

# The Flame

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# BALTIMORE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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For

Young Women Inspired to Serve God

When: Friday November 9, 2012

Where: Baltimore Washington Conference Center 11711 East Market Place Fulton, Maryland 20759-2594

Time: 7:00 P.M OR Conference Call

Who: Calling young women ages 20 through 30

Purpose

To learn more about United Methodist Women and Mission Opportunities

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Each district president will identify 2 persons to participate in this gathering by 11/1/2012

Baltimore Washington Conference UMW

Nancy Randers Pehrson, President



# BWC UMW Annual Celebration & Leadership Training Saturday, October 27, 2012

Baltimore Suburban UMW- Host District
Hereford Unit Methodist Women- Host Church
16931 York Road
Monkton, Maryland 21111

Registration- 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM- Program 10:00 AM- 12:00 N Per Order Box Lunch- 12: 00 Noon- 1:00 PM. @Cost 12.50

DVD Showings- Haiti, Poverty and Domestic Violence /Abuse for those not attending Leadership Training.

Deadline for Registration and Box Lunch is October 15, 2012

Make check payable-BWC-Treasurer and send to
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Registration form can be found on page 16.

# **PRESIDENT**

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

# Greetings,

We have a lot to celebrate! New units are forming and others are becoming renewed. In fact the entire United Methodist Women Organization is celebrating its autonomy for now we are directly under the Episcopacy in structure. We finally have a "seat at the table." We are structurally separate, however missionally connected to the GBGM, General Board of Global Ministries.

At the Upper Atlantic Regional School, I learned that we are to keep our **purpose** in mind and re-evaluate our organizational structure **as we see fit**, to see if we want to make any changes in our mission team officer positions. We can stay the way we are at the Conference, District, and Local levels **or** we can turn some of our mission team positions into tasks or add task positions to our mission team positions. However, we must have the following officers: President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Nominations Committee. Evaluate what will make your mission teams more united and effective in order to fulfill the PURPOSE. Some of our units are having difficulty recruiting women in long term commitments, so now we can ask volunteers to take care of a task for a specific event, instead of being on the mission team. Our purpose and tenure will stay the same and training will continue to be provided for all current positions. I plan to attending additional training in January in reference to the 2013-2016 Handbook.

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 supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

I am very impressed with all the good work you are doing in missions for God's glory. At the recent Cooperative School of Christian Mission, an abundance of Health Kits was donated in support of our local needs for the homeless and our global needs for the women, children, and youth in Haiti and other countries. We were even given more flip-flops and other supplies.

Let us focus on growing our units, opening them up to all, welcoming the youth, the newcomers to your neighborhoods and personally inviting others to our exciting and passionate UMW meetings and events. This world can be a lonely, frightening place, but we United Methodist Women can change the world, and reach out to others with compassion and love, in some cases, one person at a time. I am asking you to invite someone new or someone you have not seen for a while to your next meeting and make them feel accepted and loved. It could be a family member. Share your faith. Like Lois and Eunice shared their faith with Timothy, 11 Timothy 1:5, share your faith with others. Turn faith, hope, and love into action.

May God bless you, Nancy M. Randers-Pehrson President, BWC UMW

# What's Next for United Methodist Women?

On May 1, 2012, General Conference approved a proposal from the General Board of Global Ministries and the Women's Division making United Methodist Women a fully autonomous organization at the national level within The United Methodist Church. The national policymaking body of women organized for mission will be separate from Global Ministries for the first time in more than 70 years.

### United Methodist Women's national office

United Methodist Women's national policymaking body, the Women's Division, will be renamed the Board of Directors of United Methodist Women and will continue to raise funds for mission. Women's Division staff will be transferred to United Methodist Women's national office on October 1. 2012.

### Program responsibilities

Disciplinary oversight of the denomination's deaconess and home missioner programs was also placed with the new national United Methodist Women organization. These actions confirm United Methodist Women's direct administration of the national and international work that it has funded for so long.

## Seeking Peace in Afghanistan

United Methodist Women proposed the resolution, "Seeking Peace in Afghanistan," which was approved with amendments. Through this action, The United Methodist Church is supporting an end to war in Afghanistan and seeking a process of peace, which includes participation of women in Afghanistan. The resolution states: "Women's leadership is central in these negotiations; women must be involved in all peace negotiations, and this participation must be real and not simply a token gesture."

## Flexibility to members

General Conference also approved a series of recommendations from United Methodist Women that will structurally strengthen ties between United Methodist Women members, their national structure and the ministries they support.

# Local level United Methodist Women

- Local Church petitions, including those regarding local United Methodist Women, did not come to the floor of General Conference for action. 2008 Book of Discipline §256.5 will remain.
- . The only change in this paragraph is the name of the national organization of United Methodist Women.
- · All local organizations of United Methodist Women are encouraged to organize as they see fit to fulfill the PURPOSE.

### Jurisdiction, Conference and District United Methodist Women

- Each jurisdiction, conference and district will continue to have a corresponding level of United Methodist Women
  organized in accordance with the program and policies of the national organization of United Methodist Women.
- District and conference United Methodist Women will elect a leadership team, including at least, but not limited to, a president, a treasurer, a secretary and a Committee on Nominations.
- Districts and conferences may have other teams or committees as needed to fulfill the PURPOSE.

### Governance

A 25-member board of directors elected by United Methodist Women members will govern United Methodist Women. The board is responsible for managing the organization's program policies, finances, property and its chief executive. The board will confer with a 70- to 80-member Program Advisory Group comprised of United Methodist Women members and mission partners. Every conference will have representation in United Methodist Women's national organization through this Advisory Group. The members of the Board of Directors will be elected and/or nominated this summer and the organizational meeting of the new Board and Advisory Group will be in August 2012.



# **VICE PRESIDENT**

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

We are a body of women whose purpose is to know God and serve Him through providing services to children, youth and women. As United Methodist Women we strive to follow Christ's teachings to do acts of love, justice, mercy and faith, and to serve one another on an equal basis. This can be done through worship, praying, studying, sharing and working together to please God. The Cooperative School of Christian Mission, leadership classes, UM Seminar, spiritual retreats, mission trips, Call to Prayer and self-Denial, Bible studies and mission projects are resources for learning new skills and information.

