



Blue Ridge District Newsletter

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.



Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women

2016 Annual Meeting

Coming Together: In Celebration

Join us for the Annual Meeting as we look back upon what happened in 2015 and see what is happening now! *All* units and members should plan to attend this annual meeting. Hear what is happening, hear plans for future opportunities as well as to learn what other units are doing.

Show us how *YOUR* unit has been making it happen! Bring a poster or trifold display to the meeting to let us see your unit in action! Table and display space will be available by reservation. Contact Beverly Hill at beverlyhill19@gmail.com or 828-778-9309 before August 15 to let her know how much space you will need.

When: August 20, 2016, 9:30 registration, 10:00 meeting

Where: Trinity United Methodist Church, 587 Haywood Rd, Asheville, NC 28806

Speaker: Tonya Lanier, President, United Methodist Women, Western NC Conference

Love Offering: Will be in honor of our incoming District Superintendent, Beth Crissman

Hands on Project: School Kits (see pages 9-10 for contents and assembly instructions)

Program Resources: The resource room will be available to pick up program and reading books.

Directions: **From East:** Take I-40 W to Exit 53B for I-240 W. Follow signs for UNC-A and merge to I-240W. Keep right at fork to continue on I-240W/I-26E/I-40. Take exit 2 for US-19 BUS/US-23 BUS/West Asheville. Turn right onto Haywood Rd. Church is on the right. **From West:** Take I-40E to exit 46B to merge onto I-240 E/I-26 W. Take exit 2 for US-19 BUS/US-23 BUS/West Asheville. Turn left onto Hanover St. Turn left on Haywood Rd. Church is on your right. **From South:** Take I-26W towards Asheville. Keep right at fork and follow signs for I-26W/Asheville/I-240. Take exit 2 for US-19 BUS/US-23 BUS/West Asheville. Turn left onto Hanover St. Turn left onto Haywood Rd. Church is on the right. **From North:** Take I-26 E/US-19 S/US-23 S towards Asheville. Take US23/US19/I-240 W exit toward West Asheville. Merge onto I-240 W/I-26 E. Keep right at fork to continue on I-240W/I-26 E, follow signs for I-240 W/I-26 E/I-40. Take Exit 2 for US-19 BUS/US-23 BUS/West Asheville Turn right onto Haywood Rd. Church is on your right. There is parking off of Balm Grove Ave. both behind the church and in the lot across the street from the church on Balm Grove. Handicapped access parking and entrance is accessed by turning on an alley off of Haywood Rd located between Shooks Auto Repair and the church.

Attending the annual meeting fulfills criteria #11 of Mission Today Unit!!!

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2016 NURTURING PARTNERS (SHEPHERDESSES)

Your Nurturing Partner is a personalized connection between your district leaders and your unit. Please call your Nurturing Partner during the year if you have any questions or needs. She will be notifying you to remind you about special events throughout the year. Your Nurturing Partner would like to come visit your unit and would appreciate an invitation. Our goal is to visit every unit throughout the district during the year.

PLEASE ASK YOUR NURTURING PARTNER TO VISIT YOUR UNIT!

Nurturing Partner	Church	Nurturing Partner	Church
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A Message from Your President



Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! You came through with 117 beautiful school bags for me to take and help distribute at the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska. You ladies in the Blue Ridge District are so dedicated to the work of United Methodist Women. You are all different and unique and you serve our Purpose in outstanding ways. Bring a school bag filled with school supplies that a child somewhere in this world will be proud to have to our District Annual Meeting, August 20, at Trinity United Methodist Church.

We were challenged by Rev. Holly Adams at the retreat with the theme "Pray." The ladies from our district came up with a prayer that I want to share with you. We made an acrostic with the letters BLUE RIDGE PRAY-ERS

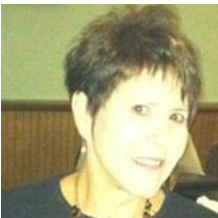
We as United Methodist Women of faith embrace
Boldness • **L**ove • **U**plifting • **E**nlightenment
Reverence • **I**nvolve**m**ent • **D**iversity • **G**ratitude • **E**mpathy
As We Encourage
Patience, Peace • **R**isk Takers • **A**wareness • **Y**outh Renewal

Empowerment • **R**acial Inclusiveness • **S**trength
AMEN

Be sure to contact your Nurturing Partner, if you haven't already. We love to visit with you. Let me know if I can help you, I'm only an email or phone call away.

