

# Through the Eyes of a Child



# Annual Meeting

United Methodist Women  
Western North Carolina Conference  
September 7, 8, and 9, 2007

# ARTICLE X: RULES OF ORDER

## Section 1: Rules Of Order For Annual Meeting Of The Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

### A. General Information

1. Meetings shall open and close at the times stipulated in the official program.
2. Members and guests shall wear nametags at all times to all functions to indicate delegate status.
3. During voting sessions (business sessions) delegates shall be seated within a designated voting bar.
4. Members and visitors not designated as delegates shall be seated elsewhere.

### B. New Business

1. All new business that has not been considered by the Executive Committee of the Conference shall be presented in writing to the Secretary twenty-four (24) hours prior to being considered by the voting delegates.
2. Proposed Resolutions must be submitted in writing to the Conference President sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of the Conference Annual Meeting.

### C. Motions

1. All motions except on matters of procedure shall be written and signed by the maker and furnished to the Chair before action is taken.
2. The Secretary, unless directed otherwise, shall not record motions ruled out of order, points of order on which no appeal is taken, or trivial matters of privilege.

### D. Debate

1. In seeking recognition from the Chair, a member must stand to address the Chair and, upon being recognized, state his or her name before making comment or motion.
2. The maker of a motion in preference to any other delegate shall be entitled to the floor immediately after the motion is stated.
3. Debate shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes per topic.
4. No delegate shall speak to a motion a second time until all others have been given the opportunity to speak.
5. No delegate shall speak more than twice on the same question on the same day, nor more than two (2) minutes at one time without consent of the body.
6. General consent shall be required if additional time is to be given.

### E. Voting Membership

The voting body of the Conference organization shall be composed of the following persons:

1. One representative of each local unit of fifty (50) members or less, with one additional representative for each additional fifty (50) members in the unit
2. All District officers and chairpersons of District Committees
3. Past Presidents of the former Western North Carolina Conference Woman's and Women's Societies of Christian Service, Past Presidents of the former North Carolina-Virginia Conference Women's Society of Christian Service, former Secretaries of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and Conference Past Presidents of the United Methodist Women now living within the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference (the Conference organization assumes no financial responsibility for this group)
4. District Presidents, as members of the Conference Executive Committee
5. Conference officers and chairpersons of committees
6. Any member of the Women's Division or of the Jurisdiction organization residing within the bounds of the Conference
7. The resident Bishop
8. The President of the Jurisdiction Deaconess Association if residing within the bounds of the Conference
9. All elected members-at-large

### F. Delegates For Quorum

A quorum shall be a simple majority of the delegates registered for the meeting.

### G. Parliamentary Authority

1. *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority.
2. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates is required to suspend or amend these rules.



# **34th Annual Meeting**

## **United Methodist Women**

### **Western North Carolina Conference**

**September 7, 8, and 9, 2007**  
**Lake Junaluska, North Carolina**

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**Amy Johnson, President**

**Sandy Hieronymus, Vice President**  
**Chair of Program Committee**

**Hostess District - North Wilkesboro**  
**Lynn Sloan Barnes, President**

#### **2007 Program Committee**

Sandy Hieronymus - Chairperson, Linda Baity, Lynn Sloan Barnes, Pat Gilbert,  
Martha Houser, Amy Johnson, Kris Peurifoy, Virginia Robinson, Bettie Sharpe  
Rowe, Dixie Sheff, Sherry Sink, Sharon Smith, Karen Wilkerson, Linda Young, and  
The Reverend Dr. Lillie Madison Jones - Conference Advisor

*Thank you for turning off your cell phone during all sessions.*



## FRIDAY EVENING

Gathering Praise - 6:45 P.M.

Gail and Charles Litaker

We Gather for Welcome - 7:00 P.M.

Call to Annual Meeting

Amy Johnson

Greetings from Lake Junaluska

Joetta Rinehart

Greetings from the Hostess District

Lynn Sloan Barnes

Announcements

Sandy Hieronymus

Presentation of Guests & Program Participants

### We Gather for Worship

Video Reflection: *Because Our Children Are Watching*

\*Call to Worship

Martha Houser

Leader: God calls to us through the hungry cries of children:

**All: Feed me and be fed.**

Leader: God calls to us through the cries of families without homes:

**All: Shelter me and find refuge in me.**

Leader: God calls to us through the cries of people who are poor:

**All: Care for me and know my love.**

Leader: God calls to us through the cries of the oppressed:

**All: Seek justice for me and find freedom.**

Leader: Our faith calls us to action;

**All: Our actions give us new faith.**

**All: Come, let us worship God in word and deed with love and justice  
For the children and the poor,  
For their sake,  
For our sake,  
For God's sake.**

*(National Observance of Children's Sabbaths 2005)*

\*Hymn: *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

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*(The United Methodist Hymnal)*

Prayer Calendar / Evening Prayer

Reverend N. Fred Jordan, Jr.

