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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

2017 Annual Meeting

Creating Joyous Souls in Celebration

Join us for the Annual Meeting as we look back upon what happened in 2016 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.

Come! Be Inspired! Hear what our Blue Ridge District UMW units have done, are doing and will do!

When: August 26, 2017, 9:30 registration, 10:00 meeting
Where: First United Methodist Rutherfordton, 264 North Main Street, Rutherfordton, NC
Speaker: Reverend Beth Crissman, District Superintendent of the Blue Ridge District UMC
Love Offering: In honor of the United Methodist Church Missionary Conferences in the United States
Hands on Project: Gently used, clean clothing, socks and shoes in sizes infant to age 4 for use of the children at the Bethlehem Center in Winston-Salem.
Program Resources: The resource room will be available to pick up program and reading books and UMW cards.

Directions: **From West:** Take I-40 E to Ashworth Rd in Glenwood. Take exit 83 from I-40 E, Turn right onto Ashworth Rd, Turn right onto US-221 S. Church will be on your left. **From East:** Take exit 85 for US-221 toward Marion/Rutherforoton, Keep left at the fork, follow signs for Rutherfordton, Turn left onto US-221 S, Church is on the left. **From South:** Take I-26 to US-74 E, follow signs for Columbus/Rutherfordton/NC-108, Take exit 173 for Union Rd, Turn right on Union Rd, Turn left on Coxe Rd, Turn left onto S. Main Street, Church will be on your right.

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

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2017 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!

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A Message from Your President

Do you know what third and fourth graders attending Vacation Bible School and women attending any district or conference UMW event have in common? You would be surprised! I witnessed each group this past week. I taught the third and fourth graders in my church and then attended the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska Friday and Saturday. I came away amazed and delighted from each event.

All are ENTHUSIASTIC—children show their enthusiasm in every activity they participate in, as do United Methodist Women. Listen to them praise and worship, listen to their prayers, listen to them visit with one another, laughing and getting to know one another or getting caught up with one another's happenings.

All are BOLD in taking on the challenges they face. Give a third or fourth grader a puzzle to solve, a problem to come up with an answer, and they are up for it. Give a UMW member a social problem to consider and they come up with ways to solve it. Many times reading a book from the Reading Program will start an action.

All are CREATIVE in action and word. If you don't know a third or fourth grader, you should get to know them. They will create a picture or tell you a story that will make an important point. I heard about and you can read *response* magazine to learn of creative ways UMW members all over the world handle problems, help others and reach out to the most vulnerable. Our Legacy Fund is an example of being creative to provide for the future projects and people United Methodist Women will continue to support.

All use TEAMWORK to get a difficult task accomplished. Children use teamwork in classroom projects, recreation, even music. What would we accomplish working by ourselves on United Methodist Women projects? Not much!

We are a sisterhood of ENTHUSIATIC, BOLD, CREATIVE, TEAM MEMBERS who pray, care, laugh, cry, and work together much like third and fourth graders!

Joanie Strohm, ***Blue Ridge District President***

Treasurer

Can you believe 2017 is almost half over? This means we have completed half our United Methodist Women's year of mission giving. Unit Treasurers have sent their 2nd quarter reports and checks to me. Thank you to each Treasurer for your dedication to United Methodist Women.

Thank you to each of our Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women Units for your spirit of giving to mission. 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 ***$47,474.28.*** Undesignated giving totaled ***$33,544.05***, which is applied to our 2017 pledge to mission of $80,000. I am sure all of us are working to make sure we again reach all our goals for UMW mission giving.

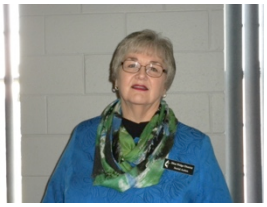
We have contributed ***$4,060.11*** to the Legacy Fund in the first half of 2017. Our goal is to have 100% of members in each unit contributing to the Legacy Fund. You can see your Treasurer for contribution information or contact any member of our Executive Committee. We will be happy to help you contribute to the Legacy Fund.

Please remember that 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 for the fourth

year. 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***

Spiritual Growth



As I sit down to write this article, my thoughts are on leaving for Lake Junaluska and the Spiritual Growth Retreat. I look so forward to this event each year. It is always such a time of fellowship, education, and worship for all of us. Those of you who attended the Prayer Breakfast in March and our mission study led by Bess Redmond in April on Climate Justice have already been blessed so much. We are so fortunate as a district and conference to be able to attend these well-planned events.

What do these events and UMW have in common with Spiritual Growth? What difference does it make in our lives if we attend? I can tell you what difference it makes for me. I, like so many of you, lead a very busy life. I am busy with home and family obligations. Combine that with church and civic responsibilities. "Life" gets in the way of living sometimes and we don't place our spiritual needs as our top priority. Our district and conference events provide opportunities to help us focus our hearts and minds on worship and nurture our faith. We all believe in the power of prayer. We all need prayer in our lives . Pray for these events, pray for your sisters in UMW, and pray for our churches that we can all experience the spiritual renewal that we need.

