42nd Annual Meeting

September 11-13, 2015

Celebrating 146 Years in Mission

Western North Carolina Conference
United Methodist Women
Lake Junaluska, NC
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 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.
If using cell phones or tablets for scripture reading or note taking, please make sure your device is silenced. Thanks!

- The Worship Center -

Worship centers give a visual image related to the theme of an event. Mission is key to the ministry of United Methodist Women. Images of Mission are of various forms. Images may be a painting, photograph, sculpture, or anything made visible to represent something. Four posters around the worship center have pictures by Reverend Paul Jeffrey that have been on the cover of response magazine. These images are from around the world. The picture of Jesus on the table was painted by Carol Davis. Carol, age 50, is a resident of a UMAR Home. UMAR has been empowering people with intellectual and developmental disabilities since 1983. Jesus is the ultimate image of mission. “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). After Jesus gave the greatest commandment to love God, Matthew 22:39 states, "And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Mission is all about loving your neighbor.
FRIDAY EVENING-Stuart Auditorium

Images of Mission

Gathering Music—6:45 P.M.  Kathy McNeil

We Gather for Welcome—7:00 P.M.

Processional-Faces of Mission  Musical Selection by Kathy McNeil
(remain seated as “The Faces” are brought to the Worship Center)

Call to Annual Meeting  Tonya Lanier, Conference President

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

Welcome from Hostess District  Micheline Mathews, Metro District
President & District Pages

Greetings from the Bishop  Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster

Announcements, Presentation of Guests &
Program Participants  Julia Willis, Conference Vice President

PURPOSE Litany  Martha Johnson,
Catawba Valley Sub-District Chair

All: The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women.
Leader: Women...old, young, middle aged, black, white, Hispanic, Asian, factory workers,
office workers, nurses, teachers, maids, homemakers, married, divorced, single; ALL
women.
All: Whose PURPOSE is to know God.
Leader: To know God, to really know Him...we must each find our own way...through daily
reading of His word, through prayer, through sharing our faith in word and deed.
All: And to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ.
Leader: The Christian doctrine of salvation sets us free as whole persons...free to love...free
to serve...free and whole...with Christian responsibility and commitment.
All: To develop a creative, supportive fellowship.
Leader: To get to know each other, to care about each other...and to grow together...in a
creative way...in the ONE SPIRIT.
All: And to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the
church.
Leader: Expand concepts...participate in the global ministries...why that means next door
to where I live...it means the hungry children, the aging, the sick of the inner city...and those
half-way around the world...I must give myself...my time...my energy and my money. I must
be in “HIS MISSION.”
All: We come seeking to know God...to experience freedom as a whole person in Jesus
Christ...to develop a creative, supportive, caring fellowship, and to be involved in mission.

*Hymn  “In Christ There Is No East or West”  UMH #548

Prayer Calendar/Evening Prayer  Laura Sanford, Smoky Mountain Social Action
SATURDAY MORNING-Stuart Auditorium
Images of Western North Carolina

Gathering Music—8:30 A.M.  
Kathy McNeil & Ed Davis

We Gather with a PURPOSE—8:45 A.M.  
Janet Reep Morgan, Catawba Valley Communication Coordinator

*Hymn  “Open My Eyes, That I May See”  UMH #454

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

BUSINESS SESSION  
Tonya Lanier, President  
Elizabeth Lookabill, Secretary  
Irish Spencer, Parliamentarian

Devotion and Motion during stage reset  
Shirley Hickok, Dori Thurman, Rebecca Dyer  
Metro District

Celebrating Our Districts  
Conference Officers

~There will be a brief intermission—Please reserve Section 6 for our guests~  
Please feel free to visit the restroom or move around while we reset the stage for the next part of our session.

Scripture  James 2:14-26  NRSV  
Linda Young, Metro Parliamentarian

Introduction of Speaker  
Julia Willis

Message  What’s our Brand?  
Rev. Paul Jeffrey, Photojournalist

*Hymn  “Now It Is Evening”  
TFWS #2187

*Benediction  
Jamie Smith, Yadkin Valley Vice President

Postlude

* Please stand, in body or in spirit

(Note: UMW Choir practice in Stuart Rehearsal Room behind stage immediately following benediction)
SATURDAY MORNING-Stuart Auditorium

Personal Images of Mission

Convener: Rebecca Wright, Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation

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

Processional of Special Guests—Instrumental Medley

Welcome of Guests: Rebecca Wright

Legacy 150: Mildred Carter, Legacy Committee Chair

Pledge Service—Images of Mission in Western North Carolina Conference: Martha Phillips, Treasurer

Love Offering: A Gift to Mission in Honor of our Members’ Faithful Commitment to Mission Giving: Martha Phillips

