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Mission u 2016

I am so excited and honored to be serving as your Dean for *Mission u* 2016! Many of you have already registered, but if you haven't, please make plans to do so. Your *Mission u* officers and school committee have been working hard to make sure you have a wonderful experience. You are in for a treat!

The **Spiritual Growth** study for all full time participants is "The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift". The study invites us to explore the complexity of the biblical text and our varied understandings of it in light of human sexuality. We will also examine the influence of theologians and church leaders throughout thousands of years of Judeo-Christian history. Finally, we will consider the influence of family systems, heritage, and changing gender roles, along with the impact of race, class, age, ethnicity, and orientation and how each of us was reared and instructed in our Christian faith.

The **Geographical** study repeated this year is "Latin America: People and Faith". Since many of us have neither visited nor were born in any of the Latin American countries, we will have the opportunity to learn about this vast region—the history of the land, its people, and how these countries have been impacted by the world, their impact in today's world, and how God is working through them. This year's **Social Issue** study is "Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action". Learn not only about climate change, but also about the justice concerns raised by the drivers of climate change and the

communities affected by it. Participants in this study will also learn how their own actions contribute to climate change and what they can do to positively affect the environment. Equipped with this information, they will be able to share their knowledge, be intentional about living a sustainable lifestyle, and learn how to support those who suffer because of climate change.

Our **Resident Youth Camp** continues this year. Rising 9th graders through this year's high school graduates—boys and girls—are invited to participate in a study of "Joining Voices for Climate Justice." There will be opportunities for study, workshop, fellowship and hands-on ministry. We are limited to 20 students so check out the Youth Camp Registration material online on the WNCC-UMW website and register today.

As a response to our Social Issue study on Climate Justice, we are asking all participants at this, and all other UMW events, to bring re-useable water bottles to stay hydrated. If you have extra re-useable water bottles that you would be willing to donate for others to use, please bring them to *Mission u*. This is just one step toward becoming responsible stewards of God's earth.

Mission u participants have the opportunity to be full time students, live on the campus of Pfeiffer University, and attend studies beginning Thursday evening, July 21 through Sunday morning, July 24. If you cannot attend as a full time student, take advantage of one-day overviews. You can select one study and come up either Friday,

July 22 or Saturday, July 23 and just spend the day.

There is no on-line registration. Registration forms may be downloaded at www.wnccumw.org. Registration began May 1 and due to preparation constraints, all registration forms must be mailed and **RECEIVED** by July 5.



The *Mission u* team looks forward to meeting each and every one of you at Pfeiffer University. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of us.

Lynda Morris
2016 Dean, *Mission u*

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2016 Mission u Study Leaders



Study Leader for Latin America -- Dixie Liggett is a retired registered nurse. She has served United Methodist Women as a District and a Conference officer, as a member of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Core Planning Group, and as a Director of Women's Division. She has been a study leader for the WNCC School of Christian Mission (now *Mission u*) several times and she designed and led a workshop "How to Do a Mission Study" for nine years. Dixie has been married for 50 years to husband Larry. They have traveled in Europe, the Caribbean, Mexico, Bolivia, and Peru.

Study Leaders for Climate Justice

Anita Fox is a lifelong Methodist and a graduate of UNC-Greensboro. She works with a family owned insurance agency and has two children and a daughter-in-law. At her church, she has worked with the Youth Program, teaching Sunday School, and serving in various positions within UMW. Anita has always been passionate about preserving and restoring the Earth to a higher level and validating God's trust in her part of His stewardship plan.



Elizabeth Graves pastors Burkhead UMC in Winston-Salem, NC. This year marks 30 years of pastoral ministry in the local church and 31 years of marriage to Jamie Armstrong, also an elder in the WNCC. She attended Duke Divinity School after graduating from Birmingham-Southern College and was a former 5th grade teacher in Baton Rouge, LA. She has taught twice in *Mission u* and always learns more and receives more than she can possibly give.

Janice Lentz, a retired school librarian from Taylorsville, NC, has always enjoyed *Mission u* and has led other studies in the past. She has 4 married daughters and 5 grandchildren, so she spends most of her time traveling between their homes and the beach and going on mission trips with the conference.



