



# GASTONIA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Second Quarter 2010

April, 2010

### **From the office of the Treasurer**

Gastonia District UMW units are off to a great start in 2010! As of March 31, 56 of our 75 churches have responded with money for missions to relieve suffering and improve the quality of life for women, children, and youth. I pray that the remaining 19 units will join us in the work of UMW in local churches and worldwide missions.

As a district, we have already contributed \$14,745.00 in 2010. Undesignated giving includes \$10,970.50 for Pledge to Mission; \$370.00 in Special Mission Recognition; \$484.00 in Gift to Mission cards; \$140.00 in Gift in Memory; \$134.89 in World Thank Offering; and \$855.40 for the love offering at the District Prayer Breakfast. Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offerings brought in \$1,314.77.

Although some have sent mission money, 24 of our units have not made a pledge for 2010, in order to be a Mission Today Unit, you must make a pledge, no matter how small, and meet that pledge. With just over 2/3 of our local units making a pledge, the Gastonia District cannot possibly have more than 68% of our units named as Mission Today Units at the Conference Annual Meeting next year. If your unit simply pledges as little as \$10.00 and sends in that \$10.00, you have fulfilled that criterion. Please help the Gastonia District with that requirement.

Our district financial goal for 2010 is to increase giving in the channel of Gift to Mission cards. I have received a new shipment of cards for all occasions: Happy Birthday, Thinking of You, In the Service of Christ, Thank You, Congratulations, Baby, Peace, and Christmas. When you purchase a card, the money goes to missions in the name of the honored person. You may purchase a selection of cards to have on hand, and send in the names of the honorees at the end of the year. Gift to Mission cards are \$5.00 each, or a package of ten for \$50.00. All of the money goes to UMW missions, not to a greeting card company. When you send in an order, I will mail the cards to you, or you may purchase them at UMW meetings. The next opportunity will be at the District Mission Study at Crouse UMW on Sunday, April 18.

The conference financial goal is to increase the number of churches giving to all five channels of undesignated giving. In addition to the Pledge to Mission and Gift to Mission already mentioned, the other three channels are your World Thank Offering, Gifts in Memory, and Special Mission Recognitions.

Gift in Memory cards are free. I can send your treasurer some of these cards on request, or you may pick up a few at the District Mission Study. Then when a death occurs, tear off the stub and send that to me with the name of the deceased and a donation of at least \$5.00. Send the card to the family to let them know that their loved one was remembered with a Gift to Mission

Special Mission Recognition pins may be given by an individual, circle, or unit in recognition of the mission and church work of any person, male or female. The recipient does not have to be a member of UMW. The basic \$40.00 is a small gold oval lapel pin with a cross and a certificate. A donation of a smaller amount may be given in order to meet the requirement of all five channels of giving. So far, one unit has already given to all five channels.

The United Methodist Women of the Western North Carolina Conference have led the nation in Mission Giving for the past nine years in a row. Your generosity is incredible! Your support for mission projects and personnel makes sharing the love of Jesus Christ possible across the country and around the world. You make a difference every day in the lives of women, children and youth through providing medical care; helping at-risk youth stay off the streets and away from drugs and violence; training women in basic healthcare and Bible study; supporting mission institutions and programs; and much more. God bless you all!

Your Sister in Christ,

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**From the office of the President**

I love sitting on my screened porch, and this morning as I write to you, I am listening to a symphony of bird songs. But, I know this afternoon I will have “to turn on the air” because they are predicting 90 degrees on this April day! God does amazing wonders, but I do wonder about 90 degrees today and possible frost warnings for the weekend!

Our year is off to a great start in our Gastonia District. Becky Garner and her team of ladies did a remarkable job with our Prayer Breakfast and I received a wonderful Thank You card from Crisis Assistance Ministry for our Hands-On-Contribution. Now, we are pushing on toward our District Mission Study at Crouse UMC “Food and Faith” will be our study course. Jim Sanders, pastor, and the ladies of Crouse and Pleasant Grove have a wonderful day of study and local eating for us to enjoy. We will be led by Lynn Sloan Barnes, one of our best mission study instructors. I hope all of you have your reservations in already and I will see you on April 18th at 2:00 pm.

The Conference Spiritual Growth retreat is all set for June 18th and 19th at Lake Junaluska. I hope many of you are planning to attend and hope you will help the Hands-On-Project, Birthing Kits for UMCOR. Please see the flyer in this newsletter.

And before you know it, July will be here with our School of Christian Mission. Brochures are available to register now, so see your President or a District officer.

Have you heard from you Shepherdess or invited her to a meeting? We all, as your District Officers, want to be available to you. And it can always be just fun and fellowship.

Well, enjoy your spring and this glorious weather! Gotta go...lots of pollen to clean up!

Love,

Jane Smith

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**From the office of Vice President**

God' Grace to Everyone!!!

I am your "new" Gastonia District Vice President. My name is Priscilla Wise and I live in Lincolnton. I am employed by Lincoln County Schools in the Finance Dept. My family goes to Asbury United Methodist Church; where my husband, Howard, and I have been members for 24 years. We have two sons and 3 grandsons. Our son Erik and his family live in Salisbury. Our son Aaron just returned from Zimbabwe and Ethiopia where he worked for UNICEF for three years. He was also in the Peace Corp. I am actively involved with our UMW and have held the office of President for several years.

