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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN--

*turning faith, hope, and love into action for women, children, and youth
around the world.*

**“Lord prepare me, to be a Sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and
true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for you.”**

Greetings to my Sisters in Christ,

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

In order to be whole persons through Jesus Christ, we must draw near to God and listen to that gentle whisper (1 Kings 19:12; NIV) and also get to know ourselves. If we look deep inside of us, we will see there is a struggle going on within of unforgiveness. We look around us and see a troubled, struggling world filled with confusion, natural catastrophes, and war. In order to carry God's light into the world, we must find peace within, to then share without. Take the log out of our own eyes, before we try to take the splinter out of our neighbor's eye. I am reminded of the song, “Let There Be Peace on Earth,” and let it begin with me. During the springtime, we give our houses a thorough cleaning. Let us ask God to help us deal with the cobwebs of our past and make us clean and whole, so that we can welcome others in and help us to be a living sanctuary for God.

Women's Division Proposes Becoming “Structurally Separate, Missionally Connected” to Global Ministries. Harriett Olson of the Women's Division, stated in a recent article concerning the proposal to restructure the UMW, “This plan 'will strengthen United Methodist Women's identification with our work in the world and will enhance our strong witness in the church and the world.'”

Our United Methodist Women are accomplishing a lot in our local and global ministries. We are making a difference in the world! It is my understanding that this proposal to restructure will give us more voices at the table and more flexibility in our organizational structure. We will be able to continue as we are doing things now at the Conference, District, and Local Levels, but we will be permitted to function with less officers if we desire, as long as we have at least a President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Often we are first responders in times of crises. I attended training in Nashville, Tennessee this year, where Harriett Olson told how they had already sent representatives from the UMW to Japan to give aid. Also, at this meeting, a missionary from Japan spoke on her experience as the earthquake hit. With a membership of over 800,000 women, united as one, our continued efforts to come along side of and feed, clothe, educate, and show God's unconditional love to the needy, especially the women, children, and youth, is paramount. And I believe equally as important is our legislative advocacy, to try to stop the abuses at their source. As you may know, this year we are focusing especially in the area of Human Trafficking, Immigration, and Domestic Violence. Our UMW organization is a vibrant, active gift from God to be a blessing to us and to others. Look at our new web site: bwcumw.org and be blessed! Peace and joy, Nancy M. Randers-Pehrson, President

Vice Presidents

Ladies, you have survived the first half of the year. Your plans for events (Prayer Breakfast, Leadership Training, Spring Meeting, etc) went better than you thought it would. Why? Good planning and organization! You used the Handbook 2009-2012 (section heading: Program Planning pages 117-134) that outlines what is needed for any type of program. United Methodist Women engages in a process of Study, Action and Reflection that is centered on the PURPOSE and surrounded by worship (page 117).

Before the program takes place, gather the Program Committee (you are the chairperson) and discuss the goals

of each program. As discussions are taking place use the Action Plan Form (p.119) to outline the entire event. Include everything needed for the event (place, speaker, worship, publicity, music, rooms, microphone, audio-visuals, materials, tables, food, etc). Be sure to plan for each event at least 6-12 months in advance to cut down on rushing at the last minute. You need time to line up popular speakers (their calendars fill up sometimes a year in advance). Use beginning and end dates for each line item. Be sure to give enough time to complete all the details before the program or event. Remember to review evaluations from past programs to improve on future programs.

United Methodist Women be-

lieve in TEAM work! The entire team works together for all successful programs or events. Thank you for your continued interest and dedication to the work of United Methodist Women.

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Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator

Greetings and Glad Tidings to the women of the Baltimore-Washington Conference,

Happy Spring and God's blessings to you!

Thank you to the district Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Coordinators, (MNO's), Presidents, and others who participated in submitting the count of the women in your United Methodist Women's units. If the count of your unit or district has not been submitted or is incomplete, it is needed immediately. The Women's Division is requesting that we submit as accurate a count as possible. District MNO's should submit updated counts, if available, as soon as possible. Please send updated information by email to me at

wjbjackson@att.net.

If you are in need of a good source for information about United Methodist Women membership, the United Methodist Women's link under the United Methodist Church website is recommended. After logging on to **umc.org** website enter **United Methodist Women** in the **search window**. If a list appears, choose the first one, **United Methodist Women – UMC.org**. From this site you can select any one of the tabs at the top of the page to learn more about United Methodist Women and how to join and connect through various media. Here, too, is where the reading list and other resources can be found such as various versions of the UMW symbol and how it should be printed and used. There is also information about forming a new unit. Video and

photo galleries are available on this site. I am sure you will find the site useful individually as well as for group presentation.

