

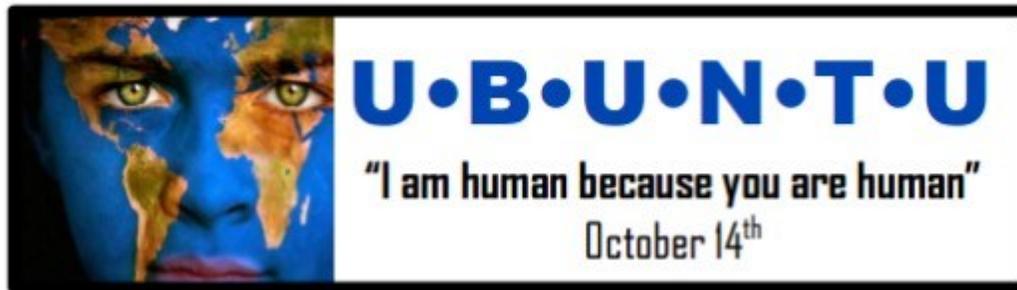
Women Talk

September, 2017



United
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FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Smoky Mountain District † United Methodist Women † Western North Carolina Conference



Ubuntu Day of Service

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

UBUNTU

Ubuntu is a unique word. A Zulu phrase, it can be translated “I am only because we are, and since we are, therefore I am.” Or “I am human because you are human.” It recognizes each human being as part of a community. It moves us to action on behalf of our neighbor. Ubuntu is a celebration of being in community with people as mission.



Brooks Howell Home, Asheville

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

From Our President, Debbie Ray -

We had a wonderful Annual District Meeting and learned so much. Sheriff Christopher and Chief Hollingsed brought us some much needed information. Did you know prescription drugs are now the number 1 drug problem in Western Carolina? If you take prescription painkillers think about obtaining (for free) a drug safe from the police station. Judging by the questions, everyone was fully engaged in what they were telling us. It's unfortunate that many of us have a personal knowledge of this issue and how heartbreaking it is. Waynesville First President Pam Henderson and her ladies provided us with a delicious meal and we extend our thanks to them for their hospitality.

Next up is Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska beginning on September 29th. Even if you can only attend part of the weekend's activities please plan to come. If you register online it is only \$15. For many of us we can sleep in our own beds at night. We will listen to the message of our national president Shannon Priddy with the mission message brought by Cameron Kempson who recently worked at Brooks Howell. There will be interesting workshops offered Saturday afternoon with the emphasis on being kind to ourselves and what will engage our younger women. Both should be excellent. Also, let me know if you want to be included in the fun of late night-the celebration continues. Smoky Mountain has the decade of the 60s to prepare something fun for all the ladies. Ideas- let me hear from you. Some of the ladies will be doing a walk for mission during the weekend. Can you get someone to sponsor you and obtain mission dollars for walking some or all of the lake? Health kits and school kits are especially needed and may be turned in at Annual Celebration. My thanks to all those who have offered to act as hostesses for Annual Celebration. We can still use your help. Let me know if you plan to attend or Julie Leatherwood who will act as SMD's head usher. Our thanks to Julie for agreeing to do this. Registration begins at 2pm with the program beginning at 6:45pm.

Then in October we will be helping at Brooks Howell Home in Asheville on October 14th for Ubuntu day. Bring rakes etc. if you have some and like to work outside. There are always inside tasks too and sit down jobs. All efforts are deeply appreciated by the people who make Brooks Howell their home. It's also our way of saying thank you for past services, to missionaries, deaconesses and others. Registration is free but they need to get an idea of how many are coming. Bring your lunch and join together in this hands-on mission.

I want to bring to your attention the date of November 4th. That is Leader Development Day and we will be at Andrews UMC. Registration begins at 9am. I know some of you have held your office for many years and may think there is nothing new to learn. You couldn't be more wrong. I promise if you come, you will learn something new. Learning is always possible and is important to be an effective leader for UMW as well as your churches.

I want to take this opportunity to say a special word of thanks to Julie Leatherwood, Esther Manchester, and Beverly Bard for acting as hostesses at Mission u.

As always, if I can be helpful in any way please let me know.

