

# THE UMW APP — CONNECTED

*The Appalachian District Newsletter, Spring 2015*

## **WELCOMED BY GOD.... Welcoming All**

### **President**

March 23 marked the 145<sup>th</sup> birthday of United Methodist Women...Happy Birthday to us!!

But, it also marks the beginning of an important five year journey for United Methodist Women, the begging of our march to our 150<sup>th</sup> year and our march to creat a Legacy Fund to assure that this incredible organization continues in mission for another 150 years.

To be honest, when I first read about the Legacy Fund, I thought, oh dear, they want more money. I think I gave a sigh. But, now I see this as very different from just asking for money.

Think back on your personal awe of those 8 women who came together in Boston and started this audacious undertaking....a small beginning that became a movement that has changed thousands of lives for the better.

If only we could do something so momentous?? We can!

The Legacy Fund is an opportunity for each of us to step into the shoes of one of those original 8 ladies in Boston...to BE one of them...who decided something needed to be done and did it.

This is **our** opportunity to take those same steps, this time to **assure** that the ongoing mission they started and others have furthered will continue and prosper well into the future

This is something we should rush to do, to provide gladly...to celebrate the opportunity and thank those who conceived of it.

To find how your unit and you can participate, look for the Legacy Fund flyer in this newsletter. Read, ponder, participate.

Be peace and a blessing,  
Nancy Reigel



### **Nominations**

Spring Greetings!

Ahh, this wonderful time of rebirth. " You will find, as you look back upon your life, that the moments when you really lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love." This quote by Henry Drummond reminds me of our time to serve. As we think about our own willingness to serve, may we believe in ourselves, looking within, and seeking God's guidance. We are still in need of a Secretary, Spiritual Growth Coordinator and Program Resource Coordinator. Sometimes it is the simple act of giving of ourselves that is so fulfilling. Think and pray!

Sherry Summerlin, Committee on Nominations

## Secretary

When I read the role of the United Methodist Women Unit or Circle secretary as listed in the Local Unit Bylaws (page 109 in the 2013-2016 Handbook) I am reminded of how vital a role we secretaries play. The first duties listed is: Keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the unit and its leadership team.

These minutes are vital. They are the record of what the leadership team decided and how the decision was reached. Decisions such as how to spend their funds, who should represent the unit to the church or community, etc. The treasurer relies on these records as documentation on why she disbursed the unit's funds as she did. The President relies on these records to document the reasons behind actions taken by and for the unit.

Many may think that minutes are dry, boring and of little use.

Nothing is farther from the truth. Minutes tell the story of your unit or circle, a vital story. Keep them well.

## Social Action

Hello UMW Sisters,

As you probably know we're continuing our focus on domestic violence with the hope that the more aware and educated we become, the more we can help our friends and family members who may be in dangerous situations. As women we often put others before ourselves and as mothers we'll do just about anything to protect our children and ensure their well-being. Sometimes women believe that staying in an abusive relationship is best for their children by keeping the family together. If you know someone in a situation such as this here are some facts you might want to share with her:

Children who witness abuse are more likely to: commit suicide, abuse drugs and alcohol, have poor performance in school, commit sexual crimes and/or be physically or psychologically abused by the batterer  
A male child growing up in an abusive home is 1,000 times more likely to become an abuser than a male child that did not grow up in an abusive home.

Girls who grow up seeing their mother being abused quite often become battered women themselves.

Over three million children are at risk each year of exposure to parental violence.

40-60% of men who abuse women also abuse children

In one study, 27% of domestic homicides were children.

Source: <http://www.statesvillenc.net/>

Remaining in a violent relationship doesn't benefit anyone. If someone you know is living with abuse, urge them to seek help. We will have literature with more facts and information available at the Prayer Breakfast. Please stop by and pick up some to distribute at your churches. I am looking forward to seeing you then and if I can be of any help please send me an e-mail or give me a call.

Peace Out

Kim Smith



## [Domestic Violence](#)

Domestic violence is not just a women's issue. It is an issue of faith. United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men have partnered to launch a domestic violence initiative to raise awareness and provide training in United Methodist congregations.