I look forward to seeing many of the Baltimore-Washington United Methodist Women at the Cooperative School of Mission in Hagerstown in July. Our study topics and Bible study promise to be educational, engaging and spirit lifting.

Peace, Joy, and God's Grace to us,

W. Jean Jackson

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"Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding."

Romans 14:19

It's a no-brainer! Sign up for We-Care.com to help Susanna Wesley House!



It's the absolute easiest way to support Susanna Wesley House! One simple download to each computer you shop from will automatically (and securely) allow a percentage of your purchase to benefit Susanna Wesley House every time you shop at a participating

merchant - at no additional cost to you! Simply go to www.SusannaWesley.We-Care.com/Start to get started. It only takes a minute and costs nothing. Susanna Wesley House will receive a check every month with all of the participating donations. It doesn't work if you don't sign up, though, so [click here now](#) to get started helping homeless women and children today!

Spiritual Growth

***Peace, Peace, to the far and the near,
says the Lord:***

Finding Peace is the theme for United Methodist Women 2011 Program Book.....with so much unrest in the world, finding peace is important as Christian women. Our personal lives and relationships are also sometimes less than peaceful - filled with busyness, disruption, disagreements and other unsettled emotions, how do Christian women find peace? What can we learn from each other, How can we develop a deeper spiritual practice that will help us find peace?

The program book writers bring a variety of experiences and outlooks that can be adapted to fit your United Methodist Women program/ activities as well as circle meetings. ***Finding Peace*** offers a variety of experiences for Bible studies, mission encounters and special programs useful in learning and experiencing more about our relationship to God through our personal experiences, our relationships with each other and our mission work.

(Some excerpts from program book)



*If you plan to attend School of Christian, (SOCM) July 22-July 24, 2011, Clarion Hotel, MD, I could use your help with communion and setting up worship centers. The **Spiritual Growth** study is *The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation*; you may want to purchase the study book "**the journey**", by Stephanie Hixon & Thomas Porter prior to SOCM. I hope to see you soon!*

In His Service

Jane Grays

Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator

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Nomination Committee

Prospective Leadership Talent sheet forms:

We need every United Methodist Women to fill out the form. If you have filled out one since January, 2011, we have it on file. If you have not, please get one from your District President or pick up one at the Cooperative School of Christian Missions in Hagerstown. We need your input to keep the organization viable. Officers for 2011-2012 year are now being sought.

Next year is the Northeast Jurisdiction Meeting where we will elect the Directors for Women's Division. We will elect 3 delegates and an alternate at the Annual Meeting in October to go to the Jurisdiction meeting for the election. If you are interested in being a Women's Division Director please submit your name to the Conference Nominating Committee or your District President who will give the information to the Committee.

Mary Catherine Sencindiver

Chairperson of Nominations

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Education and Interpretation

Greetings,

I would like to encourage each President and Education and Interpretation Coordinator to use the Response Magazine articles in each of your meetings because there are many United Methodist Women who do not receive the Response. The Response is a great way to stay informed and kept up to date about our Mission. The articles do a wonderful job of telling our story. Encourage each member to order the Response.

I am sorry to inform you that the Hannah House is no longer a Baltimore Washington Conference project. The Hannah House closed its doors as of March 31, 2011. Any funds that were sent for the Hannah House project will be directed to our other projects, with the approval of the senders. We would like to thank those of you that have supported them.

Our Conference projects are as follows ;

Scholarship Fund, United Methodist Women Contact Person: Linda Yost, 410-239-0429

Shenandoah Women's Center. Inc. Contact Person: Ann K. D. Smith, Executive Director 304-263-8292

The Shepherd's Staff Contact Person: Kathryn Brown, Executive Director, 410-857-5944

Susanna Wesley House: Contact Person Cynthia Taylor, 443-394-8840

YWCA Domestic Violence Counseling and Safe House: Contact Person : Molly Knipe, 410-626-7800

Baltimore Parish Works Contact Person: Barbara Daniel, President 410-922-1235

Epworth House Mission Project Wesley Theological Seminary Contact Person Ethel Watson, 301-420-4288

Family Crisis Resource Center. Inc. Contact Person Taness Cline, 301-759-9244

Montgomery Avenue Women's Center Contact Person Andra Cannon, 301-964-7765

I encourage each District and Local UMW units to visit our projects. Just call the contact person and arrange a visit, they will be very happy to see you.

