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41st Annual Meeting

September 5-7, 2014
Celebrating 145 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.
Scriptural Reference:  
Mark 6:30-44 NRSV

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

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Tonya Lanier, President  
Julia Willis, Vice President  
Chair of Program Committee  
Karen Wilkerson, President  
Hostess District—Catawba Valley

2014 Program Committee  
Julia Willis-Chairperson, Tonya Lanier, Elizabeth Lookabill, Martha Phillips, Sandy Hieronymus, Renee Hayes, Rebecca Wright, Jatana Royster, Ann Aldridge, Vicki Walker, Karen Wilkerson and Michelene Mathews

If using cell phones or tablets for scripture reading or note taking, please make sure your device is silenced. Thanks!
FRIDAY EVENING-Stuart Auditorium
Hungry on the Hillside

Gathering Music—6:45 P.M.  Kathy McNeil and Craig Summers
We Gather for Welcome—7:00 P.M

Processional—Five Loaves of Bread “All Who Hunger”
Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan; Music: William Moore
(remain seated as “The Bread” is 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

Greetings from Hostess District President  Karen Wilkerson,
Catawba Valley President

Greetings from Host District Superintendent  The Reverend Dr. W. Lyn Sorrells,
Catawba Valley District Superintendent

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

We Gather for Worship  Lynn Alexander,
Northern Piedmont Vice President

Leader: We are gathered for worship.
All: There is much to do in this world, for the hungry cry to be fed, the homeless to be housed. We live in the midst of a world in need of peace and a people in need of hope.
Leader: We are gathered for worship.
All: There is much to do in our lives. There are commitments to fulfill, jobs to do. We must care for our children, our parents, our homes.
Leader: We are gathered for worship.
All: The problems of this world call for energy and vision.
Leader: In worship we seek God’s vision of hope and wholeness and meet the Spirit who gives strength to the weary.
All: The demands of our lives call for patience and compassion.
Leader: In worship our spirits are renewed by God’s grace and our hearts are made wide by God’s love.
All: We have gathered for worship.
Leader: Come, let us worship God in this hour that we may live as God’s people in days to come.

*Hymn “Spirit of the Living God”  UMH #393

Prayer Calendar/Evening Prayer  Micheline Mathews, Metro President
Scripture: Mark 6:30-44 NRSV  
Jill Joyner, Northern Piedmont President

Introduction of Speaker
Julia Willis

Message: Equipped for the Spiritual Journey  
Psalm 32:8  
Yvette Richards, National UMW President

*Hymn: “Go Make a Diff’rence” (refrain)  
Words & Music: Steve Angrisano & Tom Tomaszek

*Benediction  
Beverly Hill, Blue Ridge 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
A Hunger Develops

Gathering Music—8:30 A.M.  
Kathy McNeil and Craig Summers

We Feed on God's Mission—8:45 A.M.

*Hymn: “Many Gifts, One Spirit”  
UMH #114

Prayer Calendar/Opening Prayer  
Ginger Hightower,  
Uwharrie Communications Coordinator

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

Funny Business  
EXTRAORDINARY!

~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.
SATURDAY MORNING-Stuart Auditorium
The Story 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 Hymn
“As a Fire Is Meant for Burning” TFWS #2237

Welcome of Guests
Rebecca Wright

Pledge Service
Make It Happen with Mission Giving Martha Phillips, Treasurer

Love Offering
Martha Phillips

Offertory/Special Music
“Share the Well” by Caedmon’s Call Craig Summers

Offertory Response
Doxology UMH #95

Hymn
“We Walk by Faith” TFWS #2196

Scriptures
Genesis 12:1-3, Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-10 Carolyn Payne, Historian

Mission Address
By Faith We Journey Barbara Campbell, Deaconess

Hymn
“By Faith We Journey” 1986 Assembly Hymn, Don E. Saliers © 1986 Women’s Division-used by permission

Mission Presentations
Tonya Lanier & Martha Phillips

Benediction
Margaret Hardy, Northern Piedmont Spiritual Growth

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 welcomed!

