



The Flame

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BALTIMORE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

THE PRESIDENT

"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:6, NRSV)

Dear Ones,

Greetings. Like Paul encouraged the church in Philippi, I want to continue to encourage you and thank God for you for all the good works that you do for others, for God's glory and praise. Many of you have stepped up to the plate to serve as District and Local UMW Officers and some of you may feel uneasy about the responsibility of the expectations and duties of your position. Fear not, for one of my favorite scripture verses assures us, "that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion...." You are never alone, for God is with you, and you can also count on your leadership team to support you, for we are united in one purpose:

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.

This fall, our BWC UMW Interactive Hands-On Annual Celebration was very successful as we had a lovely worship service and Bishop Marcus Matthews and Superintendent Conrad Link officiated over Communion. Our business part of the meeting went well and we were honored to have Sabrina White install our 2014 Conference Leadership Team. Another honored guest from the Bishop's Office was Sandy Ferguson. Something that we did differently this year, instead of having our Leadership Training immediately after our meeting, we went out into the community to put our faith, hope, and love into action and also had Pop-in Mission Sessions at Cresaptown UMC in the Cumberland/Hagerstown District. Thank you all who organized and participated to make this event so amazing and for your school supplies and prayer shawl donations.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have completed our BWC Leadership Training held in November, our UN Trip in New York City, and enjoyed our Thanksgiving Dinner. Therefore, let me take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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THE PRESIDENT (CONT'D)

Thank you so much for a very productive and exciting year of fellowship, worship, and service. Please continue to put your Faith, Hope, and Love into Action by sharing God's love and making disciples for Jesus Christ. Also, remember that we are counting on you to honor your pledges to mission and emptying your treasury, except for seed money, and sending your gifts to our Conference Treasurer Linda McNeil, 7705 Oxon Hill Rd., Oxon Hill, MD 20745, (301-839-5482). I hope that many of you will be attending the 2014 ASSEMBLY,

Register now! (www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/Assembly)

Blessings,

Nancy M. Randers-Pehrson

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Grace and peace to all who love our Lord Jesus the Christ with an undying love. As UMW our purpose is to know God and to serve his people through mission and ministry. We continue to provide opportunities for outreach in the local communities.

Domestic Violence and Abuse- Shades of Violence, Paths to Healing gathering held on August 11, 2013 was very successful. We have made contact with individuals who completed the collaborative Commitment Action Agenda as well as those whose emails were provided. The participants who responded identified the needs for training leaders, resource information, how to organize, workshops, presentation of programs and outreach to youth/young adults. It was suggested that we have a follow-up gathering to the August 11, 2013 event. The Planning Committee will work on future gathering to call attention to this great problem of domestic violence and abuse which plagues the community as well as the church. Stay interested because more information is coming.

BWC UMW Inter Active Hands Annual Celebration held October 26, 2013 at Cresaptown UMC, Cresaptown, Maryland was a huge success. Eighty persons gather to participate in giving services to others. The celebration begin with singing, greetings, UMW Purpose, worship, prayer, celebrating ministries from local districts and Communion by Bishop Marcus Matthews who set the stage for serving others as a member of the body of Christ.

Community Mission included Western Maryland Food Bank where food baskets were prepared by women. At the Union Station for Homeless Men and Families home style meals were served to those present. On the site for Habitat House project under construction a group of women formed a prayer circle asking God to bless the ground, surrounding neighborhood, the families that will occupy the house once completed.

Pop Inn sessions were in Cresaptown church facility such as KAIROSP Prison Ministry- Western Maryland Correction Institute Weekend Program sponsored by Pilgrim Seminary College was discussed. Women

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT (Cont'd)

and men prepared Agape meal and the tables were arranged in the form of across. Church Library Organization is located in the welcome Center, women re- arranged books and news articles. UM Campus Ministry Frostburg State Campus, baking cookies for the Nets Project. Union Rescue Shelter Mission for Homeless families foods were prepared by UMW in the kitchen at the church and delivered to the center. Family Crisis Center discussed the needs of families, children and youth including services available. Mission Opportunities provided a form to discuss back packs, Lunch box ministry and other project ideas from local churches.

The evaluations about inter active hands on ministries were very positive and it was suggested that this mission activity should be held in each district. The 2014 Annual Celebration will be held in the Central Maryland District.

BWC UMW -Inter Generational Inspired Young Committee held its second meeting on November 11, 2013, Baltimore Washington Center. Two adults were present. We decided to re-group and work with the Conference Young Adult Ministry Team and identified young adult organization such a Rock to partner with. We encourage the local districts to continue to reach out to young women.