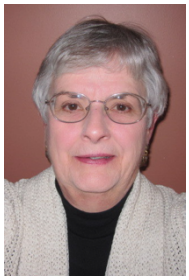
Lucy Earls, ***Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth***

Committee on Nominations

The nominations committee has been working hard trying to fill positions. We have now filled MC Education and Interpretation. We hope Vice-President as well. We are still looking for someone to come forward to serve as President and Membership, Nurture and Outreach. If you would like to serve or know of someone that would like to serve, please contact me or any of the officers.

Fran Jordan, ***Blue Ridge District Nomination Committee Chair***

Education and Interpretation



As I write this, the lazy days of summer are officially here, and Mission u is almost here! Once again we're meeting at Pfeiffer College on July 13-16, 2017. Although I haven't yet read all three books, this year's topics are interesting: Climate Justice (Pat Watkins, ed.), Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States (J. Ann Craig), and Living as a Covenant Community (Evy McDonald. The books are available at www.umwmissionresources.org or www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/astore. The hands on mission project is UMCOR school kits.

Before I attended Mission u for the first time three years ago, I was reluctant to commit that much time to one event. Now it is a highlight of my summer. It's long enough to really fellowship with other UMW members. The spiritual growth study feeds my soul, while the geographic study and the issues study make me a better informed UMW member, church member, and citizen. If you haven't attended, this is a good year to start. I think you'll find it well worth your time.

Our district mission study was excellent, as your evaluations indicated. You gave Bess Redmond high marks for her leadership and especially appreciated the depth of her knowledge and commitment to taking better care of God's creation. Black Mountain UMW were excellent hostesses. Forty-seven ladies attended. Because Black

Mountain served as hostesses two consecutive years and provided lunch at no cost to us both years, we honored them by taking an offering (which totaled $417) to be donated to Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation and used for climate- related studies along the Parkway.

At the Spiritual Growth Retreat, I turned in 85 layette kits (value $3825.00), 63 health kits (value $756.00), 2 school kits (value $22.00), 9 birthing kits (value $72.00), and $198.00 for mailing/toothpaste for a total of $4873.00. Each kit represents the compassion of a UMW member and a life touched in a very meaningful way at a time of great need.

Enjoy these lazy days of summer, and see ***you*** at Mission ***u***!

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

Social Action

Hi Everyone, Hope ;your summer is off to a great start! I want to encourage you all to become a justice today unit. Go to the conference website and click on mission resources social action to find the criteria. There are three levels so everyone can achieve at least the first level. At this time in our nation's history we need to do all we can to learn to live together as God's children and caretakers of His world. See you at annual meeting!

Kathy Kennedy, ***Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Social Action***

Communications Coordinator

The Blue Ridge District 2017 Mission Study held at the Black Mountain United Methodist Church and hosted by the Black Mountain United Methodist Women was a huge success. I am so sorry I could not attend, but Gwen Harris provided some great pictures. (See pages ???) Below are the deadlines for the last newsletters in 2017. I am always glad to get info from your Unit including pictures. Just send it via email!

2017 Deadlines for information for the District Newsletter are:
Sept. 15, 2017(Newsletter mailed first week of October)

Peggy Sanders, ***Blue Ridge District Communications Coordinator***

Committee on Nominations

The Nominations Committee has been working very hard to get the vacant officer positions filled. The only remaining position to fill is that of President. We know everyone has a tendency to shy away from this position but we know there is a leader in this district who can do this job, please come forward - we need you.

If you or you know someone, please contact one of the officers. Hopefully, we will have a full slate to present in August.

