



United Methodist Women Uwharrie District News

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Building a NEW United Methodist Women What do Jeans have to do with it?

Yes, I did wear Jeans to our 2015 Prayer Breakfast. It is not that I wanted to rebel against my mother, that would have been 20 years ago. Actually if she were to have seen me before I left she probably would have said, "Don't you think you should wear something a bit nicer?" The fact is jeans are comfortable. I attend a contemporary Church service and am a stay-at-home mom, I do not need a lot of dressy clothes. Does the wearing of jeans affect how I lead, or speak or, care for others? Absolutely not! Is it important for me to look and feel good? Absolutely!

So, why am I telling you this? I just wanted to point

out that we might have to think differently about doing things in the future. The fact is we are losing members and entire units. We have to get new members engaged and believing in United Methodist Women. If they just knew all the good we do for Women, Youth and Children around the world. Do you have a passion within the UMW? Why not share it! Work together to find new ways of doing things. Think outside the box. Please remember that you are not alone! I am always here to brainstorm and help. And, don't forget about your nurturing partner.

Ginger Hightower, Uwharrie District President

It's time to

Celebrate

I love getting together with my fellow United Methodist Women; I just wish we had more opportunities to do so. Even when we attend District or Conference events we seldom have time to meet and talk and really get to know one another.

So, with your help, we will be organizing four **Celebrate Socials** across our District this fall. Let's come together to celebrate our Sisterhood, let's celebrate our missions, let's celebrate 150 years, let's celebrate our members, let's just celebrate!

While we are still working on the details we have set two tentative dates with two Socials occurring on each date: Sunday, August 9th for Albemarle and

the Anson/Union County areas & Sunday, September 27th for the Salisbury and Asheboro areas.

Each Celebrate Social will be organized the same with both structured and unstructured social time and a mini-seminar (you will have two to choose from – Building Our Legacy & UMW 101). A light lunch (1-3 time frame) or refreshments (3-5 time frame) will be served.

Please come and celebrate with us! And, while you are at it, bring a friend. Let's show our friends what being a United Methodist Woman is all about.

More information coming soon!

Upcoming Events

Uwharrie Walk to Mission

May 23rd

Davidson County- Grimes Park

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Uwharrie Walk to Mission

May 30th

Rowan County- Dan Nichols Park

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Spiritual Growth Retreat

June 12-13th

Lake Junaluska

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Uwharrie Walk to Mission

June 27

Randolph County, Randolph Mall

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Uwharrie Walk to Mission

July 11

Union County, Monroe Crossing

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July 16-19

Pfeiffer University

Leaving A Legacy

We will celebrate our 150th anniversary in 2019! This anniversary is an opportunity for us to celebrate, to renew connections, to look at what has been accomplished in 150 years and to look ahead at our future.

Our challenge is to ensure that we are still making a difference in the lives of women, youth and children for years to come.

From 2015 to 2019, all United Methodist Women members are invited to participate in an organization-wide campaign to grow the Legacy Fund, an endowed fund that already exists at the national office.

The three components of the Legacy Fund campaign are:

- An annual every-member challenge of \$15 in honor of the 150 years or \$18.69 in honor of the year we were founded.
- Estate planning opportunities
- major gift opportunities

Be on the lookout for more information at Conference and District Events throughout the year.



For more information visit
unitedmethodistwomen.org

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Telling the UMW Story: Mission Highlight

Have you ever wanted to know more about the hundreds of National & International Missions we support? To this end I will be highlighting one mission program each newsletter. We all need to be prepared to tell the story of United Methodist Women. Go online to www.unitedmethodistwomen.org to learn all you can about our missions so that you are ready to tell our story. **The Prayer Calendar, response, Program Book and the UMW News** are also great resources.

Holding Institute

A Faith-based Community education initiative...

In this issue I would like to focus on the Holding Institute Community Center in Laredo, Texas. Buses filled with women and children from Central America, who are fleeing drug cartels and gang violence, come to the Holding Institute. The majority are children traveling alone. All are in desperate need of humanitarian assistance as they make their way to their U. S. hosts. The United Methodist Women support them by supplying funds for hygiene kits, clothing, food and showers.

