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

“Joy to the World, the Lord has Come!”

Greetings to my Sisters in Christ,
One of our studies this year at the Cooperative School of Christian Mission (CSOCM) was called, “Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity.” Jesus is our Joy! Jesus is our Hope! Jesus is our Savior! Having faith in Jesus gives us the strength and peace within to share his love with our neighbors in our communities and in our world.

Two women met together in Boston, Massachusetts, and shared their concerns for the unjust treatment of other women who lived in the far off land of India. From their compassion and love of neighbor, sharing their concerns with a group of four other women, began in 1869 what we now call The United Methodist Women. This seed of faith of 2 has grown into an 800,000-member organization of Christian women, united, with the purpose 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.

You see, God is reconciling the world through his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus has given us the great commission of spreading the Word to others. Jesus is the Word, the Gospel of John tells us, and the Bible is filled with words about the Word. It is all about Jesus and God's love for us. I encourage you to share with others your personal experiences, your stories of how you have seen God's love in your lives. (Ref: Rev. Ross, CSOCM.)

I was overwhelmed with your generous gifts of 85 prayer shawls to the BWC Annual Conference that were given to the delegates for the 2012 Jurisdictional and General Conference, the persons who were ordained, Zimbabwe guests, Bishop Schol and his wife, and the Ronald McDonald House; with your 15, 30-gal bags, of “flip flops for Haiti”; for your CSOCM offering for missions and for your on-going contributions to the “Coins for Haiti” project for the UMCOR Relief for the Prevention of Cholera. Please continue to help us and welcome other UMW organizations in local churches in your communities. If they don't have one already, please invite them to your meetings.
Faith and Peace, Nancy M. Randers-Pehrson, President.

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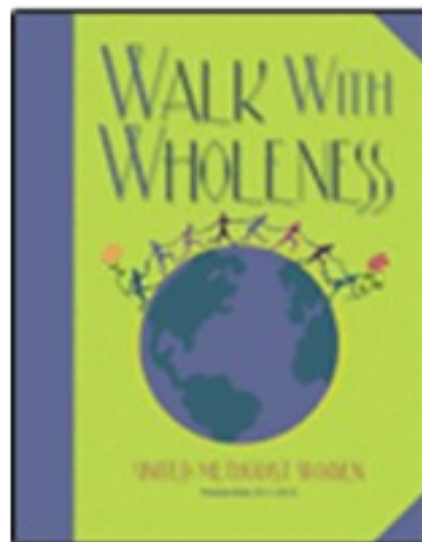
Fall is almost here and we are all preparing for the Fall Annual Meeting and Leadership Development (Training). The Fall Meeting is a time for celebration and fellowship. Yes, some business must take place (election of officers), but the main thing is to celebrate the accomplishments of the Districts. The high points of the meeting will include the Treasurer's Report (finding out the District did an outstanding job doing mission for women, children and youth!), Recognition of the Five Star and Mission Today Units, listening to Unit Mission stories, District Projects,

and seeing old and meeting new friends! You have planned for this event 6 months ago and cannot wait to see how everything turns out!

Always remember as the vice president, a major responsibility is to guide the Mission Team to focus on the needs of the District and develop a program to enhance it. Every program should give the participant an “AHA” moment (time of discovery). It takes a lot of teamwork, but it can be done!

Thanks for you continued commitment and diligence in helping the Districts be successful in keeping with the UMW theme: Faith, Hope, Love in Action!

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Nominations

1. The process for securing members of the National Organization of United Methodist Women for 2012-2016 is attachment 1 and the Slate of Officers for the Mission Team, the Nominations Committee and the Charter for Racial Justice.
2. Answering the Call Young Women's event will take place in 2012, see attachment 2.
3. Thank you to all who filled out the Talent sheets while at the Cooperative School of Christian Mission. **IF** you have not filled out a form in 2011, please get the form from your District President or e-mail the Chairperson of Nominations (msencindiver@frontier.com). This makes the Nomination Committee (Team)'s job so much more exciting.

Shalom,

Mary Catherine Sencindiver



ATTACHMENT I

**PROCESS FOR SECURING MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN, 2012-2016**

The proposal to create a Board of Directors and Program Advisory Group for United Methodist Women has been receiving strong support. This attachment will be your guidance about how the transitional process will work.

