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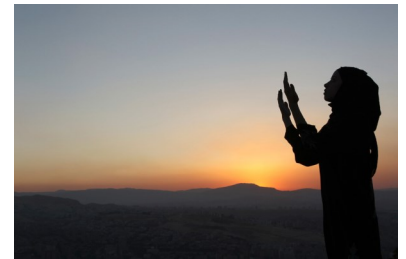
*The voice for the United Methodist Women of the Metro District,
Western North Carolina Conference.*

IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER!

LOCAL OFFICERS TRAINING

November 5, 2016, 8:45 a.m.

Simpson-Gillespie UMC
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PRESIDENT

This has been a busy year for United Methodist Women. We had representation at General Conference and Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. Many of you attended Southeastern Jurisdictional Quadrennial Meeting in Charleston, SC, and then our District and Conference events during the summer.

A big “thank you” to the Matthews UMC ladies, the women and men of Cold Springs and the women and men of Williamson’s Chapel for hosting our various District events. We appreciate all the hard work it takes to host an event, and we are grateful to these units for saying “yes” to be a host for an event. Also, we cannot forget our speakers for our events. Rev. Emily Robison reminded us of how we are “Created for Happiness”. We were fortunate enough to have the Conference UMW President, Tonya Lanier, come to us on two occasions, our Prayer Breakfast and our Annual Meeting. Both ladies brought meaningful messages to us. Did I say it was a busy year?

I know that all of you were busy within your units and community doing mission work and making a difference in the lives of many. Your response to our ‘Hands On Projects’ for our District events has been more than we could have asked for. We had enough material to make 170 School Kits, and the remainder will be going to UMCOR - Sager Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana, and I am sure they will find many uses for it. The response for Annual Meeting’s HOP was tremendous. We collected 3,042 diapers and wipes and 52 School Kits. Thank you, ladies.

The United Methodist Women of the Metro District are the greatest, and I am proud to be your President. Below are the results of your hard work in missions for 2015. We had an increase in the areas listed below and placed in the top 3 or 4 in the Conference. Congratulations, and keep up the great work!

2015 Recognition for Metro District UMW

- >In Membership
- >Walk for Mission
- >Percentage in Numbers of Units Visited
- >Number of Members Participating in Mission Study
- >In Percentage of Mission Today Units
- >In Members in Reading Program
- >In Number of Children in Reading Program
- >In Percentage of Units in Reading Program
- *All of the Districts were Honored for an increase in Mission Giving*

Local Unit Officers Training (Leadership Development Day) will be November 5th at Simpson-Gillespie UMC, 3545 Beatties Ford Rd, Charlotte, NC. Please arrive by 8:45am. All officers are to attend this training, both returning and new.

There is a “Fresh Wind Blowing” and I hope you feel the spirit of the Lord lifting you and preparing you for the mission work that is ahead of us.

Be blessed.

Michelene Mathews

VICE PRESIDENT

United Methodist Women, you showed up and showed out! Thank you for making our annual meeting at Williamson's Chapel a memorable and productive occasion. Our sister UMW was a wonderfully gracious host. Enough can't be said about the men of the church who provided a truly delicious down home country breakfast. Last and not least our conference chairwoman, Tonya Lanier, spoke to our hearts, inspiring and motivating our hands and feet to action.

We still have work to do. This year is winding down, but we won't let our resolve diminish to continue our story. Our God has entrusted us with a heart, mission, and vision for women, youth and children. This same God still trusts us to be faithful for another 145 years. Let us not be proven wrong.

My season as an officer on the board is ending. Our continuing and new officers will boldly lead us into the future. Be excited and be engaged in that future. Let us encourage, support and walk with them into the opportunities and challenges ahead.

I wish you light, love, joy and peace always.

Dawn, Revere, Vice President

SOCIAL ACTION

In this fourth quarter of the year, let's all work hard to become or continue as a Justice Today Unit.

"Congratulations" to the 31 local units that completed actions for Justice Today in 2015 and were recognized on August 27th in our Annual Celebration Report booklet.

Also, there are many good books in the Reading Program that highlight our Social Action priorities. Check out the resource room at district and conference events for all the great resources we have available. Please call on me and our other district officers for any help you may need.

Social Action is putting our faith to work. Let us all live out our PURPOSE as United Methodist Women and be the hands and feet of Christ.

Peace and love,

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Secretary

It does not seem like I have been Secretary of the Metro District for almost 4 years already. I want to thank each and every one of you for your support and assistance during my term. I have truly enjoyed being secretary, but am ready to take the back seat for a while and do some “crafty” things I enjoy doing!

It's Election Time – not just the National Election, but also in our own Local Units! Have you had your election yet? Do all of your officers plan to attend Local Unit Training at Simpson-Gillespie UMC on November 5th? If you have your officers elected for 2017, please send a copy of their contact information (including name, address, phone number and email address) to **Vickie Weant** (vickieweant@yahoo.com), Metro District Communications, as well as myself. It is very important that we have this information so we can keep the District Contact information current.

I am looking forward to seeing all of the Unit Secretaries on November 5th. If you are unable to attend, please send someone from your unit to my room and I will be happy to give them a packet of information for you.

Blessings,
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Treasurer

Please be sure to attend training for all Treasurers the first Saturday morning on November (Nov 5 @ Simpson Gillespie UMC). It is especially important for incoming treasurers, as well as experienced treasurers, because there is always something that has changed.

