



Volume I

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## BALTIMORE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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### NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

#### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

#### QUADRENNIAL MEETING

June 14th-16th, 2012

Hershey, PA

Theme: Come To The Party

Scripture: Luke 14:17

*"Everything Is Ready; Please Come"*



The Northeastern Jurisdiction Leadership Team invites you to join us at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey PA.

Thursday's Guest speakers: Bishop Jane Middleton

Inelda Gonzalez, Women's Division President

Friday Bible Study Leaders: Bishop Thomas Bickerton

Friday Guest Speaker: Bishop Peggy Johnson

Saturday's Guest speakers: Rev. Vance Ross, Deputy General Secretary, General Board of Discipleship

Harriet Jane Olson, Deputy General Secretary, General Board of Global Ministries

Music Team Leader: Jorge Lockwood, General Board of Global Ministries, Global Praise

Special Guests: Rev. Dr. Heather Elkins, Professor of Worship, Drew University

**NE Jurisdiction UMW's Fair Trade Chocolate Certification Campaign:** We are counting on you to continue to sign NE Jurisdiction UMW petition cards for Fair Trade certification. The postcards encourage the Hershey Company to join many of its competitors by ensuring its cocoa products are only sourced through Fair Trade certified farmers and companies. Many cocoa products used in the United States are purchased in West Africa, an area known for its cocoa farmer labor abuses, including child labor and labor trafficking activities. Our advocacy effort is aimed at convincing Hershey (one of the largest manufacturers of chocolate in the US) to increase the transparency of its cocoa purchasing processes. United Methodist Women in other UMW Jurisdictions across the country are also joining us in this important advocacy activity. We will take the signed postcards to a meeting / rally with Hershey Company officials in Hershey, PA, June 13, 2012, the day before the Quadrennial Meeting begins. For additional information, please contact your District President or Social Action Coordinator. Remember to sign up soonest!

## Registration Form

### NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION UNITED METHODIST WOMEN QUADRENNIAL MEETING

JUNE 14-16, 2012 (Thursday-Saturday)

Hershey Lodge----Hershey, PA

Registration deadline: **May 1, 2012**

Online registration available(Sept./Oct. 2011) at [www.gbqm-umc.org/nejumw/](http://www.gbqm-umc.org/nejumw/)

Please print clearly \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ F Ethnicity (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ under 16 \_\_\_\_\_ 16-29 \_\_\_\_\_ 30-50 \_\_\_\_\_ 51-69 \_\_\_\_\_ 70 +

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Young Women's Conference: Ages 16-29 (Friday only)**

#### Please Check all that apply:

_____ First Time Attendee	_____ Bishop	
_____ Women's Division Director	_____ Women's Division Staff	_____ Other _____
_____ Nominee, Women's Division	_____ Nominee, Jurisdiction Leadership Team	
_____ Presenter/leader/speaker	_____ Voting Delegate	
_____ UMW Conference Officer	_____ Former NEJ officer or former Director	

#### Registration, Meals and Housing

Includes: registration, 4 meals, 2 nights lodging  
Check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ Single occupancy \$560.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Single with family \$560.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Double Occupancy \$350.00 per person

\_\_\_\_\_ Triple Occupancy \$280.00 per person

\_\_\_\_\_ Quad Occupancy \$245.00 per person

Roommate names: (Send all forms together)  
(Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Late fee: \$ 50.00 (after May 1, 2012)**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total enclosed**

#### COMMUTER

##### Registration:

\_\_\_\_\_ Entire meeting \$150.00 (with Friday lunch)

\_\_\_\_\_ Late fee: \$50.00 (after May 15, 2012)

Meals: \_\_\_\_\_ Continental breakfast \$11.00 each  
\_\_\_\_\_ Fri \_\_\_\_\_ Sat = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Dinner \$31.00

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total enclosed for Commuter Registration  
and Meals**

##### Check any that apply

_____ Vegetarian meal	_____ Gluten free meal
_____ Handicapped room	_____ Handicapped seating
_____ American Sign Language	
_____ Translation specify _____	

\_\_\_\_\_ **Extra nights:** I would like information on how to reserve a room at Hershey Lodge for nights before and/or after the meeting (Make sure that your email address and phone # are listed above)

(Turn over- complete other side)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mode of Transportation:**

\_\_\_\_\_ chartered bus \_\_\_\_\_ car \_\_\_\_\_ plane\* \_\_\_\_\_ train\* \_\_\_\_\_ Other\* \_\_\_\_\_

\* Arrival time \_\_\_\_\_ Carrier \_\_\_\_\_ Flight number \_\_\_\_\_

Departure time \_\_\_\_\_ Carrier \_\_\_\_\_ Flight number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Child care needed** (complete child care registration form and send in with adult registration)

Send form and payment to : Linda Reiber  
PO Box 75  
Merrimac, MA 08160

**Method of Payment: (checks payable to NEJ United Methodist Women )**

\_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed or \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card (complete information below)

**Credit Card Information**

If you are charging the cost of the meeting, please complete this form.

