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# Annual Meeting

United Methodist Women  
Western North Carolina Conference  
September 10, 11, and 12, 2010  
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

# 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.

*Scriptural Reference: Colossians 1:3 - 6*

*In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.*

*You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God.*

# **37th Annual Meeting**

## **United Methodist Women**

### **Western North Carolina Conference**

**September 10, 11, and 12, 2010**  
**Lake Junaluska, North Carolina**

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**Mildred Carter, President**

**Tonya Lanier, Vice President**  
**Chair of Program Committee**

**Hostess District - Waynesville**  
**Velma Zeek, President**

#### **2010 Program Committee**

Tonya Lanier ~ Chairperson, Ann Aldridge, Mildred Carter, Julia Willis, Dixie Tyson, Martha Phillips, Virginia Robinson, Sherry Sink, Kim Keyse, Janice Lentz, Betty Swarthout, Velma Zeek and Sandy Letchworth

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



## FRIDAY EVENING

Gathering Praise - 6:45 P.M

Renee Shatley and Rhonda Smith

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

Call to Annual Meeting

Mildred Carter

Greetings from Lake Junaluska

Staff Representative

Greetings from Waynesville District Superintendent

J. Alexander "Al" Ward, Jr.

Greetings from the Hostess District

Velma Zeek

Announcements

Tonya Lanier

Faith. Hope. Love in Action ~ Assembly Video Winner

Polly Caudle

Presentation of Guests & Program Participants

### **We Gather for Worship**

Call to Worship: *Greeting the Sisterhood*

Jane Norman & Deborah Matthews

Leader 1: United Methodist Women, we are happy you are here.

Leader 2: We have heard of your faith and your love for the world.

**All: We always thank God for you.**

Leader 1: Our sisters from the Western North Carolina Conference, we are delighted that you joined us.

**All: We are here from 15 districts, from large cities and small towns. We are here because of our sisterhood of grace.**

Leader 2: Our sisterhood has a long history. It is a long rope which God holds.

Leader 1: We are holding the line taut for more to cling on to. We always thank God for you.

**All: We always thank God for you. We thank God for all United Methodist Women.**

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\*Hymn: My Hope is Built

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Prayer Calendar / Evening Prayer

Faye Everhart

The Hearing of the Word

Connie Locklear

The Message

elmira Nazombe

\*Theme Song: *Faith. Hope. Love*

\*Benediction

Sheila Sorrells/Ann Aldridge

Postlude

*\*Please stand as you are able.*



## **SATURDAY MORNING**

Gathering Praise - 8:30 A.M.

Renee Shatley and Rhonda Smith

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

\*Theme Song: *Faith. Hope. Love.*

Prayer Calendar / Opening Prayer

Kris Peurifoy

**Business Session**

Mildred Carter, President  
Ann Aldridge, Secretary  
Vernie Hollifield, Parliamentarian

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

**Devotion in Motion**

Shirley Hickok and Dori Thurman

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

**Funny Business**

**The Next Top Model**

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

Viewing of Love Joy Video

**We Tell the Story of Mission**

Convener

Virginia Robinson

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

Processional Hymn: *You Are the Seed* Page 583 UMH  
*Please remain seated.*

Welcome and Special Presentation Virginia Robinson

Special Music: *God of Every Servant Heart* Renee Shatley and Rhonda Smith

Pledge Service Julia Willis, Virginia Robinson,  
Channel Presenters and District Treasurers

Love Offering Julia Willis

Offertory Music Renee Shatley and Rhonda Smith

\*Offertory Response: *Give Thanks* Page 2036 TFWS

The Hearing of the Word: *Genesis 9: 16-17 and John 13: 34-35* Rebecca Wright

Mission Address: *Balancing Hearts, Minds & Hands* Sandi McGarrah

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.*

Hymn: *The Summons* Page 2130 TFWS

\*Benediction Michelene Mathews

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!



## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Gathering Praise - 1:45 P.M.

Renee Shatley and Rhonda Smith

As Time Goes By - 2:00 P.M.

