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BALTIMORE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Baltimore-Washington Conference
United Methodist Women

THE PRESIDENT

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31, NIV)

Dear Ones,

May God bless you for all the support and hard work you have done for others, especially women, children, and youth on the margins of life--all for God's glory. Our Fair Trade advocacy work for Hersey Chocolates with the many post cards presented to them has paid off with their agreement to have all their cocoa beans certified by 2020; our counter-posters against hate messages in the subway system in NY and DC have made a difference; the hundreds of health kits for the homeless and those suffering from Super Storm Sandy and other catastrophes in Haiti and other places around the world have made a difference. I could go on and on. You know what mission work you have done and so does the Lord. Please "keep on keeping on," for 2013 is going to be a year of transitioning and transformation.

During my recent trip to the Leadership Development Days, in Tempe, Arizona, I learned that the Women's Division is now called United Methodist Women National Office and that the new Handbooks are due back from the printers in April. There was a concentrated emphasis on building closer relationships with each other and especially in implementing The Charter for Racial Justice. We are encouraged to purposely create opportunities to meet with people that look different from us and get acquainted with them and their cultures.

This year, we will again have a special luncheon with the UMW/UMM at the BWC Annual Conference on Thursday, May 30, from 12:30 to 1:45 PM. So please be sure to include this special meal in your registration. No tickets will be available on the day of the luncheon. The BWC UMW/UMM have had several meetings concentrating on the issue of Stopping Domestic Violence. Ideas will be forthcoming encouraging each District UMW/UMM to work together to show more awareness on this issue and provide more education to the local churches, as we put our faith, hope and love into action. (Please note that the Laity Session of the Baltimore Washington Conference will be on May 4, 9-5 PM, at the Martin's West in Woodlawn and the BWC Annual Conference will be held on May 29-31 in Baltimore, like last year. Church delegates are expected to attend both of these events.)

We must continue to focus on 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.

Blessings,
Nancy M. Randers-Pehrson

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Message from the Vice President

Peace and grace is yours in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. This is an exciting time in the lives of the United Methodist Women as we support the theme **“Moving Forward in Mission.”** Our purpose: The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know Gods and to experience freedom as whole person through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in global ministries of the church.

The Annual Planning Retreat Meeting facilitated by Rev. Antoine (Tony) Love held January 5, 2013 was outstanding. The areas covered were: Devotion, Meeting goals, Team Building, Updates and Mission Action plans, Coordinators' Service Area Reports, New mission Opportunities and Fun Activities. We observed the 2 to 3 minutes rule for reports and discussions, which enabled the meeting sessions to flow in an organized manner. According to the feedback from participants the team building and fun activities were the highlights of the meeting. It was suggested that the Conference sponsor a spiritual retreat in 2014.

The Intergenerational- Young Women inspired to serve developed a survey to be circulated to each of the 8 districts. The purpose is to seek feedback from young women on how they can become involved in United Methodist Women mission activities. Please send completed information to my attention by April 1, 2013. We are asking the presidents as well as the vice presidents to assist with the distribution of the **survey** to their local churches. The data will be compiled and used as a blue print for recruitment. Also, names of potential young women age range 18 through 35 from each district would be appreciated to serve on this committee. Please send information by April 19, 2013 to my attention.

UMW & UMM Partnership on Domestic Violence and Abuse are working together, to develop a conference wide plan to fight against domestic violence among women and families. We invite participation from each district in this effort. The goal is to develop a plan that can be utilized through the Baltimore Washington Conference.

The Inter-Active Annual Celebration on October 26, 2013 will be held at Cresaptown United Methodist Church, 14805 McMullan Highway, Cresaptown, MD 21502. You are invited to make suggestions about inter -active hands on mission activities. Please email your suggestion as soon as possible to estemley1190@comcast.net. Consider including a hands on mission activity at your next gathering.

Living the Heart of God is the United Methodist Women program resource book for 2012 through 2013. The purpose of the programs is to equip us to live the heart of God in building up the body of Christ through mission. The districts and local units are encouraged to use this resource to enhance their programs activities. God challenges us to seek needs in the World, especially those of women, children and youth through God's heart.

Please let me know if I may be of any assistance to you in the area of program development and implementation. I believe that we are ready to live out our faith, hope and love on behalf of women, children and youth around the world? Let's get moving!

