Annual Meeting

United Methodist Women
Western North Carolina Conference
September 6, 7, and 8, 2013
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina
“Dare to live.......dare to move on.....dare to start again!”
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 United Methodist Women National Office 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.
Scriptural Reference: Isaiah 43:16-19 (from the Message)

This is what God says,
the God who builds a road right through the ocean,
who carves a path through pounding waves,
The God who summons horses and chariots and armies—
they lie down and then can’t get up;
they’re snuffed out like so many candles:
Forget about what’s happened;
don’t keep going over old history.
Be alert, be present. I’m about to do something brand-new.
It’s bursting out! Don’t you see it?
There it is! I’m making a road through the desert,
rivers in the badlands.

40th Annual Meeting
United Methodist Women
Western North Carolina Conference

September 6, 7, and 8, 2013
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Mildred Carter, President

Tonya Lanier, Vice President
Chair of Program Committee

Maureen Carr, President
Hostess District – Blue Ridge

2013 Program Committee
Tonya Lanier - Chairperson, Mildred Carter, Elizabeth Lookabill, Julia Willis, Sandy Hieronymus, Martha Phillips, Rebecca Wright, Sherry Sink, Ann Aldridge, Vicki Walker, Maureen Carr and Jane Smith

Some cell phones and tablets are used for scripture reading and note taking. If you need to use for these purposes, please make sure your devise is silenced. Thanks!

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FRIDAY EVENING
Gathering Praise – 6:45 P.M. Jane & James Smith and Susan Lisle

We Gather for Welcome – 7:00 P.M.
Processional

Call to Annual Meeting Mildred Carter
Conference President

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

Greetings from Host District Superintendent The Reverend Dr. John Boggs
Blue Ridge District Superintendent

Greetings from Hostess District Maureen Carr
Blue Ridge District President

Announcements/Presentation of Guests & Program Tonya Lanier
Conference Vice President

We Gather for Worship
Call to Worship: Greetings to the Sisterhood Lorraine Burns
Appalachian District

Leader: As United Methodist Women, we have heard Christ speak to us!
UMW: We are United Methodist Women committed to mission.

Leader: The mission is God’s, a gift given to us.
UMW: We are United Methodist Women committed to mission.

Leader: We count it a privilege to share in God’s mission in the world.
UMW: We are United Methodist Women committed to mission.

Leader: We are communicators of love in action.
UMW: We are United Methodist Women committed to mission.

Leader: We have a passion for justice and we confront injustices in the world.
UMW: We are United Methodist Women committed to mission.

Leader: We know that mission is from everywhere to everywhere.
UMW: We are United Methodist Women committed to mission.
ALL: Christ has commissioned us, just as he commissioned his disciples, and he
will guide us on our journey together.
*Hymn:  Go, Make of All Disciples  Page 571 UMH

Prayer Calendar / Evening Prayer  Jenny Spradley
Yadkin Valley District

Introduction of National Mission Institutions  Sherry Sink
Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator

**Presentation from Bethlehem Center — Patricia Shouse & Sarah Murray-Stephney**

**Presentation from Bennett College — Natalie McClain**

*Hymn:  This is My Father's World  Page 144 UMH

*Benediction  Esther Megill
Blue Ridge District

Postlude
*Please stand as you are able.

**SATURDAY MORNING**

Gathering Praise – 8:30 A.M.  Jane & James Smith and Susan Lisle

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

*Opening Hymn:  Morning Has Broken  Page 145 UMH

Prayer Calendar / Opening Prayer  Margaret Hardy
Northern Piedmont 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  You’ve Got to Move it....Move it....Move it!

Social Action Award  Martha Phillips
Social Action Coordinator
- There will be a brief intermission - Please reserve Section 6 for our guests -

**Telling the Story of Mission**

Welcome

Rebecca Wright

Mission Education & Interpretation Coordinator

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

Processional Hymn: *Here I am Lord!*

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Please remain seated.