Silent Voices Signing Dancers

Public Education Convener

Sherry Sink

Make a Memory with a Child Video

Silent Voices Signing Dancers

Prayer stations have been assembled around the auditorium. You are strongly encouraged to visit each area and pray for children. When you hear the bell, please proceed to another station.



Song: *Star Child*

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Closing/Dismissal

### WALK FOR MISSION

The Walk for Mission will begin immediately following the Saturday afternoon session. Meet in front of Stuart Auditorium to walk around the lake or however far you want to walk. You may walk at any time if you prefer - early morning, afternoon, or evening. Some have already had a Walk for Mission before coming to Annual Meeting. Please submit forms and money to the Conference Treasurer just prior to the Walk. All proceeds go to Mission Giving!

### Afternoon Workshops 3:45 - 5:00 P.M.

Terrace Room 316

"Making the Charter Come Alive!!"

Martha Phillips

Terrace Room 319

"Using Facebook for UMW"

Lynne Gilbert

## **SATURDAY EVENING**

**Gathering Praise - 6:45 P.M.**

Renee Shatley and Rhonda Smith

**Called To The Future - 7:00 P.M.**

Evening Prayer

Betty Swarthout

Dedication of the Annual Report Book

Sandy Hieronymus

A Time of Appreciation - Honoring Outgoing Officers

Mildred Carter and Julia Willis

Installation of New Officers

elmira Nazombe

Special Music

Rhonda Smith

The Hearing of the Word: 1 John 3: 17 - 18

Taffy Jordan

President's Address: *Love Into Action!*

Mildred Carter

\*Hymn: *They Will Know We Are Christians*

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\*Benediction

Patricia Settle

Postlude

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## **LATE NIGHT AT ANNUAL MEETING**

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

**Immediately following the Saturday Evening Session  
until 10:30 P.M.**

**Downstairs Auditorium of Harrell Center**

**Shuttle Service**

*The Lake Junaluska shuttle service will run until 10:45 P.M.  
for persons attending Late Night.*



## SUNDAY MORNING

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

Please choose between .....

1. Sunday School - *For the Love of God* Rev. Alec Alvord, Harrell Center Auditorium
- OR-
2. Singing at the Cross Bess Redmond

Gathering Praise – 9:45 A.M. Renee Shatley and Rhonda Smith

**We Gather to Praise and Glorify God – 10:00 A.M.**

Announcements Tonya Lanier

Call to Worship: *Women of Faith, Hope, Love!* Outgoing District Presidents  
Dianne Beam, Peggy Johnson, Sandy Letchworth, Pat Mills

\*Theme Song: *Faith. Hope. Love*

Prayer Calendar / Opening Prayer Sheila Barrell

\*Hymn: *Hymn of Promise* Page 707 UMH

Memorial Service: *Listen to the Bells!* Dixie Tyson

Silent Voices Signing Dancers

The Hearing of the Word Hebrews 12: 1 - 3; 13 - 15 Kathy Everhart

The Message elmira Nazombe

Communion Reverend Alec Alvord, Celebrant  
Sandi McGarrah and Reverend Al Ward, Celebrants

A Service of Word & Table II Page 12 UMH

Music Medley Renee Shatley and Rhonda Smith

Dedication of the Gift to Mission Cards Virginia Robinson

**All:** O Lord God, we thank You for all the blessings that You give us each day. We come to You with FAITH and HOPE that our mission work will continue in the coming years for women, youth and children around the world. For every giver of these gifts of mission, we, as your servants, put our LOVE IN ACTION in fulfilling our purpose. We give all honor and praise to You. AMEN.

\*Hymn: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

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Leader: Do we have the vision?

Tonya Lanier

**All: Yes, we have a vision of a world where all are connected and where hospitality to strangers is the rule.**

Leader: What is the source of our vision?

**All: The grace of Christ is the only good ground for life.**

Leader: Are we building on this vision of a new heaven and a new earth?

**All: Yes, God is working in us, strengthening our faith, building our perseverance, making us a stronger family, held together by love and driven by hope.**

Leader: What is your call?