Patricia Moore is a lifelong Methodist and grew up in Asheville, NC and is married to Rev. John A. Moore. She participated in a mission trip to Zimbabwe where the team did repair work at an orphanage. She is retired from the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System, she believes God has much more in store. She is engaged in the work of St. Mark's UMC and other community organizations. She and John are very proud of their two young adult children, Justin and Ivey.

Sarah Ogletree is a member of Cullowhee UMC. She is a graduate of the Sustainable Development program at Appalachian State University and holds minors in both Appalachian Studies and Environmental Justice. Sarah will be attending Wake Forest School of Divinity in the fall. This is Sarah's first *Mission u*, and she is so excited to be a part of it!



Bess Redmond has been a United Methodist Woman for many years, She has served in several positions on the local level and has served as Secretary, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, VP, and President in the Asheville and Blue Ridge Districts. She was honored with the Annual Report Book Dedication in 2015 at the WNCC UMW Annual Celebration. She is a retired educator having taught High School Chemistry. She lives in Buncombe County with her husband Tommy. They have two grown children and one grandchild.

Sandra T. Williamson is a retired faculty member of the History Dept. at NC A&T State Univ. A lifelong Methodist, she has been a certified Lay Speaker for 20+ yrs. She also has taught several times in the School of Christian Mission (now known as *Mission u*) for the WNCC UMW and she concluded a 2 year term as Dean of *Mission u* in 2014. She is a member of Bass Chapel UMC in Greensboro, Mrs. Williamson is married to Dr. Alex N. Williamson, Sr., and they have two adult sons and one daughter-in-law.



Study Leaders for The Bible and Human Sexuality



Rev. Phyllis K. Coates is a native of Pittsboro, N.C. She received an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Durham Technical Institute, a B.A. from Shaw University in Religion and Philosophy and a Master of Divinity from Hood Theological Seminary. She is an Elder in the UMC and is married to Rev. George Melvin Coates. They have one son, the Rev. George Marcell Coates and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Keita T. Coates and grandson, Peter Emanuel Coates.

Reverend Emily Kroeger's motto is 'Smart Faith & Families for Just and Smart Futures.' She looks forward to leading the study which will enable us to claim our identity as children of God made to live and love in ways that honor our Creator. Pastor Em graduated from Duke Divinity School and has served 6 years as a Minister. She is now starting a new ministry serving families of incarcerated women in Union County. She celebrates sixteen years of marriage with her husband, Michael and life with three children in Waxhaw, NC.



Study Leaders for Teen Camp



Renee Hayes is currently serving as the WNCC UMW Mission Coordinator for Social Action. She is a lifelong member of Trinity Memorial UMC in Trinity, NC. Renee is a Nationally Board Certified teacher, retired from Randolph County Schools, and is now teaching at Westchester Country Day. She is actively involved in mission to Lithuania through Gifts of Grace Ministries. This is Renee's first opportunity to work with the *Mission u* Teen Camp.



Sherry Sink has served in all levels of UMW over the last 16 years. She has taught one-day overview classes for several years at the School of Christian Mission and taught the Teen class at *Mission u* for five years. She has also taught several district mission studies, has served as Mission Coordinator of Membership, Nurture and Outreach for the conference and is currently serving as Scholarship Committee Chair.

Study Leader for Workshop for Children's Study Leaders



Sandy Hieronymus is a native of Kentucky and a life-long Methodist. For 20+ years, Sandy was a Pre-K teacher at a United Methodist church. She is a certified lay servant. She has held various offices in the UMC and UMW on the local, district and conference levels. She is a delegate to General Conference for the second time and to SEJ Conference for the fourth time. She and her husband, Gerry, were blessed with three sons. Their two grandchildren provide much love and joy.

Music Leaders



Amy Johnson has served in various offices at all levels of UMW, including Conference Treasurer and Conference President. Amy is currently the Music Director of Faith United Methodist Church in Rural Hall where she and her husband, Paul, are members. She has led music for *Mission u* previously. She loves learning new songs and putting new words to "old" tunes of favorite hymns. Amy and Paul make their home in Tobaccolville. They have one daughter, Jill, and two grandchildren, Dylan and Karley. Amy is the District Administrative Assistant in the Yadkin Valley District Office.