Our jobs as Education and Interpretation is to assist our members in understanding the UMW organization, and to explain it to others. Each E&I person needs to have a copy of the Hand Book 2009-2012 UMW. Make sure you read the Constitution and the Bylaws.

Thank you for all that you are doing. If you need me just call 202-716-8898.

Peace,

Willa Kynard



A Message from your Treasurer.....Darlene H. Bowles dhbsunset@verizon.net

Greetings on this beautiful spring day. We are all so blessed and because of our blessings we give to others wherever they may be. The Baltimore Washington Conference UMW has taken on the project in Haiti called "Coins for Cholera". All money received will be sent for **Haiti Emergency Relief for Cholera Prevention**. When a local UMW unit takes up an offering for this cause, the unit will send a check for the amount collected to her District treasurer marked with the **#418325 for Cholera** on the check. The District treasurer will in turn send a check to the Conference treasurer marked the same way. We will announce the totals from each district at our annual meeting in Oct.

We have received the following amounts from the Districts for their Mission Giving, Conference Projects and Designated Gifts as of May 15, 2011.

Annapolis	\$ 8,166.58
Baltimore Metropolitan	\$ 7,263.15
Baltimore Suburban	\$17,217.59
Central Maryland	\$ 8,803.40
Cumberland- Hagerstown	\$ 5,457.91
Frederick	\$ 7,427.10
Greater Washington	\$12,003.07
Washington East	\$ 8,864.75

Thank you for all that you do through United Methodist Women to reach out to other women, children and youth through prayer, education and financial support.

Studies for the Cooperative School of Christian Mission for 2011

Spiritual Growth Study – "Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation

Global Study – "Haiti

Issue Study – "Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity"



Secretary of Program Resources

TIPS FOR HANDLING CONSIGNMENT ORDERS – DISTRICT PROGRAM RESOURCE SECRETARIES

Greetings to all my sister Program Resource Secretaries! Now after experiencing the **Consignment** process for ordering books and materials from the Mission Resource Center, I have come up with some tips that should be helpful in streamlining this whole process and eliminating any headaches (hopefully!)

1. Order all books and materials around **SIX WEEKS** before your event. Then if you don't receive everything you order, you have time to call the Resource Center to let them know and they will usually send what you need on time.
2. **ALWAYS** check your order when you receive it.
3. If you don't have one, purchase a small hand cart/luggage carrier to transport the boxes of books. Lots of times it can be quite a distance from your car to the set-up area. (You can ask for reimbursement, provided you plan to pass the cart along to your successor.)
4. **ARRIVE EARLY ENOUGH AT YOUR EVENT TO HAVE EVERYTHING SET UP AND READY WHEN THE FIRST PARTICIPANTS ARRIVE. YOU WILL INCREASE YOUR SALES AND HAVE A CHANCE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.**
5. Decorate your table with colorful and attractive tablecloths or fabric.
6. Create eye-catching signs for the different Reading categories, School of Christian Mission study books, and Officer supplies.
7. Have prices visible on all items. Post-it notes are OK. If you buy labels, use only the **REMOVABLE** ones, as the permanent ones can cause damage when you have to take them off to send materials back to the Center. You will be charged for any damaged materials.
8. Physically separate and label all the free materials from those you are selling.
9. Make sure you have asked your District Treasurer ahead of time for start-up cash. Folks tend to have a lot of twenty dollar bills with them! You will also need some quarters, dimes and nickels.
10. Remember to have a calculator and cash box with you.
11. All checks are to be made out to "Mission Resource Center".
12. If someone says, "I'll be right back with the money," keep the books with you until the cash or check is in your hands.
13. Folks often ask for bags for their purchases. If you're like me, you have a surplus of plastic grocery bags. These do just fine, especially if it is raining.
14. Make sure you have your two copies of the Daily Accounting Form with you so that you and your Treasurer can complete them at the end of your event. This form is fairly straightforward but requires a **very detailed** listing of all currency, coin and checks. The Treasurer has only **ONE** week after the date of your event to send sales remittance and the Accounting Form back to the Center.
15. Even though the Center allows you **30 days** to return the unsold materials, my advice is to send them back within the first week after your event. Keep those headaches at a minimum!
16. The Mission Resource Center sends UPS return labels. Find your most convenient UPS location and drop off those boxes. Check out Staples. My local Staples has UPS shipment available.

