



2009 SOCIAL ACTION INITIATIVE RESULTS

We assessed our progress and developed a plan of action for 2010 to "Make a Memory With a Child." We created an example of an experience party that can be implemented by individuals or by units.

In March of 2010, "A Blueprint for Reform," the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act was sent to Congress for ratification. This act, if ratified, will replace the "No Child Left Behind" legislation. In its current reading this act, while holding schools and students accountable for growth and performance, looks to be less punitive.

We do not know what the outcome will be. We are in hopes that we will know the results by Annual Meeting in September.

MAKE A MEMORY WITH A CHILD!

*Plant some flowers...
Watch them grow*



*Help a child get his/
her first library card.
Then read together!!!*



*Take a child to
the park*

Be a lunch buddy



*Share some of your
favorite
childhood memories*



Go kite flying

*Be a reading
buddy at school*



**You DO make a difference.
Every woman counts.
Every United Methodist Woman
can participate!**

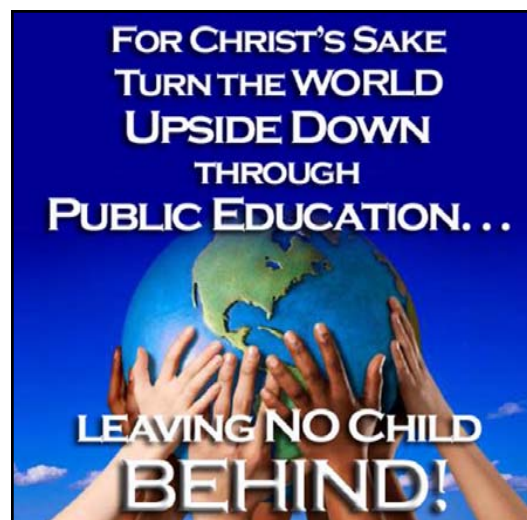


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SO...WHAT'S NEXT?

Making Memories With Children



CHILDREN LEARN... FROM EXPERIENCES

Many children have never gone fishing, hiking, to the public library, or done many of the simple things that we take for granted.

Experiences give children a basis for learning to read and to write. Children have difficulty relating to things they have never experienced.

Did You Know?

The 2010 UMW Social Action initiative of "For Christ's Sake Turn the World Upside Down" for Public Education is to...

Make A Memory With a Child.

As a community of women, we have given opportunities and made wonderful memories with the children in our lives.

Now, let's give these opportunities to children who are not our own!



WHAT CAN I DO?

The next time you take one of your children to the park, or lake, take along another child from your community to enjoy the adventure with you.



Fun's the Word!

Do you like to sew or knit? Buy an extra skein of yarn or get some scrap material and teach a child or teen to sew a straight seam or to knit a scarf.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPEND MONEY TO MAKE A MEMORY!

Read your favorite children's book to a young child. Even older children like to have books read aloud.

Go for long walks in the woods and talk about the different kinds of animals, plants and trees that you see.

GET THE IDEA?

The possibilities are endless!



Have fun and take some great pictures...

LET US SEE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU HAVE DONE!

Send a picture of your event along with a short descriptive paragraph to...Sherry Sink: sherrysink@gmail.com by June 30, 2010. One from each district will be selected for presentation at the Conference Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska in September 2010.

Submission of any picture will be considered to include parental permission for use in presentation.