This is just a small sampling of what goes on at Holding Institute. Find out more online. <http://www.holding-institute.org>

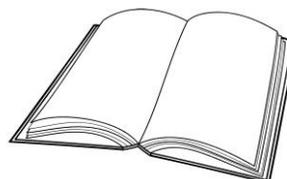
Suzanne Surratt, Mission Coordinator for Mission Education & Interpretation

We Can All Do Something

As United Methodist Women, we make mission possible for women, children and youth. We live out 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.**

Some ways YOU can make a difference:

- ✓ Send birthday cards to members of your local unit and people listed in the *Prayer Calendar*
- ✓ Send Gift to Mission cards (these could be supplied by your local unit) such as New Baby, Thinking of You, etc."
- ✓ Pray... for United Methodist Women everywhere, our staff, mission personnel, and mission focuses lifted up in the *Prayer Calendar*
- ✓ Make phone calls to remind members of upcoming events (contact a district or conference officer for details)
- ✓ Sign up for United Methodist Women Action Alerts and respond to them
- ✓ Read *response* magazine
- ✓ Participate in the Reading Program (large print books available)
- ✓ Write a book report for your local unit about a book you read from the Reading Program.



A Coming of Age Story

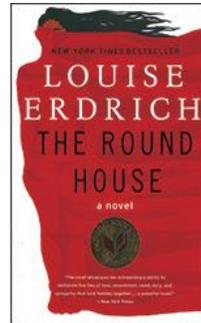
Program Resources Information & Book Review

The Reading Program helps expand our concepts of mission, educates us on current issues and gives us opportunities to grow spiritually and individually. Don't forget that selections from 2010-2015 qualify you to earn certificates from UMW. Categories of books are:

- 1) Education for Mission
- 2) Leadership Development
- 3) Nurturing for Community
- 4) Social Action
- 5) Spiritual Growth

Ask your local or district secretary of program resources how to get enrolled in the UMW Reading Program. Broaden your spirituality and learn about the heart of United Methodist Women... our mission work.

From the Nurturing for Community selections I recently read "*The Round House*" by Louise Erdrich. Totally mesmerized by the story of a teenager's Mom who has been brutally attacked, I had not noticed this book was tagged "may contain provocative language", but I kept reading! Legal circumstances on the reservation in North Dakota thicken the plot to find and deal with her attacker. As her only child, Joe at thirteen years old, searches for answers he is forced into an adult world for which he is unprepared. Keep in mind this is not your usual read, but a more real life experience.



This book and others are available at District and Conference events at the Program Resources Center. Bring your shopping list to the Center to pick up free items or purchases books and other UMW resources.

Shirley McAnulty, Secretary of Program Resources

Time to ACT with Social Action Richer and Poorer *Accounting for inequality*

By Jill Lepore, The New Yorker Magazine
March 16, 2015

For about a century, economic inequality has been measured on a scale, from zero to one, known as the Gini index. The United States Census Bureau has been using Gini's measurement to calculate income inequality in America since 1947. Income inequality is greater in the United States than in any other democracy in the developed world. Between 1975 and 1985, the Gini index for U.S. households rose from .397 to .419, as calculated by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The evidence that income inequality in the United States has been growing for decades and is greater than in any other developed democracy is not much disputed. It is widely known and widely studied.

What's new about the chasm between the rich and the poor in the United States, then, isn't that it's growing or that scholars are studying it or that people are worried about it. What's new is that American politicians of all spots and strips are talking about it.

***For the rest of the article please visit:**

<http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/03/16/richer-and-poorer>

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Resting in the Lord – Amazing Prayer Breakfast

Our Uwharrie Prayer Breakfast is now over and we are celebrating our success. Around 200 ladies, in very cold weather, came to Milford Hills UMC in Salisbury. One hundred ten school kits for UMCOR were collected for a total value of \$1,210. The ladies prepared delicious breakfast goodies, and our musicians presented beautiful music. Our memorial service celebrated the lives of 50 United Methodist Women. Tiffany Thomas gave us an inspiring message. She reminded us that it is very important to stop, be silent, and listen to God talking to us. We often feel too busy and do not take time to **Be Still** and **Rest in the Lord**. (Psalm 46:10 & Luke 8:22-25)

As Spiritual Growth persons we should look for interesting materials to extend our spiritual life. Two books I recommend are *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young, and *The Power of Being Thankful* by Joyce Meyer. These are good for devotions. Try to prepare worship centers for your local meetings as we do in our district and conference events. If I can be any help to you, please call or email me.

