



The Flame

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BALTIMORE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

THE PRESIDENT

“As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:34-35, The Bible, NIV)

Dear Ones,

Greetings. I'm back from Russia, from attending the International United Methodist Women of Russia Annual Conference and they send their love and greetings to you. It was an amazing trip! It just about took my breath away when I participated in worship, singing in English surrounded by others singing praises to God in Russian. Singing the same words in different languages to familiar hymns of praise, nearly halfway around the world in a different culture was awesome. The feeling of unity in thought, word, and deed—one mindedness—all for God's glory, as children of the Most High God is where I want to live. The conference was attended by about 50 women from Russia, nearby countries, Zambia, Madagascar, and the three representatives from the Baltimore-Washington Conference Russian Initiative, Rob Pierson, Susan Headley, and myself. You know that our conference has a partnership with the Russian Black Soil Conference. The purpose of my trip was to build relationships, share God's love with others, serve on a VIM team to put a water-filter system in at the Camp Kristall and attend this International UMW of Russia Conference. I witnessed God's transforming power as many accepted Jesus as their Savior. Sadness was changed to joy, uncertainty was changed to acceptance and unbounded happiness. Hearts were changed and walls of perhaps mistrust were taken down. I believe I left part of my heart there for I truly felt a new connection was made. Thank you for your prayers and support of this trip. I felt God's call and I responded with a Yes, I will go, if You lead me. I highly recommend that you all make plans to attend churches of different cultures in your area. There are Korean and Spanish churches in our Conference and there are also two Deaf UM Churches that would welcome you. Others will know that you are Jesus' disciples if you love one another. Put your Faith, Hope, and Love into Action by sharing God's love.

UMW Purpose: The 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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Pictures from Russia Trip



Attendees of the International UMW of Russia Annual Conference. Nancy Randers-Pehrson, President of the BWC UMW and Irina Efremova, President of the UMW of Russia and Director of Camp Kristall, Voronezh, Russia, August 2013 are in the first row.



The statue of Mother Russia taken in Volgograd, Russia. It is the second tallest statue in the world. Picture 1.



International UMW of Russia Conference members singing praises to God.



The statue of Mother Russia taken in Volgograd, Russia. It is the second tallest statue in the world. Picture 2.



Pastor Irina Mitina, Camp Kristall (Crystal Voronezh) Director and President of the UMW of Russia Irina Efremova, President of BWC UMW Nancy Randers-Pehrson, and the DS of the Black Soil, District Pastor Alexander, taken in August 2013, Voronezh, Russia.

Message from the Vice President

Peace and grace be with you in the name of Jesus the Christ our Lord and Savior. The United Methodist Women is turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the World.

The new United Methodist Women's Handbook for 2013-2016, specifies that the role for the Committee on Program is to: Guide the leadership team in its responsibilities for planning and implementing the mission emphasis of the conference organization to fulfill the Purpose. Designate a special subcommittee to carry out their plans for the annual meeting and/or special programs (e.g., workshops, seminars, retreats). Also, the committee will implement the plans and evaluate the effectiveness of each program.

The committee met and reviewed previous goals from 2013 and decided that an immediate short term goal would be the preparations for 2014 Assembly. Long term goals includes the UMW/UMM Collaboration and action plan on Domestic Violence Abuse, Inter-Generational-Inspired Young Women, Interactive mission opportunities for children youth and families.

The UMW/UMM sponsored a public meeting on Domestic Violence and Abuse on August 11, 2013. The theme: Shades of Violence, Paths to Healing on Stopping Domestic Violence and Abuse. This program drew over 120 people from the Baltimore Washington Conference churches, stakeholders from agencies in Maryland and Washington. DC. Those attending received a copy of the Collaboration Action Plan and Commitment form to be used for planning community programs. The goal is for UMW, UMM and Stakeholders to organize a community team and select a project from the Action Plan to fight against Domestic Violence and Abuse. The team's activities will be recognized during October, which is Domestic Abuse and Awareness Month.

The BWC Interactive Hands on Annual Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2013 at Cresaptown United Methodist church, 14805, McMullen HWY. SW, Cresaptown, MD 21502. The annual celebration will offer opportunities to visit agencies within the community, assist with food preparation for a homeless men/families shelter, and planting seeds for mission. At the host church informational Pop In discussion sessions, sharing mission ideals and baking cookies to support the nets project. See attached registration form for information and a request list for personal items to be used by residents at the shelter.