**All: Our call is to see people in a different way, to regard prisoners as if we were in prison with them. To look on victims of abuse as if what happened to them happened to us.**

Leader: So, what will we do?

**All: Let's go outside - Jesus gave his life outside the city gates - that's where the action is. We are not trying to be privileged insiders. This "insider world" is not our home. We have our eyes peeled for the City about to come. Let's take our place outside with Jesus. Let's put faith, hope and love in action.**

Taking the Vision to the World (Based on Hebrews 13, The Message)  
(Adapted from the 2010 SARSCM Program Book, Faith, Hope, Love in Action)

\*Blessing and Sending Forth

Mildred Carter

\*Song: *Mourning into Dancing* ^

Postlude

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

^ Mourning into Dancing, Lift Him Up with Ron Kenoly, 1992 Integrity Media, Inc.

## Program Participants

**The Reverend Alec Alvord - Retired, Western North Carolina 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.

**The Reverend J. Alexander (Al) Ward, Jr. - Waynesville District Superintendent** - Al is a native of Durham, North Carolina. He was educated at High Point University (BA, 1974), Duke Divinity School (M.Div., 1977), and Columbia Theological Seminary (D.Min., 1998). He also received clinical pastoral education at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC, and is a graduate of Royce and Jane Reynolds Program in Church Leadership (2004). Al was admitted in full connection and ordained an Elder in the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1978. He has served congregations in Crammerton, Black Mountain, Gastonia, Charlotte, Asheville, and Kernersville. In 2005, he was appointed as a district superintendent in the Western North Carolina Conference and assigned to the Waynesville District. Al is the third member of his family to be in ministry.

**elmira Nazombe - Executive Secretary for Racial Justice, Women's Division** - elmira is responsible for assisting United Methodist Women through the development of leadership and advocacy strategies as well as biblical and theological reflection materials on racial justice. She has worked as a popular educator designing and conducting workshops and training on economic justice issues, women's human rights, transformational learning, and racial justice. She served as Director of Leadership Development and Global Education for the Center for Women's Global Leadership at Rutgers University from 1998-2004 and Director of the Office of International Justice and Human Rights for Church World Service, NCCUSA, between 1994 and 1998. She has also worked for the Interfaith Impact, Bread for the World, the All Africa Conference of Churches, and the National Christian Council of Kenya. She lived and worked in east and southern Africa for ten years. She has been active over the last fifteen years as a popular educator, particularly in workshops and production of materials on the gender impacts of globalization. She is the author of the 2006-2007 United Methodist Mission Study: *Globalization and Its Impact on People's Lives*. elmira holds bachelor's and master's' degrees in education, a master of urban planning degree and has just completed a doctoral degree in Social and Philosophical Foundations of Education focusing on how women use education methodologies to work for social and economic transformation. She also did theological studies at Drew Theological Seminary. She is a lifelong member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She lives in Highland Park, New Jersey, and is a new grandmother.

**Renee Shatley - Song Leader** - Renee Shatley holds a Bachelor of Music from Mars Hill College and a Masters of Science in Music Education from The University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. She also has National Board Certification. Renee has 21 years of teaching experience and presently teaches High School Choral Music at Draughn High School in Valdese, NC. In addition to teaching, Renee is the choral director for the Chancel Choir at FUMC in Hickory. She resides in Connelly Springs, NC, with her husband, Drew, and their two sons, Zachery and Blair.

**Rhonda Smith - Organist** - Rhonda Smith, B.A., M.A., M.A., EdS. taught music, piano and choir for six years at a Bible college in Florida. Upon moving to NC, she taught music for ten years at Caldwell Community College while serving as organist at Waldensian Presbyterian Church, Valdese. Since 2006, she has served as the Director of Music/Organist at FUMC, Hickory, NC. She is also a candidate for deacon. She maintains a private piano studio and is an adjunct instructor of Music Appreciation at Isothermal Community College.

Rhonda was born into a Methodist preacher's family. She lives in Hudson, NC, with her husband, who is a doctoral candidate in the Reich School of Education at Appalachian State University.