The roles of the vice presidents at the conference, district and local levels are important in the planning process for mission and services. We work cooperatively with the president and mission team in fulfilling the purpose of our great organization. When planning we ensure that all activities are related to the Purpose of United Methodist Women. We must seek ways to reach out to children, youth and families in our communities as well as the World in meaningful ways.

A special goal is to reach out to younger women and involve them in mission events and UMW. On November 9, 2012 a gathering will be held at the BWC Conference Center for young women between 20 & 30. The scheduled time is 7:00 p.m. All districts are invited to participate by sending two people.

I believe as committed UMW we are moving forward in planning yearly programs. At our up-coming annual celebration there will be an opportunity to hear unique mission stories from each district. **The guidelines for sharing mission stories are**:

- 1. Each district president/ vice president will have 3 minutes to introduce the UMW Unit who will present a unique mission story from a local church.
- 2. The selected church will present their mission project at the annual celebration on October 27. 2012. The mission team is expected to be creative in their presentation to the membership.
- 3. The name of the selected mission project and a brief description should be sent to me by October 15, 2012, email-estemley1190@comcast.net
- 4. Each district will have a table to showcase their selected mission project as well as other program information at the annual celebration.

At the leadership training for vice president during the Cooperative School of Christian Mission, if was suggested that a follow-up meeting be scheduled to explore the vital functions for leaders. Please let me know if you support this idea for future training meetings. Come prepared to discuss this item at Officers' Training in October 27, 2012.

# Vice President, cont.

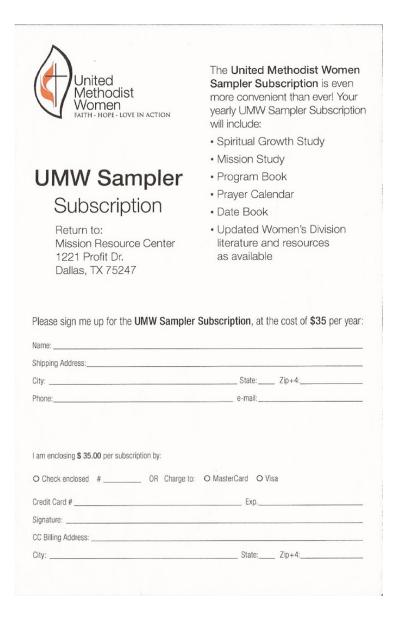
In preparation for the up- coming Annual Celebration please send the following information to be included in the program booklet by October 12, 2012 to my attention: Proposed Mission Team Members, Nomination Committee, and Charter for Racial Justice for 2013, President's and Treasurer's Reports, 5 Star Local Unit from each district, Mission Today Units, Reading Program, Board of Trustees, Social Action, District Projects, and Calendar of events for 2013. I f you have any questions please let me know.

I look forward to working and serving with you in carrying out the purpose for United Methodist Women to the glory of God.

Peace and Love,

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# MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH

Greetings and joys of the summer!

What a busy summer it has been for United Methodist Women. A big change in structure was made at General Conference. New visions were announced and new representatives were elected at Northeast Jurisdiction. A new location for our conference Cooperative School of Christian Mission was a success.

How wonderful it was to meet and greet so many women at the Cooperative School of Christian Mission this year. While the temperature on the outside was soaring, Baltimore-Washington Conference Women were praising God, learning new ideas, exploring new information, sharing life stories, and just having a God centered good time. Oh yes, I should also mention enjoying great food. The change in venue appears to have energized everyone and blessed us with renewed excitement and interest in the school. We were happy to have some United Methodist Men to visit the school for lunch and the plenary on Saturday. It is our hope that some of the United Methodist Men will be inspired to attend the Cooperative School of Christian Mission next year. If you attended the Cooperative School of Christian Mission this year, you are encouraged to share your experience and excitement with others (women and men) who were not present.

The Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Coordinator (MNO) update at The Cooperative School was attended by several district and local MNOs. We were able to discuss our projects and reports for the year, difficulties with collecting data, and how some of the difficulties have been solved. Thank you to Andrea Ross from the Greater Washington District who shared a system she has used for gathering and documenting the collection of data for her district. I look forward to continuing our dialogue with more coordinators at our annual conference training session on October 27.

Thank you to all Presidents and MNOs who submitted data for the annual census report and for the Visitations to Churches Count which was required for the North East Jurisdiction Meeting of United Methodist Women (NEJ). Based on the census reports received from each district, there were more than 8,000 active United Methodist Women in the Baltimore Washington Conference (BWC) in 2011. From the reports submitted for the NEJ, the officers of our UMW BW Districts and Conference visited more than 180 churches in our conference as representative of the United Methodist Women. Thank you to all officers who made visits to our churches and reported their visits.

As we approach the fall and our Annual District and Conference Meetings, Presidents and/or MNOs are asked to submit information about renewed units, new units, most senior UMW members and deceased members. Information must be submitted by September 30 in order to be included at the Annual Conference Celebration, October 27. Appreciation is extended in advance for your support and attention. (Please see the attached sheet for submitting information.)

Following the Annual Conference Celebration, officer training will take place. All MNOs are invited to attend the training. We will again discuss the electronic report form that is being used for submitting the census reports. Every church is requested to submit a count of its United Methodist Women. Please plan to attend and to learn how convenient and efficient it is to submit your information by computer.

Peace and Grace,

W. Jean Jackson Membership, Nurture, Outreach Coordinator, BWC wjbjackson@att.net 301-336-8452 "Christ has no body but yours,
no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours."
From "Christ Has No Body"
By Teresa of Avila (1515-15 82)

# Information for BWC Annual Conference Celebration Membership, Nurture, Outreach

Name of District	
Name of Person Reporting	
Email of Person Reporting	
Phone Contact for Person Reporting	
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Names of New Units begun in 2012	
Names of Units Renewed in 2012	
Names of Members 90 years of age and older	
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Names of Members Deceased since October 2011 _	
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This information may be emailed or mailed to: Jean Jackson at <a href="wjbjackson@att.net">wjbjackson@att.net</a> or to: Jean Jackson, 13 Jonquil Ave., Hyattsville, MD 20785.

