

Conference Gram

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Mission u, Here We Come!

I hope you are already making plans to join us at Pfeiffer University **July 17-20 for Mission u 2014!** For the second year we are using the name—Mission u—for our United Methodist Women’s mission training events. By using this new name, we want to attract new participants who were deterred by the term “school.” It keeps our identity with mission and reflects the personal learning experience (u as in university and u as in the text and Web language for you). Our Mission u at Pfeiffer University will provide a personal experience with learning for the transformation of the world. Your Mission u officers and school committee have been working hard to make sure you will have best experience possible. We are also striving to make sure our Mission u is as inviting, open and inclusive as it can possibly be, for all persons no matter the level of ability or disability.

New for Mission u 2014 will be a Resident Youth Camp! In the past, the WNCC-UMW has hosted a one-day study for high school students. This year we are providing the opportunity for up to 15 high school students to participate in study, worship, fellowship and hands-on ministry! The theme is “Disabilities and our Response.” Check out the Youth Camp flyer and application online at the WNCC-UMW website!

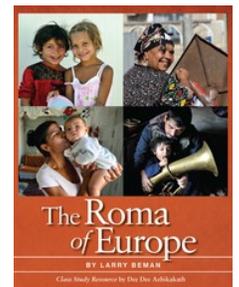
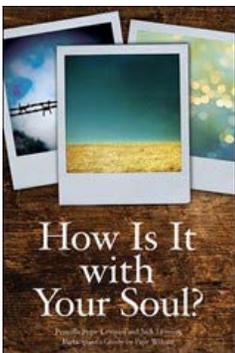
We’ve also got some great studies slated for our adult Mission u participants, along with some terrific leaders to facilitate them. (You’ll meet them later in this issue of the Conference Gram.) **The Spiritual growth study**

for every full-time participant is “How Is It With Your Soul?” This study brings into balance the inner and outer dimensions of the Christian life. Organized around four verbs—pray, learn, mentor, transform—our study will challenge you to become a more vibrant disciple of Christ. **This year’s social issue study** is “The Church and People with Disabilities.” 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. The repeat study this year is **the geographical study** of “The Roma.” The Roma are the single largest minority in Europe. We will learn their history and culture with emphasis on Eastern Europe,

explore the ways they are treated in contemporary Europe, and investigate ways the church is working alongside them. How will we respond and advocate?

All three studies reflect our 2014 Mission u theme: “Learning Together for the Transformation of the World.” It is the same as last year and it is based on the scripture found in **Romans 2:2** where 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.

Breaking News:
Registration has been extended to July 9 – please send in your registration form today! There is no onsite registration and everyone must pre-register.





Our graphic image this year includes a Mission u logo with an acorn and the cover pictures of each of the study text books. 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.

Like last year, we will begin the geographic and general issue studies on Thursday evening. We also listened to your feedback from last year, so we will have singing and announcements beginning at 8:30 a.m., and we will start and end study sessions a little earlier to give more time for lunch so participants won’t feel so rushed. Morning Praise will remain at its same time, and there will be more singing before sessions with more traditional music as well as a mix of contemporary music. It all promises to be a great learning experience for all of us. Please begin praying right now for Mission u, its officers and school committee, and each of the study leaders. And please come: It just won’t be the same without you!

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Meet Our Study Leaders

Spiritual Growth Study: How Is It With Your Soul?

Rev. George Ragsdale

Rev. Ragsdale is the Minister of Discipleship at Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is a graduate of Duke University and Duke Divinity School, and has served two rural churches in Yadkin County, North Carolina, as well as churches in the British Methodist Church north of Manchester, England.



Rev. Holly Adams (One-day Overview)

Rev. Adams is pastor at Hudson UMC in Statesville. She has a Bachelor’s degree from UNCG and a Master of Divinity degree from Hood Seminary.



Social Issue Study: The Church And People With Disabilities

Mrs. Ann Aldridge

Ann Aldridge is a licensed sign language interpreter, and she is an adjunct instructor at Appalachian State University, Lenoir-Rhyne University, and Western Piedmont Community College. Ann has a Bachelor’s degree from Appalachian and Master’s degree from the University of Tennessee, with work experience in administration at the North Carolina School for the Deaf.



