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Annual Meeting
United Methodist Women
Western North Carolina Conference
September 7, 8 and 9, 2012
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina
ARTICLE X: RULES OF ORDER

Section 1: Rules Of Order For Annual Meeting Of The Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

A. General Information
   1. Meetings shall open and close at the times stipulated in the official program.
   2. Members and guests shall wear nametags at all times to all functions to indicate delegate status.
   3. During voting sessions (business sessions) delegates shall be seated within a designated voting bar.
   4. Members and visitors not designated as delegates shall be seated elsewhere.

B. New Business
   1. All new business that has not been considered by the Executive Committee of the Conference shall be presented in writing to the Secretary twenty-four (24) hours prior to being considered by the voting delegates.
   2. Proposed Resolutions must be submitted in writing to the Conference President sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of the Conference Annual Meeting.

C. Motions
   1. All motions except on matters of procedure shall be written and signed by the maker and furnished to the Chair before action is taken.
   2. The Secretary, unless directed otherwise, shall not record motions ruled out of order, points of order on which no appeal is taken, or trivial matters of privilege.

D. Debate
   1. In seeking recognition from the Chair, a member must stand to address the Chair and, upon being recognized, state his or her name before making comment or motion.
   2. The maker of a motion in preference to any other delegate shall be entitled to the floor immediately after the motion is stated.
   3. Debate shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes per topic.
   4. No delegate shall speak to a motion a second time until all others have been given the opportunity to speak.
   5. No delegate shall speak more than twice on the same question on the same day, nor more than two (2) minutes at one time without consent of the body.
   6. General consent shall be required if additional time is to be given.

E. Voting Membership
   The voting body of the Conference organization shall be composed of the following persons:
   1. One representative of each local unit of fifty (50) members or less, with one additional representative for each additional fifty (50) members in the unit.
   2. All District officers and chairpersons of District Committees.
   3. Past Presidents of the former Western North Carolina Conference Woman’s and Women’s Societies of Christian Service, Past Presidents of the former North Carolina-Virginia Conference Women’s Society of Christian Service, former Secretaries of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and Conference Past Presidents of the United Methodist Women now living within the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference (the Conference organization assumes no financial responsibility for this group).
   4. District Presidents, as members of the Conference Executive Committee.
   5. Conference officers and chairpersons of committees.
   6. Any member of the Women’s Division or of the Jurisdiction organization residing within the bounds of the Conference.
   7. The resident Bishop.
   8. The President of the Jurisdiction Deaconess Association if residing within the bounds of the Conference.
   9. All elected members-at-large.

F. Delegates For Quorum
   A quorum shall be a simple majority of the delegates registered for the meeting.

G. Parliamentary Authority
   1. Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority.
   2. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates is required to suspend or amend these rules.

There's an opportune time to do things, a right time for everything on the earth: a right time for birth and another for death, a right time to plant and another to reap, a right time to kill and another to heal, a right time to destroy and another to construct, a right time to cry and another to laugh, a right time to lament and another to cheer, a right time to make love and another to abstain, a right time to embrace and another to part, a right time to search and another to count your losses, a right time to hold on and another to let go, a right time to rip out and another to mend, a right time to shut up and another to speak up, a right time to love and another to hate, a right time to wage war and another to make peace.

But in the end, does it really make a difference what anyone does? I've had a good look at what God has given us to do—busywork, mostly. True, God made everything beautiful in itself and in its time—but he's left us in the dark, so we can never know what God is up to, whether he's coming or going. I've decided that there's nothing better to do than go ahead and have a good time and get the most we can out of life. That's it—eat, drink, and make the most of your job. It's God's gift. I've also concluded that whatever God does, that's the way it's going to be, always. No addition, no subtraction. God's done it and that's it. That's so we'll quit asking questions and simply worship in holy fear. Whatever was, is. Whatever will be, is. That's how it always is with God.

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Mildred Carter, President
Tonya Lanier, Vice President
Chair of Program Committee
Shelby Ford, President
Hostess District – Albemarle

2012 Program Committee
Tonya Lanier ~ Chairperson, Mildred Carter, Elizabeth Lookabill, Julia Willis, Sandy Hieronymus, Martha Phillips, Virginia Robinson, Sherry Sink, Ann Aldridge, Janice Lentz, Shelby Ford, and Maureen Carr

Please be considerate and turn off your cell phone during all sessions.
**FRIDAY EVENING**
Gathering Praise – 6:45 P.M. Rhonda Smith & Karen Terpenning

**We Gather for Welcome – 7:00 P.M.**

Call to Annual Meeting Mildred Carter
Conference President

Greetings from Lake Junaluska Dr. Jack Ewing
Executive Director, Lake Junaluska

Greetings from Host District Superintendent Reverend Samuel H. Moore, Jr.
Uwharrie District Superintendent

Greetings from the Hostess District Shelby Ford
Albemarle District President

Announcements Tonya Lanier
Conference Vice President

Presentation of Guests & Program Participants

**We Gather for Worship**

Call to Worship: *Greetings to the Sisterhood* Jamie Smith
Northeast District

Leader: We meet in different churches; in different towns.