Postlude

* Please stand, in body or in spirit

NOTE: 1:00 P.M. UMW Choir Practice in Stuart Rehearsal Room behind stage
SATURDAY AFTERNOON
Stuart Auditorium
Sharing our Gifts

Gathering—1:45 P.M.
“Get On Your Feet...Make it Happen” Gloria Estefan
Mission Today Power Point Presentation

Workshop—2:00 P.M.
Convener
Ann Aldridge, Sec. Program Resources
Book Review
“You Raise Me Up: Making it Happen for Children of the Ark”
Catherine Ritch, Author

SATURDAY AFTERNOON OPTIONS

Terrace Auditorium-T305 (3rd Floor)

3:45-5:00 P.M.
IMMIGRATION Workshop
Renee Hayes,
Mission Coordinator for Social Action

World Methodist Council Museum (beside the Terrace)

3:45-5:00 P.M.
“A Celebration of Helenor Davisson”
Portrait Unveiling Ceremony
First Ordained Methodist Woman in the US-1866
Yvette Richards
followed by CONVERSATIONS WITH YVETTE

Evangelism: “One beggar telling another where to find bread!”
SATURDAY EVENING - Stuart Auditorium

A Plan is Made

Gathering Music — 6:45 P.M.
Kathy McNeil & Craig Summers

A Time of Recognition & Honoring — 7:00 P.M.
Lorraine Burns
Appalachian Vice President

Evening Prayer
Select Conference Officers

Reports

Dedication of the Annual Report Book
Sandy Hieronymus,
Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth

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

Installation of Officers
Yvette Richards

Special Music
“A Living Prayer” by Allison Krauss
Craig Summers

Scripture
Mark 6:30-44 Enactment
Lisa Bacon, Committee on Nominations
Sherry Sink, Scholarship Chair

President’s Address
What’s Happening!
Tonya Lanier

*Hymn
“Since Jesus Came into My Heart”
TFWS #2140

Benediction
Emily Johnson,
Uwharrie President

Postlude

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LATE NIGHT
Immediately following the Saturday Evening Session until 10:30 P.M.
Coordinated by Jatana Royster, Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture & Outreach

Harrell Center Auditorium — Ground Level
The Lake Junaluska shuttle service will run until 11:00 P.M.

Districts Celebration of 145 Years in Mission... & beyond
1869...2036!
SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

Stuart Auditorium
Feeding our Soul in Word

8:30-9:30 A.M.  Sunday School
“How is it with Your Soul?”  The Reverend Alec M. Alvord

The Cross
(The Chapel is alternate location if needed due to weather)
Feeding our Soul in Music

8:30-9:30 A.M.  Singing at the Cross  Darlene Gardner,
Yadkin Valley President

SUNDAY MORNING-Stuart Auditorium
Hospitality from the Hillside to the Lakeshore

Gathering Music—9:45 A.M.  Kathy McNeil and Craig Summers

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

Announcements  Julia Willis

Call to Worship  Worship is a Gift  Molly Welch, Northern Piedmont
Mission Coordinator for Social Action

Leader:  Worship is a gift from God.
All: In worship, we are invited to come into the very presence of God, to be met by God’s
grace and encircled by God’s love.
Leader:  Worship is a promise.
All: In worship, we see the vision of the day yet to come, the hope of what is yet to be. In
this present hour we wait for the coming kingdom.
Leader:  Worship is a demand.
All: In worship, God demands from us the best of our heads and our hearts. God demands
of us our very lives.
Leader: With gratitude and joy, promise and hope, commitment and dedication, let us
worship the Lord our God.

Special Music  “Taste and See”  UMW Choir
Words & Music: Frances Patrick O’Brien

Prayer Calendar/Opening Prayer  Jamie Smith,
Yadkin Valley Vice President

Presentations  Tonya Lanier & Martha Phillips

Hymn  “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”  UMH #206

Memorial Service  They Made It Happen  Sandy Hieronymus,
Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth
Scripture  
* Benjamin's Mother  
(based on Mark 6:30-44)  

Jatana Royster, Mission Coordinator  
for Membership Nurture & Outreach

Message  
* A Season of Rejoicing  
Ecclesiastes 3:1  

Yvette Richards

Communion  
* A Service of Word and Table I—UMH Pages 9-11  

Bishop Charlene P. Kammerer,  
Celebrant  
Tracey Owens, Celebrant

Music Medley  

Kathy McNeil & Craig Summers

Dedication of the Gift to Mission Cards  

Rebecca Wright

All: Loving God, our God of hope, love and peace, how good you have been to us since  
last we gathered as United Methodist Women of 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  
* “In Mission Together”  