The conference organizations of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN have a vital part in the process of securing voting members of the national organization of United Methodist Women for the 2012-2016 quadrennium. To complete this process the following is required:

CONFERENCE

- A. Nominees for the Board of Directors of United Methodist Women shall be elected at the 2011 Annual Meeting of each conference organization. Each conference shall elect at least two (2) but no more than three (3) nominees from a slate named by the Conference Committee on Nominations. Additional names may be nominated from the floor of the Annual Meeting with the consent of the nominee(s).

The names are to be submitted to the Jurisdiction Leadership Team Secretary and the Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations.

Note that during this transitional time all nominations submitted by the conferences will be used to consider the selection of the conference representative for the Program Advisory Group if necessary.

- B. At the annual meeting of the conference organization prior to the quadrennial meeting of the jurisdiction organization, six (6) delegates shall be elected by the conference organization, all of whom shall be conference officers (Book of Discipline 2008, ¶647.6c, ¶534.3), for membership in the jurisdiction organization. Nominating procedures shall be established by conference standing rule.
- C. There is no automatic renomination for any person now serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Women's Division. The Book of Discipline (¶710.4) outlines tenure limitations including the statement: "A voting member of a general agency shall be eligible for membership on that agency for no more than two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms." It further states: "A person who has been a voting member of a general agency for four consecutive quadrennia shall be ineligible for election to a general agency in the succeeding quadrennium."

JURISDICTION LEADERSHIP TEAM

- A. Each Jurisdiction organization at the 2012 Quadrennial Meeting elects a designated number of women from a ballot composed of nominees from the conferences in that jurisdiction for the Board of Directors of the United Methodist Women.
- North Central shall elect (4) Members
 - Northeast shall elect (4) members
 - South Central shall elect (4) Members
 - Southeast shall elect (6) Members
 - Western shall elect (2) Members

- B. Elections at the Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting will make use of the multiple ballot method of elections. The elected member(s) are those receiving the highest number of preferences and a majority (50% + 1) of the votes cast.
- C. The elections at each jurisdiction will be conducted by a member of the Board of Directors of the Women's Division who is not eligible for reelection and is not from the given jurisdiction. Training for these five (5) Directors, the chairs of the Jurisdiction Committee on Nominations, the Jurisdiction Presidents and the staff liaison will be provided in 2012.

As you work through this process, the following actions must be carried out:

1. It is imperative that the United Methodist Women Board membership reflect the diversity of women throughout the church. Elements of diversity are race, marital status, ethnic and cultural background, employment and non-employment, age and physical ability. In order to achieve this inclusive membership, conferences are urged to follow these elements of diversity in nominating women for membership on the Board of Directors of United Methodist Women.
2. Immediately following the Quadrennial Meeting, the outgoing and incoming Jurisdiction Leadership Team shall meet or have a conference call for the purpose of selecting one (1) name to be submitted for possible membership on the Special Committee on Nominations of the United Methodist Women. The Special Committee will nominate the remaining five women for the election to the Board, ensuring diversity.

The newly elected presidents of the Jurisdiction organizations of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN become members of the Program Advisory Group by virtue of office at the organizational meeting. The twenty (20) described in the basic steps, and the five (5) women who are nominees for election to the Board of United Methodist Women, constitute the elected representatives of United Methodist Women. When the latter group of five (5) are elected, twenty-five (25) women will be the membership of the Board of Directors of United Methodist Women for 2012-2016.

The names of women nominated by conferences, but not elected, should be forwarded to the Committee on Nominations of the United Methodist Women. During this transitional time, the Committee on Nominations will select the conference representative for the Program Advisory Group from these remaining nominees.

For further information, please address questions to Harriett Jane Olson, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 1504, New York, New York, 10115; email: holson@unitedmethodistwomen.org; telephone 212.870.3752.

**Process for Securing membership
of United Methodist Women
Adapted, June, 2011**

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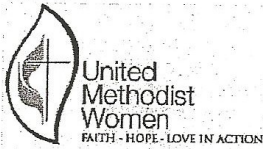
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ATTACHMENT 2

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ANSWERING THE CALL

Dear Conference leadership teams:

We are pleased to announce that we are holding a Young women's event to help answer the call for more focus on Younger women. It will be held in July 2012.

The Vision and Goals approved by the UMW Board of Directors were:

Vision Statement

A special event offering reflection, nurture and outreach with an opportunity to rethink programming for young women will offer a path toward greater regeneration and refreshing of the United Methodist Women organization.