Joanie Strohm, Blue Ridge District President

Vice-President



Come One, Come All, Come Together to our Blue Ridge District Annual Meeting! Last year the evaluations reported that overwhelmingly those who attended were glad they did! Come this year to gather a dose of enthusiasm, see what we have been doing and *hear from our WNC Conference President Tonya Lanier*. If you haven't met Tonya, you will be recharged at her energy, enthusiasm and love for UMW and our Lord. See how your work has "come together". Visit the resource room, see familiar and new faces who have the same desire to serve that you do, and get charged up. Join me at Trinity UMC August 20!

Beverly Hill, Blue Ridge District Vice-President

Secretary



As we approach a busy time for United Methodist Women, with Mission u and the Blue Ridge District and WNC Conference annual meetings on the calendar, it's a good opportunity for us as secretaries to become better informed about "all things UMW" -- policies, rules, Constitution and Bylaws, our mission institutions and projects worldwide. It's hard to know everything -- because we do so much -- but attending these special events and reading *response* magazine, *New World Outlook*, the Prayer Calendar and Reading Program books are excellent ways to learn and stay informed. And, of course, the national website is a wonderful resource -- www.unitedmethodistwomen.org. Being as well informed as possible helps tremendously in our secretarial duties of taking notes at meetings and writing clear, accurate minutes for the record.

Karen Anderson, Blue Ridge District Secretary

Treasurer



Can you believe the year is almost half over? And our United Methodist Women's year is half over. Unit Treasurers have sent their 2nd quarter reports and checks to me. Thank you to each Treasurer for your dedication to United Methodist Women.

Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women thank you for your mission giving in 2016. The contribution of each unit is extremely important in supporting UMW efforts around the world on behalf of women, children, and youth.

Our total amount sent to District Treasurer for half of this year is **\$43,466.74**. Undesignated giving totaled **\$31,564.83**, which is applied to our yearly pledge to mission of \$79,000. As you can see, we are not half way to our pledge goal with half the year behind us. I am sure all units are working to make sure we again reach all our goals for UMW mission giving.

I am very proud to congratulate you for contributing **\$4,865.78** to the Legacy Fund in the first half of 2016. Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women led the nation in Legacy Fund contributions in 2015. A large part of that recognition is due to the prayers and contributions of Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women. Let's keep up the good work.

Many of our units may be small in the number of members, but we are all big in heart and in working for United Methodist Women. I am very proud to be serving you as District Treasurer. It is a pleasure to meet many of you at District and Conference events. I encourage you to contact your Nurturing Partner for a visit to your unit meeting or to discuss any issues you may have.

Carol Bryson, Blue Ridge District Treasurer

Education and Interpretation



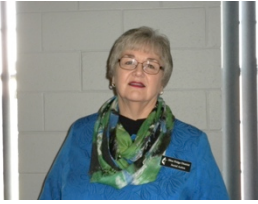
Having finished our district mission study, we are gearing up for Mission u at Pfeiffer College on July 21-24, 2016. The social issues study will be climate justice, and the study book is entitled Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action by Pat Watkins. The spiritual growth study will focus on The Bible and Human Sexuality by Ellen Brubaker. The geographical study will again be on Latin America (Latin America: People and Faith by Sonia Maria Barbosa Dias). All study books are available at www.umwmissionresources.org or (800) 305-9857. Mission u is a very valuable spiritual and educational experience. It's well worth the time.

Our district mission study was excellent, as your evaluations indicated. You gave Dixie Liggett high marks for her leadership and especially appreciated the wide variety of learning activities. We learned so much about our neighbors and their needs and realized how many problems we share. We are more alike than different. Black Mountain UMC was an excellent venue and Black Mountain UMW were excellent hostesses. They provided a wonderful lunch. Fifty ladies attended.