# **Social Action Update**

"...As I have loved you, so you must love one another..."

John 13:34

# **Domestic Violence and Abuse**

Domestic violence and abuse (DVA), one of three B-W Conference UMW 2012 social action priorities, is a pervasive social ill that impacts persons at all levels within the global community. It is repeated violence and abuse by intimate partners and others, and affects millions of women and children. An alarming statistic is that every 15 seconds a woman is beaten by her partner (per *Knock Out Abuse Against Women*). One of four women worldwide will suffer abuse physically, sexually, or otherwise in her life time. All women and youth should be able to live free of violent and abusive acts

A key role for United Methodist Women is to help expand our awareness of this moral outrage and human rights violation. We can help to arrange and provide victim support in many ways within our communities, such as counseling referrals; education, financial, and language services; safe houses; and job training and identification; among others.

We are committed to working with legislators at all levels to put in place regulations and legislation that support DVA victims everywhere, especially women, children, and youth. It is imperative that we contact our congressional leaders at national and state levels to encourage their support for legislation against DVA here and around the globe.

# **2012 United States Congress and State of Maryland Domestic Violence Legislative Actions / Status:**

# **United States Congress:**

-S. 1925 / H.B. 4970: "Violence Against Women Act" (VAWA): (Approved by the Senate / House of Representatives.) Hopefully, this legislation will proceed for processing through Joint Conference / Reconciliation. We join advocates who request support for a final VAWA Bill based on specifics in the more inclusive Senate Bill.

-<u>H.R. 5905</u>, "International Violence Against Women Act" (IVAWA): (Introduced in the House of Representatives on *June 7, 2012*.) This comprehensive legislation would create a 5-year plan to fight violence against women and girls abroad, and would support U.S. foreign policy and international assistance to help end the global epidemic of gender-based violence.

# 2012 Maryland General Assembly (Selected):

# **Approved**:

-HB 1146 / SB 647, "Domestically Related Crimes - Reporting": Provides authority for the court to determine if a crime is domestically related, and for reporting to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository. (Passed in Senate and House; signed into Law in May 2012.)

-HB 769 / SB 291, "Unemployment Insurance - Coverage, Victims of Domestic Violence": Supports unemployment insurance for a claimant who leaves a job because the person or an immediate family member is a victim of domestic violence. (Passed in the House and Senate; signed into law in May 2012.)

# **Not Approved**:

-<u>HB 1074/SB 612</u>, "Criminal Law-First Degree Assault - Strangulation": Would add strangulation to first degree, felony assault. (Passed in the Senate; No vote in the House.)

<u>Domestic Violence and Abuse DVD Resources</u>: You may borrow the following DVD resources from undersigned: (1) Domestic Violence: What Churches Can Do; (2) African-American Children and Domestic Violence: Prevention and Intervention; (3) Safe Return: Addressing Domestic Violence Among Men and their Families from Penitentiary to the Community.

# **Upcoming Events:**

MD DREAM Act Vote: The Maryland DREAM Act was passed and signed into law in 2011, but not implemented due to an appeal. The Act will be on the MD November General Election ballot. We are counting on your support of the MD DREAM Act!

<u>UN Seminar 2012</u>: Please join us for UN Seminar 2012, November 18-20 in NYC. Theme: "Human Trafficking: A Global Challenge for Today's World". See the 2012 UN Seminar flyer in this edition, and on the BWC e-Connection and BWC UMW web sites.

<u>16 Days of Activism Campaign</u>: Last year, we implemented a B-W Conference UMW Prayer Vigil that ended on December 10th in concert with the Rutgers University-sponsored global "16 days of Activism to End Violence Against Women", with an emphasis on militarism. Information will be forthcoming on our 2012 activity in concert with the 2012 16 Days of Activism Campaign.

### **Action Alert**

# Electing Candidates Committed to Positively Transforming the Lives of Women, Girls and Families

### Election 2012

August 28, 2012

We come to you this month with a different format for our Action Alert in preparation for this year's elections. We have provided a "2012 Candidate Checklist: A Questionnaire for Candidates Seeking Election" for you to use while following this year's election. We hope you will use the Checklist as a tool to assess whether a candidate's positions reflect your values.

### Action

The Checklist can be used by taking the following suggested Actions: (Please keep in mind that all candidate should be asked to explain his/her support or opposition to an issue.)

- Organize a candidate forum and directly pose questions to candidates
- Monitor community or nationally televised debates and note candidates' responses; refer to chart below.
- Attend a town hall meeting and ask questions from the Checklist
- Distribute copies of the Checklist to your district and local counterparts for use as bulletin and table handouts or for use in Legislative Event packets
- Assess the election outcome. Convene a discussion group to determine how the "winner's" views compared with issues you or your Conference support
- Convene a community dialogue around one of the categories on the Checklist. Reach a consensus on your point of view; schedule a meeting with your elected official to discuss the outcome of your dialogue

You can help get voters registered: webinars will be held on Wednesday, 8/29 and Thursday, 8/30 at gotowebinar.com.

- Voter Registration Planning and Recruitment: Wednesday, August 29 at 1:00 PM EDT
  - Discuss selecting the right voter registration sites, planning a staging location, recruiting constituents to be registered, communicating with the press, and recruiting volunteers.
- Voter Registration Message and Online Tools: Thursday, August 30 at 1:00 PM EDT
  - Covers effective messaging for getting people to register, and online tools to help with registration.