**Silent Voices Signing Dancers** is a group of ladies who attend Pfeiffer University. They proclaim the word using sign language as an expression of creative worship. They dance to contemporary and secular songs. They perform for special events held at Pfeiffer University and also travel to churches to participate in worship service. The Silent Voices were voted best event at the University's Masquerade Ball this past spring. The group debuted about six years ago with Rissiah Lindo as their leader. For the past three years, the group has grown under the leadership of Emily Couch.

**Bess Redmond - Vocalist** - Bess was a public school teacher for 30 years, teaching chemistry at Roberson High School in Buncombe County. Upon retirement, she was an adjunct instructor at Asheville Buncombe Tech Community College for 3 years. She has also served as secretary, spiritual growth coordinator, and president of the Asheville District UMW. Until recently, she worked at Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville as Resident Services Coordinator.

- Special Thanks -

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

- Velma Zeek and all of the women of the Waynesville District
- All of the District Mission Teams for your support and help in many ways
- Members of the Conference Executive Committee and the willing volunteers from the District Teams
- Our sign language interpreters: Pam Corn, Deborah Doyle, Beverly Maulden, and Torpy Skinner
- Our gracious hostesses who served our persons in mission for the mission lunch
- Shirley Hickok and Dori Thurman for sharing their energy through Devotion in Motion
- The Lake Junaluska Assembly staff
- YOU make mission possible! Without Y-O-U, our Annual Meeting would not be as interesting and exciting. Thank YOU for coming!



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Mission Giving

## Report of the Treasurer

2009 was another "million \$" year in total Mission Giving to Women's Division \$1,071,726.24, an increase of \$12,817.94 over '08

Your generous monetary gifts help to relieve suffering and improve the quality of life for women, children & youth by providing food, clean water, clothing, health care, education, community centers, missionary support and funds for a variety of other worthy mission projects around the world.

Our 2009...

- PLEDGE TO MISSION of \$815,000 was met, sending \$844,618 to Women's Division in undesignated Mission Giving, an increase of \$29,618!
- Finance Goal was To Increase TOTAL Mission Giving in the Five Channels by 1%...we met our goal with an increase of more than 4%!
- Conference Love Offering \$29,858.43, decrease of \$1,240.68
- Walk for Mission \$5,432.44, decrease of \$2,842.36
- Spiritual Growth Retreat Love Offering \$5,127.87, decrease of \$100.71
- School of Christian Mission Love Offering \$1,134.00
- Designated Funds \$107,263.74
  - Which included:
    - WNCC UMW General Scholarship Funds \$4,845.00
    - Call to Prayer & Self Denial \$56,358.74
    - Pennies with a PURPOSE \$8,521.16

For the NINTH consecutive year, WNCC UMW was "#1" in our Mission Giving. Based on financial reports from 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

Total Giving

Thank you for your continuing commitment to MISSION GIVING even through these difficult economic conditions. You have been so generous to respond to the call of MISSION as you contribute to your local units, District and Conference Love Offerings. You Make Mission Possible.

"The sun never sets on United Methodist Women's giving..."

Julia A. Willis, 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 to all district and conference officers, and to local unit presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and circle chairs. It is accessible to everyone on our conference website ([www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org)). Sign up on website to join the email list. We now have 3224 members! Get notification of district newsletters and conference events. Stay informed about UMW happenings! Join Western North Carolina United Methodist Women on Facebook where we have 623 members. For questions about the website, contact webmaster, Lynne Gilbert: [lynnegilbert@bellsouth.net](mailto:lynnegilbert@bellsouth.net) or Janice Lentz, Conference Communications Coordinator: [jlentz@hotmail.com](mailto:jlentz@hotmail.com).

Janice Lentz, Communications Coordinator

## **Report of the Scholarship Committee**

The 2010 Scholarship Committee met at Pfeiffer University on March 27, 2010. We interviewed seventeen applicants. Eight were continuing students and nine were new students. Fourteen scholarships were awarded totaling \$30,500 among fourteen applicants. The scholarships ranged from \$500 to \$3,600 based on the individual student's need. Eleven students go to Pfeiffer University and three go to High Point University.