Fran Jordan, ***Blue Ridge District Nomination Committee Chair***

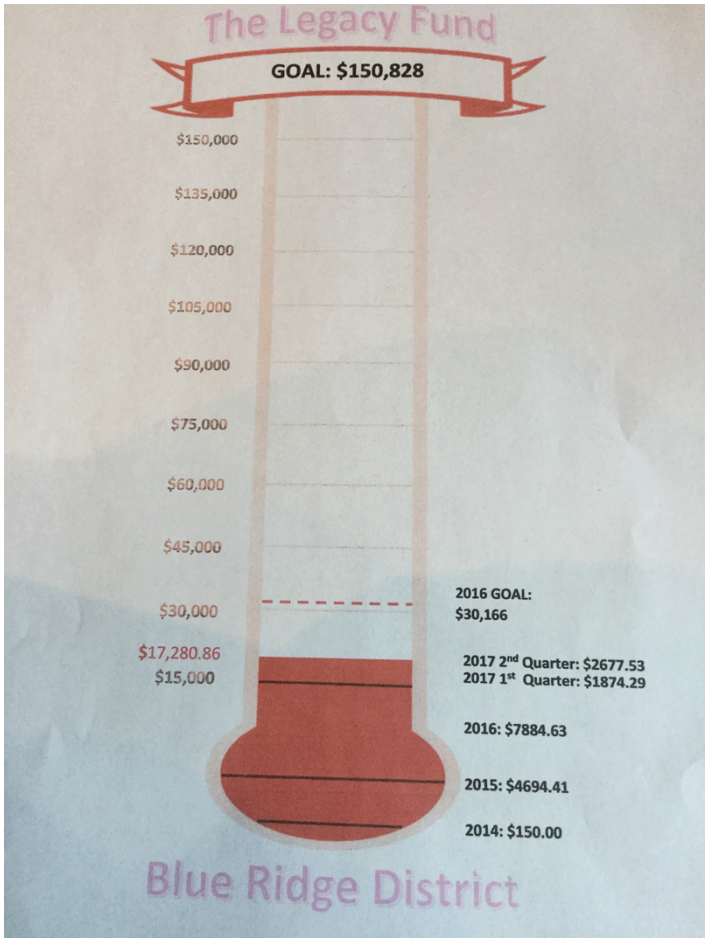
Program Advisory Group

The Legacy Fund is alive and well. The United Methodist Women's Board of Directors has officially set $60 million as our goal. The good news is that we already have $17 million, which is almost a third of our goal. If you have helped us reach that amount, thank you. If you have not yet committed, we will continue to offer you avenues for giving. Part of the goal of setting a suggestion of $18.69 per year for five years is so that EVERY member can contribute. Your unit can fulfill one qualification to become a Mission Today Unit by giving $189.69.

Thank you to Barbara Campbell and Betty Letzig for supplying two trifolds for the display at the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska in June. Also thank you to Betty for making a thermometer drawing of how much the Blue Ridge District has given and how far we have to go. WE CAN DO THIS!
Need help? Encouragement? Call or e-mail me. 628-684-1831 or lliggett3@charter.net

Dixie Liggett, ***Western NC Conference District Advisor for the Blue Ridge District***

More information on The Legacy Fund on pages 11 and 12.



Two Book Reviews

Chasing The Devine in the Holy Land is Ruth Everhart's written account of a ten day "Pilgrimage Project" documentary she took with seven pastors of various faiths, along with the producer and cameramen. Her journey into the cradle of Christianity leaves the reader with insights into the sacred sites.religion,and people she encountered. These experiences raise questions about our own relationship with the Divine.

TILLY is a story of hope and the resilience of a young indigenous woman coming of age in the 1980's.Tilly has always known she is part Lokota on her father's side, but it isn't until she witnesses an angry man shouting at her mother, that she realizes her mother is also an Aboriginal,a cree woman taken from her parents as a baby. This is a compelling story of Tilly's struggle and survival in this culture.The author is Monaque Gray Smith.

By **Anna Hull**, ***Member of the Blue Ridge District Nominations Committee***

United Methodist Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

Blue Ridge District UMW 2017 Mission Study Held at Black Mountain UMC and Hosted by Black Mountain United Methodist Women

Bess Redmond – Study Leader

Pictures by Gwen Harris

UBUNTU

For three years, United Methodist Women have been putting Faith, Hope and Love into Action by serving at the five National Mission Institutions & other sites within our conference! **Make plans to join us in 2017 for our 5th Annual Ubuntu Day of Service on October 14, 2017! Online Registration** for our 2017 Ubuntu Day of Service will open July 1st, and the deadline for registration is October 1, 2017

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.

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.

Cut along dotted line / Keep top portion

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.

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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.wnccumw.org/legacyfund**

United Methodist Women National Office - **www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/give**

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Spiritual Growth Retreat

S.M.I.L.E.

See Miracles in Life Everyday

June 16-17 - Lake Junaluska

Registration Opens February 1st

Hands-On-Mission – UMCOR Layette Kits

Global Justice

Legislative Day

2016-2020 Social Justice Areas Overview

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom...God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise."

1 Corinthians 1:25a & 27

Mission u

Spiritual Growth Study
Living as a Covenant Community

Social Issue Study
Climate Justice

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Geographic Study
UMC Missionary Conferences
In the United States

July 13-16 • Pfeiffer

Hands-On-Mission – UMCOR School Kits
High School Youth Camp Available
Registration opens May 1

CHANGE IS GOOD

Annual Celebration

September 29-October 1 • Lake Junaluska

Hands-On-Mission

UMCOR Health Kits & Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory Cards

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"I am human because you are human"

October 14th

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Western North Carolina Conference

What: **44th Annual Celebration**
Celebrating 148 Years in Mission

When: **September 29-October 1, 2017**
Registration begins 2pm; Program 6:45pm

Where: Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium

Annual Celebration Registration:

(Begins June 19, 2017)

- On-site registration at Lake Junaluska - $25.00 per person
- **Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE!** Online advance registration, June 19, 2017 through September 24, 2017 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 session 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.

