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CHANGE IS GOOD



Annual Celebration
September 29-October 1, 2017
 Lake Junaluska
 “Change is Good”
 On-Line Registration: 6/19—9/24
 \$15 (on-site \$25)

Things have “changed”! Come be a part of “change” as we celebrate our Conference and Districts. The ladies of the Smoky Mountain District will welcome you and be available to help you during the weekend.

Registration begins at 2:00pm on Friday in the Susan Todd Lounge of Harrell Center (street level) where you will pick up on-line registration badges or register on site and view various displays on our priority areas, Mission Institutions and various UMW/mission related programs. In HC-202 (street level) you can view and purchase program resources, Reading Program books and newly designed Gift to Mission/Gift in Memory cards.

You received a gallon zip-lock plastic bag with the UMCOR Health Kit list and a Gift in Memory Card at Spiritual Growth Retreat and Mission u. Please fill that plastic bag with the items on the instruction sheet and bring the UMCOR Health Kit back to Annual Celebration. Give the completed tear-off section of the Gift in Memory Card along with

\$5 to your local unit treasurer, address & stamp the card and bring it to Annual Celebration to be collected and dedicated on Sunday morning.

Gathering for opening session begins at 6:45pm on Friday in Stuart Auditorium. This Annual Celebration will consist of a review of 2016 events and activities of the Districts and Conference; Business Session — adopting a budget and election of officers for 2018; Honoring our Missionaries/Deaconesses; recognition of outgoing officers and installation of 2018 officers; The Celebration continues with Saturday night entertainment; Worship, Memorial Service & Communion.

- ✦ Weekend Speaker: Shannon Priddy, National United Methodist Women President
- ✦ Mission Speaker: Deaconess, Cameron Kempson
- ✦ Musicians: Rhonda Smith & Carrie Wright; join them for a UMW Choir on Sunday morning...practice Friday night and 1:00pm on Saturday in Stuart Rehearsal Room
- ✦ Saturday Afternoon with a PURPOSE: “Just Be: Taking Time for Self-Care & Sacred Space” by Cameron Kempson; “A Look at Millennial UMW...the Age of Change” by Jalen Lawson
- ✦ Hands-On Project: UMCOR Health Kits and Gift to Mission/Memory Cards

In this newsletter look for the 2-page Annual Celebration

flyer. Remember to register on line (\$15) AND contact Lake Junaluska for your room! Please NOTE that **Room Check-In is 4pm** and each person will need a **Photo ID at Check-In and a credit card for “incidentals.”** Those who cannot preregister on line will be able to register on site Friday and Saturday morning for \$25.

It is our hope you will embrace the “changes” during the weekend. That handful of ladies in 1869 took their “change” (2 cents...), mixed it with prayer to create this organization we know today as United Methodist Women. You will notice some “changes” in the weekend format, function locations and Harrell Center & The Terrace colors... but, remember... **CHANGE IS Good!**

Julia Willis
Vice President



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My two cents worth...



I have read somewhere that change is only appreciated from a baby and a vending machine. I think it is safe to say that we can add United Methodist Women to this list. Our organization has found ways to maneuver through name alterations, the decrease in districts and our tenure plan that promotes new, fresh leadership. Change is Good!

Every day there is a change in our lives. In the morning we could be singing, "Praise God." Thank you Jesus." And by the evening, there could be cries of, "Oh, my Lord." "Jesus please help me!" Whatever the day may bring, change will come but the trick is how we handle it. Think about CHANGE: **C**hrist **H**as **A** **N**ew **G**ift **E**veryday! How awesome is that....every second of every day, God has an opportunity to bless us if we just look for it.

*Malachi 3:6 *says, "For I am the Lord, I change not." It doesn't get much better than these comforting words. With all of life's adjustments, there is one thing that will not be altered -- GOD. This shows His great love for us.*

So ladies, let the changes come. United Methodist Women will not walk in fear, but in faith! We will trust God, and know that He is more than able to get us through. Even in the midst of it all He will bless us. C-H-A-N-G-E can be our friend. Let's look for God in them.

Thank you for changing me. I am a much better person because you have allowed me to serve as your president for two terms.