Peace,

Elizabeth Mitchell Stemley, Vice President

Baltimore Washington Conference UMW
Inter-Generational-Inspired Young Women
Interest Survey

Name _____ Church Home _____

Address _____ Email _____

Are you a member of the United Methodist Women's Unit? Yes ___ No ___

Age Range: Please check one 25-29 ___ 20-39 ___ 40-49 ___

Rate your knowledge of the works of United Methodist Women:

General ___ Average ___ Moderate ___ Want to learn more

My passion about learning more about United Methodist Women:

Great ___ Somewhat Interested ___ Others ___

Explain _____

My gifts, graces and skills I would like to share in working with United Methodist Women are:

Management ___ Leadership ___ Writing ___ Organization ___ Teaching ___ Advocating ___ Others ___

Explain _____

I am available to attend meetings or work on projects during the following times:

___ Monday morning, afternoon, evening; ___ Tuesday morning, afternoon, evening; ___ Wednesday morning, afternoon, evening; ___ Thursday morning, afternoon, evening; ___ Friday morning, afternoon, evening; ___ Saturday morning, afternoon, evening; ___ Sunday afternoon or evening. Other

Explain _____

What form of communication would you want to use to connect with other United Methodist Women?

Explain

General Comments:

SPIRITUAL GROWTH COORDINATOR

Happy New Year! As your newly elected Spiritual Growth coordinator, I would like to greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we embark on this journey, I would like us to take the time to think about what goals we want to set. After reading this article, I ask that each of you send me your name, address, telephone, number, email address and the name of your District.

As you know the Spiritual Growth coordinator is responsible for the devotions and spiritual reflections at all meetings and events and must work hand in hand with the Vice President, who coordinates all programs and events. Devotions can be found in your yearly program book (*Living the Heart of God*), as well as books on your Reading Program List, the Upper Room, the Daily Bread and many other resources. If you have a favorite devotion book please share the name with me and I, in turn, will share it with others.

Now during this Lenten season, when we usually give up something, I say instead of giving up, let us take more: take more time to read our Bible; take more time to pray; take more time to share with others; take more time to do self reflection; and take more time to love your neighbor.

Zilpha Pinkney
Spiritual Growth
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**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: "Living the Heart of God"

Join us for our Annual Epworth House Spring Luncheon

Saturday, April 20, 2013, 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn College Park

10000 Baltimore Ave, College Park, MD 20740

\$35.00 per person

Registration Deadline: March 20, 2013

Name _____ Church _____

(List additional names on the back)

Special Needs: _____

Please make check or money order payable to Epworth House

Mail to: Alveta S. Jones, Treasurer

3113 Amador Drive, Landover, MD 20785-2446

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

- We regret walk-ins cannot be accepted
- The church with the highest number of members from the eight Districts will be recognized.

If we can answer any questions, please call:

Alveta S. Jones, 301-772-5594 or Zilpha Pinkney, 301-868-8324

Social Action Update...

2013 Social Action Issue Priorities: In keeping with guidance from the United Methodist Women's National Office, the B-W Conference UMW has prioritized three social action issues for follow-up in 2013:

(1) **Immigration Reform:** There are more than 9 million undocumented persons in the US today. Many entities, including the UM Church and United Methodist Women, have worked tirelessly to help make Immigration Reform a reality to support these persons. Passage of the MD DREAM Act in 2012 was a big step in this direction. The issue has the attention of the US Congress and the President of the United States. We will continue our advocacy support to help make Immigration Reform a reality, hopefully in 2013!

(2) **Environmental Justice/Climate Change:** Today's environmental issues are complex, multifaceted, and touch everything that we are and that we do. Some key issues are global warming, food production/consumption, clean air/water, carbon pollution, solar/wind energy, going green, and water conservation, among others. We will work to better understand this issue and to support efforts to help protect and sustain our planet.

(3) **Human Trafficking:** Between 11 and 27 million people are impacted by this modern-day form of slavery, fueled by global poverty, desires for cheap labor, inadequate education, ethnic discrimination, etc. Several successful bills have passed in the MD legislature. We will continue to help advocate for laws/ legislation against Human Trafficking and for worldwide eradication of this social ill.