Word & Music: S T Kimbrough Jr

Make It Happen Litany  

Julia Willis

From the 2014 UMW “Make It Happen Assembly” closing worship; response July/August 2014 issue  

Leader: Jesus offered the small gifts of fish and bread, and God blessed it and made it  
more than enough, 12 baskets full of leftovers to be shared with others. Like our Scripture,  
we offer our gifts and ourselves to God to be blessed and commissioned to turn faith, hope  
and love into action. Do you commit to see who’s hungry on your hillside?  
All: With God’s help, we do.

Leader: Do you commit to organize for the feast, to follow Jesus’ orders to the disciples and  
go and use your hands, feet, head, heart, making sure that you will listen, act in solidarity,  
bringing to the table the people who are struggling for justice?  
All: With God’s help, we do.

Leader: Do you commit to offer your gifts, to join them with others in your community, to  
recognize the gifts that others bring and to see these gifts in all people?  
All: With God’s help, we do.

Leader: Do you commit to make it happen, to ask God’s blessings and to work in your  
community for justice for all persons?  
All: With God’s help, we do.

Leader: God of the Feast, you have fed us. You have filled us. Now it is time for us to go out  
and share with others. Strengthen us for the work ahead. May our work reflect our faith.  
May our dreams reflect our hope. May our actions reflect our love.  
All: Go and make it happen!

Blessing & Sending Forth  

Tonya Lanier

* Song  
* “Go Make a Diff’rence”  

Words & Music: Steve Angrisano & Tom Tomaszek

Postlude  
* Please stand, in body or in spirit
PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Keynote Speaker: Yvette Kim Richards
President, United Methodist Women

Yvette Richards, currently National President of United Methodist Women and member of the General Board of Global Ministries (2012-2016). A graduate of North Carolina A&T State University, BA in Mass Communications in 1985 and a graduate of Walden University, Master of Science in Leadership 2013. Employed 27 years with State Farm Insurance Companies and currently a Catastrophe Service Claim Representative. She is highly involved in her career, church (St. James United Methodist Church, Kansas City, MO) and civic communities with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and Girl Scouts of America just to name a few. Her leadership positions held in United Methodist Women: Missouri West Conference Membership Chair, Nominating Committee, Dean Team and Dean of Missouri Cooperative School of Christian Mission; West Gulf, Pacific, and South Atlantic Regional School Youth Study Leader; Retreat, Annual Meeting and Women’s Day Speaker; Youth Workshop Leader at The National Gathering; Alaska Annual Conference 2006 and South Central Jurisdiction Meeting 2004, 2008, 2012; Teen and College/University Women Adult Consultant Team 2000-2008; Workshop presenter at Leadership Development Days; Women’s Division Director 2008-2012; Global Aids Fund Board Member 2011-2012 and General Board of Global Ministries 2011-2012. Yvette is a native of Burlington, NC and currently resides In Kansas City, Missouri.

Mission Speaker: 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. In 1958 she 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 moved to Brooks-Howell Home in 2002. 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.
Organist/Pianist: 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, where she studied with Donald McDonald and Eugene Roan. 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 in Convent Station. Kathy has given numerous recitals throughout the Metropolitan area as well as being a featured soloist with area ensembles. She frequently appeared in recital at the Princeton University Chapel as part of their After Noon Concert series. Since moving to North Carolina, Kathy has been Organist/Choir Director for 4 months at Grace Episcopal Church in Waynesville, and is Accompanist for the Haywood Community Chorus. In addition, she is an active coach and accompanist for vocalists and instrumentalists and is an organ substitute in the area, including First United Methodist Church in Waynesville. Kathy maintains an active organ and piano studio at her home in Lake Junaluska. Her concerts are listed on her website, www.kathymcneil.com.

Music Director: Craig Summers

Craig Summers, the music director at First Presbyterian Church of Waynesville, is originally from Birmingham, Alabama. He has an accounting degree from Birmingham-Southern College and a Music Therapy degree from the University of Alabama. He moved to Haywood County just over 16 years ago, after completing his music therapy internship at the hospital in Asheville, and began work at Hospice in Haywood County as one of the first music therapists in the United States to specialize in end-of-life care. He also works as a free-lance musician, piano teacher, and substitute teacher. He enjoys knitting, reading, and running (but not at the same time), and has run many races, including the Chicago Marathon! He has a rescue dog named “Wink”. Craig is a vegetarian, but “Wink” is not!