Special Selection

Jane & James Smith and Susan Lisle

Pledge Service: *"I" Is An Important Number!*

Julia Willis, Rebecca Wright and District Officers

Love Offering

Julia Willis

Conference Treasurer

Offertory Music

Jane & James Smith and Susan Lisle

*Offertory Response: Give Thanks*

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The Hearing of the Word: 1 John 5:4-5

Vicki Walker

Communications Coordinator

*Hymn: For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table*

Page 3149 Worship & Song

Mission Address: Jeepneys, Otobis, Eroplanos, and Mobils: Following Christ into "Hidden" Communities

Joy Prim

Mission Intern

Special Presentation

Mildred Carter

**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 be gracious and allow our guests to go to the front of the line.

Hymn: *Go Forth For God & Great is Thy Faithfulness*

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*Benediction & Blessing*

Emily Johnson

Uwharrie District

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. 
Jane & James Smith and Susan Lisle

As Time Goes By – 2:00 P.M.
Welcome and Introduction 
Michelene Mathews
Metro District

Hymn: Jesu, Jesu (verses 1 & 2) 
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Scripture Reading: Luke 10: 38-42 (The Message) 
Elizabeth Lookabill
Conference Secretary

Message: 6000 Miles & a Bag of Rice 
Janet Reep Morgan

Hymn: Jesu, Jesu (verses 3 & 4) 
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Closing/Dismissal 
Jamie Smith
Yadkin Valley District

SATURDAY AFTERNOON OPPORTUNITIES
3:00 – 4:30 PM

Workshop: Tools for Advocacy 
Location: Terrace - Room 319
Facilitator: Martha Phillips

Workshop: Social Media for UMW!
Location: Terrace - Room 316
Facilitator: Lynne Gilbert

Assemble UMCOR Cleaning Buckets 
Location: Harrell Center Room 202
SATURDAY EVENING

Gathering Praise - 6:45 P.M.  
Jane & James Smith and Susan Lisle

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

Evening Prayer  
Sandrea Williamson  
Dean, Mission u

Dedication of the Annual Report Book  
Pat Gilbert  
Scholarship Chairperson

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

Installation of New Officers  
Lynne Gilbert  
Director, National Office

Special Selection  
Jane & James Smith and Susan Lisle

Introduction of National Mission Institutions  
Jane Norman  
Metro District

Presentation from Pfeiffer University – Sherri Barnes

Presentation from Bethlehem Center – Charlotte – Renee Bromfield

*Hymn: Many Gifts, One Spirit  
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*Benediction  
Nancy Reigel  
Appalachian 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  
Downstairs Auditorium of Harrell Center

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 – Living Sacramentally
   Reverend Alec Alvord
   -OR-
2. Singing at the Cross
   Virginia Robinson
   Catawba Valley District

Gathering Praise – 9:45 A.M.
Jane & James Smith and Susan Lisle
We Gather to Praise and Glorify God – 10:00 A.M.
Announcements
   Tonya Lanier
Call to Worship
   Vernie Hollifield
   Metro District
Prayer Calendar / Opening Prayer
   Lisa Bacon
   Chair, Committee on Nominations
Special Selection: I Love You Lord/My Jesus, I Love Thee
   2013 UMW Choir
Presentations
   Julia Willis & Mildred Carter
Memorial Service: Moving On to Perfection!
   Sandy Hieronymus
   Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth
Special Hymn: Blest Are They
   (Congregation may remain seated -join in on chorus)
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The Hearing of the Word: 2 Corinthians 9: 7 - 8
   Patricia Settle
   Conference Historian
President’s Address: Cheerful Givers Move Mission!
   Mildred Carter
   WNCC UMW President
Hymn: O How I Love Jesus!
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Communion
   The Reverend Dr. John Boggs, Blue Ridge District Superintendent
   Maureen Carr, Celebrant
A Service of Word & Table II
Music Medley

Jane & James Smith and Susan Lisle

Dedication of Gift to Mission Cards

Rebecca Wright

All: Loving God, our God of history and hope, how good you have been to us through this first year of 'New Construction' as United Methodist Women in the Western North Carolina Conference, we honor all women over your created world by remembering that our Purpose is to women, youth and children. Our focus remains on MISSION. We dedicate these Gift to Mission cards to your service and may they serve as reminders for us to always remain in mission for You. AMEN

*Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story

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Closing Litany

Tonya Lanier

Leader: Close your eyes, now, open your hands and hearts to God. If you are willing to let God lead your life, please say, “I am willing.”