Priority emphasis will be on awareness and on implementing supportive social action advocacy activities throughout the B-W Conference United Methodist Women. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Maryland Legislative Advocacy Day 2013: Seventy-seven persons registered for the third annual MD Legislative Advocacy Day, held Thursday, February 14, 2013. The B-W Conference United Methodist Women and The Board of Church and Society co-sponsored the event which began at the Asbury UM Church, Annapolis, located in close proximity to MD Senate and House Office buildings. Bishop Marcus Matthews, the B-W Conference Presiding Bishop, was the keynote speaker. The Legislative Day included small group sessions, office visits with legislators, and participation in various bill hearings. Issue experts facilitated group sessions to address Human Trafficking, Fair Hiring for Returning Citizens, and Domestic Violence and Abuse. The Prevention of Gun Violence issue was added to the Agenda to gain support for associated legislation. We express sincere appreciation to Asbury UM Church's Pastor, members, and especially the United Methodist Women, for their sustained support of our MD Legislative Day. Ann Price, Social Action Coordinator, and Beth Reilly, Conference Advocacy Consultant are the Legislative Day Co-Coordinators.

Ann Price, Social Action Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Greetings and happy new year to the women of the Baltimore-Washington Conference:

I pray your 2013 has begun with renewed faith, hope and love in action. Based on the annual meetings and training sessions that I attended this fall, United Methodist Women are still excited about mission for women, children and youth, and are reaching out to neighbors far and near to bring service, hospitality, and material needs. We are still building upon our faith and love for Christ.

Women of the Baltimore-Washington United Methodist Women, it is membership census time again! At the beginning of each year UMW units are asked to send in a count of its membership for the previous year. We are currently counting our membership for 2012. All Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinators (MNOs) at the church level should have sent a count to the district MNOs by now. Our count is not to be confused with the count requested by our local church count, which each unit must also submit to someone in each church. If your unit UMW count has not been submitted to your district, please submit it immediately.

Questions are sometimes asked about who should be counted. As a reminder, our United Methodist Women's Handbook states "Membership shall be open to any woman who indicates her desire to belong and to participate in the global mission of the church through United Methodist Women." (UMW Handbook 2009-20012, Local and District Units, "Who Is a Member of United Methodist Women," page 3).

The UMW count must be sent to the district Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator. If there is no local MNO, the local president or local secretary must send in the count of members to the district MNO. The process has been made easy for us to do. There is an electronic form from your district MNO or we can use the electronic form that is on the BWCUMW.ORG website. Fill in the electronic form. Save it, and then email the form to your district MNO. If you prefer, make a copy of the electronic form, complete the form and mail it to your district MNO. Please submit the census information immediately if your unit has not. A copy of the census form is included in this newsletter also.

If your unit is planning a United Methodist Women's Day, a mission project, or other special activity, send in an announcement to the BWCUMW.ORG website so that other UM women can be informed about it and have the opportunity to attend. Conference mission team members especially enjoy attending unit events.

Thank you to the district MNO's, district presidents, local unit officers and local unit members who are working to fulfill our purpose, to support our mission projects and our census count. It was truly inspiring at our annual conference meeting to learn of all the wonderful ways God is working through our units and districts and blessing our purpose.

Wishing all women, youth, children and families grace for the Lenten season and a joyous Easter,

W. Jean Jackson
wjbjackson@att.net
301-336-8452 C-301-775-4840
Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator

2012 Local Membership Census Form

Local Unit Name:	_____	Unit President	_____
District Name:	_____	Address:	_____
Conference Name:	_____	City:	_____
Reported by:	_____	State / Zip:	_____
Phone:	_____	Phone:	_____
Email:	_____	Email:	_____

Numbers of Members as 01-Jan-12

New Members added

Numbers Lost by Death or

other Reasons

Total Members 31-Dec-12

Unit Type

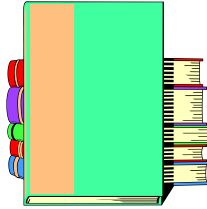
Are you a: Local, Cluster/Charge, District or Online Unit: _____

Instructions:

Fill in your information and insert numbers into the corresponding column.

Send copies by January 30, 2013 to:

District Mission Coordinator for
Membership Nurture and Outreach

SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES

Dear Sisters in Christ!

Just a quick note to let you know about how your units can sign up for the \$35.00 Mailer:

I called United Methodist Women Mission Resources in Georgia and was told that the \$35.00 Mailer form is not on the website, but we can order the Mailer in one of two ways:

1. Call them at 1-800-305-9857 and be prepared to use a credit card, as they require payment at the time of ordering, **or**
2. Can put a note and check in the mail labeled \$35 Mailer and mail to:

United Methodist Women Mission Resources
PO Box 742349
Atlanta, GA 30374-2349

I don't know if they will have a form printed soon or not. I was told that the first mailing will be in April, and will contain the books for the Spiritual Growth Study (Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly) and the Mission Study (Roma). The second mailing will be in September and will contain the Program Book for 2014, the Prayer Calendar for 2014, and the Date Book.