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 along side his wife, Dot. Alec is currently serving as hospital visitor for Central UMC, Asheville, 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 Leader: Catherine Ritch

Catherine is a published composer and author of inspirational fiction, non-fiction and children’s books with 25 books currently in print. In addition to her appointment through the WNCC-UMC as the Circuit Riding Musician—a position that allows her to serve globally through her writing, speaking and music—Catherine has served over 45 years as an Organist/Minister of Music in churches, taught music in a private school and entertained audiences around the world in her travels. Catherine, who lives in Stallings, NC, holds degrees in Church Music and Music Ed, and a Master’s degree in Christian Education. Her greatest joy, besides her family, is bringing hope, inspiration and laughter to those whom she meets in her travels and through her books. During the Saturday afternoon workshops Catherine will review her latest book, “You Raise Me Up—Making It Happen for Children of the Ark.” This is based on the country of Armenia and Project AGAPE which is the North Carolina & Western North Carolina United Methodist Church sponsored mission.

Communion Celebrant: Bishop Charlene P. Kammerer

Charlene Payne Kammerer was elected to the episcopacy at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska in July 1996, the first woman to be elected from the Southeast Jurisdiction. She served the Charlotte area eight years, the Virginia Conference eight years and retired in September of 2012. Charlene was born in Orlando, FL. She spent her early years in Winter Garden, where her home church was First United Methodist. She graduated from Wesleyan College in Macon, GA with an A. B. degree in Religion and Philosophy in 1970. Wesleyan is the first college in the world chartered for the granting of degrees to women. She obtained Master of Christian Education and Master of Divinity degrees from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL. She was ordained Deacon in 1975 and Elder in 1977 in the Florida Conference. She received a Doctor of Ministry degree in 1991 from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. She is the recipient of three Honorary Doctorates from Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, FL, Pfeiffer University in Misenheimer, NC, and Wesleyan College, Macon, GA. Bishop Kammerer’s service in the church has included equal years in parish ministries and connectional ministries, campus minister at Duke University, chairperson of UMCOR, District Superintendent of the Tallahassee District, Florida Conference and on the Commission on the Status and Role of Women. Her lifelong passions in ministry include higher education, mission involvement, the spirituality of administration, and justice and peace issues. She is married to Leigh Kammerer, a native of Wisconsin, whose career was practiced in addiction counseling. They are the parents of one son, Christopher Hal, and four grandchildren, Christopher, Noelle, Elton, and Max. She enjoys walking, reading for fun, pottery and fine arts, theater and movies, and the nurturing of friendships.
Report of the Treasurer
Year 2013

TOTAL GIVING through District funds, Conference Love Offerings and Year-End Appeal
$982,544.53

For the THIRTEENETH consecutive year, WNCC UMW was #1 in Mission Giving. The National Office of United Methodist Women’s audited report indicates we were first in the nation in the following categories:

Pledge to Mission
Special Mission Recognition
Gift in Memory
World Thank Offering
Total Undesignated Mission Giving (5 channels)
Call to Prayer & Self Denial (designated)
Total Giving

Conference PLEDGE TO MISSION (undesignated-5 channels) was $804,656.12...short of our $820,500 Pledge only the second time in 19 years

Designated Funds to United Methodist Women National Office $90,398.58
TOTAL Funds to United Methodist Women National Office $895,013.70
Designated Funds to Other Projects within our conference $10,186.32
Conference Love Offering $22,135.63
8th Walk for Mission $8,918.15
Spiritual Growth Retreat Love Offering $8,559.46*
Mission u Love Offering $1,750.00*
Legislative Event $1,373.52*
Love/World Thank Offerings from Conference Committee Meetings $535.26*
Year-End Pledge Appeal $9,282.10*

Financial Goal “To exceed our total Conference Pledge to Mission Giving” was not met

* indicates an increase over previous year

During the past 19 years (1995-2013) Western North Carolina UMW has pledged $14,814,303; we have remitted $15,194,795...overpaying our conference pledges by $380,492! This is a tremendous amount of money that has certainly made a difference in the lives of many. You are to be commended for your Mission Spirit over these many years. YOU MAKE MISSION POSSIBLE as you generously give to support efforts to address and meet the needs of women, children and youth around the world.