Special Music

Gail Litaker

The Hearing of the Word: Matthew 25:31-40

Louise Jones

The Message: *Meology vs. Theology*

Reverend Angela Pleasants

\*Theme Song: *Jesus Loves Me (verses 1-3)*

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\*Benediction

Margie Knight

Postlude

*\*Please stand as you are able.*



## LATE NIGHT AT ANNUAL MEETING

*(For Young Women and the Young at Heart)*

Immediately following the Friday Evening Session until 11:00 P.M.

Downstairs Auditorium of Harrell Center

### Shuttle Service

*The Lake Junaluska shuttle service will run until 11:15 P.M.  
for persons attending Late Night.*



## SATURDAY MORNING

Gathering Praise - 8:30 A.M.

Gail and Charles Litaker

We Rejoice in God's Mission - 8:45 A.M.

\*Theme Song: *Jesus Loves Me (verses 1-3)*

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Prayer Calendar / Opening Prayer

Karen Wilkerson

Special Music

UMW Conference Executive Team, Nominations  
Committee, and School of Christian Mission Officers

**Business Session**

Amy Johnson, President  
Dixie Sheff, Secretary  
Vickie Boyd, Parliamentarian

- VOTING DELEGATES SHOULD SIT IN SECTIONS 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 (A-L) OR ON STAGE -

**Devotion in Motion**

Dori Thurman and Shirley Hickok

*Please feel free to move around or visit the restroom while we reset the stage  
for the next part of our business session.*

**Funny Business**

*Show 'n Tell*

- There will be a brief intermission - Please reserve Section 6 for our guests -

**We Tell the Story of Mission**

Convener

Sherry Sink

Special Guests:

Active & Retired Mission Personnel, Church & Community Workers,  
Deaconesses, and Other Special Mission Guests

Processional Hymn: *The Summons*  
*Please remain seated.*

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*(The Faith We Sing)*

Pledge Service

Sharon Smith, Sherry Sink,  
and District Treasurers

Love Offering: *Celebrating Mission Giving to Promote World Peace*

Sharon Smith

Offertory Music

Gail Litaker

\*Offertory Response: *Give Thanks*

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The Hearing of the Word

Linda Young

Mission Address

Anne Kolbe

Worship through Dance

Cambodian Dancers

Recession of Guests

*Please remain seated as our honored guests depart the auditorium. These persons are our  
special guests for lunch at the Terrace and Lambuth Inn. After our benediction, as you go  
to lunch, please help us host our guests by allowing them to go to the front of the line.*

Hymns: *Nurtured by the Spirit*  
*As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

Page 115 Global Praise 2  
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\*Benediction

Sharon Smith

Postlude

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## MISSION LUNCH

You are invited to join our mission guests for lunch in the dining rooms of both the Terrace and Lambuth Inn. Seats have been reserved for our honored guests throughout the dining rooms at both locations. Please make these very special people feel welcomed!

**Statesville District Gathering:** Statesville District members are invited to a picnic at 12:15 P.M. at the open-air gym at the far western end of the Lake.

**Waynesville District Gathering:** Waynesville District members are invited to a picnic at 12:15 P.M. in the Hudnall House (red house with screen porch) behind the tennis courts.

- Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Brooks-Howell Home -  
Gather under the tent from 1:15-1:45 P.M. for refreshments.



## SATURDAY AFTERNOON "An Extreme Makeover"

Gathering Praise - 1:45 P.M.

Gail and Charles Litaker

We Gather to Celebrate - 2:00 P.M.

Convener

Linda Baity

## WALK FOR MISSION

Meet in front of Stuart Auditorium to walk around the lake or however far you want to walk. The Walk for Mission will begin immediately following the Saturday afternoon session. Please submit forms and money to the Conference Treasurer just prior to the Walk. All proceeds go to Mission Giving!

**Asheville District Gathering:** Asheville District members are invited to a picnic at 5:00 P.M. at the open-air gym at the far western end of the Lake.