All: We can speak different languages and sing different hymns.

Leader: We wear different clothing and have different talents and gifts.

All: Yet, as we gather together, we become one strong body of Christ.

Leader: We join together on one journey; all striving toward a better world.

All: Let us join with our sisters in true communion with God.

Leader: in the strength of Christ’s presence,

All: and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

*(Adapted from Call to Worship from 2012 General Conference Program Book, Copyright 2012, The United Methodist Church)*
*Hymn:  *Bind Us Together*  
Prayer Calendar / Evening Prayer  
Sheila Barrell  
Salisbury District

Liturgical Dance “*There Will Come A Day*” by Faith Hill  
Morgan Smith

The Message:  
Bishop Larry Goodpaster  
Bishop of The Western North Carolina Conference

*Hymn:  *Lead Me Lord*  
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*Benediction*  
Barbara Hart  
North Wilkesboro District

**Postlude**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**SATURDAY MORNING**

**Gathering Praise – 8:30 A.M.**  
Rhonda Smith & Karen Terpenning

**We Rejoice in God’s Mission – 8:45 A.M.**

*Opening Hymn: *This is the Day*  
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Prayer Calendar / Opening Prayer  
Kris Peurifoy  
Salisbury District

**Business Session**  
Mildred Carter, President  
Elizabeth Lookabill, Secretary  
Vernie Hollifield, Parliamentarian

- VOTING DELEGATES SHOULD SIT IN SECTIONS 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 (A-L) OR ON STAGE -

**Devotion in Motion**  
Shirley Hickok and Dori Thurman

*Please feel free to visit the restroom or move around while we reset the stage for the next part of our business session.*

**Funny Business**  
---Who Moved my Line?---

- There will be a brief intermission - Please reserve Section 6 for our guests -
Telling the Story of Mission

Welcome

Virginia Robinson
Mission Education & Interpretation Coordinator

Special Guests:
Active & Retired Mission Personnel, Church & Community Workers,
Deaconesses and Other Special Mission Guests

Processional Hymn: You Are the Seed
Please remain seated.

Presentation

Virginia Robinson

Special Music
Rhonda Smith & Karen Terpenning

Pledge Service: M&Ms - Me and Missions
Julia Willis, Virginia Robinson
and District Treasurers

Love Offering
Julia Willis
Conference Treasurer

Offertory Music
Rhonda Smith & Karen Terpenning

*Offertory Response: Give Thanks
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The Hearing of the Word: Ecclesiastes 3: 1 - 15
Sherry Sink
Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator

Mission Address: We Can Make a Difference
Reverend Pam Carter
WNCC Mission Specialist

Recession of Guests

Please remain seated as our honored guests depart the auditorium. These persons are our
special guests for lunch at the Terrace and Lambuth Inn. After our benediction, as you go
to lunch, please help us host our guests by allowing them to go to the front of the line.

Hymn: The Summons &
Great is Thy Faithfulness
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*Benediction
Ann Aldridge
Secretary of Program Resources

Postlude
*Please stand as you are able.
MISSION LUNCH
You are invited to join our mission guests for lunch in the dining rooms of both the Terrace and Lambuth Inn. Seats have been reserved. Please make these very special people feel welcomed!

SATURDAY AFTERNOON
Gathering Praise - 1:45 P.M. Rhonda Smith & Karen Terpenning

As Time Goes By - 2:00 P.M. Lynne Gilbert
Welcome and Introduction Women’s Division Director

Deaconess: Is this a Calling for You? Class of 2012 Commissioned Deaconesses
Carol Bruder, Eva Gunnings, Sybil Perrell, Ruth Williamson

Special Presentations Mildred Carter & Julia Willis

Hymn: This is a Day of New Beginnings Page 383 UMH

Do You Hear What I Hear? Jennifer Davis
Director of Discipleship Ministry for WNCC

Hymn: Pass It On Page 572 UMH

Prayer of Celebration Linda Coleman
Winston Salem District

Celebration of New Districts Mildred Carter & Tonya Lanier

Closing / Dismissal to District Celebration Areas

~ New District Celebrations ~
Each of the new 8 districts will gather for people to greet those with whom they will be working, serving and praying with.