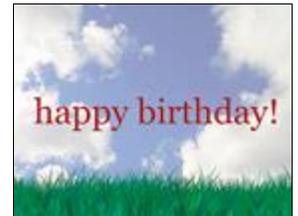
### Justice Today

Each local unit is encouraged to become a Justice Today unit. Criteria for Justice Today provides new and innovative ways for local units to implement the Charter for Racial Justice. There are three different levels of participation which enables the local unit to be as involved as they would like. Please study the attached criteria and make plans how your local unit can become a Justice Today unit. Recognition will be given to those units who achieve Bronze, Silver, or Gold status during 2015 at the 2016 Conference and District Annual Meetings.

## Treasurer

### Sharing the Love

On March 21 we held the District Mission Study and what a great day we had! While I was sitting at the registration table and women were coming into the room, my dear friend Marjorie Wiggins, District UMW Parliamentarian and member of North Wilkesboro UMW, came up to pay for Gift to Mission Cards. We had a display of cards and a supply for sale. As you know these cards cost UMW members \$5 each and contain a statement on the back of each card about a particular mission and how the purchase of the card goes to support missions of UMW around the world. While she was paying for her cards, Marjorie said that she had decided to give Gift to Mission cards instead of buying cards at a store. I told her that was a great idea. I have been thinking that I might do that as well. Store-bought cards are not inexpensive and for a dollar or two more than I can buy a card in the store, I can purchase a GTM one. In fact I just bought one and sent to a lady in our church who I wanted to do a little extra for her birthday, but I knew she would not want a gift. I wrote in the card that the Gift to Mission was made in appreciation of how much she does for other people.



On my way home, I thought about how much impact we women can add to our mission giving if every member would purchase just one GTM card a year. And what a huge impact we can have if many of us would purchase 5 cards a year. The monies received from the sale of cards is *Undesignated*, which means that our national staff look at where there is the greatest need, particularly from disasters and unexpected events, and make sure the money goes where it is most urgently needed. As you think about attending the Prayer Breakfast or the Spiritual Growth Retreat, won't you think about who would enjoy receiving a Gift to Mission card for a Birthday, a Thank You, a new Baby, Congratulations, Christmas, or Thinking of You card? And don't all of us know someone in our churches who would be touched by a card of Peace or In Service to Christ? Select your cards at the Prayer Breakfast or Spiritual Growth Retreat or mail an order form with your Unit Treasurer's 2nd Quarter Remittance. Let your card recipients know you have made a Gift to Mission in their honor. You will touch your friends and neighbors as well as the missions we support.

Pratt Davis  
District Treasurer



## Program Resources

We are now well into our 2015 reading year and what choices we have.

The beauty of reading is that along with giving us insight on the answers to many questions, it also causes new questions to be raised.

How can a population as diverse and the membership of the Methodist Church reach agreement on anything??  
Read *Back to Zero* (2014 reading book) by Gil Rendle

Is the experience of being a black person different for an African American from the experience of a Nigerian who grew up in Nigeria? Read *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Are there really variances of belief and values within the Muslim community? Read *The Golden Cage* by Shirin Ebadi

And finally, will Paul Jeffrey, that photographer responsible for so many of those amazing photos of mission we find in *response* really have meaningful messages to share with us as keynote speaker at the Conference Annual meeting? Read his articles in the April 2015 edition of *response*, starting on page 17. You will discover the answer is a resounding YES.

So read. Answer some questions. Generate new ones.

## Mission Education and Interpretation

Is your unit working toward becoming a "Mission Today" unit in 2015? I hope and pray that you are. It has been a joy to read your 2014 reports and I praise God for all the great UMW work that takes place across our Appalachian District. Refer to "Mission Today" criteria on the Conference UMW website: [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org). Click on "Mission Resources" at the top right of the home page and scroll down and click "Mission Today." If you do not use the computer, contact me and I will mail a copy to you.

