space will be limited so come early. On Saturday evening Mildred Carter will share the President's address, outgoing officers will be recognized and new team members will be installed.

On Sunday morning you can choose to sing at the cross with Bess Redmond or attend Sunday school with Rev. Alec Alvord. Our closing worship will include communion, memorial service, Gift to Mission card dedication, and a message from elmira.



Bring a bright  
colored scarf for  
our closing  
worship dance!

*United Methodist Women of the Western North Carolina Conference  
2010 Love Offering  
A Gift to Mission Giving in Honor of Children Experiencing God's Love in Action*

*(Undesignated) Mission Giving to United Methodist Women supports mission projects and mission personnel around the world. With your Love Offering you help to relieve suffering and to make the world a better place for women, children and youth.*

*Bring your Love Offering or your unit's Love Offering to Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska, September 10-12 or send it directly to:*

*Julia Willis, Conference Treasurer  
8833 NC Hwy 22 N  
Climax, NC 27233-8225  
Check Payable to: Treasurer, WNCC UMW*

The Waynesville District is our hostess this year. A special thanks to these ladies and their President, Velma Zeek for their hard work. Plans have been underway for many, many months. There are additional happenings so please take a close look at your program book for details about hours for Program Resources, late night excitement, the Walk for Mission and much more.

In our communities and local units, we are called to be the hands and feet of God. We know that it is His will that we act with faith, hope and love.

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**President - Mildred Carter**

How great it was to see many of you at our Spiritual Growth Retreat and the School of Christian Mission. I look forward to greeting you at our Annual Meeting in just a few weeks.

At the end of March, about 150 United Methodist Women from the Western North Carolina Conference traveled to St. Louis, MO, for Assembly. It was great to worship with approximately 6,500 UMW from all around the world. Tonya Lanier and the Program Committee are "bringing the Assembly home" to share with everyone at Annual Meeting.

This issue of the Conference Gram will tell you that we have a great event planned with wonderful speakers and music leaders. Annual Meeting is also our business meeting of the year. Officers will be elected, the budget adopted, and we will celebrate the accomplishments of the districts for 2009. We will have opportunities to live out our PURPOSE with periods of worship and opportunities to expand our concepts of mission. One highlight of Annual Meeting is honoring our missionaries and deaconesses. We will also have fun on Saturday morning as we present "funny business."

Wouldn't it be wonderful if every local unit had a representative at Annual Meeting? Each local unit may have at least one voting delegate to vote on business matters of the Conference. If you have not made your reservation, it's not too late.

This is a good time of year to check the progress of your local unit in several areas. The Mission Today criteria is good to use to measure your progress. Has your unit given in all five channels of mission giving? Has your unit invited a District or Conference officer to a unit meeting or event? 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 in 2010.

I want to encourage all local unit officers to attend their District training event this fall. When you say "Yes" to your Committee on Nominations and accept a leadership role, there are opportunities to learn about your responsibilities, as well as many available resources to help you. This training will make you and your unit stronger. Also, please let your Conference and District Teams know how we can help. We are always ready to provide support.

YOU make mission possible as your **Faith** in God and **Hope** in God's promises result in many **Actions of Love**. Thank you! May God bless each of you as you continue to minister to God's people through United Methodist Women.

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**Treasurer - Julia Willis**

**WALK FOR MISSION**

Look for the Walk For Mission table outside Stuart Auditorium to sign up to walk and/or submit your forms and money to the Conference Treasurer. All proceeds go to MISSION GIVING!



**Gift to Mission Cards**

Visit Program Resources at Annual Meeting and Officers' Training to purchase Gift to Mission cards. Cards may be purchased for a minimum donation of \$5 each. With proper paperwork your card purchases at Conference events will be credited to your local unit!