**Type of Card:** \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_ American Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_\_ Mastercard

**Card number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name on Card** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount to be charged** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (permission to charge this card)

If you have questions about the meeting, contact the registrar:

Lynn Fenstermacher phone : 518-652-2012 [newlyfe713@yahoo.com](mailto:newlyfe713@yahoo.com)

Quadrennial meeting information is on: [www.gbgm-umc.org/nejumw/](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/nejumw/)

Visit us on Facebook at: Northeast Jurisdiction United Methodist Women Click on "Events"

Northeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting  
Hershey Lodge-Hershey, PA  
June 14-16, 2012

# Come Enjoy The Ride



PHOTO GALLERY



## Registration

## Roundtrip Bus Fare Only

Children under 6 Ride for Free

Children between the ages of 6-12 is \$37.50 pp

12 and up \$75.00 per person

All Fee Due by April 1, 2012

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Included: \_\_\_\_\_

Specify Any Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*List additional names on the back of this form.**

**For Further Information & Arrange installment Payments**

**Please Contact:**

**Pamela Randall #(410) 257-7132**

**Bus Driver Room & Tip Included in Price**

**\*\***

**HERSHEY PARK BUS REGISTRATION  
INFORMATION  
SEND FORM TO: PAMELA RANDALL  
1785 HORACE WARD RD  
OWINGS, MD. 20736**

**CHECK PAYABLE TO: WARDS UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

**Further information will be available for departure time and bus stop  
Locations.**

**Any question contact: Pamela Randall- 410-257-7132/c-443-968-6502**

**Email- [pamelarandall53@yahoo.com](mailto:pamelarandall53@yahoo.com)**

## Spiritual Growth

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say again: Rejoice*  
Philippians 4:4

*Walk With Wholeness* is the 2011-2012 United Methodist Women theme for the program book. The format has been updated to include programs for the whole year in addition to special programs.

As Spiritual Growth Mission coordinators, we participate in planning the worship part of business meetings/programs. The UMW program book offers many curriculums so that each program relates to the theme and is designed to appeal to a variety of people.

We set the tone for the gathering and our worship should be interesting, visual and stimulating. It's okay to be creative by setting up a worship center to coincide with the season. Fresh flowers or plants could be incorporated into the theme along with various colorful cloths and fabrics. If you sew, try reworking a discarded dress or jeans. Thrift stores also have so many inexpensive items.

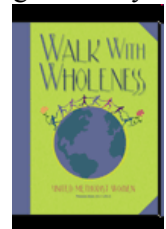
In order to include others in the worship experience, you may ask a few ladies to bring an old or family bible to place on the table. If possible or practical, check in storage area of your church, you may be surprised to find an antique or unused cross or candelabras which can be borrowed for your worship area.

When you use the Prayer Calendar, you may consider bringing index cards and ask attendees to select a missionary, home missionaries or retired deaconess who shares their birthday and keep in touch with her/him throughout the year.

Please email me, if you want to share your worship experience that adds interest at your meetings!

Yours & His

Jane Grays  
[LadyJaneGra@aol.com](mailto:LadyJaneGra@aol.com)



## The President

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

*“Dear Children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.” (1 John: 3:18, NIV)*

Greetings to my Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for a very successful year in 2011 and we look forward to many opportunities to unite in our efforts to serve women, children and youth for 2012.

Recently, I received a call, from Sandy Ferguson, our BWC Director of Social Justice and Mission. We were given an emergency request for 500 UMCOR Health Kits for the homeless in Baltimore City to be delivered to St. Johns' UMC, 216 West Seminary Avenue, Luthersville, MD, in eight days. She said, “I know this sounds impossible, but if anyone can meet this need, it's the United Methodist Women.” At the time of this call, I was attending the BWC ROCK Event for the Youth in Ocean City with a team of our Conference UMW Mission Team Officers who had gone to “help out” with security. Immediately, I made a few telephone calls and had an e-mail sent out to our UMW and jointly with collective efforts from our Conference, within three days, more than 500 health kits were gathered! It was a miracle! Sandy was right, “...if anyone can meet this need, it's the United Methodist Women.” I believe God blessed and multiplied our efforts. Thank you! Please continue to collect health kits. Especially during these cold winter nights, the homeless will be brought indoors for showers and a warm place to sleep. The health kits will be distributed locally for the homeless and some of our UMW Conference Mission Projects, and there are also needs for them globally, especially in Haiti. A collection will be received at our School of Christian Mission, held August 3, 4, and 5, 2012 in Bethesda, MD (a new location); and at our BWC UMW Annual Meeting, October 27, 2012 at Hereford UMC. Please mark your calendars to save these dates. (More info on upcoming events will be available on our website: [bwcumw.org](http://bwcumw.org))

When you register for the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference, May 30-June 1st, please be sure to “click” on the request for a ticket to join us for the UMM/UMW Special Luncheon at noon on May 31. You do not need to be a delegate to attend this conference luncheon. The United Methodist Men and Women will be sharing in some activities and events this year focusing on Domestic Violence. Also volunteers are needed to help out answering the many phone calls for Prayer Requests at the Conference Mission Center. Training for this will be held on April 28, from 9:30 to 1:30, at the Conference Mission Center. All are welcome to attend.