## SATURDAY EVENING

Gathering Praise - 6:45 P.M.

Gail and Charles Litaker

Visioning For The Future - 7:00 P.M.

Evening Prayer

Virginia Robinson

Dedication of the Annual Report Book

Dixie Sheff

A Time of Appreciation

Amy Johnson and Sharon Smith

Installation of New Officers

Elizabeth Holbrooks

Special Music: *Whose Child Is This?*

Gail Litaker

\*Litany: *Let All the Little Children Come*

Pat Gilbert

Leader: "Let the little children come unto me and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of heaven," Jesus said.

Right Side: He did not say let only rich or middle-class white children come.

Left Side: He did not say let only the strapping boys but not the girls come.

Right Side: He did not say let only the able-bodied children come.

All: All the children He bade come.

Left Side: He did not say let all my children or your children or our friends' children or those in our families and neighborhoods and who look and act like us come.

Right Side: He did not say let only the well-behaved children come or those who conform to society's norms.

Left Side: He did not say let a few, a third, half, or three-fourths come - but all.

All: Jesus said, "Let the little children come and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of heaven."

*(National Observance of Children's Sabbaths 2007, written by Marian Wright Edelman)*

President's Address: *20/20 Vision*

Amy Johnson

\*Hymn: *Star-Child*

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\*Benediction

Betty Swarthout

Postlude

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## DISTRICT GATHERINGS (Following Saturday Evening's Session)

Albemarle	Auditorium A & B, Terrace
Charlotte	Room 316, Terrace
Gastonia	Room 104, Lambuth
Greensboro	Auditorium A & B, Harrell Center
High Point	Auditorium C, Terrace
Lexington	Auditorium C, Harrell Center
Marion	Morganton House
Northeast	Room 100, Lambuth
North Wilkesboro	Susan Todd Lounge
Salisbury	International Room B & C, Lambuth
Winston-Salem	Room 202, Harrell Center



## SUNDAY MORNING

Singing at the Cross & Sunday School - 8:30 - 9:30 A.M.

Take your pick between ...

A. Sunday School - *Music and Mission*

-OR-

B. Singing at the Cross

Reverend Alec Alvord  
Harrell Center Auditorium  
Virginia Robinson

Gathering Praise - 10:00 A.M.

Gail and Charles Litaker

We Gather to Praise and Glorify God - 10:15 A.M.

Announcements

Sandy Hieronymus

Prayer Calendar / Opening Prayer

Vickie Boyd

Call to Worship

Children of Long's Chapel United Methodist Church

\*Hymn: *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

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Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Bettie Sharpe Rowe

Leader: Let us pray together as we confess our sins before God.

All: God, in Jesus you shone your light to all of us who sat in darkness. We see you now, and your call to discipleship. We confess that we are not eager to follow. It will demand that we leave profitable jobs, sometimes. It will demand that we leave family members and move to other parts of the world, sometimes. It will demand that we see our life work as the work of becoming like Christ. If you don't help us, God, we will not be able to follow. The pull of our comfort is great. We do not easily embrace the unknown. But we want to follow you; give us the power to do so. Amen.

Leader: The same God who demands honest confession provides thorough forgiveness. Receive God's forgiveness today. Live as an authentic Christian: holy, righteous, just, loving, and kind.

*(Based on Matthew 4:12-23, The Africana Worship Book)*

Banner Processional Hymn: *Marching to Zion* Page 733 UMH

Memorial Service: *Next Stop: Zion* Kris Peurifoy

\*Hymn: *Faith of Our Mothers* Page 336 Tabernacle Hymns

The Hearing of the Word: John 13:1-11 Ann Aldridge

The Message: *A Towel, a Basin, and Dirty Feet* Reverend Angela Pleasants

Communion Reverend Alec Alvord, Celebrant

Reverend Dr. Lillie Madison Jones, Celebrant

A Service of Word & Table III

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Special Music Medley

Gail and Charles Litaker

Dedication of the Gift to Mission Cards Sherry Sink

Leader: Our Heavenly Father, we come as your children bringing our baskets filled with Gift to Mission Cards. We ask for your blessing upon each one as it finds its way from the giver to the receiver.