We've done really well with our hands on mission projects. At the Spiritual Growth Retreat, I turned in 262 health kits (value \$3144.00), 2 sewing kits (value \$56.00), 1 school kit (value \$11.00), and 4 layette kits (value \$180.00), and \$564.00 for mailing/toothpaste for a total of \$3955.00. Our hands on project for the mission study was a financial gift for the Good Neighbor Settlement House in Brownsville, Texas (chosen because the group works so effectively with Latinos in the area). We collected \$727.00! Of course, the money we spend is eclipsed by the lives we touch. Each kit touches someone who is vulnerable and often in desperate circumstances. We pray that each person who receives a kit knows that some UMW woman somewhere has reached out in love. See you at Mission u!

Gwen Harris, Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation

Social Action



It is hard to believe we are entering the second half of our UMW year. There have been so many wonderful opportunities to be in study and fellowship with our United Methodist Women this year and many more events are still to happen.

I was blessed to attend both the Southeastern Jurisdictional Meeting in Charleston and the Spiritual Growth Retreat. What great events! These events are always a great time of worship, study, and fellowship. I was fortunate to be invited to a UMW meeting at Concord United Methodist and hear Nara Melkonyan, *Project Agape* Country Director in Armenia. Many of you also heard her at the Spiritual Growth Retreat. She shared information about what the joint project of Western North Carolina and North Carolina Conferences is doing to provide the ONLY humanitarian aid in Nagornon-Karabagh. I encourage your units to either begin or continue to support this ministry. I hope many of you can provide the Christmas Shoe Boxes this year to help the children in this country. I would be happy to help your units with getting the boxes to the Mission Resource Center. Directions for the shoe boxes can be found on the *Project Agape* website.

We have so many opportunities to be women of mission. We must continue our emphasis in the areas of Climate Justice, Human Trafficking, and Domestic Violence. When there are 16,000 children dying each day from hunger-related causes or more than 30 million people are enslaved in our world, we know we must be women of prayer and action. Pray for the 1 out of 4 women that have been victims of domestic violence. Continue to ask God's blessings on our mission dollars that they may be used to alleviate suffering in the world. Together we can accomplish so much.

Lucy Earls, Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Social Action

Membership, Nurture, Outreach

Here we are in the middle of June already! Where is the time going? I hope a lot of you were able to attend the Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial meeting in Charleston earlier this month. I did see some of you there and I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. There were approximately 700 United Methodist Women there participating in worship, celebration and fellowship. What an uplifting experience! I encourage you to attend these special events like the Prayer Breakfasts, SEJ Meeting, Mission U, etc. You will not be disappointed and it is a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones!

Please continue to send in your information on your Nurturing Partner visits to be entered for a chance to win a C.P.R. "Feel the LUV" care package. Have a wonderful summer!

Carole Gilham, Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Membership, Nurture, and Outreach

*Remember the wonderful Civil Rights Study Tour that some of you participated in last October?
An article and photos should be included in the October issue of the response magazine.*

response, an award-winning publication, is the official magazine of United Methodist Women and is published by the national office. Each issue will touch your heart, stir your soul, and challenge your mind. Topics and issues cover spiritual growth, mission outreach and reports on our local, national and international work.

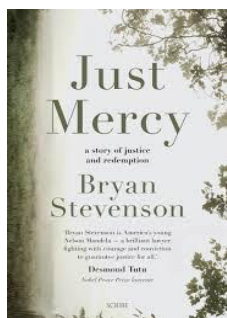
(<http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/response>)

Program Resources



Last October I joined 23 other United Methodist Women of the Blue Ridge District in a two-state bus tour of the Civil Rights Movement in America. As we traveled through Georgia, Alabama, and back again, I heard horrific stories I had not heard before, I learned of unsung heroes I had never known about, and I was disturbed to realize that the struggle for equal rights and equal opportunities for all persons--regardless of their skin color—still continues today.

By the grace of God I'm convinced— several of us returned home to find that our book club's next read was the book Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption, by Bryan Stevenson, *and* the title is one of the bonus books on our UMW Reading Program list for 2016. Coincidence? I don't think so. I *needed* to read this book. And if I may be so bold as to say so: you need to read it too, if you haven't already.



Just Mercy, published in 2014, is the unforgettable story of Bryan Stevenson, a gifted young black attorney in the South who was determined to bring justice and defense to those most desperately in need of it: the poor, the wrongly accused, and women and youth trapped in the black holes of our criminal justice system. Through him we witness first hand the system's abuses of the marginalized people he defends. Bryan Stevenson's fervor never waivers in his argument for compassion and mercy within a very corrupt system, a system which proves time and time again that it's better to be rich and guilty than to be poor and innocent.