Let us continue to turn faith, hope, and love into action for women, children, and youth around the world. Our purpose: 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.

Peace and joy,

Nancy M. Randers-Pehrson, President



## Nominations

### Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee will be meeting March 24<sup>th</sup> to start the process of reviewing the talent sheets on file in order to fill the following positions: Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Communications, and two persons for the class of 2016 Nominations Committee. There will be a new Chairperson selected from the Nominations Committee too. If you need a talent sheet see you District President or contact the Nominations Committee(e-mail:

[Msencindiver@frontier.com](mailto:Msencindiver@frontier.com))

#### Elected Officer Duties:

Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth:

Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth shall coordinate opportunities for spiritual and theological development related to mission. She shall:

- 1) understand and communicate the connection between personal, spiritual, development and mission as expressed through social and global involvement;
- 2) coordinate and/or promote special times and events for worship, prayer and meditation such as A Call To Prayer and Self-Denial, ecumenical worship, retreats and devotions at meetings;
- 3) incorporate language and images into worship that are inclusive of and affirming to women, people of color and people with disabilities.
- 4) involve women in biblical and theological study, utilizing the annual spiritual growth study, *Response*, *New World Outlook*, the Program Book and the Reading Program;
- 5) provide opportunities for study of theology, starting with the United Methodist “:Doctrinal Standards and Our Theological Task” in *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* ({}101-104);
- 6) serve as contact person for district mission coordinators for spiritual growth, provide resources and conduct training at least annually, as determined by the Executive Committee.
- 7) serve on the following committees: Executive, Program, Finance and School of *Christian Mission*.

#### Communications Coordinator

The Communication Coordinator shall work actively to fulfill the *PURPOSE* and find creative ways to assist communications within United Methodist Women, She shall

- a. work with elected leadership in promoting the organization and *PURPOSE* and publicizing activities of United Methodist Women.
- b. serve as contact person for district communications coordinators, provide resources and conduct training at least annually, as determined by the Executive Committee; provide training for the district to develop skills and techniques in publicity;
- c. establish and maintain contact with church and secular press;
- d. serve as editor of the conference United Methodist’s newsletter, newspaper, or column;
- e. serve on the following committees: Executive, Program, Finance, Membership Nurture and Outreach, and School of Christian Mission.

## Nominations (cont.)

The Chairperson and other members of the Committee on Nominations: are responsible for the nomination of all elected leaders of the conference organization. This requires a clear understanding of the duties of each elected leader. The chairperson is elected for a two year term and serves as a member of the Executive Committee during her term of office. This tenure is in addition to any other tenure on the conference Executive Committee. She Shall:

- a. develop plans to help members of the committee see their task as an ongoing one.
- b. provide information to the committee concerning vacancies that need to be filled;
- c. work with chairperson of district Committees on Nomination to discover new leadership;
- d. present an annual written report of term and tenure to the Executive Committee;
- e. serve as the contact person for chairpersons of district Committee on Nominations, provide resources, and conduct training at least annually, as determined by the Executive Committee;
- f. serve on the following committees: Executive, Membership Nurture and Outreach, and Charter for Racial Justice Policies.

Mary Catherine Sencindiver  
Chair Nominations Committee  
2011-2012



The Assembly of United Methodist Women 2010

Mission Giving  
United Methodist Women Changing Lives

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## Membership, Nurture and Outreach

Greetings and God's blessings to all of our women readers and supporters of The Purpose ,

Membership, nurture and outreach coordinators are currently very busily involved with three projects: membership census; Limitless: Redefine Tomorrow, a young women's project; and documenting officer visitations to local churches and United Methodist Women's units. We are asking for the help and assistance of all women of the churches in order to have success with these projects.

**The census counting** is our annual report of the number of women who participate with United Methodist Women at the local church level. If your local unit has not yet taken a count and submitted the count on an electronic or hard copy form for 2011, please do so immediately. Our goal is 100% reporting for this year. The count needs to be sent to the District Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinators or to the District President. If your unit is in need of a form, it is available on the Baltimore Washington Conference United Methodist Women's website, <http://bwcumw.org/>. Please visit the site and record your count of the women who participate in your unit. Remember, a woman does not have to be a member of the United Methodist Church in order to participate with the United Methodist Women. We want to account for all women who are supporting our purpose and contributing to the success of our local units.