Julia A. Willis, Conference Treasurer 2013
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. We are extremely happy to report to you the overall response to the hands-on opportunity for 2013. Spiritual Growth Retreat: 1,565 birthing kits, 366 health kits, 30 cleaning buckets, 45 school kits, 47 sewing kits, 2 bedding kits and $2,282.00 in cash bringing the total value to $22,315.50; Mission u: 1,718 health kits, 15 school kits, 17 sewing kits, 3 bedding kits, 52 pairs of socks, 28 cleaning buckets and $3,554.00, for total value of $26,435.00; Annual Meeting: 108 birthing kits, 292 health kits, 165 school kits, 9 sewing kits, 12 bedding kits, 246 cleaning buckets and $1,251.00 in cash bringing the total to $21,796.00; Leader Development: 21 birthing kits, 113 health kits, 45 school kits, 3 layette kits, 3 sewing kits, 1 bedding kit, 3 cleaning kits and cash of $249.00 for a total of $2,607.00; from district events, churches, individuals and units $13,367.00. Grand total value in 2013 of $91,874.30.

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

United Methodist Women from across the conference gathered at Lake Junaluska on June 14-15, 2013, for the annual Spiritual Growth Retreat. The theme was Faithful Living. The Reverend Amy Coles, Smoky Mountain District Superintendent, was the retreat leader. Her three session topics were, Faithful Living Through Disciple-centering, Faithful Living Through Disciple-becoming, and Faithful Living Through Disciple-being. Reverend Sallie Langford, Assistant to the Bishop was the celebrant for communion.

Stuart Auditorium was filled with music from Cross/Fire. Cross/Fire glorifies God through contemporary Christian music at First United Methodist Church in Gastonia, North Carolina. The members are Michele Graham, Walker Ingle, Lisa Jurs, Aaron Prillaman, David Radford, and Matt Smith. After the first session, The Lake Junaluska Singers, presented a concert. Dr. Melodie Galloway directed the 16-voice ensemble.

Many of the 902 in attendance contributed to the hands-on project of birthing kits. Over 1,500 birthing kits, 366 health kits and other kits, filled the Mission Response Center truck at a value of $22,315.50. These kits go to support the work of UMCOR. The Love Offering of $8,509.46 was given to Mission Giving as an undesignated gift.

We left the retreat renewed by being in worship, study, and fellowship at the lakeshore. The next retreat was planned for June 13-14, 2014 with JOY as the theme.

The 2013 Spiritual Growth Committee consisted of Sandy Hieronymus, chairperson, Ann Aldridge, Mildred Carter, Emily Johnson, Tonya Lanier, Martha Phillips, Sherry Sink, Julia Willis, and Rebecca Wright.

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

In 2013 Social Action was active in many different ways. 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.

With all Districts and 786 units reporting we had 38% Justice Today units. District percentages ranged from 62% to 27%.

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 had the opportunity to learn how to be an effective advocate at our September annual meeting. Social action is a continuous work in progress as we are educated about the issues and brave in speaking up for effective change.

Martha Phillips, Mission Coordinator for Social Action 2010-2013

Report of Membership Nurture & Outreach

Now that we have established the eight Districts of the Western North Carolina Conference and the first year of reporting is complete, we have new membership numbers to celebrate. We have added 997 new members to our conference. We now have a total of 786 units with a total of 24,986 members in our conference. We held our first Ubuntu Day of Service on October 19th. Over 134 people put faith, hope and love into action at Pfeiffer University, Brooks-Howell Home, and the Bethlehem Centers in Charlotte and Winston-Salem.