Be reminded that one item on the list, #2, states that members will correspond with five persons listed in the *Prayer Calendar* at least once a year. To assist you with this, each week I list the names and contact information from the *Prayer Calendar* on our Appalachian District Facebook page which you may find by typing "Appalachian District UMW." Nancy posts these on our webpage as well: [www.appumw.com](http://www.appumw.com). We post them a week in advance for those of you who prefer to send cards rather than e-mail.

A tremendous "THANK YOU" to all of you who brought school kits and supplies for J. Iverson Riddle Center to the Mission Study and Bedding Kits and Sewing Kits to the Prayer Breakfast. I have been told by some units that they sometimes take kits directly to the Mission Response Center. If you take kits to the MRC, please send me a report of the number and type that you took so that UMW can get credit for making those kits. Participating in Hands-on mission projects satisfies #22 on your Mission Today checklist. [You may go to the following website to get information about the requested kits: www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies.](http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies)

I encourage you to attend Mission u at Pfeiffer University July 16-19. Passionate about mission? Love to learn? Want to engage with others who are? Then Mission u is right for you!

Mission u Theme 2015: "Learning Together for the Transformation of the World"

The Spiritual Growth Study offered this year for everyone is "Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God" led by Rev. Ellen Robison and then you may choose one of these study topics: Geographical Study, "Latin America: People and Faith" or Social Issue Study, "The Church and People with Disabilities."

Mission u is an opportunity like no other you will ever experience!

There is also a Mission u Youth Camp for high school students and recent graduates. Registration opens May 1 and closes June 26. There is no on-site registration. You may download information and registration forms from our Conference website: [wmccumw.org](http://wmccumw.org)

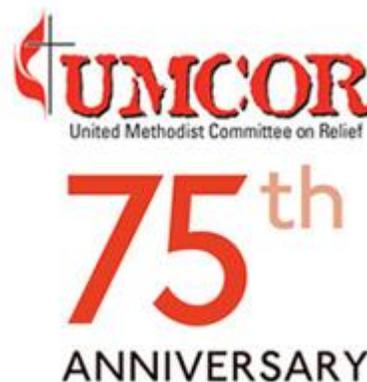
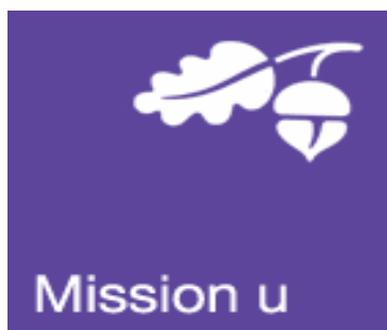
It is my desire to help you in any way that I can, so feel free to call on me at any time.

Love, Joy, Trust, Peace, Hope,  
Linda Greer

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## Vice President

Do you need help planning a meeting? Call on any district officer for assistance. We can even come do your meetings. Bring back information on the Mission Study and Prayer Breakfast to share with members who could not attend. The Program book has lots of ideas also. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Prayer Breakfast and Spiritual Growth at Lake Junaluska.

Peace

Lorraine Burns

## MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH

Invite someone to join you for conference or district events or your local unit meeting. You may have to ask several times before they say “Yes,” don’t give up. The Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska is coming up June 12-13, “Love as God Loves”. Are you registered? Are you bringing a friend to Mission u at Pfeiffer University, July 16-19? You and your friend can come for just one day if you can’t get away for the whole four days.

Help a new guest understand our purpose is to know God through fellowship, spiritual growth, and missions to women, children and youth. Be sure to take care of your current members. Call someone that was absent or send them a Gift to Mission card. Does anyone need a ride to the next event?

Reaching out and getting involved keeps your local unit healthy and creates relationship and community. Is your Walk for Mission on the calendar yet? Is your unit making any of the UMCOR kits? Have a day of service, also know as Ubuntu. Our conference Ubuntu Day of Service is Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, serving several locations across our conference and more information will be available at a later date online, [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org).

