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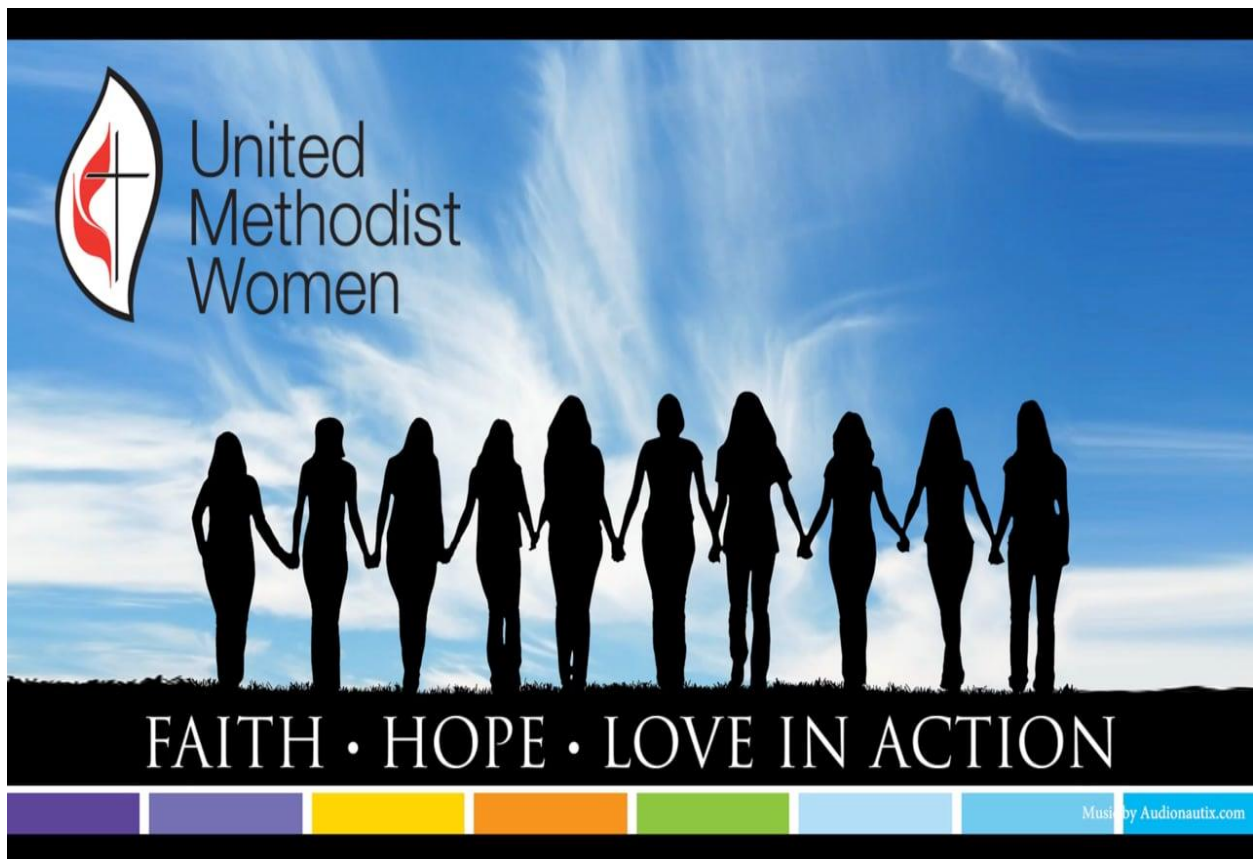


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Sisters in Christ,

Let us give thanks for this day that the Lord has made! We are awestruck by the beauty of this world in which we live, even during this time of winter rest and renewal. May it always be so.

I greet you as your new Conference President and am excited about the future we will have together. We began our first year at our Conference

United Methodist Women's Planning Retreat on January 5, 2019, by exploring Economic Inequality, briefly defined as the unequal distribution of income and opportunity between different groups in society. We examined how this United Methodist Women's initiative could be directly related to our other four: Climate Justice; Health and Maternal Health; Racial Justice; and Mass Incarceration, School-to-Prison Pipeline. We had small group time followed by sharing of our thoughts as to how we could convey this relationship to our local units during the coming year. We watched a short video by Alex Cequea, "Economic Inequality Is a Problem We Can Solve" and which can be downloaded at the following YouTube website:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iVX_NjKmlcg. We asked the question of ourselves, "What do United Methodist Women do well?" and came up with a list of 10 bulleted points. We then asked "What do we need to do better?" and 17 bulleted points were raised, with the top two concerns being "Better communication throughout our entire organization" and "More involvement with our Local UMW units." If we can focus first on these, we will indeed be promoting our Purpose throughout the Conference. For more details, please refer to the minutes you received from our Conference Secretary, Sherie Koob.

I recently spent a weekend in Tempe, AZ for leadership training and received extremely useful information and guidance to assist me in carrying out my duties as your President. Unfortunately, due to financial issues, this will likely be the last offsite training held in this manner. Next year National is planning training webinars, etc. to be transmitted around the country to our new officers.

A number of our United Methodist Women, including your President, attended "Rock" in Ocean City, MD, during February, and offered our services as security officers, salespersons, and spiritual guides for the youth and chaperones who attended. 5000 youth are a lot of kids! It was a new experience for me and one I will remember well.