The second project is **Limitless: Redefine Tomorrow**. This is a project designed to involve and train young women for active participation and leadership roles as United Methodist Women at all levels: local units, district mission teams, conference mission teams and with the Women's Division, nationally. Our conference is currently recruiting for a 3 women team to participate in this project. The team will consist of a teen representative (age 14-17), a young woman representative (age 18-30), and a mentor (over 25), a woman who has not held office at the district or conference level of United Methodist Women. The members of the team must commit to a two year covenant of learning and training beginning with a three day seminar at Duke University on August 2-5, 2012. All expenses will be paid for this team's training and participation. The work of the team will culminate at the 2014 United Methodist Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky. If you know of a teen, a young woman or an adult woman who might be interested, please contact a district president, or a membership, nurture and outreach coordinator, a conference mission team member or check on the BWC United Methodist Women's website, <http://bwcumw.org/>.

District Presidents and Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinators are also compiling information for the North-east Jurisdictional to document the number of local churches and units that have been visited since last year, beginning in January 2011. Thank you to all the officers who have vigorously accepted this request from the jurisdiction president and made this a project of renewal and reclamation.

W. Jean Jackson  
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Hyattsville, MD 2075  
301-336-8452  
[wjb.jackson@att.net](mailto:wjb.jackson@att.net)

Our steps are made firm by the Lord,  
when he delights in our way;  
though we stumble, we shall not  
fall headlong, for the Lord holds us by the hand.  
Palm 37: 23-24

## Social Action Update...

### UN Seminar 2011:

Forty two enthusiastic persons explored the B-W Conference UMW's UN Seminar topic, "A Domestic and Global Challenge: Violence and Abuse Against Women and Children" amidst the ambiance of New York City, November 20-22, 2011. We participated in Bible study, role plays and simulations, group discussions, lectures, and AV presentations to gain an expanded awareness of the specifics of domestic violence, relevant community activities, available community support, and advocacy opportunities. We also planned follow-on actions for execution in both local churches and UMW organizations. We implemented a Conference-wide prayer vigil following the UN Seminar, which ended at 12 Noon on December 10th, International Human Rights Day, and the last day of Rutgers University's 16 Days of Activism Campaign. The Women's Division placed on its Web page an article on the Domestic Violence UN Seminar, which also advertised our 16 Days of Activism Prayer Vigil. Domestic Violence and Abuse is an issue which B-W Conference UMW and UMM will address jointly, beginning in 2012. Local and district B-W Conference UMW are now planning and implementing 2012 domestic violence program events. Visit [www.domesticviolence@unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.domesticviolence@unitedmethodistwomen.org) for additional information on domestic violence. Please join us for UN Seminar 2012! Additional information will be forthcoming.

### MD Legislative Advocacy Day 2012:

About 100 persons registered for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual MD Legislative Advocacy Day, held on February 15, 2012. The day began at the Asbury United Methodist Church, Annapolis, MD, located in close proximity to MD House and Senate Office buildings. Each participant selected one of three focus issues: Human Trafficking, Immigration, and Housing and Homelessness, and participated in working sessions to learn more about the issue and to prepare for at least one of 12 office visits with key committee members and other legislators. Leading industry staffers gave informative plenary briefings to set the stage for their work as group facilitators. Many persons attended some of the various General Assembly hearings during the day. Participants say they will continue to advocate openly for positive outcomes for the three issues. Once again, we were privy to the "radical hospitality" of the Asbury United Methodist Church Pastor, its members, and the United Methodist Women. We salute Asbury and all of its members for their continuing support for our activity. The Maryland Legislative Advocacy Day is a partnership between the B-W Conference United Methodist Women, the Social Justice & Missions Office, and the Board of Church & Society. Both, Ann Price, Social Action Coordinator, and Beth Reilly, Advocacy Consultant, coordinated activities for the 2012 Legislative Day.

### Social Action Priorities 2012:

The B-W Conference United Methodist Women has prioritized three social justice/action issues for follow-up in 2012: (1) Human Trafficking, (2) Immigration, and (3) Domestic Violence and Abuse.

Our plan is to continue activities to expand awareness and our knowledge of these and other key social justice issues. Priority emphasis will be on expanding advocacy activities at all levels within the B-W Conference United Methodist Women. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Ann Price, Social Action Coordinator

## Treasurer

### My Two Cents

Wow. What a start to the new year for this new Treasurer! So far I have received over \$17,000 in pledge money from our Districts. We have earmarked over \$5000 in Designated giving towards projects near and dear to our hearts. And this is after only 6 weeks of 2012. I am amazed and overwhelmed by the generosity of some of our units. They have really done some hard work to empty out their Treasuries and put their Mission monies directly to work. I hope that we will be able to continue our strides towards rebuilding our Conference pledge to Mission. The economy is tough, I know, but all that saving for the rainy day.... guess what? The rainy day is here! Let's all strive to find a way to ensure that our mission dollars don't just sit in the bank at the end of the year.... just in case.... but let's get it out there to the mission field, in the hands of all those grass-roots organizations that need our support. Our pledge to Women's Division this year is again over \$206,000. We make that happen by each unit sharing in their individual pledges to the Districts, and the Districts to the Conference. When we do that, we make GREAT things happen in the mission field. I enjoy reading in *Response* about all **OUR** efforts, and where our mission dollars go... it inspires me! Please ensure that all of our units are keeping abreast of where our monies go, and how much good we are doing in the world through Mission Giving. When you read about it, then you're in "the know."