HIGHLIGHTS

Keynote Weekend Speaker:
Shannon Priddy, President of National United Methodist Women

Mission Speaker:
Cameron Kempson, Deaconess

Music Leaders: Carrie Wright & Rhonda Smith

Hands-On Mission: Gift in Memory/ Gift to Mission Cards and UMCOR Health Kits
(1 hand towel-15"x25" or 17"x27", 1 washcloth, 1 comb-no pocket comb or pick, 1 metal nail file or clipper, 1 packaged adult toothbrush, 6 adhesive bandages-2/3" to 1", in gallon sealable plastic bag. $1 shipping in envelope on outside of box. See UMCOR website for more details/packing directions.)

Saturday Afternoon with a PURPOSE:
"Just Be: Taking Time for Self-Care and Sacred Space"-Cameron Kempson
"A Look at Millennial UMW...the Age of Change"-Jalen Lawson

Other highlights:
- myUMW Membership Card/ Registration
- Hosting Missionaries for Lunch
- The Celebration Continues...-Saturday Night Entertainment
- UMW Choir on Sunday
- Inspiration Point, Rose Walk, Susanna Wesley Garden, Biblical Garden, Corneille Bryan Native Garden, 2.3-mile Lakeside Walking Trail

Hostess District: Smoky Mountain

Shannon Priddy

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

Mark your calendar!

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Conference & Retreat
Center, P. O. Box 67
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

Reservations Phone #:

1-800-222-4930 (Toll Free)

Lake Junaluska Reservations:

Housing Reservations Open June 19, 2017

To book Lake Junaluska lodging for Annual Celebration (Group Code 28810108118):

- **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 www.lakejunaluska.com:**
- **Click BOOK NOW (upper right)**
- **On GUEST & ROOMS screen, select # of adults, children & rooms**
- **Click ADD CODE**
- **Select GROUP ATTENDEE**
- **Key 28810108118**
- **Click ADD**

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2017 Annual Celebration

September 29-October 1, 2017 - 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, before applicable taxes.

	The Terrace Room per night	Lambuth Inn Room per night		Weekend 5-Meal Package*
Single	$110	$97	+	$59.85
Double	$55	$48.50	+	$59.85
Triple	$44	$36	+	$59.85
Quad	$38	$29.25	+	$59.85

*Lake Junaluska operates The Terrace and Lambuth Inn on an American Plan, and meals are required with the room.
NOTE: NO SUNDAY Lunch will be provided in this package!

Lakeside Lodge (meals optional)

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, free WI-FI, three floors, no elevator)
Rates are per person, per day, no meals, before applicable taxes.

Single	$72
Double	$36
Triple	$33
Quad	$27

NOTE: PHOTO ID and CREDIT CARD required for EACH PERSON at Check-In
Payment by Credit Card or Cash….NO CHECKS!

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 15 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; 14 days or less before an event will not receive a refund.

EXPRESS CHECK-IN: To expedite check-in time, pay room in full at time of reservation or when contacted via email in advance of meeting and make any roommate changes.

CHECK IN TIME for all facilities is 4:00pm; check out is 11:00am. Photo ID and CREDIT CARD for each person for incidentals required at Check-In. For those who do not have a credit card, the Lake suggests purchasing prepaid credit card prior to arrival.

Meal Information:

NOTE: NO Sunday Lunch in this package!

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 $34.65 per person for each 3 consecutive meals, or $59.85 per person for 5 consecutive meals or individual meals can be purchased: $10.50 for breakfast, $12.60 for lunch and $14.70 for dinner. Children 6 through 11 years of age receive meals at half price, 5 years of age and under eat free. **A 5-meal package of $59.85 per person will automatically be added for each person staying in The Terrace or Lambuth Inn** (dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch & dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday).

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Mark Your Calendar for 2017:

Blue Ridge District UMW Events for 2017:

August 26	**District Annual Celebration**, **First United Methodist Rutherfordton**
Oct. 14	**Ubuntu Day of Service**
Nov. 4	**Blue Ridge District Leadership Training,** Central United Methodist Church

Western North Carolina Conference UMW Events for 2017:

July 13-16	**Mission u,** Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer, NC
Sept 29-Oct 1	**Conference Annual Celebration,** Lake Junaluska.
Oct. 21	**Leadership Development Day for District Officers**, First UMC, Taylorsville

For More Information:

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Read the **Conference Gram** and your District Newsletter
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