Carolyn Briggs, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

The BEST Pecan Muffins

Submitted by: Jahalia Baucomb,
United Methodist Woman at Central, Albemarle

Ingredients

Nonstick cooking spray, 1 cup chopped pecans
1 cup packed brown sugar, ½ cup all-purpose flour
2 large eggs, 1 1/3 sticks melted butter

Directions

Heat the oven to 350°F. Place paper liners in 9 muffin cups and spray with nonstick cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine the pecans, sugar and flour. Make a well in the center of the mixture. In a separate bowl, beat the eggs until foamy. Add the melted butter and stir to combine. Pour the egg mixture into the well in the dry ingredients, stirring until moistened. Spoon the batter into cups, fill each almost full. Bake until a toothpick comes out clean when inserted in a muffin, about 20 minutes. *Note:* this recipe also makes great mini-muffins; just shorten the baking time by 5 minutes.



From Membership Nurture & Outreach... Walking for Mission & Being a Mission Today Unit

The opportunity will soon be here for us to get out and enjoy walking in the beautiful Spring Weather. Remember to mark your calendar for the Mission Walk in your area. We have two walks coming up soon on May 23rd at Grimes Park in Lexington and May 30th at Dan Nicholas Park in Salisbury. In the meantime, why not pray about what mission project you will walk in honor of? Do some research and find a UMW project that speaks to your heart. Invite a friend to come out and walk with you... who knows that will come out of walking and talking together.

Keep a close watch on the Mission Today Criteria. I think you will find it much easier to complete your Mission Today Report if you are looking at it regularly. Remember to invite your nurturing partner to one of your events or invite a conference officer. We are here to help you! It is our job to make sure you have the resources you need to succeed. How can we help?

Deborah Matthews, Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator

Because, in the 21st century,
there are more slaves
on earth than at
any time

in the history of the world.
(30 MILLION PEOPLE),

in the 21st century,
women need to be
organized for mission.

Get involved :
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

Source: <http://www.notforsalecampaign.org>



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Because, in the 21st century,
**one in every
four women**
will experience domestic violence
in her lifetime,

in the 21st century,
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Source: National Domestic Violence Resource Center

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Because, in the 21st century,
**the more hours
of television
a girl watches,**
the fewer options
she believes she has in life,

in the 21st century,
**women need to be
organized for mission.**

Get involved :
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

Source: <http://www.seejane.org/research/>



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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

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.
- **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.

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**Lake Junaluska
 Reservations:**

**Housing Reservations
 Open February 1, 2015**

To book Lake Junaluska
 lodging for the
 Spiritual Growth Retreat:

- **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. Our group number is 7121.
- **Reservations can also be made online at:**
<http://goo.gl/Fj9KYH>



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2015 Spiritual Growth Retreat

June 12-13, 2015 - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates

Terrace Hotel / Lambuth Inn

(Private baths, Free WIFI, heat, air conditioning, phone, elevator)
 Rates are per person, per day, room & meals.

	Terrace Rooms	Lambuth Rooms	Meals* Both	Terrace Total	Lambuth Total
Single	\$108	\$106	\$32	\$140	\$138
Double	\$62	\$60	\$32	\$94	\$92
Triple	\$43	\$41	\$32	\$75	\$73
Quad	\$35	\$33	\$32	\$67	\$65

*Lake Junaluska operates The Terrace and Lambuth 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	\$79
Double	\$46
Triple	\$35
Quad	\$30

Junaluska Apartments

Rates are per person, per day, no meals.