I have already visited two churches as a guest. On February 14, I had the privilege to be invited to Marvin UMC Women's Sunday. Their church is located on the Startown Road in Lincolnton. I wish to thank Billie Lawson and Marvin's UMW for inviting me. On February 21, I was invited to First Methodist Church in Lincolnton by UMW President Joann Parker. Their group along with members of the church discussed a mission opportunity called "Backpacks for Kids". Several ladies came to speak from First Baptist, Lincolnton to tell how they got started in this ministry. This ministry is truly a marvelous way to help school children when they are not in school on weekends and holidays. I really do appreciate the opportunity to visit and thanks for being invited. I've learned so much about caring and giving people who are in the Gastonia District UMW.

Please don't hesitate to email or call me. Thanks so much for giving me the opportunity to serve as you "new" V-P.

Christ be with you,

Priscilla Wise

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**From the office of Membership, Nurture**

Ok, we are into Spring after a hard COLD WINTER. We should have already started working on our Membership Goals. The Conference goal is "INCREASE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP BY 25 NEW LADIES".

Here are a few suggestions for this goal:

1. Think outside the box. 2. Each member invite one person 7 times. 3. Adopt a younger person—do everything for her and take her with you to all UMW events and programs. 4. Remember you do not have to be a member of the church to become a member of the UMW.

This is just a few suggestions. I am sure you have more. Share them with me and I will pass them on.

THOUGHT FOR MONTH: "It's amazing what you can accomplish,  
if you do not care who get's the credit."

Harry Truman

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**From the office of Program Resources**

Greetings from Program Resources....

As school comes to an end and families prepare for summer, take time to make out your summer reading list. Our reading program provides wonderful selections for us to read. When choosing a book to **read** from the reading program list, remember that you can read anything from the 2006-2010 lists. Any books prior to the 2006 reading list no longer count towards your reading program. Youth and children books also count toward your totals. Previous reading lists can be found at <http://gbgmumcorg/umw/readingprogram>.

**Plan I- Read 4 books– 1 book from each category and regular reading of Response magazine.**

**Plan II- Read 10 books– 2 from each category and regular reading of Response and New World Outlook.**

**Plan III- Read 15 books– 2 from each category (total 8), 7 additional books (any category) regular reading of Response and New World Outlook.**

**Plan IV- Read 20 books– 2 from each category (total 8), 12 additional books (any category) regular reading of Response and New World Outlook**

Book Review: **Too Many Irons in the Fire**– reading list 2010-

This is a wonderful devotional book that deals with topics and issues that today's woman can truly appreciate. Topics are relevant to women of all ages. This is a very easy read. I couldn't put it down.

As an educator my biggest focus is on literacy. You can help the children at your church get involved with the UMW reading program. Did you know that the youth and children in your church can receive a reading certificate? Ask me at our next District Event or email at [duckyboomama@yahoo.com](mailto:duckyboomama@yahoo.com) for more information. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about our reading program. I cannot wait to dig into my summer reading stack. Look for more book reviews in the future.

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PURPOSE OF  
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of the 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 missions through participation in global ministries of the church.

**From the office of Spiritual Growth**

Wonderful! Marvelous! Amazing! I believe you can tell how pleased and inspired I was (and am) by your wonderful support of our Prayer Breakfast/Memorial Service. We had a great crowd and our hostesses from Covenant UMC, Epworth UMC, and Trinity UMC in Gastonia made us feel very welcome. Our memorial service was a lovely tribute to the ladies who had passed on during 2009. Our guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Lyn Sorrells, was wonderful and the message he shared was a call to serve and to encourage our church membership to serve in the special mission projects of our district — which, of course, complements our theme beautifully.

Mark your calendars! There are two more wonderful events upcoming that are designed to lift us spiritually and fill us with God's nurture and guidance. Registration forms are in the newsletter and are available online.

The Spiritual Enrichment Weekend is one session only this year—Friday-Saturday, June 18-19 at Lake Junaluska. Please make plans to attend and to encourage your unit to be well represented. There is such a feeling of fellowship and renewal during these days that if you will come with an open heart, I promise you will go away refreshed and restored to be even stronger being about God's work in our communities.

School of Christian Missions is July 15-18. These study sessions are intense because there is a lot to be shared and packed into a few days, but it is wonderful! Learning and working together gives us strength!

Take care. God Bless you all as we enjoy this time of spring, the renewal of the life cycle, and the promise of God's love that is with us always — to the ends of the earth.

Becky Garner

**From the office of Nominations Chair**

Greetings to all:

I hope all of you are experiencing a fantastic Spring! It is the time of year to experience a re-awakening of not only nature, but a renewal of our Spirits.

I have appreciated the invitations of two of the churches, assigned to me as their shepherdess, to come and visit and share a program on Missions. Our sister churches are filled with caring and concerned women.

Our District Team is encouraging each of you to seek out women in your own churches that would like to become part of the Team. We have positions that are always needing to be filled from year to year, and we need our women in the local churches to contribute their input, and talents to serve. An information sheet on Prospective Leadership is included in almost every newsletter. If you have need of this sheet, please contact me, and I will be glad to get one to you.

I encourage each of you to plan to attend the WNCC UMW's Spiritual Growth Retreat,

June 18th –19th, at Lake Junaluska. Our theme will be “Grounded in Love”. The School of Christian Mission is scheduled for July 15-18, at Greensboro College, with so many opportunities to grow spiritually.

