



**School of Christian
Mission
United Methodist
Women
Western North Carolina
Conference**

**July 14-17, 2011
Pfeiffer University
48380 US Hwy 52N
Misenheimer NC 28109**

Watch for additional details on our Website: www.wnccumw.org

**ALL THINGS MADE NEW
(Interpretation of the Theme)**

As followers of Christ, we hold fast to God's intention to bring hope and wholeness to the world through Jesus Christ. Grace-filled, we long for a world that moves from brokenness to wholeness, from suffering to healing, from injustice to justice, from scarcity to abundance, from estrangement to reconciliation and from despair to hope.

As partners in God's mission, the transformation we seek today is that of taking what is broken and restoring it to fullness in the light of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Faith-filled, we believe that out of the rubble and ashes of devastation will come new life—a life of hope, a life of abundance, a life of joy for the journey.

"And God himself will be with them: he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more: mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:3b-5a, NRSV)

Who Should Attend?

Local officers and members of United Methodist Women/ District and Conference UMW Officers/ District Chairpersons of Outreach Ministries/ Ministers

All men, women, and youth of the Church
Anyone who would like to worship God, learn new things, and enjoy the fellowship of Christians

Early Registration begins April 15, 2011 and ends May 31, 2011

All Students must pre-register—There will be no on-site registration.

(All registrations must be postmarked by June 15, 2011)



What a wonderful theme for us as we experience a new location, a new schedule and some other new things coming to the 2011 School of Christian Mission!!

NEW LOCATION

NEW EARLY REGISTRATION

NEW SCHEDULE

NEW FORMAT: One-Day Overview Students



Getting back to our Mission Roots!!!
This year's School will be at.....

Pfeiffer University
48380 US Hwy 52N, Misenheimer NC 28109

Rates for Early Registration: April 15, 2011—May 31, 2011



Resident Double: \$130.00

Resident Private: \$150.00

(Does not include lunch on Sunday.)

Non-Resident: \$40.00

One-Day Overview: \$20.00

Teen Women Event: \$15.00 *(Lunch included)*

Rates for Late Registration: June 1, 2011—June 15, 2011



Resident Double: \$140.00

Resident Private: \$160.00

(Does not include lunch on Sunday.)

Non-Resident: \$45.00

One-Day Overview: \$25.00

Teen Women Event: \$15 *(Lunch included)*

New Schedule: Geographic and Social Issue studies will start on Thursday night.



The Spiritual Growth Study begins Friday morning.



One-Day Overview Students will choose one study and will have 4 hours of session time in that study. You will not get both studies, unless you want to come both days, and that certainly is an option for you. (Our evaluations from the one-day overview students the past several years have requested this change of more time in the study.)

Courses of Study

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: *The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice, and Reconciliation*

Written by Stephanie Hixon and Thomas Porter, the Spiritual Growth study book for 2011, *The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice, and Reconciliation* deals with the theme of how individuals, families, and communities are called to a life-long journey of practicing forgiveness, justice, and reconciliation in our relational lives.

In a series of Bible studies, the book enables the participants to understand how systems and structures violate people's lives and how these structures can be transformed to be more just and more conducive to human and cosmic well being. The study aims to bring about personal and social transformation. The spiritual growth focus is on coming out on the side of grace and restorative justice in rebuilding personal, familial, and communal relationships.

Leader: Reverend Ken Carter

GEOGRAPHICAL MISSION STUDY: *Haiti: Challenges & Hopes*

It is nearly impossible to convey the full scope of Haiti's culture and history in one study, and so Rev. Dr. Jacques E. Pierre freely admits that this mission study "does not assume it captures every aspect of Haiti and its people's daily realities, their rich and vivacious culture, nor their long history of struggles. "What it does offer is an overview of the cultures that shaped Haiti's past and the ongoing legacy of colonialism, along with glimpses into the heart and soul of Haiti's people through pictures and Creole adages. The mission study also includes the impact of the devastating January 12th earthquake in 2010.

Although much of the study focuses on the avenues available for those wishing to help the people of Haiti rebuild, its approach and perspective go well beyond the immediate need of recovery from the earthquake. The author lays out the need for developing a theology of liberation for Haiti. Central to Rev. Dr. Pierre's thesis is his insistence that mission must be aligned with the concept of partnership, stating, "The primary purpose of this endeavor is to encourage on-going exchanges of cultural understanding, mutual respect, and mission partnership between the people of The United Methodist Church and people of God in Haiti." Most significantly, while the mission study never minimizes the impact of colonialism or the earthquake, it offers readers hope for Haiti's future.