Appalachian District - Terrace Lobby (2nd Floor)
Blue Ridge District - Terrace Room 316
Catawba Valley District - Harrell Center 103 (Media Room)
Metro District - Tent (Edgewater Bistro)
Northern Piedmont District - Terrace Room 319
Smoky Mountain District - Harrell Center Porch
Uwharrie District - Harrell Center Susan Todd Lounge
Yadkin Valley District - Harrell Center 202
SATURDAY EVENING

Gathering Praise - 6:45 P.M.  Rhonda Smith & Karen Terpenning

Called To The Future - 7:00 P.M.

Evening Prayer  Nillah Cody
Statesville District

Dedication of the Annual Report Book  Vernie Hollifield
Charlotte District

A Time of Appreciation - Honoring Outgoing Officers  Mildred Carter & Julia Willis

Installation of New Officers  Dixie Liggett
Women’s Division Director

Special Music  Rhonda Smith & Karen Terpenning

The Hearing of the Word:  I Corinthians 9 - 11 &
II Corinthians 5:17  Carolyn Payne
Winston Salem District

President’s Address:  Past, Present, Future  Mildred Carter

*Hymn:  Many Gifts, One Spirit  Page 114 UMH

*Benediction  Betty Durham
Greensboro District

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

LATE NIGHT AT ANNUAL MEETING

(For Young Women and the Young at Heart)

Immediately following the Saturday Evening Session
until 10:30 P.M.

Downstairs Auditorium of Harrell Center

Shuttle Service

The Lake Junaluska shuttle service will run until 10:45 P.M.
for persons attending Late Night.
SUNDAY MORNING
Singing at the Cross & Sunday School – 8:30 – 9:30 A.M.

Please choose between ……

1. Sunday School - *Immigration and the Bible*
   - Reverend Alec Alvord
   - OR -

2. Singing at the Cross
   - Jane Smith
   - Gastonia District

Gathering Praise – 9:45 A.M.

- Rhonda Smith & Karen Terpenning

We Gather to Praise and Glorify God – 10:00 A.M.

Announcements
- Tonya Lanier

Call to Worship
- Jo Pyatt
  - Marion District

Special Selection: *Do Not Fear, For You are Mine*
- 2012 UMW Choir

Prayer Calendar / Opening Prayer
- Jaclyn Nelson
  - Winston Salem District

*Hymn: *Hymn of Promise*
- Page 707 UMH

Memorial Service: *Butterflies are Free!*
- Sandy Hieronymus
  - Mission Coordinator Spiritual Growth

Liturgical Dance "Take Me to the King” by Tamela Mann
- Morgan Smith

The Hearing of the Word:
- Revelation 21:5; Luke 8: 1 – 3; Matthew 25:40
  - Maureen Carr
  - Asheville District

The Message: *Times of Change*
- Dixie Liggett
  - Women’s Division Director

Hymn: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*
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Communion
- Reverend A. Gayle Ford, Celebrant
  - Eva Gunnings, Celebrant

A Service of Word & Table II
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Music Medley

Dedication of Gift to Mission Cards

All: Most gracious and loving Father, as we begin the Reconstruction of United Methodist Women in the Western North Carolina Conference, we remember that our purpose is to women, youth and children of the world. Our focus remains on Mission. We dedicate these Gifts to Mission cards to your service and may the givers always remain in mission for You. AMEN.

*Hymn: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Closing Litany

Leader: Lord, we’ve stood here before you this weekend

All: challenged, uncomfortable, nervous and looking forward to tomorrow.

Leader: But we know you were present.

All: We understand that you alone can direct us

Leader: direct us along a journey that is uncertain and unclear.

All: You have given us gifts of sisters who serve as witnesses to your grace.

Leader: Help us leave here aware that you are at the center of our being

All: and of a community focused on doing your work.

Leader: Fill us with the Holy Spirit

All: and love of Christ so that we may feel it ourselves and share it with the world. Amen.