Offertory/Special Music: “Love Ye the Lord” by G. F. Handel: Ed Davis, Baritone

*Offertory Response: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #95

*Hymn: “Help Somebody To-day” Cokesbury #67

Scripture: Matthew 15:21-28 NRSV: Pam Henderson, Waynesville First UMW President

Mission Address: Jesus Listened to the Women: Rev. Paul Jeffrey, Missionary

Recession of Guests

Please remain seated as our honored guests depart the auditorium. You are invited to join our mission guests for lunch in the dining rooms of the Terrace and Lambuth Inn. As you go to lunch, please help our guests by allowing them and their hostess to go to the front of the line. Seats have been reserved for them. Please make these very special people feel welcome!

Hymn: “Others” Cokesbury #177

*Benediction: Jennie Greenway, Blue Ridge Oak Grove UMW President

Postlude

* Please stand, in body or in spirit

NOTE: 1:00 P.M. UMW Choir Practice in Stuart Rehearsal Room behind stage
SATURDAY AFTERNOON
Creating Images Now and for the Future

Stuart Auditorium
Gathering—1:45 P.M.
Background music by Justin Snyder, former UMW Scholarship recipient at Pfeiffer University
Mission Today PowerPoint Presentation
Ubuntu Day of Service PowerPoint Presentation

Workshop—2:00-3:30 P.M.
Convener
Tonya Lanier
Photography—"Why are my Pictures so Boring?"
Rev. Paul Jeffrey, Photographer

Terrace Auditorium-T305-C (3rd Floor)
3:45-4:45 P.M.
Leaving Your Legacy—Planned Giving
Betty Letzig, Blue Ridge Parliamentarian
Barbara Campbell, Blue Ridge CON

“No people ever rise higher, as a people, than the point to which they elevate their women.”
—Isabella Thoburn, one of the first single women missionaries to India sent by the Methodist Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church
SATURDAY EVENING-Stuart Auditorium

Images of the Past and Future

Gathering Music—6:45 P.M.
Kathy McNeil

A Time of Recognition & Honoring—7:00 P.M.
Evening Prayer
Sherry Summerlin,
Appalachian Spiritual Growth

Announcements & Reports
Select Conference Officers

Dedication of the Annual Report Book
Elizabeth Lookabill, Secretary

Time of Appreciation-Honoring Outgoing Officers
Tonya Lanier & Martha Phillips

Installation of Officers
Amy Johnson, Past President

Hymn “Here I am, Lord”
UMH #593

Scripture 2 Timothy 1:3-7 NRSV
Dana Burnette,
Canton First UMW President

President’s Address Picture This!
Tonya Lanier

*Hymn “Take My Life, and Let It Be”
UMH #399

*Benediction
Dixie Tyson, Committee on
Nominations Member

Postlude
* Please stand, in body or in spirit

LATE NIGHT-Snapshots of Your District
Immediately following the Saturday Evening Session until 10:30 P.M.
Coordinated by Jatana Royster, Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture & Outreach
and Sherry Sink, Scholarship Chairperson
Harrell Center Auditorium—Ground Level

The Lake Junaluska shuttle service will run until 11:00 P.M.
SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS
Early Morning Images at the Lake
Stuart Auditorium

8:30-9:30 A.M. Sunday School
Created for Happiness
Rev. Alec M. Alvord

The Memorial Chapel

8:30-9:30 A.M. Singing in the Chapel
Darlene Gardner,
Yadkin Valley President
Florence Greene, Yadkin Valley
Committee on Nominations

SUNDAY MORNING-Stuart Auditorium
Images Remembered & Conclude

Gathering Music—9:45 A.M. Kathy McNeil

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

Announcements Julia Willis

*Call to Worship Presence of God Beverlee Scott,
Appalachian Secretary of Program Resources

Leader: We have sensed God’s presence throughout this weekend. Now we gather to worship.
All: We saw God whenever our vision looked beyond the cloudiness of fears to the bright clarity of hope.
Leader: We tasted God whenever we savored the scriptures or let the ways of Christ flavor our actions.
All: We heard God whenever we were deaf to unkindness but alert for words of love and understanding.
Leader: We smelled God whenever we breathed in the freshness of the morning and felt gratitude fill our hearts as clean air filled our lungs.
All: We touched God whenever we extended or received a helping hand.
Leader: God is with us always in Spirit and in truth—there to be sensed and known. With thanks for God’s presence, we come together this morning to worship.