Donna Ireland has been involved with United Methodist Women for several years. Her first job was serving as District Treasurer for the former Winston-Salem District. She has just completed her term as a six year treasurer. Donna is currently the organist at Harmony Grove United Methodist Church in Lewisville where she is a member. She has been the accompanist for the music at *Mission u*. Donna is married to Jacky Ireland and they live in Advance. They have two children, Amanda and John (Susan), and three grandchildren, Landon, Riley and Eli. Donna is a retired teacher and works part-time as the Administrative Assistant at Harmony Grove.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH — MARTHA EFIRD



Where else but at Mission u can you find such meaningful time for study, worship and fellowship? The 2016 spiritual growth study *The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift* by Ellen A. Brubaker will prove to be an enriching time to recognize and acknowledge God's love and tenderness gifted to each of us for our use in relationship with God, with others, and with the world around us. From the Introduction through Chapter 6 of the book, the author engages us in thoughtful consideration of the relationships between men, women, husbands, wives, and others in Biblical times and today. In doing so, the author presents the tender, beautiful reality of our humanness which through giving and love results in a union and oneness that many of us are blessed to experience.. Because life in 2016, as it did in biblical times, has some harsh realities, the author carefully includes and examines the sad and hard sides of the sexual prism such as domestic violence, human trafficking and more. Chapters of *The Bible and Human Sexuality* will be studied during each session. You will leave Mission u equipped to lead the study in your district or local unit through what you learn during the study sessions which will prepare you to use the Participants' Guide included in the book. I am confident that you will leave the study saying, "this is wonderful and better than I ever could have imagined". Resident students at Mission u will take this study as well as either the geographical area study or the current issues study. Each day at Pfeiffer University will start with Morning Praise before breakfast. Having this time apart and preparation is a gift from God. Our focus on being spirit-filled every day is a building block to enjoying and benefiting from the fun in fellowship with women throughout our conference.

United Methodist Women offer many opportunities for spiritual growth on the local, district, and conference levels. Take advantage of these opportunities by attending events and participating in programs because they are invaluable to us not only in our roles within United Methodist Women, but in every role of our life. See you at Mission u.

VICE PRESIDENT — JULIA WILLIS

Mission u at Pfeiffer University is a great opportunity for District and Local Unit/What is UMCOR? Circle program ideas on...

- ✝ Latin America
- ✝ Climate Justice
- ✝ Bible and Human Sexuality

Are you familiar with our Bethlehem Centers in Charlotte & Winston Salem?

What goes in a Project AGAPE Christmas Shoe Box?

You'll get all the answers at our 2016 Annual Celebration (formerly Annual Meeting) at Lake Junaluska, September 9-11.

Registration on-line June 13-September —\$15
On-site Registration—\$25



LEADER DEVELOPMENT DAY — JULIA WILLIS

All District Officers should have LDD on your calendar!

First United Methodist Church
311 3rd Avenue NE
Hickory, NC

8:00-9:00am Registration/Program Resources/Refreshments

9:15am-12:30pm Training Classes

12:30-1:00pm Program Resources

TREASURER — NANCY REIGEL

Sisters in Mission

As I consider the Conference 2016 Financial Goal of **“Each local unit increase their Mission Giving by \$5 per member,”** I can think of multiple compelling reasons we should all celebrate and embrace it. Indeed, I would include some right here in this article. BUT, when a very knowledgeable and acknowledged sister shares one of them so well, why not let her say it for me? Especially when she is highlighting our upcoming Mission u, the focus of this Conference Gram?



The following can be found on the United Methodist Women website in the Maps section featuring North Carolina Mission. <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/wanted-women-in-mission>. It was written by Norma Taylor Mitchell, Ph.D.*

Transformative Education

United Methodist Women has a long history of studying Christian mission in preparation for doing Christian mission. The organization's adult education program, Mission u, is one of the best continuing education programs in the world. Each year United Methodist Women prepares and offers three mission

studies: An issue study, a geographic study and a spiritual growth study as well as children and youth studies. In planning and promoting the mission studies, United Methodist Women demonstrates relevance, foresight and courage, as was especially evident in our study of Palestine and Israel several years ago.