BWC UMW Leadership Training is scheduled for November 23, 2013 at the conference center from 10:00 am through 1:00 pm. **Please bring your lunch.** The officers' training is designed to inform, teach the functions and descriptions for each position which will be taught by conference mission team leaders. The agenda is as follow: Greetings, devotion, panel discussion. Each elected officers will make up the panel and will have 2 minutes to present. Following the panel discussions each officers will conduct training in an assigned space in the conference center. District presidents are requested to invite your teams to participate in training. Evaluation forms will be available.

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

Elizabeth Mitchell Stemley, VP
EStemley1190@comcast.net.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Thanks to all who attended the Spiritual Retreat in September. Pastor Dennis our retreat facilitator led us in our study of “Morning Coffee with James”. This book is a bible study on the book of James and listed on our reading list for 2013. In this book, the author Renae Brumbaugh, goes through chapter and verse giving us what James was saying to the people of his day and then what it means to us today.

In the words of the author, James is “a practical how-to guide for Christian living”. That’s the first cup of coffee and then she adds the cream and sugar. After you ponder on that, she gives you a prayer and a second cup of coffee. The second cup gives you related scriptures to study. Finally the last drop is a quote from someone that gives us further insight into the verses.

It can be a great reading for your personal bible study or excellent bible study for your unit. The evaluations show how much you appreciated Pastor Dennis’ leadership. I pray that if you participated in the retreat that you will share it with others.

Zilpha Pinkney,
Spiritual Growth Coordinator



WHAT IS THE “EPWORTH HOUSE PROJECT”?

The Epworth House Project is celebrating 50 years of being in existence. Many of you know, in 1889 this project started out as a home for Deaconess. A house was rented and provided shelter for the women who attend the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School established in 1891. The school was named after Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes who was the first president of the Women's Home Missionary Society. In 1894, a Mr. Sibley donated a hospital building for the Deaconess work. The nurses training separated from the deaconess training in 1909 and the National Training School for Deaconess was closed in 1934. The nursing school moved to American University in 1965.

At some point and time a house had been purchased on 16th Street in Washington, DC. On February 13, 1964 at a special executive committee meeting, Mrs. John Wilke, proposed a plan to move the deaconess program to the campus of Wesley Theological Seminary. It was determined that after the sale of this house, that a housing unit be built in 1965 at the Seminary and that the Deaconess Board would contribute toward this project which would provide housing for eight students. The housing unit would be for women and married couples. The direction of the Deaconess Home program changed toward assisting young women training for Christian service, rather than assisting those who had already been trained.

After the sale of the Deaconess home, \$40, 000 was given to the Seminary to assist in the construction of Carroll Hall Students Apartments. Four of those apartments bear the name “Epworth House” to signify the contribution made by the Deaconess Board.

In 1966 the Deaconess Board changed its name to “Epworth House” after the village in England where John Wesley had lived. Since that Epworth House has assisted in scholarship and rental subsidy aid for women studying at Wesley Seminary.

Today we continue to assist a woman from foreign soil or Native Americans. They will study for two years and receive a certificate in Religious Studies and then return back to their homes to help the people of their land.

We are encouraging all of you to come to our 50th Anniversary Luncheon on Saturday, March 29, 2014.

Zilpha Pinkney,
Spiritual Growth Coordinator

*See the flyer next page.



COME DRESSED GOLDEN AND HELP US CELEBRATE!

**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: "A Calling for This Time"

Join us for our 50TH Annual Epworth House Spring Luncheon

Saturday, March 29, 2014, 11:30 a.m.

Holiday Inn College Park

10000 Baltimore Ave, College Park, MD 20740

\$35.00 per person

Registration Deadline: February 28, 2014

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Baltimore-Washington Conference

MISSION u Event

Friday, Aug 8– Sunday, Aug 10, 2014

THE BETHESDA MARRIOTT

5151 POOKS HILL ROAD

BETHESDAY, MD 20814

301-897-9400

COURSE OF STUDIES

Spiritual Growth: *“How Is It With Your Soul?”*

Geographic: *The Roma of Europe*

Social Issue: *The Church and People with Disabilities*

Zilpha Pinkney, Dean of the School

***Sponsored by United Methodist Women and Conference**

Board of Global Ministries

**BROCHURES WILL BE AVAILABLE BY MID MARCH! CHECK OUR WEBSITE
(WWW.BWCUMW.ORG) OR YOUR DISTRICT PRESIDENT FOR MORE INFO.**

SOCIAL ACTION UPDATE...

"... just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." Matthew 25:45

Social justice issues are always at the forefront within our society. This seems even truer in 2013, as the entire country has been aware of and engaged in some of the more pressing issues of our time. These include a three week national government shut down amid budget crises, Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) implementation, and climate change, immigration reform, voting rights and stand-your-ground legislation issues, among others.