(Adapted from the 2012 SARSCM Program Book, That All Might have Life)

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Song: They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.
Program Participants

Bishop Larry Goodpaster – Bishop Larry Goodpaster was born in Memphis, Tennessee and spent his childhood in northern Indiana before moving to Senatobia, Mississippi. Ordained a Deacon in 1971 and an Elder in 1974 in the North Mississippi Conference, Bishop Goodpaster served as a pastor in Mississippi for the next 27 years. At the time of his election to the episcopacy, he was Senior Pastor at the First United Methodist Church in Tupelo, Mississippi. He was a delegate to three General Conferences, four Jurisdictional Conferences and was elected to the episcopacy at the 2000 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference and assigned to the Alabama-West Florida Conference, where he served until 2008 when he was assigned to the Western North Carolina Conference. In May 2010, Bishop Goodpaster assumed the role as President of the Council of Bishops, which carries a two year term.

Reverend Samuel Moore, Jr. - Rev. Samuel H. Moore, Jr., is a graduate of Greensboro College, Greensboro, North Carolina (B.A. Degree in Religion); Duke University Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina (Master of Divinity Degree); and Drew University, Madison, New Jersey (Doctor of Ministry Degree). Rev. Moore has pastored at: St. Peter UMC and Ferree’s Chapel UMC in Randleman, NC, 1982-1990; Central UMC in Thomasville, North Carolina, 1990-1995; St. Paul UMC and Wesley Chapel UMC in Reidsville, North Carolina, 1995-2001; and St. Matthews UMC in Greensboro, North Carolina, 2001-2008. He currently is the District Superintendent of the Uwharrie District of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference. Sam is married to Marva Lowe and they have five children, twelve grandchildren, and a great grandchild.

Reverend Alec Alvord – Retired, Western North Carolina Conference - Alec has served Christ through the United Methodist Church in countless ways, including as Director of Missions and Outreach, Director of Volunteer Response Ministries for the Western North Carolina Conference, and as a missionary in Africa with his wife and partner, Dot.

Reverend A. Gayle Ford - Rev. Ford retired in 2000 after serving 40 years as a pastor in the Western North Carolina Conference. He is currently in his ninth year as Associate Pastor of Central United Methodist Church in Monroe. He has directed the Golden Cross Ministry, a Conference approved mission specially supported by United Methodist Women’s units throughout the Conference. Rev. Ford is married to Shelby Ford, (Albemarle District President). They have been married for 51 years and have a daughter Karen, a son Jimmy and his wife Jenni, and a granddaughter Ella, age 18 months. They make their home at Indian Trail.

Reverend Pam Carter – Rev. Carter is an ordained elder in the Western North Carolina Conference. She has served in several churches throughout the conference, and currently is the Mission Specialist of the Western North Carolina Conference. Pam has a passion for Haiti and has been there over a dozen times. She is married to Rev. Dr. Ken Carter and
together they have two daughters, Liz and Abby. Ken was elected Bishop in July and the Carters have moved from Lake Junaluska to Lakeland Florida where Bishop Carter presides over the Florida Conference.

**Dixie Liggett** - Dixie Liggett retired after 44 years as a registered nurse. She is married to her husband Larry, and they have two grown children. She has served as a Conference Officer, a member of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Core Planning Group, and most recently as a Women’s Division Director. She is currently on the Advisory Board of Brooks-Howell Home.

**Jennifer Davis** - Jennifer Davis is a member of Epworth UMC in Gastonia. She currently serves as Director of Discipleship Ministry for Western North Carolina Conference. She began this work on July 1, 2010. After a long and successful career with IBM, Jennifer retired in 1993, and formed her own company (Jennifer Davis and Associates, LLC) which concentrated on leadership development, team building, executive coaching and employee relations. In addition, she has served as the Gastonia District Lay Leader and Chairperson of the District Superintendency Committee and the Board of Directors of The Children's Home in Winston Salem. She was a member of the Western North Carolina Reorganization Task Force and elected lay delegate to the 2008 and 2012 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. She is currently serving as a board member of the General Commission on Religion and Race.

**Morgan Smith** - Morgan Smith has been dancing for six years. She is in her fifth year of competitive ballet, lyrical, jazz, tap, pre-Pointe and third year of gymnastic training at The Perfect Step Dance Studio in Gastonia, North Carolina. Morgan was once a Tae Kwon Do competitor and placed 2nd in her first competitive fight. Morgan is a professionally trained model, having been classically trained by world-renowned model Mr. Leon Craig. In addition to her Tae Kwon Do award, Morgan placed first in a local beauty contest in the same month. She is an entrepreneur operating her own craft business called “Morgan's Workshop.” In July of this year, Morgan earned the first place title in her first national solo competition at the KAR National Dance Competition in Myrtle Beach, SC. She is the daughter of Maurice and Monica Smith and the granddaughter of Fred and Jennifer Davis. She is 11 years old, the middle child of three children, and a 6th grader at Southwest Middle School. Morgan and her family all live in Gastonia, North Carolina, where they attend Epworth United Methodist Church.