As we look forward to spring, our 150th Anniversary Legacy Day of Giving will be celebrated on Sunday, March 24, 2019, from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. at the Conference Center in

Fulton, MD. Light refreshments and entertainment will be provided for a nominal contribution of \$18.69. Please see the colorful flyer contained within this issue of the Flame. Hoping you will plan to attend and bring a friend or two to celebrate our Legacy, both past and future!

At our BWC UMC Annual Conference in Baltimore May 29 – June 1, the Conference United Methodist Women will again collaborate with the Conference United Methodist Men at a special luncheon held on Thursday, May 30th. If you are attending Annual Conference as a Lay Member or Clergy, you may reserve your ticket for this Luncheon online. If you would just like to attend the Luncheon, I have a limited number of extra tickets to sell at a cost of \$31.00 each. Kindly let me know if you would like one.

My hope is to attend as many of your District events as possible. That being said, as a result of my new position, I have been placed on a number of Conference UMC committees such as Connectional Table, Sessions Committee, Nominations Committee, Lay Leadership Committee, and some others. If any of you would enjoy representing our Conference United Methodist Women Team at some of these meetings, it would be extremely helpful.

Just a reminder that if you haven't already, please mark your calendars for our Conference UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat to be held at Manidokan Retreat Center on Saturday, June 8, 2019. More details are listed below.

May God bless you, really bless you during 2019! Hoping it is a year of exciting possibilities for each of you, my sister!

In Christ,

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VICE PRESIDENT

My Sisters in Christ, I greet you with the joy of the Lord. It is my pleasure to greet you as your Vice President of the Baltimore Washington Conference United Methodist Women. I am excited, honored, and count it a privilege to be a part of this wonderful group of United Methodist Women.

We United Methodist Women have historical roots. From the humble beginnings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society first organized in Boston in response to a lack of women's health in India in 1869 to today in 2019, the work of ministry through missions continues. The approaches we use to continue these efforts are two-fold. Our first approach is following the advice and wisdom of John Wesley to "Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can". Our second approach is to follow ~~effort~~ the model left for us by Jesus. Located in the Gospel of Matthew 25:35-40, (one of my favorite scriptures), is a description of what we are to do for our fellow man. Matthew 25: 35 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

This scripture describes the work of United Methodist Women and explains why we are laser focused on helping others. This was his not only his parting sermon of caution, but also a sermon of preparation for Christ's second coming. The hope is that we may then be ready to receive from him our final sentence and give an account for our lives. This scripture gives us hope that in doing well to care for others we, in extension, care for him. The rationale is clear, if we expect to be judged by Christ. The measure by which he will judge us will be based on the works we have done.

So how can we as United Methodist Women live out this scripture in our lives today? By concentrating on our initiates and by getting back to basics.

We get back to basics by living out our purpose as United Methodist Women. Are we supportive of fellow United Methodist Women, their programs, and their missions? Do we attend spiritual retreats hosted by our local unit, districts and conferences?

Are we a community of women? Do we lead, inspire and mentor other women? Do we recruit, educate and support the next generation of United Methodist Women?

Do we know God? Are we faithfully studying the word of God? Are we not only attending bible studies, but also leading bible studies? Are we using our prayer calendar, the Response magazine, or reading books from our reading program? Are we using the United Methodist Women Program Book? Are we doing everything we can to follow the word of God?

Do we experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ? Are we advocates for women's rights locally and internationally inside and outside of the church?

Do we develop creative and supportive community? Are we supportive of social action functions locally and state wide?

Do we expand concepts of mission? Do we participate in Mission u, Leadership Days, and the United Methodist Seminar Program? Are we personally participating in missions in our communities? Are we supporting work that improves the plight of women, children and youth?

Do we participate in global ministries? Are we ignoring policies and practices that support domestic violence or child abuse? Are we culturally competent to help solve immigration and refugee problems?

I ask that you look into your heart and focus your attention on the initiatives of the United Methodist Women- Climate Justice, Maternal and Child Health, Criminalization of Communities of Color and Economic Inequality.

The dilemma families are facing due to Economic Inequality are particularly troubling. Income and wealth inequality in the United States impact women and communities of color, which, in turn, further marginalizes those who may already be vulnerable. Decades of poor policy choices got us to this point. Fair and just policy changes now could reverse the income and wealth gap. United Methodist Women are called to act locally and in national efforts to begin to bridge the inequality gap.

In closing I ask that you ponder over Acts 20:35, "I have showed you all things, how that so laboring you ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

I pray that the work we do will speak for us.

Respectfully submitted,

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SECRETARY

Greetings Sisters,

Please keep our secretary in prayer as she joins others at General Conference.

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ. To God be the glory for the great things God has done and is doing in and through us!

The United Methodist Women of the Baltimore-Washington Conference are offering two opportunities for your spiritual growth this year. A **Spiritual Retreat will be June 8, 2019; 9:30-3:30 p.m.** at Manidokan Camp and Retreat Center near Harpers Ferry. The theme this year is taken from last year's Mission u Spiritual Growth study, *Embracing Wholeness*. Our retreat leader will be Rev. Terri Cofiell. Please plan on joining us for a day of refreshment and renewal. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for registration information.

The other opportunity for your spiritual growth will be the annual Mission u July 26-28. This annual event is an opportunity to spend time in worship and in-depth study of current issues impacting society with music, prayer, sharing, exploring and food for the body and the soul. Mission u is for women, men and youth.

The plenary study is **Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship**. This study explores what it means to live a life of radical discipleship today using the Gospel of Mark as the foundation. The other two studies are **What About Our Money**, a repeat from last year, and **Women United for Change; 150 Years in Mission**. *United for Change* by Ellen Blue is the first in a two-year study commemorating United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary in 2019. Please extend an invitation to all the members of your church to attend this annual dynamic event!