UMW: I am willing.

Leader: Open your eyes and take the hand of at least one other person. If you are willing to serve your neighbor, say: “I am willing, starting here, starting now.”

UMW: I am willing, starting here, starting now!

Leader: Still holding hands, lift your hands up to God. If you are willing to work together in mission say: “I am willing. Together we can do great things for God.”

UMW: I am willing. Together we can do great things for God!

Leader: Go forth and do not be afraid to do great things for God and God’s people.

UMW: Amen and Amen!

*Blessing and Sending Forth

Mildred Carter

*Song: We Are the Church

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Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.
Program Participants

**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, 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.

**The Reverend Dr. John S. Boggs** - Blue Ridge District Superintendent, was born in Norfolk, Virginia. After graduating from Brevard High School, he obtained an AA degree from Brevard College and later a BA from St. Vincent College (Latrobe, Pa) ’76, a MDiv from Emory University (Atlanta) ’79, and a DMin from Drew University (Madison, NJ) ’88. John is married to Anita Winchester Boggs and they are the parents of two daughters, Sally and Rebekah, and the proud grandparents of two, Grayson 8 and Jenna 4. His appointments are: Etowah, Cullowhee, Lake Junaluska: Long’s Chapel, Charlotte: Sharon, Shelby: Central, Asheville/Blue Ridge District. His ministry interests include missional wisdom movement, worship renewal, equipping laity, transforming connections in the local community, working with children in poverty through public school partnerships. Any free time is spent on golf, traveling and working in the yard or cooking.

**Joy Prim** - Mission Intern - is a mission intern of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church assigned as an outreach associate at the Filipino Migrant Center in Long Beach, California. Joy was commissioned in August 2011. Her international placement was with Mission for Migrant Workers in Hong Kong, where she worked primarily with women in crisis. Joy is currently serving The Filipino Migrant Center in Long Beach where she assists with case intake and follow-through, and helps to strengthen links with area churches and community organizations. Joy is a member of Yadkin Valley United Methodist. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Pfeiffer University. At Pfeiffer, she was for three years a member of the Teen/College Consultative Board of the Women’s Division of Global Ministries, and was a founding member of the United Methodist Women organization at the university.

**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. Alec is presently serving as hospital visitor for Central UMC, Asheville, participates in a weekly intercessory prayer group and leads a Bible Study group at Givens Estates.
Janet Reep Morgan - Mission at Work - Janet grew up in Western Lincoln County on a dairy farm. She is a graduate of Gardner-Webb University with honors. She and her husband, James, live in Lincolnton. Janet is an active member of the United Methodist Women, the American Red Cross, the Col. Potter Cairn Terrier Rescue and Messiah United Methodist Church. Many of Janet’s extended family have been team members of international mission teams including uncles, nieces, nephews, brothers, father and her late mother. While Janet has been part of domestic mission efforts, her first experience outside of the United States was when she traveled to the Philippines as part of the United Methodist Women’s Ubuntu Journey program in September 2012.

Jane & James Smith - Jane Smith is the Catawba Valley District UMW President and a member of First UMC in Gastonia, where she met James, her husband of 43 years. They have two sons and three grandchildren. Jane and James sing in the Chancel choir at First UMC where they have been faithful members of the choir for nearly 50 years. They also love 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, playing dominos, and Jane loves to knit simple scarves. She also loves Duke basketball and Atlanta Braves baseball. James just finished a three year interim as organist for First UMC Gastonia. He is retired from J.A. Jones, Inc. and the Gaston County Family YMCA where he was CFO. He is a trustee of Gaston College and has been Jane’s very able administrative assistant during her term as District UMW President.