Tonya

TREASURER — NANCY REIGEL

As we approach our 2017 Annual Celebration I am compelled to reflect on our 2017 Love Offering : *A Gift to Mission In Celebration and Gratitude for our Mission Giving Leadership ...15 years and counting.* I am moved to stress: It is not the "Leadership in Giving" but "*Leadership in Mission Giving*" that we celebrate. We celebrate all the powerful mission our giving makes possible around the world. We celebrate that we have stepped up year after year to add our resources to those of many others to put Faith, Hope and Love into action for women, children and youth around the world,

And the Celebration has already begun! I am, right now, in a state of "rejoice" as I receive the gifts that have already started arriving, from individuals, circles, units and districts. You, Western NC Conference United Methodist Women, continue to be awesome.

We will also have other things to celebrate when you visit the Treasurer's area located with Program Resources in the first floor of Harrell Center. It will be a bright open space arranged for you to easily find the resources you need and the Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory Cards you and your units want. And best of all, there will be NO stairs for you to climb.

One of our Hands On Mission projects for Annual Celebration is offering Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory Cards at our Sunday service. We celebrate that we have new card designs to help you

fulfill these projects:

The new "In The Service of Christ" Gift to Mission card is vibrant with color with unstructured space inside to accommodate any message you might want to send to the person whose service you are celebrating.



The two new Gift in Memory Cards present dramatic new looks for this important channel of giving. With glowing yet subdued green backgrounds, one is adorned with a pink rose with "In Loving Memory" on the front. The other is adorned with a white rose with "Thoughts and Prayer" on its front. Again, the inside is blank to allow you to express your thoughts freely. What powerful new tools to help us achieve our 2017 Conference Financial Goal to "*Increase our giving in the Gift in Memory Channel by 20%.*"

We will have an abundance of these new cards as well as those that we have loved and sent over the past few years available for you to select. We will be there, ready to accept credit cards, checks or cash, your choice. And remember, you are not buying cards, you are supporting Mission.

Finally, we celebrate spending time with you as we worship, raise our voices in song, have fellowship during and after our services, meals, and quiet walks. This is a special time to "catch up." Do make time to drop by, share what is happening with you and your unit. See you at the Lake!!



SECRETARY — LINDA YOUNG

In a recent online training for Conference Secretaries, the question was asked: Why do we take minutes?

There are multiple reasons and benefits.

- They are a historical record of a group's decisions and actions.
- They are a reminder of who was given assignments.
- They are evidence of deadlines.
- They are a benefit for people who are absent when decisions are made.

Essential Elements in Minutes and Note Taking

- Minutes do not contain opinions.
- Minutes use the third person.
- Minutes note all votes.
- Minutes focus on big ideas and themes.
- Minutes answer **who, what, when, why** and

where (5 W's).

- Include the opening and closing time.
- Include the attendance.
- Capture all motions accurately, along with the name(s) of the movers. You can even ask for motions in writing to ensure completeness.

Meeting activities have specific verbs to describe the proceedings. Resignations are **accepted**. Bylaws, budgets and resolutions are **adopted**. Minutes are **approved**. Reports are **received**. Before sending out the minutes, use the spelling and grammar check features of your word processing software. This is why I love the United Methodist Church, especially United Methodist Women. There is always training, always the sharing of information, even if it's about the responsibilities of a position. As secretary, your position is critical to the organization. Do not take it for granted.

SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES — SIBYL LONG

We have much to celebrate. We had more readers in 2016 than we had in 2015!

Another "Change" at this year's Annual Celebration, Program Resources will be on the upper level of the Harrell Center just across from Lake Junaluska's Gift shop. Make sure you take time to browse the new 2018 reading books.

It is NOT too late to read your 5 books for plan one so you can be a part of this year's increase of total readers. Remember, when you read a book to a child or a group of children you can count the book as being read as well as the child/children. This is a Win-WIN for everyone.

Plan I – 5 books – 1 from each category and Response Magazine

Plan II – 10 books – 2 from each category and Response Magazine

Plan III – 15 books – 2 from each category and 5 from any of the categories and Response and New World Outlook magazines

Plan IV – 20 books – 2 from each category and 10 from any of the categories and Response and New World Outlook magazines

It is never too late to start your reading program! To suggest a book for the 2018 Reading Program, send an email to: Brenda Thompson: bthompson@unitedmethodistwomen.org with Title, Author, etc.



