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# The Flame

## BALTIMORE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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### THE PRESIDENT

*"Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, 'Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.' And God granted his request." (1 Chronicles 4:10, NIV)*

Beloved,

I pray that you all had a lovely Mother's Day. Take time to smell the roses and all the beautiful new growth around us. This is a time of new beginnings, a time of fresh starts, a time to plant seeds of hope. I encourage you with the theme of our BWC Annual Conference, May 29-31, to be busy, *SOWING THE SEED/BE LIGHT*.

I pray that God will continue to bless you and to give you more territory. I pray that God will give you more opportunities to witness, to testify, to share God's love with others for God's glory. I recently attended the 2013 Pre-Conference Meeting on May 4 and gave a C-UMW Presentation during the Laity Session. It is my hope that you will be able to use this Slide-Show Presentation (PowerPoint), and narrative report as a tool in training and recruiting more UMW members. You can view it and download it from our website: [bwcumw.org](http://bwcumw.org) Also, I prayed the prayer of Jabez (above) and the next thing I knew I was invited to attend the Russian International Annual UMW Meeting. The prayer works! Try it! The important thing is to PRAY, PRAY, PRAY! Be grateful for what you have and share your God given gifts, talents, resources with others, especially women, children, and youth. 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

## **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

Grace and peace unto in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I am excited about the purpose of United Methodist Women. 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 person through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

As United Methodist Women we are striving to make a difference in the lives of women, children and youth through Mission that support- Faith, Hope and Love in action. As a Conference we continue fostering spiritual growth, developing future leaders and advocating for justice. The following activities are ways of getting involved and having fun in mission:

**BWC-Inter-Generation-Inspired Young Women Committee** are seeking persons ages 20 through 39 to participate in a gathering on November 9, 2013. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss ways to become involved in keeping the UMW legacy alive. A conference call was held with several women and an **Interest Survey** was developed to obtain feedback from young women in each district. We are asking the district presidents to disseminate the Interest Survey to their local units as well as provide names of young adults to be a part of the committee. This information should be sent to me by **July 8, 2013 to email: [Estemley1190@comcast.net](mailto:Estemley1190@comcast.net)**. Survey is attached.

**UMW&UMM Partnership on Domestic Violence and Abuse** Team participated in four strategic planning sessions at the Conference Center. The Collaboration Action Plan will use existing United Methodist connectional systems to implement the plan where possible. District Leaders will communicate the plan and strategy to their units and church. The Collaborated Action Plan will be announced at the May 30, 2013 Annual Conference UMW/UMM Luncheon and at an August 11, 2013 conference wide event. Implementation will begin in October/November 2013. Say tune for further information.

**BWC- Annual Celebration to be held on Saturday, October 26, 2013- 8:30 AM through 3:00 PM** at Cresaptown United Methodist Church, 14805 McMullen Hwy SW, Cresaptown, Maryland 21502. The theme: **Interactive Hands on Annual Celebration**. The program will consist of Community Mission visitation and Pop in Sessions at Cresaptown UMC. BWC Officers' training will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2013 form 9:30 a.m. through 12:30 noon at the Baltimore Washington Conference.

God bless you for your faithfulness in serving women, children and youth to the glory of God. May all mission activity reflect the UMW purpose!

Elizabeth Mitchell Stemley, VP  
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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**

Many of you have been asking for a Conference wide retreat. Well it is going to happen on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at West River Center, in West River, MD 20778, from 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m. Our retreat Leader will be Rev. Lena Marie Dennis from Eastern UMC in Baltimore, MD. Our theme is "Living the Heart of God" focusing on the book of James, using "Morning Coffee with James", which is one of our reading program books. We are asking each of you to bring your favorite mug, your Bible and room in your heart to learn more about the word of God. The cost will be \$30 per person and this includes the cost of the book, lunch, fees for use of the center and our retreat leader's honorarium. The registration form will be available soon. Your District Spiritual Growth Coordinator or District President will receive this information and of course you can always contact me. See my information below and look for the Save the Date flyer in this Flame.

Anyone wishing to spend the night at West River will need to make special arrangements with me because that would be a separate cost.