Enjoy the opportunities God has provided for each of us.

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**From the office of Member at Large**

Any questions concerning the Shepherdess Local Unit Visitation Program should be directed to me. Please feel free to contact your Shepherdess and set a date for a visit for your unit. See enclosed updated list.

I have not received any applications for scholarship for this year. They are available for first time attendance at the School of Christian Mission in Greensboro in July and the Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska in September. See application form below.

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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

One scholarship to the School of Christian Mission and one Scholarship to the Conference Annual Meeting will be given this year. If you will be attending one or both of these events for the first time, please apply for the **first-time** scholarship. To qualify for the scholarship you have to be attending for the first-time and you need to attend all of the sessions. Please fill out this form and attach a short statement about why you wish to attend.

**Please return this form by May 31.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you would like to apply for either or both of these scholarships:

\_\_\_\_ School of Christian Mission, July 15-18, 2010

\_\_\_\_ Conference Annual Meeting, September 10-12, 2010

**Mail to: Bonnie Edwards, 472 Abby Park Lane, Lincolnton, NC 28092-4100**

**From the office of Social Action**

Our conference has adopted three issue priorities for 2010.

1. To become an advocate for Public Education.

Goals:

Each UMW unit will be involved with their local school in some way.

Each UMW unit will have at least one member in a one on one relationship with a student (not a relative) in the local school.

The No Child Left Behind Law is expected to be reopened in Congress, letter writing to be resumed when appropriate.

2. To make The Charter for Racial Justice come alive.

Goal:

To increase the number of local units that are Charter Club members by 10% over those reported for 2009 with an increase in 2011 and 2012.

3. To support the passage of the International Violence Against Women Act and the Global Recourses and Opportunities for Women to Thrive Act.

Goal:

Every UMW unit join in the letter writing campaign. (Sample letters will be made available to local units for support of these acts.)

I challenge you as I have challenged our district team, be the leader in your church to find ways to save energy, use less paper, and recycle. Thus be an advocate of Environmental Justice.

United Methodist Women are ACTION PEOPLE. God lead you as you choose ACTIONS that honor our God.

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This note was received by our District Treasurer

Gastonia District, Western North Carolina Conference  
March, 2010

“Thank you!”

United Methodist Women Assembly  
April 30—May 2, 2010—St. Louis, Missouri

Thank you for sending the beautiful prayer shawls and baby blankets. They will be on display in the Experience Hall during Assembly.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Blessings!

Women’s Division, General Board of Global Ministries

Faith—Hope—Love in Action

Revised

2010 Shepherdess Program

One of the responsibilities of District UMW leaders is regular visitation with local units; we call this "LUV" (Local Unit Visitation). The purpose of these visits is to support and encourage the local units. Each District officer is assigned units to visit, but you can invite anyone that you would like to visit your unit. We want to share information and get to know your wants or needs. Keep this list handy and please call to have someone visit or give a program for you.

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Grace  
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Puett

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Lander's Chapel  
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St Peter's

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Marvin  
Sulphur Springs

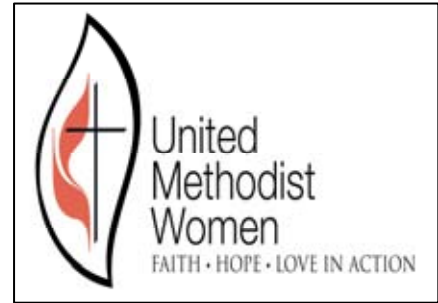
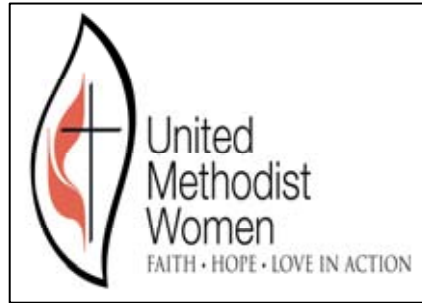
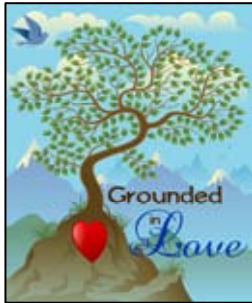
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# Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women 2010 Conference Events



## Spiritual Growth Retreat

June 18-19  
Lake Junaluska

Theme:  
***Grounded in Love***

**Retreat Leader:**  
*Rev. Dawn Hand*

Join us for this special time of reflection, prayer, worship, singing, and fellowship.

No advance registration is necessary for attendance.

Housing on the Assembly grounds is by advance reservation only.

Housing reservation forms are available from your District President and on our web site.

## School of Christian Mission

July 15-18  
Greensboro College

Theme:  
***Faith. Hope. Love in Action***

Spiritual Growth Study:  
***For the Love of God: John's Letters***

General Issue Study:  
***Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity***

Geographic Study:  
***The Beauty and Courage of Sudan***

**Teen Women Event**  
Saturday, July 17

Advance Registration is required. Registration forms are available from your District President and on our web site.

**Registration deadline is June 21, 2010**

Resident Student - \$125.00  
Nonresident Student - \$35.00  
One-Day Overview - \$15.00  
Teen Women Event - \$15.00

## Annual Meeting

September 10-12  
Lake Junaluska

Theme:  
***Faith. Hope. Love in Action***

Worship, Fellowship, Excellent Speakers, the Processional of Missionaries, *Late Night*, Learning Opportunities, Program Resources & Displays, and MORE!