God bless,  
Heidi Eber, BWC UMW Treasurer

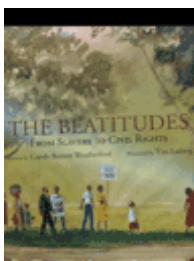
## Secretary of Program Resources

### READ! READ! READ!

Dear Sisters in Christ,

What a very strange "non-winter" we are having! One day the temperature is in the 50's, and the next it's snowing and blowing. Pneumonia weather, as I've heard it said, but it's also READING WEATHER, to be sure. I'm just about finished with "Three Cups of Tea (Education for Mission) and will be looking for one of the other categories in my unit's library very soon. How are you doing on your mission reading journey? Remember, in order to complete Reading Level One, we need to read 5 books, with the newest category being Leadership. If you would like to see the most recent information on the Reading Program go to <http://www.bwcumw.org> which is our Conference United Methodist Women's website, then scroll down to The Reading Program and click on it. May you experience the blessings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, during this season of unsettled weather, and may you continue to expand your knowledge of Christ's missions and missionaries throughout the world as you Read, Read, Read!

In His Name,  
Linda S. Yost, Secretary of Program Resources



Special Feature Books (**K3044-2012-12**)  
(One feature book in each of the five Plan Categories)

R9017 (EPM)—It's Easier to Reach Heaven than the End of the Street (\$16.00)  
R9022 (NFC)—Breathe (\$12.99)  
R9029 (SA)—Color Blind (\$14.95)  
R9001 (SG)—All Creation Sings (\$14.00)  
R9007 (LD)—Women Lead the Way (\$18.95)  
= \$76.89 with 15% Discount (= \$11.53) = **\$65.36**

## Vice President

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.

I am excited about the opportunity to serve as your Vice President for the BWC UMW, a conference which strives for excellence in service and mission for women, children and families.

To the BWC UMW Mission Team I bring 8 years of demonstrative experiences in the positions as past president and vice president for the Baltimore North District and the new Baltimore Metropolitan District in the Baltimore Region. Professionally, I am a Master Social Worker, employed with the Maryland State Department of Human Resources-Social Services Administration. I am committed to the work of mission and I believe that women play a vital role in making disciples for the transformation of the world.

**The Vice President**, working cooperatively with the president, shall assist the conference in fulfilling the PURPOSE. She shall: serve as chairperson of the Committee on Program; serve as contact person for district vice presidents, provides resources and conduct training at least annually, as determined by the Executive Committee; carry coordination responsibilities for ecumenical relations in the conference, interpret and promote Church Women United and the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women and encourage attendance at their events; perform the duties of the president in her absence; serve on the following committees: Executive, Program, Finance and the School of Christian Mission.

The BWC UMW Annual Celebration will held October 27, 2012 and the host church is Hereford UMC, 16931 York Rd, Monkton, MD 21111. This will be an inter-active celebration as we invite 4 churches from each of the 8 districts to tell their mission stories. Coordination will be made through the President of the districts.

The United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men will sponsor a joint Luncheon Program on May 31, 2012 from Noon – 1:00 p.m. at the BWC UMC Annual Meeting. The purpose of this initiative is to kick off a partnership to focus on Domestic Violence Against Women.

I look forward to working with you as we dance, study, sing and praise God as a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. Please use your UMW Handbook 2009-2012 as a source for information and planning. When we work together as a team all things are made possible through Christ.

Peace and Love.

Elizabeth Mitchell Stemley, VP

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## Trustees

### A report from the Board of Trustees:

Since the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Baltimore Washington Conference United Methodist Women at the September date, the only item addressed was:

Catherine Waters has retired from the Board of Trustees as the representative of the Greater Washington District. Geraldine Whitely will be replacing her as of April, 2012.

Blessings,

Janice



# SAVE THE DATE!

Baltimore-Washington Conference

Cooperative School of Christian Mission\*

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**BETHESDAY, MD 20814**

**301-897-9400**

**Friday, Aug 3 10:00 am – Sunday, Aug 5, 2012 3:30 pm**

**THEME: *That All May Have Life***

**COURSE OF STUDIES**

**Spiritual Growth: *Immigration in the Bible***

**Geographic: *Haiti***

**Social Issue: *Poverty***

**Pastor Tony Love, Dean of the School**

**\*Sponsored by United Methodist Women and Board of Global Ministries**

**BROCHURES WILL BE AVAILABLE BY MID MARCH!**

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE ([WWW.BWCUMW.ORG](http://WWW.BWCUMW.ORG)) OR YOUR DISTRICT PRESIDENT FOR MORE INFO.**