Rev. Jaylynn Byassee

Rev. Byassee received her undergraduate degree from Texas Tech University in Education, and a Master of Divinity degree from Duke. Before pursuing a seminary degree, she taught special education in Texas. She is the Director of Mission Pathways for WNCC-UMC, and her work includes oversight and direction to the conference’s ongoing mission groups.



Mrs. Jennifer Davis

Director of Discipleship Ministry for WNCC-UMC, Mrs. Davis is a Human Resources Professional with extensive experience in business and human resources, as well as a much sought-after motivational speaker. She is an active member of her local church in the Metro District.



Rev. Dr. Lillie L. Madison Jones

Dr. Jones is a nationally distinguished educator, whose mission for many years was that “no child be left behind.” Similarly, her mission as a United Methodist pastor was that “all persons, saved or unsaved, are God’s creation and worthy of love and respect.” Her degrees include B.A., M.S., Ed.S, Ed.D, and M.Div. Dr. Jones was both a Coordinator of Ethnic and Justice Ministries and a District Superintendent in WNCC-UMC.



Dr. Michelene Ridley Malson

Dr. Malson’s 30-year professional career in human development and social policy includes experience in research and evaluation, program development and management, organizational development, and advocacy and activism. She holds degrees in psychology, child development, and human development and social policy from Howard, Tufts, and Harvard Universities, respectively, and was a member of the faculty of the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University and a lecturer at UNC-CH School of Social Work.



Mrs. Beverly Maulden (One-day Overview)

Mrs. Maulden is a retired public school interpreter for the Deaf and has served as the WNCC Director of Deaf Ministry. Beverly stays busy now caring for her grandson, singing for various retirement homes with a local choir, volunteering at Cooperative Christian Ministry weekly, and bringing awareness to Human Trafficking.



Geographical Study: The Roma of Europe

Mrs. Patricia Moore (Full time study leader)

Mrs. Moore is a lifelong Methodist, growing up at St Luke UMC in Asheboro, NC. United Methodist Women has a special place in her heart as she would listen to the women in her Mom’s circle make plans to serve others whether in their church, the community or abroad. She believes this was God’s way of planting the seed for mission work in her life. Patricia is a member of the UMW at St. Mark’s UMC in Charlotte, where she has participated in a mission trip to Zimbabwe and continues to serve on the Mission Outreach team and at the Wednesday Soup Kitchen.



Youth Camp Study Leaders: Disabilities and Our Response

Rev. Sherri Barnes

Rev. Barnes is currently serving Pfeiffer University as associate director for university and church relations and associate pastor for The Village Church. She holds an undergraduate degree in business administration from Youngstown State University in Ohio and a Master of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School. Sherri describes her work as partnerships, programs and prospects.



Mrs. Sherry Sink

Mrs. Sink has served in all levels of UMW over the last 16 years. She has taught one-day overview classes for several years at the School of Christian Mission and taught the Teen class for four years. She has also taught several district mission studies, and is now serving her fourth year as Mission Coordinator of Membership, Nurture and Outreach for the conference.



Workshop for Leaders of Children: Children’s Study on Disabilities

Mrs. Kim Keyse

Mrs. Keyse is a native of Greensboro and a lifelong member of Newlyn Street UMC. She has been the Christian Education Director for her church for approximately 30 years. She is active in the local, district, and conference UMW as well as in the general church. She enjoys reading, gardening, and “teaching kids of all ages all kinds of stuff.”





Conference President – Tonya Lanier
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My two cents worth.....

The best assembly ever is how I would describe my four days in Louisville, Kentucky. Thousands of women converged upon the Kentucky Convention Center on April 25 – 27. This quadrennial gathering offered opportunities for worship, study, fellowship and social action. There were times to dance, shout and sing with an awesome all woman-band. There were 40 sites to participate in an Ubuntu journey. And thousands marched for economic justice.

Western North Carolina was well represented with over 130 persons in attendance. We sported vibrant red on Saturday and took time to pose for a group photo. It seems that we had one of the hottest pins in Louisville. The red “Make It Happen” was a big hit. If you have not had an opportunity to purchase one, look for them at a conference or district event near you. Since our Annual Meeting theme is “Make it Happen” we want everyone to have this wonderful accessory before September.

