

Nurturing Is ...

Educating through:

- ❖ Bible Studies
- ❖ Schools of Christian Mission studies
- ❖ Programs based on concerns and issues of women and families
- ❖ District Visitation Programs presented by district/conference officers
- ❖ Printed resources
- ❖ Women's Division Web Site: <http://gbgm-umc.org/umw>
- ❖ Western NC Conference United Methodist Women Web Site: www.gbgm-umc.org/wncumw

Creating Opportunity to grow by:

- ❖ Participating in the Schools of Christian Mission and special officer training
- ❖ Attending conference and district meetings, events and retreats
- ❖ Providing well-planned programs which are pertinent to the interests, concerns, and needs of the membership
- ❖ Making books in the United Methodist Women's Reading Program accessible to all. [Book reports or discussion groups]
- ❖ Reading and sharing *Response Magazine*
- ❖ Providing resources and teaching tools for developing leadership skills
- ❖ Sharing leadership

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Resources

- **Program Book for United Methodist Women** [printed annually]
- **United Methodist Women in Mission** [English #2139; Spanish #2143; Korean #2182; \$0.25]
- **Response** [\$15.00 yearly subscription] 11 issues per year
- **New World Outlook** [\$15.00 yearly] bi-monthly publication
- **Ceremonies III** [#2575; \$2.50]
- **Prayer Calendar** [#3298; \$8.50] updated yearly
- **Empowering Young Women: A Guide for Local, District and Conference United Methodist Women** [#2742; \$5.00]
- **Guidelines for Attracting Newly-Retired Women** [#2952; \$3.50]
- **Where the Money Goes Packet on Finance** [#1371; \$3.85] updated annually
- **Why Have a Charter for Racial Justice Policies?** [English #5297; Spanish #5338; Korean #5458] Leaflet
- **Why Should I Get Involved in Social Issues? A Call to Action for United Methodist Women** [English #5132; Spanish #5196; Korean #5399] free for postage

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Nurturing Is...

A Brochure for United Methodist Women

To assist
in creating an environment
which invites, welcomes,
includes, and
accepts all women



*"I can live for two months on
one good compliment!!"*

Mark Twain

Western North Carolina Conference
United Methodist Women

Visit our web site at:
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Nurturing Is ...

- Providing an environment of hospitality in which diverse communities of women feel welcome. Each is accepted, energized, and encouraged to grow spiritually, challenged intellectually, and strengthened emotionally.
- Strategizing deliberately to appraise the needs of members and potential members, then determining a plan to meet those needs.
- Sharing information and good communication with all the membership
- Mentoring and supporting members in leadership development, involving them in mission, personal growth, and crisis situations.
- Providing opportunities for members to develop and use leadership skills.
- Providing educational opportunities to increase knowledge of the United Methodist Women's organization, its mission, and ministry.
- Providing opportunities to put faith into action as a part of one's Christian responsibility.
- Providing affirmation, freely and sincerely, for work done, faithful service rendered, challenges met, and risks taken.

Nurturing Is ...

- Providing** hospitality to create a caring climate of acceptance of individual, unique differences in which each person is encouraged to participate and contribute freely.
- Planning**, accomodating and including a diverse community of:
 - ❖ Teen and College women
 - ❖ Young women
 - ❖ New members
 - ❖ Long-time members
 - ❖ Potential members
 - ❖ Members for whom English is a second language
 - ❖ Members of all racial, ethnic and cultural groups
 - ❖ Members with special needs
- Communicating** and sharing information with all members through:
 - ❖ Newsletters and flyers
 - ❖ Telephone tree/network
 - ❖ Allowing free dialogue and discussion within a group
 - ❖ Bulletin boards
 - ❖ Exhibits and displays
 - ❖ Sunday morning bulletins
 - ❖ Email / Listserv

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- Providing** opportunities to be in Mission
 - ❖ **Survey** the issues of women in local units, parenting, personal finance, or caregiving; provide seminars and support; become an advocate when necessary.
 - ❖ **Study** and reflect on current and emerging social, economic, environmental, and political issues which affect women.
 - ❖ **Interpret** and advocate for financial support of mission and ministry of the United Methodist Women's organization.
 - ❖ **Advocate** for basic needs of children: adequate housing , nutrition, health care, quality education.
 - ❖ **Provide** training in violence prevention and conflict resolution
 - ❖ **Participate** in "hands-on" mission projects: local, district, conference, national and international
- Appreciating and Affirming**
 - ❖ Acknowledgement for work done well
 - ❖ Find ways to compliment those who are faithful in doing tasks or taking risks.