Sherry Sink, Mission Coordinator Membership Nurture and Outreach 2010-2013

Report of Scholarship Committee

The 2013 Scholarship Committee met at Pfeiffer University on March 23, 2013. WNCC UMW Scholarships totaling $19,201.71 were awarded to the following students:

- Alan Allis—Pfeiffer University
- Katelyn Coble—Greensboro College
- Stacy Guinto-Salinas—Pfeiffer University
- Megan Jordan—High Point University
- Jennifer Orr—Pfeiffer University
- Nathan Webb—High Point University

Pat Gilbert, Scholarship Chair
Report of Program Resources

The United Methodist Women’s Reading Program includes information on current issues and helps women think critically about those issues. In addition it provides women with the opportunity to deepen their spirituality and further their understanding of our mission work.

The total sales of program resources at Conference events during 2013 totaled $14,610.82, exceeding sales of 2012 by $4,186.10. Two hundred forty-seven (247) local units in the Western North Carolina Conference reported participation in the Reading Program. A total of 1,049 individuals participated in Plans 1-4 which is 4.3% of our membership. There were 50 participants in Plan 4 which requires reading 20 books, but only seven (7) units had women participating in all four plans of the Reading Program. Only one district reported children participating in the Children’s Reading Program.

The percentage of Reading Program participants ranged from 2.4% to 5.2% of the total district UMW membership with two districts exceeding 5%. Two (2) districts increased the number of units participating in the Reading Program, and two (2) districts increased the number of readers. Three (3) districts increased the number of participants in Plan 4 and the Conference total increased by three (3). Congratulations to all who took advantage of the opportunity to study and learn ways to take action as United Methodist Women.

Ann Aldridge, Secretary of Program Resources

Report of Communications

The Conference Gram, our Conference newsletter, is published four times a year to highlight Conference events and officer reports. In 2013, a total of 12,000 Conference Grams were printed and mailed for a total cost of $4,988.45. 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 all UMW members.

Vicki Walker, Conference Communications Coordinator

Report of Mission u

The WNCC of UMW held its first-ever Mission u on the campus of Pfeiffer University, July 18-21, 2013. Participants gave the event overwhelming positive reviews. The Spiritual Growth study, available to all full-time participants and many in the one-day overview was “The Call: Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly.” Most of the attendees took the geographical study on “The Roma of Europe,” while others participated in the social action study on “Poverty.” 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. The Mission u team was especially grateful to former SCM Dean Sara Williams, who stepped in to serve as Business Manager for one year when unexpected circumstances caused Sandy Letchworth to resign her position. Good study leaders, a good location, great fellowship and a warm welcome from everyone at Pfeiffer all helped to make Mission u 2013 successful.

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 2014 Events

Leader Development Day (LDD) for District Officers
First United Methodist Church, Granite Falls
October 11, 2014
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) —October 18, 2014, 9:00 A.M.-3:00 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!
2014 Conference Officers

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

Mission Coordinators:

Social Action             Renee Hayes
Spiritual Growth          Sandy Hieronymus
Education & Interpretation Rebecca Wright
Membership Nurture & Outreach Jatana Royster
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Historian                 Carolyn Payne
Parliamentarian           Irish Spencer
Chair, Scholarship Committee Sherry Sink
Dean, Mission u           Sandrea Williamson
Director, National Office Lynne Gilbert
Resident Bishop           Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster

2014 District Presidents

Appalachian—Nancy Reigel
Blue Ridge—Joanie Strohm
Catawba Valley—Karen Wilkerson
Metro—Michelene Mathews
Northern Piedmont—Jill Joyner
Smoky Mountain—Julie Leatherwood
Uwharrie—Emily Johnson
Yadkin Valley—Darlene Gardner
Nominees for Conference Officers

Nominees for a two-year term 2015-2016
Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation  Rebecca Wright
Communications Coordinator  Dianne Beam

Nominees for a four-year term 2015-2018
Member, Committee on Nominations (Class of 2018)  Brenda C. Alston
Member, Committee on Nominations (Class of 2018)  Doris D. Vincent
Member, Committee on Nominations (Class of 2018)  Peggy Wilkerson

2014-2015 Mission u Officers
Dean  Lynda Morris
Assistant Dean  Lisa Bacon
Housing Manager  Sandy Letchworth
Business Manager  Virginia Robinson