In concert with guidance from the National Office, B-W Conference United Methodist Women prioritized 3 of 4 issues for 2013 social action follow-up, i.e., human trafficking, environmental justice/climate change, and immigration reform. The fourth issue, domestic violence and abuse is a key issue, also, and the Presidents and Vice Presidents of United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men led a planning team to design and put in place a start-up plan for implementation. The Conference-wide "Stopping Domestic Violence and Abuse" initiative began with an August 2013 kick-off event.

One of the issues, immigration reform, is the focus of a great deal of attention at all levels of government and with interest groups nationwide, including members of the faith community. Advocates are petitioning the White House and members of the Congress for fair and humane immigration legislation in 2013. There is general agreement that the Senate bill passed this year does not fully support comprehensive and fair immigration reform. So, there is hope that real gains in this area will come from the House of Representatives, with a positive impact on reconciliation activities later in the Congressional process. Advocates, including leaders within the United Methodist Church, are in contact with the White House in efforts (unsuccessfully thus far) to stop the hundreds of thousands of undocumented resident deportations taking place in 2013. Other efforts focused on stopping passage of House legislation on the Strengthen and Fortify Enforcement (SAFE) Act, which would expand racial profiling and indefinite detention, and would criminalize immigration violations and faith groups that assist undocumented residents. A positive note is that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) recently clarified that immigrant parents can enroll their children and other family eligibles in health insurance under the Affordable Care Act without fear of arrest or detention. As the year ends, petitions to national legislators and the White House continue as planning for rallies, acts of civil disobedience, and other public events go into 2014. Very relevant immigration questions for us are, "Who is my neighbor, the one I am to love as I love myself?" and "What is my position on immigration reform?" Let us be in prayer on our answers to these questions, as we remember that we are a nation of immigrants, and, importantly, that each person is precious in His sight!

There are many other key national and global issues of concern to United Methodist Women today. Some of these are widespread gun violence; escalating prison issues; poverty, with an opportunity to continue support for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) which just sustained additional cuts in November 2013, and which faces a House proposal of \$40 billion in cuts over the next 4 years; women's issues revealed in many ways, e.g., lack of equal pay and workplace employment opportunities, labor and sex trafficking, violence and sex abuse, and many others. There is much to be done! Let's roll up our sleeves and continue our work together as we express a love in action that helps to spread justice and peace here and around the globe.

Finally, thanks, everyone, for your wonderful support over the past four years!

Submitted by: Ann Price, Social Action Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Living out Our Purpose through Faith, Hope and Love in Action

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thessalonians 1:2-3

p108, Living the Heart of God

As we come to the end of 2013, Baltimore-Washington United Methodist Women members can surely say we are living out our purpose. Our conference mission team has reached out to districts, units and individuals with love and inclusiveness. The mission team has participated in mission projects, national initiatives, as well as supported and demonstrated in support of social action initiatives. Districts have initiated new individual and cooperative mission projects, participated excitedly in conference wide programs such as Mission U and the spiritual retreat. District UMW have planned and executed great special programs to include retreats, social action forums and education related projects. At the local level UMW units have reached out to women children and youth in a myriad of projects, spiritual and educational sessions, supported activities at their local, district, conference, national, and worldwide levels. United Methodist Women of the Baltimore-Washington Conference have been busy women in 2013! We also said good-bye to faithful and dedicated United Methodist Women such as Lucy Brown.

Membership, Nurture and Outreach will continue to be responsible for **membership count**. This means we need for every UMW unit in the Baltimore-Washington Conference to send in a membership count **by the end of January 2014**. The report forms are available on the BWC website (**BWCUMW.ORG**) and from MNO's at the district level. Send the count to District Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinators or to District Presidents. This count is important because it documents to the United Methodist Women National Office how many wonderful women are working to accomplish all the good works that are done in our Baltimore- Washington conference.

As we look forward to 2014, with a new handbook and a different view of organization leadership, none of our great works will change, but grow stronger, for we strive for greater inclusion of younger and additional active women. We pray and look forward to more and more women embracing our purpose of Faith, Hope and Love in Action.

Peace, Joy, and Blessings,
W. Jean Jackson

2013 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-2013

Unit Type

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

Instructions:

Fill in your information and insert
your numbers into shaded area.
Formulas have been created which
will calculate figures.

Send copies by January 30, 2014 to:

District Mission Coordinator for
Membership Nurture and Outreach

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Dear UMW Sisters,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ! I hope you have enjoyed the beautiful fall colors that our amazing God displayed for us. Some of the vistas around the countryside were truly awesome!