# Pre-Election Schedule for Debates & Conventions

Event	Date	Location	Moderator
Republican National Convention	August 27-30, 2012	Tampa, FL	
Democratic National Convention	September 3-6, 2012	Charlotte, NC	
First Presidential Debate	October 3, 2012	University of Denver Denver, Colorado	Jim Lehrer
Vice-Presidential Debate	October 11, 2012	Centre College Danville, Kentucky	Martha Raddatz
Second Presidential Debate	October 16, 2012	Hofstra University Hempstead, New York	Candy Crowley
Third Presidential Debate	October 22, 2012	Lynn University Boca Raton, FL	Bob Schieffer

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# SPIRITUAL GROWTH

### IMMIGRATION IN THE BIBLE

2012 Spiritual Growth Study: An Overview By Joan M. Maruskin

"Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you."------Genesis 12:1

This study shares the story of the Bible as a narrative of immigrants and migration. Exploring the Biblical and theological understandings of immigration, immigrants, and migration, this study seeks to enable the participants to examine what it is to be a sojourner and to live into the Biblical mandate of hospitality for "the stranger" and "aliens" in our midst. You can use this book as a guide to open dialog and participation in your UMW meetings.

The Bible was written *by, for,* and *about m*igrants, immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. It gives directions for responding to sisters and brothers, from around the world, who come to a land seeking safety, sanctuary, and sustenance. It is also the book that many of our ancestors used to help them survive the stress and strain of integrating into a new country. The Bible offers guidance and direction for persons who migrate or immigrate by choice; and for persons who flee because of devastation and destruction through violence or natural disasters.

Scriptures provide the basis for practicing a theology of radical, inclusive hospitality. The study relates insights from the Biblical texts to the story of immigration in the US as well as global migration. Biblical narratives such as the story of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar (Genesis chapters 12-16), the story of Joseph and the migration of Joseph's father Jacob and his family to Egypt (Genesis 37-47), the story of the Exodus (Exodus 3: 1-12; 13: 17-22) the story of women and migration (Ruth chapters 1-2), the story of Queen Esther, Jesus as an undocumented person in Egypt (Matthew chapter 2) are a few examples of the question of Luke 10:29, "Who is my neighbor"

The study engages the participants in the on-going ministries of the United Methodist Women and the United Methodist Church and encourages development of emerging ministries with the sojourners of today.

It has been an honor and privilege serving as Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator for the past four years.....it's been a pleasure meeting and greeting you and I appreciate your support and encouragement on my spiritual journey.

"The path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day" Proverbs 4:18

In His Service

Jane Grays



# **EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION**

Greetings, to all the E & I persons and all UMW members. I look forward to seeing all of you at Annual meeting, at the same time thank you for making our Cooperative School of Christian Mission held on August 3 – 5, 2012, at the Bethesda Marriot 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD, 20814. Our school was a great success I believe everyone in attendance will agree. We will hold our school at the same location next year 2013, you will love the Hotel. Our future mission study topics are:

2013--- Spiritual Growth: Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly

Geographic: The Roma of Europe

Social Issue Poverty
Youth: Migration
Children Migration

This year we restarted our youth school, it was a great success. Please add an amount in your 2013 budget to allow you to assist youth in attending. Please help us make our youth school grow we had 17 this year, this was a great start. **Thanks to the Districts that provided scholarships for some of our youth**.

Next it is important that every one understand our Conference Projects. All projects belong to every District. Some years ago districts were assigned projects to spearhead, but they do not solely own them we can still give to all projects. The Conference Projects are as follows:

- 1. Scholarship Find
- 2. Susanna Wesley House
- 3. YWCA Domestic Violence
- 4. Baltimore Parish Works
- 5. Epworth House Mission Project
- 6. Family Crisis Resource Center, Inc
- 7. Montgomery Avenue Women's Center
- 8. Blanche Powell Memorial Fund
- 9. Shenandoah Women's Center, Inc.

We thank you for all of your support of the conference projects. Washington East district will be featuring all of the projects. See the flyer on page 30 in this newsletter for additional and please encourage your members to attend and receive a better understanding of all projects.

If you have any additional questions please call Willa Kynard at 202-716-8898.

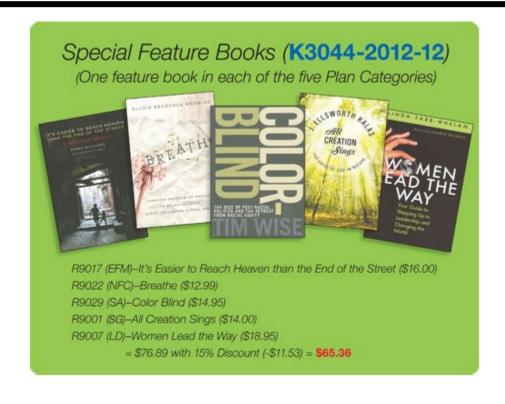


# **EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION**

# Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation

The MISSION COORDINATOR FOR EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION shall empower women to understand, interpret and participate in the mission giving and outreach of the church. She shall

- a. promote and interpret the work of the General Board of Global Ministries that the Women's Division supports, including interpretation of the changing concepts of mission and changing roles of mission personnel;
- b. promote mission education opportunities: mission studies, local mission opportunities, Schools of Christian Mission, United Methodist Seminars on National and International Affairs, mission encounters, and supplying material resources for mission programs and projects;
- c. promote and utilize printed and audiovisual resources of the General Board of Global Ministries to tell the mission story;
- e. promote and interpret the need for undesignated giving to undergird the program of mission outreach of the General Board of Global Ministries that is supported by the Women's Division, with special emphasis on women, children and youth;
- g. work with the president to assure the unit will become a Mission Today Unit, using the criteria received from the district or conference; when the unit meets the criteria, report to the district mission coordinator for education and interpretation; serve on the Executive Committee and, where they exist, the Committees on Program, Finance, and Membership Nurture and Outreach.



# MISSION TODAY CRITERIA [2009-2012]

Every Local unit is invited to become a "MISSION TODAY" Unit. This will help your unit fulfill the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women as you become more involved in mission through prayer, study and action. You will increase contacts with mission personnel and projects, use mission resources and learn of social justice issues where you make a difference. Becoming a Mission Today unit is a commitment to the organization of United Methodist Women and Christ's mission with women, children and youth. The Women's Division goal is that at least 75% of all units are Mission Today units by the end of the 2009-2012 Quadrennium.