The Inter-Generational Committee- Inspired Young Women Committee will host a gathering on November 9, 2013. It is our hope that each district would recommend names for this committee. Please email the names, phone and email for young persons between 20-39 years of age by October 15, 2013.

Thank you for your work in mission.
Peace and Love,
Elizabeth M. Stemley, VP

Baltimore Washington Conference

Interactive Hands on Annual Celebration

Cresaptown United Methodist Church, 14805 McMullen HWY.S, Cresaptown MD 21502

Saturday, October 26, 2013 8:00 AM-9:00 AM -Registration and Fellowship

9:00 AM-11:00 AM General Program

Lunch- 11:00-12:00 Noon- Cost 8.00

Menu: Grilled Chicken Salad, Potato salad, Soup, Drinks, Desserts

COMMUNITY MISSION SCHEDULED TIMES 12:15-3:00 PM

Please select one activity for your participation

- A- Western Maryland Food Bank- Preparing food baskets or bags.
- B- Habitat House-Planting seeds for mission on the ground of the home across from CUMC, followed by organizing church library.
- C- Union Station Shelter for Homeless Men and Families – Serving meals at the shelter

POP IN SESSIONS AT CRESAPTOWN UMC TIMES 12:15-3:00 PM

Please select one activity for your participation

12:30-1:30 PM

- D- KAIROSP Prison Ministry- Western Correction Institute Weekend Program sponsored by Pilgrim Seminary College.- Help to prepare Agape Meal and table setting for about 40 men.
- E- Family Crisis Center- Discussion on program services for children and families.
- F- Union Rescue Mission Shelter for Homeless men and Families – Cooking food to be delivered to the shelter.

1:30 PM-2:30 PM

- G- UM Campus Ministry at Frostburg State University- Baking cookies to support the Nets Project.
- H- Mission Opportunities: Open discussion on how to develop outreach ministries in your community. This is a time to share what your Unit is doing in mission. Example: Back pack for students, Lunch Box Ministries and much more.

3:00 PM – Closing Prayer and departure for home- Please complete your evaluation form.

Name _____

_____ Church _____ District _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Community Mission Please check one A _____ B _____ C _____

POP IN Sessions-Please check one D _____ E _____ F _____

G _____

Lunch \$8:00- Send registration form and make check payable to CHD Treasurer by

October 7, 2013 to : Vivian C. Moore, President Cumberland-Hagerstown District, 820 Greene Street, Cumberland, MD 21502. Phone 301-268-3700

Nancy Randers-Pehrson, President & Elizabeth Mitchell Stemley, Vice President BWCUMW

Social Action Update...

Racial Justice: Alerts / Guidance from the United Methodist Women's National Office

It is impossible to ignore the issue of race in today's world, thus the need for a focus on racial justice. Racism interfaces and impacts so many facets of our society, including the environment, poverty, voting rights, public education, racial profiling, and criminal justice, among others. We are all aware of news media stories that continue to surface daily to reflect the status of race and racism in the US today. Recent topics include racial profiling, changing voter ID laws, the Trayvon Martin case, stand your ground laws, the Marissa Alexander case, recent US Supreme Court changes to the Voting Rights Act, and more.

As United Methodist Women, our call is to recognize the impact of racism on our various relationships and to join efforts that seek remedies focused on racial justice. The *Charter for Racial Justice*, created and adopted by the United Methodist Women under the Women's Division in 1978, and subsequently adopted by the United Methodist Church in 1980, recognizes that "each and every person is precious in His sight." In a message on July 29, 2013, the United Methodist Women National Office encourages us to use these times to talk about the race issue in the United States. On the US Supreme Court's action that recently struck down a core provision of the **1965 Voting Rights Act**, the UMW statement at the link below reflects our longstanding institutional commitment to racial justice and free access to voting as a social and political right. From the UMW National Office: "Feel free to use the statement as a way to begin or continue discussions about how these issues are playing out in your local community. You can also reprint it or use it as the basis for a letter to your congressperson or even to your local newspaper. We will be most interested to see how we can use our collective voices to ensure that voting remains a right for all." Use the following link to access the press release: *Voting Rights*: <http://new.gbgn-umc.org/umw/news/press/item/index.cfm?id=1180&pv=1>