**Come for it All or  
Come for a Day...Just Come!  
And, Bring a Friend!**

No advance registration is necessary for attendance.

Housing on the Assembly grounds is by advance reservation only.

Housing reservation forms are available from your District President and on our web site.

### ***For More Information:***

**Visit our Web Site:** [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org)

Join our Conference UMW Email List

Read the ***Conference Gram*** and your District Newsletter

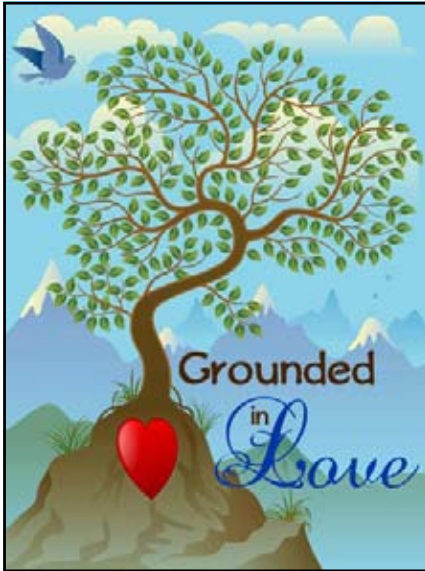
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### ***2010 Conference Love Offering***

A Gift to Mission Giving  
Honoring

***Children Experiencing  
God's Love  
in Action***



Western North Carolina Conference

## Hands-On Mission Opportunity Spiritual Growth Retreat

June 18-19, 2010, Lake Junaluska

### UMCOR Birthing Kits

Because of the earthquakes and humanitarian needs in Haiti and Chile, UMCOR has expressed an urgent need for Birthing Kits. Birthing kits provide the essential items to promote a safe, clean delivery and to encourage good aftercare.

Encourage others in your local unit and congregation to participate...even if they cannot attend the Spiritual Growth Retreat. We will deliver the birthing kits to our conference Mission Response Center for shipment to

the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot. Participating in this Hands-On Mission Opportunity will help your local unit to meet Mission Today criteria #23. **Complete information about our Spiritual Growth Retreat is available on our website at [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org).**

#### UMCOR Birthing Kit Contents:

Place the following **NEW** items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

- 1 hotel-size bar of soap (1 oz. and up)
- 1 pair of clean latex gloves
- 1 square yard of clear 4 mil plastic sheeting
- 3 pieces of clean string each 12" long
- 1 clean single use razor blade (carefully wrap the blade in paper or plastic to protect it and keep it from causing injury)
- 2 flannelette receiving blankets, each 1 square yard



**In a separate envelope, please include a check payable to UMCOR Sager Brown for at least \$1.00 per kit to help with the costs of processing and shipping the kits around the world.** Please do not put the money envelope in your UMCOR Birthing Kit bag.

If you are bringing multiple kits, it is fine to just write one check in an amount sufficient to cover all of your kits. If your whole unit is collecting the kits, it will be okay to collect the money and put it all in one envelope to be turned in when you drop off your kits at the Spiritual Growth Retreat.

Please pack your kits in a box that can be handled easily by our women and write the total number of kits on the side of the box. (Paper case boxes are a nice size.) We want to make it as easy as possible to collect, count and transport our Birthing Kits.

#### Important Kit Assembly Information:

- All items included in kits must be **NEW** items.
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, **It is important that kits contain only the requested items - nothing more.**
- **Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.**
- Please do not include any religious, political or patriotic notes or emblems in any kit.

**Thank you for your generous support of our hands-on mission opportunity!**

## **FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION**

(Interpretation of the Theme)

*As people of FAITH*, we trust in the promise of Christ to bring light into darkness and new life to brokenness and death. *As people of HOPE*, we celebrate and share the good news of Jesus Christ. Together in the world we are partners in God's mission of healing and wholeness so that all might have abundant life. *As people of God*, we *LOVE* because God first loved us. It is out of that love that we welcome all into community, unite what is divided, mend what is broken, call for peace where there is war, make just what is unjust, and offer hope where there is despair.

**FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION: All God's people in mission together in the world!!**

### ***Who Should Attend?***

Local officers and members of United Methodist Women  
District and Conference UMW Officers  
District Chairpersons of Outreach Ministries  
Ministers

All men, women, and youth of the Church  
Anyone who would like to worship God, learn new things, and  
enjoy the fellowship of Christians

***Registration Deadline – June 21, 2010***

**All Students must pre-register—There will be no on-site registration.**

***(All registrations must be postmarked by June 21, 2010)***



## ***School of Christian Mission***

**United Methodist Women  
Western North Carolina  
Conference**

July 15-18, 2010  
GREENSBORO COLLEGE  
815 West Market Street  
Greensboro, NC 27401

*Watch for additional  
details on our  
Website:*

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



**School of Christian Mission**  
**United Methodist Women**  
**Western North Carolina Conference**

**July 15-18, 2010**

**GREENSBORO COLLEGE**  
**815 West Market Street, Greensboro NC 27401**

**Courses of Study**

**2010 Spiritual Growth Study: "For The Love of God: John's Letters"**

The study offers an in-depth study of John's Letters. It seeks to answer key questions such as "Who wrote the Letters?," "To whom were they written originally?," and "What do these Letters mean today to us?" Further the study explores the common references such as the polarity between life and death, light and darkness, truth and falsehood in John's Letters and the Fourth Gospel. The study also examines the resemblance of images and phrases that appear in John's Letters and the Fourth Gospel, including the view that salvation consists in "having life," God being "light," Christian life as "walking in light," and many others.