You should have already been contacted by your Nurturing Partner/district officer, but if you need help, don’t hesitate to contact her. Our joy is to be of service to you. If you are having a special event or regular local unit meeting and would like one of the district officers to attend, just let your Nurturing Partner know and we will have someone there. If you need a special program, our team is standing by ready with programs like:

- Call to Prayer and Self Denial
- Justice Today
- Mission Today
- Officer Installation
- Pledge Services
- Reading Program

For 2015 we want to visit all of you and reach our goal of 100% LUV! (Local Unit Visit) We need your help to achieve this goal. Remember, we are just an email or phone call away.

Margo Bowman



## Historian — PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

### PAST

Surely your past is being preserved. Hope you've put that on thumb drive or disk.

### PRESENT

Are you keeping records with photo's of this years events. Did anyone attend the mission study? Be sure to note their names. This holds true for Prayer Breakfast as well.

### FUTURE

Is your unit or Church planning any event in the future? How is your unit in on these plans?

RoAnn Cox, Historian

## Spiritual Growth

United Methodist Women provides us some many doors for Spiritual Growth, all we have to do is enter them.

Some we enter in solitude to maybe share later, such as the Spiritual Growth reflections we can find in *re-sponse* magazine, or the books in the Spiritual Growth category of the Reading Program.

Others we enter with our United Methodist Women sisters, such as the numerous Spiritual Growth focused events your district and conference offer you each year. We have already experienced two this year. The District Prayer Breakfast was an opportunity for us all to raise our voices in song, memorialize those we lost this past year, and hear a spirit lifting message by Reverend George Ragsdale..

But what a wonderful opportunity we have ahead of us. The Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat gave us an opportunity to take 24 hours away from the hectic pace of our lives and be still and quiet with God. Our speaker will be Rev. Toni Smith, cherished daughter of our very own Martha Phillips, sharing meditation on *Love as God Loves*. Then we will be spending true quality time in our Mission u spiritual growth study: *Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God*. How can we read this title and not immediately say “tell me more.” Were we really “Created for Happiness?” The answer to that will probably be found as we take that next step “Understanding Your Life in God.” I am truly ready to open my heart to learn. I do hope you will join me and many of your sisters to open this door together.

Spiritual Growth, what a grand journey.

**Each year the Appalachian District awards stipends for first timers at Mission u, Conference Annual Meeting, a teen girl to attend one of these two events. For a stipend application contact Nancy Reigel at : [nancy@reigelridge.com](mailto:nancy@reigelridge.com) or 828-268-0637**



# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

## Western North Carolina Conference

- What:** 2015 Spiritual Growth Retreat  
**When:** June 12-13, 2015  
Opening Session 6:45pm Friday / Ends Noon Saturday  
**Where:** Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium  
**Theme:** *Love as God Loves*  
**Leader:** Rev. Toni Ruth Smith



**Toni Ruth Smith** was born and raised in the Toe Valley Charge of the UMC in Avery County, NC. She graduated High School from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics before getting her BA in History from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Toni Ruth is a 2001 graduate of The Divinity School at Duke University. Ordained as an Elder in 2005, Toni Ruth has served as an associate at First UMC in High Point and as the pastor of Hopewell UMC in Trinity. She currently co-pastors

Harrisburg UMC with her husband, Rev. Wesley Smith with whom she has 2 young children. She is particularly interested in how we cultivate a spiritual life with intentionality in the chaos of the day to day. Some of you might know her better as Martha Phillips' daughter, a title she wears with much pride.



## Love as God Loves

Complete information  
about the retreat is  
available on our website:

[www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org)

**Mark your calendar!**  
**Register ONLINE!**  
**Join us at the lake!**

### Retreat Registration: (Begins February 1, 2015)

- On-site registration at the retreat - \$25.00 per person
- **Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE!**  
Online advance registration, February 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015 is only \$15.00 per person! Use the online registration link on our website at [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org).
- **Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable.**  
So, if someone registers for the retreat, and is unable to attend, their registration fee is not refundable, but it is ok for someone else to attend in their 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 retreat registration. Help other members of your local unit to register online — especially those who may not use a computer!
- **DO NOT** mail Spiritual Growth Retreat registration fee money to Lake Junaluska. Contact us if you have a question about registration.