# Select the level that fits your Unit:

Bronze Level – Complete eight to twelve criteria, including at least four starred items Silver level – complete thirteen to seventeen criteria, including at least six starred items Gold Level – complete eighteen criteria or more, including at least six starred items

Once you've reached your level, please send your report to your District President who will share it with the District and Conference Secretary of Education and Interpretation. Your report for the prior year must be received no later than Sept 30.

Thank you for participating in Mission Today.

- 1. Use the Prayer calendar at each general meeting to pray for mission workers and projects. \*
- 2. The unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission. \*
- 3. The unit will add at least two members to its roll. \*
- 4. The unit will have at least two members subscribe to *Response* magazine. \*
- 5. The unit will use at least two programs from the Program Book for United Methodist Women each year.\*
- 6. The unit or circle will conduct at least one mission study (4 hours or more) a year. \*
- 7. At least one member of the unit (other than a conference or district officer) will attend the Conference School of Mission.
- 8. At least two members (other than a conference or district officer) will attend the district or conference annual meeting.
- 9. The unit will have at least one person join the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information.
- 10. Members will write to five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar each year.
- 11. The unit will participate in the Campaign for Children in at least two ways.
- 12. The unit will be a Five Star unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving (pledge to mission, gift in honor, gift in memory, world thanks offering, and special mission recognition).\*
- 13. Each unit or circle will include a *Response* moment where an item from the magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
- 14. Have at two people from the unit, circle or subgroup complete one of the Reading Program Plans and report on one of the books read; encourage all members to complete Plan One; have a book review program.
- 15. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year.
- 16. Each unit, circle or subgroup will open its meeting by saying the PURPOSE

# SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES

Dear Sisters in Christ!

What a busy year we have had! First it was Northeast Jurisdiction, then, for some of us, Regional School, which was followed by the Cooperative School of Christian Mission. It was wonderful seeing many old friends, and making new ones as I sat behind the cashier's desk in the Program Resources Room. As always, I greatly appreciated the help with the set-up and breakdown of the PR room, and the cashiering. We sold nearly \$3,000 worth of books and supplies. Wow! We had a beautiful school in a lovely new venue, the Bethesda Marriott, with a hotel staff that actually pampered us to the hilt. And even more good news......we'll be there again next year!

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 again this year. In order to do this at the Conference UMW Annual Meeting in Hereford, 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, 2012.

Remember, you still have time to read another book or two...... Enjoy!

Grace and Peace, Linda S. Yost, Conference Secretary of Program Resources

# **TREASURER**

# My Two Cents

I am including in this newsletter (if possible) a copy of a cute pledge form to be used this fall at our many gatherings. Never having been treasurer before, I didn't know until now just how important our pledges are. All I used to do is just make one, primarily to myself as a goal of my financial giving to the UMW, and also to my church. I listened to others as they expounded on the need to share one's pledge (goal) with the Finance Committee at church, but just didn't get it. Now I see in action to what they were referring. Our UMW budgets are all characterized by the financial support that we give them. Without pledge from our units, our budgets have no financial foundation on which to stand. So we need you to communicate with us. We need to know what kind of foundation you will be able to build for our teams to get the work done in support of mission education, spiritual growth, and leadership development. Without your pledge our work is on shaky ground. We cannot extend ourselves to build UMW up, unless we start with a solid grounding. Just as our spiritual growth is based on sound biblical doctrine, our mission and ministries need to be based on solid giving from our units.

Please prayerfully consider what your unit and/or team can provide to UMW giving in 2013. Communicate with the District Treasurers to ensure that they know they have your support. We look forward to hearing from you at many of our gatherings this fall. I am really looking forward to our Annual meeting being in "the Hereford Zone" this fall, which is where I live. I hope that I will see many of you there at Hereford UMC. Blessings,



# 2013 Pledge

Unit	
Pledge to Mission*	\$
Special Mission Recognition	\$
Gift to Mission	\$
Gift in Memory	\$
World Thank Offering	\$
TOTAL PLEDGE	Ś

\* - this is the basic means of mission support

To be a **5-Star unit**, a local unit must contribute to each of the Five Channels of Mission Giving above **on or before September 15, 2013.** 

# **Washington East District**

# WED Is Growing!

Dear Sisters in Mission,

The Washington East District is continuing its growth and we are so blessed to have the following newly reorganized units rejoin our mission efforts – Mt. Calvary (Charlotte Hall) and Faith in Accokeek!

We want to thank Mt. Calvary for inviting us to come down and participate in one of their meetings and also for asking me to emcee their Women's Day Tea. Everything was beautiful and the food was simply scrumptious. I loved the opportunity to wear a hat!

The District Mission Team also wants to send out thanks to Pastor George Aist who welcomed us to his Sunday morning service at Faith UMC in Accokeek in order to present the Certificate of Reorganization to the Faith local unit. Pastor's message of compassion included the compassion and work of the UMW! Afterward we were invited to a lovely fellowship hour and got to meet many of the Faith congregation.

I am writing this the day after the Cooperative School of Christian Mission concluded and what a wonderful time we had! Our own Karmalita Contee-Borders was the plenary speaker this year and the study of Immigration made us all stop and consider whether we have been faithful in entertaining strangers for we were once strangers in this land. This year we were blessed to have 16 youth attend! They were absolutely awesome – fully participating in classes, the plenary and the entertainment. Another great aspect of the SOCM this year was the Focus Groups. There was something for everyone to get excited about. There were focus groups on Intergenerational Bullying, Labyrinth Prayer, Technology and Zumba in addition to the study classes on Haiti and Poverty. There was also a welcome for new attendees and there were quite a few first timers in attendance! The hotel was beautiful and the food delicious. Praise God we will be at the same location next year so if you missed the opportunity to participate this year, please prepare to come next year.