Interviewing the applicants was an inspiring experience. They are excited and full of enthusiasm in serving God as they study for their chosen vocation. It was a "breath of fresh air" to talk with these students.

To be eligible to receive a United Methodist Women's Scholarship, a student must be a member of a United Methodist Church, be enrolled in Bennett College, Brevard College, Greensboro College, High Point University, or Pfeiffer University. Most scholarships stipulate that the student pursue a church-related career and live within the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference. Scholarships are given for vocations within the church such as Christian Education, Youth Ministry, Music, etc., but not ordained ministry.

The Scholarship program is funded by eight endowed scholarship funds and the General Scholarship Fund. Contributions to the General Fund are to be encouraged after units have met their pledge and given to the five channels of Mission Giving.

It is a joy and privilege to serve God through UMW and the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship Committee Members for 2010: Mildred Carter, Nillah Cody, Janice Lentz, Virginia Robinson, Sherry Sink and Julia Willis.

Sandy Hieronymus, Scholarship Chairperson

## **2010 Report on Mission Education and Interpretation**

Our conference of United Methodist Women is awesome. This was the first year of a hands-on opportunity at the Spiritual Growth Retreat. We collected 9 layettes, 651 health kits, and 1,933 birthing kits. These numbers represent \$25,141 in mission giving. At the School of Christian Mission we collected 2,722 health kits, 286 birthing kits, 45 layettes, 26 cleaning buckets, 4 school kits, 3

sewing kits, and 2 bedding kits, for a total of \$37,812 in mission giving. Coupled with the collection at Spiritual Growth, the conference has sent to UMCOR \$62,953 in mission giving. Western North Carolina UMW answers the call every time!

Virginia Robinson, Mission Coordinator Education & Interpretation

## **Report of the 2010 School of Christian Mission**

On July 15th, women from all over our conference began arriving at Greensboro College for our 2010 School of Christian Mission to study "Joy to the World: Mission In the Age of Global Christianity," "For the Love of God: The Epistles of John," and "The Beauty and Courage of Sudan: Why a Dream is Possible." These studies were taught by Rev. Mark Barden, Martha Phillips (who substituted for Lynn Sloan Barnes), Betty Swarthout, Rev. Mike Collins, Dr. Philip Wingeier-Rayo, Brenda Connelly, Rev. Dana McKim and Sandra Williamson, respectively. The One-Day Overview Study Leaders were Janice Lentz and Ann Aldridge who led "Joy to the World," and Jo Pyatt and Janet Turner, who led "For the Love of God."

Sandy Hieronymus led the Workshop for Leaders of Children on Friday afternoon and as always this was an informative session.

Sherry Sink was well prepared to share "Embracing the World: Faith, Hope, Love in Action" with the eight Teen Women. Sherry was assisted in an experiment with the teens by Karen Wilkerson, Sandy Hieronymus, Virginia Robinson, Peggy Wilkerson, and Michelene. This experiment proved to be enlightening to all who participated.

Amy Johnson and Donna Ireland were responsible for the great music that was sung with feelings and enjoyed by the women. Sara Williams was our tech support as Lynne Gilbert was with her family during her father's illness. Linda Reep took care of the Audio Visuals for the Study Leaders and their students.

Our Host District was the Waynesville District led by their President, Velma Zeek. Thanks to Velma and the Waynesville ladies for a job well done.

This year we had two golf carts and this made a big difference in getting our ladies to their destinations on campus. We thank all persons who drove the carts.

This year's School attendance was as follows: Full-Time students (Residents & Non-residents) 171; One-Day Overview - Friday 70; One-Day Overview - Saturday 64; Teen Women - 8.