Leaders: Janice Lentz, Martha Phillips, Reverend Pam Carter, Reverend Kevin Wright, Gail Beisiegle, Giuseppina Avita

SOCIAL ISSUE STUDY: *Joy To The World: Mission In The Age Of Global Christianity*

Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity by Dana L. Robert, with study guide by Toby Gould, explores the theology of mission and evangelism in the twenty-first century context of Christianity as a world-wide religion. The study invites us to look at why we are involved in mission and how we proclaim the Good News in Jesus Christ. What are the biblical mandates for mission? Does Christ call each of us to be his evangelist? The study sets the biblical and historical context for the reality that Christianity is now the largest world religion and explores the theological foundations for Christian mission, drawing upon the New Testament model of Jesus Christ and on Methodist history as sources for United Methodist understandings of mission and evangelism.

Leader: Dixie Tyson

(Courses of Study continued on the next page)

REGISTRATION - 2011 Western NC Conference School of Christian Mission

- Resident Student – Double Room Resident Student - Private Room
 Non-Resident Student Teen Women Event – Saturday Only
 One Day Overview Student (Day (s) Attending: _____)

Age Level: Youth 18 - 29 30 - 39 40 - 49 50 - 59 60 & over

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date	_____
Reg #	_____
Ck #	_____
Amt	_____

Church _____ District: _____

Name: _____ Female Male
(Name for name tag)
First Timer? Yes

Address: _____
Street, P. O. Box City State Zip

Telephone : () _____ Email: _____

Roommate: _____ **(Must be sent in together!)**

In case of Emergency, contact: Name: _____ Telephone: () _____

Special Housing/Classroom Needs *(please be specific)*:

Resident & Non Resident Students which Mission Study do you prefer?

- Haiti —Geographical Study or Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of
Global Christianity—Social Action Study

One-Day Overview Students which Mission Study do you prefer?

- Haiti —Geographical Study or Spiritual Growth Study

Workshop for Children's Leaders: I plan to attend this workshop.

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY—***Are you a ...*** Conference Officer District Officer

Local Officer Unit/Circle Member UMW Stipend Recipient Mission Personnel

Deaconess Clergy School Study Leader

Please check if you would like to help at the School of Christian Mission as a:

- Golf Cart Driver
 Class Secretary (Taking roll in classes each day and turning in the roster at the end of the school.)

<p><i>Make Checks payable to: UMW School of Christian Mission</i> <i>Mail Check and Registration form to: Peggy Wilkerson, 4678 Diamond Street, Claremont NC 28610</i></p>
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GENERAL INFORMATION

REFUNDS: There will be no refunds without at least 7 days notice. (\$25.00 of Resident Fee is not refundable.)

HOUSING: HOUSING WILL BE IN COLLEGE DORMITORIES. Bring bed linens, including a light blanket, pillow, towels, clothes hangers, grooming items, bathrobe, study lamp and any other items you feel necessary for your comfort away from home. (Wireless internet is available all over the campus.)

LINENS: There will be no linen rental at this year's school.

SPECIAL NEEDS: If you have any physical conditions that require consideration in room or classroom assignment, please explain on registration form or on separate sheet of paper stapled to your form. NO CHILDCARE AVAILABLE.

YOUTH: For youth participants, there are covenant and consent forms that must be completed to accompany the basic registration form. Those forms are available from the school officers, district presidents, and our conference website at www.wnccumw.org. There will be a youth curfew in effect at 11:30pm. Youth who are registered for the entire school may participate in the Teen Day Mission Event on Saturday at no extra charge.

CLASSES: The Spiritual Growth Study, *The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice, and Reconciliation*, will be offered to everyone. Please choose one of the other courses for more intensive study. Bring Bibles, pencils, paper, etc. Textbooks will be available from the Mission Resource Center in early spring, at all Conference events prior to the school and in the Resource Room during the school.

CEU's: Continuing Education Units will be offered if requirements are met.

NURSE: Due to liability issues, there will not be a nurse on campus. A first aid kit will be available in the Dean's Office.

SECURITY: Dial 911 in case of an emergency!!!! This will connect you to the Village Police of Misenheimer.

Registration deadline June 15, 2011 All Students must pre-register!!!!

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Please be in prayer for this year's School of Christian Mission!!
Change is never easy but sometimes necessary for us to grow and learn new things.
Your School Officers and the School Committee are committed to making the
2011 School of Christian Mission the best it can be.
We hope to see you there!!!!