### Contact Persons:

#### *Retreat Information*

Sandy Hieronymus,  
Mission Coordinator for Spiritual  
Growth, [sandyh46@aol.com](mailto:sandyh46@aol.com)  
704-545-6910

#### *Questions about Online Payments*

Martha Phillips,  
Conference Treasurer  
[mcwphillips@gmail.com](mailto:mcwphillips@gmail.com)  
828-765-7009

#### *Questions about Online Registration*

Lynne Gilbert  
Webmaster  
[lgilbert.umw@gmail.com](mailto:lgilbert.umw@gmail.com)  
336-207-3479

# THE LEGACY FUND

Celebrate United Methodist Women! 150 Years and Counting...



United Methodist Women has a rich legacy as a mission movement since 1869, and we are building for the next 150 years of service in God's mission on behalf of women, children and youth in communities down the street and around the world.

**Make your Legacy Fund gift today!**

*Please retain for your records*  
**Western North Carolina Conference  
United Methodist Women**



## **My Legacy Fund gift:**

**Every member is encouraged to make a gift to The Legacy Fund of at least \$18.69 per year, over and above her Pledge to Mission, for five years (2015-2019).**

- \$1,869    \$500    \$300    \$200    \$50    \$18.69    Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 monthly    annually    beginning \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_ (month/year)

*Turning Faith, Hope and Love into Action since 1869.*

*All donations tax-deductible. Give your Legacy Fund commitment form and your gift to your local United Methodist Women treasurer.*

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**Yes!** I want to celebrate United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary and help ensure we continue to put faith, hope and love into action for another 150 years.

**Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women**

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 enclosed    monthly    annually    beginning \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

In honor / memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me about including United Methodist Women in my **estate planning**.

Please contact me about the **major gift program**.

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Conference: *Western North Carolina Conference* District: \_\_\_\_\_

*Give your Legacy Fund commitment form and your gift to your local United Methodist Women treasurer.*

# Frequently Asked Questions about The Legacy Fund / 150th Anniversary Celebration:



## Our Western North Carolina Every Member Legacy Fund Goal:

That every member of  
United Methodist Women  
make a gift to  
The Legacy Fund  
of at least  
**\$18.69 per year,**  
over and above  
her Pledge to Mission,  
for five years  
(2015-2019).

### What is The Legacy Fund?

- A key element of the 150th Anniversary celebration in 2019.
- A designated fund (endowment) of the national office of United Methodist Women. (Only interest can be expended.)

### What is the purpose of The Legacy Fund?

- To assure the continuation of ministries with women, children and youth, worldwide, into the next 150 years.
- To enable United Methodist Women to respond more adequately to new and emerging needs.
- To minimize the risk of severe budget fluctuation in years of recession, regional financial crisis, or change in giving by the membership.

### How will the funds be used?

- The total program of United Methodist Women is mission. Interest from The Legacy Fund will be added to Mission Giving funds to formulate the national budget of United Methodist Women. (Mission Giving is the largest source of that budget which includes grants to National Mission Institutions such as the Bethlehem Centers in Charlotte and Winston-Salem, international programs and projects, program resource production, training, and more.)

### Why should I give to The Legacy Fund?

- The Legacy Fund is OUR special anniversary gift to future United Methodist Women members and ministries.
- To “pass on” the legacy we have inherited. “To stake out our legacy for future generations.” (January 2015 response, page 3). Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, India, is an outgrowth of the work of the first missionary of our organization. The College motto is: “We Receive to Give.”
- Because we believe in the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and want our daughters, granddaughters, nieces and friends to share our sense of meaningful “sisterhood.”
- To be part of the joyous celebration in 2019 culminating 150 years of ministry.

### How does the money get to the National Office?

- Gifts are given to the local treasurer who sends the Legacy Fund money and commitment cards to the District treasurer following regular procedures. There is a line on the local treasurer Remittance form for The Legacy Fund.