Looking Ahead to 2015

January 17  President/Treasurer Workday (Location TBD)
February 14  Finance/SG/LDD/Program Committee/CON—The Children’s Home, Winston Salem
February 15  Executive Committee—The Children’s Home, Winston Salem
April 10-12  Leader Development Days (LDD)—Lake Junaluska (Specific Conference Officers)
June 12-13  Spiritual Growth—Lake Junaluska—all UMW Members
June 17-21  UMC Annual Conference—Lake Junaluska
July 16-19  Mission u, Pfeiffer University—all UMW Members
August 1  Finance/SG/LDD/Program Committees—Brooks Howell Home, Asheville
August 2  Executive Committee—Brooks Howell Home, Asheville
September 11-13  Annual Meeting—Lake Junaluska—all UMW Members
October 10  Leader Development Day (LDD)—(Location TBD) (District Officers)
November 13  Orientation Session for New Conference Officers—Lake Junaluska
November 14-15  Executive Committee Meeting—Lake Junaluska
2013 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 Units participating in all FOUR Plans of the Reading Program

3rd ________________, 2nd ________________, 1st ________________

Highest # of participants in the Children’s Reading Program

3rd ________________, 2nd ________________, 1st ________________

Highest % of Local Units Visited (LUV)

3rd ________________, 2nd ________________, 1st ________________

Highest increase in new members

3rd ________________, 2nd ________________, 1st ________________

Largest amount of Walk for Mission Funds

3rd ________________, 2nd ________________, 1st ________________

Highest % of Justice Today Units

3rd ________________, 2nd ________________, 1st ________________

Social Action Award: ________________
The worship center is symbolic of several scriptures. The five loaves of bread remind us that a little boy shared his lunch, Jesus blessed it to feed five thousand people, and there was much left over. (Matthew 14:13-21) The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) states Give us this day our daily bread. God supplies our daily needs for everything we have and need. Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” (John 6:35) The net is used by fishermen. Along with the five loaves of bread, two fish were shared to feed the multitude. When Jesus called the first disciples, He said, “Come, follow me, and I will send you out to fish for people.” (Matthew 4:19) The cloths on the table symbolize that United Methodist Women is a world-wide organization. Among the cloths are those from Africa and Haiti. We are sisters in Christ serving women, children, and youth around the world.

Sandy Hieronymus, WNCC UMW Spiritual Growth Coordinator

(To Be) “The Hands of God” by Carolyn Payne, Historian

The Hands of God were working In church the other day, The ladies were there meeting, And they began to pray.

They asked, Dear Heavenly Father, Please fill each longing heart, With love so pure and simple, Your peace we can impart.

God’s Spirit came into the room, And gently touched each hand. He said, “The harvest is ready, And you’re part of My Master Plan.”

I need you to express my love, To a world that’s full of doubt, So take the gifts I’ve given you, And spread them all about.

Go to the inner cities, There, place a caring hand On someone who has fallen down, And show them how to stand.

Go to the schools and playgrounds And find the troubled youth, Place guiding hands upon them, And tell them of My truth.

Take loving, caring, giving hands To jail cells in your town, And tell them how my sacrifice, Did break the chains that bound.

Now, always use your praying hands, I’ll answer every prayer, And when you’re at your weakest Rest assured that I AM there.

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said… but people will never forget how you make them feel!” —Maya Angelou
***Very Special Appreciation***

The Program Committee would like to thank the following individual 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
♦ Karen Wilkerson, Catawba Valley President, Peggy Wilkerson, Hostess Coordinator and all the ladies of the Catawba Valley District that served on the Committee and as 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
♦ To those who volunteered to host missionaries/deaconesses for lunch
♦ Shirley Hickok, Dori Thurman & Rebecca Dyer for their rendition of “exercise”
♦ To Darlene Gardner for leading our Singing at the Cross on Sunday morning
♦ For all those who provided displays for the Program Resource area
♦ The Lake Junalusksa Staff who have been SO helpful in MAKING THIS HAPPEN

Special note of gratitude to Tim Nelson of PIP in Asheboro for his consultation and printing of our program book and his courtesy discount!
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—Catherine Ritch’s Book Review
3:45-5:00 P.M.—Terrace Auditorium T305—Immigration
3:45-5:00 P.M.—World Methodist Council Museum—
A Celebration of Helenor Davison
Conversations with Yvette

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 AT THE CROSS: Sunday 8:30 A.M. at the Cross (Chapel, if raining)

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...Light Blue

☺ Members of units meeting the MISSION TODAY criteria in 2013 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!