On the **Trayvon Martin case**, UMW has noted the Zimmerman verdict in Florida provides a needed opportunity to deepen discussions "about race, privilege and the US justice system." Look for a four part series on the case and on how we can engage in dialogue and take action. Visit the following website for a press release and steps for action:

Trayvon Martin: <http://new.gbgn-umc.org/umw/news/press/item/index.cfm?id=1190&pv=1>

You may contact Janis Rosheuvel, the Executive for Racial Justice at UMW with any questions you might have regarding the above links and information at: 212-682-3633 ext. 3102 OR jrosheuvel@unitedmethodistwomen.org.

Announcements:

United Nations Seminar 2013: We are happy to announce that the 2013 UN Seminar is scheduled for Nov 24-26, 2013, in New York City! Our Hotel location is The Hampton Inn Manhattan - United Nations, 43rd and 2nd Avenue, New York City. Note our two options for double accommodations! Register quickly to ensure early bird rates. See the enclosed UN Seminar flyer. For additional information, contact any UN Seminar Committee member or Ann Price at (301) 464-0602.

Submitted by: Ann Price, Social Action Coordinator

The Blanche Powell Memorial United Nations Seminar

About Blanche Powell

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

2013 UN Seminar Committee:

Darlene Bowles (301) 929-1432
Colleen Cates (410) 482-5369
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President, Nancy Randers-Pehrson
(443) 866-7263



New York City!

UN Seminar 2013

Join us again this year for another exciting United Nations Seminar in New York City. Added attractions include:

- Tours of the United Nations Building
- Sunday Radio City Music Hall 2013 Christmas or Broadway Show Matinees
- Radio City Music Hall's 2013 Christmas Shows on Sunday or Monday Evening
- Holiday Shopping in the Big Apple
- Sightseeing in New York City

And, remember, an important point is that we can participate in UN Seminar 2013, and return on Tuesday, Nov 26th to prepare for Thursday's Thanksgiving festivities!

Bus Parking Information:

The bus departs promptly at 7:30 AM Sunday, Nov 24th 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, Nov 26th, is 7:30 PM. For door to door directions, use your GPS or MapQuest on-line. You will receive additional directions when your registration is confirmed.

Blanche Powell Memorial United Nations Seminar 2013

Baltimore-Washington Conference



"Caring for Creation's Resources: Environmental Justice"

Sunday, November 24, 2013 -
Tuesday, November 26, 2013

Hampton Inn United Nations
231-233 East 43rd Street
New York, New York 10017

United Methodist Seminars
The Church Center for the UN
777 UN Plaza, 8th Floor
New York, New York 10017
Phone: (212) 682-3633
Fax: (212) 682-5354

WELCOME!

Clergy and laity, men and women, young adults and youth, are invited to attend the Baltimore-Washington Conference Seminar on international issues sponsored by United Methodist Women. This year's Seminar is about one of today's most pressing social justice issues, environmental justice / climate change, a topic of significant interest locally, nationally and globally. The United Methodist Seminar Program on National and International Affairs is a joint program of the National Office of United Methodist Women and the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS).

2013 UN Seminar Topic

"Caring for Creation's Resources:
Environmental Justice"

Make checks payable to BWC UMW.

Send registration Form / Check to:
Darlene Bowles, Registrar
4921 Morning Glory Court
Rockville, MD 20853

If you need additional assistance, please contact:

✦ Any UN Seminar Committee Member

or

✦ Ann Price, (301) 464-0602

ACCOMMODATIONS AND FEES

Included in the cost is a \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee. The fees include hotel costs, bus transportation, UN Seminar fee, hotel portage, and baggage storage for late check-out, with a two bag maximum, per person.

Note our low early bird rates, and the TWO options for double occupancy!!

	(Early Bird By Oct 03 rd)	OCT 04 - Oct 17
Double (2 in Room) (One King Bed)	\$264.00	\$304.00
Double (2 in Room) (2 Double Beds)	\$284.00	\$324.00
Triple (3 in a Room)	\$224.00	\$264.00
Quad (4 in a Room)	\$195.00	\$235.00

Notes:

Above costs are to be paid by each person sharing a room. A separate registration form is required for each person. Registrations are on a first come-first served basis.