In His Service,

Deborah Ray

Smoky Mountain District President

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Western North Carolina Conference

Annual Celebration

Registration:

(Begins June 19, 2017)

- On-site registration at Lake Junaluska - \$25.00 per person
- Get a **DISCOUNT!** Register early and **ONLINE!** Online advance registration, June 19, 2017 through September 24, 2017 is only \$15.00 per person! Use the online registration link on our website at www.wnccumw.org.
- Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable. If you pre-register and are unable to attend, your registration fee is not refundable, but someone else can attend in your place.
- Register yourself **AND** others! Our online registration offers the opportunity for you to register up to 35 guests at the same time that you do your own registration. Help other members of your local unit to register online — especially those who may not use a computer! Each registration session must have a unique email.
- **DO NOT** mail Annual Celebration registration fee money to Lake Junaluska. Contact us if you have a question about registration.

What: 44th Annual Celebration

Celebrating 148 Years in Mission

When: September 29-October 1, 2017

Registration begins 2pm; Program 6:45pm

Where: Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium

HIGHLIGHTS

Keynote Weekend Speaker:

Shannon Priddy, President of National United Methodist Women

Mission Speaker:

Cameron Kempson, Deaconess

Music Leaders: Carrie Wright & Rhonda Smith

Hands-On Mission: Gift in Memory/
Gift to Mission Cards and UMCOR
Health Kits

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

Saturday Afternoon with a PURPOSE:

"Just Be: Taking Time for Self-Care and Sacred Space"-Cameron Kempson

"A Look at Millennial UMW...the Age of Change"-Jalen Lawson

Other highlights:

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

Hostess District: Smoky Mountain



Shannon Priddy

Complete information about
Annual Celebration
is available on our website:

www.wnccumw.org

Mark your calendar!

Contact Persons:

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

Reservations Phone #:

1-800-222-4930 (Toll Free)

Lake Junaluska

Reservations:

Housing Reservations
Open June 19, 2017

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

- Call the Lake Junaluska reservations department at 1-800-222-4930. Then select 1 for the Reservations Department, and the next available agent will be glad to assist you. The Lake Junaluska reservations team is on duty from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.
- Reservations can also be made online at www.lakejunaluska.com:
- Click **BOOK NOW** (upper right)
- On **GUEST & ROOMS** screen, select # of adults, children & rooms
- Click **ADD CODE**
- Select **GROUP ATTENDEE**
- Key **28810108118**
- Click **ADD**



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Western North Carolina Conference

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2017 Annual Celebration

September 29-October 1, 2017 - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates

The Terrace or Lambuth Inn*

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, elevator, free WI-FI)
Rates are per person, per day, room & meals, before applicable taxes.

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

*Lake Junaluska operates The Terrace and Lambuth Inn on an American Plan, and meals are required with the room.

NOTE: NO SUNDAY Lunch will be provided in this package!

Lakeside Lodge (meals optional)

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, free WI-FI,
three floors, no elevator)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals, before applicable taxes.

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

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

Lake Junaluska Lodging Information:

Event lodging reservation deposit is equal to the first night's lodging and is due at the time of reservation. Any rooms not reserved with a Lodging Reservations Deposit will be released into general availability 15 days prior to an event. Individual lodging reservations deposit refund policy: 30 days or more before an event receive a full refund minus \$15 processing fee; 14 days or less before an event will not receive a refund.

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

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

Meal Information:

NOTE: NO Sunday Lunch in this package!

The room rate that shows on your confirmation letter is the room rate only, meals are an additional cost. Meals are optional for all facilities other than The Terrace or Lambuth Inn. Guests staying in optional meal facilities may purchase a 3-meal package at the same cost of \$34.65 per person for each 3 consecutive meals, or \$59.85 per person for 5 consecutive meals or individual meals can be purchased: \$10.50 for breakfast, \$12.60 for lunch and \$14.70 for dinner. Children 6 through 11 years of age receive meals at half price, 5 years of age and under eat free. A 5-meal package of \$59.85 per person will automatically be added for each person staying in The Terrace or Lambuth Inn ~~dinner~~ on Friday, breakfast, lunch & dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday).

From Spiritual Growth, Esther Manchester -

Four years ago I was contacted by the chair of the Nominations Committee of the Smoky Mountain District United Methodist Women asking me to consider serving as Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the District. I promised I would think about it and get back in touch. After turning it over in my mind and finding some good excuses i.e. "I have not been active in UMW for years until recently and have not kept up with changes," "I am too old for this and I am burnt out with volunteering," "I can't get up and speak to a crowd of people," "I am much too busy with family and with moving plans," "I don't know how much longer I will be able to drive myself around and get to the meetings etc."

Finally, I asked God what He thought and He spoke to me through the words of the prophet Isaiah (Isiah 6:8-10). But did I immediately call Nominations to say I would serve. No, I did not! But of course I was not let off the hook of the Chair of Nominations so easily. She called me back and assured me if I took the position I would receive any help I felt I needed. That promise has been kept many times over by my predecessor, Bobby Payne, who has been my most willing mentor.

