

Mission Giving makes all mission possible. Mission Giving describes a concept that is the foundation of the mission work of United Methodist Women. Money given through Mission Giving can be allocated to programs and projects where needs are the greatest and allows the flexibility to meet unanticipated needs.

Our 2009 Western North Carolina Conference LOVE OFFERING will be a Gift to Mission Giving honoring:

**Sisters with a PURPOSE - Celebrating 140 Years Together in Mission**

You may bring your Love Offering or your Local Unit's Offering to Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska, or send it directly to:

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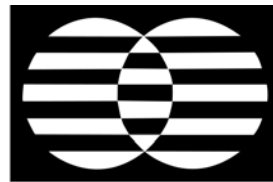
**MISSION GIVING**

It Makes Mission Possible

Mission Giving is the foundation for mission work through UMW 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 possible emergency response and exploration of new and evolving areas of mission.

**There are five Channels of undesignated Mission Giving:**

- Pledge to Mission
- Special Mission Recognition
- Gift to Mission
- Gift in Memory
- World Thank Offering



**Mission Giving**  
New Name, Same Great Opportunity

Watch for the above symbol in *Response Magazine* to read about places and programs where your Mission Giving is making a difference.

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**2009  
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*Annual Meeting  
Lake Junaluska, NC  
September 11, 12 & 13, 2009*

2009 UMW Conference Love Offering . . . A Gift to Mission Giving Honoring

## “Sisters with a PURPOSE - Celebrating 140 Years Together in Mission”

YOUR Mission Giving dollars travel all around the world to make the world a better place for women, children and youth.

**March 23, 2009 will be the 140th Anniversary (1869 to 2009) of the beginning of the organization that we now know as United Methodist Women!**

On March 23, 1869, in Boston, eight women gathered at Tremont Street Methodist Episcopal Church to form the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Isabella Thoburn and Clara Swain left for India in November of 1869 as the Society's first missionaries. From 1869 to 1893, our foremothers organized eight foreign and home missionary societies...the first was the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the last was the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Through various denominational unions and mergers, the organization that became known as United Methodist Women experienced changes in names and structure. However, the purpose has remained the same.

Like our predecessors, members of United Methodist Women have made a lifetime commitment to Christ's mission in the world. For over a century, members have united to pray together, to raise funds for mission, and to improve the lives of women, children, and youth around the world. Let's renew our life in mission with the zeal of our foremothers. Let us continue the legacy of women organized for mission as United Methodist Women.

### Women's Ministries

Batis Center for Women, Quezon City, Philippines  
Gum Moon Residence, San Francisco, California  
Global Health Action, Heilongjiang Province, China  
Aid to the Aged, Bethlehem, Palestine/Israel

### Youth Ministries

Methodist Mission Boys' Hostel, Baihar, India  
Sistren Theatre Collective, Kingston, Jamaica  
Mama Safi Home for Girls, Lubumbashi, Congo  
Bethlehem Centers, Charlotte/Winston-Salem, NC

### Children's Ministries

Fairfield Children's Home, Mutare, Zimbabwe  
Epworth Village, York, Nebraska  
Bengali Girls' Day School, West Bengal, India  
San Bernardo Camp, Sao Paulo, Brazil

### Scripture

“This is what the Lord says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: 'I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.'” - Isaiah 48:17

“Giving is a way for United Methodist Women to give expression to their faith - Giving is a privilege - a gift of God's grace.” - from UMW in Mission