Special Music “All Things Bright and Beautiful” UMW Choir
John Rutter

Prayer Calendar/Opening Prayer Sandrea Williamson,
Northern Piedmont Vice President

Presentations Tonya Lanier & Martha Phillips

Hymn “Hymn of Promise” UMH #707

Memorial Service Images of Christ Sandy Hieronymus,
Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth
All: Loving and merciful God, our efforts to bridge the gap between designated giving to help those we will never meet is sustained through our purchase of Gift to Mission Cards. You called us into ministry to serve others, and you will not leave us with our work undone. Bless us as we respond to the call on us with our prayers, our gifts and love. Our focus is further strengthened as we work together to meet those needs. As United Methodist Women of the Western North Carolina Conference, we continue to honor women, children and youth all over the world through mission for you. As we focus on the needs of others, let us be mindful of those among us who have left their prayer requests. We raise them to you through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn*  “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”  TFWS #2241

* Blessing & Sending Forth  

Tonya Lanier

Postlude

* Please stand, in body or in spirit

You Are the United Methodist Women!

You are the United Methodist Women!
And I am but a vision,
A vision of whatever you make me,
Nothing more!
You are song, worship, and devotion
You are women doing for others...
Easing the burdens of the world
Through love, through sharing, through mission.
You are the handmaidens of the Lord,
Witnessing for Him throughout the world.
Yes, you are truly United Methodist Women,
And I am your vision
Of what you dare to be...
What you strive to be...
And what you can be!
United in Purpose...in action...in love,
And in God!

Wilhelmina M. Herbin
Open Doors-United Methodist Women in Mission
Compiled by Jamima DeMarcus 1979
The Rev. Paul Jeffrey is a United Methodist missionary who writes about the work of the church around the world as senior correspondent for *response* magazine. Paul also provides coverage of emergencies for the ACT Alliance, a Geneva-based global alliance of churches responding to disasters.

A native of Vancouver, Washington, Paul is an ordained elder in the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference where he served two rural churches before moving to Central America in 1984. He has a Bachelor of Arts in literature and political science from The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, and a Master of Divinity from Pacific School of Religion, part of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. Before his current assignment, Paul and his wife, the Rev. Dr. Lyda Pierce, served as missionaries in Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Honduras for 20 years. Returning to his native Washington State, he continues his writing about everything from hurricanes to health care, from massacres to indigenous rights, from refugees to ecumenism. In the course of his work, Paul has been trapped in combat, tear-gassed and shot at, taken prisoner by soldiers, beaten by police, and gotten sick from what he calls “every intestinal disorder known to modern science.” He often writes about what people of faith are doing to empower people at the margins to live the abundant life promised to them in the Gospel.

Paul’s award-winning writing has appeared in other Christian magazines. He is a book author, co-author, and contributor for several different books on areas of Central America. His photography has been used by well-known national and international organizations, countless church and ecumenical publications and newspapers, and in several books.

Paul and Lyda have two adult children, Lucas and Abigail. For more information and Paul’s photography, visit his website at www.kairosphotos.com.
Organist/Pianist/Music Director:
Kathy Geyer McNeil

Kathy received her Bachelor of Music in Education and her Master of Music in Organ Performance from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. Prior to moving to Lake Junaluska in July of 2013, she was Principal Organist at St. Mary’s Abbey in Morris Township, New Jersey, following her tenure as organist of the United Methodist Church in Morristown, New Jersey, from 1985 to 2004. Prior to that position, she served as the Director of Music in several other churches. She was also Adjunct Professor of Organ, Piano, and Music Theory at the College of St. Elizabeth. Kathy is Organist/Choir Director at Grace Episcopal Church in Waynesville, and is accompanist for the Haywood Community Chorus and the Waynesville Summer Chorus. In addition, she is an active coach and accompanist for vocalists and instrumentalists and is an organ substitute in the area. Kathy maintains an active organ and piano studio at her home in Lake Junaluska, where she lives with her husband, Dick Baldwin, and their Golden Retriever, Kelly. Her concerts are listed on her website, www.kathymcneil.com.

As the daughter of a United Methodist minister, Kathy is delighted to be working with the UMW again this year.

Sunday School Leader:
Rev. Alec M. Alvord-Retired, WNC Conference

Alec is retired from the Western North Carolina Conference and has served Christ through the United Methodist Church in countless ways, including Director of Missions and Outreach, Director of Volunteer Response Ministries for the Western North Carolina Conference, District Superintendent for the Marion District and as a missionary in Rhodesia, (now Zimbabwe) Africa alongside his wife, Dot. Alec participates in a weekly intercessory prayer group, leads a Bible Study group at Givens Estates and leads a Vesper Service once a month at the Givens Health Care Unit.
Workshop Leaders:

Betty J. Letzig, Deaconess

Betty Letzig is a native of Missouri and a graduate of Scarritt College in Nashville, TN. She was consecrated as a Deaconess, and her first appointments were in North Arkansas as a Rural Worker, now known as Church and Community Worker. After a year in England as an Exchange Deaconess, she returned to the New York Office for the rest of her working career. Her responsibilities there was staff liaison to National Mission Institutions from Nome, AK to Humacao, Puerto Rico. Her last office was as Executive Secretary for the Deaconess Program Office. Following retirement she served part-time for 10 years as a Consultant for the Current and Deferred Giving Program for the General Board of Global Ministries.