(All fulltime students attend the Spiritual Growth Study. This year we have rescheduled the time for one-day overview students so they may attend a Spiritual Growth session either on Friday or Saturday morning at 9:00am.)

**Leader: Rev. Dana McKim**

**2010 General Study: "Joy To the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity"**

This study explores the theology of mission and evangelism in the twenty-first century context of Christianity as a world-wide religion. It will invite us to look at why we are involved in mission and how we proclaim the Good News in Jesus Christ. What are the biblical mandates for mission? Does Christ call each of us to be his evangelist? This study sets the biblical and historical context for the reality that Christianity is now the largest world religion and explores the theological foundations for Christian mission, drawing upon the New Testament model of Jesus Christ and on Methodist history as sources for United Methodist understandings of mission and evangelism. Contemporary practices of world mission will be examined through models of mission rooted in both scripture and history: mission of hospitality, mission of healing and mission of reconciliation—all ways of celebrating God's intention to bring hope and wholeness to the world through Jesus Christ.

**Leaders: Betty Swarouth, Brenda Connelly, Dr. Philip Wingeier-Rayo, Rev. Mike Collins, Lynn Sloan Barnes, Rev. Mark Barden**

**2010 Geographic Study: "The Beauty and Courage of Sudan: Why a Dream of Peace Is Possible"**

For the past twenty years the country of Sudan has been plagued with severe drought. The shortages of food due to the drought have sometimes reached famine proportions. Then there are the wars of the Sudan. Join us as we explore an overview of the history of the Sudan that began in Bible times. We will also explore the country's main ethnicities, religions and languages and the way Sudanese women are contributing to the peace process and to the culture as a whole.

**Leaders: Martha Phillips, Sandra Williamson**

**2010 One-day Overview Study — "For The Love of God: John's Letters"**

**Leaders: Janet Turner & Jo Pyatt**

**2010 One-day Overview Study — "Joy To the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity"**

**Leaders: Janice Lentz, Ann Aldridge**

**Session Times: EITHER Friday 10:30am & 2:00pm, OR Saturday 10:30am & 2:00pm**

**\*\*\*\*\*WORKSHOP FOR LEADERS OF CHILDREN\*\*\*\*\***

**Leader: Sandy Hieronymus, Charlotte, NC Session Time: 4:15pm Friday only**

**\*\*\*\*\*SPECIAL INVITATION TO Teen Women—Teen Women Mission Day\*\*\*\*\*  
\$15.00 (Lunch included in cost)**

**Leader: Sherry Sink, High Point, NC Session Time: Saturday – 10:00am- 4:00pm**

**Music Leaders: Amy Johnson & Donna Ireland**

**REGISTRATION - 2010 Western NC Conference School of Christian Mission**

- Resident Student – Double Room     Resident Student - Private Room     Linen Rental
- Non-Resident Student     One Day Only Student (Day Attending \_\_\_\_\_)
- Teen Women Event – Saturday Only    First Timer?  Yes  No

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date	_____
Reg #	_____
Ck #	_____
Amt	_____

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name for name tag)  Female  Male

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Street, P. O. Box    City    State    Zip    Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be sent in together!) E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Level:     Youth     18 - 29     30 - 39     40 - 49     50 - 59     60 and over

In case of Emergency, contact: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Housing/Classroom Needs (please be specific): \_\_\_\_\_

**Which Mission Study do you prefer? (Resident & non-resident students)**

- Sudan —Geographical Study    or     Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity—Social Issue Study

- Are you a ...**     Conference Officer     Local Officer     Unit/Circle Member     Scholarship (UMW)
- Clergy     District Officer     Missionary     Deaconess     School Study Leader

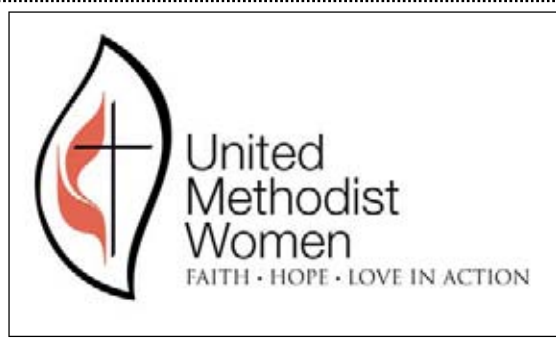
Please check if you would like to help at the School of Christian Mission as a:

- Golf Cart Driver     Class Secretary \*\*     Hostess for a Study Leader \*\*\*\*

\*\*Secretary Duties: Taking roll in classes each day and turning in the roster at the end of the school.

\*\*\*\*Hostess Duties: This may include the lifting of heavy boxes and helping the Study Leader to set up & take down their classroom.