I'm sure I've forgotten something, so if you have any questions, just email me at LJYost@verizon.net or call me at 410-239-0429. Until we meet again, **HAPPY READING!**

Blessings,
Linda S. Yost,
Conference UMW Secretary of Program Resources

Social Action Update

Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD) 2011, Washington, DC

I was one of over 700 persons from the national faith community who gathered at the Double Tree Hotel, Crystal City, VA, March 25-28, 2011, to discuss and share experiences on domestic and international security, development, and economic justice, with a focus on impacts on women. EAD is sponsored by many national faith-based organizations, including the United Methodist Church, and the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries.

EAD 2011 included many provocative discussions and presentations. Spirit-filled worship services and plenary sessions helped to unify our thoughts on justice-related responsibilities within the world community. Advocacy was a recurring theme in workshop sessions and in jurisdiction and state workgroup breakouts. The eight workshop areas included Africa, Asia-Pacific, Domestic United States, Global Economic Justice, Latin America, Eco-Justice, Middle East, and Peace and Global Security. We spent the final day on Capitol Hill visiting legislators to gain support for several legislative initiatives. And, we ended EAD 2011 on Capitol Hill in a prayer vigil to bring attention to issues with the proposed federal budget cuts.

It is well-known that women are often exposed to some of society's worse ills. They suffer impacts of various global challenges resulting from climate change, food insecurity, natural disasters, and the like. In some settings, they endure genital mutilation and child marriages. The world's billion hungry people are mainly women and children. Women experience inordinate amounts of sexual and physical abuse, not to mention the huge impacts of human and sex trafficking, and undocumented immigration. We note that the role of women has begun to change internationally as they use communications technology to connect with others globally, and begin to move into development areas within their countries. Even so, much remains to be done around the world to improve the status of women.

As members of the faith community, we must work to help resolve social justice issues everywhere. Our charge is to be the justice-centered focus for the poorest, most uneducated, unloved, and otherwise disadvantaged persons among us, who are too often women and children. We know that when women suffer, the entire community suffers!

Storytelling and relationship-building are critical to social justice advocacy activities. Successful advocates build coalitions and relationships with members of other advocacy organizations and interest groups; local, state, and national legislators; and community, national, and world leaders. Successful advocates also participate in public witness activities, e.g., rallies, prayer vigils, testimonials, and e-mail, letter writing, and other such campaigns to help influence the thoughts and actions of others.

Legislative advocacy for EAD 2011 focused on several initiatives and resources that serve poor and vulnerable persons among us. Specific legislative requests addressed in our visits with national legislators included:

(Social Action Update, cont.)

Re-authorize / fully-fund the Violence Against Women Act, and enact the International Violence Against Women Act

Fully fund, in the 2011 / 2012 national budgets, programs that serve women and families at or above FY 2010 levels

Support forgiveness of debt to the US of underdeveloped nations to enable them to improve services / communities for their own citizens and residents.

Women are the glue that holds families and communities together. Secretary Clinton has said, when women receive needed help and support, "they flourish, their children flourish, and so does the greater community." EAD 2011 was a dynamic and information filled annual event. Perhaps you will consider attending in 2012! A more detailed article on Ecumenical Advocacy Days 2011 is posted on the United Methodist Women's web page at bwcumw.org and on UMWOnline.

Announcements

UN Seminar 2011: Please note the new dates for this year's Seminar trip: Sunday, Nov 20 - Tuesday, Nov 22, 2011. Check out the new, low, Early Bird Rates in the Flyer in this edition! And, please remember to REGISTER EARLY.

Maryland Legislative Advocacy Day 2012: Additional information will be forthcoming.

Ann Price, Social Action Coordinator

Save the Date for our Annual Fundraiser: Saturday, September 17, 2011

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 17, 2011

11:30am - 2pm

Inspired To Serve, 2011

Susanna Wesley House Annual Fundraising Event

Luncheon & Program, Silent Auction,

Door Prizes, Nearly New Sale

Susanna Wesley House will hold its annual fundraising luncheon event, *Inspired to Serve*, on Saturday, September 17, 2011 from 11:30am - 2:00pm at the beautiful new Mission Center of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, United Methodist Church, located about 5 miles south of the Mall in Columbia. [Click here](#) for directions.

[Click here for more information...](#)

Be inspired by speaker **Sabrina White**, President of the Northeast Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Women. While serving as Board President from 2001-2003, Sabrina was instrumental in implementing (and renovating for) our current model of assisting homeless women and children attain independence and self-sufficiency. Don't miss this opportunity to hear Sabrina share her unique story of a life motivated by, and inspired to, service to others. Seating is limited, and the event is expected to sell out quickly, so order your tickets today! All proceeds support the mission of Susanna Wesley House.