GOALS:

- Help UMW young women embody the new vision statement.
- Ideastorm on multiple areas that can result in new programming models.
- Expand on Young Women's Consultative core group to create a network of young leaders
- Invite and train mentors from each Conference equipping them with tools to achieve greater young women involvement
- Set group of tasks/goals with timelines attached for all participants
- Create model for evaluation and progress reports.
- Create a better relationship between the Conference and the young women of that conference

We need you to choose a Team of at least two young women from your conference led by an adult Mentor whom you have selected who will act as an organizer, advisor, inspirer and nurturer as well as a liaison with Conference leadership. We are hoping for a two year commitment building towards Assembly 2014. Please read over the selection criteria and covenant documents carefully to think of what inspired, creative and energized young leaders might be right for this charge.

UMyoungW - Making it happen!

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The Women's Division will pay for the first three persons (one teen, one young adult, and the adult mentor) that are selected. You are invited to add one more young person if you think it

is necessary. However your conference must pay all the expenses for that person including and room and travel.

Participant Information Form

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| Letter of Recommendation #1 | Officer of UMW |
| Letter of Recommendation #2 | Adult (Non- relative) |
| Letter of Recommendation for Mentor #1 | (Teen or Young adult) |
| Letter of Recommendation for Mentor #2 | Conference Leader |

Forms will be mailed when request is received.

Education and Interpretation

Mission Coordinators for Education and Interpretation,

We are to empower women to understand, interpret and participate in the mission giving and outreach of the church. In order for us to successfully accomplish our mission, we must fully understand ourselves. I trust that each of you have copy of the 2009 - 2012 Handbook for United Methodist Women. If you do not please talk to your District President, she will provide one for you. Please read and understand each person on the teams duties. You will be called upon by your Local Units for help. The "20 Questions about Women Organized for Mission 2009-2012" will be a big help.

We must also be able to answer Social Action questions. The Response Magazine will provide the world wide outlook. The good thing about the United Methodist Women is that you can be of help world-wide.

There are many UMW that are not aware of the fact that we own buildings in Washington, DC and New York. We are going to New York in Nov 20 -22. If you have never been please come and go. Tell as many people about the trip. Men are welcome to attend. The brochure for this trip can found in this Newsletter.

We must be able to tell the Story, and be excited in order to bring in new members. We must make sure everyone is aware of how many great things are available and that they are world-wide that we are doing.

If I can assist you in any way please call, me at (202) 575-4142, or 202-716-8898. Please go to our UMW Conference web page at bwcumw.org for more information about our upcoming events.

Yours in Christ
Willa Kynard

Membership, Nurture and Outreach

Greetings and glad tidings to the women of the Baltimore-Washington Conference,

Here's praying you have enjoyed a safe, busy and wonderful summer. If you attended the Cooperative School of Christian Mission in Hagerstown, part of your summer was inspirational, educational, and reflective. It was wonderful to meet and greet many United Methodist Women from the Baltimore-Washington Conference. Our plenary session, "The Journey", was especially thought provoking and introspective. I feel each participant gained refreshing insights about forgiveness, restorative justice and reconciliation. Whether you studied Haiti or Joy to the World, there was much history and new knowledge to absorb while rethinking and debunking some long held ideas. If not all things, many things were made new at our Cooperative School!

At the membership, nurture and outreach coordinator's update session at the Cooperative School I was de-

lighted to meet some of the women in person whom I had previously met only through mail, email or telephone. There were women from Greater Washington, Washington East, Annapolis, and Baltimore Metropolitan Districts. We had a productive session: sharing updated information, sharing problems encountered, especially problems with membership counting forms, and discussing information about providing membership data in the future. I look forward to meeting more coordinators at the conference training session on October 22.

Thank you to District Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Coordinators who have completed and updated their membership counts. The next time that a membership count will be required by Women's Division will be **January 2012**. At that time, a **Unit Membership Report** will be required from **each unit** in our conference and must be submitted to District Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Coordinators. In February 2012, the district coordinators are requested to

summarize the unit information on a **District Organization Membership Report Summary** which must be submitted to the conference coordinator. Let's all strive to complete these reports as accurately and as timely as possible so as to have a more reliable account of our United Methodist Women units and members.

Our Annual Conference meeting will take place on October 22. Why not encourage some other women to attend by filling your car with riders. Also, plan to stay for the afternoon training session and additional activities.

Peace, Joy, and God's Grace to us, "Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding."