SOCIAL ACTION — RENEE HAYES

Social Justice Advocacy

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me... he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor... proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

~ Luke 4:18-19

Speaking at the April 1 WNCCL Legislative Day, Rev. Jennifer Copeland spoke of a world "turned upside down." As we advocate for the rights of the poor, the imprisoned, the blind, the oppressed, we strive to turn the world right side up as God intends it to be.

We often hear speakers say, "Just visit our website for more information." While technology is a good tool, not all UMW units have equitable access to such information. Many members are not able simply

to click to sign a petition or contact their congressional legislators easily.

I encourage all UMWomen to sign up for the Action Alerts from the Christian Social Action office in Washington, DC. <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/actionalerts>.

This office may also be contacted by mail at: Office of Christian Social Action, 100 Maryland Avenue, NE, Room 100, Washington, DC 20002 (Ph: (202) 488-5660. Please share any opportunities to advocate for social justice issues that you receive along with contact information that does not require internet access with all members of your local units. Working together we can be effective advocates for immigration, maternal and child health, climate justice, and other issues that are important and timely.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH — MARTHA EFIRD



I pray you are having a joyful summer. 684 of you gathered at Lake Junaluska for the 2017 Spiritual Growth Retreat, S.M.I.L.E. which is an attendance increase over last year. Reverend Ashley Pickerel Thomas shared such thoughtful messages that stirred and challenged us so we can see miracles and be miracle makers. Most of your evaluations reflect Reverend Thomas's message and the music led by Joyce Brooks, Matt Stratford and accompanist Gary Chapin inspired and pleased you. Overwhelmingly, the evaluations gave high marks to the retreat and contain many positive and constructive comments that we continue to discuss and consider in planning for 2018.

Since we increased our 2017 Spiritual Growth attendance, let's increase attendance for Annual Celebration, September 29-October 1. During Annual Celebration, we will share in the meaningful tradition of celebrating and remembering those WNCC UMW sisters who faithfully and joyfully

walked into heaven with Jesus. The theme for our memorial service is *"I Have Changed"*.

It is always good to check your resource list: (1) Are you and your local unit using your prayer calendars to focus on our missions, missionaries and others? (2) Is your local unit using the 2017 Program Book or even past years' Program Books for inspiration and guidance? Help your local unit celebrate a *Call to Prayer and Self-Denial* program using the 2017 theme *"Abundant Health for Women and Children"*. The resources are at your fingertips when you follow the link www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/call-to-prayer. Offerings collected will support national and international programming and advocacy for the health of mothers and their children.

Go and see miracles in life every day. Make miracles in life every day for the glory of God, his son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. See at you at Annual Celebration!

MEMBERSHIP NURTURE & OUTREACH — JATANA ROYSTER

I hope you have made plans to attend our 2017 Annual Celebration. You don't want to miss any of the fun and informative things that happen. And we have the opportunity to hear Shannon Priddy, President of National United Methodist Women.

Watch our conference website for some videos taken at the Spiritual Growth Retreat. Some of those who attended took time to share with us what it means to be a United Methodist Woman and why attending conference events like our Spiritual Growth Retreat are so meaningful and important to them.

Remember to Walk For Mission! Pledge cards are on our conference website. Walk, donate, collect sponsors and give your mission money to your local treasurer.

Are you a card carrying member of United Methodist Women? All members are encouraged to register and give some basic but important information about ourselves to our National Office. We registered 60 women at the Spiritual Growth

Retreat in June and printed a membership card for each person. Register at unitedmethodistwomen.org by clicking on the blue box on the right side of the main page. On our conference website under the Membership Nurture and Outreach tab is a one page form that has all the information needed to register. Units are encouraged to help their members register. This form can be distributed to your members and then one person could enter the information and print the membership cards. You do not have to have an email to register. Just be sure to click on that option at the beginning of the process.

Finally, this will be my last article as I am finishing my time as your conference Membership Nurture and Outreach Mission Coordinator. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you and seeing you at our conference events. Thank you for all that you are doing for women, children and youth. Keep inviting others to join us in our mission. It has truly been a blessing to serve.