**Karen Terpenning** - Karen Terpenning has always been a part of church music somewhere, somehow, or least as long as she can remember. She was the raised the daughter of a pastor, and began playing piano in church and singing with her siblings as early as the age of ten. Over the past 30 years she has continued to provide music in some capacity within local schools and churches; whether as Director of Music, Fine-Arts Coordinator, Choir Director, or Organist/Pianist. Karen is presently employed as Director of Music Ministries at Huntersville United Methodist Church in Huntersville, North Carolina, and also teaches private lessons from her home studio. She holds a BA degree in Sacred Music from God's
Bible College, Cincinnati, Ohio. Karen and her husband have four grown children and three grandchildren. They reside in Concord, North Carolina.

**Rhonda Smith** - Rhonda Smith is a life-long musical worship enthusiast. Rhonda has been accompanying congregations, conducting performances, and leading communities in the joyful and intimate worship of Jesus Christ all around the United States and Caribbean. Rhonda holds a Bachelor in Music Education from Hobe Sound Bible College, a Master of Sacred Music from Bob Jones University, a Master of Liberal Studies (Music Concentration) from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and an Educational Specialist post-graduate degree from Appalachian State University, as well as a Certificate in Christian Studies from Asbury Theological Seminary. Rhonda is also one of approximately 800 certified American Guild of Organists, has taught private voice, piano and organ for over 30 years and community college classes for 14 years. Rhonda has been married to the love of her life, David, for 34 years, and is the proud "Marme" of her grandsons, Joseph Sullivan II and Benjamin David. Rhonda currently serves as the Director of Music at First United Methodist Church in Hickory, NC.

**Jane Smith** - Jane Smith is the Gastonia District UMW President and a member of First UMC in Gastonia, where she met James, her husband of 41 years. They have two sons and three grandchildren. Jane loves Bible study and has led Disciple I, II and IV in her church and has been a leader in Community Bible Study in Gastonia. She sings in the Chancel choir at First UMC where she has been a faithful member of the choir for 45 years. She also loves musical theater. Jane and James have appeared in over 20 plays in their church theater and the Little Theater of Gastonia. Other hobbies include reading, water aerobics and playing dominoes. “I look forward to leading this ‘Singing at The Cross.’ A few years back this cross was renovated and repaired by a wonderful friend and member of my church, Al Bohanan. He died this year, so I dedicate my song leading to our Lord and to Al Bohanan.”

--- Special Thanks ---

The Program Committee would also like to thank the following individuals and groups for sharing their talents and gifts for this meeting:

- Shelby Ford and all of the women of the Albemarle District
- All of the District Mission Teams for your support and help in many ways
- Members of the Conference Executive Committee and the willing volunteers from the District Teams
- To the melodious voices who volunteered for the 2012 UMW Choir!
- Our gracious hostesses who served our persons in mission for the mission lunch
- Our Class of 2012 Commissioned Deaconesses for sharing their stories!
- Shirley Hickok & Dori Thurman for sharing their energy through Devotion in Motion
- The Lake Junaluska Assembly staff
- Most of all a big thanks to Y-O-U! YOU make mission possible! Without you our Annual Meeting would not be as interesting and exciting. Thank YOU for coming!
Your generous monetary gifts help to relieve suffering and improve the quality of life for women, children & youth by providing food, clean water, clothing, health care, education, community centers, missionary support and funds for a variety of other worthy mission projects around the world.

For the ELEVENTH consecutive year, WNCC UMW was “#1” in our Mission Giving. Based on financial reports from Women’s Division, we ranked first in the nation in the following categories:

- Special Mission Recognition
- Gift to Mission
- World Thank Offering
- Total Undesignated Giving
- Total Giving
- Call to Prayer & Self Denial

Our 2011...

- Conference PLEDGE TO MISSION of $820,000 was met...sending $820,500 to Women’s Division in undesignated Mission Giving
- Financial Goal was “To Increase the Number of Local Units Giving in ALL Five Channels of Mission Giving by 10%”...we only had an increase of 1%
- Conference Love Offering $24,831.86
- Walk for Mission $11,362.24*
- Spiritual Growth Retreat Love Offering $7,604.62*
- School of Christian Mission Love Offering $1,945.00*
- Designated Funds to Women’s Division $95,242.35
- Designated Funds to Other Projects $9,008.33

* indicates an increase over previous year

Thank you for your continuing commitment to MISSION GIVING. You have been so generous to respond to the call of MISSION as you contribute to your local units, District and Conference Love Offerings. You Make Mission Possible.