James 1:22: "But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves." (NASB 95) (Taken from "Morning Coffee with James")

Zilpha Pinkney  
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# SAVE THE DATE!!!

## BALTIMORE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



*Living the Heart of God*

### SPIRITUAL RETREAT WEST RIVER

Saturday, September 21, 2013  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

### “Living the Heart of God”

Using one of our Reading Program Books

“Morning Coffee with James”

As the source

Spiritual Retreat Leader – Rev. Lena Marie Dennis  
Eastern UMC  
Baltimore, MD

Registration form with cost and directions to  
West River to follow.



*Living the Heart of God*

## COME VISIT OUR RESOURCE CENTER

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

**Marva Usher-Kerr**  
United Methodist Women National Office  
will be our  
Speaker for Tuesday morning, September 17, 2013  
Chapel at 11:00 am

**Discover more about the United Methodist Women:**

**Our roots**

**How we're funded**

**The Charter for Racial Justice**

**Our relationship to the United Nations**

**Relationship to the local church/local community**

**Who we are**

**Where our money goes**

**Schools of Mission**

**And much more**



**Monday, September 16, 2013**

**1:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Tuesday, September 17, 2013**

**12:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Wednesday, September 18, 2013**

**11:00 – 3:30 pm**

**Worship Service - Tuesday, September 17, 2013 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.**



## Social Action Update...

### Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD) 2013

"But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Luke 14:12-24

On April 5 through April 8, 2013, I was among about 700 persons who gathered at the Doubletree Hotel in Crystal City, VA for EAD 2013. The theme for this annual faith-based event was, "At God's Table: Food Justice for a Healthy World." A concurrent theme was "For Global Peace with Justice." The EAD focus centered on injustices in global food systems that leave a billion people hungry, serve to destabilize communities, create instability in food prices, and undermine God's creation.

EAD 2013 was implemented in plenary sessions led by an outstanding group of speakers, breakout sessions that spanned the global community, i.e., Africa Location; Asia Pacific; Domestic United States; Latin America and the Caribbean; and the Middle East; and other topics, including Eco-Justice, Global Economic Justice, and Peace and Global Security. Several social media and advocacy skills training sessions rounded out this year's agenda.

The event culminated in a Monday lobby day on Capitol Hill. The EAD "Ask" was that Congress should enact a farm bill this year that alleviates hunger and malnutrition; supports vibrant farms and healthy communities; and protects God's creation. The six specifics of the request include: (1) Protect and strengthen programs that reduce hunger and improve nutrition in the United States; (2) sustain robust international food aid, and improve the nutritional quality of food assistance; (3) help beginning farmers and those from socially disadvantaged groups start in the business of agriculture; (4) build local and regional food systems and the rural communities at their center; (5) reform international food aid for communities around the world; (6) and, strengthen policies and programs that promote conservation of soil and water, and protect creation from environmental degradation.

**Congressional Actions:** The Senate and House Agriculture Committees approved farm bills at \$955 billion on May 14, 2013, and \$940 billion on May 15, 2013, respectively. These actions set the stage for Congress to begin its work on the new five year farm bill. We can help! Let's petition our national legislators to support passage of the farm bill in 2013.

### Upcoming Events:

**UN Seminar 2013:** Our usual New York City Hotel anticipates wide-scale renovations to begin in the mid-October to the end of November 2013 timeframe (which negatively impacts our trip plans), to run through late summer 2014. We are pursuing economical hotel alternatives for the trip, to accommodate our time and location requirements. Stay tuned, we will provide additional information as available.

**Ann Price, Social Action Coordinator**

## **MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR**

Spring greetings to the women of the Baltimore-Washington Conference:

Many of us have enjoyed spring gatherings such as the prayer breakfasts, women's day observances, and retreats at our unit churches and at district celebrations. Baltimore Metropolitan and Baltimore Suburban did something new and different with UMW in the Park. Congratulations to all for keeping the faith, hope, and love in action.

Great plans are in progress for the summer with the 2013 Mission u expecting to welcome record numbers of women and youth in July at the Bethesda Marriott. There will be a youth school this year. If your unit has not planned to sponsor a youth, please consider it. Our Mission u is a cooperative school. Men and young men are invited to attend as well. Our instructors will be dynamic and the Bible study will be stirring.