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Western North Carolina Conference

Annual Celebration Registration:

(Begins June 19, 2017)

- On-site registration at Lake Junaluska - \$25.00 per person
- **Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE!** Online advance registration, June 19, 2017 through September 24, 2017 is only \$15.00 per person! Use the online registration link on our website at www.wnccumw.org.
- **Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable.** If you pre-register and are unable to attend, your registration fee is not refundable, but someone else can attend in your place.
- **Register yourself AND others!** Our online registration offers the opportunity for you to register up to 35 guests at the same time that you do your own registration. Help other members of your local unit to register online — especially those who may not use a computer! Each registration session must have a unique email.
- **DO NOT** mail Annual Celebration registration fee money to Lake Junaluska. Contact us if you have a question about registration.

What: 44th Annual Celebration

Celebrating 148 Years in Mission

When: September 29-October 1, 2017

Registration begins 2pm; Program 6:45pm

Where: Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium

HIGHLIGHTS

Keynote Weekend Speaker:

Shannon Priddy, President of National United Methodist Women

Mission Speaker:

Cameron Kempson, Deaconess

Music Leaders: Carrie Wright & Rhonda Smith

Hands-On Mission: Gift in Memory/
Gift to Mission Cards and UMCOR
Health Kits

(1 hand towel-15"x25" or 17"x27", 1 washcloth, 1 comb-no pocket comb or pick, 1 metal nail file or clipper, 1 packaged adult toothbrush, 6 adhesive bandages-2/3" to 1", in gallon sealable plastic bag. \$1 shipping in envelope on outside of box. See UMCOR website for more details/packing directions.)

Saturday Afternoon with a PURPOSE:

"Just Be: Taking Time for Self-Care and Sacred Space"-Cameron Kempson
"A Look at Millennial UMW...the Age of Change"-Jalen Lawson

Other highlights:

- myUMW Membership Card/Registration
- Hosting Missionaries for Lunch
- The Celebration Continues...-Saturday Night Entertainment
- UMW Choir on Sunday
- Inspiration Point, Rose Walk, Susanna Wesley Garden, Biblical Garden, Corneille Bryan Native Garden, 2.3-mile Lakeside Walking Trail

Hostess District: Smoky Mountain



Shannon Priddy

Complete information about

Annual Celebration

is available on our website:

www.wnccumw.org

Mark your calendar!

Contact Persons:

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Questions about Online Payments

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828-268-0637

**Questions & Assistance
Online Registration**

Lynne Gilbert, Webmaster
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336-207-3479



Lake Junaluska
Conference & Retreat
Center, P. O. Box 67
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

Reservations Phone #:

1-800-222-4930 (Toll Free)

**Lake Junaluska
Reservations:
Housing Reservations
Open June 19, 2017**

To book Lake Junaluska
lodging for
Annual Celebration (Group Code
28810108118):

- **Call the Lake Junaluska reservations department at 1-800-222-4930.** Then select 1 for the Reservations Department, and the next available agent will be glad to assist you. The Lake Junaluska reservations team is on duty from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.
- **Reservations can also be made online at www.lakejunaluska.com:**
- **Click BOOK NOW (upper right)**
- **On GUEST & ROOMS screen, select # of adults, children & rooms**
- **Click ADD CODE**
- **Select GROUP ATTENDEE**
- **Key 28810108118**
- **Click ADD**



United Methodist Women
Western North Carolina Conference

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2017 Annual Celebration

September 29-October 1, 2017 - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates

The Terrace or Lambuth Inn*

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, elevator, free WI-FI)
Rates are per person, per day, room & meals, before applicable taxes.

	The Terrace Room per night	Lambuth Inn Room per night		Weekend 5-Meal Package*
Single	\$110	\$97	+	\$59.85
Double	\$55	\$48.50	+	\$59.85
Triple	\$44	\$36	+	\$59.85
Quad	\$38	\$29.25	+	\$59.85

*Lake Junaluska operates The Terrace and Lambuth Inn on an American Plan, and meals are required with the room.

NOTE: NO SUNDAY Lunch will be provided in this package!

Lakeside Lodge (meals optional)

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, free WI-FI,
three floors, no elevator)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals, before applicable taxes.

Single	\$72
Double	\$36
Triple	\$33
Quad	\$27

**NOTE: PHOTO ID and CREDIT CARD required for EACH PERSON at Check-In
Payment by Credit Card or Cash....NO CHECKS!**

Lake Junaluska Lodging Information:

Event lodging reservation deposit is equal to the first night's lodging and is due at the time of reservation. Any rooms not reserved with a Lodging Reservations Deposit will be released into general availability 15 days prior to an event. Individual lodging reservations deposit refund policy: 30 days or more before an event receive a full refund minus \$15 processing fee; 14 days or less before an event will not receive a refund.