On another note, I had the opportunity to attend ROCK and once again witnessed the excitement of thousands of youth singing and worshipping God together. Lives were touched, and hearts were changed. Please offer prayers, embrace, support, and encourage the young folks who attended from your church so that they can grow in their spiritual walk.

Blessings,

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EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

**And HE was saying to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the LORD of the harvest to send out laborers into HIS harvest.”
(Luke 10:2)**

Greeting Ladies,

I am humbled and honored to announce that, I am the newly elected Coordinator for Education and Interpretation for the Baltimore Washington Conference, United Methodist Women (UMW). As we move forward in Mission, we are reminded of our commitment, our purpose and our Conference Mission Projects: Baltimore Parish Work; Epworth House Mission Project; Family Crisis Center; the Scholarship Fund of the Baltimore Washington Conference United Methodist Women; Shenandoah Women’s Center, Inc.; Shepherd’s Staff; Susanna Wesley House; the YWCA, Annapolis & Anne Arundel County – Domestic Violence Counseling and 100 National United Methodist Women Projects. Additionally, noteworthy is our dedication to such Mission Projects as Mini Mission u, Mission u, and Mission-associated essential activities related to UMW educational programs and seminars.

Equally significant, is our dedication to Mission Giving through the Pledge to Mission, 150th Anniversary Legacy Project Fund and the Mission Today Competition.

The 2019 Mission u is scheduled for July 26, 27th and the 28th at the Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Study materials will be available for purchase from the UMW Resource Center and through Amazon.com.

Being in GOD’S Mission

Source of all that we have and all that we are, our very breath comes from You. Move us as we go into Your world and become Your hands and the face of Your love, living into all Your grace. Amen. -Cindy Sauffuer, Minnesota Conference United Methodist Women

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MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH

*“Jesus looked at them and said,
‘With man it is impossible,
but not with God.’
For all things are possible with God.”
Mark 10:27*

CENSUS 2018 IS OPEN

United Methodist Women Census 2018 database for collecting United Methodist Women membership information is open. Census or membership count is conducted annually. The census is the gathering of important information to the life of the organization. Each unit is asked to submit its membership information using the Online Census 2018 Database. Each Local Unit President or designated officer is asked to complete the form for the 2018 United Methodist Women census by going to www.unitedmethodistwomen.org and click on the Census 2018 link and follow the instructions. The Baltimore Washington Conference United Methodist Women goal for 2018 Census Data Collection is to increase local unit reporting by 20%.

This year the National United Methodist Women focus will be to gather information that will inform the National office, Conference and District leadership on local efforts in order to plan for growth, outreach and impact. Census Submission Deadline: Saturday March 30, 2019.

myUMW

All United Methodist Women members are also invited to complete myUMW, an online member survey to share information about their background and interests. At the completion of the member survey, the member will receive her printable personalized membership card. There is no deadline for filling out the myUMW membership log.

If you have questions or need help contact your District President or Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator, or Conference Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator.

LET'S MAKE IT 100% REPORTING AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

BE COUNTED! MAKE A DIFFERENCE! COMPLETE THE CENSUS 2018 FORM.

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COMMUNICATIONS

To My Sisters in Christ:

I am excited and humbled to be a part of this awesome ministry team. I look forward to serving the team and all of the UMW of the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

I give God all glory for this opportunity and I am filled with anticipation for what God is going to do with us and through us.

This is my first article as Communications Coordinator for the BWC United Methodist Women's Leadership Team.


As Communications Coordinator for the BWC-UMW Leadership Team, my responsibility is to improve communications between the Conference Leadership Team and Districts by preparing and disseminating the Conference Flame Newsletter (four times a year), the Conference Telephone Directory and prepare the Annual Meeting Celebration Program Booklet.

In fulfilling these duties, I need everyone to remember the **newswriting basics**:

1. Use the "inverted pyramid" pattern for your article. In the inverted pyramid, information is stacked in a news story so that the most important details (from your readers' point of view) are at the top of the article, the least important at the bottom, and the other material in between. When a story is too long, the bottom paragraph can be lopped off.

The inverted pyramid also works well because busy readers can grasp the information they need to know from the top of the article; those with more time can read the entire story.

2. Include the answers to the questions *who what, when, where, why and how* (or as many as possible) in the first paragraph of any news story.
3. Try to average no more than 20 words per sentence. Vary sentence lengths to give your writing rhythm, which makes your articles more interesting.
4. Keep paragraphs brief. Only rarely should a newsletter paragraph be more than three or four sentences.
5. Most articles should be no more than three or four paragraphs. Keep total length to no more than 200 words. One hundred to 150 is even better.
6. Write the way you talk. Use simple words and conversational language. Always be clear and concise.

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7. The secret to good writing is re-writing. If you have time lay your first draft of an article aside for a day, then revise it.
 8. Don't make your newsletter only an announcement sheet. Include mix of news about recent happenings as well as announcements about upcoming events.
 9. Avoid phrases like A good time was had by all; friends invited, members expected; or Everyone is invited.
 10. Do not use the newsletter to scold, chastise, humiliate, or embarrass your readers. Fill it with good news, not bad news.
 11. Never include full minutes of meetings or detailed financial statements in your newsletter. Most people will not read these. Instead, include financial summaries and meeting highlights.