### Does a Legacy Fund gift count for the individual or Unit Pledge to Mission Giving?

- No. This is a special additional gift to celebrate the 150th anniversary. In fact, it is critical that we sustain and even increase our Pledge to Mission Giving during this five year campaign; the needs have never been greater.

### How do we give? Annually? All at once? What about non-cash gifts?

- Each person can determine her schedule of giving; any schedule is appropriate.
- Non-cash gifts of stock, property, life insurance, etc., can be given through the United Methodist Women National Office. Contact the Treasurer’s office at 212-870-3740.



### How do I get a Legacy 150 pin?

- When you turn in a Commitment Card, you will receive a pin at your district annual meeting.

### For more information visit:

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women - [www.wnccumw.org/the-legacy-fund-150-years/](http://www.wnccumw.org/the-legacy-fund-150-years/)  
United Methodist Women National Office - [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/give](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/give)

## WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

# Mission u !

*Pfeiffer University*  
*48380 US Hwy 52N*  
*Misenheimer, NC 28109*

**July 16-19 2015**

### Our Courses of Study

#### **Spiritual Growth Study: Created In Happiness: Understanding Your Life In God**

Study leader: **Rev. Ellen Robison**

One-Day Overview leader: **Rev. Tina Mosby**

This study will examine the Christian and Wesleyan understanding of happiness and how to live the life that God calls us to.

#### **Geographical Study: Latin America**

Study leaders: **Rev. Pamela Blackstock, Rev. Jeff Hassel, Dixie Liggett, Rev. Dana McKim, Rev. Don Newman, Dawn Revere**

One-Day Overview leader: **Rev. Sarah Kalish**

Many of us have neither visited nor were born in Latin America, but in this study, all of us will be given a chance to learn about this region. This study is an invitation to enter this land, called Latin America, knowing it is a sacred land. We will come in with respect to face the dignity of a people and with the love of God for them.

#### **Social Issue Study: The Church and People With Disabilities**

Study leader: **Ann Aldridge**

The intent of this study is to build awareness in the church regarding issues around disability, to call the church to provide full accessibility to services and opportunities, and to promote advocacy for justice for people with disabilities.

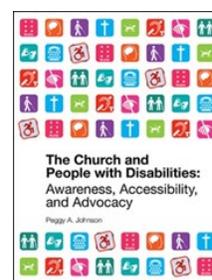
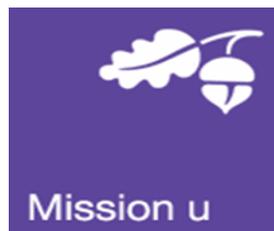
### **Come and Learn with us!**

#### Who Should Attend?

Anyone who wants to worship God, learn new things, and enjoy the fellowship of other Christians  
Local officers and members of United Methodist Women/  
District and Conference UMW Officers/  
District Chairpersons of Mission Engagement/Ministers  
and all men, women, and youth of the Church  
Especially calling out to teens for our Youth Camp!

### **Mission u theme 2015:**

*"Learning Together for the Transformation of the World"*



The national theme for *Mission u* continues. In Romans 12:2, St. Paul advised, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will." (NIV)

God's ultimate will for humankind is that all persons will have abundant life: We study and learn together so that, through the renewing of our minds, the world may be transformed.

Our graphic images include representations of the three studies and the Mission u logo. Taken together, they remind us to explore and reaffirm our own connections to God, to learn and reconnect to our neighbors near and far, and in renewing our minds, to identify ways our church can do more to open the floodgates of inclusion and equality. Learning together, we can be transformed into God's compassionate people.