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**Attention: NEW & CONTINUING DISTRICT OFFICERS FOR 2011**

**2010 District Officers Leadership Training on Saturday, October 9 (9:00 am gathering to 12:30 pm closing) at Salem United Methodist Church, Morganton, NC**

**HANDS-ON PROJECT will be collecting for school children (sending them as bulk items): #2 pencils with erasers; hand held pencil sharpeners free of symbols or printing; children's blunt scissors (round tips); ruled paper (pad, spiral, or loose leaf). Keep up the great mission leadership for women, children and youth,**

**Betty Swarhout, Chairperson Leadership Development**

**Secretary - Ann Aldridge**

Greetings to my UMW Sisters, Once again, I come to you encouraging you to attend a Conference event – that of Conference Annual Meeting which will be at Lake Junaluska September 10 – 12.

Someone once told me that when I became active in United Methodist Women, I would certainly get an education. There are numerous opportunities for mission education and education in leadership. Each district has a minimum of four district events every year as does the Conference. All you have to do is take the initiative to attend. When we say, "I just do not have time," what we are actually saying is, "That is not a priority for me." Make UMW events a priority and bring someone with you. I hope to see you at Lake Junaluska in September and, for 2011 district officers, at the Conference Officer Training for District Officers on Saturday, October 9, at Salem United Methodist Church in Morganton.

As always, let me know if I may be of service to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 828-433-0988 or email. Love in Christ,

ahaldridge@charter.net

**PUBLIC EDUCATION INITIATIVE**



On Saturday afternoon at Annual Meeting we will be bringing our Public Education Initiative to a close. Our conference has worked hard at being involved in public education within our schools, churches, and communities. We have been involved in encouraging change in legislation that affects our children.

Join us as we share in learning about the work in our local units as they share their innovative ways to

help "make a memory with a child". We will then focus on all children the world over. Come and take part in this program. We need your participation as we lift our concerns about all children to God. Come and be a part of our "make a memory with a child" celebration and help us to continue, For Christ Sake, "Turn the World Upside Down Through Public Education Leaving No Child Behind!"

Public Education Committee

**Scholarships – Sandy Hieronymus**

Scholarships are given once a year in the spring for the upcoming fall/spring school term. All applications are due by March 1 each year. Interviews are held in late March or early April.

Most scholarships require that the recipient be a member of a United Methodist Church, live within the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference and are answering God's call to work in a church-related vocation other than ordained ministry. They must be enrolled in one of the five United Methodist related schools: Bennett College, Brevard College, Greensboro College, High Point University or Pfeiffer University.

The Scholarship Program is funded by seven endowed scholarship funds and the General Scholarship Fund. Contributions to the General Scholarship Fund are encouraged after units have met their Pledge to Mission and given in the five channels of Mission Giving. Contributions should be made through the local treasurer and marked for UMW General Scholarship.

For more information, go to www.wnccumw.org and click on "Scholarship Program" on the left or contact me at 704-545-6910 or by e-mail. I will be happy to mail a packet with forms to applicants and answer any questions.

Sandyh46@aol.com

## Education and Interpretation - Virginia Robinson

The Western North Carolina Conference of United Methodist Women is phenomenal! *At the Spiritual Growth Retreat, 2,083 birthing kits, 651 health kits, 19 layettes, and 3 sewing kits* were collected, boxed, and transported to the Mission Response Center, thanks to many people who are in mission for women, children and youth around the world. That is over **\$25,000 in mission money** given by the conference. Between now and the end of the year, I know we will collect many more kits. Thank you so much for being in mission and completing #23 of the Mission Today program.

Have you looked at the Mission Today criteria lately? Our Conference Goal is to “increase the number of local Mission Today units by 5% over 2009”. You probably have already fulfilled many of the steps to be a Mission Today unit this year! If not, you still have lots of time to be a MISSION TODAY UNIT!

The most important step is to make and meet your pledge. REMEMBER...this criterion must be met. The financial goal is to increase the number of local units giving in all 5 channels of giving. If a unit completes this goal, they have also completed #16 of the Mission Today program.