EXPRESS CHECK-IN: To expedite check-in time, pay room in full at time of reservation or when contacted via email in advance of meeting and make any roommate changes.

CHECK IN TIME for all facilities is 4:00pm; check out is 11:00am.
Photo ID and CREDIT CARD for each person for incidentals required at Check-In. For those who do not have a credit card, the Lake suggests purchasing prepaid credit card prior to arrival.

Meal Information:

NOTE: NO Sunday Lunch in this package!

The room rate that shows on your confirmation letter is the room rate only, meals are an additional cost. Meals are optional for all facilities other than The Terrace or Lambuth Inn. Guests staying in optional meal facilities may purchase a 3-meal package at the same cost of \$34.65 per person for each 3 consecutive meals, or \$59.85 per person for 5 consecutive meals or individual meals can be purchased: \$10.50 for breakfast, \$12.60 for lunch and \$14.70 for dinner. Children 6 through 11 years of age receive meals at half price, 5 years of age and under eat free. **A 5-meal package of \$59.85 per person will automatically be added for each person staying in The Terrace or Lambuth Inn** (dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch & dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday).

ASSEMBLY 2018: **The Power of Bold**

May 16 - 21, 2018 - Columbus, Ohio

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
COLUMBUS...BOLD AND COURAGEOUS!
BUS TRIP RESERVATION FORM



Bus Departure Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2018
Bus Return Date: Monday, May 21, 2018

BUS TRIP ITINERARY: (Deluxe Chartered Bus Transportation by HOLIDAY TOURS)

Wed., May 16 Morning departures from pick-up points across the conference; Lunch on the road; Early evening arrival at the Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown in Columbus, Ohio.

Thurs., May 17 On your own in Columbus. You might choose to pre-register & participate in the Ubuntu Day of Service (See Assembly registration information). Check in at the Assembly Registration desks.

Fri., May 18 Opening Community Gathering is expected to be at 9:00am. Workshops and the Experience Hall will fill your day, with another Community Gathering at 7:00pm.

Sun., May 20 Meeting ends around 12:00 Noon; Departure immediately following meeting conclusion; Lunch on the road; Dinner & overnight in Charleston, West Virginia.

Mon., May 21 Return home to pick-up points across the Western NC Conference

Bus Package Prices (Per Person)	
\$ 799.00	Double Room
\$ 659.00	Triple Room
\$ 589.00	Quad Room
\$ 1,199.00	Single Room

The bus trip package price includes: Deluxe bus transportation provided by Holiday Tours, five nights lodging (Wednesday night May 16th thru Sunday night May 20th), certain meals while traveling (5 deluxe continental breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner). **Important note: The trip price includes 4 hotel nights in Columbus during the Assembly at the Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown and 1 hotel night on our return trip. Passengers do not need to make any separate hotel reservations. ALL nights are included in the bus package price.**

The bus trip package price **DOES NOT** include the Assembly Registration Fee. **Register for the Assembly ONLINE at www.umwassembly.org.** The Assembly 2018 registration fee is \$295.00 per person if you register ONLINE on or before November 30, 2017. After that date, the registration fee goes up to \$330.00. Register early to take advantage of the discount! If you need assistance with online registration, contact Lynne Gilbert or Sara Williams for assistance. Note: Two healthy lunches are included in the Assembly registration fee. Links to Assembly online registration & other information are available on our website at: www.wnccumw.org.

Complete and return the form below, along with a \$400 deposit, by November 10, 2017.

(A separate form and \$400 deposit is required for each person making a reservation.)

Make your reservations early! Bus reservations will be accepted in the order they are received until seating capacity is reached.

Payment of the balance will be due by February 15, 2018.

There will be no refunds for cancellations after March 15, 2018.

TOUR COORDINATORS: Questions? Contact one of the tour coordinators.	Lynne Gilbert	(H) 336-207-3479; (C) 336-207-3479	lynnegilbert2@gmail.com
	Sara Williams	(H) 336-699-8079; (C) 336-469-1344	sarawill@yadtel.net

Name (For Nametag): _____ Home Phone #: _____
Please Print Clearly

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Lodging for Wednesday Night, May 16th thru Sunday Night, May 20th. (Please check one, and fill in roommates as appropriate)

- Double Room \$ 799.00/person **Make \$400 deposit check payable to: Treasurer, WNCC-UMW**
- Triple Room \$ 659.00/person Roommate(s): _____ Please send all
- Quad Room \$ 589.00/person _____ roommate forms
- Single Room \$ 1,199.00/person _____ together.