# SAVE THE DATE!



## ***YOUTH MISSION EVENT***

***BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND***

***by the***

**Baltimore-Washington Conference  
Cooperative School of Christian Mission**

***Friday, Aug 3 10:00 am – Sunday, Aug 5, 2012 3:30 pm***

***THE BETHESDA MARRIOTT  
5151 POOKS HILL ROAD  
BETHESDA, MD 20814  
301-897-9400***

**THEME: “That All May Have Life”**



### **STUDIES**

**Spiritual Growth: *Immigration in the Bible***

**Geographic: *Haiti***

**Social Issue: *Poverty***

**FURTHER INFO AND REGISTRATION WILL BE  
AVAILABLE SOON!**



**Contact:**

**Pastor Tony Love, Dean of the School – [alovenote@aol.com](mailto:alovenote@aol.com)**

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## **SAVE THE DATE**

*Inspired To Serve*

***5th Annual Benefit for Susanna Wesley House***

***Saturday, September 8, 2012***

***11:30am***

***Conference Mission Center of the  
Baltimore-Washington Conference  
Fulton, MD***

***Event Specifics Forthcoming***



*The mission of Susanna Wesley House is to provide a safe, clean home; to assist women and their dependent children; and to ensure that there is a viable program for the residents to obtain independent living.*

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

# **Susanna Wesley House has a NEW Partner!!**



***We Welcome the YWCA Greater Baltimore!!***

Dear Friend(s) of SWH:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Susanna Wesley House, we are happy to announce a new and exciting change that is taking place within the organization.

As you may know, Susanna Wesley House, located at 609 Park Avenue, was renovated in 2002 to provide transitional supportive housing for up to nine previously homeless women and their children. The prototype for the remodeled building was provided by our program partner of ten years (2002-2012); the Women's Housing Coalition (WHC).

Our work with WHC has been a successful journey; together we have housed and provided supportive services for 50+ families. With a landlord/tenant annual agreement, Susanna Wesley House has been responsible for property safety and maintenance, while Women's Housing Coalition offered supportive services to the residents via an onsite case manager.

Regrettably, Women's Housing Coalition has decided not to renew its lease for 2012, and will be offering its families other housing opportunities. Although we know that a continued partnership with WHC would have yielded continual success, we also understand that prudent leadership must do what is necessary and timely, in fulfilling its specified mission. We support Women's Housing Coalition and its residents during this transition, and we wish them our sincere best.

Fortunately, the mission of Susanna Wesley House will not falter as a result of this change. We have already identified a new and promising partner-the YWCA Greater Baltimore. As a long-standing organization in the state of Maryland, the YWCA's commitment to helping homeless women and children achieve greater self-sufficiency and happier, healthier lives-- is very consistent with the mission of Susanna Wesley House.

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After considering our options for the future, amid Women's Housing Coalition's departure, we decided to ask the YWCA to not only maintain its support of the 607 Park project, but to partner with us at 609 Park. They agreed without hesitation. Similar to the relationship we had with WHC, Susanna Wesley House will oversee the property maintenance at 609, and the YWCA will provide onsite case management and supportive services to the new SWH residents.

The Board and staff of Susanna Wesley House are elated by this new endeavor; and with great anticipation, look forward to working with the YWCA. The YWCA's leadership has expressed mutual expectation and excitement. The two organizations already have a myriad of action plans in the works. We are a team; ready to make a difference in Baltimore.

We solicit your prayers, and thank you in advance for your continued support.

Sincerely,

***Colleen Cates,***  
***SWH Board President, Newly Appointed***

**To learn more about our new partner, please take time and visit the website of YWCA Greater Baltimore at [www.ywcagreaterbaltimore.org](http://www.ywcagreaterbaltimore.org)**



## Central Maryland District

The Central Maryland District (CMD) is “buzzin” with excitement over the fact that we fulfilled the district pledge for the first time since becoming the CMD! We thank God for giving us the resources to complete our pledge. We thank Tamara Hull, our treasurer, for helping to keep us on track, and we thank all the local units who fulfilled their pledges.

We are also excited over 3 new ladies joining the district mission team as “Power Partners”. Kathleen Charters, Margaret Williams, and Cheryl Gooden, are joining the team to support us and also to learn more about the workings of the Mission Team.

We look forward to our activities of 2012. For the first time since becoming the Central Maryland District, we are sponsoring a **spiritual and informational retreat**. **May 19, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm** to be held at Seneca Creek State Park in Gaithersburg, MD. The morning will spent building us up spiritually and in the afternoon will share information on Domestic Violence.

As we gathered for training on February 18 at Goshen UMC in Gaithersburg, we learned that 2 of our churches and a Church Women United group are sponsoring bus trips to see the play Jonah at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA.

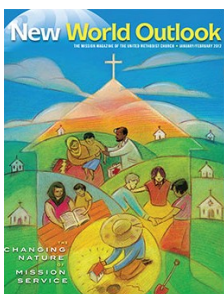
**Thursday April 12, 2012:** Sponsored by Church Women United. Bus leaves from Shepherd Staff parking lot in Carroll St., Westminster, MD; Price: \$85 (includes bus, lunch at Good & Plenty Restaurant, and the show) For more information call Mary Jane Graf at 410-374-4478.