On Sunday, during the final worship service, 26 women from 18 conferences, were consecrated as United Methodist deaconesses. We were able to witness Jody Halstead and Tracey Owens stand on the stage during this celebration. Both of these ladies are from Western North Carolina. Joylynn “Jody” Halstead is an RN and Program Manager for Haywood Street Respite. Tracey Owens is an activity coordinator at Brooks Howell Home. These ladies are drawn to ministries on the cutting-edge, following the teachings of Christ to alleviate suffering, develop human potential, address the root causes of injustice and build global community. We are so proud of Jody and Tracey. Please extend words of congratulations whenever possible.

Those who attended Assembly have been asked to share things that we enjoyed and possibly could infuse into our conference planning. So I urge you to make an extra effort to join us at an upcoming event to feel the vibe. It is exciting. It is exhilarating. It is refreshing. It is a great time to be a United Methodist Woman! Together we can Make It Happen!

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your conference president. Know that I am just an email, telephone call or note away. I would love to hear from you. Blessings, Tonya

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Greetings, my Sisters in Christ! Have you seen the new mission study books? They are available online and through consignment orders at District and Conference events. If you had subscribed to the Annual Sampler subscription, you would already have the new mission study books in hand. *The Church and People with Disabilities: Awareness, Accessibility, and Advocacy* was written by Bishop Peggy Johnson who serves both the Eastern Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania-Delaware Annual Conferences. Bishop Johnson has first-hand knowledge of being a person with a disability and also served as pastor of an all-Deaf congregation for 20 years. *How Is It With Your Soul?* by Priscilla Pope-Levison and Jack Levison is the Mission u spiritual growth study and focuses on students becoming more vibrant disciples of Jesus Christ.

The website of our UMW national office states, “The Reading Program encourages members to think critically about current issues through an annual selection of member-reviewed books. It offers an excellent opportunity to deepen your spirituality and to broaden your understanding of our mission work.” Unfortunately, we are able to order books on consignment only for the current year. Therefore, you will need to go online and order the books on the reading list for 2010 – 2013 yourselves. The 2013 books are available at list price, but the older books are discounted – 2012=15%, 2011=25%, and 2010=50%. There is still time for you to complete at least Plan 1 of the Reading Program, and it is not too late to get your children involved. Whatever you do, READ! Ann

Vice-President – Julia Willis

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Vice Presidents are always searching for program ideas.

- If you or a member of your unit attended Assembly 2014 in Louisville share your experiences in worship, workshops and exhibits with your local unit...Make It Happen!
- This is our 145th year in mission to women, children and youth. It's a perfect time to celebrate---have a PARTY! Individual gifts might include a \$1.45 donation, a \$14.50 donation or even a \$145 donation from your unit! These "gifts" can be sent to your district treasurer as a "Gift to Mission" in her quarterly remittance. Let's find creative ways to celebrate our 145th anniversary and continue undesignated Mission Giving.
- Program Resources has a new booklet, *"United Methodist Women On a Path for Mission"* (M5219). This is a free resource containing valuable information perfect for simple programs.
- In addition to several printed program resources, your district and conference officers are available to present a program or just visit your unit or circle. That also will meet *Mission Today* criteria #20.
- Register for Mission u at Pfeiffer University. This 4-day event is full of mission education. Our social issue study *"The Church and People with Disabilities"* will offer lots of program possibilities for your unit.

"Make It Happen" September 5-7 at Lake Junaluska as we gather for our 41st Annual Meeting. We will review our previous year, experience meaningful worship in Word and music, celebrate our 145th anniversary, honor our missionaries, and fellowship with our sisters in mission. Be sure to register online between June 16th and August 25th for the \$11 discounted rate. More detailed information will be included in the next newsletter. Just be sure you have the date on your calendar. Julia

**MAKE IT
HAPPEN!**

Annual Meeting

Lake Junaluska • September 5 -7



Mission Coordinator for Social Action – Renee Hayes

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Making Social Action Happen

Assembly 2014 in Louisville, KY, was an inspirational experience! Sessions on immigration reform, economic justice, and the environment were highlights for me. We have spent the past few years raising our awareness about human trafficking, poverty, and free trade, among other topics. Now is the time to go beyond just "knowing" to "doing." One of the first sessions I attended was "Linking Service with Justice Advocacy in our Communities." Several resources, such as the Poverty and Justice Bible, Becoming a Justice Seeking Congregation, and Everyday Justice, were recommended. The afternoon culminated with a demonstration from the Kentucky International Civic Center to Baxter Square Park in the Beecher Terrace public housing complex, calling for economic justice for those living in poverty.