Romans 14:19

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Spiritual Growth

Psalm 68:11 says:

***The Lord gives the command; the women who proclaim the good tidings are a great host
(NASB)***

The sizzling summer is winding down as we look forward to God's beauty as we go through the change of seasons. We also become more involved in the activities/planning of the fall events in our churches and UMW units.

Reserve the date, Sat. **October 22, 2011** for the UMW, BWC annual meeting/training at First UMC-Hyattsville. The Spiritual Growth training will give you the tools you need to lead meaningful worship in your position as District mission coordinator for Spiritual Growth. We will review the 2009-2012 UMW *handbook*, resource information available from *Response* magazine, go over some of the features of the blue UMW Holy Bible and share ideas/experiences with each other.

“Walk With Wholeness” is the UMW Program Book 2011-2012, it has a new look, new format and monthly programs beginning September 2011-August 2012. If you are able to make your purchase prior to our training, please bring it with you and we'll look at ways, how you can enhance the worship experience in your meetings.

I look forward to meeting with you, and as always send up blessings for those listed in our prayer calendar.

In His Service

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United Methodist Women

--women organized for mission—

*Recognize the importance of reading the Bible
Through a mission lens.*



Secretary of Program Resources

Dear Friends in Christ!

It was wonderful to see everyone at the Cooperative School of Christian Mission! Many of you assisted me with the set-up and breakdown of the Program Resources room, and cashiering, and for that I am very grateful. We sold over \$3,000 worth of books and supplies. Wow!

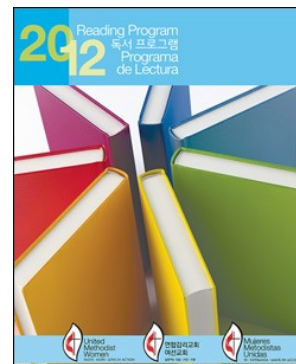
As everyone knows, it's growing closer to our Annual Meetings and, as Conference Program Resources Secretary; I would like to acknowledge every unit that has participated in the Reading Program this year. In order to do this at the Conference UMW Annual Meeting in Hyattsville, MD, I will need a listing of participating local units so I can have it included in the Annual Meeting Program Booklet. **District Officers, please send me a list of all the churches that have participated in the Reading Program, along with how many persons, and at what Reading Levels. I won't have room to list names of people (Districts should list individual names).**

Please have this information to me no later than September 15, 2011.

Thank you for all your efforts in "expanding concepts of Mission" through our United Methodist Women's Reading Program!

Grace and Peace,

Linda S. Yost, Conference Secretary
of Program Resources



Social Action Update

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.

Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." Proverbs 31: 8-9.

Many resources are available within our denomination to support our roles in the social justice arena. In addition to the Bible, one such resource is the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church (UMC). They are generated in tandem with other United Methodist documents, two of which are the Book of Resolutions and the Book of Discipline. Adopted officially by the 1972 General Conference, they express the Church's position on a wide range of social issues. The General Conference updates the Social Principles every four years, thus they represent the most recent position of the Church on key issues that impact humanity here and around the world.

The Social Principles serve as an informed guide which we can use to help reflect our Christianity in the Wesleyan tradition. They are divided into six separate sections: Natural World and Nurturing, Social, Economic, Political and World Communities. Some topics under these headings are immigrants, sexual abuse, energy resources utilization, family, marriage, divorce, rights of racial and ethnic persons, religious minorities, women, children, young people, and genetic technology. A few other topics are HIV/AIDs, poverty, migrant workers, corporate responsibility, education, church and state relations, the death penalty, criminal and restorative justice, and war and peace. As might be anticipated, Social Community comprises the largest section of the Social Principles. A Social Principles training resource and bulletin inserts are available at www.umc-gbcs.org.

Other resources readily available to us are the *New World Outlook*, *Response*, Action Alerts, UMW mission giving programs, conference projects, and UMW on-line communities. Use of these and other valuable resources within UMC and UMW communities also undergirds our efforts to execute the main mission of the UMC, which is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: We are working with the Women's Division to gather information to compile a picture story of how United Methodist Women within this Conference have engaged in study and action activities around Immigration/Civil Rights. If you or your UMW group have engaged in workshops/seminars and community service, public witness, or other advocacy activities related to Immigration from 1908 thru today, please contact undersigned on (301) 464-0602, or at pricefa@verizon.net. We are especially interested in photos (labeled), brief articles, and news items. Thanks all in advance for your help, and please share this with others!