Mail this form and your deposit check to: Lynne Gilbert, PO Box 4523, Greensboro, NC 27404-4523

Complete and return this form no later than November 10, 2017.

Assembly 2018

The Power of Bold

Greater Columbus Convention Center
Columbus, Ohio
May 18 - 20, 2018
(With pre-conference events May 17)



United Methodist Women assemble every four years to celebrate, to lift up, to learn, and to return to their communities better equipped for mission.

United Methodist Women Assembly 2018 is a time for fellowship, it is also an opportunity to empower faithful women to be stronger discipleship leaders in their communities. Through moving worship, inspiring speakers, immersion experience exhibits, riveting workshops and town hall-style meetings, members will leave Assembly with the knowledge, courage and determination to change the world as part of a daring and compassionate 150 year-old movement.

It is an exciting experience to be part of this large gathering of United Methodist Women. Make plans to join us in Columbus!

Learn more about
Assembly 2018 at:
www.umwassembly.org

Look there for:

Registration Information
Assembly Schedule
Worship & Experience Hall
Pre-conference Events
Promotional Resources to
share with your local unit
YouTube Videos...And More!

Travel Information for the Western North Carolina Conference



Chartered Bus Trip:
Columbus...Bold and Courageous!
May 16 - May 21, 2018
Mark your calendar and plan to go with us!
Exciting Details and Reservation Form on Back!!

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Columbus Hotel Reservations - Non-Bus Passengers



We have arranged a protected block of rooms for Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women at the Hampton Inn and Suites Downtown across the street from the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The room rate is \$181.00 (including tax) per night, plus a \$5.00 handling fee.

Persons not travelling on the bus trip should contact Lynne Gilbert (336-207-3479) or Sara Williams (336-699-8079) to reserve rooms in our Western North Carolina block. **DO NOT contact the Hampton Inn & Suites.** Reservations for these block rooms must be made by November 10, 2017, and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$186.00 per room. The balance for remaining room charges will be due by February 15, 2018. Checks should be made payable to Treasurer, WNCC-UMW. Mail payments to Lynne Gilbert, PO Box 4523, Greensboro, NC 27404-4523.

Watch for Additional Information on our Conference Website
(Bus trip information and the reservation form are available on the website)
Web Address: www.wnccumw.org



**United Methodist Women Assembly May 18-20, 2018
Greater Columbus, OH Convention Center**

Assembly 2018 Scholarships Available

The Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women will award three \$600 scholarships for Assembly 2018 (see flyer about Assembly 2018 in this newsletter). Persons applying for scholarship assistance must be a member of a local or district unit of

United Methodist Women within the Western North Carolina Conference, and must not have previously attended an Assembly. The scholarship application form & instructions are available on the Assembly 2018 page our website at www.wnccumw.org/assembly2018/. Scholarship applications must be received by our Conference Treasurer, Nancy Reigel, by October 1st in order to be considered. Scholarship recipients will be notified by October 22nd.

NOMINATIONS — BETTY DURHAM, Chairperson

Our team has been working hard to find the best possible women to serve you as leaders on the Conference Executive team. We submit these names in nomination for the indicated terms:

For a 2 year term beginning in 2018:

- President – Julia Willis
- Vice President – Joanie Strohm
- Secretary – Linda Young
- Treasurer – Nancy Reigel
- Mission Coordinator for Social Action – Carolyn Payne
- Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture & Outreach – Renee Hayes
- Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth – Martha Efirid
- Secretary of Program Resources — Sibyl Long
- Chairperson, Committee on Nominations – Martha Phillips

For the Committee on Nominations:

- Member, Committee on Nominations (4 year term, Class of 2021) – Velma Zeek
- Member, Committee on Nominations (3 year term, Class of 2020) – Michelene Mathews

Just a reminder, that you can use your United Methodist Women Handbook and our conference website for any information you may need. We are here for you, just give us a call!