In another session, the presenter shared the motto of the Sierra Club with us – **"Pick two you can do."** There are so many social action issues around us that we can feel overwhelmed. I urge you to find a couple of issues that speak to your units and dig in deeply. The UMW website (<http://prod.umwomen.org:88/>) offers advocacy links that include Tools and Resources and suggestions for mobilizing your congregation. Study to increase your awareness, then develop an action plan that you can plug into, and MAKE IT HAPPEN! Renee



Treasurer – Martha Phillips

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At Assembly 2014, our worship centered on the feeding of the 5000, a story with which we all are familiar. The disciples are concerned. The crowd is hungry, what must they do? Jesus tells his disciples, “You feed them!”

Do you know people who are hungry? ... hungry for food, hungry for justice, hungry for shelter, hungry for clothing, hungry for education, hungry for safety and peace! Undesignated Mission Giving supports UMW projects throughout the world that “feed” the hungers of women, children, and youth as Jesus has told us to do.

Conference Financial Goal-2014

“Individuals and Local Units will increase undesignated Mission Giving by 14.5%”

Mission u at Pfeiffer University should be a reminder of UMW academic scholarships. When your unit has met your pledge and contributed to the other four channels, consider monetary support of....

- WNCC UMW General Scholarship
- Ernest R & Lithie P Ellis Scholarship
- Herbin-Motley Scholarship
- Carrie Forbis Ferguson Scholarship
- Ethelyne Shelley Scholarship
- Ronda Robbins Memorial Scholarship
- Weaver Memorial Scholarship
- Fannie Mit Case Scholarship

Support of these allows us to award scholarships to students at Bennett College, Brevard College, Greensboro College, High Point University and Pfeiffer University.

Contributions to our four mission institutions in our conference—Bethlehem Center Charlotte, Bethlehem Center Winston Salem, Bennett College and Pfeiffer University—are other excellent designated mission projects for your consideration. See you at Pfeiffer! Martha



Membership Nurture and Outreach – Jatana Royster

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I attended Assembly for the first time and it was wonderful! I would need the entire Conference Gram to tell you about my experience, so I will just say “It was awesome!” Perhaps your Nurturing Partner went to Assembly and could visit your unit and give you an overview of her experiences. If she did not go, I am sure another district officer or someone from your unit that went would love to share about Assembly.

Now we have an opportunity to learn and fellowship with our UMW sisters at Mission u. I hope you will be able to attend either the entire time or for the one day overview. It is an amazing opportunity to learn, grow spiritually and be with other United Methodist Women. Invite someone who has never been before. It should be another awesome event!

There will be flyers at the conference events about our Ubuntu Day of Service which is October 18th from 9 am until 3 pm. We will be serving at several locations across our conference. Online registration will be available beginning in July at www.wnccumw.org. I look forward to seeing you at a conference event soon! Blessings as you serve. Jatana



Chair, Committee on Nominations – Kim Keyse

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Got a  4 mission? See your Match Maker!!

The wheels on the bus go round and round, round and round, round and round...traveling with UMW anywhere, anytime (the Assembly most recently!) certainly has it perks...time spent breaking bread, contagious laughter, sharing stories, opportunities to become better acquainted with each other while stuck, I mean, riding on the bus. Real time spent together provides an excellent opportunity to discover the interests and gifts we each have and exploring the possibility of potential leadership. This is essential in the match-making selection, matching specific gifts and interests to the “perfect” leadership role. Please look for your Match Makers at all of our district and conference events so that we can continue our rich legacy of matching those with a heart for mission to their potential leadership role in our mighty conference! Love, Kim



Mission Coordinator Spiritual Growth – Sandy Hieronymus

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The spiritual growth study for 2014 is *How Is It with Your Soul?* The four chapters are: *Pray, Learn, Mentor, and Transform.* There is a study guide included. Consider using this study in your unit or circle. All resident students at Mission u will receive this study as well as either the geographic area or current issues study. Each day at Pfeiffer University will start with Morning Praise. Plan to come alone or with some of the ladies from your unit. You will be blessed by meeting, studying, worshipping, and being with women from our conference.