**Registration is open May 1-June 26, 2015**

**All Registrations must be postmarked no later than**

**June 26, 2015**

**NO ONSITE REGISTRATIONS**

**Check--in for full time students**

**Thursday, July 16, 2:00-6:00 p.m.**

**First session begins at 6:30 p.m.**

**Workshop for Leaders of Children**

Leader: **Kim Eller**

Session Time: 4:15 pm Friday or Saturday

**Mission u 2015 Full time Youth Camp**

Leaders: **Rev. Sherri Barnes and Sherry Sink**

“Latin America: Country, Culture, and Faith”

This study contains a wealth of information on Latin American life, customs, culture, young people, geography, and liturgical practices that will help United Methodist youth increase their understanding of what life is like for Latin American youth who are working toward and dreaming of a better world.

**Registration:**

**May 1, 2015-June 26, 2015**

**Full time Youth Camp: \$150.00 per person**

**Housing in New Hall: (suite-style)**

**Residence: \$190.00 per person**

**Resident Double: \$160.00 (two persons sharing)**

**Resident Private: \$175.00**

**(LUNCH ON SUNDAY WILL NOT BE PROVIDED)**

**Non-Resident: \$40.00 (No meals)**

**Non-Resident: \$80.00 (With 4 meals—Lunch and Dinner Friday and Saturday)**

**One-Day Overview: \$20.00 (No meals)**

**One-Day Overview: \$30.00 (Lunch included)**

**One-Day Overview Students will choose one study and will have 6 hours of session time in that study. You will not get both studies, unless you come to both days, and that certainly is an option for you.**

**ONE-DAY OVERVIEW STUDIES: Friday & Saturday. Check in is from 8:00 am-8:45 am with classes beginning at 9:00 am.**

Watch for additional details on our Website:  
[www.wncumw.org](http://www.wncumw.org)

**REFUNDS:** There will be no refunds without at least 7 days notice. (\$40.00 of Resident Fee is not refundable.) **NO CHILD CARE AVAILABLE**

**HOUSING:** HOUSING WILL BE IN COLLEGE DORMITORIES. Bring bed linens, including a light blanket, pillow, towels, clothes hangers, grooming items, mirror, bathrobe, study lamp and any other items you feel necessary for your comfort away from home. (Wireless internet is available all over the campus.) There will be no linen rental.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** If you have any physical conditions that require consideration in room or classroom assignment, please explain on registration form or on separate sheet of paper stapled to your form.

**YOUTH:** This year's youth camp is limited to 15 participants and will last the full time of Mission u 2015. For youth participants, there are covenant and consent forms that must be completed and accompany the basic registration form. Those forms are available from the school officers, district presidents, and our conference website at [www.wncumw.org](http://www.wncumw.org). There will be a youth curfew in effect at 11:30 p.m. each evening.

**CLASSES:** The Spiritual Growth Study, “Created in Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God,” will be offered to everyone. Please choose one of the other courses for more intensive study. Bring Bibles, pencils, paper, etc. Text books will be available from the Mission Resource Center in early spring, and at all Conference events prior to the school and in the Resource Room during the school. Participants are strongly encouraged to purchase and read the texts before arriving at Mission u. **CEU's and Advanced Lay Servant Certifications:** Continuing Education Units and Advanced Lay Servant Certifications will be offered if requirements are met.

**Dean**

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**Hands-On Mission Project**

**Sewing Kits**

- 3 continuous yards of fabric: cotton or cotton blend only; no heavy duty, corduroy or knit; no patriotic, religious, holiday, camouflage, or military patterns
- 1 pair of fabric scissors
- 1 package assorted hand needles, at least 10 in original packing; no craft needles
- 1 spool of medium to large thread; no travel kit thread
- 5 to 8 buttons, 5/8-inch size or larger; no loose buttons; leave in original packing or fasten all together
- 1 gallon size sealable plastic bag

**Assembly Instructions:** Place all items in plastic bag and seal. In a separate envelope, please include a check payable to UMCOR Sager Brown for at least \$1.00 per kit.



**Mission u 2015**  
**Residential Youth CAMP!**  
**July 16-19**  
**Pfeiffer University,**  
**48380 U.S. Highway 52N**  
**Misenheimer, NC 28109**



**Latin America:  
Places, Culture and  
Faith**

**Resident Youth Camp.** This year *Mission u* is providing the opportunity for up to **15 high school students or recent graduates** to participate in study, worship, fellowship and hands-on ministry!