It's now time to ready ourselves for the cold weather. If you purchased some of the UMW Reading Program books at Mission u or at our Annual Celebration, or have access to them through the public library, it's the season to make some cocoa, snuggle up in a warm blanket and READ, READ, READ! We have 5 categories to choose from: Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, Spiritual Growth, and Education for Mission. My goal is to complete Reading Level 2 by reading 2 books from each category before next September. I would invite as many of you who wish, to join me in this quest. Some of you may have already decided to complete Reading Level 3 or even 4. All I can say is WOW!

I would like to suggest a few of the books I have read from the 2013 and 2014 Reading Lists. If you enjoy learning about the Amish, then Plain Wisdom is an inspiring look into the lives of two women, one "English" and one Amish, who correspond with each other, sharing their life experiences. If you are an outdoorsy woman, then Up - A Mother and Daughter's Peakbagging Adventure will appeal to your sense of adventure as mom and 6-year-old daughter endeavor to climb all forty-eight of New Hampshire's highest mountains. Both of these books are in the Nurturing for Community category. Currently I am reading King Peggy, a charming true-life fairy tale of an American secretary who discovers she has been chosen king of an impoverished fishing village on the west coast of Africa. Do It Anyway is a compilation of true stories of courageous and inspired men and women who set out to accomplish their various goals within their communities, no matter what. These books are in the Leadership Development category. If you have never heard of the Hutterite community (I had not), then I am Hutterite will introduce you to a very different type of lifestyle than our own. The Hutterites are similar to the Amish in some ways, but are very different in others. This book resides in the Education for Mission category. A complete listing of Reading Program books for the last 5 years, can be found at <http://www.umwmissionresources.org> and then click on Reading Program.

Come, read with me.....and enjoy!

Blessings,
Linda S. Yost,
Conference UMW
Secretary of Program
Resources



COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR**Communication in the Bible****Hebrews 4:12**

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Proverbs 25:11

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

Proverbs 15:1

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 15:2

The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly.

Psalms 141:3

Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips!

Proverbs 12:18

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Jeremiah 1:9

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth."

Proverbs 16:23

The heart of the wise makes his speech judicious and adds persuasiveness to his lips.

Psalms 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Amos 3:7

For the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.

May God Bless,

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



and Happy New Year!

BWC UMW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

After our September meeting with the Board of Trustees, we all went to lunch to bid farewell to 5 members.

- Margaret Cullins has been our secretary since 2008 and represented the Annapolis District
- Janice Mason has been with us since 2002 including being the president for several years – represented Baltimore Metropolitan District
- Mary Catherine Sencindiver, has been with us since 2011 and representing Frederick district
- Ruth Giles has been with us since 2012 and represented the Greater Washington District.
- Barbara Lowis Lehmann has been with us since 1995 and has served as Treasurer.

Attached is the list of our members of the Board of Trustees for 2014 along with their positions on the board. Please note that we still need a replacement for the Annapolis District.

The Board meets 2 times a year at the Baltimore Washington Conference Center to discuss our finances and investments. It is my honor to let you know that our funds are doing extremely well and we are blest to have Douglas Potter with Lumbard Securities to guide us. This past year we were able to donate more funds than expected due to our investments.

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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New member from Annapolis to be announced (replacing Margaret Cullings) A

Respectfully Submitted
Susan Howes
BWC UMW Trustee President

ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Praise be to God for all he is doing in our lives. The Annapolis District United Methodist Women join in prayer for the lives, homes and the devastation of the Philippines. Our prayer is to reach out and help in any way that we can. We will reach out to the leaders of our District to see how we can get together to help with this tragedy. We had a wonderful time at our annual meeting. There were eight-eight women that attended. We are continuing with our goal to provide the emergency baby Pantry. St Mark's, Hanover has a wonder outreach program collaborating with the Samaritan women in Baltimore. St. Mark's Laurel is feeding the hungry on Thanksgiving evening. Our Annual training will be January 11, 2014. We have invited some of our Conference officers to join us. Please pray for one of our young women, who has been very ill, she has been very active in the UMW. The God that we know is a healer and we are claiming victory for we know that God performs Miracles. The UMW is partnering with the National Alzheimer's Association. This is an effort to bring awareness of Disease of Dementia/Alzheimer's to communities in Princes George and Washington areas. St. Mark's has had a Purple Sunday pilot program and it was emotional and beautiful.

Mrs. Elmira Sellu, a United Methodist Woman's missionary to the UN Embassy. From Sierra Leone, West Africa. Mrs. Sellu visited with Daisy Farmer at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Laurel, MD 20707.

