



July, 2016

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Smoky Mountain District † United Methodist Women † Western North Carolina Conference

Smoky Mountain District Annual Meeting

When: Saturday, August 20, 2016

From 9:30 am - 12 noon

Where: Hinton Rural Life Center

2330 Hinton Center Road

Hayesville, NC 28904



HINTON
C E N T E R

Retreat. Reflect. Renew.

From the Waynesville/Canton/Clyde area, follow Hwy 74 to Sylva. Take Hwy 23 to Franklin and pick up Hwy 64. Hinton Center Road will be on the left.

UBUNTU

Ubuntu is a unique word. A Zulu phrase, it can be translated “I am only because we are, and since we are, therefore I am.” Or “I am human because you are human.” It recognizes each human being as part of a community. It moves us to action on behalf of our neighbor. Ubuntu is a celebration of being in community with people as mission.

UBUNTU 2016

Humanity toward others – Human kindness – I am human because you are human

Saturday, October 15th • 9:00am – 2:00pm

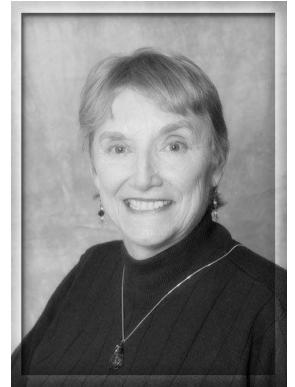
A day of hands-on mission at one of our five National Mission Institutions

**Bennett College, Greensboro
Bethlehem Center, Charlotte
Bethlehem Center, Winston Salem
Brooks-Howell Home, Asheville
Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer**

Register online July 1st through October 1st at www.wnccumw.org

Need more information? Visit wnccumw.org or contact your Nurturing Partner or Jatana Royster, Conference Coordinator for Membership Nurture & Outreach (jatanaroyster@gmail.com)

From our President, Debbie Ray -



Greetings to all my Sisters,

Don't you love being part of a big family? No matter what is going on in your life there is someone to share your joys, sorrows, frustrations, and laughter. Perhaps just a little of their time spent listening.

As Sisters in Christ we begin by loving each other and then sharing that love with others. I hope you will plan to share some time with us at District Annual Meeting at the Hinton Rural Life Center on August 20, 2016. The theme this year is The Big Picture. Registration begins at 9:30am or come a little earlier for some time to sit in the rockers on the porch and soak up the view. WE will be talking about our district, electing officers, and collecting chicken feed monies. This year 1/2 of our chicken feed will go to The Children's Hope Alliance and 1/2 will go to the Western Carolina Conference UMW as undesignated giving. Those who wish may stay for lunch. The cost is \$9.00 and you may reserve lunch by sending the money to Judy Bromley, District Treasurer. Child care will be provided and children can eat lunch for \$4.50 (ages 5-12). An executive meeting will follow after a quick lunch.

I loved spending time with those of you who attended Spiritual Growth Retreat and building a prayer for our district. Rev. Holly Adams was a dynamic speaker and I may never forget the title of her first offering: Pray Pregnant. Ask one of us who attended the meaning of this. There were about 650 in attendance and there is something special about worshipping with lots of other ladies. Be sure to get it on your calendars for next year.

A WNCC Ubuntu Day of Service has been announced as Saturday, October 15, 2016. Several of us served at Brooks-Howell last year and had a very fulfilling day. If your unit cannot attend in person you might consider sending a gift card for Lowes or Home Depot. They are always welcome too. Other work sites are Pfeiffer University, Bethlehem Center in Charlotte or Winston Salem, or Bennett College in Greensboro. Work includes outside work as well as inside work so everyone who wishes to help can find a way.

WNCC annual celebration will be September 9-11, 2016 at Lake Junaluska. Register online for \$15 and save some money for missions. The speaker will be Ebony Cody-Diaz, on staff at the national UMW office.

Then on October 29th (note date change) we will have district leadership training at Clyde Central UMC. It is important for all unit officers to attend as it will be beneficial in performing your duties and you can share with your sister officers. Your input is very valuable.

Blessings on all that you do.