In her local church, St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Asheville, she chairs the Advisory Committee for their Pre-School Program and the Permanent Endowment Fund Committee. Betty is treasurer for her local UMW unit; for the Blue Ridge District she serves as Parliamentarian and is on the Conference Advisory Committee for the 150th Anniversary.

Betty resides at Brooks-Howell Home.

Barbara E. Campbell, Deaconess

Barbara E. Campbell grew up in Olney, IL. She attended McKendree College and graduated from Scarritt College, Nashville, TN in 1954 with a MA degree in Christian Education and Bible. Following graduation she was director of Christian Education at Niedringhaus Memorial Methodist Church in Granite City, IL. She was commissioned a deaconess in 1955 and soon joined the staff of the Women’s Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions in New York City, serving in three staff positions including visual education (media), leadership development and administration. Work assignments included supervision of staff in eight locations; planning and coordination of Schools of Christian Mission; membership on the staff teams that helped create United Methodist Women, Alma Mathews House and the Scarritt-Bennett Center. She was program coordinator for the 1994 Assembly of United Methodist Women. Barbara has researched and written two books and numerous articles related to the history of the women’s missionary societies. She retired in 1995 and later moved to Brooks-Howell Home. She has held numerous local offices in United Methodist Women (and its predecessors) in Illinois, New York and Asheville; and is currently president of the St. Paul’s Unit in Asheville. Other interests include reading, travel, family history and auto racing.
Report of the Treasurer

2014 was another excellent year in TOTAL GIVING...$909,193.14

Your generous giving of monetary gifts to relieve suffering and improve the quality of life for women, children & youth help in ways that are hard for us to imagine. Many of the projects Mission Giving supports include the building and sustaining of schools, clinics, day care facilities, and hospitals that will operate well beyond our lifetimes, providing the much needed services in areas around the world.

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

Total Undesignated Mission Giving
Special Mission Recognition
Gift in Memory
World Thank Offering
Total Designated Giving
Total Giving

Mission Giving sent to United Methodist Women National Office was $721,323.54, not meeting our pledge of $821,100.

Financial Goal was “Individuals and Local Units will Increase undesignated Mission Giving by 14.5%”. This was a reference to United Methodist Women’s 145 years in mission. We did not reach this goal.

Conference Love Offering $21,678.99
8th Walk for Mission $8,326.67
Spiritual Growth Retreat Love Offering $7,626.71
School of Christian Mission Love Offering $1,960.50*
Designated Funds to United Methodist Women National Office $113,028.83*
Designated Funds to Other Projects $8008.86*

* indicates an increase over previous year

Thank you for your continuing commitment to MISSION GIVING. You Make Mission Possible!

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

Martha W. Phillips, Conference Treasurer

Report of Program Resources

Program Resources went through significant changes during 2014. We were no longer able to accept credit cards, and materials were not shipped as ordered. We were advised to order only the current year reading books on consignment. In 2013 we were able to accept orders for materials that we did not have on hand, and they were shipped to an individual’s home without incurring shipping fees. However, that practice was not continued in 2014. As a result of these factors, the annual total decline in sales between 2013 and 2014 was $8,091.73.

The total sales of program resources at Western North Carolina Conference events during 2014 was $6,519.09. Two hundred thirty-six (236) local units reported participation in the UMW Reading Program. A total of nine hundred ninety-eight (998) individuals participated in Plans 1-4 which is 4.1% of our membership. There were forty-six (46) participants in Plan 4 (20 books), but only three (3) units reported participating in all four plans. Six (6) districts reported altogether one hundred seventy-six (176) children participants, an increase of one hundred nine (109).

The percentage of local units in each district that participated in the Reading Program ranged from 23% to 59%. Two (2) districts increased the number of units participating in the Reading Program, and four (4) districts increased the number of readers. Three (3) districts increased the number of participants in Plan 4, but the Conference total decreased by four (4). The Reading Program is a study opportunity which leads to action. Women are able to expand understanding of and participation in God’s mission.