Yours in Christ,

Daisy Farmer
Annapolis District President



BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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

1 Thessalonians 1: 2-3 We always give thanks to God for all of you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

All praises be to God the Almighty. The United Methodist Women of the Baltimore Metropolitan District attended the Annual Fall Meeting at Epworth United Methodist Chapel Saturday, October 5, 2013. Eleven churches from the district were present with a total of 80 members in attendance. There were two young women who participated in the devotions reading scripture and rendering the prayer. Thus incorporating young women in the Baltimore Metropolitan District Mission Team. We were also represented at the Baltimore Washington Conference UMW "interactive Hands on Annual Celebration" at Cresaptown United Methodist Church in the Cumberland - Hagerstown District.

At the district meeting, a prayer shawl demonstration was performed by Daphne Hurd explaining the instructions, and how completed items are sent to the Conference UMW to be distributed. Recognitions for Five Star Organizations Mission Today and Reading Program was celebrated.

The local organizations displayed a 2-3 minute presentation of their mission activities for the 2013 year. Most presentations were centered on supporting a neighborhood elementary school, collecting items for homeless shelters, a quilt display and pillowcase dresses for Haiti girls. The offering was collected for Imagine No Malaria.

The BMD UMW continues to be the hands, feet, voices and resources for performing God's will. This is accomplished by continuing to make "pillow case dresses" for girls in Haiti and Honduras. Another mission is to supply items for the women's prison ministry, support homeless shelters with personal hygiene articles and house cleaning products,

Plans are in preparation for inspiring local organizations to support the Baltimore Metropolitan Prison Ministry. These plans also include collecting toys for the Women in prison to present to their children, monetary fund raisers and a fashion show /preparing for a job event in 2014. Demonstrations of Backpack lunches will be introduced to the local organizations at the beginning of 2014.

The Baltimore Region – Baltimore Metropolitan and Baltimore Suburban Districts – celebrated "UMW in the Park" this past spring. A newsletter article of this event by Cindy McCurry is in the November issue of the **Response** magazine.

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 9; BWC Intergenerational Inspired Gathering, Conference Center, Fulton, MD

Nov. 23;BWC UMW training for District Officers, Conference Center, Fulton, MD

November 24-26; UN Seminar; New York City

Register for 2014 Assemble – See Flame newsletter

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 Face book](#)

God's Blessings to All,

Janice D. Mason, President

CENTRAL MARYLAND DISTRICT

Central Maryland District UMW Review of 2013 and Preview of 2014

In 2013, Central Maryland District (CMD) United Methodist Women (UMW) Mission Team members attended many meetings for planning Training Day, joint UMW and United Methodist Men (UMM) programs on Domestic Violence, Mission u, and District and Conference leadership. Our Social Action Officer, Cindy Waugh, attended numerous social action events.

The theme for the January CMD UMW Training Day was "Let's Team Up!" Unit officers were trained in joint sessions: President/Vice President (many thanks to Gertrude White, President of the Greater Washington District for her assistance), Secretary/Membership Nurture & Outreach (many thanks to Jean Jackson for her assistance), Spiritual Growth/Social Action, Program Resources/Communications, Nominations/Education & Interpretation. The Treasurers met separately. The May CMD UMW Retreat on Dating Violence was well attended by both UMW and UMM. In July most of the CMD Mission Team attended Mission u, and I was blessed by teaching *The Roma*. In August, CMD UMW presented a skit coordinated by Spiritual Growth Chair, Rev. Cheryl Gooden, at "Let There be Peace," a joint UMW and UMM event for stopping domestic violence and abuse. CMD UMW responded in August, September, and October to a call for assistance to children attending Rosa Parks Elementary School. CMD UMW provided more than 30 backpacks with school supplies.

At the October CMD UMW Annual Celebration, we recognized those who served on the 2013 Mission Team and are now moving on, thanking our fabulous Treasurer, Tamara Hull, Secretary Edna Johnson, Communications co-chair Rita Green, Education and Interpretation co-chair Marcia Marcellus, nominations co-chairs Mary Jefferson and Pennie Adams. We selected new officers to carry on the work, welcoming Treasurer Dianna Kelly Woodlon, Secretary Sarah Utz, Communications Chair Joan Owens, and Nominations Chair Laura Copeland. CMD UMW units shared 3-minute Mission Moments, including what they are doing across the generations for mission, activities that appeal to younger members, and experiences of previous UMW Assemblies. Rita Green and I attended the BWC UMW Annual Celebration and enjoyed our interactive hands-on mission experiences. I attended the BWC UMW Inter-Generation-Inspired Gathering, and participated in planning for collaboration with young adult and campus ministry leaders. The Mission Team is looking forward to BWC UMW Training for District Officers. I am looking forward to the UN Seminar, Caring for Creation's Resources: Environmental Justice.

