

## Report of the Treasurer

In 2008, total giving (from local units and districts) again went over the one million dollar mark - \$1,058,908.30, a decrease of \$34,994.92 over 2007. Giving to Women's Division totaled \$928,994.37. 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 2008, the Western North Carolina Conference UMW sent \$812,000.43 in undesignated mission gifts, a decrease of \$28,594.57. We met our \$811,000 Pledge. Our 2008 financial goal was to increase total Mission Giving in the Five Channels by 1%. We did not meet this financial goal. Our Conference Love Offering totaled \$31,099.11, a decrease of \$2,064.40 over 2007. Our Spiritual Growth love offering totaled \$5,228.58, a decrease of \$510.98 over 2007. Our Walk to Mission totaled \$8,274.80, an increase of \$1,945.55 over 2007.

Our Designated gifts totaled \$116,993.94. This was a decrease of \$4,272.90 over 2007. A total of \$14,232.90 was given to other projects within the Conference, which included \$3,727.95 in contributions to the WNCC UMW General Scholarship Fund.

For the EIGHTH 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!!**



**Mission Giving**

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 Janice Lentz, Communications Coordinator, 336 Midway Park Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681-3678. Checks should be made payable to WNCC UMW. The *Conference Gram* is also available on our conference web site, and by e-mail to our conference UMW e-mail list.

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