Ann Aldridge, Secretary of Program Resources
Report of Mission Education & Interpretation

The Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church thanks God every day for the 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 an inspiring example of what it means to be the hands of Jesus around the world. Here is our 2014 hands-on project response from conference and district events.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>UMCOR Kits from Conference Events: Spiritual Growth</td>
<td>$34,723.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mission u</td>
<td>$13,713.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Annual Meeting</td>
<td>$16,271.25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UMCOR Kits from District Events:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shipping Funds (those not included above)</td>
<td>$634.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Project AGAPE Kits</td>
<td>$1,458.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ubuntu Day (items for Bethlehem Centers, Pfeiffer University &amp; Brooks-Howell Home)</td>
<td>$3,802.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOTAL</td>
<td><strong>$82,066.65</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Gift to Mission & Gift in Memory Cards $66,642.53

A generous amount of school supplies and disposables were collected at Leader Development Day for our Bethlehem Centers in Charlotte and Winston Salem.

Thanks to the ladies of Sparta UMC for supplying school bags for the School Kits collected at Annual Meeting. And thank you for your commitment to mission on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

*Rebecca Wright*, Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation

Report of Spiritual Growth Retreat

The inspiring setting of Lake Junaluska added to the annual Spiritual Growth Retreat on June 13-14, 2014. Joy was the theme. The Reverend Tiffany Thomas was the retreat leader. She is pastor of South Tryon Community Mission in Charlotte. The overall message title for the three sessions was *Going Steady: When a Woman Says Yes to Her God*. Her three session topics were God is God, Not Them; God is God, Not Me; and God is God, Thank God! The Reverend Amy Coles, Blue Ridge District Superintendent, was the celebrant for communion.

Music was a special part of the retreat. Musicians from Myers Park United Methodist Church, Charlotte, included Jimmy Jones, director, Patrick Scott, organist, and The Women’s Choir. Instrumentalist were Nancy Hamff, flute, Julia Winegardner, violin, and Brian Winegardner, trumpet. After the first session, The Lake Junaluska Singers, presented a concert. Dr. Melodie Galloway directed the 16-voice ensemble.

Many of the 746 in attendance contributed to the hands-on project of sewing kits. All kits brought plus shipping costs, and tooth paste were valued at $32,920.00. These kits go to support the work of UMCOR. The Love Offering of $7,626.71 was given to Mission Giving as an undesignated gift.

Being in worship and fellowship with United Methodist Women was inspiring and rewarding. The next retreat is planned for June 12-13, 2015, with *Love as God Loves* as the theme.

The 2014 Spiritual Growth Committee consisted of Sandy Hieronymus, chairperson, Ann Aldridge, Darlene Gardner, Renee Hayes, Tonya Lanier, Martha Phillips, Jatana Royster, Julia Willis, and Rebecca Wright.

*Sandy Hieronymus*, Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth
Report of Social Action

Assembly 2015 was surely a highlight for thousands of UMWomen from all over the world, our delegation from WNCC among them! Our subsequent focus for the year became how to move from awareness toward advocacy for women, children, youth, and families affected by human trafficking, domestic violence, and the need for immigration reform (our three social action priorities for 2014).

Another significant event for three United Methodist Women from our conference (Renee Hayes, Conference Mission Coordinator for Social Action; Michelene Mathews, Metro District President; and Kim Smith, Appalachian District Social Action Coordinator) was participation in an InFocus seminar at the General Board of Church and Society on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. An outgrowth of that experience was the planning of a 2015 conference seminar trip to GBCS, focusing on the topic of immigration reform.

At Annual Meeting in September 2014, the movie “The Stranger,” produced by the Evangelical Immigration Table, was viewed, followed by a short discussion with handouts available. The screening was well-attended and well-received.

Social justice is no short-term mission effort; it requires us to be steadfast to “what the Lord requires” of us in Micah 6:8 – ‘to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly’ – as we attempt to address injustices we see at home as well as across the globe.

Renee Hayes, Mission Coordinator for Social Action

Report of Membership Nurture & Outreach

I have exciting news to report to you! In 2014 the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women added 1,183 new members! Thank you for telling the story of United Methodist Women and bringing new members alongside of us as we live out our PURPOSE. Our number of units did decline in 2014. We now have 729 units. Our total membership is 24,339. Our officers were busy making Local Unit Visitations and enjoyed meeting our members in the local units. And our members were not only busy bringing new members alongside us, they were busy walking and serving! We collected $8,326.67 for our 2014 Walk for Mission. Our second Ubuntu Day of Service was again a success as we served at Bennett College, Bethlehem Centers in Charlotte and Winston-Salem, Brooks-Howell Home and Pfeiffer University. 175 people came on October 18 and put their faith, hope and love into action.