That was four years ago and Serving as Spiritual Growth Coordinator has been one of best things that ever happened in my life. It has been a pleasure to serve, to realize United Methodist Women is an opportunity to "Go into all the world and share the good news of Jesus Christ," to live out a purpose as set forth in our creed, and to realize being a part of one of the largest women's organizations serving Christ around the world (800,000 strong) is and can continue to be very powerful. When we read "Response" and "World Outlook Magazines" we learn of women just like us, who are dedicated to spreading the gospel. We cannot afford to say "no" to a call to serve, therefore, I am asking all who are approached to serve in a certain capacity to ask for direction from God, the one who will give you the strength to fulfill that commitment.

Has the past four years equipped me to stand up in front of a group of women without fear? No, my hands still shake and my knees knock and I forget important information that needs to be shared, but the United Methodist Women of the Smoky Mountain District are forgiving of my lack of information, my propensity for procrastination, my forgetfulness. They have prayed for me and have given me the guidance I needed to fulfill my commitment. I thank God for the opportunity to serve through this connectional organization.

Esther Manchester

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*From Our Acting Mission, Education & Interpretation Coordinator,
Beverly Bard*

MISSION TODAY: Have you looked over the Newly Revised Mission Today Criteria for this year? We do hope you will be a Mission Today Unit.

Thanks to all our Units that brought UMCOR Kits to our District and Conference Events. We always need to replenish our supply of Kits and we particularly have experienced our latest disaster of back to back Hurricanes. Invite your congregation (children & youth) to help assemble the Kits.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATE: Mark your Calendar - March 17, 2018, Smoky Mountain Mini Mission U, Cullowhee UMC. We will be offering 2 Studies at the same time - Spiritual Growth Study - Living as a Covenant Community and a Geographic Study - Missionary Conferences in the US. I already have secured the Study Leaders and they were Study Leaders this past year at our Conference Mission U at Pfeiffer University.

I will be attending the Celebration of UMCOR Sager Brown Campus of 150 Years, October 21, Baldwin, LA. Sager Brown's history began in 1867 when the site was established as an orphanage and school for African-American children left homeless by the Civil War. It was started by one of United Methodist Women's predecessor organizations. Sager Brown closed the school doors in 1978 and was vacant until 1992 when Hurricane Andrew hit South LA. The facilities survived and UMCOR assisted the local affected communities affected by the hurricane. UMCOR decided in 1996 to maintain the campus as a place to assemble and deploy relief supplies. The property is still owned by the United Methodist Women. My husband and I were long term volunteers at UMCOR Sager Brown for 18 months over a 3 year period.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Beverly Bard, Acting Coordinator Mission Education & Interpretation

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In July, the WNCUMW had their annual Mission u. The four Smoky Mountain District ladies pictured (left to right - Beverly Bard, Acting Mission, Education & Interpretation Coordinator; Julie Leatherwood, Past President; Debbie Ray, President; and Ester Manchester, Spiritual Growth Coordinator) provided refreshments for all attending Mission u.

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2017

WNCC UMW Calendar of Events

September 29 - October 1	WNCCUMW Annual Celebration - Lake Junaluska
October 14	Ubuntu Day of Caring
October 21	Leadership Development - Taylorsville First UMC

SMD UMW Calendar of Events

November 4	Leadership Training - Andrews UMC from 9am - 12pm
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ASSEMBLY 2018: **The Power of Bold**

May 16 - 21, 2018 - Columbus, Ohio

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
COLUMBUS...BOLD AND COURAGEOUS!
BUS TRIP RESERVATION FORM



Bus Departure Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2018
Bus Return Date: Monday, May 21, 2018

BUS TRIP ITINERARY: (Deluxe Chartered Bus Transportation by HOLIDAY TOURS)

Wed., May 16 Morning departures from pick-up points across the conference; Lunch on the road; Early evening arrival at the Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown in Columbus, Ohio.

Thurs., May 17 On your own in Columbus. You might choose to pre-register & participate in the Ubuntu Day of Service (See Assembly registration information). Check in at the Assembly Registration desks.

Fri., May 18 Opening Community Gathering is expected to be at 9:00am. Workshops and the Experience Hall will fill your day, with another Community Gathering at 7:00pm.

Sun., May 20 Meeting ends around 12:00 Noon; Departure immediately following meeting conclusion; Lunch on the road; Dinner & overnight in Charleston, West Virginia.