The 2010 School officers : Dean, Michelene Mathews, Charlotte District; Assistant Dean, Karen Wilkerson, Statesville District; Business Manager, Peggy Wilkerson, Statesville District; Housing Manager, Brenda Alexander, Charlotte District. The School Committee members: Mildred Carter, Tonya Lanier, Ann Aldridge, Julia Willis, Virginia Robinson, Dixie Tyson, Martha Phillips, Sherry Sink, Janice Lentz, Kim Keyes, Velma Zeek and Sandy Letchworth.

Thank you and God bless the Western North Carolina United Methodist Women!

Michelene Mathews, Dean

## 2010 Spiritual Growth Report

The theme for the 2010 Spiritual Growth Retreat, held June 18-19, was "Grounded In Love." Reverend Dawn M. Hand was our speaker and she was marvelous. We had 926 in attendance. This was the first year to have one retreat and to have three sessions instead of four. We also had a hands-on project, "Birthing Kits," and everyone responded overwhelmingly. We were so blessed to have the Deaf Choir from Long's Chapel United Methodist Church sing for us. We also had sign language interpreters for the first time. Dr. Melodie Galloway was our music leader and Dr. Adam Ward was the organist. We all went away renewed and praising our God.

Dixie Tyson, Mission Coordinator Spiritual Growth

## 2010 Membership Nurture and Outreach Report

At the South Atlantic Regional School of Christian Mission, the Western North Carolina Conference of United Methodist Women received a Silver Certificate in recognition for organizing three or more units in 2009. We were the ONLY conference to receive this honor. We actually celebrated the chartering of seven new units of United Methodist Women: St. Luke's and Rocky Springs/Carson's Chapel in the Statesville District, Linville and Banner Elk/Liberty in the Marion District, Lebanon in the Lake Norman District, and Tabernacle in the Lexington District. Also, Charlotte UMW in the High Point District was re-chartered. We also increased our membership by 5% in 2009. All districts added new members, which is great because our older membership base continues to be "called up yonder," or some receive other callings leaving us with an 11% loss for 2009. Keep telling our stories of Faith, Hope, and Love In Action, and engage others to join the movement!

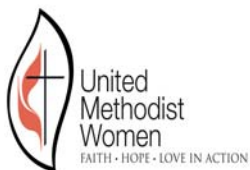
Sherry Sink, Membership Nurture and Outreach

## 2010 Social Action Report

Social Action got off to a good start in 2010 with the establishment of our goals for the year: continued support of Public Education-Make a Memory with a Child, Charter for Racial Justice - increase number of Charter Club units by 10%, and support passage of the IVAWA and GROWTH Acts in Congress. At the Spiritual Growth Retreat, we signed 200 letters to the North Carolina Legislature supporting passage of the Deaf Student's Bill of Rights. As 2010 continues, we will be learning more about Immigration Reform and continue the work of making the Charter Come Alive!

Martha Phillips, Social Action

## Our New Logo!



This is the new logo for United Methodist Women. It uses the official United Methodist Church cross/flame, and the text always appears with the emblem. Please use this new logo on your newsletters, websites, correspondence, etc.

To download the logo, go to our conference webpage ([wncumw.org](http://wncumw.org)) and click on downloads available on the left column. The emblem of United Methodist Women, the cross and the flame, symbolizes our organization. The cross and flame are ancient symbols of the church and appear on the United Methodist

Church emblem. Both symbols remind us of the opportunities and obligations of discipleship.

Paul's words to Timothy have fresh and contemporary meanings, "...I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you..." (II Timothy 1:6). As United Methodist Women, we give our gift of God with others through mission.

As parts of our emblem, the cross and flame remind us of our PURPOSE of growing in our understanding of and willingness to participate in the global ministries of the church. They remind us of our heritage of women who pioneered in service for the church at home and in other countries.

The overall shape of the emblem is also symbolic. Fluid and free flowing, the shape suggests change and mobility. The women who came before us were at the forefront of movements for change. Always aware of the times, we move with ever changing circumstances rather than feeling overwhelmed by them. We are a group of Christian women with many gifts who are unified by one Spirit. We participate in God's mission in all areas of life.

### **Theme Song Faith, Hope, Love**

For the faith you've displayed through the years,  
For the love you extend to the world,  
For the hope that we share and which guides ev'ry step:  
We can't stop;  
We can't stop;  
We can't stop giving thanks to God for you.