Jatana Royster, Mission Coordinator Membership Nurture and Outreach

Report of Scholarship Committee

The Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women’s scholarship committee met at Pfeiffer University on Saturday, March 22, 2014, and interviewed four scholarship applicants. One applicant was interviewed earlier because of a prior commitment. The Committee considered need, merit, character, and other sources of funds in allocating scholarships.

All five applicants were awarded funds from our scholarships for a total of $17,900.00. High Point University, Greensboro College, Pfeiffer University, and Bennett College were the educational institutions represented by the applicants.

Scholarships are available to students that are attending one of the five United Methodist colleges or universities in our conference: Bennett College, Brevard College, Greensboro College, High Point University, and Pfeiffer University. The Scholarship committee meets every March and interviews scholarship applicants and then determines the allocation of funds. Information on scholarships and how to apply are on our web site.

Sherry Sink, Scholarship Chair
Report of Communications

The Conference Gram, our Conference newsletter, is published four times a year to highlight Conference events and officer reports. In 2014, a total of 11,409 Conference Grams were printed and mailed for a total cost of $6,227.08. 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 5,000 members of the email list, and it is posted on the Conference website www.wnccumw.org to be accessible to everyone. Electronic communications are also shared via Facebook (1,159 members) and Twitter (1,145 members), thanks to our website guru, Lynne Gilbert!

Vicki Walker, Conference Communications Coordinator 2013-2014

Report of Mission u

The Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Women held Mission u on the campus of Pfeiffer University, July 17-21, 2014. The total number of participants registered was 271, compared to 301 for the 2013 Mission u and 317 for the 2012 School of Christian Mission. There were 139 registered for full-time classes, 126 registered for one-day overviews, and 5 teens for our first-ever Mission u teen camp. This was especially encouraging because the teens left Pfeiffer full of enthusiasm and saying that they loved it and they will recruit others to come next year.

Our social issue study was “The Church and People with Disabilities.” The geographic study was a repeat study of the Roma of Europe. The youth and children’s studies focused on “People with Disabilities and our Response.”

The study leader evaluations were very favorable. Most of them received 5s and 6s, at the highest end of the rating scale. Participants especially praised the Spiritual Growth sessions on “How is it With Your Soul?” led by Rev. George Ragsdale.

Many members thoroughly enjoyed the addition of an excursion to Gladstone Academy and expressed an interest in going back next year to see improvements. Evaluations revealed that participants were pleased with the addition of the co-ed youth study and the fact that the teens went off-site in mission activity. We enjoyed singing familiar hymns and the music related to the studies. Morning Praise continued to be a very meaningful part of our Mission u experience. Our hosts at Pfeiffer were as welcoming and gracious as they have been for the past three years.

Participants did offer suggestions for improvement. They recommended that all study leaders prepare handouts for participants to take home to use in the districts and that participants be notified in advance that a study book should be bought prior to the beginning of the sessions. Our costs have risen substantially and we are exploring ways to reduce expenses. This may include changing the format of Mission u in the future.

About twenty Mission u participants completed the requirements to earn Advanced Lay Servant certifications and their Districts were notified. A few also earned Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

Many participants commended the Mission u team on a job well done. I want to thank all who worked to make Mission u 2014 a success, including the members of the committee, especially Lynda Morris, Virginia Robinson and Dianne Beam. I have been blessed to work with all of you.

Sandrea Williamson, Dean, Mission u
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.

Upcoming 2015 Events

Leader Development Day (LDD) for District Officers
Westford United Methodist Church, Concord
October 10, 2015
Registration/Program Resources 8:00 A.M.; Program 9:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Ubuntu Day of Service (Bethlehem Centers Charlotte & Winston-Salem, Brooks-Howell Home, Bennett College, Pfeiffer University, UMAR) —October 17, 2015, 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.
No-Fee on-line registration open now at www.wnccumw.org

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

Join Our Conference Email List!
If you are interested in receiving email periodically with Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist information, updates, the Conference Gram, 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!
2015 Conference Officers

President                Tonya Lanier
Vice President          Julia Willis
Secretary               Elizabeth Lookabill
Treasurer               Martha Phillips
Secretary of Program Resources Ann Aldridge
Communications Coordinator Dianne Beam

Mission Coordinators:
Social Action            Renee Hayes
Spiritual Growth         Sandy Hieronymus
Education & Interpretation Rebecca Wright
Membership Nurture & Outreach Jatana Royster
Chair, Committee on Nominations Kim Eller (15)
Members, Committee on Nominations Dixie Tyson (15), Sibyl Long (16), Susie Parks (16), Betty Durham (17), Faye Everhart (17), Brenda Alston (18), Doris Vincent (18), Peggy Wilkerson (18)

