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To: United Methodist Women of the Western North Carolina Conference

Public Education has been our Conference's one and only priority for 2008. A Public Education Task Force was formed at the end of 2007. This task force set to work studying the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and its impact on the lives of our children and grandchildren.

The more we learned about the No Child Left Behind Act, the more we became convinced that action must be taken to overturn this act. The No Child Left Behind Act is up for reauthorization, but Congress will probably not act on it until after the elections this fall. Therefore, the task force is initiating a month-long letter writing campaign to our legislators beginning next week. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Won't you please join me in writing letters to our legislators, school board members, and others as outlined in our plan? We must let our voices be heard and stand up for our children. Local unit presidents have received a packet of materials with sample letters and the schedule of whom to write along with names and addresses. If you do not have access to the packet, you may download these materials from our Conference website, www.wnccumw.org.

There is power in numbers. Our legislators will sit up and take notice if all 33,485 United Methodist Women from the Western North Carolina Conference write, call, or email them about the No Child Left Behind Act. Please don't keep this information to yourself! Share this information with members of your local church and community and ask them to write, call, or email their legislators as well.

We can make a difference. Thank you for supporting this endeavor.

Blessings,

Amy Johnson