Sabrina White will be the guest speaker at Inspired to Serve, 2011.

The Blanche Powell Memorial United Nations Seminar

About Blanche Powell:

Blanche Powell was a member of the United Methodist Women with a passion for justice for all. She had an open, passionate view of the United Nations as a workable hope for peace, and was thoroughly committed to the UN and to the will of God. She became a Women's Division Director and was a United Nations' interpreter for the Women's Division, as well. With roots in the Women's Society for Christian Service in the Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church, Ms. Powell served as a mission team member at every level of the United Methodist Women's organization. She was an outstanding elder stateswoman within the Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women. Today, Blanche Powell continues to stand as an exemplary role model for women all over the world.

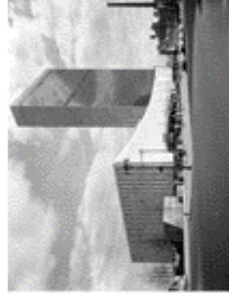
2011 UN Seminar Committee:

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Sabrina White, Consultant
(President, NE Jurisdiction UMW and Women's Division Director)

Baltimore-Washington Conference
United Methodist Women

President, Nancy Randers-Pehrson
(443) 866-7263



New York, here we come!

Let's begin the 2011 holiday season in New York City! We will have exciting opportunities to:

- Tour the UN Building
- See a Sunday 2011 Radio City Music Hall Christmas or Broadway Show Mainee
- Also, enjoy the Radio City Music Hall 2011 Christmas Show on Sunday or Monday Evening
- Go Holiday Shopping
- Go Sightseeing in "The Big Apple"
- and, participate in UN Seminar 2011, to return on Tuesday, Nov 22nd to prepare for Thursday's Thanksgiving festivities!

Information for Bus Pick-up:

The bus departs promptly at 7:30 AM Sunday, November 20th, from Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 5602 Johnnyzake Road, Baltimore, MD 21207 (Rte 40 and Johnnyzake Road). The approximate return arrival time for the bus in Baltimore on Tuesday, November, 22nd, 7:30 PM. For door to door directions, use your GPS or MapQuest on-line. Additional directions will be provided to you when your registration is confirmed.

2011 Blanche Powell Memorial United Nations Seminar

**Sponsored by the Baltimore-
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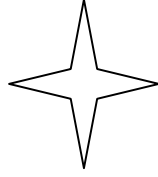
**Sunday, November 20, 2011 -
Tuesday, November 22, 2011**

**The Millennium UN Plaza Hotel
One United Nations Plaza
New York, New York**

**United Methodist Seminars
The Church Center for the United Nations
777 UN Plaza, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10017
Phone: (212) 682-3633
Fax: (212) 682-5354**

Welcome

Clergy and Laity, men and women, young adults and youth, are invited to attend the Baltimore-Washington Conference Seminar on international issues sponsored by United Methodist Women. This year's Seminar is about yet another one of today's most pervasive and pressing social justice issues, violence and abuse against women and children worldwide. The United Methodist Seminar Program on National and International Affairs is a joint program of the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) and the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS).



2011 Seminar Topic:

"A Domestic and Global Challenge: Violence and Abuse Against Women and Children"

If you need additional assistance, please contact:

Ann Price, 301-464-0602, Cell: 301-704-8686

or

Willa Kynard, 202-575-4142, Cell: 202-716-8898

ACCOMMODATIONS AND FEES

Included in the cost is a \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee. The fees include hotel costs, UN Seminar fee, bus transportation, hotel portage, and baggage storage for late checkouts, with a **One Bag Maximum**, per person.

****Note our lower early bird rates this year!***

(Early Bird: By Oct 04) Oct 05 - Oct 24		
Double (2 in a room)	\$265.00	\$305.00
Triple (3 in a room)	\$242.00	\$282.00
Quad (4 in a room)	\$230.00	\$270.00

The single room fee is available upon request.

Note: The above costs are to be paid by **each person** sharing a room.

Also, the Committee cannot be responsible for assigning roommates. Persons sharing a room must identify roommate(s) on the registration form. ***Separate registration forms are required for each person.*** Roommates should send their forms together.

(Please do not contact the Hotel directly.)