Each person must submit both a registration form and payment before being registered for the UN Seminar.

The Committee is not responsible for assigning roommates. Persons sharing a room must identify roommates on each registration form. Roommates should send their forms together.

The Hampton Inn Manhattan United Nations is located about a 2 blocks walk from the Church Center for the United Nations. We ask that you not contact the Hotel directly.

We will confirm your registration with information on the Seminar after we receive your registration form and payment.

Bus and hotel accommodations are for persons attending UN Seminar 2013 only.

UN SEMINAR 2013

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

PHONE (HOME) _____ / (CELL) _____

FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

CHURCH _____

DISTRICT _____

ROOM CHOICE:

Double: 1 King Bed OR 2 Dbl Beds

Triple _____ Quad _____ Single _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ CK# _____

ROOMMATE(S): (Each person must submit a separate registration form.)

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Laity _____ Clergy _____ Female _____ Male _____ Youth _____

First Time for UN Seminar? Yes _____ No _____

United Methodist Woman? Yes _____ No _____

MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Greetings to the women of the Baltimore-Washington Conference,

How wonderful it was to see so many United Methodist Women at Mission u this year! Our classes were exciting and informative and our teachers were dynamic. Pastor Laprade led us through a different view and a greater appreciation for the sacraments. We were blessed to have doubled the number of youth in our Youth School this year. Wouldn't it be magnificent to repeat that next year? I pray you found Mission u as enjoyable as I did.

As the fall approaches, United Methodist Women must gear up for fall meetings: District and Conference Annual meetings and fall retreats. I hope to see you at many of them, especially at the Spiritual Retreat (September 21) and the B-W Conference Annual Meeting (October 26). It promises to be engaging and exciting. Please plan to attend and bring your UMW enthusiasm for mission. Below are some reminders, from UMW literature, for reaching out to those who do not yet enjoy and support our great purpose and are awaiting our invitations to join.

Peace, Joy, and Blessings,
W. Jean Jackson
Membership, Nurture, and Outreach

Most of us joined United Methodist Women because another woman invited us to attend. Invite a woman to join because you genuinely care and want to share something good. Be sensitive to your friend's needs. Who is your new friend? Do you know her well or is she new to the community? What are her interests and concerns? What opportunities does your local unit offer her?

Reasons to Join

To live our faith in community with others.

- ☐ To be in mission with others locally, nationally, and globally.
- ☐ To grow spiritually.
- ☐ To learn new leadership skills.

Get Acquainted

- ☐ Do something fun together.
- ☐ Learn about each other's beliefs and faith

Journeys

- ☐ Discuss Christian discipleship.
- ☐ Talk about ways to help women and children.

Share

You may wish to share with her:

- ☐ A mission project you read about in Response.
- ☐ A brochure about United Methodist Women.
- ☐ Examples of your unit's good work.
- ☐ An experience you had at a School of Christian Mission.

Follow Through

- ☐ Take your new friend to a meeting you think she would especially enjoy.
- ☐ Find some way for her to take part in the unit's activities.
- ☐ Be sure she gets to know one or two other women.

Celebrate New Members!

- ☐ Should your new friend say yes to becoming a new member, celebrate!
- ☐ Help her to participate fully in United Methodist Women.
- ☐ Arrange an orientation process with her.
- ☐ Acquaint the newcomer with the members, activities, and resources of your unit.
- ☐ Emphasize how she has become a part of a larger community of women in mission in the church.
- ☐ Communicate with her and meet her expressed needs such as by providing baby-sitting, transportation, meal preparation, or by careful listening.

Cherish Each Member!

- ☐ Each United Methodist Women member was new to the unit once.
- ☐ We have a lot to learn from our new members.
- ☐ ***If She Says No ...***
 - ☐ Accept her decision with grace.
 - ☐ Honor her choices. Later she may join.
 - ☐ Even if she never joins, you have made a new friend.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Dear UMW Friends,

Just a short message regarding Mission u. The Program Resource Room was very busy and over \$3,000 worth of study books, Reading Program books and UMW materials were sold! Thanks for being such generous shoppers!

With regard to the Reading Program, I would ask all the District Program Resource Secretaries to send me a list of all their local units that participated and at what levels by **September 20, 2013**. I will not be listing the participants' names, as they will be recognized at their District Annual meetings. Each participating local unit will receive recognition at the Conference Annual Celebration in Cresaptown.