Watch out for the new and improved Conference UMW website around April or May 2019

The next FLAME will be released June 1, 2019

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NOMINATIONS

GREETINGS FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The “new” Nominations Committee is now in place. In addition to Falisha Doby, Jean Shields, Kia Hicks, Rosalie Foster, and me, we welcome our newest member, Yolanda Dickerson.



The Nominations Committee continues to seek STARS for our Leadership Team. We are looking to immediately fill the position of Social Action Coordinator. If you, or someone you know, are interested in being part of the Leadership Team, let us know.

In the next issue of the FLAME Newsletter, we expect to include information on additional positions coming up that will need to be filled.

Having the right leadership in place is paramount to the success of any organization. Leadership training and support are provided to equip and position individuals for success so that we can continue to serve out our PURPOSE. While fear, or uncertainty, has caused you to stall at stepping up to serve, do not fear.

Do not forget that we are a team with a PURPOSE “...to develop a creative, supportive fellowship”.

With all of us working together, we can fulfill our PURPOSE.

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TREASURER

Treasurers Keeping the Channels Straight

Speaking to United Methodist Women "God is calling us. God speaks first. And together we say: Yes. God is calling us for this time. Every time has had its challenges, but it's a great time to be called to work for and with women, children and youth in our neighborhood, in our state, in our country and around the world," said Harriett Jane Olson, CEO of United Methodist Women National Office. "It's time to grow our faith together, to live our faith, and to turn faith, hope and love into action. In response to God's call—together, we say yes!"

As United Methodist Women we give over and beyond our local church tithes and offerings to **Pledge to Mission and other Mission Giving funds that are part of the five channels of giving**, which are used for mission with a focus on women, children and youth through national office, except for administration and membership development funds kept at the district and conference levels. Through our generosity United Methodist Women members help empower and improve the lives of women, youth and children in the United States and around the world.

About 70 percent of Mission Giving funds from members go to programs and projects supporting women, children and youth. Around 20-30 percent stays with the local, district, and conference organizations of United Methodist Women for local mission. Only 9 percent covers administrative costs.

Just a reminder United Methodist Women funds should not be given to the local church to help with apportionment for World Service Funds or facility and equipment needs in the local church. United Methodist Women members in the local church have already contributed to these needs through their tithes and offerings.

United Methodist Women members have long been proud to support the specific ministries with women, children and youth that **are funded only through their giving to United Methodist Women's five channels of giving**.

World Thank Offering

Spontaneous additional gifts can be given out of gratitude for God's abundance and in celebration of the joys of life.

The World Thank Offering is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission carried on through United Methodist Women's national office in the United States and around the world.

Special Mission Recognition Pins and Certificates

These pins offer a meaningful way to honor members who have dedicated so much time and effort to service. Gift amounts range from \$40 to \$2,000. Pins are purchased through a treasurer.

Gift to Mission

Make a gift in honor of someone and send a card to the honoree. The following cards are available: Congratulations, Thank You, A Baby, In the Service of Christ, A Special Day, Thinking of You, Happy Birthday and assorted Christmas cards.

Gift in Memory

Give a gift in memory of a member, a friend or anyone, in any amount of \$5 or more. Gift in Memory cards, available free, may be sent to the family of the deceased.

During this time of year (late winter and early spring) please check with your local units. Confirm with the local units there are no issues with the United Methodist Women Giving. Remember we are on a calendar year January –December but if the unit wants to be recognized during the District and Conference Fall Annual Celebrations they should turn their Pledges in to the District Treasurer in September. However we do expect each unit to empty their treasury per the handbook page 84 “Emptying the Treasury” at the End of the Year.

The United Methodist Women Board President Shannon Priddy said. "We are advocates for women, youth and children around the world, bringing it back to our conferences, districts, and local organizations. We are also advocates for the work we do. It is our responsibility to let others know what United Methodist Women does. ...Remember, we are doing God's work for women, youth and children around the world."

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SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES

Greetings All,

Take a moment, grab a cup of coffee and a nice blanket, snuggle on in and get your reading on.

Every year, we recommend a diverse range of books to broaden exposure to a variety of concepts. Books are organized into 5 categories:

-  [Education for Mission](#)
-  [Leadership Development](#)
-  [Nurturing for Community](#)
-  [Social Action](#)
-  [Spiritual Growth](#)

Most Reading Program books are available through the  [e-store at unitedmethodistwomen.org/store](#). Browse the books online or download the catalog by year:

 [2019](#)  [2018](#)  [2017](#)

Interested in UMW Reading Program, click the link below and follow www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/rpcatalog2019.pdf

If you would like more information on the UMW Reading Program, please email me.

Have a Sparkling Day in the LORD!!

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UMW BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Board of Trustees Report February 6, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Women of the Baltimore Washington Conference is beginning its 2019 financial activities. The first meeting of this fiscal year is April 9, 2019. At this meeting the Board will review the financial reports received since the last meeting in September 2019. The Board will assess the revenue generated, and determine the disbursements requested from the qualified recipients. The voting will take place to release the monies requested. This process includes viewing the financial statement of the securities in the family of financial products in the portfolio. It also includes coordinating the treasury's report with our Security Advisor from the Lombard Securities, Inc. This step goes on even when the Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women Board of Trustees is not holding its scheduled meetings.

These responsibilities and obligations make it necessary to respond to requests for financial assistance of the designated committees of the United Methodist Women Organization. Therefore, it is necessary to follow the success or lack of success of the securities in the portfolios. In light of the stock market performance much scrutiny is paid to the Baltimore Washington Conference United Methodist Women family of investment products, especially those investments that are directly influenced by the stock market. Prayer is always in order when anticipating a healthy return from these investments. The Board of Trustees is optimistic that the constant viewing of these securities will enable the Board of Trustees to successfully manage the securities portfolio.