I also asked about the availability of the new Handbooks. They are waiting for the UMW National to have the By-Laws meeting in March so that the by-laws can be included in the book. These handbooks may not be available until May or June. These will not be included in the \$35 Mailer. It looks like I'm going to be ordering a number of them for sale at Mission u and likely at our Annual Celebration in October.

If you have any further questions regarding these or other Program Resource issues, please feel free to contact me at LJYost@verizon.net or 410-239-0429.

Blessings to All,
Linda S. Yost, Conference Secretary
of Program Resources

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Greetings United Methodist Women,

United Methodist Women as Communicators

Local church communications is a ministry that shares the church's story in ways that move people toward becoming disciples for Christ. By being a local church communicator, you are following the ways of the Bible. In the following verses from Ephesians, include "communicator" (you) as one of the gifts to the church.

He is the one who gave gifts to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ, until we come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature and full grown in the Lord, measuring up to the full stature of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13)

As a communicator you are a storyteller and story listener, helping equip people with information, insight, and ways to respond in order to do God's work. You also provide the congregation with means to tell their own stories.

Think of the ways you as the communicator tell the story of the church, creating readiness and nudging the church community toward receptive insight.

I look forward to working with you as the new BWC-UMW Communications Coordinator.

May God Bless,

Valerie White,
Your Sister in Christ

NOMINATIONS

The Nominations Committee is to be commended on having a complete slate of officers for 2013. Nothing beats TEAM work!!!

The Nominations is one committee that works year round. Having said that - it is time to begin our quest for 2014. Presidents of districts and Presidents of local organized UMW can be very helpful in letting the members of the Nominations Committee know who have served and are ready to assume other responsibilities. Members of Nominations Committee and their Districts are: Margaret Pennington(C/H); Grace Watkins (A); Dorothy Presberry (BS); Joyce Shelton (CM); Ellen Durigg (GW); Ieesha Gillis (BM); Pamela Randall (WE); Verna Gaskins (BM); Jeanette Thomas (A); Mary Catherine Sencindiver (F).

Positions to be filled for 2014:

Mission Coordinator For Social Action:

Shall coordinate the conference program of study and action relating to current local, national, international and global social issues. She shall:

1. Work with the Executive Committee: to select several priority issues on which to focus conference prayer, study and action, taking into consideration Women's Division priorities;
2. coordinate the public policy and legislative activities of the conference.
3. promote and interpret the biblical basis for social action and the position of The United Methodist Church on social issues, utilizing the Social Principles;
4. Serve as a member of the Conference Board of Church and Society (the Book of Resolutions of the United Methodist Church 2008);
5. Serve as the contact person for district mission coordinators for social action,
6. provide resources and conduct training at least annually, as determined by the Executive Committee;
7. Serve on the following committees: Executive, Program, Finance, School of Mission (U-2) and Charter for Racial Justice Policies.

Nominations Class 2017 (3)

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 leaders. The

Nominations (Cont'd.)

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 Committees 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

Nominations Chairperson 2011-2012

Mary Catherine Sencindiver

Shalom and may we always be a blessing!



The Charter for Racial Policies

There shall be a Committee for the Charter for Racial Justice Policies

Membership: There shall be seven (7) members of the committee: one third of whom shall be women of color insofar as possible. The seven members shall be the president who shall serve as chairperson, the mission team coordinator for Social Action, and the chairperson of the Committee on Nominations. Four additional members shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations. They shall be one district president, one member of the Executive Committee and two members or (three in case of a conference without districts) selected to ensure inclusiveness and/or special expertise in the skill necessary to accomplish the task. Additional members shall serve no more than three (3) years.

Functions: The committee shall:

- 1) develop and recommend to the Executive Committee:
 - a) plans for the implementation of the Charter and
 - b) plans for training district and local leadership in implementation of the Charter.
- 2) monitor conference-approved action plans to implement Charter;
- 3) regularly evaluate progress made on the approved conference, district and local Implementation plans.