The 2014 Reading Program books will be offered for sale in October at the Conference Annual Celebration, as well as the new Handbooks. If anyone needs me to order some specific items, please feel free to contact me by phone at 410-239-0429, or by email at LJYost@verizon.net.

Blessings!

Linda S. Yost, Conference UMW
Resources

Secretary of Program



COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR



About Communication

It is the process by which we share information, cultivate relationships, express our thoughts and feelings, and assign and convey meaning to create a shared understanding. Communication is how we connect with one another.

Communication serves multiple functions such as informing or providing information, requesting specific actions, persuading or reinforcing a receiver's belief, and building relationships with others. Universally, it allows us to exchange information by several methods as long as all parties understand the common language by which it is exchanged.

Defined as "the management of messages for the purpose of creating meaning" by communication researchers, all communication has one goal: shared meaning. Communication is not simply about exchanging information but creating shared meanings. It is about transmitting information in a way that is satisfactorily received and understood. There is no point in communicating if the receiver does not understand the message being conveyed.

Meanings are the heart of all communication.

May God Bless,

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

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Greetings,

The Nominations Committee has been working to fulfill the positions on the Conference Mission Team. As a team member I had the privilege to learn and explore various things and I would like to share them:

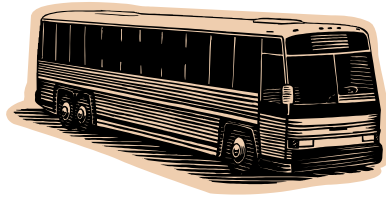
1. **FELLOWSHIP** - Is awesome.
2. **TRAINING** - You are trained and never alone, we as a team will always have your back.
3. **TRAVEL** - Opportunities to go places and meet other women.
4. **SHARE** - Share with others what you know.
5. **TEAM BUILDING** - Strengthen the team with your gifts and talent.
6. **SISTER HOOD** - I think of each one of those women as my sister.
- 7 **LOVE** - Important, we are all about loving one another the way GOD love us.
8. **MISSION** - Serving the PURPOSE.
9. **COMMITMENT**- Doing GOD's will.

Vacancies: 2014

Social Action

Nomination Committee- 1 vacancy

**PAMELA RANDALL
NOMINATIONS CHAIRPERSON**



COME RIDE THE BUS

Baltimore Washington Conference United Methodist Women

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Church: _____ Phone# _____

Email: _____

Amount: _____

Sent to: Pamela Randall

1785 Horace Ward Rd.

Owings, Md. 20736

Email-pamelarandall53@yahoo.com

prandall.1973@gmail.com

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

Deposit need to be in by August 5, 2013- Need a count for the number of people going on the bus. Deadline September 30, 2013.

ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT

Greeting Sisters in Christ:

It is once again time to say that this is a great team and I am delighted to work with all of you.

The Annapolis District UMW continues to move forward in doing the work that has been assigned to us by the grace of God. We are having a good time in working together as we try to reach the young and the youth. We had seven youth from the Annapolis District to attend the Mission u. They really had a good time and looking forward to going back next year and already the buzz is going around for more of the youth to attend next year. The seven from the Annapolis District has plan to take the news to other churches they have named themselves The Mission u Review. I look forward to that happening.

We had a wonderful time at Prayer Brunch. We have decided to have a cook out for the children in the Annapolis District. We want to be a source for the youth to hear what they have to say after going back to school. We will explore areas such as Bullying, Suicide, Gangs, Low self-esteem. We plan to have work shops where there will be folks available to talk to them if they want to talk. The Goal is to reach the children. Kim Walker and the DCYM have been asked to join with us. The Annapolis District UMW will continue to work to help the children in any way we can.

Along with the Emergency Baby Pantry have also donated 132 back packs completely filled to the school Districts through Social Services.

We will suggest something different for our fall meeting instead of having a speaker. We will reach out to each cluster of our District. Each Cluster will be asked to participate in the event and do one part of the service. One church may have a good Choir, the other may have a good worship, and one may have a good dance ministry. Whatever they are willing to do, this way we have more people involved and more of a variety.

Our pledge monies are coming in.

Yours in Christ,

Daisy Farmer
Annapolis District President

"We continue to follow in Jesus"
Matthew:28 -The Great Commission.



BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

BALTIMORE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

August 2013

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

Hebrews 13: 2 *Do no neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.*

All praises be to God the Almighty. The United Methodist Women of the Baltimore Metropolitan District attended the Mission u event in Bethesda MD. Of the 11 churches represented, 29 members were in attendance. One of the young ladies who attended expressed an interest in joining our district UMW. Two other women stated they would be interested in joining our Mission Team.

Preparations are being executed for our Annual Fall Meeting and the Conference celebration in the Cumberland-Hagerstown District at Cresaptown UMC.

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. Other future plans include revitalizing local units.

Upcoming Dates

Sept. 14, 12:00 – 3:00 PM; Susanna Wesley House Fall Luncheon; Tremont Hotel (Embassy Suites); 225 N. Charles St. Baltimore; donation \$50.00
 Sept. 21; UMW Conference Spiritual Retreat; West River Camp
 Oct. 5, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM; BMD Annual Fall Meeting; Epworth UMC
 Nov. 26, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM; Annual Celebration and Mission Outreach; Cresaptown, UMC
 Nov. 24-26; UN Seminar; New York City
 Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2014; ROCK-CUMW Mission Team Security Personnel; Ocean City
 April 25-27, 2014; Assembly; Louisville, KY

Face book address: Baltimore Metropolitan District United Methodist Women

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

BALTIMORE SUBURBAN DISTRICT



The Baltimore Suburban district is busy planning the fall annual meeting which will be held on October 12, 2013. The meeting will take place at Timonium United Methodist Church at 2300 Pots Spring Road. The meeting will start at 9:30 and our speakers will be Pastors Mark and Sandy Johnson, who will continue with study on poverty.

Susan Davis
 President

CENTRAL MARYLAND DISTRICT

District UMW Mission Team was energized by their experience at *Mission u* July 26-28. I was blessed to teach the study on The Roma, and had an amazing class. The women displayed open minds and open hearts as they learned about an oppressed people. They worked collaboratively to discover ways they could apply what they learned. They created action plans to take back and implement. Some of the participants had already done the Roma and the Poverty programs in the Program Book, and shared with others suggestions on how to make the best use of the material.

Members of the Central Maryland District UMW also presented a skit on August 11 for the joint UMW UMM seminar on *Stopping Domestic Violence and Abuse: Let There Be Peace*. The guest speakers were excellent, and the UMM's quartet provided several songs to help us grow in faith. The highlight of the program was the willingness of people to share their stories and encourage the community of faith to reach out and be a presence for those suffering from violence and abuse, and to provide programs that teach ways to break the cycle.

Human Trafficking is another area where UMW is making a difference. One member of the Central Maryland District UMW delivered food to a Safe House for trafficked victims in Baltimore. She met some of the women and was profoundly moved by her experience. She noted, "We have so many opportunities to serve."

In response to the call for backpacks for Rosa Park Elementary School as mission outreach for our New Hispanic Church Exploration in Hyattsville, the Central Maryland District UMW delivered seven backpacks filled with school supplies. The thought of children excited about going to school, knowing they have what they need, is a blessing for us all.

Our mission team Fall focus is on preparing for the district and conference annual celebrations in October. Each member of the mission team is working with three units to assess how we can best support our units and to encourage units to share with one another what they have done to attract younger women and what their mission activities have been over the last year. Some members of the mission team will attend the UN seminar on *Caring for Creation's Resources: Environmental Justice* to be held November 24-26. We are planning our UMW Training for Unit Officers to be held January 11.

Kathleen G. Charters, President



GREATER WASHINGTON DISTRICT

On May 18, 2013, three officers visited the Liberty Grove United Methodist Church of which Rev. Jeff Jones is Pastor, to meet with women of that congregation who were interested in starting a unit. Laura Norvell, Assistant Pastor, was instrumental in setting up this meeting. The meeting proved fruitful and rewarding.

On May 11, the Greater Washington District sponsored their annual Prayer Breakfast at Colesville UMC, 52 Randolph Rd., Silver Spring, MD. Rev. Callie Matthews is pastor and Jean Shields President of the Unit. The attendance was approximately 120. Alexander Adjaho, seven years old, played double seconds steel drums accompanied by his grandmother, Nevilla Ottley Adjahoe. My daughter Charlene White, from Studio City, CA, was the guest soloist. The food was delightful and hospitality just great.