The specific amounts generated from these funds is reported at the April and September Board meetings. In fact, at these meetings the Board determines whether to maintain, sell or buy new securities. The decision is always based on the performance or reputation of individual funds. To accomplish the Board's financial objective, the Board manages investment funds and distributes income generated from the interest of these investments for mission projects of the United Methodist Women of the Baltimore-Washington Conference on behalf of women, children and youth.

The Board of Trustees meets on the second Tuesday of April and the second Tuesday in September each year. Quarterly, income from the Deaconess Home Fund is distributed to the Baltimore Parish Work for allocation and distribution to various activities and projects of the United Methodist Church in the Baltimore City area. Income from the Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women, Inc., fund is distributed through scholarships and projects across the Conference on behalf of women, children and youth. All disbursements are based on income generated from the

principle for the account (no monies can be, or will be, authorized that exceed the legal interest from these invested funds.) Funds that have been requested for a specific outreach project and not used for that particular project should be returned to the Board of Trustees Treasurer. We are praying for a successful financial year.

In addition to Baltimore Parish Work (Randallstown, MD), the Conference projects for UMW are: Epworth House Mission Project (Wesley Seminary, Washington, D.C.); Family Crisis Resource Center, Inc. (Cumberland); Scholarship Fund, Baltimore-Washington Conference (provides financial assistance for undergraduate students who are members of churches within the Baltimore-Washington Conference); Shenandoah Women's Center, Inc., Eastern Panhandle, WV (provides counseling and shelter for sexually assaulted and abused women and children in the Tri-Country West Virginia area); Shepherd's Staff, Westminster, MD (provides emergency services to children, adults, families, seniors and homeless in a spirit of compassion and respect); Susanna Wesley House, Baltimore, MD (provides group living in a home-life setting to nine women with modest income and their children. The women are provided schooling, job training and counseling); and YWCA Domestic Violence Counseling, Anne Arundel County (provides individual and family counseling, computer training, parenting education, mentoring after school programs for at-risk children and emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.)

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* * * * * **DISTRICT PRESIDENTS** * * * * *

ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT

Sisters in Christ:

Happy 2019 from the Annapolis District. As we began the New Year, we decided to do something different for our officers' training. Since the District United Methodist Women is broken down into five clusters, we agreed to train by clusters instead of one training session.

For four consecutive Saturdays in January and one in February, we conducted our training. The outcome was great. We held training for the Annapolis and South clusters together and then each Cluster (North, East and West) were held at churches in those clusters.

We had lots of participation, the discussions were lively and informative, and as the District officers taught officers from the local units, we found the exchanges and the feedback from our local officers very enlightening. This was a learning experience for all United Methodist Women involved in the training. We will determine what the local officers thought about the training from the evaluation forms that were distributed. We also sought feedback about whether the District United Methodist Women would like to have a Spiritual Retreat.

In the interim, we are beginning to plan for our Annual Spring Brunch in April. Our original date was April 13, but the Southern Region has its Leadership Days scheduled on that date. We will go back to the drawing board to schedule another date for this spectacular event.

We're taking a long, hard look at how we can attract and recruit young women to join the United Methodist Women. As we prepare to close the 150th Anniversary of the United Methodist Women, we want to prepare younger women to take our positions in leadership to carry on the legacy of this wonderful organization.

Happy 150th Anniversary United Methodist Women!

Blessings,

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BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Greetings from the Baltimore Metropolitan District, where we are committed to honoring the **PURPOSE** of the United Methodist Women. The mission team and I continue to be committed to using our time, energy and effort to help make a difference in the lives of women, children and youth who are living in an unjust society. I continue to thank God for our collective spiritual growth and for a deeper understanding of how important the United Methodist Women are.

Our Leadership Training and Mini Mission u was successfully held on January 26th at John Wesley United Methodist Church. We were blessed to have Rev. Carey James from Sharp Street United Methodist Church present our Mini Mission u training on "What about Our Money". In addition, we continued to be blessed to have Colleen Cates (Board of Directors Member), who brought us greetings from our UMW National Organization and Mikele Delmore, who brought us greeting from the Northeastern Jurisdiction. The meeting was spirit filled and fruitful.

As we begin a new year I continue to feel compelled to make this statement. **"Like many Districts we continue to struggle to get some of our units more involved. It is very true that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Matthew 9:37. There are so many areas of need in our communities and in our world. Women children and youth are crying out for help. I and my team members are praying to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers. Women of the Baltimore Metropolitan District that have not been very active, please contact me or any District team member as soon as possible to get involved. We need you."**

As a District we still continue to reach out to local units to assist in starting and or reinstating units. Several units are also asking for "refreshers" and the team is more than willing to do any of the above. Have a ~~Merry Christmas~~ and a blessed New Year. Stay safe!

Love & blessings,

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Baltimore Suburban District

Greetings from the Baltimore Suburban District (BSD) UMW. Our New TEAM of committed Women are excited to focus on uplifting GOD throughout all the BSD Units.

As we begin this new year the focus will be to share the ***Purpose*** of the UMW. Our efforts will be driven by the ***Legacy*** of Women before and after our time where the foundation was set to empower Women, Children and Youth around the world.

Please come join our District for the Annual Spring Meeting – Topic: Building a Thriving Generation of Children and Youth. Guest Speaker – Deborah (Debbie) Phelps on Saturday, April 27th 2019 at Providence UMC, 1318 Providence RD, Towson, MD 21286. Cost \$10.00 please contact Mary Alice McClintock, Mamcclintock33@gmail.com or contact me direct.