In short, for these reasons and others, I continue to find financial support of and participation in United Methodist Women an essential part of my life and that of The United Methodist Church. ***I believe United Methodist Women is a gem, a pearl of great price, to be treasured and nurtured!*** [emphasis added]

How could I say it better??

And I AM Hoping to see you at Pfeiffer!! Come to find Gift to Mission and in Memory Cards, all those wonderful and powerful United Methodist Women resources, and a powerful and empowering learning experience.

Peace,

**Norma Taylor is a former member of the United Methodist General Commission on Archives and History and former chair of the Women's History Project of The United Methodist Church, and she served on the Scarritt-Bennett Center Board of Directors for eight years.*



Congratulations to the Metro District for having the most new members in 2014! They added 248 new members! We will honor the district with the highest increase in new members for 2015 at our Annual Celebration.

SOCIAL ACTION — RENEE HAYES

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

—Genesis 2:15

According to the 2012 UM Book of Resolutions, the United Methodist Church “will strive for a global sense of community to help achieve social, economic, and ecological justice for all creation” (Resolution 1023). As we learn more about the issues surrounding climate justice this summer at Mission u, we will be challenged to see what needs to happen for climate justice to become a reality in the world today.

A great starting place is the Be Just. Be Green. initiative: (1) Use the 13 Steps to Sustainability as you plan your next unit or district event. Start small by choosing 2-3 manageable guidelines to publicize and follow. (2) Become a Be Just. Be Green. advocate and

receive updates and action alerts from the national office (www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/sustainability-advocate). And (3) promote and contribute to the UMW Carbon Fund to meet the economic need as transitions are made from **unsustainability** and **injustice** to a more just and sustainable economy.

Reading program books about climate justice include: Moral Ground (Moore and Nelson), currently on sale for \$4.40; A Hopeful Earth (Dyck and Ehrman), on sale for \$5.20; Everyday Justice (Clawson), on sale for \$8.15; Finding Higher Ground (Seidl), on sale for \$6.00; and Eco Literate (Goleman), on sale for \$11.60.



Our daily choices do make a difference!

United Methodist Women Celebrating 150 Years 1869-2019

LEAVING YOUR LEGACY THROUGH PLANNED GIVING



We have been in a full Legacy 150 Campaign for over 12 months and it has paid off. The ladies in our conference have done an outstanding job. Did I mention that we were #1 in giving toward the Legacy Fund in 2015?

Awesome job! But this is only year one. We have four more years to go.

If you have given any amount in the past, thank you! If you are preparing to give, let me share my gratitude in advance. If you need to pace yourself, no problem, give at your comfort level. Every little bit helps. No amount is too small and no donation will be too great.....after all, we can't beat God's giving.

Need a good reason to contribute to Legacy 150? What about honoring the eldest member in your unit or your church? How about planting a financial seed for that new baby girl born in your family or congregation? Think about the lady or ladies that connected you to this great mission organization. Honor or remember her with a donation to the Legacy Fund.....the fund that keeps on giving.

Hopefully you have seen the printed material, picked up a commitment card, attended one of the presentations or sat in on a workshop. This is the best way to fully understand what the Legacy Fund is really all about. But if you have questions, please ask a member of the committee, which is chaired by Mildred Carter. Need details, go to our website.

Again, congratulations Western North Carolina United Methodist Women for giving to the Legacy 150 Campaign! #1 looks real good on you!

By: Tonya Lanier WNCC UMW President



MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH — JATANA ROYSTER

What a difference a comma makes! Notice that there is not a comma between Membership and Nurture. We are called to nurture our current membership and nurture those who we invite to walk alongside us in mission with women, children and youth.

I hope you are doing this in your local units. Invite those who are not a part of our amazing mission to join you for Mission *u* or another conference or district event. And remember to invite current members as well. Don't assume everyone knows about our events and how wonderful they are. I think of a member of my local unit who *finally* came to Mission *u* after my inviting (pestering??) her for a few years. She loves it now and would not miss it!

Check out the Membership Nurture and Outreach displays at all conference events.