Historian                Carolyn Payne
Parliamentarian          Irish Spencer
Chair, Scholarship Committee Sherry Sink
Dean, Mission u           Lynda Morris
Director, National Office Lynne Gilbert
Resident Bishop          Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster

2015-2016 Mission u Officers

Dean                      Lynda Morris
Assistant Dean           Lisa Bacon
Housing Manager          Sandy Letchworth
Business Manager         Virginia Robinson

2015 District Presidents

Appalachian—Nancy Reigel
Blue Ridge—Joanie Strohm
Catawba Valley—Karen Wilkerson
Metro—Michelene Mathews
Northern Piedmont—Lynn Alexander
Smoky Mountain—Julie Leatherwood
Uwharrie—Ginger Hightower
Yadkin Valley—Darlene Gardner
Nominees for Conference Offices
Nominees for a two-year term 2016-2017

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth
Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture & Outreach
Mission Coordinator for Social Action
Secretary of Program Resources
Committee on Nominations Chairperson

Tonya Lanier
Julia Willis
Linda Young
Nancy Reigel
Martha Efird
Jatana Royster
Renee Hayes
Sibyl Long
Betty Durham

Nominees for a four-year term 2016*-2019

Member, Committee on Nominations (Class of 2016*)
Member, Committee on Nominations (Class of 2019)
Member, Committee on Nominations (Class of 2019)

Kathy Chadwell
Maureen Carr
Emily Johnson

Committee on Charter for Racial Justice for three-year term 2016-2019

Michelene Mathews
Martha Phillips

Nominees for National Director/Program Advisory Group

Mildred Carter
Dixie Liggett
Sara Williams-alternate

Incoming District Presidents 2016-2017

Lorraine Burns
TBD
TBD
Appalachian
Catawba Valley
Smoky Mountain
2014 District Recognition

Gift to Mission cards are presented to Districts for the following categories. Please make note of the recipients as the awards are presented during the Saturday morning session.

Largest % of increase in undesignated Mission Giving
3rd ____________________, 2nd ____________________, 1st ____________________

Highest per capita in undesignated Mission Giving
3rd ____________________, 2nd ____________________, 1st ____________________

Mission Today Units
3rd ____________________, 2nd ____________________, 1st ____________________

Five Channels of Mission Giving
3rd ____________________, 2nd ____________________, 1st ____________________

Mission Studies
3rd ____________________, 2nd ____________________, 1st ____________________

Highest % of Units participating in the Reading Program
3rd ____________________, 2nd ____________________, 1st ____________________

Highest # of readers participating in the Reading Program
3rd ____________________, 2nd ____________________, 1st ____________________

Highest # of participants completing Plan 4
3rd ____________________, 2nd ____________________, 1st ____________________

Highest # of participants in the Children’s Reading Program
3rd ____________________, 2nd ____________________, 1st ____________________

Highest % of Local Units Visited (LUV)
3rd ____________________, 2nd ____________________, 1st ____________________

Largest amount of Walk for Mission Funds
3rd ____________________, 2nd ____________________, 1st ____________________

Most new members added
3rd ____________________, 2nd ____________________, 1st ____________________

Highest % of Justice Today Units
3rd ____________________, 2nd ____________________, 1st ____________________
United Methodist Women has a rich legacy as a mission movement since 1869, and we are building for the next 150 years of service in God’s mission on behalf of women, children and youth in communities down the street and around the world.

Make your Legacy Fund gift today!

Why Should I Give to the Legacy Fund?

Think back on your personal awe of those eight women who came together in Boston and started this audacious undertaking….a small beginning that became a movement that has changed thousands of lives for the better.

If only we could do something so momentous??

The Legacy Fund is an opportunity for each of us to step into the shoes of one of those original 8 ladies in Boston…to BE one of them…who decided something needed to be done and did it.

This is our opportunity to take those same steps, this time to assure that the ongoing mission they started and others have furthered will continue and prosper well into the future.

This is something we should rush to do, to provide gladly…to celebrate the opportunity and thank those who conceived of it.

Nancy Reigel, District President
Appalachian District United Methodist Women

Where can I get more information about The Legacy Fund?

Visit our website at:
wnccumw.org/the-legacy-fund-150-years/

You can also contact any of our Legacy Campaign / 150th Anniversary Committee members, your District President, or your District Treasurer.