Another way to become a Mission Today unit is to attend Annual Meeting (#12) at beautiful Lake Junaluska, September 10-12. Come and celebrate the accomplishments of your unit, district, and conference! Have one of the attendees report to the unit of what happened during the weekend. The Hands-On Opportunity for Annual Meeting is Gift to Mission Cards. They will be dedicated during our meeting. Honor a teacher, minister, or family member with a Gift to Mission. Besides bringing joy to the recipients of the cards, the money collected for these cards brings joy to women, youth, and children around the world. That is what MISSION is all about!

Does your unit give a “Response Mission Moment” (#17) at your meetings? Do you use the Prayer Calendar (#2) and correspond with at least 5 persons listed (#14) during the year? Have you implemented the Charter for Racial Justice and become a Charter Club member? (#6 & #7) I know that many of you have already checked off these Mission Today criteria and are on your way to becoming a Mission Today unit. **LET’S DO IT!!!**

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## Program Resources - Kim Keyse

### ***EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT***

Faith, hope, love in action... woven together these attributes constitute the essence of UMW. Our reading program provides a wealth of stories uplifting these attributes inspiring us by example and deed:

- A Monk in the Inner City (nurture) shares how centuries ago the ancient desert monks moved into the wilderness, leaving the pressures of life in order to draw near to God. For Mary Lou Kownacki, a Benedictine nun and peacemaker, the wilderness is the inner city of Erie, Pennsylvania. Her faith sustains her while she ministers to families trying to survive amid drugs, violence, and despair.

- Phil Dahl-Bredine and Stephen Hicken in The Other Game, (social action - a bonus book – it counts in two categories!) portray the lives of Mexican campesinos and explore ways of alternatives to ensure hope for a sustainable life for all of us.

- Virginia Stem Owens in Caring for Mother (spiritual growth) shares her love story of her family’s seven year ordeal with her mother’s illness with Alzheimer’s.

These stories not only touch our souls, they encourage us to uphold our Purpose as our faith, hope, and love lead us into action. I have personally experienced these actions as your faith has sustained me as I struggled through financial and personal ruin. That same faith gave me hope as I suffered through the death of my noisy sunbeam daughter, Kristie, from the many Gift in Memory cards that I received. And I most certainly feel the love as my sisters help unpack, inventory, display, repack, load and haul books with me!

Yup...faith, hope, love...in action...that’s the UMW I know and love so dearly. I’ll be waiting for you, beloved, at the Lake in September, watching your actions as you make your purchases and being amazed and grateful for your faith, hope, and love.

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## Membership, Nurture & Outreach - Sherry Sink

The Western North Carolina Conference received a certificate at the South Atlantic Regional School in June. The Silver certificate was for organizing three or more units in 2009. ***We actually formed seven units in 2009.*** Yea Western North Carolina!

Our Walk for Mission will take place at Lake Junaluska following the Saturday afternoon session of the Public Education Initiative at Annual Meeting. Your choice! You might be an early morning walker, or you might want to walk at home...GREAT! Walk when you want to, and where you want to! Gather your friends and walk together! Just plan to turn in your form and your sponsor money either on Saturday afternoon at Lake Junaluska, or by mailing it to our conference treasurer.

Plan on being at Late Night on Saturday night at Annual Meeting. There will be talent shared by districts and some fun dances to participate in. Come join the fun and fellowship!

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## **Social Action - Martha Phillips**

Dear UMW Sisters,

What wonderful women you all are! At our Spiritual Growth Retreat you supported passage of House Bill #2035, the Deaf Students' Bill of Rights, by signing 175 letters at the Social Action table. I was able to send these letters to NC Rep. Hugh Blackwell on the following Monday and Pam Shugart sent an additional 25 more letters from Yadkinville UMC on Tuesday. We were able to send 200 letters from WNCC UMW supporting this very important need for deaf and hearing impaired children in North Carolina. Thank you!