The most exciting news I have to share with you is that the WED has a website! Yes, it is still in the developmental stages, but it is in existence and you can go and take a look at it. The website address is <a href="www.wedumw.org">www.wedumw.org</a>. We welcome your feedback on the new site. If you have information you would like to post on the site, please contact me. We also have an e-mail address for the District -- it is <a href="wedum@yahoo.com">wedum@yahoo.com</a>. Yes, we are moving into the age of technology so that we can better service the local units in the District!

Don't forget the Conference Annual meeting on October 27 at Hereford UMC in Monkton, MD and the WED Annual Meeting on October 20 at Journey of Faith UMC in Waldorf! Hope to see you soon.

Blessings in Abundance! Nona Colbert, President

# GREATER WASHINGTON DISTRICT

Reporting the following activities:

- October 30, 2011, the Jerusalem-Mt. Pleasant UMW Unit, Rockville, MD, was installed during their morning worship service.
- GWD celebrated their Local Officers Training on December 3, 2011 (for 2012) at Metropolitan Memorial UMC, Washington, DC.
- On January 14, 2012, President and Officers installed Oak Chapel UMW, 14500 Layhill Rd., Silver Spring, MD. Unit consists of 23 members. Pastor Saundra Rector was present and gave a wonderful welcome. A lovely lunch was prepared.
- On February 25, 2012, a GWD Legislative Seminar took place at Woodside UMC, Silver Spring, MD. Approximately 85 persons attended. Topics: "Domestic Violence: Carrying on Faith in Work," and "Advocating for Systemic Change."
- Annual Prayer Breakfast took place on May 5, 2012, Good Hope Union UMC, Silver Spring,
   MD. "Women of the Bible, Alive" presented marvelous skits. Jackson Caesar, tenor, rendered
   "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." Everett P. Williams, Jr., Minister of Music, Asbury UMC,
   Washington, DC, mastered the piano for the enjoyment of all.
- Francis Asbury UMW's Unit and church closed. They have since restructured and are now a combined congregation of Francis Asbury - National Korean Church, 2181 Baltimore Rd., Rockville, MD.

THE NE JURISDICTIONAL MEETING held last June was attended by five team officers.

**<u>2012 SOCM</u>** - Ten officers of the GWD will be attending the SOCM in August.

**LOCAL UNIT ACTIVITIES** - Twelve local units reported on the following activities:

<u>Health Kits</u> were donated by: St. Paul's UMW, Kensington, MD; Asbury UMW, Washington, DC; and Good Shepherd UMW, Silver Spring, MD.

**Domestic Violence Program Meeting** was held at Hughes Memorial UMW, DC.

<u>Outreach</u> – The following units assisted shelters and other local projects: First Church, Hyattsville, MD; Gethsemane UMW, Capitol Heights, MD; Brightwood Park UMW, Washington, DC; Jerusalem-Mt. Pleasant UMW, Rockville, MD; St. Paul's UMW, Kensington, MD; Woodside UMW, Silver Spring, MD; Albright Memorial UMW, Washington, DC; Millian UMW, Rockville, MD, and Good Shepherd UMW, Silver Spring, MD.

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Do not let your growth in holiness depend upon surrounding circumstances, but rather constrain those circumstances to minister to your growth.

Gertrude T. White, President

# **Baltimore Metropolitan District**

# **Exodus** 13:17-22

- <sup>17</sup> When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt." <sup>18</sup> So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. <sup>[a]</sup> The Israelites went up out of Egypt ready for battle.
- <sup>19</sup> Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the Israelites swear an oath. He had said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place." <sup>[b]</sup>
- <sup>20</sup> After leaving Sukkoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert. <sup>21</sup> By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. <sup>22</sup> Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

# **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 supportive fellowship.
- •To expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

The above mentioned Biblical passage was highlighted at the Cooperative School of Christian Mission correlating Immigration and the Bible. Accompanying this Spiritual Growth study was also the studies of Haiti and Poverty. There were **30** UMW from the Baltimore Metropolitan District present representing **11** local units: Gwynn Oak, Ames, St. Matthews-New Life, Eastern, Christ, Northwood Appold, Loch Raven, Epworth Chapel, Sharp Street, Patapsco-Lodge Forest and Cherry Hill. The BMD UMW contributed 84 pairs of flip flops, 26 health kits and 9 Tee shirts at the SCOM.

The United Methodist Women members will be empowered by the Holy Spirit as they communicate the fullness of God's kingdom, explore definitions of peace to become mediators, and assume responsibility to be peacemakers in their communities. (*Walk With Wholeness - May, 2012*)

# **Dates to Remember**

Sep. 8 - Susanna Wesley House Fall Luncheon - Conference Center - 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Sep. 29 - BMD UMW Annual Fall Meeting - Towson UMC - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Oct. 27 - BWC UMW - Annual Fall Meeting/Officer Training - Hereford UMC - BSD - 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Nov. 18-20 - UN Seminar - NY

Nov. 25 - Dec. 10, 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence - Worldwide

## **REPORTS**

# President

Humbly with God's strength and guidance, I have succeeded thus far with the diligent assistance of the BMD Mission Team. These are the years of modern technology. Women's Division is encouraging UMW to be educated to the new means of communication with one other to develop a creative and supportive fellowship. To fulfill this concept, the BMD newsletter is being e-mailed to the Presidents or Secretaries. For this two-year term of the BMD UMW Mission Team, we have not had a good beginning which is to be expected. Over half of the team are new members. We, however, will continue to strive to do God's will using his blessings and strength.

# Baltimore Metropolitan District, cont.

Local Mission Teams have informed me of their special programs at their local units by informing us of how they are expanding concepts of mission either locally or globally.

Some UMW are perhaps perplexed as to how they be can become a part of a community of women. Here's how easily it can be accomplished:

health kits, prayer shawls, flip flops, "T" shirts, can goods, items for homeless shelters (contact a local one near you to determine what they need), after-school tutoring programs, volunteer at soup kitchens or food pantries, develop a young women's group, prison ministry, parenting skills, job seeking skills, career enhancement, English as a second language, establish a fellowship with women of another race, ethnic group or culture, domestic violence forums or clothes closets. As you perform any ONE of these projects, either locally or globally, as a UMW it allows you to do the mission work of God.