Words: Jorge Lockward, adapt. From Col. 1-3

Music: Deanna Witkowski

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### **The PURPOSE of Women's Division**

The Women's Division shall be actively engaged in fulfilling the mission of Christ and the Church and shall interpret the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women. With continuing awareness of the concerns and responsibilities of the Church in today's world, the Women's Division shall be an advocate for the oppressed and dispossessed with special attention to the needs of women and children; shall work to build a supportive community among women; and shall engage in activities that foster growth in the Christian faith, mission education, and Christian social involvement.

### **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.

## 2010 Conference Officers

President	Mildred Carter
Vice President	Tonya Lanier
Secretary	Ann Aldridge
Treasurer	Julia Willis
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Spiritual Growth	Dixie Tyson
Membership Nurture & Outreach	Sherry Sink
Social Action	Martha Phillips
Education & Interpretation	Virginia Robinson
Secretary of Program Resources	Kim Keyse
Communications Coordinator	Janice Lentz
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Historian	Patricia Settle
Dean, School of Christian Mission	Michelene Mathews
Chair, Committee on Nominations	Janet Turner
Members, Committee on Nominations	RoAnn Cox, Polly Pearson, Jo Pyatt, Nancy Clark, Mem Luther, Bess Redmond, Juanita Brown, Elizabeth Lookabill
SEJ Leadership Team Nominations	Amy Johnson
Director, Women's Division	Lynne Gilbert
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## 2010 District Presidents

Albemarle	Pat Mills	Marion	Janet Bjork-Colton
Asheville	Maureen Carr	Northeast	Jill Joyner
Charlotte	Jane Norman	North Wilkesboro	Barbara Hart
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Lexington	Jenny Spradley		

## 2011 - 2012 School of Christian Mission Officers

Dean: Karen Wilkerson	Housing Manager: Dianne Beam
Assistant Dean: Norris Wilson	Business Manager: Peggy Wilkerson

## Nominees for 2011 - 2012

Mission Coordinator, Education & Interpretation	Virginia Robinson
Communications Coordinator	Janice Lentz
Committee on Charter for Racial Justice	Kris Peurifoy
Committee on Charter for Racial Justice	Tonya Lanier
Member, Committee on Nominations (Class of 2014)	Lisa Bacon
Member, Committee on Nominations (Class of 2014)	Albertina McGirt
Member, Committee on Nominations (Class of 2014)	Rosemary Mical



## Looking Ahead to 2011

**Spiritual Growth Retreat** - June 17 -18 - Lake Junaluska  
(Theme: Peace, Popcorn and Pansies)

**School of Christian Mission** - July 14 - 17

**WNCC UMW Annual Meeting** - September 9, 10, 11 - Lake Junaluska

## 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!

If you are interested in receiving email periodically with Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women information, updates, the *Conference Gram*, etc., go to the website and sign up. Also, find us on Facebook.



**Join now!**

**Welcome to Lake Junaluska  
For the 37th Annual Meeting  
of United Methodist Women  
of the Western North Carolina Conference**

**Meeting Registration:**

Friday: Downstairs in the Harrell Center Auditorium  
2:00 - 6:45 P.M. and after the evening session

Saturday: Stuart Auditorium, Lobby - 8:00 A.M. & after morning session

**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.

Saturday 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. They can be identified by the red ribbons tied to 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 the Saturday evening session until 10:30 P.M., downstairs Harrell Center Auditorium

**Walk for Mission:** Join others to walk and raise Mission Giving funds. Find a suitable time that fits into your schedule. Remember to turn in your completed forms and checks.

**Workshops:** Saturday Afternoon 3:45 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Making the Charter Come Alive!!! - Terrace 316; Using Facebook for UMW - Terrace 319

**Please Note:**

★ Persons attending Annual Meeting for the first time have stars on their name tags. Welcome!

☺ Members of units meeting the Mission Today criteria in 2009 have smiley faces on their nametags. Congratulations!