Debbie Ray

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From our Nominations Chair, Nancy Winslow

Please consider helping your Smoky Mountain District Executive Team by taking one of the positions that are open.. We have an opening for Vice President, 3 positions for Nominations Committee, Social Action, Membership and Education as well as Membership & Nurture. Now that you know of the need, please step up and join the team and you will experience the feeling of companionship, joy and fulfillment.

May God bless each of you,

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From Mission, Education and Interpretation

Thank you for your generosity in donating your kits. **However, when you bring the UMCOR Kits to our District and Conference Meetings, please pack the Kits in boxes such as Ingles Milk Boxes but no larger than office paper boxes. We need to be considerate of the Women handling the UMCOR Kits and larger boxes are simply too large for us to handle.**



Thank you.

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From Spiritual Growth, Esther Manchester

The annual Day Apart at Elizabeth Chapel near Waynesville on May 21 was attended by sixty individuals representing nineteen different UMW units in the Smoky Mountain District. The speaker, Elder Freeman Owle from the Eastern Band of the Cherokee was outstanding. The theme for the day was "To Love as God Loves" focusing on God's creation and mankind's responsibility for stewardship of the land. Elder Owle's personal history and his abilities to pass on the stories of his people are outstanding. Many participants remarked, "I could have listened to him all day", "Great to hear about Cherokee Spirituality and Conservation", etc.

Having recently completed the text book for the social issue study being offered at Mission U in July, entitled "CLIMATE JUSTICE, A call to Hope and Action" I hope every United Methodist Woman will read this book and do her part to bring about systemic change for it will take all of us to right the wrongs we have all caused in the mistreatment of our planet. I leave you with this quote from the study book referenced above "A native American proverb reminds us, treat the earth well: It is not given to you by your parents, it is loaned to you by your children. We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our children." Page 60



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From our Treasurer, Judy Bromley

The Smoky Mountain District has been a leader in mission giving over many years. It seems that this year we are on track to meet our pledge, if the giving is consistent in the last half of the year as it was in the first half. We have several units who are on the way to giving in all five categories. We have also been very supportive of the Legacy Fund. The chicken feed money has been coming in well also. I would like to remind everyone that the Gift to Mission in honor of the Goodpastors (love offering) will be taken up at the Annual meeting in September. Also, a reminder that the last of the third quarter is August 31 st . Mission giving quarters are a month earlier than fiscal year quarters. Thank you to all the units who have responded so well to the mission need around the world and in our own country.



Judy Bromley

Smoky Mountain District Treasurer

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"A Fresh Wind Blowing"



Annual Celebration

Registration:

(Begins June 13, 2016)

- On-site registration at Lake Junaluska - \$25.00 per person
- Get a **DISCOUNT!** Register early and **ONLINE!** Online advance registration, June 13, 2016 through September 4, 2016 is only \$15.00 per person! Use the online registration link on our website at www.wnccumw.org.
- Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable. If you pre-register and are unable to attend, your registration fee is not refundable, but someone else can attend in your place.
- Register yourself **AND** others! Our online registration offers the opportunity for you to register up to 35 guests at the same time that you do your own registration. Help other members of your local unit to register online — especially those who may not use a computer! Each registration must have a unique email.
- **DO NOT** mail Annual Celebration registration fee money to Lake Junaluska. Contact us if you have a question about registration.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Western North Carolina Conference

What: 43rd Annual Celebration
Celebrating of 147 Years in Mission

When: September 9, 10 & 11, 2016
Registration begins 2pm; Program 6:45pm

Where: Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium

Theme: A Fresh Wind Blowing

HIGHLIGHTS

Keynote Weekend Speaker:

Ebony Y. Diaz, Executive for National Ministries (National Office liaison to our Bethlehem Centers)

Music Leaders: James Smith & Amanda Williams

Hands-On Mission: Gift to Mission Cards and UMCOR School Kits (1 pr blunt scissors, 3 pads or paper (spiral/top-bound/150 loose sheets-NO composition books), 1 pencil sharpener, 1 30cm ruler, 6 unsharpened pencils, 1 2"+ eraser, 1 24-ct box of crayons, 14"x16" cloth bag (per UMCOR instructions), \$1 in envelope on outside for shipping. See UMCOR website for more details.