Local Unit Presidents have inspired members to participate in the Reading Program. They have also encouraged members to become 5 Star Units and participants of the Mission Today program.

Members have been encouraged to act upon these issues:

**Domestic Violence** 

Women's Rights

**Immigration** 

Health Care

Environment **Economic Justice** 

Racial Justice

**Public Education** 

Child Advocacy

Global Justice

Special attention to these issues of interest:

- Local units still have time to prepare health kits along with flip flops and "T" shirts for the Annual BMD Fall Meeting and the Annual BWC Fall Meeting.
- Prayer shawls are to be determined.
- Health Kits, flip flops and "T" shirts will go to Haiti.
- UMW participating in ROCK in January 2013

# Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth.

As the Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth, you provide opportunities for women to realize personal growth and spiritual renewal for mission. You are the leaven for the unit, in that you bring a spirit that encourages good team relationships. Involve women in Bible study and prayer. You also challenge UMW to put their faith into action. Your resources as a spiritual Growth Coordinator include: the Prayer Calendar, the Program Book, Response Magazine, New World Outlook and the Bible. Remember our Theme: Faith, Hope and Love in Action. 1-Cor.13:13, And now these 3 remain Faith, Hope, Love. But the greatest of these is LOVE.

Paula Johnson

# **Mission Coordinator for Nominations**

I represent the Nominating Committee and our business is to nominate the officers of the United Methodist Women Local and District Groups. District has need of 4 - 8 positions to be filled. When we meet with our District President, Hand outs Packet/Cards will be evaluated and distributed at the upcoming events.. Our purpose is to reach out to young women to keep them abreast of changes in duties and to give written directions or documentation.

Ruth Mawokomatanda

Blessings,

Janice D. Mason, President

Baltimore Metropolitan District

# **Central Maryland District Bees**

It was exciting for several members of the CMD to join with our sisters from the BWC and across the jurisdiction at the NEJ in Hershey, PA in June. It was a beautiful location and the days were full of great music and inspirational speakers. One of our members was able to attend the meeting with the Hershey executives and was quite impressed with the way the UMW leaders conducted the meeting.

In August we gathered again with our sisters from the BWC at the SOCM. We are grateful that the conference encouraged us to recruit and support two young ladies to attend SOCM this year. We are delighted that Mikayla Plummer and Alexis Hammie from Goshen UMC joined us for the inspirational weekend. Alexis, who even helped serve communion, commented on the weekend, "I liked it. I told my friends about it." Mikayla echoed her sentiments by saying, "It was real fun." Tamara Hull, the district treasurer and also their chaperone for the weekend, presented each girls with a welcome "goodie" bag full of treats for the girls. We pray the youth school will expand for next year and encourage the leaders of the youth school to tailor advance publicity to the youth.

We would like to welcome the 9 new clergy members of the Central MD District to UMW.

We are looking forward to a meeting in September with the officers of the district officers of the UMM to plan a joint retreat in 2013 addressing the issue of domestic violence.

We also look forward to our annual meeting/celebration on October 20, 10:30 a.m. at Fairhaven UMC in Gaithersburg. In preparation for the conference annual celebration, we are asking each unit to come prepared to make a 3 minute presentation on their mission projects. We will conclude our celebration with lunch.

Submitted by
Rita Green, President





Saturday, October 27, 2012

Hereford United Methodist Church -16931 York Road

Monkton, Maryland 21111- Directions attached

# "Turning Faith, Hope, Love into Action"

Registration and Fellowship 9:00 AM Program 10:00 A.M. Through 12:00 Noon

Leadership Training – 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

**DVD** showings for those not attending Leadership Training

Send Registration and money by October 15, 2012 to Heidi W. Eber, Treasurer, BWC - 4201 Beckleysville Road, Hampstead, MD 21074

BOX LUNCH \$12.50 RSVP by October :	18, 2012		
District	Office		
Name	Church		
Email	Phone		
I will attend annual Celebration	Y_ N_ Please circle answer		
I will attend Leadership Training	Y_ N_ Please circle answer		
I will stay for lunch for lunch	Y_ N_ Please circle answer		
Sandwiches served on homema	ide croissants or baked rolls.		
Smoked Turkey_ Tuna_ Pit Beef	_ Virginia Baked Ham		
Spicy Salami _ Tossed Salard,	Relish Tray, Tea, Cookies		
Check your Choice			

Return Registration Form with check made payable to BWC Treasurer. Please mail to Heidi W. Eber, 4201 Beckleysville Road, Hampstead, Maryland 21074.

# DIRECTIONS TO HEREFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# FROM RANDALLSTOWN AREA:

TAKE I-695 WEST (BALTIMORE BELTWAY INNER LOOP) TOWARD BALTIMORE/TOWSON.

MERGE ONTO I-83 NORTH VIA EXIT 24 TOWARD TIMONIUM/YORK PA. (STAY ON I-83 FOR 12.9 MILES)

TAKE EXIT 27 ... MD-137 EAST (MT. CARMEL ROAD) ... TOWARD HEREFORD.

TURN SLIGHT RIGHT ONTO MT CARMEL RD/MD-137  $\dots$ 

STAY ON MT. CARMEL ROAD TO TRAFFIC LIGHT AT YORK ROAD

TURN RIGHT ONTO YORK RD/MD-45  $\dots$ 

16931 YORK RD IS ON THE LEFT ... TURN LEFT AT THE 1ST TRAFFIC LIGHT (MONKTON ROAD)

TAKE AN IMMEDIATE LEFT AT THE DRIVEWAY BETWEEN THE FIRE STATION AND THE CHURCH.

HEREFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS ON THE LEFT.