Peace and Blessing to you all!

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CENTRAL MARYLAND DISTRICT

Greetings Lovely Ladies of the Central Maryland District United Methodist Women! My name is Dianna Kelly Woodlon, and as of January 30, 2019 I am pleased to have been installed by Baltimore Washington Conference President, Linda Yost as your new Central Maryland District President. I left my position as Central Maryland District Vice President to complete the remaining two-year term of Tamara Hull who is pursuing her Master's Degree.

I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you on behalf of women, youth and children. I believe God is counting on his daughters to build his kingdom. And practicing sincere God-driven living saturates each of us with purpose and transforms our relationships. My leadership experiences with the United Methodist Women are: Previous Vice President, CMD, Previous Treasurer, CMD, Current President, Locust UMW. My local unit places a high emphasis on community involvement and congregational connectivity where the Reverend Jane E. Wood serves as our pastor.

I work full-time for the Baltimore County Public School System where I serve as a member of the Board of Directors for our local union.

I LOVE the Lord and take great pleasure in doing God's work. I am humbled my dear Sisters in the Spirit of Christ at the opportunity to serve as your District President. Please feel free to contact me via email below or by phone at 410-486-3735. May God bless each and every one of you and your loved ones.

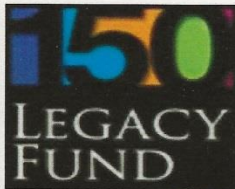
Peace and Blessings!

Dianna Woodlon
President
Central Maryland District
wooddelyte@verizon.net

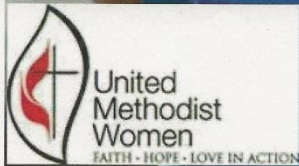
**150th Anniversary Celebration
Honor the Legacy - Hope for the Future!**

Sponsored by
Baltimore Washington Conference United Methodist Women

Sunday, March 24th, 2019
3 pm - 5 pm



LET'S LEAVE A LEGACY FOR THEM



**Baltimore-Washington Conference UMC
11711 E Market Pl,
Fulton, MD 20759**

**Honoring our senior most UMW members
Recognizing our up and coming leaders**

Music & Entertainment

Skits: A Legacy Carol

Door prizes

Contribution: \$18.69

Light refreshments to be served

For questions, comments contact: Daisy Farmer – 240.533.6448

Maryland Legislative Advocacy Day 2019



Baltimore-Washington Conference Advocacy & Action Network and United Methodist Women

Criminal Justice, Environmental Care, Family Health

Thursday, March 7

Advocacy Training, Issues Discussions, Office Visits with Legislators,
General Assembly Hearings

Wear RED!

8:30 AM: Gathering, Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM - 2 PM: Legislative Day Program Activities

Light Lunch/ Transport as needed to Lawyers' Mall

Asbury United Methodist Church

87 West Street

Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Rev. Dr. Carletta Allen, Pastor

Questions -- Linda Yost, president, BWCUMW, LJYost@verizon.net Make sure to bring your photo ID.

Registration Form – **deadline Mar 7th**

Name _____ Telephone _____

_____ email _____

County _____ Appointments will be made with your legislator on an issue of social concern.

Church _____

District _____

Option for 10 people to meet at State House at 9:30 to be recognized on the House/Senate floor.

Check if interested _____

Registration Fee: \$10. Send the Registration Form with the check made payable to BWC UMW to Judy Smith, 7628 17th St. NW, Washington, DC 20012.

EPWORTH HOUSE MISSION PROJECT COMMITTEE

**Of the
Baltimore-Washington Conference, United Methodist Women
Expanding Concepts of Mission at Wesley Theological Seminary**

ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

**Sponsored by the United Methodist Women of the
Greater Washington and the Washington East Districts**



**Theme: "A SISTERHOOD OF RAINBOWS"
"You are welcomed to wear attire of your heritage"**

HOLIDAY INN COLLEGE PARK

**10000 Baltimore Avenue
College Park, MD 20740**

Saturday, May 4, 2019 – 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Registration: Early Bird Donation is \$35.00 before April 12th.

After April 12th the Donation is \$40.00.

(The proceeds from this event will assist in sponsoring the current Missioner-in-Residence)

Name_____ Church_____

(List additional names on an attached sheet)

Please make check or money order payable to Epworth House

**Mail to: Jeanette M. Tolbert-Campbell, Treasurer
2711 Judith Avenue, Forestville, MD 20747**

If we can answer any questions please call:

Jeanette Campbell, 301-967-6577 or Gertrude White, 301-656-9116

- Please do not send cash. We regret we cannot accept walk-ins.**
- The church with the highest number of members from the eight Districts will be recognized.**

"The Epworth House Mission Project Committee," one of the eight BWC-UMW Projects, proudly introduces the 2019-2020, Missioner-in-Residence, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC.

Esther Inuwa



Esther Inuwa is a second semester student at Wesley Theological Seminary. She is also an ordained Deacon with the United Methodist Church in Nigeria. She served with Kunini Charge of Eugene Wesley District of the Southern Nigeria Annual Conference of the Nigeria Episcopal Area prior to coming to Wesley. Esther is a graduate of West Africa Theological Seminary (WATS) Lagos, Nigeria where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Theology 2013, and a graduate of Banyam Theological Seminary, Bambur, Nigeria where she obtained a certificate in Methodism in 2017.