Mon., May 21 Return home to pick-up points across the Western NC Conference

Bus Package Prices (Per Person)	
\$ 799.00	Double Room
\$ 659.00	Triple Room
\$ 589.00	Quad Room
\$ 1,199.00	Single Room

The bus trip package price includes: Deluxe bus transportation provided by Holiday Tours, five nights lodging (Wednesday night May 16th thru Sunday night May 20th), certain meals while traveling (5 deluxe continental breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner). **Important note: The trip price includes 4 hotel nights in Columbus during the Assembly at the Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown and 1 hotel night on our return trip. Passengers do not need to make any separate hotel reservations. ALL nights are included in the bus package price.**

The bus trip package price **DOES NOT** include the Assembly Registration Fee. **Register for the Assembly ONLINE at www.umwassembly.org.** The Assembly 2018 registration fee is \$295.00 per person if you register ONLINE on or before November 30, 2017. After that date, the registration fee goes up to \$330.00. Register early to take advantage of the discount! If you need assistance with online registration, contact Lynne Gilbert or Sara Williams for assistance. Note: Two healthy lunches are included in the Assembly registration fee. Links to Assembly online registration & other information are available on our website at: www.wnccumw.org.

Complete and return the form below, along with a \$400 deposit, by November 10, 2017.

(A separate form and \$400 deposit is required for each person making a reservation.)

Make your reservations early! Bus reservations will be accepted in the order they are received until seating capacity is reached.

Payment of the balance will be due by February 15, 2018.

There will be no refunds for cancellations after March 15, 2018.

TOUR COORDINATORS: Questions? Contact one of the tour coordinators.	Lynne Gilbert	(H) 336-207-3479; (C) 336-207-3479	lynnegilbert2@gmail.com
	Sara Williams	(H) 336-699-8079; (C) 336-469-1344	sarawill@yadtel.net

Name (For Nametag): _____ Home Phone #: _____
Please Print Clearly

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Lodging for Wednesday Night, May 16th thru Sunday Night, May 20th. (Please check one, and fill in roommates as appropriate)

- Double Room \$ 799.00/person **Make \$400 deposit check payable to: Treasurer, WNCC-UMW**
- Triple Room \$ 659.00/person Roommate(s): _____ Please send all
- Quad Room \$ 589.00/person _____ roommate forms
- Single Room \$ 1,199.00/person _____ together.

Mail this form and your deposit check to: Lynne Gilbert, PO Box 4523, Greensboro, NC 27404-4523

Complete and return this form no later than November 10, 2017.

Assembly 2018

The Power of Bold

Greater Columbus Convention Center
Columbus, Ohio
May 18 - 20, 2018
(With pre-conference events May 17)



United Methodist Women assemble every four years to celebrate, to lift up, to learn, and to return to their communities better equipped for mission.

United Methodist Women Assembly 2018 is a time for fellowship, it is also an opportunity to empower faithful women to be stronger discipleship leaders in their communities. Through moving worship, inspiring speakers, immersion experience exhibits, riveting workshops and town hall-style meetings, members will leave Assembly with the knowledge, courage and determination to change the world as part of a daring and compassionate 150 year-old movement.

It is an exciting experience to be part of this large gathering of United Methodist Women. Make plans to join us in Columbus!

Learn more about
Assembly 2018 at:
www.umwassembly.org

Look there for:

Registration Information
Assembly Schedule
Worship & Experience Hall
Pre-conference Events
Promotional Resources to
share with your local unit
YouTube Videos...And More!

Travel Information for the Western North Carolina Conference



Chartered Bus Trip:
Columbus...Bold and Courageous!
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Mark your calendar and plan to go with us!
Exciting Details and Reservation Form on Back!!

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Columbus Hotel Reservations - Non-Bus Passengers



We have arranged a protected block of rooms for Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women at the Hampton Inn and Suites Downtown across the street from the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The room rate is \$181.00 (including tax) per night, plus a \$5.00 handling fee.

Persons not travelling on the bus trip should contact Lynne Gilbert (336-207-3479) or Sara Williams (336-699-8079) to reserve rooms in our Western North Carolina block. **DO NOT contact the Hampton Inn & Suites.** Reservations for these block rooms must be made by November 10, 2017, and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$186.00 per room. The balance for remaining room charges will be due by February 15, 2018. Checks should be made payable to Treasurer, WNCC-UMW. Mail payments to Lynne Gilbert, PO Box 4523, Greensboro, NC 27404-4523.

Watch for Additional Information on our Conference Website
(Bus trip information and the reservation form are available on the website)
Web Address: www.wnccumw.org