Social Action cont.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

2011 UN Seminar, New York City, Sunday, November 20th thru Tuesday, November 22nd. Everyone, please join us for this year's United Nations Seminar as we focus on a very timely topic: "A Domestic and Global Challenge: Violence and Abuse against Women and Children", sponsored by the B-W Conference United Methodist Women. Register by October 04th to take advantage of our great early bird rates! Contact Ann Price, (301) 464-0602 / pricefa@verizon.net, or any Committee Member for additional information.

2012 Maryland Legislative Advocacy Day. We are looking forward to another action-filled Legislative Advocacy Day in 2012! Information will be forthcoming on this event, which is sponsored by the B-W Conference United Methodist Women in concert with the Conference Social Justice and Missions Office.

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.

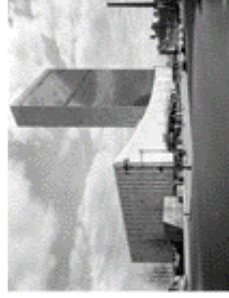
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New York, here we come!

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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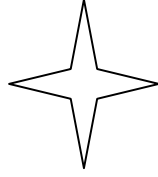
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Welcome

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 _____

Central Maryland District



August, 2011

The mission team of the CMD held our last two meetings at Araby UMC in Frederick and Hopkins UMC in Highland. The meetings provided the opportunity to interact with the members of these two churches on a personal level. We were able to share with them what was going on at the district level, encourage their participation, and answer their questions. We also learned more of what was happening at their local units. At Araby one of the things we learned was that they have transformed their Sunday School rooms into a thrift shop. They no longer have many children attending Sunday School so they've decorated one room blue and have boys' clothes and toys in that room; a girls' room painted pink with girl clothes and toys in another; baby items in another. This is a great way to outreach to the community. Among the information we gained at Hopkins was the fact that they have a female mentoring group. The girls, ranging in age from about 10-15, go on trips, are introduced to mission projects, and learn about "girly" things. A great way to reach the youth!

We are buzzin with excitement over plans for our annual meeting celebration, October 15, 1:00 pm. at Wesley Freedom UMC in Eldersburg. Our theme is *Nurturing Seeds of Faith-Hope-Love in Haiti* and our speaker will be Karen Heinicke Motsch from Trinity UMC Germantown. She works for CBM-US an organization that supports persons with disabilities in the poorest countries in the world. We look forward to her presentation along with celebrating the accomplishments of the district, including making our donations to "Coins for Haiti."

Bee a blessing,

Rita Green, President



Washington East District

Our God is awesome! A record setting heat index was the rule of the summer in the WED. And while the weather was steaming things up for us, the Washington East United Methodist Women were heating up the District with the Annual Prayer breakfast held in May at Metropolitan UMC in Bryans Road, MD. The United Methodist Men of Metropolitan served up a sizzling breakfast and Pastor Mandy Sayers of Covenant Point/Lakeside Cooperative Parish charged us up with her message. We were blessed by the soul stirring singing of Ms. Alexys McNeil of the Duke Ellington School for the Arts.

As the season progressed, our Sisters in Mission were busy knitting prayer shawls and making quilting squares to take to the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference at the end of May. The prayer shawls were definitely a hot item there!

In July appointments took effect and sometimes we look forward to new appointments and sometimes in this process it is a time of bittersweet farewells. The latter is the case in this instance when the Washington East District bid farewell and Godspeed to the local unit of the newly reorganized Bells UMW as their congregation became a Cooperative Parish with Mt. Zion in the Greater Washington District. Please keep in touch with our sisters at Bells and encourage them.

On July 16 the Mission Team met at Nottingham Myers and approved new Standing Rules for the District as well as the District budget for 2012 before attending the Cooperative School of Christian Mission in Hagerstown, MD, July 22-24. The summer's heat was nothing compared to the excitement of our Sisters in Mission. Thanks to all who donated flip-flops for Haiti. Our theme this year of "All Things Made New" highlighted the mission studies on "Haiti" and "Joy to the World: Mission InThe Age of Global Christianity". Dr. Vance Ross who serves as the Associate General Secretary of the Discipleship Ministries of the General Board of Discipleship in Nashville, Tennessee, led the Plenary "the journey... forgiveness, restorative justice and reconciliation."