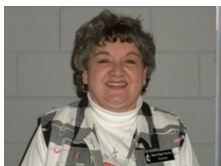
Trying a 10-year-old child as an adult? A child who, under pressure from his gang-member peers, is guilty of a crime he was forced to commit? Yes, the system treats him as an adult. Learn about other atrocities such as a prosecutor's indifference to innocence if it won't win his case. Corporations that conspire to convince lawmakers and politicians to make up new crimes so that prison populations will increase, and contracts can be granted to build new prisons. Atrocious indeed, but unfortunately these are just a few examples of a very broken system that Stevenson describes.

I was appalled and outraged. You will be too, when you read this book. It will forever change your view of how "justice" is carried out within our country's legal system. It will also inspire you to learn of one young attorney's tireless pursuit to extend compassion and mercy when it is right, good, and *just*.

And as a United Methodist Woman, it will make you even more determined to work to correct the wrongs which continue to be committed against the "least of these" children of God.

Leith Tate, Blue Ridge District Secretary of Program Resources

Historian



I am happy to serve as your Historian. Please be sure to get me any pictures or articles that you would like me to put in our scrapbooks. Many thanks!

Judy Hawkins, Blue Ridge District Historian

Communications Coordinator



Below are the deadlines for our District Newsletter for the rest of 2016. If you have any pictures or information you would like to share with the District, please don't hesitate to email me. My contact info is on page 2. We all love to hear about the wonderful things your units and/or circles are doing for women, children, and youth in the United States and around the world! Thank you so much!

2016 Deadlines for information for the District Newsletter are:
Sept. 15, 2016 (Newsletter mailed first week of October)

Peggy Sanders, Blue Ridge District Communications Coordinator

Committee on Nominations

Work is underway to find persons who will continue good leadership for our District. We have some excellent leaders who are willing to continue in their positions and some new women who are willing to be added to our leadership. As Nominations chair, I am hoping to hear from persons with ideas for building our District. August 20 is the day we will elect/appoint leaders, so let me hear from you. Enjoy your summer vacation, as I will enjoy mine!

Barbara Scott, Blue Ridge District Nomination Committee Chair

Charlie Gibson's Enchilada Casserole (This was served at Mission Study in Black Mtn.)

Ingredients:

1 package Doritos (13-ounce), save 2 cups for casserole topping
2 tbsp. onion, grated
1 10-ounce can chili with beans
10 to 15 ounce enchilada sauce
1 can tomato sauce (8 ounce)
1 1/2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
Topping
2 cups Doritos
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 1/4 cups sour cream

Cooking Directions:

- Preheat oven to 375° F.
- Crumble 6 cups Doritos with your hands into a large mixing bowl.
- Add the onion, the chili, the enchilada sauce, tomato sauce and 1½ cups of cheddar cheese to the crumbled Doritos. Stir with a rubber spatula to combine. Place mixture into an 8½ x 11-inch oven proof casserole dish. Bake for 20 minutes.
- Remove from the oven. Spread the sour cream over the top of the casserole with a large spoon or rubber spatula. Top with remaining 2 cups Doritos. Then sprinkle with the 1/2 cup of the cheddar cheese.
- Bake for another five minutes and serve.

School Kit

Value: \$11.00

1 pair blunt scissors: rounded tip only no plastic scissors, please

3 pads of paper: spiral- or top-bound pads 150 sheets or less of loose leaf can be substituted for one pad combination of spiral, top bound, side bound or loose leaf is acceptable no composition books, please

1 hand-held pencil sharpener: must be at least one-inch long remove from packaging

1 30-centimeter ruler: hard or flexible cartoon characters are acceptable no advertisements, please

6 unsharpened pencils: no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols, please cartoon characters are acceptable

1 2-inch or larger size eraser: no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols, please cartoon characters are acceptable

1 24-count box of crayons: only 24-count boxes please

1 14"x16" cloth bag: homemade or purchased bags are both acceptable heavy-duty fabric only – denim, corduroy, drapery fabric, etc. no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols, please closures are optional but must be buttons, snaps or Velcro sewn in middle of opening, if used (**See the next page for instructions for making the bag**)

Assembly directions

Place all loose items on top of paper. Turn items sideways and slide into the cloth bag. Fold over the top of the bag so loose items don't fall out.