United Methodist Women offer many opportunities for spiritual growth in the local unit, district, and conference levels. Through worship, study, and supportive community activities we grow closer to Christ and one another. Being with United Methodist Women is always a blessing to me. Sandy

Mission Coordinator Education and Interpretation – Rebecca Wright

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A wonderful experience awaits all of us as we attend this year's Mission u at Pfeiffer University in July. It provides an excellent opportunity for local units to move one step closer to become Mission Today Units as they are meeting requirement #11. Let’s encourage each other to be a part of this life-changing experience. ‘Make It Happen.’ Let us be in prayer for our study leaders and the various committees that the School will be the best ever. Our Mission u hands-on project is Layette Kits. When participating in this project Mission Today criteria #23 will be met for your unit. As usual, all kits will be accepted. Rebecca

Did you know?????????

The Peters Sisters: Alice Peters, 1852-1911 Mary Peters, 1855-1937 Sarah Peters, 1857-1936
Early United Methodist Women Missionaries, sent by the Women’s Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church – formed in 1869 – a predecessor to United Methodist Women.

- Each was a skilled teacher who dared to educate girls and women of China in a forbidden era.
- Sarah led the first girls’ school to require unbound feet.
- Mary attended the equivalent of UMW Assembly in 1910 and the 1911 World Missionary Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- The only time three sisters have served as missionaries – entering service at the ages of 31, 40, and 52.

Learn More about these amazing sisters in the biographical book “Zeal to Educate Women”-- written by the Peters sisters’ great-great-great niece, Nancy Shepherd Allen. (Submitted By Carolyn Payne, Conference Historian)

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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.

2014 Upcoming Dates:

July 17-20

Mission u – Pfeiffer University

September 5-7

Annual Meeting – Lake Junaluska

October 18

2014 Ubuntu Day of Service – (several locations)

(See website for more info: www.wnccumw.org)

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Our Courses of Study

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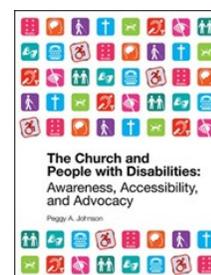
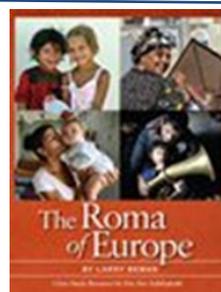
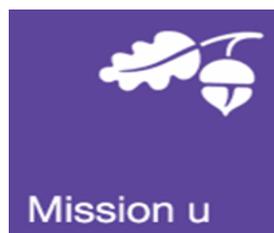
Come and Learn with us!

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 new Youth Camp!

Mission u theme 2014:

"Learning Together for the Transformation of the World"



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Registration is open May 1-June 25, 2014

All Registrations must be postmarked no later than

June 25, 2014

NO ONSITE REGISTRATIONS

Workshop for Leaders of Children

Leader: **Kim Keyse**

Session Time: 4:15 pm Friday or Saturday

Mission u 2014 Full time Youth Camp

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

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Registration:

May 1, 2014-June 25, 2014

New this year:

Full time Youth Camp: \$150.00 per person

Housing in New Hall: (suite-style)

Residence: \$175.00 per person

Resident Double: \$135.00 (two persons sharing)

Resident Private: \$155.00

(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 4 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. Registration is from 8:00 am-8:45 am with classes beginning at 9:00 am.

Watch for additional details on our Website:
www.wnccumw.org

REFUNDS: There will be no refunds without at least 7 days notice. (\$25.00 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 2014. 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. There will be a youth curfew in effect at 11:30 p.m. each evening.

CLASSES: The Spiritual Growth Study, "How Is It With Your Soul?" 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.

CEU's and Advanced Lay Servant Certifications: Continuing Education Units and Advanced Lay Servant Certifications will be offered if requirements are met.