My mailing address is: Kim Shafer, PO Box 20087, Charlotte, NC 28202-0027. My phone # is 704-599-9206.

The due dates for the next Quarterly remittance is December 1st. Please mail them by November 25th so I can send out the Metro UMW quarterly remittance on time and so she doesn't have to work during Christmas. Any funds received after December 2nd will be posted to 2017.

Please remember our Conference goal is to increase Mission giving by \$5.00 per member. Only five units have already contributed to all Five Channels of Mission Giving and only three Units have sent in their 'Walk to Mission' money!. I am confident we can meet our Conference goal, and that most Units will complete the Five Channels by the 1st of December and I hope that many Units support 'Walk for Mission' and help ourselves stay active and healthier while supporting UMW!!!

Thank you for all you do in support of the United Methodist Women to support women, children and youth that need a little help up (not a hand out)! FAITH-HOPE-LOVE in ACTION!! We DO 'Make It Happen!'

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Spiritual Growth

Hello Ladies,

I was very pleased to see so many of our friends at Lake Juanluska for our Annual Conference. It was a grand weekend. I especially enjoyed the other seven Spiritual Growth Coordinators and working with them. Our Conference coordinator, Ms. Martha Efird, directed us as we decorated the stage for our sessions. She did a great job! The Memorial Service was very nice and each district did a special tribute for their deceased. Our 2017 Spiritual Growth Breakfast will be April 29th, and Rev. Holly Adams will be our speaker. The location will be announced at a later date. I would like to visit you for a LOV session. Call me or E-Mail and I will be there!

Blessings,

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Membership, Nurture & Outreach

Hello, Mission Sisters!! It is nearing the end of 2016, and I have some important reminders.

UBUNTU Day-A day of service is October 15, from 9:00AM to 2:00pm. The locations are: Bethlehem Centers Charlotte and Winston Salem, Brooks-Howell Home-Ashville, Pfeiffer University-Misenheimer and Bennett College-Greensboro. Register online at www.wnccumw.org through October 1, 2016.

Nurturing Partner Invitations- Contact your unit Nurturing Partner and schedule a visit. We can provide a program of your choice, assist you in any way you need us or just be a part of your unit meeting. Visits after August 24th will be entered into next year (2017) "Feel the Love" Campaign. A visit from a nurturing partner is a credit on your "Mission Today" objective # 20.

Walk for Missions- Last year the Western NC Conference raised \$14,047.65 for Mission Walking. It is not too late to walk in the park, around the church, anywhere we like; just walk and collect the donations. Send your donations to our treasurer- Kim Shafer, PO Box 20087, Charlotte, NC 28117-5100. Let's beat our last year record!!

Membership Nurture & Outreach Local Officer Training-November 5, 2016, 8:45 AM, at Simpson-Gillespie UMC, 3545 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, NC 28216. Educating ourselves in our position responsibilities is the key to our team success. Some things change from time to time. We need to discuss, understand and get fresh ideas for improving existing topics. Without members there is no organization. We need to work to increase membership and commitment to ensure we are standing for another 150 years. We are important to the world, women, youth and children.

Count me in! can I count on you?

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Mission, Education and Interpretation

Our Metro District, as part of the Western North Carolina Conference, has the distinction of giving more to missions than any other conference in the entire country and has done so for 15 years. I am not surprised having the opportunity to observe these committed women on the district and conference level. I am impressed beyond words by their work ethic, passion and enthusiasm to serve. For example, at the Metro District Annual Meeting more than 3,024 diapers and wipes were collected, in addition to the monies needed for mailing, making this Hands on Project a huge success. The diapers and wipes were delivered to the Bethlehem Center and deeply appreciated. Thousands of UMCOR school kits were also collected and proof again of the generosity of the United Methodist Women in the Metro District. These school kits are still being filled and collected by units everywhere.

On August 13th, I attended the District Finance Meeting at Brooks Howell in Asheville and became quite enthused about increasing our mission giving by 20% via purchasing Gift to Missions and Gift in Memory cards. These cards are one of the five channels of giving, and I want to encourage everyone to think of creative ways to use them. I know how special it was to me to receive a memory card that represented a gift to missions in memory of my mother, who died this year. You can order them online from the Mission Resource Center or by calling 1-800-305-9857. You don't have to pay for them up front. You give the money to your unit treasurer as you use them. You will have to pay for the shipping up front. Please order them and keep on hand and use them liberally. You can make a gift in any amount.

I also want to remind you to mark your calendar for Saturday, March 11, 2017 and inspire others in your local churches to attend our Mission Study. Our topic will be "The Bible and Human Sexuality", and the Rev. Emily Kroeger has agreed to be our program leader. Hickory Grove United Methodist Church in Charlotte has agreed to host the event.

Get all excited about telling others in your UMW that we are a bold and determined awesome organization of women who know what it means to be the hands of Jesus around our world!!

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAY

LOCAL UNITS OFFICERS TRAINING

ATTENTION ALL LOCAL UNIT OFFICERS

NOVEMBER 5, 2016

SIMPSON-GILLESPIE UMC

8:45 AM

THIS IS FOR RETURNING AND NEW OFFICERS WHO WILL BE
SERVING IN 2017

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE

WORDS OF WISDOM: **Know God!** **Develop** relationships! **Expand** your vision!
United Methodist Women make it our **PURPOSE!**



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