As the pastor in a local church in Kunini, Nigeria, Esther established a primary (Elementary) school in that community where most of the children enrolled are orphans from the victims of wars and diseases. Many students pay less than the typical fees, while some are sponsored by good Samaritans that Esther recruited. Esther believes, "In this way I am contributing my part to these children educational and spiritually, which has been my passion goal to children in various mission fields in which I have worked."

Esther is grateful to the Epworth House women who are part of her journey in obtaining a quality education at Wesley Theological Seminary which will enhance her knowledge and abilities in the areas of education, youth and young adult ministry,

leadership development, and especially women's ministry. Esther says as a woman, "it is my passion to represent women in the area of theological education in my country because women have been put aside mostly in this area." She also hopes to teach in seminaries which train effective leaders for the church and the society at large.

All local unit requests for Esther to speak or greet should be directed to
Korla Frye, E&I Coordinator, Epworth House Committee:
fryekorla@ymail.com, phone: 301-333-9257.

Gertrude White, President

Susan Howes, Vice President"

Any questions please call 301-656-9116



**Baltimore-Washington
Conference
United Methodist Women
Spiritual Retreat**

*Embracing
Wholeness*

Saturday, June 8, 2019

10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Registration Begins at 9:30 AM

\$20 per person

Manidokan Camp and Retreat Center

1600 Harpers Ferry Rd Knoxville, MD 21758

Questions? Rita Green 301-330-9828 (please leave a message)

**Send registrations to: Sabrina White; 2042 Knotty Pine Dr.; Abingdon, MD
21009**

****RSVP by May 25th**

Make checks payable to: BWC United Methodist Women

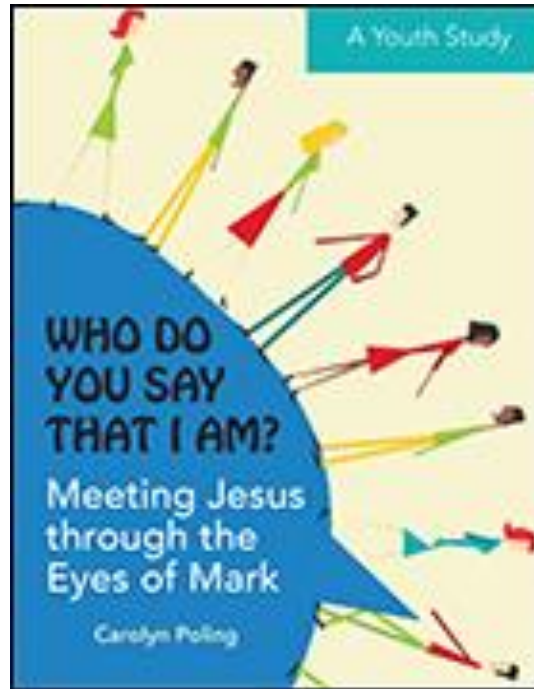
Name	Church	Any dietary restrictions
*(contact)		

Order Info: _____ **Tickets x \$20.00** **Total Enclosed:** _____

Contact Information: Phone _____ email _____

Youth (girls & boys) grades 7-12*

Join United Methodist Women at Mission u 2019!



July
26-28, 2019

**Be inspired. Be challenged. Respond to God's call.
Participate in compassionate mission service**

**Spend a weekend at the lovely Bethesda Marriott Hotel
5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814**

For registration and additional information contact:

Youth Dean – Sharon Milton: law2be@hotmail.com	301-404-6628
Assistant Youth Dean – Willa Kynard: MSK3334@yahoo.com	202-716-8898
Adult Dean – Elizabeth M. Stemley: estemley1190@comcast.net	443-850-8544
Registrar – Rita Green: ritamgreen@hotmail.com	301-330-9828

BWCUMC.ORG/MINISTRIES/ABUNDANT-HEALTH/MISSIONU

*All youth must have a chaperone attending Mission u and a signed consent form

Mission u is sponsored by the Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women and Board of Global Ministries

Baltimore-Washington Conference Mission u Registration Form
 Check the Baltimore-Washington Conference Website for details regarding 2019 Mission u at
Bwcumc.org/ministries/abundant-health/missionu

Friday, July 26-Sunday, July 28, 2019

mail to Rita Green, Registrar, 12410 Fellowship Ln, Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Seventy-five dollars of every attendee's registration is non-refundable.

Questions? Email Rita at ritamgreen5@gmail.com or call 301-330-9828 leave message.

Youth must have a chaperone* attending Mission u

Name: _____ (Grade _____)

Telephone: _____

Address _____
Street or post office box

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

e-mail: _____
 (an email is needed to send confirmation)

Church: _____
Name District

In case of emergency, notify

Name Relationship Phone number

Allergies/Special Needs?

Room Choice: double ____ triple ____ quad ____
 commuter ____

List Roommate/s below. All roommates should mail forms together

Name: _____ youth grade: ____

Name: _____ youth grade: ____

Name: _____ youth grade: ____

Chaperone _____

YOUTH MEALS & ACCOMMODATIONS

Meal Plan: 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners.

Commuters receive 3 lunches and 2 dinners.

Rooms	Received before 6-20-2019	Received 6-21-2019 thru 6-22-2019
Double (2 in a room)	\$275	\$290
Triple (3 in a room)	\$240	\$255
Quad (4 in a room)	\$225	\$240
Commuter rate	\$135	\$155

These are per person costs. Roommates should send forms together.