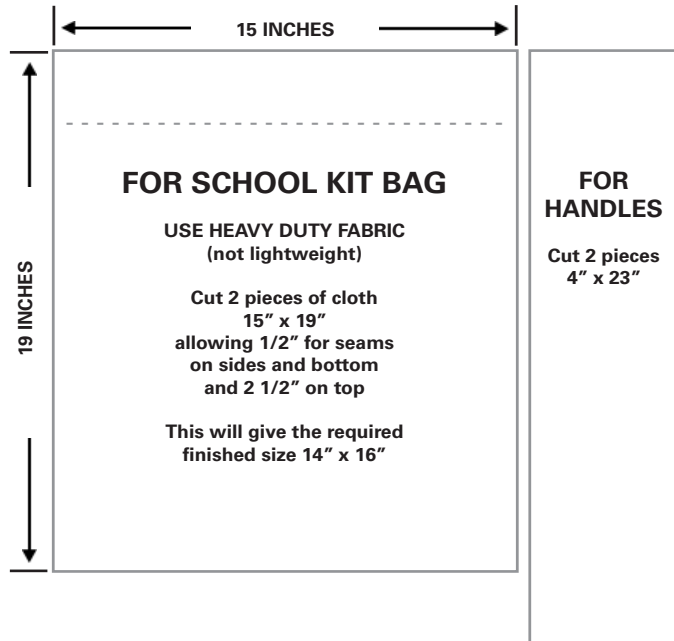
Important notes

- **(See pattern for the bag on next page)**
- All items must be new.
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items – nothing more.
- DO NOT include any personal notes, money or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

**Please enclose an envelope containing at least \$1 for each kit you send.
This donation enables kits to be sent to areas in need.**



School Kit Bag Pattern



Make the Bag

USE HEAVY DUTY FABRIC (not lightweight).

Cut 2 pieces of cloth 15" x 19" allowing 1/2" for seams on sides and bottom and 2 1/2" hem at the top. This will give the required finished size 14" x 16".

Place the two 15" x 19" pieces of cloth together, right sides together, and sew a 1/2" seam down one side across the bottom and up the other side, leaving the top open.

Turn the bag so the seam is inside the bag.

Turn under 1/2" of the top edge and stitch.

Turn under 2" at the top to form a hem and stitch.

Make the Handles

For handles cut 2 pieces 4" x 23".

Fold in half the length of one of the 4" x 23" pieces with right sides together.

Stitch with a 1/2" seam allowance and turn the seam to the inside.

Repeat with the second piece of cloth.

Place one handle at the top of the bag, turning under 1/2" raw edge of the material and secure by stitching. Repeat with the other piece of cloth making the handle on the opposite side of the bag.

Optional Closure

Closures are optional and may be done with buttons, snaps or Velcro. When using Velcro, stitch small pieces of Velcro near the top center inside of the bag, Velcro loops on one side, Velcro hooks on the other.

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 for a Mission Today Unit:

- *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.
- *3. The unit will use at least two programs from the [Program Book](#) during the year.
- *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 MISSION U 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.)
- *6. The unit will implement the [Charter for Racial Justice](#) in at least two ways during the year.
- *7. Become a member of the Western North Carolina UMW Justice Today.
- *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](#) 2013-2016.
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 on classes and events 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 Women's Division Washington Office, 100 Maryland Ave. 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. Contact [Children's Defense Fund](#) for materials at 25 E. St. NW, Washington, DC 20001. Telephone 202-628-8787.
15. The unit will contribute to all [five channels of Mission Giving](#). (See page 10)
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 women (ages 18-39) circle during the year, or one new teen member (ages 12-17) or one new young woman member (ages 18-39) during the year.
22. The 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.

THE LEGACY FUND

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



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

Make your Legacy Fund gift today!