As a reminder, we are still collecting "coins for Haiti" and our final collection will be at the Annual Meeting on October 15 at Grace UMC at 11700 Old Fort Road, Fort Washington, MD, so please bring your checks made payable to UMCOR Advance "Haiti Emergency #418325, Cholera Prevention and give them to Lorri Meadows, WED Treasurer. We look forward to seeing you all there. There will be something new and exciting for everyone.

Washington East District cont.

We look back on a summer full of praise, worship and study for the Lord and look forward to a fall full of God's magnificent glory and bountiful grace.

Nona Colbert,
President

Mark Your Calendars!

Oct 15 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – WED Annual Meeting at Grace UMC, 11700 Old Fort Rd., Fort Washington, MD.

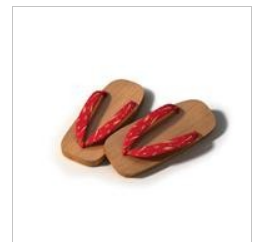
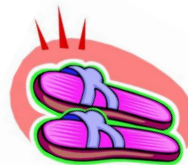
November – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – WED UMC Annual Leadership Training will be held at Mt. Zion UMC at 27108 Mount Zion Church Rd., Mechanicsville, MD.

Frederick District

Flip Flops for Haiti

The Frederick District sponsored a conference wide plea for the people of Haiti after hearing the Rev. Rudolph Brophlay speak at their annual prayer breakfast. He inspired the district to do a little more than give money. Linganore's unit was the first to gather flipflops for this project. The Cooperative School of Christian Mission gathered over 15 lawn and leaf size trash bags of flip flops! Yes, they filled a 3 quarter ton pick up truck. Thanks to all for gathering these needed shoes for the women, youth, and children in Haiti. These will be shipped in the coming weeks.

Kathy Jo Blue
Acting District President



GREATER WASHINGTON DISTRICT

The District is still soliciting your help in locating a Treasurer-2012. Also, members are needed for the 2015 Class - Nominations Committee. Please contact Elizabeth Brisbane, Chair, Nominations, czfb@aol.com, 301-351-0966.

The **GWD Annual Meeting** will be held October 8, 2011 at Colesville UMC, 52 Randolph Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20904. Jean Shields, President, UMW, Rev. Callie Matthew, Pastor. Continental Breakfast is 9:30 a.m., meeting 10:15 a.m.

Local Officer Training for 2012 will take place on Saturday, December 3, 2011, Metropolitan Memorial UMC, 3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016, Caralee Adams, President, Rev. Charles A. Parker, Pastor. Presidents are encouraged to welcome newly elected officers and other unit members.

The Women's Guild of Wesley Theological Seminary – An appeal has been made for Saturday evening meals. Food service on the campus of the Seminary is very limited. Dormitory students must provide their own evening meals in addition to breakfast and lunch on Saturdays and Sundays. Many, in particular the international students, have limited resources. Therefore, the Women's Guild has traditionally arranged to serve a buffet supper every Saturday at 5:00 p.m. for students who live on campus. The approximate number of students is 35-40.

Although United Methodist Women are the most faithful workers, this Guild would like to bring this to the attention of United Methodist Youth Fellowship. Cash donations are gladly accepted to provide food on those Saturdays when no group is scheduled and to help with the needs. Please make checks payable to the Women's Guild and send to: Treasurer, Ann Price, 11404 Dundee Dr., Mitchellville, MD 20721-2422. For further information, please contact Ruth L. Giles, 301-384-0630.

We are pleased to welcome **Bells UMC & UMW**, Camp Springs, MD 20746, to the Greater Washington District. Rev. Johnnsie Cogman, Pastor and Elizabeth Griffin is President of UMW.

Gertrude T. White, President
trudytil@aol.com



Need Resources?
► Visit the E-store!

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Baltimore Metropolitan District United Methodist Women is one of the greatest districts in the Baltimore Region. We give thanks for the women of the BMD-UMW for their faithfulness and services. We are **Women** whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ. The Mission Units in the district are in the midst of celebrating their UM Day, recognizing mission activities and mission count. The major focus is on recruiting young adult women where the maturity women will serve as mentors.

We are excited about the upcoming district annual meeting on October 15, 2011, which begins at 1:00 pm-3:00 pm at St. Paul United Methodist, 501 Reisterstown Rd. Baltimore, Maryland. 21208. Jameeka Gillis, a powerful young adult member of the BMD-UMW Mission team will be the speaker at this meeting.