**All: May joy be found in the eyes of the receiver and the giver's heart be filled to overflowing. Bless our Mission Giving as we strive to fill the eyes of your children with hope, love and dignity. Amen.**

Video Reflection: *Because Our Children Are Watching*

\*Litany of Commitment Sandy Hieronymus

Leader: Who will speak out for the children, calling for policies that help, not harm, that lift up, not cast down, that offer support, not judgment, that recognize all children as of sacred worth and dignity?

**All: We prayerfully dedicate ourselves to acts of justice in steadfastness of hope.**

*(National Observance of Children's Sabbaths 2002)*

\*Theme Song: *Jesus Loves Me (verses 1-3)* Page 17

Blessing and Sending Forth Amy Johnson

Postlude

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## Program Participants

**The Reverend Alec Alvord – Retired, WNC Conference** – Alec has served Christ through the United Methodist Church in countless ways, including as Director of Missions and Outreach, Director of Volunteer Response Ministries for the Western North Carolina Conference, and as a missionary in Africa with his wife and partner, Dot.

**Elizabeth Holbrooks –Former UMW Conference President** – Liz is very devoted to the ministry of United Methodist Women. She has held many offices in both UMW and our church. She was our Conference UMW President from 2000-2001. For seven years, Liz was assistant to the Church Agency Mission Director at Bethlehem Center of Charlotte. She lives in the Gastonia District. Liz has two sons and three grandchildren.

**The Reverend Dr. Lillie M. Jones – Director of Ethnic and Justice Ministries, WNC Conference** – Before her call to the ministry, Lillie worked over thirty years in public education and education administration. She served as Interim Superintendent of the Guilford County Schools from 1999-2000, and held Deputy and Associate Superintendent positions there from 1993-1999. She holds an undergraduate degree from Bennett College, and graduate degrees from A&T State University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and Hood Theological Seminary, where she was the recipient of the senior preaching award. Lillie has much training in leader development. She was a pastor for five years before her current appointment. She and her husband, Frederick, have two children and five grandchildren. We are pleased to welcome Lillie as our conference advisor for United Methodist Women.

**The Reverend N. Fred Jordan, Jr. – North Wilkesboro District Superintendent** – Fred is a native of Salisbury, North Carolina. He served eight pastoral appointments in Glasgow, Scotland, and Western North Carolina before assuming his current duties as the District Superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District. He is a graduate of Catawba College and Duke Divinity School. He and his wife, Taffy, have three grown children and five grandchildren.

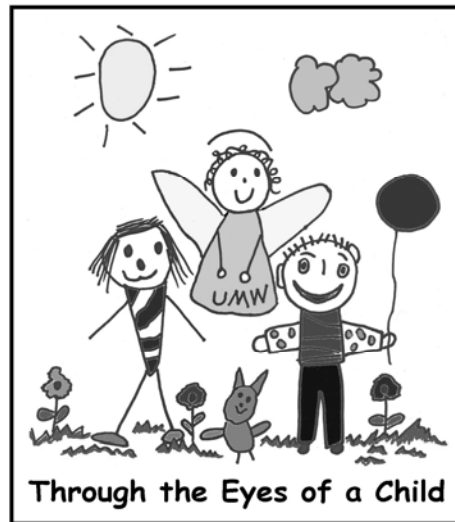
**Anne Kolbe – Mission Speaker** – Anne, her brother, and sisters grew up in the richness of the church communities where they learned about God's love and the joy of living a daily life in God's presence. Her great grandparents and other family members had visions of mission in their own communities as well as abroad. After receiving a degree in nursing, she worked as a nurse in cardiology, developmental disabilities, psychiatric care and geriatrics. The General Board of Global Ministries sent her to train in India in community-based health care before she was assigned to Cambodia. In Cambodia, Anne worked collegially with the pastors in villages to strengthen the outreach health care ministries of their congregations. They trained health volunteers in the churches and did subsidized water filter campaigns. Returning to the US, she is working with a summer camp as nurse and hopes to be their "missionary in residence". Anne has two sons.

**Gail and Charles Litaker – Musicians** – Charles and Gail Litaker are residents of Wadesboro, North Carolina, and are active in First United Methodist Church there. Gail is a music teacher in the Anson County Schools, where she teaches K-3 music at Wadesboro Primary School, and was selected as the Anson County Teacher of the Year for 2006-2007. She is also the Associate Director of Music at First UMC, where she directs the Handbell Choir, Joyful Noise Youth Choir, and "Thursday's Child," a community children's choir made up of first through sixth graders from all across Anson County. In addition, she is the Children's Choir director at First Baptist Church, Wadesboro. Charles is the Director of Music and organist at First UMC, Wadesboro. He retired several years ago as music teacher at Anson Senior High School, after 30+ years of teaching. They are the parents of three grown children, and grandparents of three grandchildren in Winston-Salem and California.