Susan Nussbaum Lisle - Pianist - Susan is currently the Music Associate at First United Methodist Church in Gastonia, North Carolina. She leads the older-elementary choir, accompanies the contemporary and youth choirs, and rings in the chancel handbell choir. Susan has a Bachelor of Music Degree from Wittenberg University and is originally from Dayton, Ohio. She is currently the president and music director at the local community theater in Gastonia where she resides with her husband Ted. Their daughter, Meredith, has her Master’s degree in forensic chemistry from Towson University in Baltimore, Maryland and is an SBI Special Agent in Raleigh, NC in the crime laboratory.

- Very Special Appreciations -
The Program Committee would like to thank the following individuals and groups:

- Maureen Carr and all of the women of the Blue Ridge District
- All of the District Mission Teams for your support and help in many, many ways
- Members of the Conference Executive Committee and the willing volunteers from the District Teams
- Our Envisioning the Future Facilitators, Ginger Hightower and Betty Jo Hardy
- The energetic ladies who participated in the processional!
- To the melodious voices who volunteered for the 2013 UMW Choir!
- Our gracious hostesses who served our persons in mission for the mission lunch
- Our National Mission Institution Presenters 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!
Report of the Treasurer

2012 was another excellent year in TOTAL giving through Districts and Conference Love Offerings…
$1,037,487.55

Your generous monetary gifts help in ways you can’t even imagine to relieve suffering and improve the quality of life for women, children & youth. Many of the projects Mission Giving supports builds and sustains schools, clinics and hospitals that will operate well beyond our lifetimes, providing the much needed services in areas around the world.

For the TWELFTH consecutive year, WNCC UMW was “#1” in our Mission Giving. Based on financial reports from the National Office of United Methodist Women, we ranked first in the nation in the following categories:

- Pledge to Mission
- Special Mission Recognition
- Gift to Mission
- Gift in Memory
- World Thank Offering
- Total Undesignated Mission Giving
- Total Giving

Our 2012…
- Conference PLEDGE TO MISSION of $820,250.00 was met…sending $820,315.00 to UMW National Office in undesignated Mission Giving
- Financial Goal was “To Increase Personal Pledges by One Dollar”; we did not reach this goal
- Conference Love Offering $25,085.69*
- 7th Walk for Mission $9,886.32
- Spiritual Growth Retreat Love Offering $7,871.52*
- School of Christian Mission Love Offering $1,749.00
- Designated Funds to United Methodist Women National Office $98,082.15*
- Designated Funds to Other Projects $7,998.00

* indicates an increase over previous year

Thank you for your continuing commitment to MISSION GIVING. In spite of a challenging year that involved additional Administrative & Membership Development (A&MD) expenses related to our districts transition, you were so generous to respond to the call of MISSION as you contributed to your local units, District and Conference. 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 Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church is truly blessed to have wonderful, caring and sharing United Methodist Women who are dedicated to the purpose and goal of this awesome organization where we are bold and determined to be the hands of Jesus around the world. The response to the hands-on opportunity for 2012: Spiritual Growth Retreat, 3,036 birthing kits, 108 health kits, 35 layette kits, 76 cleaning buckets, 361 school kits, 2 sewing kits and $3,494 in cash bringing the total value of $38,490; School of Christian Mission, 2,074 health kits, 192 birthing kits, 4 layette kits, 38 cleaning buckets, 341 school kits and $1,133.00 bringing that total to $30,238; Annual Meeting, 164 Gift to Mission Cards, 383 birthing kits, 392 health kits, 22 layette kits, 111 cleaning buckets, 340 school kits, 22 sewing kits and $953.36 bringing the total to $19,502.36; Officer’s Training, school kits and cash for total of $4,751.00; From district events, $2,309.50. 2012 grand total value of gifts is $95,290.86. Thank you for your commitment to mission for women, children and youth around the world.

Rebecca Wright, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation

Program Resources Report

The sale of reading materials was successful during the 2012 year. Our ability to accept credit cards added to sales and made it more convenient for our members to make purchases. Total Program Resources sales for 2012 was $10,424.72, an increase of $601.25 over 2011 sales.