God's Amazing Grace,

Elizabeth M. Stemley. VP

World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women



Women's Division Deputy General Secretary Harriett J. Olson's closing address at the 12th assembly of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women.

**BALTIMORE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

ANNUAL MEETING

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
6201 Belcrest Rd, Hyattsville, MD 20782

October 22, 2011
9:30 am to 3:30 am

WALK WITH WHOLENESS
BUSINESS MEETING



Elections
Recognitions
Program on Haiti

Pledge Service
Reports
Worship/Installation Service

LUNCH

**District Officers Training with Conference Officers
Workshop on Haiti**

Lunch from Panera Bread

Cost \$12.00 (includes chips, pickle and cookies)

Sandwich choices: _____ Smoked Turkey Breast on Country Bread _____ Roast Beef

_____ Chicken Salad on Sesame Semolina _____ Veggie

Send sandwich selection with payment to the GWDUMW by October 15, 2011 to:
Sandra Chambers rechambers48@netzero.com
8312 Rambler Dr
Adelphi, MD 20783

Name _____ Phone No. _____

District Office _____ District _____

Workshop _____

Directions to First United Methodist Church
6201 Belcrest Road
Hyattsville, MD
(301) 927-6133

From Baltimore and outside the Washington Beltway

Take Beltway (95 - 495) exit - Kenilworth Avenue (Rt. 201) south. Follow Kenilworth Avenue to East West Highway (Rt. 410) - should be the sixth traffic light - turn right.

Follow East West Highway to Queens Chapel Road (Rt. 500) - third traffic light - turn left.

First United Methodist is the second driveway on the right.

From the Chesapeake Bay Bridge & Annapolis area

Follow Route 50 west to the Washington Beltway (95 - 495). Head North on the Beltway and follow directions above for exiting onto Kenilworth Avenue.

From Western Maryland

East on I 70 to I 270. Follow I 270 to the Washington Beltway (I 495) going toward I 95 South. Follow directions above for exiting onto Kenilworth Avenue.

From DC

Take East West Highway (410) past Prince Georges Mall. Cross through Belcrest Road. Prepare to make a right turn into the entrance to parking lot of First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville. The lower level doors may be open.

From Capitol Hill

Maryland Avenue to Bladensburg Road NE. Follow Bladensburg Road into Maryland (Alternate US 1), past Ft. Lincoln Cemetery (on right), to Peace Cross (large cross in middle of road). Bear to the left, continuing on Alt. 1. Alt. 1 ends at US 1 after crossing a bridge over railroad tracks. At the bottom of the bridge, bear right onto US 1. Continue north on US 1 to the sixth traffic light (McDonalds Restaurant on left) which is East West Highway, MD Rt. 410. Turn left on 410 continuing to the next traffic light. Turn left at next traffic light onto Queens Chapel Road. The entrance to the church is the second driveway on the right - before the next traffic light.

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)

Change the World 2011

The Baltimore Washington Conference has declared October 8 –29 (originally it was Oct 8—10, however because of the great response from churches it was extended) as a time to do missions within your communities. The United Methodist Women contacted our Mission Projects and asked what services they would need. Those we did not hear from we listed the point of contact for you to call and volunteer.

Susanna Wesley House – Staff: Chris Palmer, 609 Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21201
(410-837-3787)

- collect your change (and your neighbors' change and your friends' change and your families' change....) to help change the lives of the women and children, who would otherwise be homeless, that proudly call Susanna Wesley House their home.
- hold a bake sale to benefit the Susanna Wesley House.
- hold a car wash to benefit the Susanna Wesley House.
- hold a yard sale to benefit the Susanna Wesley House.

Family Crisis Resource Center, Inc. - Contact: Taness Cline, 301-759-9246
-Volunteer your time in various needed areas.

Montgomery Avenue Women's Center - Contact: Andra Cannon, 301-984-7765
-Needs volunteers to help at the shelter.

Shepherd's Staff — Contact: Kathryn Brown, 410-857-5944
-Volunteer your time and talent for programs.



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

YWCA Domestic Violence Counseling - Contact: Molly Knipe, 410-626-7800

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Change the World 2011, contd.