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAY (LDD)
“CHANGE” from Dealership to Leadership...**

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Registration/Refreshments: 8am—9am

Training: 9am—Noon

Program Resources: 8am– 9am **&** Noon—1pm

First United Methodist Church
1400 NC Hwy 16, Taylorsville, NC

Classes for all 2018 District Officers

Hands-On Mission Project: Supplies for Bethlehem Centers

(Washable Markers, Washable Non-Toxic Paint, Jumbo Crayons, Jumbo Pencils, #2 Pencils, Glue Sticks, Colored Pencils, Squiggly Eyes, Composition Books, 1” 3-Ring Notebooks, Tissue Wrapping Paper)

Additional information and directions will be provided to 2018 continuing and new District Officers by your Conference counterpart in early October.

MISSION EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION — LINDA GREER



New Mission Today criteria for 2017...Have you seen it? If not, go to our website and print a copy. Now it is easier for even units with 3-4 active members to attain Mission Today status. Last year only a little over a third of our units were Mission Today units. Let's improve on that percentage in 2017. Being a Mission Today unit proudly celebrates that your unit is participating in the activities that make your local unit a healthy UMW unit. And, you get a certificate that you may proudly display!

UMCOR Donations: On behalf of the new mothers and precious little babies who will receive the Layette Kits that you brought to the Spiritual Growth Retreat, **Thank You!** We processed 488 Layette Kits at a value of \$21,960.00! Other various kits totaled 697. Your gifts of these 1,194 kits are valued at \$31,220.00. Monetary donations came to a little over \$2,000!

If you attended the Spiritual Growth Retreat, you received a plastic bag with a list of items to make a Health Kit. Fill this bag with the items listed and bring it with you to Annual Celebration (or send it by someone who is coming or take it to your District Annual Celebration).

There is a mistake on the front side of the Health Kit check-off sheet: 6 Band-Aids were omitted (my mistake for the year), so please don't forget those. Health Kits should include: 1 Hand Towel, 1 Washcloth, 1 Comb, 1 Metal Nail File or Clipper, 1 Bar of Soap - Bath Size, 1 Toothbrush, 6 Band-Aid Type Bandages, 1 Gallon-size Plastic Bag, \$2.00 for Toothpaste and Shipping. Go to

www.umcor.org to see specific packing instructions. Please bring your kits in boxes that you can easily lift. Remember that if you are unable to lift them, those working at the kit intake station cannot lift them either.

Conference Financial Goal 2017: *To Increase Mission Giving in the Gift in Memory Channel by 20%.* Also Included in your plastic bag in your Spiritual Growth packet, was a Gift in Memory card. Send this card this year to someone who has lost a loved one. It does not only have to be at the time that the loved one has passed, but can be any time you are thinking of the person. Has your friend lost a pet? Most of us consider our pets as family members. Send him or her a Gift in Memory card in memory of their precious pet. Sending Gift in Memory cards often will help us to attain our conference goal of increasing our giving in this channel. Send the card and give your gift to your Local Unit Treasurer, or bring it to Annual Celebration and turn it in at the cash register where you pay for program resources in Harrell Center.

Mission Giving: We support over 200 mission projects nationally and internationally. More information about mission projects in the US and throughout the world can be found by using our Prayer Calendar, *response* Magazine, our UMW websites: wnccumw.org & unitedmethodistwomen.org. You can find maps on the national website that show where all our mission projects are located. Keep in mind that all of our mission projects supported by our Five Channels of Mission Giving are designed to empower women, youth and children so that their lives can be improved. Working in Mission Together with YOU!

Mission Moment

United Methodist Women is a community of joyful servants who seek to be a beacon of hope to the lost and lonely children in this world. The important work we do year after year is only possible because of the time, resources and prayers that come from so many United Methodist Women. Cunningham is a place where God's love is experienced. Thank you United Methodist Women for being a part of God's love yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

From: Marlin L. Livingston, President/CEO of Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana, IL, 2017 Prayer Calendar, Page 65.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE — SHERRY SINK



UMW Scholarships are available beginning January 1, 2018! If you or someone you know attends, or will be attending, one of our five (5) United Methodist Colleges or Universities*, you may want to contact Sherry Sink our WNCC UMW Scholarship Chairperson. (sherrysink@gmail.com). Applications are available starting in January and all forms **must** be returned by March 1, 2018. Afterwards there are interviews with the Scholarship Committee at Pfeiffer University in Misenheimer, NC.