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



My Legacy Fund gift:

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

- \$1,869 \$500 \$300 \$200 \$50 \$18.69 Other _____
 monthly annually beginning _____20__ (month/year)

*Turning Faith, Hope and Love into Action since 1869.
All donations tax-deductible. Give your Legacy Fund commitment form and your gift to your local United Methodist Women treasurer.*

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

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women
My Legacy Fund gift:

- \$1,869 \$500 \$300 \$200 \$50 \$18.69 Other _____
 enclosed monthly annually beginning _____20__
 In honor / memory of _____
 Please contact me about including United Methodist Women in my **estate planning**.
 Please contact me about the **major gift program**.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
Address: _____
City, State, ZIP: _____
Conference: *Western North Carolina Conference* District: _____

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

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



Our Western North Carolina Every Member Legacy Fund Goal:

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

What is The Legacy Fund?

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

What is the purpose of The Legacy Fund?

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

How will the funds be used?

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

Why should I give to The Legacy Fund?

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

How does the money get to the National Office?

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

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

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

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

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



How do I get a Legacy 150 pin?

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

For more information visit:

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women - www.wnccunw.org/legacyfund
United Methodist Women National Office - www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/give

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)

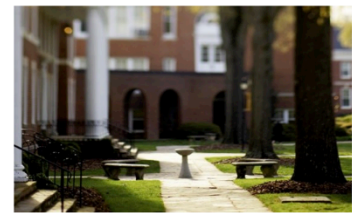


**Bennett College -
Greensboro**

Bennett College is a small, private, historically Black liberal arts college for women. The College offers women an education conducive to excellence in scholarly pursuits; preparation for leadership roles in the workplace, society, and the world; and life-long learning in a technologically advanced, complex global society. As a United Methodist Church-related institution, Bennett College promotes morally grounded maturation, intellectual honesty, purposeful public service, and responsible civic action.

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.



**Pfeiffer University,
Misenheimer**

Established in 1885, **Pfeiffer University** is a globally engaged, regional university distinctive for its transformational undergraduate experiences and leadership in professional and graduate programs that fill demonstrated needs on its campuses in Charlotte, Misenheimer and Raleigh, and online. Vested in its history as a United Methodist-related university and propelled by an innovative faculty and staff, Pfeiffer prepares its students for a lifetime of achievement, scholarship, spirituality and service.



Bethlehem Center Charlotte

Founded by United Methodist Women in 1940, the **Bethlehem Center Charlotte** provides quality child enrichment activities for school age children and youth, and strives to develop innovative programs to improve the quality of life for at-risk families. The Center provides services to more than 900 children, youth and seniors.



Bethlehem Center Winston-Salem

Bethlehem Center Winston-Salem was organized October, 1927 to provide quality child care for working mothers who labored in local factories and mills. Approximately 190 children are served; 20 crib babies with the remainder preschool age. In addition, an after-school program is offered for children K-5 grades. The children come from 140 family units.



Brooks Howell Home, Asheville

Brooks-Howell Home is owned and governed by United Methodist Women. Admission to Brooks-Howell is open to retirees of United Methodist Women (formerly Women's Division), National Division, World Division, staff of Women's Division and others approved for residency. The majority of residents are missionaries and deaconesses. A limited number of health care beds are available to persons who are not otherwise eligible.



United Methodist Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION



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

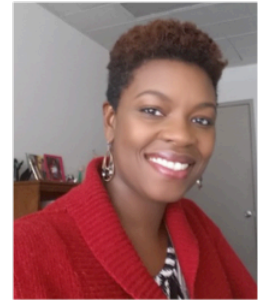
Where: Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium

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
Conference & Retreat
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).**

Latin American Mission Study With Dixie Liggett





Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women
%CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
27 CHURCH STREET
ASHEVILLE, NC 28801-1218

Mark Your Calendar for 2016:

Blue Ridge District UMW Events for 2016:

August 20 **District Annual Meeting**, Location: TBD, *Coming Together in Celebration*
Oct. 15 **Ubuntu Day of Service**, Location: TBD
Nov. 5 **Blue Ridge District Leadership Training**, Location: TBD, *Coming Together in Service*

Western North Carolina Conference UMW Events for 2016:

July 21-24 **Mission u!** (Previously School of Christian Mission), Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer, NC
Sept. 9-11 **Conference Annual Meeting**, Lake Junaluska



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