**The Reverend Angela Pleasants – Pastor, Central United Methodist Church, Charlotte** – Angela A. Pleasants is a native of Greensboro, North Carolina. She is a graduate of NC A&T State University and a seminary graduate of Duke Divinity School. Angela is an ordained elder in our conference. Before taking her new appointment this summer at Central United Methodist Church in the Charlotte District, she was pastor for 5 years of Wingate United Methodist Church in the Albemarle District. She was elected as a delegate to the 2008 General Conference. She serves on various boards and committees both in the community and church. Angela is single. She enjoys sports, running marathons and boxing. She is involved in self-defense training for ladies to build

confidence as well as protection skills. Angela loves to travel. One of her hobbies is pysanky, Ukrainian egg painting.

**Virginia Robinson** – *Chairperson, Leader Development, WNCC UMW* – This talented vocalist serves as Director of Music for Salem UMC in Morganton. In addition to her United Methodist Women service, she is Trial Court Coordinator for the 25A Judicial District consisting of Burke and Caldwell Counties.



## - Special Thanks -

The Program Committee would also like to thank the following individuals and groups for sharing their talents and gifts for this meeting:

- Lynn Sloan Barnes and all of the women of the North Wilkesboro District
- All of the District Mission Teams for your support and help in many ways
- Members of the Conference Executive Committee
- Hostesses for our persons in mission for the mission lunch
- Cambodian Dancers from the Cambodian Mission United Methodist Church, Charlotte, NC
- Children from Long's Chapel United Methodist Church, Waynesville, NC
- Kevin and Kenneth Eller, of K2 Productions, for providing music for Late Night
- Dori Thurman and Shirley Hickok for sharing their energy through Devotion in Motion
- The Lake Junaluska Assembly staff
- YOU make mission possible! Without YOU, our Annual Meeting would not be as interesting and exciting. Thank YOU for coming!

## Report of the Treasurer

In 2006, total giving (from local units and districts) again went over the one million dollar mark - \$1,077,715.88, a decrease of \$10,566.97 over 2005. Giving to Women's Division totaled \$920,394.39. Your monetary gifts help to relieve suffering and improve the quality of life for women, children, and youth by providing food, clothing, health care, education, community centers, missionary support, and funds for many other mission projects.

In 2006, the Western North Carolina Conference UMW sent \$797,500.80 in Undesignated Gifts, a decrease of \$30,598.63. We did not meet our \$828,000 Pledge or our 2006 financial goal of increasing our pledge to mission funds by \$1/member. Our total giving in this category was \$721,019.33 - a decrease of \$4,295.88 over 2005. Our Conference Love Offering totaled \$32,894.33 - a very substantial amount even though it was a decrease of \$1,545.32 over 2005. Our Spiritual Growth love offering totaled \$6,313.53, an increase of \$953.86 over 2005. Our first ever Walk to Mission totaled \$8,499.90.

Our Designated gifts totaled \$122,893.59. This was a decrease of \$13,292.09 over 2005. A total of \$17,630.90 was given to other projects within the Conference, which included \$3,590 in contributions to the WNCC UMW General Scholarship Fund.

For the SIXTH consecutive year, Western North Carolina United Methodist Women were "NUMBER ONE" in our mission giving. Based on financial reports from the Women's Division, we ranked first in the nation in the following categories:

Special Mission Recognition  
Gift to Mission  
Gift in Memory  
World Thank Offering  
Total Undesignated Giving  
and  
TOTAL GIVING!!



WNCC UMW was 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pledge to Mission.

Thank you for your continuing commitment to mission giving. We MUST continue to give generously as the need for mission funds is greater than ever. EVERY MISSION DOLLAR MAKES A DIFFERENCE. Thank you for making mission possible.

Sharon Smith, Conference Treasurer

## The *Conference Gram*

The *Conference Gram* is published four times per year by the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women and is mailed, free of charge, to all district and conference officers, and to local unit presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and circle chairs. Others may subscribe by sending their name, complete address, district, and \$2.00 to Karen Wilkerson, Communications Coordinator, 2829 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Newton, NC 28658. Checks should be made payable to WNCC UMW. The *Conference Gram* is also available on our conference web site, and by email to our conference UMW email list.