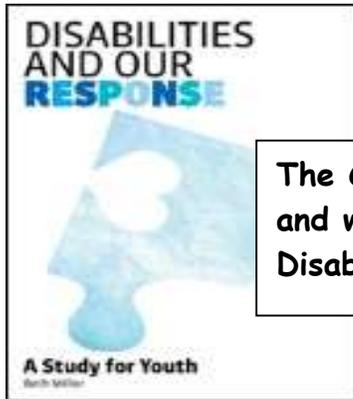
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Hands-On Mission Project

Layette Kits

- 6 cloth diapers (pre-folded or plain/ no disposable diapers)
 - 2 shirts—undershirts or onesies
 - 2 infant sized washcloths, no adult-sized
 - 2 gowns or sleepers
 - 2 diaper pins - must have protective plastic closures / no regular safety pins
 - 1 sweater or jacket - must open from the front / may be hand knitted, crocheted, or sewn / hooded sweatshirts are acceptable
 - 2 receiving blankets - sizes may range from 28" x 28" to 32" x 32" / no crib blankets
- Assembly Instructions:** Lay one of the receiving blankets flat on a table. Set aside the diaper pins and place all remaining items on top of the blanket. Fold the blanket around the items and secure the bundle with the diaper pins. In a separate envelope, please include a check payable to UMCOR Sager Brown for at least \$1.00 per kit.

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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 9th grade through those who have completed 12th 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.wncumw.org. **There will be a youth curfew in effect at 11:30pm**

REGISTRATION - 2014 Western NC Conference Mission u – YOUTH STUDY

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 2014-2015 school year: 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 25, 2014

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 25, 2014
All Registrations must be postmarked no later than
June 25, 2014.

THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE REGISTRATIONS

Call/Email/Text Questions or Concerns to
Sherri Barnes - sherri.barnes@pfeiffer.edu or 704-463-3073



Permission/Medical Release Form for Mission u 2014

This form is necessary for any student wishing to stay overnight in a Pfeiffer University Residence Hall. Clearly print, provide necessary signatures, and submit to the Office of Church Relations.

Students will not be permitted to attend Mission u without completing this form.

Date: _____

Student Name: _____ T-Shirt size _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

High School: _____ Grade (2014-2015 school year) _____

Medical Concerns/Allergies: _____

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian

I give permission for my child, named above, to visit and stay overnight in a Residence Hall at Pfeiffer University. I hereby release and hold harmless Pfeiffer University, its trustees, administrators, and employees from any and all liability, damage, or claims made against them related to my child's participation in this visit to Pfeiffer University. In addition, I authorize a representative of Pfeiffer University to consent to medical care of my child in the event I cannot be reached.

Student

I agree to abide by all laws, policies, and rules set forth by Pfeiffer University and its staff. I understand failure to do so could result in notification of my parent/guardian and a request that I leave campus.

Authorization to use photographs and/or audio-visual

I hereby authorize Pfeiffer University to use, reproduce, and/or publish photographs, voice reproductions and/or video that may pertain to my child. I understand that this material may be used in any legal manner in various publications, promotional or recruitment materials or for other related endeavors. This material may also appear on Pfeiffer's website, social media outlets and in university publications. I understand that by signing this release, I waive any and all present or future compensation rights to the use of the above stated material(s).

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Student

Date

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Important Information for Youth Participants, Parents & Chaperones

The Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all youth and volunteers who participate in programs and activities sponsored by the conference.

While keeping in mind that this is a volunteer organization with no paid staff, we will follow reasonable safety measures in the selection of volunteers & workers with youth; we will implement prudent operational procedures in programs & events where youth are participating; and we will educate our volunteers & workers with youth regarding the use of appropriate policies, and methods.

As a part of our commitment to providing a safe and secure environment, it is our policy to require that youth participants, their parent(s) or guardian(s), and their adult chaperones complete the following forms:

1. Medical Release and Consent for Treatment Form for Youth

This form is to be completed by the parent(s) or guardian(s) and signed by both the parent or guardian and the youth participant.

2. Covenant and Consent Form for Youth

This form is to be completed and signed by both the youth participant and her parent(s) or guardian(s).

3. Covenant Form for Chaperones of Youth

This form is to be completed and signed by all non-parent or non-guardian chaperones.

Please complete the enclosed set of forms, with all appropriate signatures, and return them along with your registration form and registration fee to:

Virginia Robinson, Business Manager
WNCC Mission U
2141 Millstone Drive
Morganton, NC 28655

The registration for a youth participant will not be considered to be approved and accepted until these forms have been completed and returned.

If you have questions, you may contact Sandra Williamson, Dean of the 2014 WNCC MISSION U, at 336-681-7258 (cell phone) or email to sandra@ncat.edu.

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Medical Release and Consent for Treatment Form for Youth

I give my permission for _____
Print Name of Youth Participant

to attend the MISSION U, to be held at Pfeiffer University, July 17-20, 2014. I understand that I cannot hold the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women, its designated person in charge, or volunteer leadership responsible for any accident or injury that my daughter/son may incur while participating in this event.