Deep appreciation and a heartfelt thank you go out to the District Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinators and the District Presidents for their work in collecting data for the annual membership census. Thank you also to the local church units who completed and sent in their annual forms reporting the unit membership numbers, losses and gains. The census is important for reporting to the Women's Division the great numbers of women who are working for God and for mission through the United Methodist Women in the Baltimore Washington Conference.

To learn more about United Methodist Women's programs, resources, tools for leaders, what to expect at Mission u go to the [new.gbqm-umc](http://new.gbqm-umc) internet address or just type United Methodist Women in your browser. You will find a valuable resource of information here.

Finally, please put the annual UMW conference meeting on your schedule: October 26. It promises to be a memorable meeting that you will want to be a part of.

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever." Psalms 107:1

A joyous and safe summer to all!

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**SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES**

Dear Sisters in Christ!

It is a beautiful day today, sunny and warm. May has been fickle this year, hasn't it? Just a few days ago many of us experienced a late frost, and today it's in the 80's! But the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, remains steadfast and strong throughout our "cold" days as well as "warm." Let's shout AMEN!

Wanted to let everyone know that the UMW Handbook is now available from the Mission Resource Center. You may order yourself, or if you want to save the shipping and handling, you may purchase them at Mission u, coming up July 26–28, 2013. Many of you may have received this year's plenary book, "The Call: Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly," and the new study book, The Roma of Europe through your \$35.00 mailer. If so, you are set to start reading! I highly recommend subscribing to this mailer if you have not done so already. In addition to the books, both Response and New World Outlook have articles on the Roma, as well as the Interpreter.

With regard to the Reading Program, how is your reading progressing? If you haven't accomplished 5 books, one from each category, there is still time! You can do it! Be steadfast! Be strong! (Now I just have to take my own advice!)

May you have a blessed spring, and I look forward to seeing you at Mission u. You can find me among the books ☺

Yours in Christ  
Linda S. Yost, Conference Secretary of  
Program Resources



## **COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR**



### **THE POWER OF COMMUNICATION**

Communication is a powerful tool when used effectively. It is a critical component of any successful business, personal or spiritual relationship. United Methodist Women (UMW) share a spiritual connection. Communicating with one another, strengthens our Sisterhood in Christ, and gives meaningful substance to the words "to develop a creative, supportive fellowship" of our Purpose statement. We need to continually be informed of each other's significant UMW activities.

Each district and local unit of United Methodist Women has a special activity to publicize, a story to share and program resources to promote. Every member of the unit can invite other women to join UMW and promote interest in their unit using the same techniques used to garner interest in other activities we are excited about. When we are excited about a book we want friends to read, a play or movie we want them to see, or a walking group we want them to join, we don't hesitate to tell them about it in a manner that peaks their interest.

We make calls, send emails or may mail flyers, depending on the activity. And, when we are really anxious to get them involved, we follow-up on our contacts.

Let us use the power of communication with enthusiasm.

May God Bless,

Valerie White,  
Your Sister in Christ  
vwhite378@verizon.net



## NOMINATION LOOKING FOR YOU!!!!!!

The Nomination Committee is hard at work to fulfill the task that has been given to us. We are looking for women with a willing heart, who are committed to serving on the mission team.

Vacant Positions:

Mission Coordinator for Social Action for 2014

The Committee on Nomination class of 2017 (2)

- The job description for these positions was in the March 2013 Flame newsletter.

We all have gifts and talents that we can bring to the table. When we bring these gifts and talents together, it makes us more unified, spiritual, giving, loving, and stronger for our mission: To do God's will as United Methodist Women.

Remember to fill out the talent bank forms and return them. They provide us with important information. When positions are open, we can use the talent bank forms for potential names. Do not view these forms as just another piece of paper, but as if it is a resume.