Two hundred sixty-seven (267) local units in the Western North Carolina Conference reported participation in the Reading Program. A total of 1,193 individuals reported reading following the guidelines of the program which is 4.3% of our membership. There were 47 participants in Plan 4 (requires reading 20 books), but only eight (8) units had women participating in all four plans of the Reading Program. Five districts reported 315 children participating in the Children’s Reading Program.

Metro District had the most readers with Yadkin Valley being second and Catawba Valley third. Catawba Valley had the most units participating in the Reading Program with Yadkin Valley being second and Metro third. Yadkin Valley had the most Plan 4 participants with Metro second and Appalachian third. Metro reported the largest number of children readers; Smoky Mountain was second, and Metro was third.

Ann Aldridge, Secretary of Program Resources

Report of the Scholarship Committee

The 2013 Scholarship Committee met at Pfeiffer University on March 23, 2013. $19,201.71 in scholarships was awarded to six applicants. The recipients included four students who will attend Pfeiffer University, one attending Greensboro College, and two attending High Point University.

Patricia Gilbert, Scholarship Chairperson
Report of Mission u
The Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Women held its first-ever Mission u on the campus of Pfeiffer University, July 18-21, 2013. The total number of participants registered was 301, compared to 317 for the 2012 School of Christian Mission. There were 138 registered for full-time classes, 156 registered for one-day overviews, and 4 teens and one chaperone for the Teen Women Mission Day.

Sandrea Williamson, Dean, Mission u

Spiritual Growth Retreat
United Methodist Women from across the conference gathered at Lake Junaluska 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.

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. The Lake Junaluska Singers presented a concert after the first session. Dr. Melodie Galloway directed the 16-voice ensemble.

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, Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth

Social Action Report
Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women have had a lot to work on this year. Our Charter Club name was changed to Justice Today Unit. We feel this name better reflects the emphasis we place on the Charter for Racial Justice. Studying and reflecting on the Charter for Racial Justice continues being a priority for UMW because injustice is a persistent problem in our country and the world particularly related to women, children, and youth. On May 4 we had a Legislative Day that focused on Human Trafficking in North Carolina. Our speakers reported on the status of legislation related to Human Trafficking in North Carolina and how we can be better advocates for good legislation not only in human trafficking but also for immigration, education, food security, and protection of victims of domestic violence. Those who were not able to attend Legislative Day will be able to learn about how to be an effective advocate at the Saturday workshop at this annual meeting. Social action is a continuous work in progress as we stay educated about the issues and brave in speaking up for effective change.

Martha Phillips, Mission Coordinator for Social Action
Membership Nurture and Outreach Report

There have been some new units added to our districts EVEN with all the changes we went through in 2012. There have been two new units formed during 2012. They were Green Street UMW in the Yadkin Valley District (formerly Winston-Salem district) and Hope UMW in the Blue Ridge District (formerly Asheville district). Rock Grove UMW in the Metro District (formerly Salisbury) was re-chartered. We now have 27,682 members in our Western North Carolina Conference.

Sherry Sink, Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach

Communications Report

The Conference Gram, our Conference newsletter, is published four times a year to highlight Conference events and officer reports. In 2012, a total of 12,075 Conference Grams were printed and mailed for a total cost of $5,499.52. Mailed issues are available for Conference officers, District officers, and Local Unit Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Circle Chairs. An email version is sent to over 4,000 members of the email list, and it is posted on the website to be accessible to everyone.

Conference Website: www.wnccumw.org

Remember the Initials: Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women.org

Vicki Walker, Communications Coordinator

A Year in Mission

This year brought many changes to United Methodist Women, which only strengthened our commitment to mission and capacity to join in God’s work and respond to God’s call. The 2012 Annual Report provides a snapshot of where we are as an organization and where we are going as an independent agency of the United Methodist Church. It is the gifts, talents, and commitment of our members that make us effective as we live out God’s mission. Our hope is that the new structure and our independence will allow us to do this to a greater degree.