Consent Form

To attend and participate in activities sponsored by MISSION u /Youth School July 26-28, 2019. We (I) authorize an adult in whose care the minor has been entrusted, to consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical or dental diagnosis or treatment and hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under general or special supervision and on the advise of any physician or dentist licensed under the provision of the Medical Practice Act on the medical staff of a licensed hospital, whether such diagnosis or tretment is rendered at the office of said physician or at said hospital. The undersigned shall be liable and agree(s) to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection withsuch medical and dental services rendered to the aforementioned child pursuant to the authorization. Should it be necessary for our (my) child to return home due to medical reasons, or otherwise, the undersigned shall assume all transportation costs. The undersigned does also hereby give permission for our (my) child to ride in any vehicle designated by the adult in whose care the minor has been entrusted while attending and participating in activities sponsored by MISSION u. I consent to the use of my child's image or voice in photographs, audio and/or video recordings taken during the course of the event for the purpose of promoting MISSION u.

Insurance ____Yes ____No

Insurance Company _____

Policy # _____

Allergies _____

Medical Conditions _____

Youth Partricipant signature _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Emergency Contact Name and phone _____

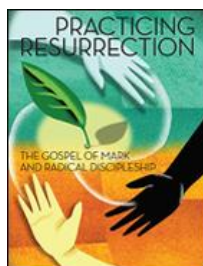
Email _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____

Separate registrations are required for each person.

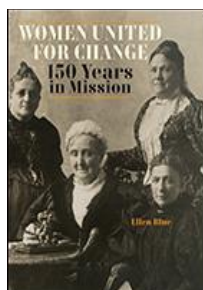
WELCOME

Come join the Global Board of Ministries and the United Methodist Women for Spiritual Growth and to expand your knowledge and concepts of mission. The 2019 studies are:



Practicing Resurrection

This study explores what it means to live a life of radical discipleship today using the Gospel of Mark as the foundation. This will be the



Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission

This study is the first in a two-year study commemorating United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary in 2019. It will provide a historical survey of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations.



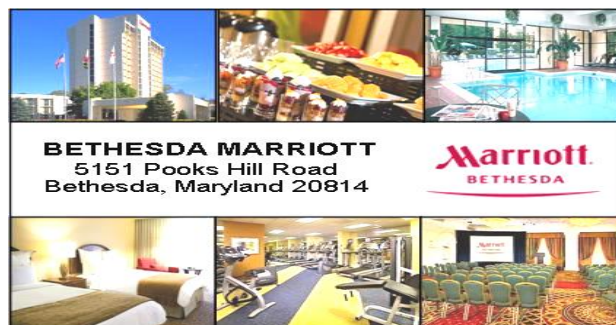
What About Our Money?

The focus of this study is both personal and communal. We will explore our own relationship with money, the money choices available to us, and how we individually and collectively respond to economic inequalities in light of our faith.

Study books should be ordered in advance from

www.missionresources.org

REGISTRATION / MEAL INFO.



Registration begins at 10 AM on Friday, July 26. Opening worship will begin at 12:30 PM with the first class to follow. The MISSION u event will conclude around 2:30 PM on Sunday, July 28.

MEALS AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Meal Plan: 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners.

Commuters receive 3 lunches and 2 dinners.

Rooms	Postmarked before 6-1-2019	Postmarked after 6-2-2019 thru 6-22-2019
Single (1 person)	\$480	\$495
Double (2 in a room)	\$370	\$390
Triple (3 in a room)	\$335	\$355
Quad (4 in a room)	\$320	\$340
Commuter rate	\$230	\$250

Included in the cost is a \$95 non-refundable registration fee.

No registrations accepted or refunds given after 6-22-2019

The above costs are for EACH PERSON sharing a room.

The School **will not** assign roommates. Separate registration forms are required for each person.

Roommates should send information together.

Include payment in full with check payable to "Mission u" and send to: Rita Green 12410 Fellowship Ln, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 Questions? Contact Rita at 301-330-9828 (leave a message)

or ritamgreen5@gmail.com

See Registration Form on Next Page.

REGISTRATION

CAN REGISTER ONLINE AT:

[HTTP://TINY.CC/MISSIONU2019](http://tiny.cc/missionu2019)

Or - Please complete each line. An email address is needed to send confirmation.

NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL

DISTRICT

Select one of the studies below

___ Women United for Change -- or --

___ What about our Money

Room Choice

___ single ___ double ___ triple ___ quad

___ commuter

Health/Dietary Concerns

Additional Needs

___ Interpreter ___ Sign ___ Language

___ Tactile ___ Mobility

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ Ck # _____

ROOMMATE (s)

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Fellowship Ln, Gaithersburg, MD 20878
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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SIDE

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Youth chaperone _____

Name of Youth _____

Christian educator _____

Member of Missions/Outreach for local church,
District or Conference? Yes ___ No ___

Laity ___ Clergy ___ Female ___ Male ___

1ST TIME TO MISSION U? Yes ___ No ___

United Methodist Woman? Yes ___ No ___

If an officer, list position _____

Are you applying for CEU's? Yes ___ No ___

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JULY 26-28, 2019

THE BETHESDA MARRIOTT

5151 Pooks Hill Road
Bethesda, MD 20814

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Women

and

Conference Board of Global
Ministries

Mission u events also include:

- Worship & singing
- Interest Groups around current issues
- Mission Projects
- Audiovisual presentations
- Fellowship events
- Participate in current mission studies

**Be inspired. Be
challenged.**

Respond to God's call.

**Continue the powerful
legacy of
compassionate service
and passionate
advocacy**

ALL ARE WELCOME

Youth should
complete the
registration form for
youth