One of our Conference goals for 2010 is to increase the number of Charter Club units. We want to Make the Charter Come Alive! to all our units. At Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska, I will be leading a workshop on the Charter. It is open to all and I hope you will come to learn how to Make the Charter Come Alive! for your units. We are very fortunate that Elmira Nazombe from the Racial Justice office of Women's Division will be with us and available to add her insight during the workshop. After the workshop, you will have a better understanding of the scope of the Charter and how we as Christians can live the Charter in our daily lives.

Conference Officer Training will be a time to learn more about how to effectively lead you Districts and units in Social Action. I hope to see all District Social Action Mission Coordinators at Salem UMC on October 9.

Grace and Peace,

mwhillips@wildblue.net

## **Spiritual Growth - Dixie Tyson**

How fast time passes. It's time to look at where we are in terms of the goals you may have made for 2010.

Our Annual Meeting will be coming up soon. "Faith, Hope, Love in Action" is the theme. We will re-live Assembly as we worship, fellowship and learn together. I hope to see each of you there.

Our actions show just how much Faith, Hope and Love we have for others. We are God's instruments, and should play in harmony with all creation to praise Him. So many are lonely, troubled, broken. What are we to do? It's easier to send a check or even to pass by on the "other" side. I encourage you to seek God's guidance and then minister to those in need.

District Officers will be learning how to create a meaningful worship center; how to plan a Day Apart/Prayer Breakfast; how to plan a memorial service, how to make LUV visits meaningful, etc. at District Officer Training so they can then train the local Spiritual Growth Coordinators.

As Spiritual Growth Coordinator, you help promote A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. This service is usually held in the first three months of the year. If your names have been sent into the Mission Resource Center, either you or your Program Resource person will receive a packet in the fall for this program. You will also find a Quiet Day Service and poster in the 2011 Program Book, Finding Peace.

Be sure to purchase the 2011 Prayer Calendar. You will find this so helpful as you pray for missionaries and mission projects around the world.

**IMPORTANT:** The Women's Division is seeking information relating to who has done retreats/day apart, etc. in your district for the last several years. They are endeavoring to see how many lay women are used in our programs. Will you please send me the year, name of the leader, your district and if the person was clergy or lay. I need to get this information to the Women's Division by September 1. I appreciate your help with this project.

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## **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 Avenue and go north 1.4 miles. Turn right on US-19 and 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.

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## **PURPOSE of United Methodist Women**

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.



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Above is the new official branding of United Methodist Women. Use it in place of any older versions!!

**2010 UMW Annual Meeting  
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS  
September 10, 11 & 12, 2010**

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

**Registration:** Friday, beginning at 2:00 pm, downstairs Harrell Center. Housing reservation forms for Lake facilities are available from your district president and on the conference web site at: [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org). There will be a registration fee of \$10.00 collected from all persons attending Annual Meeting. The registration fee will be collected at Harrell Center at the time of registration.

**Hotel Check-In** at Lake Junaluska hotels: Friday, beginning at 3:00pm in the Bethea Welcome 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 - Gathering Praise, Opening Worship, Guest Speaker – elmira Nazombe from Women’s Division.

**Saturday Morning:** 8:30am - Business session, “Funny Business” presentation of reports, procession of missionaries and special guests, Mission Speaker – Sandi McGarrah, the Conference Love Offering, and the Pledge Service.

**Lunch with retired and active mission personnel:** Join mission personnel who live in our area as they are 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:** Public Education Initiative - Make a Memory with a Child; Workshop on Charter for Racial Justice led by Martha Phillips; and Workshop on Using Facebook for United Methodist Women led by Lynne Gilbert.

**Saturday Mission Walk:** Following the afternoon session, join others in front of Stuart Auditorium to walk around the lake or as far as you are able to raise money for Mission Giving. Get sponsor forms from the web and keep healthy while supporting

Mission Giving. All money will be collected at this time. Download a sponsor form from the conference website.