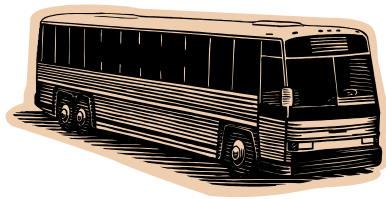
Nomination Chairperson

Pamela Randall

Peace & Blessings

[pamelarandal53@yahoo.com](mailto:pamelarandal53@yahoo.com)





## COME RIDE THE BUS

Baltimore Washington Conference United Methodist Women's  
Annual Celebration

October 26, 2013

Cresaptown United Methodist Church  
14805 McMullen Highway Southwest  
Cresaptown, Md. 21505

\$40.00 Round trip (tip included)

Non-refundable deposit- \$20.00-reserve seat  
Payable to Wards United Methodist Women

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ phone# \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Sent to: Pamela Randall  
1785 Horace Ward Rd.  
Owings, Md. 20736

Any question contact: Pamela Randall- 410-257-7132

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**PRESIDENT BWC-UMW BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

First off, let me introduce myself. My name is Susan Howes and I am your newly elected President of the BWC UMW Board of Trustees. I am a member of Smithville United Methodist Church in Dunkirk Maryland which is in Calvert County. I am also the Vice President for the Washington-East District. It will be difficult to fill Janice Mason's shoes but she is very helpful and patient with me.

The officers for 2013 are not only myself as president but Margaret Pennington as Vice President, Margaret Cullings as Secretary, Barbara Lowis Lehmann as Treasurer. The rest of our members are Janice Mason, Mary Catherine Sencindiver, Geraldine Whitely, Mary Jefferson, Ruth Giles, and Lorraine Mayo. Nancy M. Randers-Pehrson represents the UMW Conference, Barbara Daniel represents the Baltimore Parish Work and Douglas Potter is our representative from Lombard Securities. We are blessed to have each and everyone on this committee.

We met as always on the second Tuesday in April and Mr. Potter gave us a report of our investments and we are doing very well. Because the stock market has increased lately, we were able to give more funds this year. The Lord is good.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Howes  
President BWC-UMW Board of Trustees



## REPORT ON APPALACHIAN MINISTRY NETWORK SPRING MEETING

On April 4-5, I attended the Appalachian Ministry Network Spring meeting. A copy of the agenda is attached. Highlights of the meeting:

- I received a 2013 Member Manual that includes the membership, mission/vision/goals, bylaws, map of Appalachia, finances, information on Hunger/Poverty Grants, and Advocacy issues.
- Bob Wilkins, the executive assistant of the organization, will be retiring in 2014. This may impact on the location of the AMN office. The Personnel Committee is leading the search for his replacement.
- Bob was invited to join the UM Rural Advocates in an advisory capacity.
- The fall meeting is October 17 at 9:00 in conjunction with "Come Together Pittsburgh" and will take place in Pittsburgh.
- Betty Heavner, GBOD, worked with us on Governance for several hours. Questions we started with were: What the network does? What the board does? What is the network about? Our Scripture was Isaiah 43. We considered the 3 functions/aspects of what a nonprofit board does. We discussed what the focus of AMN is to be. Vision was also discussed. A table entitled "Three Types of Governance: Distinctive Characteristics" is attached. We looked at the kinds of capital a board needs and identified the capital we bring: intellectual, reputational, political, and social.
- A participant suggested that "spiritual capital" be added
- We concluded this work by answering/discussing two questions:
  - What do you see as the next steps for the AMN?
  - What groups need to be formed?
- We had a wonderful meal at a nearby church and heard an organization that is addressing "Childhood Obesity." (Members of this group, one is a chef, prepared our dinner.)
- AMN is a partner in with "Save the Children's Faith United to End Childhood Obesity" initiative which is part of "Campaign for Healthy Kids."
- That evening I joined the Grants Committee to make decisions 5 grant applications (they had previously approved 8). This is the committee I have chosen to be a part of.
- The Resourcing Committee and the Networking Committee will combine because of the overlap in their committees.
- There was an election of Committee Chairs for the 2015 Assembly (takes place every 3 years)
- On April 5th we continued to work on Governance including board size. One of the difficulties for AMN is the constant stream of new people and the size of their group. Suggestion was made to consider the Art of Hosting training for the next spring meeting. Dates for 2014: April 3-4, 2014 and September 11-12, 2014.
- Bridgette from the National UMW spoke about changes to the organization; Leadership Development Days; and Mission U. Assembly is April 25-27 in Louisville, KY.
- Betsey, GBOD, announced that there is a search for a new General Secretary. She also mentioned the GBOD webinar training. In May on Tuesday and Thursday there will be a series on small church ministry. [www.gbod.org/webinars](http://www.gbod.org/webinars) [Note: I have participated in these and they are really well done and informative.]