**Theme: "Latin America: Places, Culture and Faith"**

This is a study for young people regarding Latin American life, customs, culture, young people, geography, and liturgical practices. You will increase your understanding of what life is like for Latin American youth who are working toward and dreaming of a better world.

**Leaders: Rev. Sherri Barnes and Sherry Sink**

**COST:** \$150 per student. The expectation is that the student will pay \$50 towards the experience with their local church/UMW unit paying the balance of \$100.

**AGE:** *Mission u* is open to high school students who have **completed 8th grade through those who have completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** If you have any physical conditions that require consideration in room or classroom assignment, please explain on registration form or on separate sheet of paper stapled to your form.

**HOUSING:** Housing will be in College Dormitories. Pfeiffer Student Leaders will be serving as Camp Leaders!

**WHAT TO BRING:**

- **Your Bible (of course!!)**
- Musical instrument if you play
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, body wash, etc. etc. etc.!!) Whatever you need to be clean & happy!
- Outdoor toiletries (bug spray & sun screen) Whatever you need to be comfortable!
- Sheets/blanket/pillow (Twin XL) or a sleeping bag instead of sheets/blanket
- Bath towels/wash cloths/hand towels
- Rain gear if forecasted
- Clothes, sleepwear, & footwear (**SOCKS & SHOES**) that will keep you comfortable & happy!

***ON Friday and Saturday, we will be going out into the community for hands on ministry experiences. You will need to wear a T-shirt or tank top (no spaghetti straps), shorts are fine (not too short), socks and closed toed shoes. (You MUST have closed toed shoes).***

- Medicines (Please bring them in prescription bottles/containers)-Need parent/legal guardian's permission/advisement regarding your medicine schedule
- Copy of your health insurance card & vaccination records
- List of any dietary restrictions/concerns
- Jacket, sweat shirt, hat, sun glasses
- Small amount of spending money if desired
- Camp Chair
- It's OK to bring electronic devices (computers, e-readers, tablets, cell phones, etc. etc. etc.) **BUT you are responsible for them.** (Wireless internet is available on the campus.)
- **DO NOT BRING: Expensive items or items of sentimental value that you would be unhappy if they were lost or broken!**
- **Also plan to bring Open Minds, Open Hearts, & Open Hands!!!!**

**CONSENT FORMS:** For youth participants, there are covenant and consent forms that must be completed and accompany the basic registration form. Those forms are available from the school officers, district presidents, and our conference website at [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org). **There will be a youth curfew in effect at 11:30pm**

# REGISTRATION - 2015 Western NC Conference *Mission u* – YOUTH CAMP!

**STUDENT INFORMATION:** *Please PRINT CLEARLY and complete all information.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Timer? ( ) Yes  
*(Name for name tag)*

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Female ( ) Male

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (m/date/year) Grade Level for 2015-2016 school year: 9 \_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_ College \_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street, P. O. Box City State Zip*

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be sent in together!)

In case of Emergency, contact: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Housing/Classroom Needs *(please be specific)*: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT DUE BY JUNE 26, 2015**  
**Make Checks payable to: UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**  
**Mail Check and Registration form to:**  
**Virginia Robinson**  
2141 Millstone Drive  
Morganton, NC 28655

**Registration is open May 1-June 26, 2015**  
**All Registrations must be postmarked no later than**  
**June 26, 2015**

**THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE REGISTRATIONS**

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**Appalachian District**

**United Methodist Women Newsletter**

District Prayer Breakfast	Apr 25	Bethlehem UMC
Spiritual Growth Retreat	June 12-13	Lake Junaluska
WNCC UMC Annual Conference	June 17-21	Lake Junaluska
Mission u	July 16-19	Pfeiffer University
WNCC UMW Annual Meeting	September 11-13	Lake Junaluska
District Annual Meeting	Sept 27	Wilkesboro UMC
Local Unit Leadership Development	Nov 8	TBA