**No registrations will be received before May 1, 2010**  
**Deadline for all registrations is June 21, 2010**  
 Enclose \$125.00 for Resident; + \$18.50 for Private Room; + \$10.75 for Linens;  
 \$35.00 for Non-resident (No Meals); \$15.00 for One Day Overview (No Meals)  
 \$15.00 for Teen Women Event (lunch included)  
**Make Checks payable to: UMW School of Christian Mission**  
**Mail Check and Registration form to: Peggy Wilkerson, 4678 Diamond Street, Claremont NC 28610**



**COME BE A PART OF THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION!!!**

Come full-time or come to the one-day overview, you will be glad you came!!!

Full-time Students can look forward to...

**FRIDAY NIGHT — DISTRICT GATHERINGS**  
(Tables will be marked so Districts can sit and eat together.)

**SATURDAY NIGHT — FELLOWSHIP TIME**  
**AT HILL LOUNGE-GROUND FLOOR**

**REGISTRATION for the 2010 School of Christian Mission begins**  
**Thursday, July 15, at 2:00pm—5:30pm in the Main Building, the Lea Center**

## General Information

**Cost:** Resident Student (with roommate): Fee is \$125.00 — Meals are included (**ROOMATES MUST MAIL FORMS TOGETHER!**)

Resident Student (private room): Fee is \$143.50 — Meals are included (**\$25 of Resident Registration Fee is not refundable**)

Non-resident Student (non-refundable): Fee is \$35.00 — Meals are extra

One-Day Overview (non-refundable): Fee is \$15 .00 — Meals are extra

Linens Rental: Fee is \$10.75 — Not included in the registration fee (check box on registration form)

**Refunds:** There will be no refunds without at least seven (7) days notice.

**Housing:** HOUSING WILL BE IN COLLEGE DORMITORIES. Bring bed linens, including a light blanket, pillow, towels, clothes hangers, grooming items, study lamp, and any other items you feel necessary for your comfort away from home. (Internet access is available.)

**Special Needs:** If you have any physical conditions that require consideration in room and class assignment, please explain on registration form or on a separate sheet of paper stapled to your form. **No childcare available.**

**Youth:** For youth participants, there are covenant and consent forms that must be completed to accompany the basic registration form. Those forms are available from the school officers, district presidents, and our conference web site at [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org). There will be a youth curfew in effect at 11:30pm. Youth who are registered for the entire school may participate in the Youth Mission Event on Saturday at no extra charge.

**Classes:** The study, "For the Love of God: John's Letters," will be offered for everyone. Please choose one of the other courses for more intensive study. Bring Bibles, pencils, paper, etc. Textbooks will be available from the Mission Resource Center in early spring, at all Conference events prior to the school, in the Resource Room during the school.

**CEUs:** Continuing Education Units will be offered if requirements are met.

**Emergency:** College Switchboard: 336-272-7102. Campus Security: extension 245.

**Keys:** Charges for unreturned keys \$30.00 and key fobs \$30.00

**Note: Due to liability issues, there will not be a nurse on campus.**  
A first aid kit will be available in the Dean's Office.

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### **Who Should Attend?**

Local officers and members of United Methodist Women  
District Chairpersons of Outreach Ministries  
All men, women, and youth of the Church

District and Conference UMW Officers  
Ministers  
Anyone who would like to worship God,  
learn new things, and enjoy the fellowship  
of Christians

**Registration Deadline – June 21, 2010      All Students must pre-register**

**There will be no on-site registration. All registrations must be postmarked  
by June 21, 2010!!!!**

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### **SCHOOL OFFICERS**

**Dean: Michelene Mathews — 11189 Harrowfield Road, Charlotte, NC 28226  
(704) 759-3360—[Michelenemathews@yahoo.com](mailto:Michelenemathews@yahoo.com)**

**Assistant Dean: Karen Wilkerson — 2829 17th Avenue SE, Newton, NC 28658  
(828) 328-3045 — [kwilkerson@charter.net](mailto:kwilkerson@charter.net)**

**Business Manager: Peggy Wilkerson — 4678 Diamond Street, Claremont NC 28610  
(828) 459-7755 — [peggywilkerson@charter.net](mailto:peggywilkerson@charter.net)**

**Housing Manager: Brenda Alexander, 5209 Summer Gate Drive, Charlotte NC 28226  
(704) 541-6766 — [Brenda.alexander@sonicautomotive.com](mailto:Brenda.alexander@sonicautomotive.com)**



Western North Carolina Conference

## Hands-On Mission Opportunity School of Christian Mission

July 15-18, 2010, Greensboro College

### UMCOR Health Kits

**Because of the earthquake and humanitarian crisis in Haiti**, UMCOR has expressed an urgent need for Health Kits. Encourage others in your local unit and congregation to participate...even if they cannot attend the School of Christian Mission. We will deliver the health kits to our conference Mission Response Center for shipment to the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot. Participating in this Hands-On Mission Opportunity will help your local unit to meet Mission Today criteria #23. **Complete information about our School of Christian Mission is available on our website at [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org).**

*Health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition and cooking classes. When people gain the knowledge and materials to maintain personal hygiene, their overall health improves.*

#### UMCOR Health Kit Contents:

Place the following **NEW** items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", no kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages



**In a separate envelope, please include a check payable to UMCOR Sager Brown for at least \$2.00 per kit to help with the costs of buying one tube of toothpaste, and the costs of processing and shipping the kits around the world.** Please do not put the money envelope in your UMCOR Health Kit bag.