Single	\$74	Quad	\$28
Double	\$42	Quintuplet	\$26
Triple	\$31	Sextuplet	\$26

Apartments are furnished with linens and blankets. Type A, C, & D have kitchens with small refrigerators, counter top burner, microwave, and limited equipment and dishes.

Lake Junaluska Lodging Information:

Event lodging reservation deposit – Due 60 or more days prior to the event – Deposit amount is equal to the first nights 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 a \$15 processing fee. 29 days or less before an event will not receive a refund. **NEW CHECK IN TIME FOR 2015 for all facilities is 4:00pm; check out is 11:00am.**

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 Hotel or the Lambuth Inn. Guests staying in optional meal facilities may purchase a 3 meal package at the same cost of \$32.00 per person for each 3 consecutive meals or individual meals can be purchased: \$9.50 for breakfast, \$11.50 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 \$32.00 per person, per day will automatically be added for each person staying in the Terrace Hotel or the Lambuth Inn (dinner on day of arrival, breakfast and lunch the next day).**

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Spiritual Growth Retreat Love as God Loves

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September 11-13



Images of Mission with Paul Jeffrey

Senior Correspondent for response

Hands-on-Mission Opportunity: Health Kits & Mission Cards

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the magazine of women in mission

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Mission Today

United Methodist Women

Western North Carolina Conference

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Become a Mission Today Unit!!

The purpose of promoting a Mission Today Unit is to:

Energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action. Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so the United Methodist Women understand where their money goes. Encourage the use of mission resources through United Methodist Women. Expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

What is a Unit?

A unit is any organized group of United Methodist Women within a church or district. Some units are composed of several circles, which periodically get together for a unit meeting.

How Do We Become a Mission Today Unit?

In order to be recognized as a Mission Today Unit, UMW groups must complete a minimum of twelve of the following criteria, including six of those marked with an asterisk (*). **#1 of the Criteria is not optional. You must complete this one to become a Mission Today Unit!** Activities conducted between January 1-December 31, 2015, will be recognized at annual meetings in 2016. This is an ongoing program, so strive to become a Mission Today Unit!

CRITERIA:

- *1. **The Unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission. (Must be completed.)**
- *2. Use the *Prayer Calendar* at each general meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission and our mission work with women, children and youth. A new *Prayer Calendar* is printed each year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- *3. The unit will use at least two programs from the *Program Book* during the year. A new *Program Book* is printed every year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- *4. The unit or circle will conduct or participate in at least one mission study each year. Contact your district or conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation to learn what the studies are for each year. (If members of your unit, other than a conference or district officer, attend the conference Mission u (formerly School of Christian Mission) or your District Mission Study and your unit takes an action growing out of the study, Gift to Mission, ministry related to the study, etc., your unit will meet this criteria.)
- *5. The unit will have at least two members subscribing to response (1 member subscribing with units less than 15 members). Order from Magazines With A Mission, \$24.00 for a year's subscription. New World Outlook is also available from Magazines With A Mission, \$24.00 for a year's subscription.
- *6. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least two ways during the year. Possibilities are:
 - a. Have members read and discuss books and articles about other races and cultures;
 - b. Sponsor an interethnic event between two or more units;
 - c. Recruit women of color to be members and officers of the unit;
 - d. View the DVD on the Charter, "In Search of Racial Justice". Your District President has a copy for use;
 - e. Use the "Resources for Racial Justice: Tools for UMW Leaders" handbook. (Available on our conference website on the "Downloads Available" page, and on the "Mission Today" page.)
 - f. Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low-income programs, civil rights, etc.
- *7. Become a member of the Western North Carolina UMW Justice Today (formerly Charter Club). See link to info on Justice Today at our conference website, www.wnccumw.org.