Baltimore Parish Work - Contact: Barbara Daniel, 410-1235

New Hope Christian Fellowship UMC, 2048 Watergate Ct Edgewood MD, 21040
Here at New Hope, Mon-Fri we provide a safe and loving environment for the Homeless population of Edgewood and surrounding communities. We dispatch a van to pick up people who are sleeping in the woods. Once at the church we provide a host of services. Here are a few projects that we need help with:

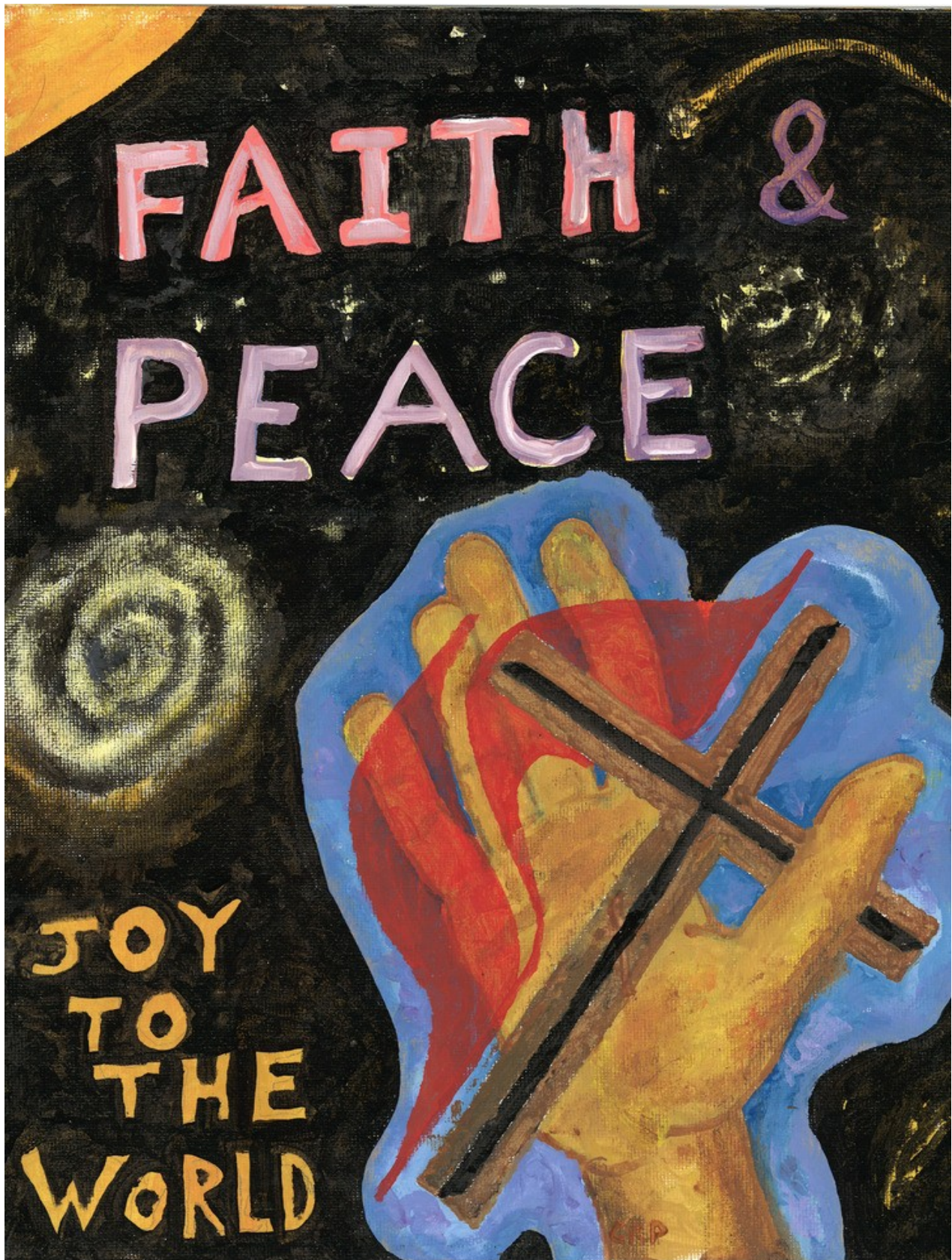
1. Repair the ramp leading into the church
2. Landscaping
- 3 .Tents and others items needed for people who will be outside this winter.
4. Painting

All of the dates you have lined up works for us, we are open from 9am-2pm. However if painting is selected we are available Oct 8 from 8am-4pm.

My email address is newhope37@verizon.net , my phone # 410 676 3531 and cell 443 392 2075.

Peace and Blessing
Rev. Mark Groover





Painted by Christopher B. Randers-Pehrson,
Son of our president Nancy