Make all checks payable to: BWC UMW and send to:

Darlene Bowles, Treasurer
4921 Morning Glory Court
Rockville, MD 20853

**** Registration confirmation will be forwarded with information on the Seminar after your registration and payment are received.**

UN SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone (Home) _____ / (Cell) _____

FAX _____

E-Mail _____

Church _____

District _____

ROOM CHOICE: _____ Single _____ Double
_____ Triple _____ Quad

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ CK# _____

ROOMMATE (S): _____

STATISTICAL INFORMATION:

Laity _____ Clergy _____ Female _____ Male _____ Youth _____

First time for UN Seminar? Yes _____ No _____

United Methodist Woman? Yes _____ No _____

GREATER WASHINGTON DISTRICT

The GWD Annual Prayer Breakfast was held on May 14, 2011 at Good Hope Union UMC, Silver Spring, MD. Approximately 165 persons attended. Rev. Dr. Louis Shockley, pastor of Asbury UMC, Washington brought a dynamic message on ‘Wrestling with the Demons of Peace.’ Guest soloist, Adrienne D. Neal, soprano, sang “Eternal Life” and “Let There Be Peace on Earth.” Adrienne was accompanied by Everett P. Williams, Jr., Director of Music and Worship Arts, Asbury UMC.

The GWD Local Officer Training for year 2012, will be held early this year on December 3, 2011 at Metropolitan Memorial UM Church, Washington, DC.

REPORT—WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST AND UNITING CHURCH WOMEN

Combined States Meeting

March 12, 2011—Union Wesley AMEZ Church

I was honored to represent the Greater Washington District and our President, Mrs. Gertrude White, at the Annual Meeting of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women’s Annual Combined States (DC, Maryland and Virginia) meeting, which was held at Union Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Washington, DC. There were approximately 60 -70 women present (and one man that I saw) from African Methodist Episcopal (AME), African Methodist Episcopal Zion (AMEZ), Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) and United Methodist Churches (UMC) throughout the Washington Area, although the majority of congregations represented are located in DC. As far as I know, I was the only UMW member at the meeting.

The meeting consisted of continental breakfast, singing, a Bible Study, presentations on two of the social justice issues that the Federation has adopted—**World Hunger** and **Universal Education**, and prayers from each of the faith groups represented. I was asked to give the opening prayer and one of the closing prayers. The Bible study was presented by a CME pastor, who is on staff at a local church and at Providence Hospital. The presentation on world hunger was given by Marco Grimaldo, a staff member of Bread for the World, and included a powerful video about this year’s Offering of Letters. The education presentation was given by an officer of the Federation who was filling in for a representative from UNICEF, who was unable to attend.

Because the meeting took place on the morning after the devastating earthquake and Tsunami in Japan, the victims and survivors and the communities affected were prominent in our prayers, as well as the social justice issues that were being highlighted at the meeting.

The information presented was solid and educational, the Christian Sisterhood shared was energizing and the power of women uniting in prayer was palpable. I would encourage our district to send a larger contingent to the next meeting.

---Respectfully Submitted, Deaconess Shelly Owen
Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth, Greater Washington District UMW

Gertrude White, President
Greater Washington District

Central Maryland District

May, 2011

We are buzzin with activity in the CMD making prayer shawls, going on trips, hosting information sessions on human trafficking and Haiti, and having prayer breakfasts.

- As part of Fairhaven UMW's prayer shawl ministry, a group traveled from Gaithersburg to Columbia to shop at a craft store for more yarn (among other things) and of course, stopped for lunch to share a meal together.
- The UMW of Bethany in Ellicott City are on a bus trip touring the southeast U.S. The trip serves as a fund raiser for the unit and a great social outing. Many senior citizens go on their trips and I understand it is a great way to keep them involved in UMW.
- Christ UMW of Ellicott City hosted a very informative event on Human Trafficking.
- Trinity of Germantown, hosted an informative session on and raised funds for Haiti.
- Goshen UMW of Gaithersburg sponsored a wonderful prayer breakfast in April.
- In May the district held our annual prayer breakfast along with a training session in the afternoon. Our theme was "Sowing Seeds of Faith, Hope and Love," and it was held at Epworth UMC in Gaithersburg. The music was provided by the Gospel Choir from Goshen UMC and our speaker was Ambassador Blango Ross from Strawbridge UMC. Our Epworth hosts provided an outstanding breakfast. We took up an offering for Haiti. Our new directories were distributed to unit presidents at the breakfast. An officer training session was scheduled for the afternoon. Unfortunately, not many stayed for training. Many thanks to Linda Yost for attending and handling all of our program resources sales. Also thanks to Zilpha Pinkney for coming prepared to train Communications Coordinators.

Future plans include distributing the remainder of the directories, visiting more churches, contacting the new pastors on our district, and attending School of Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Green, President

CMD- B.E.E.S.