**Action: AMN would like us to put up at display at our Annual Conference. I have a banner and a few brochures. I also thought we could put information out at Mission U. Please let me know what is possible.**

Submitted by Cynthia Taylor  
cynthiaataylor1@verizon.net

**SUSANNA WESLEY HOUSE**

This is a notice about the Susanna Wesley House (SWH) Luncheon and Silent Auction. We are asking for the help of the Districts to donate a gift basket to be auctioned. The gift basket is needed by August 15 to be included in the website listing.

Thanks,

Colleen Cates, SWH Board President  
[craftyme53@yahoo.com](mailto:craftyme53@yahoo.com)

*Changing the Lives of Children by Empowering Moms*

## Susanna Wesley House, Inc. Announces

### INSPIRED TO SERVE 2013



**Join us at the beautiful Tremont Historic Grand Venue at 225 North Charles Street, Baltimore MD on Saturday,**

**September 14, 2013 at 12:30pm for our annual fundraiser.**

**For more information and or to purchase tickets online, please visit our website at [www.susannawesley.org](http://www.susannawesley.org)**

**See you there!**

**Susanna Wesley House, Inc.**

609 Park Ave.

Baltimore, Maryland 21201

410/837-3787



**ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT**

Happy belated Mother's Day from Annapolis District UMW. We are excited about the things in the Annapolis District. On April 27th we celebrated our annual prayer brunch at Messiah United Methodist Church with Reverend Gail. We had 97 participants from local churches. Our Guest speaker was Sabrina White. Sabrina spoke on human trafficking and gave in depth updates on new information and changes from Women Division. Information was well received and very informative. The highlight of the morning was the many baby items that were given for the emergency baby pantry. We collected over thousand items.

**This Is the Thank You message from Emergency Baby Pantry!**

The Emergency Baby Pantry Program at Food Link received a phenomenal donation from the UMW Annapolis District Mission Team. A carload of donations was delivered to our office by Janice Crowe and her daughter Jennifer Wittman.

Formula, jarred baby food, cereal, infant clothing, lotion, baby bath, baby wipes and an amazing 1,814 diapers of miscellaneous sizes!

A heartfelt thank you for this amazing baby shower for the Emergency Baby Pantry. We are beyond grateful for this amazing donation and your ongoing support of our mission!

Daisy Farmer, President  
Annapolis District



**BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

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

**Psalm 105:1** “O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.”

Thanks be to God Almighty, The Baltimore Metropolitan District of the United Methodist Women has successfully completed a broad segment of their designated goals. These accomplishments are credited to the magnificent women who worked so diligently to fulfill these tasks.

They include putting into practice the use of modern technology such as face book, conference calls, emailing, texting, power point presentations, inviting young women to join UMW and participating in intergenerational activities. Local units are continuing to have their UMW Sunday events.

We had a very successful Spring Event, “UMW in the Park,” with the Baltimore Suburban District combining a prayer breakfast and intergenerational events consisting of 70 + participants. The activities covered a worship program highlighting songs of praise, prayer, scripture, a message on “An Egg, A Carrott and A Cup of Coffee,” a domestic violence speech and reflections from UMW members. Local UMW collected and distributed health kits, school supplies and household items to the women's prison ministry, SW House and homeless shelters. While these activities were functioning, a “Fun Room” for children with carnival activities, a reading corner and face painting was enjoyed by these youngsters thus allowing their mothers to participate in the proceedings.

Other activities included a prayer shawl demonstration, selling “UMW in the Park” T shirts, a card making table demonstration explored by many and tables available for board games. Also, provisions were made for treasures to enhance their computer skills. Line dancing, which was the top excitement of the day, was enjoyed by all.