Remember:

- ✚ Promote Walk for Mission in your district or local unit
- ✚ Promote Ubuntu Day of Service (October 15, 2016)
- ✚ Invite, invite, invite Women to unit, district and conference gatherings
- ✚ Invite District or Conference officers to your unit for a LUV visit

MISSION EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION — REBECCA WRIGHT



Very shortly we will be converging on Pfeiffer University for a great opportunity to, study, worship and grow in our connections with God and each other. We are also blessed with a special time of sharing as we bring our Hands on Mission

Project Kits to this gathering of United Methodist Women. Our main focus for kits will be Birthing Kits, and as usual, all kits will be accepted. A gentle reminder, please do not include shipping cost in the kits, it must be removed. When packing the kits in boxes, please pack them so our ladies will be able to handle, it will be greatly appreciated.

When at least one member other than a conference or district officer from the local units attend Mission *u*, report back to the local unit, requirement #11 will be met on becoming a Mission Today Unit.

It is not too late to become a Mission Today Unit, remember Criteria # 1 must be met. **The unit will make and meet its Pledge to mission.**

The February issue of response magazine has listings for United Methodist Women Mission Outreach listed for every area where we are serving. There are maps available that can be downloaded to share with your units during meetings or other times when asked "just where does our money, kits and information go?"

There are at least 379 areas listed including 110 in the United States, U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. We are in Mission with Women, Children and Youth, any information or assistance we can give will serve to enlighten our congregations who serve with us. These projects on the maps indicate projects supported by United Methodist Women through 2014 and 2015. By sharing this information you will fulfill criteria #16 for Mission Today.

We look forward to seeing you at Mission *u* as we study: The Bible and Human Sexuality, Climate Justice and Latin America, People and Faith.

Be sure to get your registration in on time, there will be no on-site registration.

SECRETARY — LINDA YOUNG



In her book, Living Courageously, Joyce Meyer stresses that 'knowledge is power'. Certainly this is not the first time any of us has heard that truth. It is my understanding that many local units have not sent their updated 2016 officer's list to their District President, Secretary, and Communication Coordinator. These conduits will make sure that all information continue to flow freely up and down the pipe line, keeping everyone 'knowledgeable' of what's happening to make mission happen.

As Secretary, and with all of the technology available to us, go the extra mile to maintain accurate

contact files. These officers will be 'knowledgeable' of the information shared in the district newsletters, conference gram and many other resources.

Although specific job duties vary from one organization and specialty to another, all secretaries must be able to perform tasks that help an organization run efficiently. The primary task of a secretary is to support the manager or, as in UMW, the President, in an organization. She will depend on your approved minutes to compose the agenda for the next Team meeting. Secure proofreaders of the minutes before your final draft is mailed and or emailed out. As Secretary you are a pivotal person in the organization.

NOMINATIONS — BETTY DURHAM

We need you!! Yes we do!! We are looking for YOU!! So at Mission u, please take time to come by our display and check us out. We are looking for United Methodist Women that are willing to serve.

If you have the heart for UMW that's all you need. So, if you or someone you know would like to serve your District or the Conference please let us know.

I Peter 4:10

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms"

Dedication of Annual Report Book

Each year the Annual Report Book is dedicated to a special woman who has served on the local, district, and conference level of United Methodist Women. She has demonstrated leadership abilities and works well with her peers. The recipient will be honored at Conference Annual Celebration in September at Lake Junaluska. **Nomination forms must be completed and returned by June 1, 2016.** Request forms by contacting Linda Young, 828-241-2343, lmyou2253@aol.com.



2016 Conference Love Offering

“A Gift to Mission in Honor of Bishop Larry Goodpaster and Deborah Goodpaster”

You may bring your Local Unit's Love Offering to Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska, September 9-11, 2016, or send it directly to:

Nancy Reigel, Conference Treasurer
375 Troy Norris Rd.
Boone, NC 28607

Please make checks payable to: Treasurer, WNCC UMW

2016 Conference Officer List — WNCC United Methodist Women

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PURPOSE of 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.