Bless Encourage Enjoy Share



Washington East District

As the Newsletter is going to press, the 2011 Annual Prayer Breakfast will be held at Metropolitan-Indian Head Cooperative Parish on Saturday, May 21, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The speaker is Pastor Mandy Sayers who is Associate Pastor of Covenant Point-Lakeside Cooperative Parish. Entertainment will be provided by students from the Duke Ellington School of the Performing Arts.

Spring is a time for reflection, renewal, regeneration, and reorganization. This is so true with the Washington East District! We are proud and excited that several churches have started new units or reorganized. We want to welcome and embrace the new unit at Indian Head UMC! We also want to wrap our arms around Zion UMC, Carroll Western, and Bells who reorganized their units. Welcome, welcome, welcome!

On Saturday, March 26 we held our Mission Team meeting at the home of the reformed unit of Carroll Western. We thank them for providing such a warm and welcoming environment for us to meet. A lot was accomplished and the women were so grateful to gain a better understanding of how the organization conducted business. We also thank Pastor Barnes for his continued support and for allowing us to come into his house and sup.

On Saturday, April 16, 2011, the WED held Officer Training at Bells with over 30 in attendance. Our thanks to Edith Williams, the Conference past President, Linda Yost (Program Resources), and Jane Grays (Spiritual Growth) for supporting our training efforts. Although it was pouring rain that morning, inside Bells the sun was shining brightly!

This is the time of year when United Methodist Women's Day programs are taking place. Grace UMC in Fort Washington celebrated with a luncheon and play on Saturday, March 19 and at their 8:00 a.m. service where our own Vice President Karmalita Contee-Borders delivered the message, followed by a rousing message from Rev. Mary Brown Oliver at the 10:45 a.m. service. On Sunday, March 28, Union UMC in Upper Marlboro held their Women's Day program at the 11:00 a.m. service.

On May 14, Westphalia held its United Methodist Women's Day tea at Cora Rice Elementary School in Landover at 11:00 a.m. and Metropolitan UMC in Bryans Road held its Girlfriends Circle-Girl Chat Workshop. On Sunday May 15, Asbury UMC in Brandywine held its United Methodist Women's Day Celebration at its 11:00 a.m. service with Rev. Monique Smith, Associate Pastor, Full Gospel Church of the Lord's Missions International delivering the message and a Festival of Song with various groups at 3:30 p.m. I'm sure I've forgotten someone, but as we celebrate our mission successes, let us not forget to celebrate and support our Sisters in the local unit and try and get to some of these wonderful programs that lift up our Lord and Savior!

Knit one, pearl two... That's all I know about knitting, but thank you to all the wonderful crafters who provided the beautiful prayer shawls so that the Washington East District could meet the Conference request of each District!

Hopefully, we will see many of you at the Annual Conference!

Nona Colbert,

President of Washington East District

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Lay ___ Clergy ___ Female ___ Male ___ Youth ___

Youth coordinator _____

Christian educator _____

1ST TIME TO SOCM? Yes ___ No ___

United Methodist Woman? Yes ___ No ___

If an officer, list position _____

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

Would you be applying for CEU's? Yes ___ No ___
(To receive CEU's participant must attend all sessions for the complete school.)

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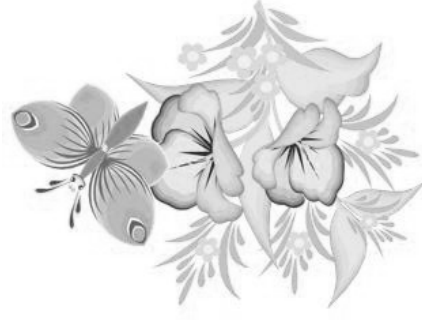


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Friday, July 22 10 am –
Sunday, July 24, 2011 3:30 pm

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HOTEL

901 DUAL HIGHWAY (RTE 40 W)
HAGERSTOWN, MD 21740
301-733-5100

WELCOME

Come join the Board of Global Ministries and United Methodist Women for spiritual growth and to expand your knowledge and concepts of mission.

STUDIES

Spiritual Growth: The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation

Geographic: Haiti

Social Issue: Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity

MEAL PLAN

two breakfasts
three lunches
two dinners

Commuters receive 3 lunches and 2 dinners.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration begins at 10 AM with the Opening Worship at 12:30.