As you read the financial reports, you will see that giving is down—an indicator of these difficult financial times. At the same time, 25 conferences exceeded their pledge by between 100 and 235 percent. Your pledges and gifts are increasingly important during these lean times as people living on the margins of society suffer even more when budgets are cut.

Your contributions, personal and financial, make the work of United Methodist Women possible. Your gifts minister to women suffering from domestic abuse, victims of human trafficking and immigrants. You help raise up and inspire leaders, advocate for people who live on the margins of society speak out against injustice, protect the environment and share God’s love.

(Excerpt from the Annual Report 2012)
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.

Training for District Officers – St. Luke’s UMC, Hickory – October 12, 2013, 8:30 – 12:30

Ubuntu Day of Service (You choose) – October 19, 2013, 9:00 – 3:00


Mission u – July 17 – 20, 2014 – Pfeiffer University

UMW Annual Meeting – September 5 – 7, 2014, 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 National Office web site are just a few of the things you can find there.

Our web address is: www.wnccumw.org

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2013 Conference Officers

President Mildred Carter
Vice President Tonya Lanier
Secretary Elizabeth Lookabill
Treasurer Julia Willis
Secretary of Program Resources Ann Aldridge

Mission Coordinators:
Spiritual Growth Sandy Hieronymus
Membership Nurture & Outreach Sherry Sink
Social Action Martha Phillips
Education & Interpretation Rebecca Wright

Communications Coordinator Vicki Walker
Parliamentarian Vernie Hollifield
Chair, Scholarship Committee Pat Gilbert
Historian Patricia Settle
Dean, Mission Sandrea Williamson
Chair, Committee on Nominations Lisa Bacon
Members, Committee on Nominations Sibyl Long, Susie Parks, Michelene Mathews, Rosemary Mical, Kim Keyse, Dixie Tyson, Patricia Shoffner

Director, National Office Lynne Gilbert
Resident Bishop Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster

2013 District Presidents
Nancy Reigel - Appalachian
Maureen Carr - Blue Ridge
Jane Smith - Catawba Valley
Jane Norman - Metro
Jill Joyner - Northern Piedmont
Julie Leatherwood - Smoky Mountain
Emily Johnson - Uwharrie
Jenny Spradley - Yadkin Valley

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."
— John Quincy Adams
2014 Proposed Slate of Officers
for the
WNC Conference UMW

2014 - 2015 Mission u Officer
Business Manager: Virginia Robinson

Nominees for a two-year term 2014-2015
President: Tonya Lanier (Yadkin Valley)
Vice President: Julia Willis (Northern Piedmont)
Secretary: Elizabeth Lookabill (Uwharrie)
Treasurer: Martha Phillips (Appalachian)
Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth: Sandy Hieronymus (Metro)
Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach: Jatana Royster (Metro)
Mission Coordinator for Social Action: Renee Hayes (Northern Piedmont)
Secretary of Program Resources: Ann Aldridge (Catawba Valley)
Chairperson, Committee on Nominations: Kim Keyse (Northern Piedmont)

Nominees for a four-year term 2014-2017
Committee on Nominations--Class of 2017:
Betty Durham (Northern Piedmont)
Faye Everhart (Yadkin Valley)

Nominees for Charter for Racial Justice Committee for a
two-year term 2014-2015
Rebecca Wright (Northern Piedmont)
Jo Pyatt (Blue Ridge)
Bethlehem Center of Charlotte was founded by Christian women who later became United Methodist Women (UMW). Today, UMW, area churches, individuals and organizations continue to partner with Bethlehem Center in vital ways through support of events, community outreach initiatives and as volunteers. These services address the spiritual, emotional, physical and material needs of children and people in crisis, hardship and poverty. The Center also provides information, referrals and facilitate access to resources bringing immediate help in a manner designed to preserve the dignity of individuals and families. In addition to over 800,000 hours of educational and development services, we provide almost 300,000 meals to children each year to enhance and brighten thousands of lives.