**Saturday July 7, 2012:** Sponsored by: The Emory Grove United Methodist Women. Bus leaves at 11:00 a.m. from Upper County Community Center, 8201 Emory Grove Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Price: \$125.00 for Adults, \$90.00 (includes bus, meal at the Millers Restaurant at 2:15 p.m., show at 4:15 p.m.) For more information contact Joan Owens President – 301-570-3011.

**Saturday August 25, 2012:** Sponsored by: The Fairhaven United Methodist Women. Bus leaves at 7:00 a.m. from Fairhaven UMC, 12801 Darnestown Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. Price: \$130.00 for Adults, (includes bus, show at 1:00 p.m. meal at The Cupboard Restaurant at 4:00 p.m.) For more information contact Esther Lyons, President – 301-921-0173.

In addition to these activities, we look forward to spending time with our sisters from across the Jurisdiction at the NE Jurisdiction gathering in Hershey, PA in June!

Rita Green  
CMD President



**GREATER WASHINGTON DISTRICT**

The Greater Washington District (GWD) is pleased that the pledges for 2011 totaled \$47,179.55: 4 Areas of Giving: \$6,626.80; Designated Gifts: \$3,975.78; Conference Projects: \$5,928.00; and total: \$63,710.13. We thank our treasurer, Sandra Chambers, for her diligent efforts expended in attempting to reach our goal of \$55,000 (pledges). We are grateful to know that through our mission giving to Conference projects, we helped those less fortunate, and brought a blessing to women, youth and children.

We are grateful to those units who assisted in giving to the "Coins for Cholera" project for the treatment and prevention of cholera in Haiti. Also, a heartfelt thank you to the units who answered the call for "Health Kits." We are pleased with the responses.

On October 30, 2011, the Jerusalem-Mt. Pleasant UMW Unit, Rockville, MD, was installed during their worship service.

The GWD celebrated their Local Officers Training on December 3, 2011 (for 2012) at Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church, 3401 Nebraska Avenue, Washington, DC 20016. The host pastor, Rev. Dr. Charles Parker, lifted up the cause and mission of the United Methodist Women (UMW). Nancy Randers-Pehrson, Baltimore-Washington Conference UMW and husband, Glenn Pehrson, attended. Nancy rendered a welcome to the attendees. Ann Price, Conference Social Action Coordinator, gave a complete Conference update on social issues.

Geraldine Whitley, Program Resources Secretary; Sandra Chambers, Treasurer; and, Andrea Ross, Membership, Nurture and Outreach, accompanied me on January 14, 2012, to Oak Chapel UMC, 14500 Layhill Rd., Silver Spring, MD, to install their new unit. The unit consists of 23 members. Pastor Saundra Rector was present and gave a wonderful greeting. A lovely lunch was prepared.

On February 25, 2012, a Legislative Seminar will take place at Woodside UMC, 8900 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Registration is \$12.00 to Sandra Chambers, Treasurer, 8312 Rambler Drive, Adelphi, MD 20783. Continental Breakfast will be served and a light lunch. Topics will include: "Domestic Violence: Carrying on Faith in Work," and "Advocating for Systemic Change." The Seminar will begin at 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Best Love: *"Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."* Philippians: 2:4.

Love does not seek its own. Love does consider the other person and gets excited about seeing that their needs get met.

Gertrude White, President



Epworth House Mission Project Committee  
Expanding Concepts of Mission  
*at*  
Wesley Theological Seminary

*Sponsored by:*  
The United Methodist Women  
*of the*  
Greater Washington District  
*and the*  
Washington East District

**Theme:** *“Walk with Wholeness”*

Join Us for our Annual Epworth House Spring Luncheon  
Saturday, March 31, 2012, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Good Hope Union United Methodist Church  
14680 Good Hope Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905  
(North on New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD  
to right on Good Hope Road)

\$30.00 per person

Registration Deadline: Saturday, March 17, 2012

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

(The proceeds from this event will assist in sponsoring the Missioner-in-Residence for the next school year).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_  
(List additional names on attached Form)

Please make check or money order payable to: *Epworth House*  
Mail to: Alveta S. Jones, Treasurer  
3113 Amador Drive, Landover, MD 20785-2446

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

If we can answer any questions, please call:

Alveta S. Jones: 301-772-5594 ~ Zilpha Pinkney: 301-868-8324



Eastern United Methodist Church  
1429 E. North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21213  
Rev. Lena Marie Dennis, Pastor

# ***DINNER CRUISE***

## ***on the Spirit of Baltimore***

**Sponsored by the United Methodist Women of  
Eastern United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, June 24, 2011**