2016 Upcoming Dates:

June 3-5	Southeastern Jurisdiction— UMW Quadrennial Meeting—Charleston, SC
June 10-11	Spiritual Growth Retreat - Lake Junaluska
July 21-24	Mission u, Pfeiffer University
September 9-11	Annual Celebration - Lake Junaluska
October 8	Leader Development Day (LDD) - First UMC, Hickory, NC <i>All 2017 District Officers should attend!</i>
October 15	Ubuntu Day – WNCC Mission Institutions – You Choose!

For more information, visit: www.wnccumw.org

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Mission u !

Pfeiffer University
48380 US Hwy 52N
Misenheimer, NC 28109

July 21-24, 2016

Our Courses of Study

Spiritual Growth Study: The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift

Study leader: **Rev. Phyllis Coates**

One-Day Overview Leader: **Rev. Emily Kroeger**

This study will explore the complexity of the biblical text and our varied understandings of it in light of human sexuality.

Geographical Study: Latin America: People and Faith

Study leader: **Dixie Liggett**

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: Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action

Study leaders **Anita Fox, Rev. Elizabeth Graves, Patricia Moore, Sarah Ogletree, Bess Redmond, Sandra Williamson**

One-Day Overview Leader: **Janice Lentz**

Learn about climate change and justice concerns raised by the drivers of the problem and the communities affected by it.
Learn what we can do to positively impact the environment.

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 2016

"Created as Caretakers"



This year's studies have a single thread connecting them—found in the first book of our holy text. Genesis 1:26-27 narrates the creation of humankind in God's own image with the express purpose of being stewards or caretakers of planet earth and its inhabitants.

Humanity has not been given creation as property, but as something we steward until God returns to complete what God began. As caretakers and stewards we are to live a life of balance where our foundational document of faith assists us in seeing human sexuality as something God-created and grace-filled; a life where we recognize that all of God's people are connected, regardless of political, social or geographic borders which might be established; a life of understanding and setting right our relationships with each other and the earth.

Our graphic images include representations of the three studies and the *Mission u* logo. When we accept that others are created in the same image we are...when we can see all of creation as something which we have been given to care for...we can fully enter into relationships of mutuality with all created beings.

Registration is open May 1-July 5, 2016

All Registrations must be RECEIVED no later than July 5, 2016

NO ONSITE REGISTRATIONS

Check-in for full time students

Thursday, July 21, 2:00-6:00 p.m.

First session begins at 6:30 p.m.

Workshop for Leaders of Children: “God’s Extravagant Garden”

Leader: **Sandy Hieronymus**

Session Time: 4:15 pm Friday or Saturday

Mission u 2016 Full time Youth Camp: “Joining Voices for Climate Justice”

Leaders: **Sherry Sink and Renee Hayes**

Youth will consider the issue of climate change as a justice and faith issue, linking climate change with our “consume and dispose” society. They will explore implications of climate change for our planet, in terms of our changing environment and those most affected by these changes and how communities are responding to root causes and the impact of climate change. The study suggests how we can respond, individually and collectively as communities of faith.

Registration:

Full time Youth Camp: \$175.00* per person

* Includes a one-time \$25 activity fee

Housing in New Hall: (suite-style) Residence: \$190.00 per person*

***Rooms assigned based on postmark of registration form and number of rooms made available by Pfeiffer.**

Resident Double: \$160.00 (two persons sharing)

Resident Private: \$175.00

(LUNCH ON SUNDAY WILL NOT BE PROVIDED)

Non-Resident: \$50.00 (No meals)

Non-Resident: \$90.00 (With 4 meals—Lunch and Dinner Friday and Saturday)

One-Day Overview: \$30.00 (No meals)

One-Day Overview: \$40.00 (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.

REFUNDS: There will be no refunds without at least 7 days notice. (\$50.00 of Resident Fee is not refundable.) **NO CHILD CARE AVAILABLE**

HOUSING: HOUSING WILL BE IN COLLEGE DORMITORIES. Bring bed linens, including a 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 a separate sheet of paper stapled to your form.

YOUTH: This year’s youth camp is limited to 20 participants and will last the full time of Mission u 2016. 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 11:30 p.m. each evening.