Karen Wilkerson, Conference Communications Coordinator

## Report of the Scholarship Committee

One of the most rewarding challenges of being in mission is the opportunity to shape the lives of our youth and those starting a second career. That is what is happening as we provide financial assistance to our students at a time when it makes a difference as they choose a career. We on the Scholarship Committee Program see the hopes and dreams of so many persons who are answering God's call in our local, district and world communities.

On March 31, 2007 at Pfeiffer University, five returning students and six new students ranging from newly graduated high school students to persons entering their second career were present. As the committee read the applications received, we saw hopes and dreams for the future unfold. As we spoke to each student, many gifts and services to their local churches and communities were also evident. The scholarship amounts range from \$1000 to \$2500 based on individual student's need. A total of \$19,000 was awarded. The scholarship is renewable as long as the applicant meets the criteria.

Eight students will be attending Pfeiffer University, (Emily Sue Couch, Mary Beth Johnson, Audrey Mauldin Carter, Stephanie Brendel Hatley, John F. Howard, Jr., Christopher E. Lutz, Jessica Lea Morley, and Lynda Hepler). One student (Sharon Sithole) will be attending Bennett College and one student (Sharon Quate) will be attending Greensboro College.

The Scholarship program is funded by eight endowed scholarship funds and the General Scholarship fund. Contributions to the General Fund are encouraged after units have met their pledge to mission and given in the five channels of Mission Giving. When contributions are made, they may be made through the regular channels: local unit to local treasurer, local treasurer to district treasurer, and district treasurer to conference treasurer. The money should be marked for the United Methodist Women Scholarship Fund. Support of the scholarship programs helps us fulfill our Purpose as United Methodist Women as we continue to keep our children, youth and women in our thoughts and prayers .

"In everything you do, put God first  
and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success."  
*Proverbs 3:6*

Scholarship Committee Members 2007: Amy Johnson, Karen Wilkerson, Peggy Wilkerson, Sherry Sink, and Sharon Smith.

Louise D. Jones, Conference Scholarship Chairperson

## Report of the 2007 School of Christian Mission

The 2007 School of Christian Mission was held July 12-15 at Greensboro College, Greensboro, North Carolina. The theme for the school was "Sing Across the Walls". The mission studies were: "Music and Mission" led by Lynn Sloan Barnes; "Globalization and It's Impact on People's Lives" led by Rev. Bill Garrard and Dr. Sandra Williamson; "Israel/Palestine" led by Ruth Daugherty, Rev. Greg Dickens, Dr. Lillie Jones, Dr. Tom and LaVon Sigmon, Rev. Joe Tarpley and Patricia Wiseman. Overviews were also on the studies of "Music and Mission" led by Amy Johnson and Kris Peurifoy and "Israel/Palestine" led by Irma Ellwanger and Edward Peurifoy.

Youth Day was reintroduced for the first time in several years with the study of "Globalization" intertwined with "Music and Mission" as its focus. Sherry Sink and Linda Baity led the group in activities and study. The "Workshop for Leaders of Children" was provided by Sandy Hieronymus on Friday afternoon.

Doris Vincent, Patricia Steward and Jackie Kerr were outstanding in their music leadership during plenaries and worship. Patricia Settle served as the school nurse. Linda Reep and Sharon Quate were AV technicians. Lynne Gilbert provided technical support in the chapel.

Five growth opportunities were provided on Saturday afternoon: "O Lord, They Want Me to Lead Devotions" by Patricia Shoffner; "Up Close and Personal – Social Action as Mission" by Linda Young; "How to Lead a Mission Study" by Dixie Liggett; "Body, Mind, and Spirit" by Shirley Hickok and Doris Thurman; and Choir led by Doris Vincent, Patricia Stewart, and Jackie Kerr. These opportunities are always very well attended.

Sunday morning worship was led by Amy Johnson, Lynn Sloan Barnes, Dr. Lillie Jones and Dr. Tom Sigmon. Worship concluded with Communion.

Total attendance was 335 – 211 full-time students, 110 one-day overview students and 14 youth. The North Wilkesboro District were excellent hostesses for the weekend.



The school officers were: Sara Williams, dean; Michelene Mathews, assistant dean; Sara Messer, business manager; and Brenda Alexander, housing manager.

It is with deep gratitude that I thank each of the members of the School Committee and all those involved in making the School of Christian Mission a success. The School of Christian Mission is the best form of mission education provided in the United Methodist Church.