"The sun never sets on United Methodist Women’s giving...”

Julia A. Willis, Conference Treasurer

Report on Mission Education & Interpretation

The United Methodist Women of the Western North Carolina Conference are truly awesome. No matter what is asked of the local units they continue to respond with open hearts. The response to the hands-on opportunity at the Spiritual Growth Retreat for 2012 was phenomenal. We collected 35 layettes, 108 health kits, 76 cleaning buckets, 361
school kits, 2 sewing kits, and 3,036 birthing kits. These numbers represent $38,490 in mission giving. At the School of Mission we collected 2,074 health kits, 192 birthing kits, 38 cleaning buckets, and 41 school kits, for a total of $30,238 in mission giving. Combined with the collection at Spiritual Growth, the total value of kits sent to UMCOR is $68,728. Thank you for being in mission to women, children, and youth around the world!

Virginia Robinson, Conference Mission Coordinator Education & Interpretation

Report of the Scholarship Committee

The 2012 Scholarship Committee met at Pfeiffer University on March 24, 2012. One of the most rewarding experiences of being in mission is the opportunity to shape the lives of our youth. We have a wonderful group of young adults following in our footsteps. We on the Scholarship Committee get to see the hopes and dreams of so many persons who are answering God’s call by their choice of life plans. We were so impressed at how God has played such an important role in these young people’s lives.

We awarded $27,850.26 in scholarships to ten applicants. This included eight returning students and two first year students. Five of these students will be attending Pfeiffer University, two will be at Greensboro College, and three will attend High Point University. Their future life choices were varied from Christian Education, to Ministry, to the medical profession. Once again the United Methodist Women will be impacting not only these ten lives, but possibly hundreds of people through their work.

It is such a privilege to serve God through UMW and the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship Committee Members for 2012: Mildred Carter, Julia Willis, Virginia Robinson, Jane Norman, Jenny Spradley and Janice Lentz.

Patricia Gilbert, Conference Scholarship Chairperson

Report of the School of Christian Mission

The 2012 Conference School of Christian Mission was held Thursday, July 26 through Sunday, July 29. The theme for the 2012 Conference School was “That All May Have Life.” This was our second year at Pfeiffer University and they welcomed us with open arms. So did our hostess district, the Albemarle District led by President Shelby Ford.

There were 317 registered students and this included the one-day overview students. The students that attended were 154 full time and non-resident students. There were 149 one-day overview students and 1 teen woman. We also had 59 first timers!!!!!

All full time students took the Spiritual Growth Study, “Immigration and the Bible.” Our Study Leader for the Spiritual Growth Study was Dr. Philip Wingier-Ray. Reverend Wesley Smith led the one-day overview classes on “Immigration and the Bible.” The repeat study was the Geographical Study, “Haiti: Challenges and Hopes,” and was led by the Reverend Pam Carter. The Social Issue Study was, “Poverty” and there were 6 classes for this study. The Study Leaders for “Poverty” were Lisa Bacon, Reverend George Coates, Reverend Alexis Coleman, Reverend Heather Kilbourne, Pamela Moye and Reverend Melissa Swofford. Sherry Sink led the one-day overview classes on the “Poverty” study. The Teen
Leader was Margo Bowman and the teen study was “Hope for Haiti.” Margo’s helper was Virginia Robinson.

Our music leaders were Bonnie Burkett, Sara Wasserboehre, and Jackie Kerr. Lynne Gilbert and Sara Williams were our technicians in the chapel and this year we were able to offer live streaming to the sessions there. Linda Reep was our roving technician helping the study leaders in their classrooms with technical issues.

On Friday and Saturday afternoon the students had the opportunity to attend a Workshop for Leaders of Children learning about the Children’s Mission Study on “Poverty”, “The Girl Under the Bridge.” Or, they could choose the membership workshop on “Help Our Membership Is Going Down” led by Tonya Lanier. A Poverty Simulation was offered to everyone on Saturday evening. Students took part of the simulation as families living in poverty. It was an eye opener for all who participated.

The 2012 Conference School of Christian Mission was the last of its kind for two reasons. It was the last with all 15 districts as we know it and next year the name will change. It will be called “Mission u”.

I would like to extend a sincere thanks to all those who had a part in this year’s school. I feel so blessed to have been the Dean of the 2012 Conference School of Christian Mission. The School of Christian Mission is where we see our education and interpretation at work as well as our PURPOSE.