CLASSES: The Spiritual Growth Study, “The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God’s Good Gift” will be offered to everyone. Please choose one of the other courses for more intensive study. Bring Bibles, pencils, paper, etc. Text books are available from the Mission Resource Center and at all Conference events prior to the school. A limited number will be available in the Resource Room during the school. A Kindle version may be purchased on amazon.com. 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

Birthing Kits

- 1 small bar of soap (1-2 oz) ; 1 pair thin latex, rubber, or surgical gloves;
 - 1 square yard of clear plastic sheeting; 3 pieces of cotton string (12 inches long);
 - 1 single edge razor blade (covered in paper or cardboard);
 - 2 receiving blankets (28x28 inches to 32x32 inches-no thermal or flannel)
- Place all items in a gallon zip lock bag.
Please include a check payable to UMCOR Sager Brown for at least \$1.00 per kit.

Watch for additional details on our Website:
www.wnccumw.org

REGISTRATION - 2016 Western NC Conference *Mission u*

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date	_____
Reg #	_____
Ck #	_____
Amt	_____

STUDENT TYPE: Please choose your student type / housing preference.

- () Youth Camp Student - \$175* () Resident Student - New Hall - \$190
*Activity fee of \$25 included for special events
- () Resident Student - Double Room - \$160 () Resident Student - Private Room - \$175
- () Non-Resident Student without meals - \$50 () Non-Resident with meals - \$90
- () One Day Over-View without meals - \$30: Which Day? I will attend on _____ Friday _____ Saturday
- () One Day Over-View with meals - \$40: Which Day? I will attend on _____ Friday _____ Saturday

STUDENT INFORMATION: Please PRINT CLEARLY and complete all information.

Name: _____ (Name for name tag) First Timer? () Yes

Church: _____ District: _____ () Female () Male

Age Level: () Youth () 18 - 29 () 30 - 39 () 40 - 49 () 50 - 59 () 60 & over

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: () _____

CHOOSE YOUR MISSION STUDY:

Resident & Non-Resident Students, which Mission Study do you prefer? Note: All full-time students will participate in the Spiritual Growth Study in the Chapel and in a full-time class of their choice.

- () Latin America - Geographic Study or () Climate Justice - Social Issue Study

One-Day Overview Students, which Mission Study do you prefer?

- () The Bible and Human Sexuality - Spiritual Study or () Climate Justice - Social Issue Study

Workshop for Children's Leaders (4:15 pm Friday or Saturday): () I plan to attend this workshop.

- PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: Are you a ...** () Conference Officer () District Officer
- () Local Officer () Unit/Circle Member () UMW Stipend Recipient () Mission Personnel
- () Deaconess () Clergy () School Study Leader

PLEASE CHECK IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP AT *Mission u* as a:

- () Golf Cart Driver () Class Hostess (Assisting the study leader each day as needed) () Classroom Tech Support
- () Class Secretary (Taking roll in classes each day and turning the roster in at the end of the school.)

REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 5, 2016

Make Checks payable to: UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Mail Check and Registration form to:

Virginia Robinson
2141 Millstone Drive
Morganton, NC 28655

Mission u 2016
Residential Youth CAMP!
July 21-24
Pfeiffer University,
48380 U.S. Highway 52N
Misenheimer, NC 28109

Resident Youth Camp is providing the opportunity for up to 20 high school students or recent graduates to participate in study, worship, fellowship and hands-on ministry!



Theme: "Joining Voices for Climate Justice"

This is a study for young people regarding the issue of climate change as both a justice and faith issue. You will learn about our "consume and dispose" society, the implications of climate change for our planet, how communities are responding, and how communities of faith can respond.

Leaders: Sherry Sink and Renee Hayes

COST: \$175 per student. The expectation is that the student will pay \$50 towards the experience with their local church/UMW unit paying the balance of \$125.

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 and activities through the Center for Outdoor Leadership. 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 - 2016 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 2016-2017 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 JULY 5, 2016
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Registration is open May 1-July 5, 2016
All Registrations must be RECEIVED no later than
July 5, 2016

THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE REGISTRATIONS

Call/Email/Text Questions or Concerns to
Sherry Sink/[336-880-2663](tel:336-880-2663)/sherrysink@gmail.com

or

Dana McKim/dana.mckim@pfeiffer.edu



Permission/Medical Release Form for *Mission u* 2016

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
2016 *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 21-24, 2016. 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