CMD UMW plans for 2014 include our January 11 CMD UMW Training Day. Mission Team members will attend the April 25-27 National Gathering of United Methodist Women in Louisville, KY, and we hope to bring 10 young women (ages 18-39). May 10 there will be a CMD UMW Prayer Breakfast: Honor Your Mother Earth, featuring guest speaker Liz Feighner, Emmanuel UMC Green Team Chair. The Mission Team is looking forward to Mission u 2014, and I hope to teach one of the studies. In the fall we will host a CMD UMW Retreat: Persons with Disabilities. One resource we will develop in 2014 is our virtual group Central Maryland District UMW, which can be found at <http://www.umwonline.org/groups/centralmarylanddistrictumw/>.

--Submitted by Kathleen Charters, CMD UMW President

GREATER WASHINGTON DISTRICT

On October 12, 2013, the Greater Washington District held its Annual Meeting at Glenmont UMC, Wheaton, MD, Rev. Lee Brewer, Pastor, Caroleann Myers, UMW Coordinator. The Rev. Dr. Yvonne Mercer Staten, Pastor, Simpson-Hamline UMC, Washington, DC, installed the officers for 2014.

Certificates were presented to 29 - 5-Star units; seven to Mission Today Units; and 32 to Reading Program participants. The District experienced 75 deaths since October of 2012; and there were 127 members over the age of 90, one being 106 years young.

I was presented with flowers and a plaque for service rendered as president from 2009 through 2013.

On November 1, 2013, the Greater Washington District journeyed to Bermuda to install the Centenary UMW (Rev. Richard Stetler, Pastor) and Marsden First UMW Unit (Rev. Joseph Whalen, Pastor). The Installation Service took place on November 3 at Centenary UMC. There were approximately 70 persons in attendance. Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Daniels, District Superintendent, graced us with his presence and took part in the program.

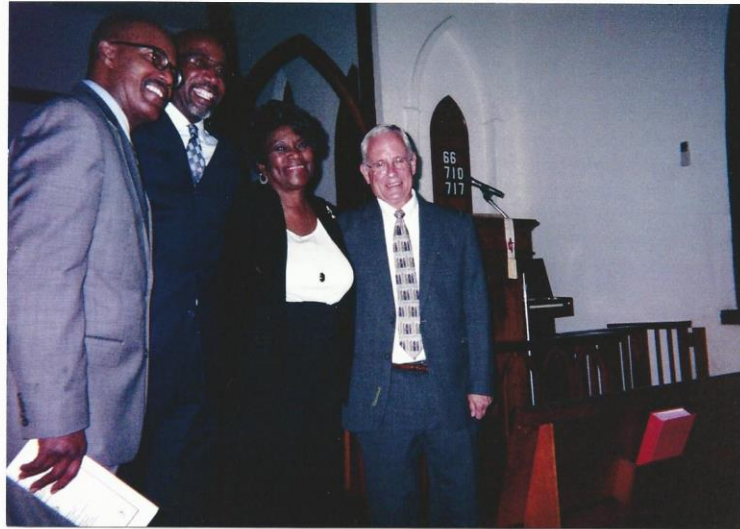
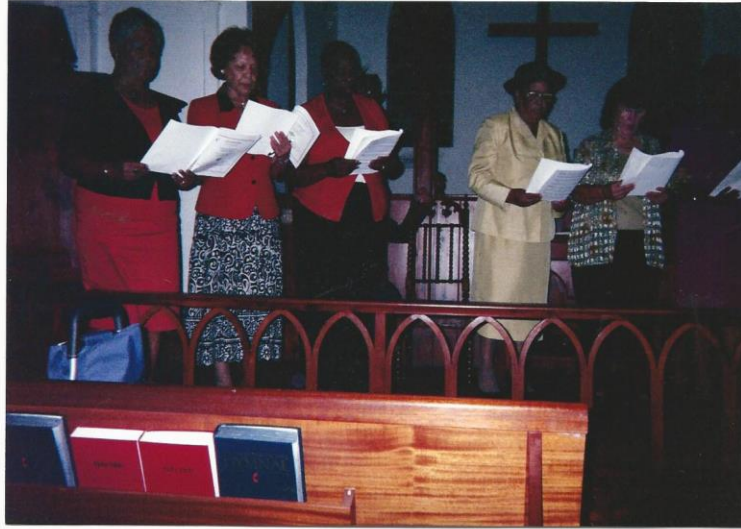
This District is very pleased that we accomplished our passion of installing and visiting these two units on the beautiful island of Bermuda. The message relayed to me on November 12th by Constance Richardson, president of the Marsden UMW, thanked us for our visit and stated that we imparted a lot of knowledge to them to build their units. The unit met on November 5 and discussed how they can work closer with the young ladies of their churches. We thank God for the opportunity to be of assistance.