Karen Wilkerson, Dean, Conference School of Christian Mission

**Spiritual Growth Retreat**

Being at beautiful Lake Junaluska is a retreat in and of itself. United Methodist Women from across the conference gathered there on June 15-16, 2012, for the annual Spiritual Growth Retreat. The theme was *Walk with Hope.* The Reverend Karen Christy Kurtz, Oak Ridge United Methodist Church, was the speaker. She spoke on these aspects of hope in her three messages: The WORK of hope - without the words, The LANGUAGE of hope - in spite of words, and The PROMISE of hope - through the Word. Karen’s brother Reverend J. Paul Christy, Highland United Methodist Church, was the celebrant for communion.

Beautiful, inspiring music filled Stuart Auditorium. The music team consisted of Jane and James Smith and Susan Lisle. They attend First United Methodist Church, Gastonia. Jane was the soloist, Susan was the pianist, and James was the organist. After the first session, The Lake Junaluska Singers, presented a concert. Dr. Melodie Galloway directed the 16-voice ensemble.

Many of the 919 in attendance contributed to the hands-on project of birthing kits. Over 3,000 birthing kits, and other kits, filled the Mission Response Center truck. These kits go to support the work of UMCOR. The Love Offering was given to Mission Giving as an undesignated gift.

We left Lake Junaluska renewed with hope and joy. *We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul. Hebrews 6:19.*

Sandy Hieronymus, Conference Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth
Communications Report

The Conference Newsletter, Conference Gram, is mailed 4 times a year to Conference Officers, District Officers, and Local Unit Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Circle Chairs. It is accessible to everyone online. In 2011, 12,075 Conference Grams were printed and mailed for a total cost of $5499.52.

Conference Website:  www.wnccumw.org

Remember the Initials:

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women.org

Sign up on the website to join over 4000 members of the email list. Get notification of district newsletters and conference events. Stay informed about UMW happenings! Join Western North Carolina United Methodist Women on Facebook.

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Janice Lentz, Conference Communications Coordinator

Membership Nurture and Outreach Report

At the South Atlantic Regional School of Christian Mission, the Western North Carolina Conference of United Methodist Women received a Silver Certificate in recognition for organizing three or more units in 2011. Those units that were organized were Sandy Plains in the Albemarle District, Harrison in the Charlotte District and North Caldwell in the North Wilkesboro District. Also, University City in the Lake Norman District was reorganized. We are 29,388 United Methodist Women strong in the Western North Carolina Conference.

Sherry Sink,
Conference Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach

Social Action Report


At our 2011 Annual Meeting, Dr. Aleese Moore-Orbih presented a wonderful program on Domestic Violence. The information and insights Dr. Moore-Orbih gave us were shared in local units, district events including district leadership training meetings, and in local churches. Increased collaboration with local women's shelters was reported by districts and local units.

United Methodist Women continued their support of passage of the Violence Against Women Act and the International Violence Against Women Act. The Violence Against Women Act expired in 2011 and has been reintroduced in Congress.
Ernestine Upchurch won the Social Action Award in 2011. There was an increase of 2.5% in local unit membership in the Charter Club in 2011. We fell short of our goal to increase local unit membership in the Charter Club by 10%. There is still time to make Charter Club membership a priority for your local unit for 2012.

Martha Phillips, Conference Mission Coordinator for Social Action

What’s Next for United Methodist Women?

On May 1, 2012, General Conference approved a proposal from the General Board of Global Ministries and the Women’s Division making United Methodist Women its own agency within The United Methodist Church. The national policymaking body of women organized for mission is becoming structurally separated from Global Ministries for the first time in more than 70 years. At the same time, the two entities are affirming new and existing areas of mission connection.

General Conference also approved recommendations from United Methodist Women that will provide structural connection between United Methodist Women members, their national policymaking body and the ministries they support.

United Methodist Women’s national policymaking body, the Women’s Division, will be called United Methodist Women, and its Board of Directors will continue to be responsible for setting budgets, policies and raising funds for mission. Women’s Division staff will be transferred to United Methodist Women’s national office effective October 1, 2012.

The PURPOSE of Women’s Division

The Women’s Division shall be actively engaged in fulfilling the mission of Christ and the Church and shall interpret the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women. With continuing awareness of the concerns and responsibilities of the Church in today’s world, the Women’s Division shall be an advocate for the oppressed and dispossessed with special attention to the needs of women and children; shall work to build a supportive community among women; and shall engage in activities that foster growth in the Christian faith, mission education, and Christian social involvement.