I also understand that if my daughter/son becomes ill or injured during this event, I give my permission for her/him to be treated at the nearest medical facility, and I agree to pay all expenses related to medical treatment.

We, the undersigned, have read, understand, and agree to comply with the conditions stated above for participation in MISSION U.

Parent or Guardian Signature Date

Youth Participant's Signature Date

Additional Required Information

Name of Youth Participant: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Cellphone #: _____

Age: _____ Birth Date: _____

Local Church: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Emergency Phone # and Contact Person: _____

Medical Insurance Company: _____

Policy/Number: _____

Doctor's name & Phone Number: _____

Allergies and/or medical problems: _____

Prescription or Non-prescription medications: _____

Other important health or dietary concerns: _____

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Covenant and Consent Form for Youth

Print Name of Youth Participant

COVENANT:

As a participant in MISSION U, I take seriously my responsibility and affirm my commitment for the well-being and safety of others and myself. I agree to remain on the site unless I have been given permission to leave by my chaperone and the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women's designated person in charge. I will attend all activities, including meals. I will observe the scheduled curfew of 11:30pm by being in my room, being quiet, and not disturbing others. I will not use tobacco, illegal substances, or alcohol. I will respect the equipment and property of others and care for the facility that we share.

This covenant is made between each youth participant and the whole group. I understand that if I break the covenant, and if the brokenness cannot be reconciled, that my parent will be contacted and I may be sent home from the event.

Youth Participant Signature

Date

CONSENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

I give my permission for my daughter to participate in MISSION U to be held at Pfeiffer University, July 17-20, 2014. I have read the covenant, which my daughter/son has signed, and I understand the responsibilities to which she/he has agreed. I will support her/him in fulfilling this covenant.

I understand that it is essential that my daughter/son conduct herself/himself appropriately and refrain from the use of alcohol, cigarettes, tobacco, drugs, cursing, and other inappropriate behavior that may detract from the purpose of MISSION U or hinder other participants from enjoying the event. If it becomes necessary to take disciplinary action with my daughter/son, I will be advised of the situation, and I agree to cooperate in resolving the problem as amicably as possible. If the situation requires that my daughter/son be sent home from the event, I agree to assist with transporting my daughter/son from the event location to her/his home.

Check as appropriate:

_____ I will be attending MISSION U with my daughter/son, and will be her/his chaperone for the time that we are at MISSION U. I affirm my commitment to be responsible for her/his well-being and safety. I agree to know of her/his whereabouts at all times, and I take responsibility for her/his behavior while at MISSION U. If we are resident students, I agree to room with her/him on campus or to stay in a suite with her/him if another youth attends with her/him.

_____ I will not be attending the MISSION U with my daughter/son, but I have designated the following person to serve as her/his chaperone:

Name of Chaperone: _____
Please Print

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

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Covenant Form for Chaperones of Youth

COVENANT:

As a participant in MISSION U, to be held at Pfeiffer University, July 17-20, 2014, I have been given permission by her/his parent(s) or guardian(s), and I have agreed to serve as the chaperone of:

Print Name of Youth Participant

I covenant that I will take seriously my responsibility as a chaperone, and I affirm my commitment to be responsible for the well-being and safety of the youth participant in my care. I agree to know of her/his whereabouts at all times, and I take responsibility for her/his behavior while at MISSION U.

For resident student youth chaperones: I agree to room with her/him on campus or to stay in a suite with her/him if another youth attends with her/him.

I understand that the youth participant has signed the following covenant:

Youth Covenant:

As a participant in MISSION U, I take seriously my responsibility and affirm my commitment for the well-being and safety of others and myself. I agree to remain on the site unless I have been given permission to leave by my chaperone and the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women's designated person in charge. I will attend all activities, including meals. I will observe the scheduled curfew of 11:30pm by being in my room, being quiet, and not disturbing others. I will not use tobacco, illegal substances, or alcohol. I will respect the equipment and property of others and care for the facility that we share.

This covenant is made between each youth participant and the whole group. I understand that if I break the covenant, and if the brokenness cannot be reconciled, that my parent will be contacted and I may be sent home from the event.

As her/his chaperone, I will support her/him in fulfilling that covenant.

Chaperone Signature

Date