**(Our five United Methodist Colleges/Universities are: Bennett College, Brevard College, Greensboro College, High Point University, and Pfeiffer University are located in our Western North Carolina Conference.)*



150th Anniversary Celebration:
LEGACY FUND

WHAT'S In YOUR (wallet) WILL?

“What’s in your wallet?” is a current and recurring television commercial. Secure the advertised product and you’ll be rewarded NOW!

United Methodist Women ask, “What’s in your **Will?**” Our question looks to a future “reward” and is preceded by an even more important one: “Do you have a **Will?**” In the U.S. 50% percent of the population does NOT have a will, which means “Uncle Sam” or state laws will determine what happens to your “estate” -all your possessions and treasures -- regardless of your stated desires or family understandings! Nothing will go to any charitable cause!

Financial literacy is a key to good stewardship. It has long been a part of United Methodist Women and the 2019 mission study “What About Our Money?” is part of the 150th Anniversary celebrations. Another part is The Legacy Fund.

Do you want to assure the continuation of your favorite ministries for decades beyond the 150th anniversary? The Legacy Fund was created to safeguard future ministries with women, children and youth across the U.S. and around the world, ministries such as Bethlehem Centers in Charlotte and Winston Salem, Bennett College and Pfeiffer University. Interest/Income from The Legacy Fund (a permanent endowment), along with Mission Giving, will underwrite ministries with women, children and youth for the decades beyond 2019.

To grow the Legacy Fund each member is asked: 1) to contribute \$18.69 per year for each year of the 5-year celebration (a total of \$93.45) in addition to her pledge; 2) consider planned gifts such as a bequest, insurance policies or stocks; and 3) where possible designate a large gift now.

Estate planning seminars provide details. Wills require a lawyer, but there are other avenues of planned giving that can be done by individuals. Planned giving thru a **Will** means your family, your church and United Methodist Women will benefit from your known interests and desires.

Contact the Conference Legacy Fund Committee for further details!

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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 persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

2017 & 2018 Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2017	Annual Celebration, Lake Junaluska, NC
October 14, 2017	Ubuntu Day of Service
October 21, 2017	Leader Development Day for District Officers
May 18-20, 2018	Assembly 2018, Columbus, OH

For more information, visit: www.wnccumw.org

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OCTOBER 14, 2017

Bethlehem Center—Charlotte

Project: cut out paper stars

Hands on Mission: children's books (K-5th grade), new or gently used such as: Dr. Seuss, non-fiction, poetry, etc.)

Bring scissors

Registration limited to the first 40 people who sign up

Bethlehem Center—Winston-Salem

Projects: planting flowers, cleaning serving carts, filing papers

Hands on Mission: dish towels, rags, balls, hula hoops

Bring gardening gloves, flower bulbs, cleaning cloths and towels

Bennett College—Greensboro

Projects: landscaping, gardening

Hands on Mission: To be determined (will be posted on website registration)

Bring gardening gloves, plants/flowers, flower bulbs

Brooks-Howell Home—Asheville

Projects: landscaping, gardening, working in the archives and gift shop

Hands on Mission: gift cards from Target, Walmart, AC Moore or Michael's

Bring gardening gloves and gardening hand tools

Pfeiffer University—Misenheimer

Projects: campus landscape and Hunger Relief Garden projects
(planting, harvesting, possible canning...inside & outside!)

Hands on Mission: children's hats, gloves, socks, small toys such as Matchbox Cars for community children's Christmas project

Bring gardening gloves



*October 14, 2017
9 am until 2 pm
Bring a bag lunch (lunch provided at
Pfeiffer University)
Register online
www.wnccumw.org
Registration open July 1—October 1*

Choose to serve at one of the National Missional Institutions located in our conference. Serve alongside other United Methodist Women in fellowship and love. What do others have to say about our Ubuntu Day of Service?

Working in fellowship and with a goal is always a joy.

This is a day I look forward to every year.

Enjoy serving to help others and know that our Father God blesses our work

What a joy to connect with wonderful women working together.

Ubuntu is always a special day for me. It is a day of service, fun and fellowship.

I so want to do it again! And again!

Ubuntu—the idea is an extension of what I treasure most about UMW—the opportunity to be in community with others that demonstrate what our organization is based on—mission and doing for others.