Sara Williams, Dean, Conference School of Christian Mission



## The Child's Bill of Rights

The right to be wanted

The right to be healthy

The right to live in a healthy environment

The right to satisfaction of basic needs

The right to continuous loving care

The right to acquire the intellectual and

Emotional skills necessary to achieve

Individual aspirations and to cope effectively in our society

The right to receive care and treatment

Through facilities which are appropriate to their

Needs and which keep them as closely as

Possible within their normal social setting.

## - Quotes About Children -

It takes a village to raise a child. *African Proverb*

One generation plants the trees; another gets the shade. *Chinese Proverb*

Children require guidance and sympathy far more than instruction. *Annie Sullivan*

You'll never stand taller than when you stoop to help a child. *Dr. Phil McGraw*

Children are neither past nor future; they enjoy the present,  
which very few of us do. *Jean de la Bruyere*

Children are our most valuable natural resource. *Herbert Hoover*

It is better to build children than to mend adults. *Chinese Proverb*

**We worry about what a child will become tomorrow; yet we forget that he is  
someone today.** *Stacia Tauscher*

Children make you want to start life over. *Muhammad Ali*

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shoveling the walk  
before it stops snowing. *Phyllis Diller*

If our American way of life fails the child, it fails us all. *Pearl S. Buck*

There are no seven wonders of the world in the eyes of a child.  
There are seven million. *Walt Streightiff*



## The PURPOSE of United Methodist Women

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a  
community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and  
to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;  
to develop a creative, supportive fellowship;  
and to expand concepts of mission  
through participation in the global ministries of the church.

## - OUR THEME SONG -

### Jesus Loves Me

*The United Methodist Hymnal, #191*

Text: Anna B. Warner (1860)

Text Stanzas 2-3: David Rutherford McGuire (1971)

Music: William B. Bradbury (1862)

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
They are weak, but he is strong.

*Refrain:*

Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
As he loved so long ago,  
Taking children on his knee,  
Saying, "Let them come to me."

*(Refrain)*

Jesus loves me still today,  
Walking with me on my way  
Wanting as a friend to give  
Light and love to all who live.

*(Refrain)*

Jesus loves me! He who died  
Heaven's gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin,  
Let His little child come in.

*(Refrain)*

Jesus loves me! He will stay  
Close beside me all the way;  
Thou hast bled and died for me,  
I will henceforth live for Thee.

*(Refrain)*

*(Note: The next stanza from the original is commonly omitted in hymnals.)*

Jesus loves me! Loves me still,  
Though I'm very weak and ill,  
That I might from sin be free  
Bled and died upon the tree.

*(Refrain)*

The lyrics to this Christian hymn first appeared as a poem in a novel, *Say and Seal*, written by Anna Warner's sister Susan Warner and published in 1860. Susan wanted a song for a Sunday School teacher to sing to a dying boy and asked Anna to write it. In 1862, the music was added by William Batchelder Bradbury who found the text in Susan's book. Bradbury added the refrain. An Anglican priest, David Rutherford McGuire, rewrote the second and third stanzas in 1971 to communicate Matthew 19:13-14. Only the first three stanzas appear in *The United Methodist Hymnal*.

## 2007 Conference Officers

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer  Mission Coordinators: Spiritual Growth Membership Nurture & Outreach Social Action Education & Interpretation  Secretary of Program Resources Communications Coordinator Parliamentarian Chair, Scholarship Committee Chair, Leader Development Historian Dean, 2007 School of Christian Mission Chair, Committee on Nominations Members, Committee on Nominations  Member, SEJ Core Planning Group (2004-2008) Director, Women's Division Staff Representative Resident Bishop	Amy Johnson Sandy Hieronymus Dixie Sheff Sharon Smith  Kris Peurifoy Linda Baity Linda Young Sherry Sink  Bettie Sharpe Rowe Karen Wilkerson Vickie Boyd Louise Jones Virginia Robinson Margie Knight Sara Williams Irma Ellwanger Patsy Baker, Carolyn Jones Conner, RoAnn Cox, Ann Burrow, Marie Leonard, Polly Pearson, Angela White, and Norris Wilson Dixie Liggett Janet Collins The Reverend Dr. Lillie Madison Jones Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey
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## 2007 District Presidents