**Board Time: 4:30 PM**

**Cruise Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Ticket Cost: \$65.00 (adults)**

**\$30.00 (children 3 – 12 years)**

**Parking Available:** Harbor Court Garage  
Lee & Light Streets  
\$6.00 per car

For more information, contact:

Darcia Smith (President) 410-256-6902

Esther Smith (Vice President) 410-323-2754



# Baltimore Washington Conference United Methodist Women (BWCUMW)

## EVENTS CALENDAR 2012

EVENT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
SOCM MEETING	JAN 9	6:00 PM	Conference Center
ROCK	JAN 20-22		Ocean City, MD
BWCUMW Plan Retreat	FEB 4	9:00AM-4:30PM	Conference Center
CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE	FEB 13	5PM	Conference Center
SOCM MEETING	FEB 13	6PM	Conference Center
LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY	FEB 15	9:30-11:00 AM	Annapolis, MD
"FLAME" Newsletter Article Due	FEB 15		Zilpha Pinkney
BWCUMW FINANCE COMMITTEE	FEB 18	3:00-4:30 PM	Conference Center
BWCUMW PROGRAM COMMITTEE	FEB 18	4:30-5:30 PM	Conference Center
YOUNG WOMEN'S SEMINAR: Violence against Women	FEB 18-25		New York City
GREATER WASH DIST LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR	FEB 25	9:30 AM	Woodside UMC Silver Spring, MD
"FLAME" Newsletter Mailed	MARCH 1		Zilpha Pinkney
BWCUMW MISSION TEAM	MARCH 10	9:00 AM-Noon	Conference Center
COSROW: Women's Event	March 10	1:30-5PM	Conference Center
SOCM Meeting	March 12	6PM	Conference Center
National Gathering EAD	March 23-26		Washington, DC
Nominations Committee Meeting	March 24	9:30-11:30 AM	Conference Center
Epworth House Scholarship Luncheon	March 31	11:30AM- 2:30 PM	Good Hope Union UMC
Charter for Racial Justice	April 9	5PM	Conference Center
SOCM Meeting	April 9	6:00 PM	Conference Center
UMW Trustee Meeting	April 10	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Conference Center
SOCM Meeting	May 14	6:00 PM	Conference Center
"FLAME" Newsletter Article Due	May 15		Zilpha Pinkney
BWCUMW MISSION TEAM	May 18	6:00-8:30 PM	Conference Center
BWC UMC Annual Conference	May 30-June 1	Wed-Fri	Baltimore
"FLAME" Newsletter Mailed	June 1		Zilpha Pinkney
Nominations Committee Meeting	June	9:30-11:30 AM	Conference Center
SOCM Meeting	June 11	6:00 PM	Conference Center
NE Jurisdictional Quadrennial Meeting	June 14-16	Thurs 6PM-Sat Noon	Hershey, PA
Regional School	June 17-20		Elizabethtown, PA
SOCM Meeting	July 9	6:00 PM	Conference Center

## EVENTS CALENDAR 2012 (cont.)

EVENT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Young Women's Event	Aug 2-5		Duke University, NC
School of Christian Mission	Aug 3-5	TBA	Marriott Hotel Bethesda, MD
"FLAME" Newsletter Article Due	Aug 15		Zilpha Pinkney
BWCUMW FINANCE COMMITTEE	Aug 18	9:00-11:00AM	Conference Center
BWCUMW PROGRAM COMMITTEE (Calendar 2013 Finalize)	Aug 18	11:15AM-12:30PM	Conference Center
"FLAME" Newsletter Mailed	September 1		Zilpha Pinkney
Susanna Wesley House Fall Luncheon	September 8	11:30-3PM	Conference Center
SOCM Meeting	September 10	6:00PM	Conference Center
UMW Trustee Meeting	September 11	10:00 AM- 1PM	Conference Center
BWC UMW Meeting	September 15	9:00 AM-Noon	Conference Center
Wesley Learning Center	September (TBA)		Wesley Seminary
SOCM Meeting	Oct 8	6:00 PM	Conference Center
Annapolis Dist Annual Meeting	October 13		TBA
Greater Wash Dist Annual Meeting	October 13	9:00 AM	Gethsemane UMC
Baltimore Suburban Dist Annual Mtg.	October 13		TBA
Baltimore Metropolitan Dist Ann Mtg.	October 13	9:00 AM	TBA
Central MD Dist Annual Meeting	October 20	1:00 PM	TBA
Washington East Dist Annual Meeting	October 20		Journey of Faith Church
BWCUMW Annual Celebration & District Officer Training	October 27	9:30 AM-3:00 PM	Hereford UMC Balt. Suburban Dist Conference Center
SOCM Meeting	November 12	6 PM	
"FLAME" Newsletter Article Due	November 15		Zilpha Pinkney
Women's Division LTE	November	TBA	St Louis, MO
UN Seminar	November	TBA	NYC, NY
16 Days "Activism Against Gender Violence"	Nov 25- December 10		WORLDWIDE
"FLAME" Newsletter Mailed	December 1		Zilpha Pinkney