The program also consisted of a speaker Patricia Thompson, LCSW-C, MA in Church Ministries who spoke on domestic violence in Baltimore County. The BWC UMW presenters were Nancy Rander - Pehrson and Elizabeth Stemley. Distinguished guests were Sabrina White, member of National UMW; Colleen Cates, NE Jurisdiction Secretary; Janet Adams, Executive Director of SWH and S. Kim Felder of The National Women's Prison Project, Inc.

The BMD UMW continues to be the hands, feet, voices and resources for performing God's will. This is accomplished by supplying Hug Me Dolls for hospitals and homeless shelters, providing mentoring programs for young girls and elementary students and furnishing backpacks with school supplies. It also includes after school mentoring and feeding the hungry.

Plans are in preparation for educating church goers of domestic violence issues and concerns. Still other future plans include revitalizing local unites.

**Upcoming Dates**

Oct. 5, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM; BMD Annual Fall Meeting; Epworth UMC

God's Blessings to All  
Janice D. Mason, President

**BALTIMORE SUBURBAN DISTRICT**

The Baltimore Suburban District held its annual Prayer Breakfast at Oregon Ridge with Baltimore Metropolitan District on April 30, 2013. The theme was Domestic Violence and Abuse. Our speaker was Patricia Thompson from Baltimore County Office of Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland.

We had a continental breakfast and many activities for the family. Children had several activities including reading books, face painting and playground facilities. There was also information for the treasurers, prayer shawls, Suzanna Wesley Home, and line dancing. Items were collected for the prison ministry.

A good time was had by all and we are planning to do it again next year.

Susan Davis  
President

**FREDERICK DISTRICT**

My, My, Praise the Lord!

I am overjoyed to know that all of you are ministering as U.M.Women in the work of missions for our Master and the world. What a wonderful service at this capacity. It is like a light in a dark world! God is SOooo good. Thank you!

"Therefore my beloved...Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...for as much as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:58

Through the work of missions on behalf of U.M.Women, millions have been reached and blessed by all your efforts and sacrifices. Again, thank you so very much for your commitment, dedication, and faithfulness.

As always, I want to share with you this quote and motto that I try to live my life by:

"I shall pass through this world but once...If therefore, there be any good or kindness I can do for any fellow being; Let me do it now... Let me not defer or neglect it...for I will not pass this way again..."

Please know that I am praying for all of you, and may God continue to bless you richly. Hallelujah and Amen!!

Lay Minister, Joyce Hall  
Frederick District UMW, President



**GREATER WASHINGTON DISTRICT**

The Greater Washington District (GWD) held its Annual Prayer Breakfast on last Saturday, May 11, 2013 at Colesville UMC, 52 Randolph Rd., Silver Spring, MD. Rev. Callie Matthews, serves as Pastor and Jean Shields, as President of the Colesville Unit and Vice President of the GWD. Devotions were led by Eppie Marecheau, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, who read from Psalms 149:1-6.

The program consisted of Alexander Adjahoe, seven year old, and honor student at George E. Peters Seventh-Day Adventist Elementary School of Hyattsville, MD. Alexander has played in at least 12 churches of various denominations in the DC area, New Jersey and New York. Alexander was accompanied by his grandmother, Nevilla Ottley, founder of the Ottley Music School, Hyattsville, MD. In addition, Charlene A. White, daughter of the undersigned, sang two selections, accompanied by Nevilla Ottley. Charlene has played piano since she was three years old, has traveled the world singing spiritual and inspirational music and has sung with many famous people in the music business.

Prayers were rendered by: Ellen Durigg, Co-President of the Hughes, Wheaton, UMW, on the subject of *Women*. Ellen is also a Nominations Committee member of the Baltimore-Washington Conference UMW. Prayers were also offered by Jean Shields for *Children and Youth*. Thirdly, a *Prayer for Peace* was spoken by Ann Taylor, Treasurer of Jerusalem-Mt. Pleasant UMW, Rockville, MD. The closing hymn chosen was "Great is thy Faithfulness." The benediction was said by Rev. Gerald Elston, Pastor, Brightwood-Park UMC, Washington, DC. Approximately 130 persons attended to include Jean Jackson, Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator, Baltimore-Washington Conference.

The GWD will be meeting this month with the women of Liberty Grove UMC, Burtonsville, MD, who desire to start a new unit.