Saturday Afternoon Workshops:

"Our Bethlehem Centers"

Deborah Forrest, Winston-Salem,
Jared Keaton, Charlotte

"What's in a Kit?" - UMCOR/Project AGAPE Christmas Shoe Boxes
Nancy Fisher & Betty Durham

Other highlights:

- Hosting Missionaries for Lunch
- Late Night Entertainment— "We've Got Spirit"
- Sunday School with Rev. Alvord
- Singing in the Chapel
- UMW Choir on Sunday
- Inspiration Point, Rose Walk, Susanna Wesley Garden, Biblical Garden, Corneille Bryan Native Garden

Hostess District: Northern Piedmont



Complete information about
Annual Celebration
is available on our website:
www.wnccumw.org

Mark your calendar!

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Lake Junaluska
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Center, P. O. Box 67
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

Reservations Phone #:

1-800-222-4930 (Toll Free)
1-828-452-2881

Lake Junaluska Reservations:

**Housing Reservations
Open June 13, 2016**

To book Lake Junaluska
lodging for the
Annual Gathering (Group #7535)

- **Call the Lake Junaluska reservations department at 1-800-222-4930.** Then select 1 for the Reservations Department, and the next available agent will be glad to assist you. The Lake Junaluska reservations team is on duty from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

- **Reservations can also be made online at:**

<https://goo.gl/D3Hmal>



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2016 Annual Celebration

September 9-11, 2016 - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates

The Terrace or Lambuth Inn

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, elevator, free WI-Fi)

Rates are per person, per day, room & meals.

	Terrace Room	Lambuth Room	Meals*	Terrace Total	Lambuth Total
Single	\$110	\$97	\$33	\$143	\$130
Double	\$55	\$48.50	\$33	\$88	\$81.50
Triple	\$44	\$36	\$33	\$77	\$69
Quad	\$38	\$29.25	\$33	\$71	\$62.25

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

Lakeside Lodge

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, no elevator)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals.

Single	\$72
Double	\$43
Triple	\$33
Quad	\$27

Junaluska Apartments

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, no phone, no TV)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals.

Single	\$72
Double	\$43
Triple	\$33
Quad	\$27

Apartments are furnished with linens and blankets.

Most apartments have kitchens with small refrigerators, counter top burner, microwave, and limited equipment and dishes.

Mountain View & Sunnyside Lodge

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, Wi-Fi, no phone, no TV)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals.

Single	\$60	Triple	\$30
Double	\$38	Quad	\$27

Lake Junaluska Lodging Information:

Event lodging reservation deposit is equal to the first night's lodging and is due at the time of reservation. Any rooms not reserved with a Lodging Reservations Deposit will be released into general availability 30 days prior to an event. Individual lodging reservations deposit refund policy: 30 days or more before an event receive a full refund minus \$15 processing fee. 29 days or less before an event will not receive a refund. **CHECK IN TIME** for all facilities is 4:00pm; check out is 11:00am. Photo ID and a credit card per room for incidentals are required.

Meal Information:

The room rate that shows on your confirmation letter is the room rate only, meals are an additional cost. Meals are optional for all facilities other than The Terrace or Lambuth Inn. Guests staying in optional meal facilities may purchase a 3-meal package at the same cost of \$33.00 per person for each 3 consecutive meals, or individual meals can be purchased: \$10.00 for breakfast, \$12.00 for lunch and \$14.00 for dinner. Children 6 through 11 years of age receive meals at half price, 5 years of age and under eat free. **Meal package of \$33.00 per person, per day will automatically be added for each person staying in The Terrace or Lambuth Inn (dinner on day of arrival, breakfast and lunch the next day).**

Corinne Faircloth

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WNCC Dates to Remember

2016

September 9 - 11 WNCC UMW Annual Celebration, Lake Junaluska

October 15 Ubuntu Day, Mission Institution of your Choice!

Smoky Mountain District Dates to Remember

August 20 Annual Meeting, Hinton Rural Life Center (9:30 - 12)

October 29 Leadership Training, Clyde Central