Note: The first (3) mentioned members of the committee (listed in above paragraph) have their tenure on the committee determined by election to their particular office. The remaining members shall serve no more than three years. Those members are present by the committee on Nominations for election at the Annual Meeting.

Nominations Committee 1/4/13

Those who will be going off the team at the end of 2013 will be:

Ann Price (Social Action) and Rita Green (District President)

Those who will be going off the team at the end of 2014 will be:

Eddimae Tisdale (Mission Team Member), Barbara Shew, Colleen Cates (2)

Members and Nancy Randers-Pehrson (4 year term President)



TALENT BANK INFORMATION ON PROSPECTIVE LEADERSHIP

(To be completed by prospective leader)

Type or Print (attach additional sheets as necessary) **Date** _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: Home _____ **Work** _____ **Cellphone** _____

Email: _____

Local Church _____ **District** _____

District _____

Age: _____ **20's** _____ **30's** _____ **40's** _____ **50's** _____ **60's** _____ **70's** _____ **80's** _____

Languages spoken _____ **Racial/Ethnic Group** _____

Employed: **Yes** _____ **No** _____ **Full-Time** _____ **Part-Time** _____

Professional skills, job experience _____

Office (s) held in United Methodist Women

Office(s)

Dates of Service

Local _____

District _____

Conference _____

Jurisdiction _____

Additional Experience on the local, district, conference or general church level (other than United Methodist Women) or in the community _____

Special Talents or Skills: _____

Areas of Special Interest or Concern:

<input type="checkbox"/> secretarial	<input type="checkbox"/> recruiting members	<input type="checkbox"/> publicity
<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> social issues	<input type="checkbox"/> workshops
<input type="checkbox"/> computer	<input type="checkbox"/> creativity	<input type="checkbox"/> newsletters
<input type="checkbox"/> accounting/bookkeeping	<input type="checkbox"/> recording minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> retreats
<input type="checkbox"/> organizations of details	<input type="checkbox"/> public policy	<input type="checkbox"/> music
<input type="checkbox"/> nominations	<input type="checkbox"/> public relations	<input type="checkbox"/> youth
<input type="checkbox"/> program planning	<input type="checkbox"/> community building	<input type="checkbox"/> children
<input type="checkbox"/> administration	<input type="checkbox"/> inclusiveness/pluralism	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Which office(s) on the Conference United Methodist Women's Team would you most like to hold given the opportunity to serve?

<input type="checkbox"/> President	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Nurture & Outreach
<input type="checkbox"/> Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Action
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Growth
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Resources
<input type="checkbox"/> Chair of Nominations	<input type="checkbox"/> Communications
<input type="checkbox"/> Education and Interpretation	

Why are you interested in this position and what qualifications do you feel you have for your office(s) of choice? _____

Would you be able to use your gifts and talents to uphold and strengthen United Methodist Women through the PURPOSE of the organization? _____

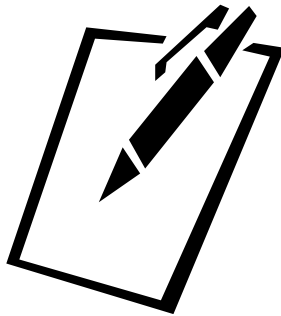
Is it possible for you to be away from your home or employment for:

Full Day _____ Weekend _____ Extended Time _____
Yes or No Yes or No Yes or No

_____ I am sorry but I am unable to accept an office this year. Please keep my name on file and contact me in _____.
Year

Please give me any other information you feel is pertinent:

NOMINATIONS CHAIR



The Nomination Committee task is a year around process. When the election is over, our task starts all over again. Our goal every year is to fulfill the positions that are vacant. Our task isn't easy but with God and prayers to lead and guide us it does make it easier.

One of the things that Rev. Noel Koestline, conference staff person, wrote in the New York conference paper was a Committee on Nominations is the steward of gifts, graces, talents and skills of members. He quoted "it is the task of this committee to call forth those gifts for the glory of God, be it through service in the church or in the wider community and the world."

Our mission as the Nomination Committee is to stir up the gifts and talents of those who may not realize what they have. I look forward to working and serving on the Baltimore Washington Conference Mission team.

Pamela Randall
Chairperson Nomination Committee, 2013

ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT

Greetings Sisters,

I greet you in the comfort of the almighty who is my savior Jesus the Christ. I pray that this will find the readers of this newsletter well.