The officer attendance at July's School of Mission u held at the Bethesda Marriott Hotel was 100%. Also, there were three Nominations Committee members in attendance.

In November, GWD officers and other guests will travel to Bermuda for the purpose of installing the Centenary and Marsden units. We are anxiously awaiting the visit and fellowship with these sister units.

We are saddened by the home going of one of the GWD's most faithful members, Lucy Kittrell Brown, held on June 28, 2013 at Ebenezer UMC, Washington, DC. A GWD condolence tribute was read at the service. Lucy was 94 years young. Our dear Lucy will sorely be missed.

The 2013 Annual Meeting to be held at Glenmont UMC, 12901 Georgia Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20906-3743. The gathering will take place at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting will commence at 10:00 a.m.

As we meet and touch, each day,
The many travelers on our way,
Let every such brief contact be
A glorious, helpful ministry.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you and your families.

Gertrude T. White
President

WASHINGTON EAST DISTRICT

Back from Mission u! What a wonderful experience everyone had. The Washington East District was blessed to be able to sponsor 5 youth to Mission u. Destiny Semper (Union), Emarii Lopes (Grace), Sydney Slappy (Wards), Alexys Gutrick (Metropolitan), and Hadiya Williams (Westphalia).

The Washington East District has been active visiting local units and welcoming new and reorganized units. We welcome Alexandria UMC and a newly reorganized Smith Chapel local unit. We also welcome Journey of Faith as a newly organized unit and are helping St. Matthew's in La Plata organize a new unit. We give thanks to God for His bounty.

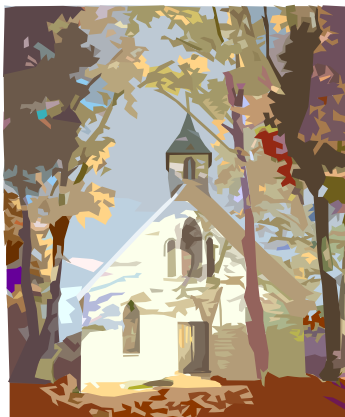
In the past months, we have visited with Westphalia, Queens Chapel, Faith in Accokeek and will be visiting with Books UMC on August 26. On July 14, I gave the message at St. Edmond's for their Women's Day and the theme was Women of God Strong in Faith.

We look forward to our Annual Meeting on October 19 at St. Paul Oxon Hill and hope to see everyone come out and join us.

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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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	Who we are
How we're funded	Where our money goes
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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.

Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women

Spiritual Retreat



"Living the Heart of God"

Reading Program book: "Morning Coffee with James"

Saturday, September 21, 2013

9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Retreat Leader:

Rev. Lena Marie Dennis

Eastern UMC, Baltimore, MD

Location

**West River
Center**



Register by Sunday, September 1, 2013 Please complete this section and mail with a check payable to BWC-UMW to
Zilpha Pinkney, 6705 Eilerson St., Clinton, MD 20735 Questions? email zapinkney@yahoo.com

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Saturday breakfast and lunch)

*Confirmation will be forwarded via email
once the Spiritual Retreat registration closes.*

**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 19		
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		
MISSION TEAM MEETING	SEPTEMBER 7	9:30 AM-2:00 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	9:00 AM-4:00 PM	West River Camp
BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN ANNUAL FALL MEETING	OCTOBER 5	8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Epworth Chapel UMC
BALTIMORE SUBURBAN DIST ANNUAL MEETING	OCTOBER 12		
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		

CENTRAL MARYLAND ANNUAL MEETING	OCTOBER 19	10:30 AM	
CUMBERLAND HAGERSTOWN ANNUAL MEETING	OCTOBER		
FREDERICK ANNUAL MEETING	OCTOBER		
WASHINGTON EAST ANNUAL MEETING	OCTOBER 19	10:30 AM	
BWCUMW ANNUAL MEETING	OCTOBER 26	9:00 AM-3:00 PM	Cresaptown UMC Cresaptown, MD
INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT	NOVEMBER 9		
"FLAME" NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DUE	NOVEMBER 15		
UMW TRAINING	NOVEMBER 23	9:30-12:30 PM	Conference Center
UN SEMINAR	NOVEMBER 24-26		New York
"FLAME" NEWSLETTER MAILED	DECEMBER 1		
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