In addition, the GWD Executive Team is planning to meet with Emmanuel UMC, Laurel, MD. These sisters in Christ desire to re-establish their unit.

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It is a good thing to have fixed seasons for lifting up the heart to God for he who thinks much of God will daily think less of himself.

"Trust in Him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us." Psalms 42:8

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## Baltimore Washington Conference United Methodist Women (BWCUMW)

### EVENTS CALENDAR 2013

EVENT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
BWCUMW PLAN RETREAT	JANUARY 5	8:00 AM-3:00 PM	Conference Center
ROCK 2013	JANUARY 11-13		Ocean City, MD
MISSION u MEETING	JANUARY 14	6:30 PM	Conference Center
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT	JANUARY 25-27		Tempe, AZ
CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE	FEBRUARY 4	8:00 PM	Telephone Conference
Mission u	FEBRUARY 11	6:30 PM	Conference Center
LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY EVENT	FEBRUARY 14	8:00 AM-3:00 PM	Asbury UMC Annapolis
"FLAME" NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DUE	FEBRUARY 15		
BWCUMW FINANCE COMMITTEE	FEBRUARY 16	10:00-11:00 AM	Conference Center
BWCUMW PROGRAM COMMITTEE	FEBRUARY 16	11:15-12:00 Noon	Conference Center
STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE- UMW/UMM	FEBRUARY 17	3:00-7:00 PM	Conference Center
GWD LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR	FEBRUARY 23	9:00-12:00 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	5:00-6:15 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	5:00 PM	Conference Center
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	APRIL 8	5:00-6:15 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	11:00 AM-2:00 PM	Holiday Inn, College Park, MD
LAITY-CLERGY PRE CONFERENCE	MAY 4	9:00 AM-5:00 PM	Martin's West Woodlawn
GWD ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST	MAY 11		
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	MAY 13	5:00-6:15 PM	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	5:00-6:15 PM	Conference Center
MISSION u MEETING	JUNE 10	6:30 PM	Conference Center
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	JULY 8	5:00-6:15 PM	Conference Center
MISSION u MEETING	JULY 8	6:30 PM	Conference Center
MISSION u	JULY 26-28		Marriott Hotel Bethesda, MD
UMW/UMM EVENT	AUGUST 11	2:30 – 5:00 PM	Conference Center
"FLAME" NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DUE	AUGUST 15		
BWCUMW FINANCE COMMITTEE	AUGUST 17	9:00-10:00 AM	Conference Center
BWCUMW MISSION TEAM MEETING	AUGUST 17	10:15 -12:30 PM	Conference Center



BWCUMW PROGRAM COMMITTEE (CALENDAR 2014 FINALIZE)	AUGUST 17	1:00-2:00 PM	Conference Center
"FLAME" NEWSLETTER MAILED	SEPTEMBER 1		
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	SEPTEMBER 9	5:00-6:15 PM	Conference Center
MISSION u MEETING	SEPTEMBER 9	6:30 PM	Conference Center
UMW TRUSTEE MEETING	SEPTEMBER 10		Conference Center
UMW/WOMEN UNITED MEETING	SEPTEMBER 10	6:00 PM	Conference Center
SUSANNA WESLEY HOUSE FALL LUNCHEON	SEPTEMBER 14	12:30 PM	Tremont Historical Grand Venue, Baltimore, MD
WESLEY LEARNING CENTER	SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18		Wesley Seminary
SPIRITUAL RETREAT	SEPTEMBER 21		West River Camp
BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN ANNUAL FALL MTG.	OCTOBER 5	8:00-12:00 PM	
GREATER WASHINGTON DIST ANNUAL MEETING	OCTOBER 12		Glenmont, UMC, Wheaton, MD
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	OCTOBER 14	5:00-6:15 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		

UMW TRAINING	NOVEMBER 23	9:30-12:30 PM	Conference Center
UN SEMINAR	NOVEMBER 24-26		New York
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	DECEMBER 9	5:00-6:15 PM	Conference Center
MISSION u MEETING	DECEMBER 9	6:30 PM	Conference Center
ASSEMBLY	APRIL 25-27		Louisville, KY