No registrations will be accepted after June 15th
No refunds after July 1, 2011

ACCOMMODATIONS AND FEES

Included in the cost is a \$90 non-refundable registration fee

Rooms	Adults Before 6-1-11	Adults On or After 6-1-11
Single (one person)	385	410
Double (2 in a room)	295	315
Triple (3 in a room)	265	290
Quad (4 in a room)	250	275
Commuter rate	175	200

The above costs are for EACH PERSON sharing a room. The School is not responsible for assigning roommates. Separate registration forms are required for each person. Roommates should send forms together.

Include payment in full with check payable to BWC-SOCM and send to:

Dee McCrae
112 Bright Oaks Drive
Bel Air, MD 21015

Questions?
Contact Dee at 443-254-2083 or
darmccrae@yahoo.com

Please complete the following section and return to the registrar. Upon receipt of your registration and payment, confirmation will be forwarded to you with information concerning study books and other resources and where you may purchase them.

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

CHURCH / DISTRICT _____

Select Study

_____ Joy to the World _____ Haiti

Special needs and Health Concerns
Please be specific so that you may be accommodated. If you have difficulty walking, do not ask to be put near the elevators ... this requires additional walking. The hotel will take all of your concerns into consideration if they know precisely what your needs are. Thank you!

ROOM CHOICE: _____ single _____ double
_____ triple _____ quad _____ commuter

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ Ck # _____

ROOMMATE (s) _____

DO NOT FORGET TO COMPLETE THE **BACK** SIDE OF THIS FORM

Registration Instructions

To: Conference Presidents

Registration forms for the NEJ Quadrennial Meeting are now available. There will be 2 methods for UMW to obtain registration materials—listed below.

Conf. President---please enter your name and phone # and distribute (the cut off portion) at the bottom of this memo to your conference officers, district officers, and local UMW.

Encourage the conference officers, district officers and the local units to announce the methods of receiving registration materials and to “spread the news” of the Quadrennial Meeting:

- In their newsletters
- In their correspondence
- At their meetings during 2011
- Provide some registration packets at their district meetings
- On a display board
- On a bookmark/index card with the dates, location, and methods of obtaining registration materials
- E-blasts
- Websites—UMW and UMC
- On a flyer
- In all promotions
- On Facebook

Northeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting
Hershey Lodge—Hershey, PA
June 14-16, 2012
Come to the Party



How to receive a registration packet

- 1---Go to the NEJ website to find information and registration materials**
www.gb-gm-umc.org/nejumw/
Print and mail your registration or
Online registration will be available by the fall (Sept./Oct., 2011)
or
- 2---Contact your conference president to receive a paper packet**

Conference President

phone #

Program Participants:

Rev. Dr. Heather M. Elkins, Rev. Dr. Priscilla Pope-Levison, Bishop Peggy A. Johnson, Bishop Jane Allen Middleton, Harriett Olson--Deputy General Secretary of General Board of Global Ministries, Inelda Gonzalez--Women's Division President, Rev. Vance Ross, Bishop Thomas Bickerton

Special all day session for young women (ages 16-29)

Proposed Changes, What's Staying the Same, & The Proposed Advantages

Proposed changes:

The Women's Division will structurally separate from General Board of Global Ministries.

The title of "Women's Division" will become "United Methodist Women."

The board of directors will reduce its size from 50 to 25 members, with the task of fiduciary management.

A Program Advisory Group, composed of 70-80 members, will recommend programmatic policies to the Board of Directors.

The term "unit" will be replaced with "local organization of United Methodist Women."

Fewer officers will be required.

What's staying the same:

The PURPOSE.

The focus of United Methodist Women for women, children & youth.

The priority of social justice and advocacy work.

The streams and processes of funding United Methodist Women mission.

The main advantage: More flexibility.

The proposed reorganizing of the Women's Division Board of Directors and United Methodist Women leadership teams independently from GBGM means more flexibility to **grow in mission** with women, children and youth around the world.

More flexibility...

Enables mission teams at all levels to **organize how they best see fit** to fulfill the Purpose and do the work according to their community's, church's, and members' needs.

Enables your mission team to **remain the same** if your organizational structure is working for you.

Enables the Women's Division to **advocate more strategically** on behalf of women, children and youth within The United Methodist Church by moving from a division to an agency.

Enables the Women's Division to **broaden its priorities across the church** by working directly with other agencies through the General Secretaries' Table.

Enables United Methodist Women members from every Annual Conference **representation** on the Board of Directors and Program Advisory Group and thus **fuller participation** in the organization.

Keep in mind, these are proposals to be brought to General Conference in 2012, and we do not know what will result from the voting. Any changes will not be implemented officially until January 2013; however, the Women's Division will prepare for implementation following General Conference.