If you are bringing multiple kits, it is fine to just write one check in an amount sufficient to cover all of your kits. If your whole unit is collecting the kits, it will be okay to collect the money and put it all in one envelope to be turned in when you drop off your kits at the School of Christian Mission. (NOTE: UMCOR is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before it is sent.)

If at all possible, please pack your kits in a box that can be handled easily by our women and write the total number of kits on the side of the box. (Paper case boxes are a nice size.) We are trying to make it as easy as possible to collect, count and transport our Health Kits.

#### Important Kit Assembly Information:

- All items included in kits must be **NEW** items.
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, **It is important that kits contain only the requested items - nothing more.**
- **Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.**
- Please do not include any religious, political or patriotic notes or emblems in any kit.

**Thank you for your generous support of our hands-on mission opportunity!**

**First United Methodist Church  
217 North Main Street  
Stanley, North Carolina 28164**

Non-Profit Org.  
US Postage  
**PAID**  
Permit #1  
Stanley, NC

### **Gastonia District Goals 2010**

- 1. Each district officer will visit 1 or more local units.**
- 2. Increase giving to Gift In Mission Cards by 5 per cent.**
- 3. Increase overall Mission Giving through 5 channels by 1 per cent.**
- 4. Increase our number of Mission Today Units for 2010.**

### **GASTONIA DISTRICT UMW 2010 CALENDAR**

<b>April 18</b>	<b>District Mission Study</b>	<b>Crouse UMC Crouse</b>
<b>April 29 - May 2</b>	<b>UMW Assembly 2010</b>	<b>St Louis, Missouri</b>
<b>June 18-19</b>	<b>Spiritual Growth Retreat</b>	<b>Lake Junaluska</b>
<b>July 15-18</b>	<b>School of Christian Mission</b>	<b>Greensboro College</b>
<b>August 19</b>	<b>District Annual Meeting</b>	<b>McKendree UMC Lincolnton</b>
<b>September 10-12</b>	<b>Conference Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Lake Junaluska</b>
<b>October 9</b>	<b>Conference Officers' Training</b>	<b>Salem UMC Morganton, NC</b>
<b>November 14</b>	<b>District Officers' Training</b>	<b>TBA</b>



## 2009 SOCIAL ACTION INITIATIVE RESULTS

We assessed our progress and developed a plan of action for 2010 to "Make a Memory With a Child." We created an example of an experience party that can be implemented by individuals or by units.

In March of 2010, "A Blueprint for Reform," the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act was sent to Congress for ratification. This act, if ratified, will replace the "No Child Left Behind" legislation. In its current reading this act, while holding schools and students accountable for growth and performance, looks to be less punitive.

We do not know what the outcome will be. We are in hopes that we will know the results by Annual Meeting in September.

## MAKE A MEMORY WITH A CHILD!

*Plant some flowers...  
Watch them grow*



*Help a child get his/  
her first library card.  
Then read together!!!*



*Take a child to  
the park*

*Be a lunch buddy*



*Share some of your  
favorite  
childhood memories*



*Go kite flying*

*Be a reading  
buddy at school*



**You DO make a difference.  
Every woman counts.  
Every United Methodist Woman  
can participate!**



United  
Methodist  
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Western North Carolina Conference

2010 Social Action Initiative



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SO...WHAT'S NEXT?

# Making Memories With Children

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## CHILDREN LEARN... FROM EXPERIENCES

Many children have never gone fishing, hiking, to the public library, or done many of the simple things that we take for granted.

Experiences give children a basis for learning to read and to write. Children have difficulty relating to things they have never experienced.

### **Did You Know?**

The 2010 UMW Social Action initiative of "For Christ's Sake Turn the World Upside Down" for Public Education is to...

### **Make A Memory With a Child.**

As a community of women, we have given opportunities and made wonderful memories with the children in our lives.

**Now, let's give these opportunities to children who are not our own!**



## WHAT CAN I DO?

The next time you take one of your children to the park, or lake, take along another child from your community to enjoy the adventure with you.



### **Fun's the Word!**

Do you like to sew or knit? Buy an extra skein of yarn or get some scrap material and teach a child or teen to sew a straight seam or to knit a scarf.

## **YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPEND MONEY TO MAKE A MEMORY!**

Read your favorite children's book to a young child. Even older children like to have books read aloud.

Go for long walks in the woods and talk about the different kinds of animals, plants and trees that you see.

## GET THE IDEA?

**The possibilities are endless!**



**Have fun and take some great pictures...**

## LET US SEE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU HAVE DONE!

Send a picture of your event along with a short descriptive paragraph to...Sherry Sink: [sherrysink@gmail.com](mailto:sherrysink@gmail.com) by June 30, 2010. One from each district will be selected for presentation at the Conference Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska in September 2010.

*Submission of any picture will be considered to include parental permission for use in presentation.*

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## IDEAS for PUBLIC EDUCATION INITIATIVE

### Host an Experience Party

1. Invite children who may not have had the experiences listed below.
2. Set up a large area (fellowship hall) or use Sunday School classrooms and have several activities occurring simultaneously.
3. Include intergenerational adults.
4. Think of other activities in which your adults have expertise.

#### **Ideas:**

Reading tent – have a variety of books and allow child to choose. Read together or have child read to you if possible. Write a story about the selected book

Have a picnic on the grounds or in the play area.

Set up a craft area for scrapbooking, jewelry making, plastic canvas, or other crafts in which your adult leaders currently participate.