I thank the dedicated officers and one Nominations Committee member for making the sacrifice to complete this mission. It has been a distinct pleasure working with the great Mission Team of the Greater Washington District.

God Bless Everyone
Gertrude White,
President

(Please see photographs next 2 pages of the Bermuda Visit)

GREATER WASHINGTON DISTRICT'S INSTALLATION SERVICE OF CENTENARY
AND MARSDEN FIRST UNITED METHODIST WOMEN, SMITH'S PARISH, BERMUDA
NOVEMBER 3, 2013



Left to right: Rev. Joseph Whalen, Pastor, Marsden First United Methodist Church,
Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Daniels, District Superintendent, Greater Washington District
Gertrude White, President, Greater Washington District UMW
Rev. Richard Stetler, Pastor, Centenary United Methodist Church

GREATER WASHINGTON DISTRICT OFFICERS

CENTENARY UMC, SMITH'S PARISH, BERMUDA



Last row, left to right: Sandra Chambers, Treasurer, Eppie Marecheau, Spiritual Growth, Jean Shields, VP, Geraldine Whitley, Nominations Chair, Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Daniels, District Superintendent, and Gertrude White, President. Second row: Dorothy Stubbs, Program Resources, Andrea Ross, Membership, Nurture & Outreach, Carrie Smallwood, Secretary, and Elizabeth Brisbane, Nominations Committee,



WASHINGTON EAST DISTRICT

Washington East District

The WED is thankful. Thankful to all the local units for their hard work in mission with women, children and youth. We are thankful for their support and encouragement. We are so thankful for the new local unit that has started this year and to those inquiring churches looking to start new units. We are thankful to those pastors of the churches in the district for their support, encouragement and involvement in the local units at their churches.

The WED is thankful for a successful Annual Meeting held on October 26 at St. Paul Oxon Hill. We welcome our new Mission Team – Nona Colbert (Grace-President), Susan Howes (Smithville-Vice President), Korla Frye (Grace-Secretary), Gloria Turner (St. Paul Oxon Hill-Treasurer), Millicent Franklin (Coopers-Spiritual Growth), Marva Bigelow (St. Paul Oxon Hill-Social Action), Sandra Smith (Westphalia-Program Resources), Joyce Dean (La Plata-Membership, Nurture and Outreach), Arlene Grose (St. Paul Oxon Hill-Education and Interpretation), Marietta Pinkney (Journey of Faith-Communications), Flora Gaskins (Westphalia-Nominations), Lorri Meadows (St. Matthews Bowie-Webmaster) and Zilpha Pinkney (Nottingham Myers-Epworth House Representative). We welcome you and look forward to an exciting 2014.

Lastly, and most importantly, we thank the leaders who have served over the past years and have come off the Mission Team: Pam Grace (Hollywood-Secretary), Lorri Meadows (St. Matthews Bowie-Treasurer), Patricia Klein (St. Matthews Bowie-Program Resources), and Leslie Gross (St. Edmonds-Social Action). Each of these persons was instrumental in the successes of the WED during their service.

We look forward to 2014 and the challenges and triumphs it will bring to the district. Leadership Training will be held Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at Mt. Olive UMC located at 10 Fairground Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678. Wishing everyone in the Baltimore Washington Conference a blessed and safe Advent season.

Blessings,

Nona Colbert, President





Join COSROW in this community event as we explore the challenges and joys of serving elderly family and friends.

SAVE THE DATE

March 29, 2014
2:30pm—5:30pm

At the Conference Center
\$10 Donation Requested
Keynote Speaker: TBA

Break Out Session Topics

Traditional: sandwiched between aging parents who need care and/or help and their own children

Club: people in their 50s or 60s sandwiched between aging parents, adult children and grandchildren, or those in their 30s, with young children, aging parents and grandparents

Open Faced: anyone involved in elder care



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Baltimore Washington Conference United Methodist Women (BWCUMW)
EVENTS CALENDAR 2014