Contact Information: Bethlehem Center of Charlotte, 2705 Baltimore Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28203, Phone #704-375-1417, Executive Director: Mr. William J. McDonald

Pfeiffer University originated from the Oberlin Home and School, a home-school developed by Miss Emily C. Prudden in 1885. In 1903, the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church agreed to assume responsibility for the Oberlin property, and on June 8, 1903, the Oberlin school was renamed the Ebenezer Mitchell Home and School. The Mitchell Home and School then moved to Misenheimer on the present property, and high school diplomas were issued in 1913. A junior college curriculum was added in 1928, and the school was renamed Mitchell Junior College. The name Pfeiffer Junior College was first used for the 1935-1936 academic year in honor of Henry and Annie Merner Pfeiffer of New York City, and Pfeiffer broadened its program to include senior college work in 1960. Their generosity allowed for the construction of four brick buildings and President's Home. Thirty-six years later in May of 1996, the Board of Trustees voted to reorganize Pfeiffer's academic structure towards university status. Since its founding, Pfeiffer has continually grown in academic excellence, developing new programs to meet the needs of its students and emphasizing the ideals of Christian service.

Pfeiffer University, P. O. Box 960, Misenheimer, NC 28109, Phone # 704-463-3030, Executive Director: Mike Miller
In 1873, Bennett College had its beginning in the unplastered basement of the Warnersville Methodist Episcopal Church (now known as St. Matthew's Methodist Church). Seventy young men and women started elementary and secondary level studies. In 1874 the Freedmen's Aid Society took over the school which remained under its auspices for 50 years. In 1926, The Women's Home Missionary Society joined with the Board of Education of the church to make Bennett College in Greensboro, N.C., formerly co-educational, a college for women. For more than 128 years women have found Bennett to be the ideal place to foster the constant rhythm of ideas. Today, in the midst of a very active renaissance, Bennett is preparing contemporary women to be well educated, productive professionals, informed, participating citizens, and enlightened parents. The College offers twenty-four areas of study and opportunities to study at other higher education institutions at home and abroad are available to continue the educational enrichment of Bennett's students. The goals of the College continue to focus on the intellectual, spiritual and cultural growth of young women who must be prepared for lifelong learning and leadership. Since 1930 more than 5,000 women have graduated from Bennett College. Known as Bennett Belles, they continue to be among contributing women of achievement in all walks of life.

Contact Information: Bennett College, 900 East Washington Street, Greensboro, NC 27401, Phone #336-517-2225, President: Dr. Rosalind Fuse-Hall

Bethlehem Community Center Winston Salem was organized October, 1927 under the supervision of The Women’s Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and the leadership of the Rev. J.A. Hunter of Reynolds Temple C.M.E. Church and the Dr. C.C. Weaver of Centenary Methodist Church. Through their combined efforts quality child care was provided for working mothers who labored in local factories and mills. The Center continues to enjoy support from the United Methodist Church and other agencies. In its 85 years of service, the Bethlehem Center has consistently been applauded for both its programs and, through its Community Service Component, its response to local community needs and critical family issues. It has a four-star rating for child-care. The Bethlehem Community Center is one of a few centers that offer tuition on a sliding scale. Without the option of income-based tuition, many families would not be able to afford child-care or maintain employment. There are reports that child-care is the most important factor in getting low-income mothers off welfare and into the workforce.

Contact Information: Bethlehem Community Center, 520 Cleveland Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC 27101-4337, Phone #336-722-6264, Executive Director: Ms. Patricia Shouse
Note this...........................
Welcome to Lake Junaluska
For the 40th Annual Meeting
of United Methodist Women
of the Western North Carolina Conference

Meeting Registration:

Friday:  Downstairs in the Harrell Center Auditorium
        2:00 – 6:30 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 Harrell Center Auditorium
        2:00 – 6:30 P.M.

Saturday:  7:30 – 8:30 A.M., 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.

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!

New This Year:

Brainstorming Sessions: (Choose 1)  Workshops:
Saturday 8:00 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.  Saturday 3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Iboomers (under tent beside Stuart)  Tools for Advocacy – T319
KeenAgers (Susan Todd Lounge)  Social Media for UMW – T316

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 2013 have smiley faces on their nametags. Congratulations! Keep up the good work!