**Saturday Evening:** 7:00pm - Officer recognition and installation, President’s report.

**Saturday Late Night:** Immediately following the evening session, special activities are being planned for young women and the young at heart.! Join the fun downstairs in Harrell Center until 10:30pm.

**Sunday Morning:** 8:30am - Meet Bess Redmond at the Cross for singing. It’s a wonderful way to welcome the day and worship through music.

**Sunday School:** 8:30am - “For the Love of God: John’s Letters” led by Rev. Alec Alvord, Harrell Center Auditorium.

**Sunday Worship Service:** 10:00am Communion, Memorial Service, dedication of Gift to Mission cards, and message by elmira Nazombe.

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

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

**Hands-On Mission Project for Annual Meeting – Gift to Mission Cards.** Our 2010 Financial Goal is to increase the Number of Local Units who give in ALL 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 some one with a Gift to Mission card.



**Featured Guest Speaker**

elmira Nazombe is Executive Secretary of Racial Justice for the Women’s Division, a position she has held for six years. She is the author of the Mission Study book: “Globalization: It’s Impact on Peoples’ Lives.” elmira also has been involved with the Church World Service and Bread for the World. She worked and

lived in east and southern Africa for 10 years and recently completed her Doctor of Education Degree on Women’s Leadership for Social Transformation.



**Mission Speaker**

Sandi McGarrah is a Diaconal Minister and Minister of Christian Education. For the past 20 years she has worked for the YMCA and UMC as a traveling naturalist and environmental educator with a focus on God’s creation and is best known as ‘The Nature Lady’. She has written curricula for the UM Publishing House and recently helped write the VBS curriculum “Go: A Passport to Southeast Asia” for the Western North Carolina Conference. She has worked with the Cambodian community of Charlotte for many years and is chair of the Charlotte District ReachOut Committee. In 2005 and 2007 she led women’s Ubuntu journeys to Cambodia for the General Board of Global Ministry, Women’s Division. Last year she joined Bishop Goodpaster and his wife on a two-week exploratory trip to Southeast Asia. Sandi and her husband, Bob, are the parents of three grown children and have three grandsons.



**Song Leader: Renee Shatley**

Renee holds a Masters of Science in Music Education from The University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. She is a National Board Certified Teacher with 21 years of experience and presently teaches High School Choral Music at Draughn High School in Valdese, NC. In addition to teaching, Renee is the choral director for the Chancel Choir at FUMC in Hickory. She resides in Connelly Springs with her husband, Drew, and their two sons.



**Organist/Pianist: Rhonda Smith**

Since 2006, Rhonda has served as the Director of Music/Organist at FUMC, Hickory. She maintains a private piano studio and is an adjunct instructor of Music Appreciation at Isothermal Community College and also a candidate for deacon. She lives in Hudson with her husband. They have four grown children and a grandbaby, a 7 month old wunderkind.

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

## **2010 PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE WNC CONFERENCE UMW**

The Committee on Nominations is pleased to submit the following proposed slate of officers for 2010 for the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women.

### **Nominees for a two-year term 2011-2012**

#### **Coordinator of Mission Education & Interpretation**

**Virginia Robinson**

**Marion District**

#### **Communications Coordinator**

**Janice Lentz**

**Statesville District**

#### **Committee on Nominations - Class of 2014**

**Lisa Bacon  
Albertina McGirt  
Rosemary Mical**

**Waynesville District  
Greensboro District  
Lake Norman District**

#### **Committee on Charter for Racial Justice - Two Year Term**

**Kris Peurifoy  
Tonya Lanier**

**Salisbury District  
Lexington District**

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Annual Meeting Issue

### 2010 Calendar of Events for WNC Conference United Methodist Women

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| <b>July 15-18</b>      | <b>School of Christian Mission, Greensboro College</b>   |
| <b>September 10-12</b> | <b>Annual Meeting, Lake Junaluska</b>                    |
| <b>October 9</b>       | <b>District Officers' Training, Salem UMC, Morganton</b> |

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