The 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.
2012 Conference Officers

President        Mildred Carter
Vice President   Tonya Lanier
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Treasurer        Julia Willis

Mission Coordinators:
- Spiritual Growth        Sandy Hieronymus
- Membership Nurture & Outreach    Sherry Sink
- Social Action        Martha Phillips
- Education & Interpretation    Virginia Robinson

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Dean, School of Christian Mission: Karen Wilkerson
Chair, Committee on Nominations: Lisa Bacon
Members, Committee on Nominations: Bess Redmond, Mem Luther, Michelene Mathews, Lisa Bacon, Albertina McGirt, Rosemary Mical, Kim Keyse, Dixie Tyson, Patricia Shoffner *
SEJ Leadership Team Nominations: Amy Johnson
Women's Division Directors: Lynne Gilbert & Dixie Liggett
Resident Bishop: Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster

*Filling Unexpired Term

2012 District Presidents

Albemarle        Shelby Ford
Asheville        Maureen Carr
Charlotte        Jane Norman
Gastonia         Jane Smith
Greensboro       Betty Durham
High Point        Emily Johnson
Lake Norman      Mary Barker
Lexington        Jenny Spradley
Marion           Jo Pyatt
Northeast        Jill Joyner
North Wilkesboro Barbara Hart
Salisbury        Kris Peurifoy
Statesville      Nillah Cody
Waynesville      Julie Leatherwood
Winston-Salem    Linda Coleman

2013 - 2014 Mission Officers

Dean: Sandrea Williamson
Assistant Dean: Lynda Morris
Housing Manager: Dianne Beam
Business Manager: Sandy Letchworth
Nominees for 2013 - 2014

Mission Coordinator, Education & Interpretation  Rebecca Wright
Communications Coordinator  Vicki Walker
Committee on Charter for Racial Justice  Jenny Spradley
Committee on Charter for Racial Justice  Patricia Settle
Member, Committee on Nominations (Class of 2013)  Patricia Shoffner *
Member, Committee on Nominations (Class of 2016)  Sibyl Long
Member, Committee on Nominations (Class of 2016)  Susie Parks

*To fill an unexpired term

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Looking Ahead to 2013

WNCC UMW Legislative Event - May 4 - Location TBD

Spiritual Growth Retreat - June 14 - 15 - Lake Junaluska
    “Faithful Living”

Mission u - July 18 - 21 - Pfeiffer University

WNCC UMW Annual Meeting - September 6, 7, 8 - Lake Junaluska

Visit Our
Conference Web Site!
You can find lots of information at our conference web site. Conference event information, registration forms, Mission Today resources, the Conference Gram, and links to the many resources available on the Women’s Division web site are just a few of the things you can find there.

Our web address is:  www.wnccumw.org

Join Our Conference Email List!
If you are interested in receiving email periodically with Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women information, updates, the Conference Gram, etc., go to the website and sign up. Also, find us at www.facebook.com/wnccumw, at www.twitter.com/wnccumw, and at www.youtube.com/user/wnccumw.

Join now!
Welcome to Lake Junaluska
For the 39th Annual Meeting
of United Methodist Women
of the Western North Carolina Conference

Meeting Registration:

Friday: Downstairs in the Harrell Center Auditorium
2:00 - 6:45 P.M. and after the evening session

Saturday: Stuart Auditorium, Lobby - 8:00 A.M. & after morning session

Prayer Room: Memorial Chapel (Open all weekend)

Program Resources & Social Action Area:

Friday Downstairs in the Auditorium of Harrell Center
2:00 - 6:45 P.M.

Saturday 12:45 - 1:45 P.M., 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Other Important Schedule Information:

Meal Schedule: Please allow Program Participants, Pages, and Program Committee members to break line since they have responsibilities that limit their time. They can be identified by the red ribbons tied to their nametags. Thank You!

Breakfast 7:00 - 8:30 A.M. Lunch 11:45 - 1:30 P.M. Dinner 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

New District Celebrations: Saturday, September 8 (following 2:00 P.M. session)
Each of the new 8 districts will gather so our ladies can greet those with whom they will be working, serving and praying.

Late Night at Annual Meeting: Immediately following the Saturday evening session, late night entertainment will be provided until 10:30 P.M., downstairs Harrell Center Auditorium. Come share your talent!

Please Note:

★ Persons attending Annual Meeting for the first time have stars on their name tags. We are so glad that you are here. Welcome!

☺ Members of units meeting the Mission Today criteria in 2011 have smiley faces on their nametags. Congratulations!