Albemarle	Pat Mills	Marion	Ann Aldridge
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Charlotte	Vernie Hollifield	North Wilkesboro	Lynn Sloan Barnes
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Lexington	Tonya Lanier	Winston-Salem	Sandy Letchworth

## Nominees for 2008-2009

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer  Mission Coordinator, Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator, Social Action Mission Coordinator, Membership Nurture & Outreach Secretary of Program Resources Chairperson, Committee on Nominations Member, Committee on Nominations (Class of 2011) Member, Committee on Nominations (Class of 2011)	Amy Johnson Sandy Hieronymus Ann Aldridge Sharon Smith Patricia Wiseman Linda Young Linda Baity Kim Keyse Patsy Baker Nancy Clark Janet Turner
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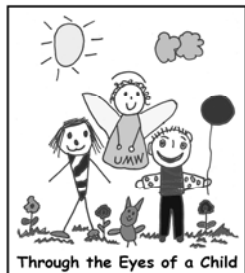
Dean: Sara Williams

Housing Manager: Brenda Alexander

Assistant Dean: Michelene Mathews

Business Manager: Donna Parsons

## - About the Logo -



Various children drew the picture for the logo. It is a happy picture even though many children in our world are not in a happy place. The angel represents United Methodist Women. Our ministry focuses on women, children and youth. Life is better for all as UMW reach out in loving, caring ways. When a child is hungry, sad, sick, homeless, or mistreated, the world *through the eyes of a child* looks bleak and hopeless. Because of our outreach ministry and Mission Giving, the world and life *through the eyes of a child* have hope and love. The skin color of the children and angel are non-existing. Should my preschoolers have put color on the faces, they would probably be green, blue, orange or purple. Most likely, one would be "rainbow". My four and five year olds love to put multi-color faces, sun, flowers, animals, etc., on their pictures. We as adults teach racism along with all the other "isms". United Methodist Women teach love.

*Sandy Hieronymus, Conference UMW Vice President and Pre-K Teacher*



## Looking Ahead to 2008

Spiritual Growth Retreats - June 13-14/14-15 , Lake Junaluska

School of Christian Mission - July 24-27, Greensboro College

WNCC UMW Annual Meeting - September 5, 6 & 7, Lake Junaluska

UMW Southeastern Jurisdiction Meeting - April 4-6, 2008, Hampton, Virginia

UMW Assembly - April 29-May 2, 2010, St. Louis, Missouri

## Visit Our Conference Web Site!

You can find lots of information at our conference web site. Conference event information, registration forms, Mission Today resources, the *Conference Gram*, and links to the many resources available on the Women's Division web site, are just a few of the things you can find there. Our web address is:

[www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org)



## Join Our Conference Email List!

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**Join now!**

***Welcome to Lake Junaluska  
For the 34th Annual Meeting  
of United Methodist Women  
of the Western North Carolina Conference***

**Meeting Registration:**

Friday: Downstairs in the Harrell Center Auditorium  
2:00 – 5:45 P.M. and after the evening session  
Saturday: Stuart Auditorium, Entrance -- 8:00 A.M. – Noon

**Hospitality & Refreshments:**

Friday: Harrell Center – Susan Todd Lounge  
2:00 – 5:00 P.M., North Wilkesboro – Hostess District

**Prayer Room: Memorial Chapel (Open all weekend)**

**Program Resources & Social Action Area:**

Friday Downstairs in the Auditorium of Harrell Center  
2:00 – 6:45 P.M., & after the evening session during Late Night  
Saturday 7:45 – 8:25 A.M., 12:45 – 1:45 P.M., 3:00-3:30 P.M.

**Other Important Schedule Information:**

**Meal Schedule:** Please allow Program Participants, Pages, and Program Committee members to break line since they have responsibilities that limit their time. Most have red ribbons printed on their nametags. Thank You!

Breakfast 7:00 – 8:30 A.M.      Lunch 11:45 – 1:30 P.M.      Dinner 5:30 – 7:00 P.M.

**Late Night at Annual Meeting:** Immediately following Friday evening session until 11:00 P.M., downstairs Harrell Center Auditorium

**Walk for Mission:** Join others to walk and raise Mission Giving funds. Depart after the Saturday afternoon session from the front of Stuart Auditorium. Please bring completed forms and checks with you.

**Please Note:**

- ☺ Members of units meeting the Mission Today criteria in 2006 have smiley faces on their nametags. Congratulations!
- ★ Persons attending Annual Meeting for the first time have stars on their nametags. Welcome!