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# The Blanche Powell Memorial United Nations Seminar

About Blanche Powell:

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

# 2012 UN Seminar Committee:

Darlene Bowles, (301) 929-1432 Heidi Eber, (410) 374-9152 Jean Jackson, (301) 775-4840 Willa Kynard, (202) 575-4142 Ann Price, (301) 464-0602 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 2012 holiday season in New York City! Experience the following:

- -- Atour of the UN Building
- -- See a Sunday 2012 Radio City Music Hall Christmas or Broadway Show Matinee
- -- Enjoy the Radio City Music Hall 2012 Christmas Show Sunday or Monday Evening
- -- Go Holiday Shopping
- -- Go Sightseeing in "The Big Apple"
- ... and, most importantly, participate in UN Seminar 2012, to return on Tuesday, Nov 20th to prepare for Thursday's Thanksgiving festivities!

# information for Bus Pick-up:

The bus departs promptly at 7:30 AM Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, from Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 5602 Johnnycake Road, Baltimore, MD 21207 (Rte 40 & Johnnycake Road). The approximate return arrival time for the bus in Baltimore on Tuesday, November, 20<sup>th</sup>, is 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.

# 2012 Blanche Powell Memorial

United Nations Seminar

# Sponsored by the Baltimore-Washington Conference



Sunday, November 18, 2012 -Tuesday, November 20, 2012 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

young adults and youth, are invited to ssues sponsored by United Methodist pervasive and pressing social justice local, national, and global phenomenon. The United Methodist Seminar Program on joint program of the Women's Division of Board of Baltimore-Washington Women. This year's Seminar is about most National and International Affairs is a the General Board of Global Ministries Conference Seminar on international Clergy and laity, men and women, one of today's Ø ssues, human trafficking, General Church and Society (GBCS) (GBGM) and the vet another attend



# 2012 Seminar Topic:

"Human Trafficking: A Global Challenge for Today's World"

If you need additional assistance, please contact:

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

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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 porterage, and baggage storage for late checkouts, with a **One Bag Maximum**, per person.

# \*Note our low early bird rates this year!

The single room fee is available upon request.

Note: The above costs are to be paid by <u>each person</u> 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.)

As of 7/6/12: Make Checks payable to BWC UMW. Send Registration Forms/Checks to:

Darlene Bowles, Registrar 4921 Morning Glory Court Rockville, MD 20853 \*\* Registration confirmation will be forwarded with information on the Seminar after your registration and payment are received.

Note: Bus transportation and hotel accommodations on this trip are for persons attending UN Seminar 2012 only.

# UN SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

1	ROOM CHOICE: Single Double  Triple Quad	District	hone (Home) / (Cell)
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# STATISTICAL INFORMATION:

Male Youth	No	No
$ \mathbb{N} $	Yes	Yes
_ Female	Seminar?	Woman?
_ Clergy _	First time for UN Seminar? Yes	United Methodist Woman? Yes
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# **CONFERENCE PROJECTS 101**



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2012

ST. MATTHEWS UMC
14900 Annapolis Rd
Bowie, MD 20715
301-262-1408
2:00 – 4:00 pm
Sponsored by the
EPWORTH HOUSE COMMITTEE

# WHAT DOES CONFERENCE PROJECTS 101 MEAN TO YOU?

You are cordially invited to come and find out about all the Baltimore-Washington United Methodist Women's Conference Projects.

We will have a presentation from all nine CONFERENCE PROJECTS with light refreshments served.

The CONFERNCE PROJECTS are as follows:

Baltimore Parish Works
Epworth House
Family Crisis Center
Montgomery Avenue Women's Center
Shepherd's Staff
Shenandoah Women's Center
Susannah Wesley House
YWCA Domestic Violence
Conference Scholarship Fund



POC: Zilpha Pinkney, 301-868-8324 or zapinkney@yahoo.com

# Directions to St. Matthews United Methodist Church

**From Washington or Annapolis** on Route 50, Take Exit 11 onto Rt. 197 North. Go straight through the light at Benjamin Tasker Middle School (on your right).

At the fourth light, turn right onto Route 450 (Annapolis Road). Go through the first 2 lights (at 2nd light, Moylan Dr is on the left, Trinity Dr is on the right). St. Matthew's parking lot is the next left after the second light, just before Bowie High School.

**From Baltimore** on Route 97, exit at Route 3 (Bowie). Take Route 3 to Route 450 West, turn right onto 450.

Take Route 450 through Bowie, past Bowie High School. St. Matthew's is the immediate right after the high school driveways.

# **COME VISIT OUR RESOURCE CENTER**

Baltimore Washington and Virginia Conferences United Methodist Women Learning Resource Center Wesley Theological Seminary, Elderdice Hall

Rev. Stephanie Hixon
Co-Author of our Spiritual Growth Book
the journey – forgiveness, restorative justice and reconciliation
will be our
Speaker for Tuesday morning, Sep. 18, 2012 Chapel at 11:00

Discover more about the United Methodist Women:

Our roots How we're funded The Charter for Racial Justice Our relationship to the United Nations Who we are Where our money goes Schools of Mission And much more

# WALK WITH WHOLENESS



Drawing for Giff Certifloate from Cokesbury each day!

Monday, September 17, 2012 Tuesday, September 18, 2012 Wednesday, September 19, 2012 1:00 – 8:00 pm 12:00 – 8:00 pm 10:00 – 2:00 pm

Worship Service - Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. In the Oxnam Chapel Light refreshments will be served in the board room of Elderdice Hall immediately following the service.



# **United Methodist Women**

OF

Epworth United Methodist Chapel 3317 St. Lukes Lane - Baltimore, Maryland 21207

Presents a Discussion

On

Domestic Violence: It's EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS!

With

Sumayya Coleman- Lead Consultant with Share Time
Wisely Consulting Services

And

Gertrude Dailey, Deaconess-United Methodist Church Please join us in supporting Domestic Violence Awareness!

Invite a friend to hear this important information

Saturday, September 15, 2012

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.

Epworth's Fellowship Hall

"Love does not harm" Roman 13:10, but in many families, abuse and violence is a fact of life.

Rev. Dr. C. Anthony Hunt, Senior Pastor Rev. Kelly L. Grimes, Associate Pastor

Lydia McCargo-Redd, UMW President

Alice Bey, UMW Social Action Chair