Information available on the website includes:

- Legacy/150 Campaign Commitment Form & FAQs
- Instructions about how you can make your gift(s) to The Legacy Fund
- PowerPoint - Introduction to the Legacy / 150 Celebration
- Legacy / 150 Logo
- Links to more information on the United Methodist Women National Office website
## Looking Ahead to 2016

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>January 8-10</td>
<td>National LDD—Lake Junaluska (Specific Conference Officers)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>January 16</td>
<td>President/Treasurer Workday (Location TBD)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>February 13</td>
<td>Finance/SG/LDD/Program Committee/CON—The Children’s Home, Winston-Salem</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>February 14</td>
<td>Executive Committee—The Children’s Home, Winston-Salem</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 1-5</td>
<td>WNCC UMW Bus Trip to Charleston SC for SEJ (more info at <a href="http://www.wnccumw.org">www.wnccumw.org</a>)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 3-5</td>
<td>Southeast Jurisdiction—UMW Quadrennial Meeting—Charleston, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 10-11</td>
<td>Spiritual Growth Retreat—Lake Junaluska—all UMW Members</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 15-19</td>
<td>UMC Annual Conference—Lake Junaluska</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>July 21-24</td>
<td>Mission u, Pfeiffer University—all UMW Members</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>August 13</td>
<td>Finance/SG/LDD/Program Committees—Brooks-Howell Home, Asheville</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>August 14</td>
<td>Executive Committee—Brooks-Howell Home, Asheville</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>September 9-11</td>
<td>Annual Meeting—Lake Junaluska—all UMW Members</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October 8</td>
<td>Leader Development Day (LDD)—(Location TBD) (District Officers)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October 15</td>
<td>Ubuntu Day of Service (various locations)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 11</td>
<td>Orientation Session for New Conference Officers—Lake Junaluska</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 12-13</td>
<td>Executive Committee Meeting—Lake Junaluska</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### ***Very Special Appreciation***

The Program Committee would like to thank the following individuals and groups:

- A big THANK YOU to all the United Methodist Women who took time out of your busy lives this weekend to join us at Lake Junaluska
- Michelene Mathews, Metro District President, and all the ladies of the Metro District who served on the Committee and as Hostesses & Pages for this event
- Members of the Conference Executive Committee and willing volunteers from the District Teams
- Those who enjoy singing and became our UMW Choir
- Volunteers who hosted missionaries/deaconesses for lunch
- Shirley Hickok, Dori Thurman & Rebecca Dyer for their rendition of "exercise"
- Darlene Gardner & Florence Greene for leading our Singing in the Chapel
- Harrell Center Display providers
- Fishin’ Hole for the donation of our tote bags
- The Lake Junaluska Staff who have been so helpful in planning this event
- Tim Nelson of PIP in Asheboro for his help in the printing of this program book
MEETING REGISTRATION:
Friday: 1:00-6:00 P.M. Harrell Center Auditorium (ground level)
6:30-7:00 P.M. Stuart Auditorium (lobby)
Saturday: 8:15-9:00 A.M. Stuart Auditorium (lobby)

PRAYER ROOM: Memorial Chapel (Open all weekend)

PROGRAM RESOURCES: Harrell Center Auditorium (ground level)
Friday: 1:00-6:30 P.M.
Saturday: 7:30-8:30 A.M., 12:45-1:45 P.M.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE: Saturday Afternoon
2:00-3:30 P.M.—Stuart Auditorium—Paul Jeffrey—Photography
3:45-4:45 P.M.—Terrace Auditorium T305C—Leaving your Legacy

MISSION RESPONSE CENTER TRUCK: Outside Terrace Hotel
Friday: 1-5 P.M.; Saturday 7:30-9:00 A.M. (truck leaves at lunch)
(manned times may vary; leave kits on table under the tent)

MEAL SCHEDULE at Terrace & Lambuth: Please allow Program Participants, Pages & Program Committee members to break line since they have responsibilities that limit their time. They can be identified by the yellow ribbons underneath their name tags.
BREAKFAST 7:00-8:30 A.M. LUNCH 11:45 A.M.-1:30 P.M. DINNER 5:30-7:00 P.M.

LATE NIGHT: Immediately following the Saturday evening session...until 10:30 P.M.
Harrell Center Auditorium (lower/ground level)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday 8:30 A.M. Stuart Auditorium

SINGING IN THE CHAPEL: Sunday 8:30 A.M.

NAMETAG NOTATIONS: The colored strip on the bottom of your nametag indicates your district. Look for YOUR district members!
Appalachian...Red Blue Ridge...Blue Catawba Valley...Orange
Metro...Golden Yellow Northern Piedmont...Green Smoky Mountain...Hot Pink
Uwharrie...Purple Yadkin Valley...Aqua Guest/Others...Black

Members of units meeting the MISSION TODAY criteria in 2014 have smiley faces on their name tags. Congratulations!

Persons attending Annual Meeting for the first time have STARS on their name tags. We are glad that you are here!
Voting members have red hearts!