- *8. The unit will add at least two new members (one member for units with less than 15 members) to its roll.
- *9. The unit will have one program from the *Social Principles of the United Methodist Church 2012-2015*.
- 10. At least one member of the unit (other than a conference or a district officer) will attend Mission u (formerly School of Christian Mission) and report back to the unit on classes and events they experienced.
- 11. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members), other than a conference or district officer, will attend the district or conference annual meeting and report back to the unit about the event and what they experienced.
- 12. The unit will have at least one person joining the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information at least three (3) times a year. (To join, contact the United Methodist Women Washington Office, 100 Maryland Avenue NE, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20002. (Attach to Mission Today report what you responded to and what action was taken.)
- 13. Members will correspond with five persons listed in the *Prayer Calendar* at least once a year.
- 14. The unit will co-sponsor, with the local church, a Children's Sabbath. (This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children.) The United Methodist Women National Office and the Council of Bishops support this effort. Children's Sabbath materials are on our website.
- 15. The unit will contribute to all Five Channels of Mission Giving.
- 16. Each unit or circle meeting will include a "response Moment" where an item from response magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
- 17. The unit will sponsor one teen member (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman member (ages 18 to 39) to at least one conference event during the year.
- 18. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members), other than a conference or district officer, will attend a district Prayer Breakfast, district Day Apart, or conference Spiritual Growth Retreat.
- 19. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members), other than a district or conference officer, will complete Plan 1 of the Reading Program and give a report to the unit on one of the books read.
- 20. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year and/or for their United Methodist Women's Sunday.
- 21. The unit will add one new teen (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman (ages 18 to 39) circle during the year, or one new teen member (ages 12 to 17) or one new young woman member (ages 18 to 39) during the year.
- 22. Each unit will be responsible for supporting at least one local mission project and participate in one Conference Hands on Mission Project during the year. The local project should be listed on your Mission Today report.

Be a Mission Today Unit!

Mission Resource Center

Website: www.missionresourcecenter.org

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**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 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.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

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



Permission/Medical Release Form for *Mission u* 2015

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 (2015-2016 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

United Methodist Women
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
2015 *Mission u*
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 11:30 p.m. 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 son/daughter to participate in *Mission u* to be held at Pfeiffer University, July 16-19, 2015. I have read the covenant, which my son/daughter has signed, and I understand the responsibilities to which he/she has agreed. I will support him/her in fulfilling this covenant.

I understand that it is essential that my son/daughter conduct himself/herself 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 son/daughter, 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 son/daughter be sent home from the event, I agree to assist with transporting my son/daughter from the event location to his/her home.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date



NOMINATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION AWARD 2015

PURPOSE: The Purpose of the Social Action Award is to recognize an individual or group who have impacted a change for social justice.

CRITERIA: The Social Action will be creative and/or innovative. An individual or group will have extended involvement over a period of time with a commitment to human welfare and social reform. The activity will be a bridge builder connecting and interacting with other cultures. The Social Action will serve to improve or change the life or situation of others. It will be a life-altering experience for nominee and/or group. This action should serve to combat racism and other social injustices.

Your name: _____

Telephone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Name(s) of Nominee(s): _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

SUPPORTING

DOCUMENTATION:

All information should be completed and accompanied by supporting documentation relative to the social justice accomplished. On a separate page, no larger than 8-1/2 x 11, describe the nominee's Social Action taken. Photographs, audio or video tapes, display materials, films or scrapbooks should not be submitted as they will not be considered in the nominations. All submitted material becomes the property of Western North Carolina United Methodist Women.

Applications must be postmarked by 2/15/15. The nominee will be selected by the WNCC UMW Social Action Committee and will receive recognition at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

Mail application(s) to: Renee Hayes
 Conference Social Action Coordinator
 6903 Fairview Church Rd.
 Trinity, NC 27370

Have a Question?: Contact Renee Hayes at 336-434-3582 or renee.hayes1956@gmail.com

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Mission u !

Pfeiffer University
48380 US Hwy 52N
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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.

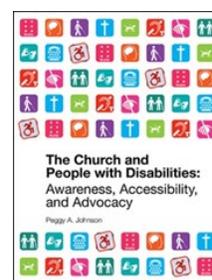
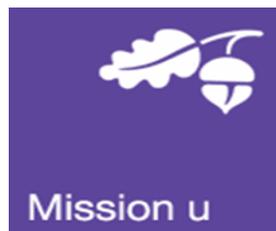
Come and Learn with us!

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

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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

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. 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.

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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.