I am so please and thankful for the Leadership training that I received in Arizona, it was very enjoyable as well as knowledgeable, meeting others in workshops, sharing meals and fellowship with other District and conference leaders.

I would like to thank the Annapolis Cluster Leaders for an excellent turnout at our annual training in January. We had 128 people to come out to answer the call of the Annapolis District's Needs. They were excited and willing to do whatever it took to make this a working District. With that being said, we are preparing for our District wide retreat. We will celebrate our Deaconess, Gertrude Daley, as we give honor to all the Deaconess' and Missionaries who have laid the foundation for us. As we have entered into this Lenten season and its meanings, some of the Prayer and Self Denial services will be the last of March, before Easter.

We are working with a group of young women who is setting up and starting a clothes closet for the women who are going into the work force again. We are processing applications for the Mission U School for the youth to make sure that they are involved. Many churches are focusing on ways to get their youth involved in the CCYM. Our Annual Prayer Brunch/Breakfast to be held on April 27rd at Messiah UMC, DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

I did install a new revised UMW unit this past week at Asbury United Methodist Church and we welcome them back.

We continue to work for the community under the purpose of the UMW but mostly through the grace and power of the Almighty.

Daisy Farmer, President
Annapolis District



BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

*Turning **FAITH, HOPE** and **LOVE INTO ACTION** for women, youth and children.*

Proverbs 31: 20 - *"She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy."*

The Baltimore Metropolitan District will continue "to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church". It is our intention to be involved in God's mission to extend ourselves to those who are in need.

One goal for Baltimore Metropolitan District include expanding our modern technology techniques. Be on the lookout for our BMD UMW Face book page. Still another goal is supporting the Prison Ministry in our district. Our vision is to pass on to future UMW our experience of making a difference, changing lives and giving a brighter future to others for today and the future. We will continue to provide a support system for women, children and youth making Susanna Wesley House our point of interest.

It is the viewpoint of the BMD UMW to collaborate and network together with others on the journey in turning faith, hope and love in action on the behalf of women, children and youth in our immediate communities and globally. We are continuing to feed the hungry at homeless shelter, to support the prison ministry, to make prayer shawls, to mentor elementary students, include young women in our missions, to participate in the Maryland Legislation session for immigration, domestic violence and human trafficking, to support the nursing home ministry and to support the youth at ROCK.

We displayed a very successful Mission u and Leadership Training session during February at Mt. Zion UMC with Rev. Wanda Duckett, Pastor and the UMW. Rev. Ronald Triplett of St. Paul-Corkran Memorial Cooperative Parish, facilitated the Poverty group and Ms. Gwendolyn Brooks, Vice President BMD UMW, instructed the Immigration group. Nancy Rander-Pehrson, President of the BWC UMW, was present contributing much support for those in attendance. After lunch, we proceeded to the Officers and Coordinator groups for training. Zilpha Pinkney assisted in the leadership training for the communication participants.

The local units of the Baltimore Metropolitan District are continuing to be the hands and feet of the Lord. They are serving the needy with food and soup kitchens, mentoring elementary students after school, having domestic violence seminars, participating in legislative advocacy conferences on immigration, domestic violence or human trafficking and supporting homeless shelters.

Our next event for the spring includes joining with the Baltimore Suburban District for "UMW in the Park," Saturday, April 20, 2013, at Oregon Ridge Park in Cockysville, MD; 9:00 - 2:00 PM. Registration is \$10.00. This event will consist of a prayer breakfast and mission projects.

Janice D. Mason, President



GREATER WASHINGTON DISTRICT

Greetings to my Sisters in Christ:

On January 16, 2013, four officers of the Team visited Hughes UMC to install the UMW unit. Rev. Kenneth B. Hawes, Pastor, welcomed us and spoke to the gathering. The unit prepared a delightful luncheon. It was a joyous fellowship experience. Pat Lawson and Ellen Durigg are co-presidents of Hughes UMW.

On Saturday, February 2, 2013, the GWD met with Grace UMW, Takoma Park, MD to give that unit a boost. Rev. Paul Johnson, pastor, greeting the gathering. We received word from the president, Elizabeth McDavies, that since our visit three members of the Unit have stepped forward to take positions. We have been requested to return to install this unit. Praise the Lord!