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
BWCUMW MISSION ROUNDTABLE	JANUARY 4	9AM-2PM	CONFERENCE CENTER
CENTRAL MARYLAND TRAINING	JANUARY 11		
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING			CONFERENCE CENTER
MISSION u MEETING	JANUARY 13	6:30PM	CONFERENCE CENTER
ROCK 2014	JANUARY 31-FEB 2		OCEAN CITY, MD
MD LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY	FEBRUARY		
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING			CONFERENCE CENTER
MISSION u MEETING	FEBRUARY 10	6:30PM	CONFERENCE CENTER
"FLAME" NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DUE	FEBRUARY 15		
BWCUMW FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG	FEBRUARY 15	9:00-11:00 AM	CONFERENCE CENTER
BWCUMW PROGRAM COMMITTEE MTG	FEBRUARY 15	11Am-2PM	CONFERENCE CENTER
GW DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR	FEBRUARY 22	9am-NOON	WOODSIDE UMC SILVER SPRING
"FLAME" NEWSLETTER MAILED	MARCH 1		
NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING	MARCH		
BWCUMW LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING	MARCH 8	9AM-2PM	CONFERENCE CENTER
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING			
MISSION u MEETING	MARCH 10	6:30 PM	CONFERENCE CENTER
BALTIMORE SUBURBAN SPRING MTG	APRIL 5		
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING			CONFERENCE CENTER

MISSION u MEETING	APRIL 14	6:30 PM	CONFERENCE CENTER
TRUSTEE MEETING	APRIL		CONFERENCE CENTER
EPWORTH HOUSE SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON	MARCH 29	11:30 AM	HOLIDAY INN COLLEGE PARK
19th QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY of UMW	APRIL 25-27		LOUISVILLE, KY
LAITY PRE CONFERENCE	MAY 17		JOHN WESLEY UMC, HAGERSTOWN, MD
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	MAY		
MISSION u	MAY 12	6:30 PM	CONFERENCE CENTER
GREATER WASHINGTON PRAYER BREAKFAST	MAY 17		
WASHINGTON EAST PRAYER BREAKFAST	MAY 17		
CENTRAL MARYLAND PRAYER BREAKFAST	MAY		
"FLAME" NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DUE	MAY 15		
BWCUMW MISSION TEAM MEETING	MAY		CONFERENCE CENTER
PRAYER BREAKFAST	MAY		
PRAYER BREAKFAST	MAY		
BWC UMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE	MAY 29-31		BALTIMORE, MD
"FLAME" NEWSLETTER MAILED	JUNE 1		
NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING	JUNE		CONFERENCE CENTER
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	JUNE		CONFERENCE CENTER
MISSION u MEETING	JUNE 9	6:30 PM	CONFERENCE CENTER
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	JULY 14		CONFERENCE CENTER
MISSION u MEETING	JULY 14		CONFERENCE CENTER

BWCUMW LEADERSHIP BWCUMW LEADERSHIP TEAM/PROGRAM MEETING (Calendar 2015)	JULY 12	9AM-3PM	CONFERENCE CENTER
MISSION u EVENT	AUGUST 8-10		
"FLAME " NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DUE	AUGUST 15		
BWCUMW FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG	AUGUST 16	9:00 - 11:00 AM	CONFERENCE CENTER
"FLAME" NEWSLETTER MAILED	SEPTEMBER 1		
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	SEPTEMBER		CONFERENCE CENTER
BWCUMW LEADERSHIP TEAM MTG	SEPTEMBER 6	9AM-2PM	CONFERENCE CENTER
MISSION u MEETING	SEPTEMBER 8	6:30 PM	CONFERENCE CENTER
CHURCH WOMEN UNITED	SEPTEMBER 10		
TRUSTEE MEETING	SEPTEMBER		CONFERENCE CENTER
SUSANNA WESLEY HOUSE LUNCHEON	SEPTEMBER		
CM DISABILITY WORKSHOP	SEPTEMBER		
WESLEY LEARNING CENTER	SEPTEMBER		WESLEY SEMINARY
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	OCTOBER		CONFERENCE CENTER
MISSION u MEETING	OCTOBER 13	6:30 PM	CONFERENCE CENTER
GW ANNUAL MEETING	OCTOBER 11	10-12AM	
CM ANNUAL MEETING	OCTOBER 18		
WE ANNUAL MEETING	OCTOBER 18		
BWCUMW ANNUAL CELEBRATION	OCTOBER 25		CENTRAL MARYLAND DIST
"FLAME" NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DUE	NOVEMBER 15		
INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT	NOVEMBER 8		CONFERENCE CENTER
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	NOVEMBER		CONFERENCE CENTER
MISSION u MEETING	NOVEMBER 10	6:30 PM	CONFERENCE CENTER

BWCUMW OFFICERS'SKILL TRAINING			
UN SEMINAR	NOVEMBER		NEW YORK
YOUTH SCHOOL MEETING	DECEMBER		CONFERENCE CENTER
MISSION u MEETING	DECEMBER 8	6:30 PM	CONFERENCE CENTER
"FLAME" NEWSLETTER MAILED	DECEMBER 5		