Arrange a variety of yarns, crochet hooks, and knitting needles where knitting and crocheting can be taught.

Sewing area – bring portable machines, fabric, and patterns and make garments children can take home such as an apron or sleep pants.

Photography – buy disposable cameras and make pictures of activities.

Puzzle area – provide puzzles with a variety of levels of difficulty

### Individual or Group Activities

Possibilities are limitless. These are just a few to get your imagination flowing.

Make cookies – take some home and to shut ins.

Make home-made ice cream.

Play hide and seek.

Blow bubbles.

Play kick ball.

Play with a hoola hoop.

Play catch.

Draw pictures on sidewalk with colored chalk.

Play toss games.

Play hopscotch.

Act out a story.

Have a movie party.

Perform a drama.

Adopt a grandchild.

Get a library card.

Go out to eat.



**YOUR *Mission***  
*Giving dollars* travel  
 all around the world  
 to make the world a better place for  
 women, children and youth

**LOVE**



**IN**

**ACTION**

You may bring your Love Offering or  
 your local unit's Love Offering to  
 Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska, or  
 send it directly to:

Julia Willis, Conference Treasurer  
 8833 NC Hwy 22 N  
 Climax, NC 27233-8225

**Please make checks payable to:**  
 Treasurer, WNCC UMW



**MISSION GIVING**  
*Makes Mission Possible*

Mission Giving is the foundation for  
 mission work through UMW and the  
 Women's Division.

...strengthens basic programs and projects  
 especially for women, children and youth  
 ...affirms the wholeness of the Gospel of  
 Jesus Christ and a commitment to its  
 proclamation in word and deed  
 ...makes possible emergency response and  
 exploration of new and evolving areas of  
 mission

Five Channels of undesignated  
*Mission Giving:*

- Pledge to Mission
- Special Mission Recognition
- Gift to Mission
- Gift in Memory
- World Thank Offering



***Mission Giving***

Watch for the above symbol in *Response*  
 indicating a program, place and/or person  
 where your **Mission Giving**  
 is making a difference.

United Methodist  
 Women  
 Western North Carolina  
 Conference



**2010**

**LOVE OFFERING**

A Gift to *Mission Giving*  
 "In Honor of Children  
 Experiencing God's Love  
 in Action"



**Annual Meeting**  
**Lake Junaluska, NC**  
**September 10-12, 2010**

 **LOVE**

**COMMUNITY CENTERS**

Bethlehem Centers  
Charlotte, NC  
Winston-Salem, NC



Childcare Service for Children 6-  
months to 5 Years of Age  
Before & After School Programs  
Summer Enrichment Programs  
Senior Social Group  
Community Outreach/Resource Program  
Christian Education  
Emergency Assistance  
Alcohol & Drug Education Services  
Est. 1940 (Charlotte), 1927 (W'Salem)



**IN**

**SCHOOLS**

McCurdy Mission School  
Española, New Mexico



Multicultural: Hispanic, Native  
American, Anglo  
Day School Ministering to the Whole  
Person  
Quality Christian Education K-12  
Religion Classes, Chapel Services,  
Daily Devotions  
Mental Health Services  
Community Involvement  
Est. 1912



*My friends, what good is it for one of you  
to say that you have faith if your actions  
do not prove it?*

*James 2:14*

**ACTION**

**COLLEGES &  
UNIVERSITIES**



Pfeiffer University

Misenheimer, NC  
Charlotte, NC  
Raleigh, NC  
Under UMW & its  
predecessors, Pfeiffer



has grown from a small, inexpensive  
college offering courses of study in an  
environment supported by Christian  
values to a university committed to the  
concept that “educational achievement  
can best be realized within a  
community that fosters collegiality,  
Judeo-Christian values, and shared  
responsibility for learning.”

Servant Leadership  
School of Religion’s Christian

Vocations program include:

Youth Ministries major

Christian Missions major \*

Missionary-In-Residence

Est. 1885

\*unique among UM-related colleges & universities



## NOMINATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION AWARD

**PURPOSE:** The Purpose of the Social Action Award is to recognize an individual or group who have impacted a change for social justice.

**CRITERIA:** The Social Action will be creative and/or innovative. An individual or group will have extended involvement over a period of time with a commitment to human welfare and social reform. The activity will be a bridge builder connecting and interacting with other cultures. The Social Action will serve to improve or change the life or situation of others. It will be a life-altering experience for nominee and/or group. This action should serve to combat racism and other social injustices.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Nominee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### SUPPORTING

#### DOCUMENTATION:

All information should be completed and accompanied by supporting documentation relative to the social justice accomplished. On a separate page, no larger than 8-1/2 x 11, describe the nominee's Social Action taken. Photographs, audio or video tapes, display materials, films or scrapbooks should not be submitted as they will not be considered in the nominations. All submitted material becomes the property of Western North Carolina United Methodist Women.

**Applications must be postmarked by December 15, 2010.** The nominee will be selected by the WNCC UMW Social Action Committee and will receive recognition at the 2011 Annual Meeting.

**Mail application(s) to:** Martha Phillips  
Conference Social Action Coordinator  
PO Box 49  
Linville Falls, NC 28647

**Have a Question?:** Contact Martha Phillips at 828-765-7009 or [mwphillips@wildblue.net](mailto:mwphillips@wildblue.net)