On February 24, 2013, the GWD sponsored a Legislative Seminar at Woodside UMC, Silver Spring, MD. There were 74 persons in attendance. Nancy Randers-Pehrson, president of the Baltimore-Washington Conference UMW was present along with Jean Jackson, MN&O Coordinator and Valerie White, Communications Coordinator. Rev. Olinda Esperanca Refro Guambe, The Missioner in Residence, Wesley Theological Seminary, gave greetings. Speakers were: Kim Propeack, Senior Director, Politics, Communications, CASA De Maryland, Subject: "Overview and Legislation." Rev. Paul Johnson, Pastor of Grace UMC, Takoma Park, MD, spoke on "Changing Hearts Through Community Organizing." The third speaker, Cindy Harding, Coordinator JFON Clinic, First Church Hyattsville, MD, spoke on the JFON Immigration Clinic. This Seminar was planned by Ann Price, Social Action Coordinator of the Baltimore Washington Conference UMW. Ann did a superb job in setting up this Seminar.

Reports from some Local Units:

Continue to sponsor Domestic Violence discussions; assistance to shelters for women and children of abuse, Bentwood, MD; donation of supplies and clothing to elementary schools; yearly monetary donations to the homeless shelters for women, men & families in Rockville, MD; provide dinners for community based shelters, Rockville, MD; maintaining food pantries, DC; donation of back packs, winter coats and donation of baby layettes and health kits, DC.

The GWD's Annual Prayer Breakfast takes place on May 11, 2013 at Colesville UMC, 52 Randolph Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20904. Registration deadline: April 29, 2013 to Sandra Chambers, 8312 Rambler Drive, Adelphi, MD 20783. Recognition will be given to the Unit with most members present.

Two GWD officers continue to serve on Conference committees: Dorothy Stubbs, Scholarship Committee and Geraldine Whitley, the Trustee Committee.

"God must have a very accurate clock, for His blessings always come right on time."

Gertrude White
President



WASHINGTON EAST DISTRICT

Looking back on 2012, we thank God for the blessings He provided all of us. We grew by two units who either reorganized or formed – Mt. Calvary (Charlotte Hall) and Faith (Accokeek). These units have two vibrant and energetic Presidents and Pastors who support the organization. Thank you all for what you have already brought to the table!

In 2012 the WED also set up its website – www.wedumc.org. We are still looking for a Webmaster to manage the website, so if you know of someone or feel so led to join the Mission Team, please contact Rosetta Daniels, Chair of Nominations, at rose2710@verizon.net. We need you now.

Where are we going in 2013? We are continuing to grow units and will soon welcome Journey of Faith as a newly formed unit. Many other units have asked the Mission Team to come and speak with them and we are more than happy to oblige. In September we will be hosting a one-day retreat at West River for all women of the District and any other women who would like to attend. We promise a day of prayer, praise and spiritual renewal. Further information will be forthcoming, but mark your calendars now!

We thank everyone who had worked tirelessly and in decency and order. We have a team that values the excellence of the service they provide and I am eternally grateful for their experience, their wisdom and their guidance. Unfortunately, we said goodbye to our Social Action Coordinator, Leslie Gross, who had to step down before her tenure was complete. We thank Leslie for all her hard work and wish her Godspeed in her new venture. We love you and will always be here for your support.

Remember the words of John Wesley “do no harm, do good and attend to all the ordinances of God.”

Blessings,

Nona Colbert, President



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EVENTS CALENDAR 2013

EVENT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
BWCUMW PLAN RETREAT	JANUARY 5	8:00AM-3:00PM	Conference Center
ROCK 2013	JANUARY 11-13		Ocean City, MD
MISSION u MEETING	JANUARY 14	6:30PM	Conference Center
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT	JANUARY 25-27		Tempe, AZ
CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE	FEBRUARY 4	8PM	Telephone Conference
Mission u	FEBRUARY 11	6:30PM	Conference Center
LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY EVENT	FEBRUARY 14	8:00AM-3:00PM	Asbury UMC Annapolis
"FLAME" NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DUE	FEBRUARY 15		
BWCUMW FINANCE COMMITTEE	FEBRUARY 16	10-11AM	Conference Center
BWCUMW PROGRAM COMMITTEE	FEBRUARY 16	11:15-12NOON	Conference Center
STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE- UMW/UMM	FEBRUARY 17	3-7PM	Conference Center
GWD LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR	FEBRUARY 23	9-12 NOON	Woodside UMC, Silver Spring, MD
"FLAME" NEWSLETTER MAILED	MARCH 1		
NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING	MARCH 2	9:30-11:30 AM	Conference Center
UMW SEMI-ANNUAL BOARD MEETING	MARCH 7-11		Nashville, TN
BWCUMW MISSION TEAM	MARCH 9	9:00 AM-Noon	Conference Center
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	MARCH 11	5-6:15 PM	Conference Center
MISSION u MEETING	MARCH 11	6:30 PM	Conference Center
COSROW:WOMEN'S EVENT	MARCH16	1:30-5 PM	Conference Center
UMW & WOMEN UNITED ROUNDTABLE	March TBA		
NATIONAL GATHERING EAD	APRIL 5-8		Washington, DC

CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE	APRIL 1	5PM	Conference Center
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	APRIL 8	5-6:15 PM	Conference Center
MISSION u MEETING	APRIL 8	6:30 PM	Conference Center
UMW TRUSTEE MEETING	APRIL 9	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Conference Center
EPWORTH HOUSE SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON	APRIL 20	11 AM-2PM	Holiday Inn, College Park, MD
LAITY-CLERGY PRE CONFERENCE	MAY 4	9AM-5PM	Martin's West Woodlawn
GWD ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST	MAY 11		
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	MAY 13	5-6:15PM	Conference Center
MISSION u MEETING	MAY 13	6:30 PM	Conference Center
"FLAME" NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DUE	MAY 15		
BWCUMW MISSION TEAM	MAY 17	6:00-8:30 PM	Conference Center
CENTRAL MARYLAND JOINT RETREAT	MAY 18		
WED ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST	MAY 18		
BWC UMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE	MAY 29-31		Baltimore, MD
"FLAME" NEWSLETTER MAILED	JUNE 1		
NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING	JUNE 8	9:30-11:30 AM	Conference Center
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	JUNE 10	5-6:15 PM	Conference Center
MISSION u MEETING	JUNE 10	6:30 PM	Conference Center
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	JULY 8	5-6:15 PM	Conference Center
MISSION u MEETING	JULY 8	6:30 PM	Conference Center
BWCUMW MISSION TEAM/PROGRAM/CALENDAR	JULY 13	9-2	Conference Center
MISSION u	JULY 26-28		Marriott Hotel Bethesda, MD
BWCUMW FINANCE COMMITTEE	AUGUST 17	9:00-11:00AM	Conference Center
BWCUMW PROGRAM COMMITTEE (CALENDAR 2014 FINALIZE)	AUGUST 17	11:15AM-12:30PM	Conference Center

"FLAME" NEWSLETTER MAILED	SEPTEMBER 1		
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	SEPTEMBER 9	5-6:15 PM	Conference Center
MISSION u MEETING	SEPTEMBER 9	6:30 PM	Conference Center
UMW TRUSTEE MEETING	SEPTEMBER 10		Conference Center
BWCUMW MEETING	SEPTEMBER 21		Conference Center
SUSANNA WESLEY HOUSE FALL LUNCHEON	SEPTEMBER	TBA	TBA
WESLEY LEARNING CENTER	SEPTEMBER (TBA)		Wesley Seminary
UMW/UMM EVENT	OCTOBER 5		
GREATER WASHINGTON DIST ANNUAL MEETING	OCTOBER 12		Glenmont, UMC, Wheaton, MD
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	OCTOBER 14	5-6:15 PM	Conference Center
MISSION u MEETING	OCTOBER 14	6:30 PM	Conference Center
ANNAPOLIS DIST ANNUAL MEETING	OCTOBER		TBA
BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN	OCTOBER		Epworth Chapel UMC
BALTIMORE SUBURBAN DIST ANNUAL MTG.	OCTOBER		TBA
CENTRAL MARYLAND ANNUAL MTG	OCTOBER 19	10:30 AM	
CUMBERLAND HAGERSTOWN ANNUAL MTG	OCTOBER		
FREDERICK ANNUAL MTG	OCTOBER		
WASHINGTON EAST ANNUAL MEETING	OCTOBER 19	10:30 AM	
BWCUMW ANNUAL MEETING and Training	OCTOBER 26	10:30 AM-3:00 PM	Cumberland Hagerstown Dist.
INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT	NOVEMBER 9		
UN SEMINAR	NOVEMBER 24-26		New York
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	DECEMBER 9	5-6:15 PM	Conference Center
MISSION u MEETING	DECEMBER 9	6:30 PM	Conference Center