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Mission u 2015!

I am excited and honored to be serving as your Dean for *Mission u* 2015! Many of you have already registered, but if you haven't, make plans to do so. Your *Mission u* officers and school committee have been working hard to make sure you have a wonderful experience—you are in for a treat!

The **Spiritual Growth Study** for all full time participants is “Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God”. This study explores the Christian and Wesleyan understanding of happiness and how we can live the life that God has called us to live. The **Geographical** study is “Latin America: People and Faith”. Since many of us have neither visited nor were born in any of the Latin American countries, we will have the opportunity to learn about this vast region—the history of the land, its people, and how these countries have been impacted by the world, their impact in today's world, and how God is working there. The repeat study this year for the **Social Issue** study is “The Church and People with Disabilities”. This study will build awareness in the church regarding issues about disability, to call the church to provide full accessibility to services and opportunities to promote advocacy for justice for people with disabilities. In the 2nd year of this study there will be additional emphasis on the work of the United Nations in this area, persons with disabilities in Latin America, and the issue of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Our Resident Youth Camp

continues this year. Rising 9th graders through this year's high school graduates—boys and girls-- are invited to participate in a study of “Latin America: Places, Culture and Faith.” There will be opportunities for study, worship, fellowship and hands-on ministry. We are limited to 15 students so check out the Youth Camp Registration material online on the WNCC-UMW website and register today.

All of the studies reflect the continuing national *Mission u* theme: “Learning Together for the Transformation of the World”. Reflect on the scripture found in Romans 12:2—“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.” (NIV)

Participants have the opportunity to be full time students, living on campus, and attending studies beginning Thursday evening, July 16th through Sunday morning, July 19th. If you cannot attend as a full time student, take advantage of the one-day overview. You can select one study and come either Friday, July 17th or Saturday, July 18th and just spend the day. Remember, there is NO on-line registration. Registration forms may be downloaded from www.wnccumw.org. Registration forms must be postmarked by June 26th. Read over the registration form/brochure carefully for all information that you need. Be sure to purchase your study guides and read them

before coming to *Mission u*.

In addition to the studies, there will be wonderful music, Morning Praise, afternoon workshops, panel discussions, good food, and great fellowship! Thanks to the Metro District members for serving as our hostesses. We can also use your help. You will notice on your registration form several ways that you can volunteer to help at *Mission u*. Please check the boxes if you are willing to help. If you are pretty tech savvy, a new way to help is to be classroom tech support for our study leaders. With everyone using technology in this day and age, our study leaders will need help setting up their classroom technology and having “trouble shooters” around to call on when needed.

Lynda Morris, Dean, *Mission u*
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Study Leaders for Latin America



After heeding God's call upon her life **Rev. Pam Blackstock** took an early retirement from teaching in 1999 and pursued a Masters of Divinity degree from Duke University while pastoring a three-point charge in Southern Randolph County. Upon arrival to Winston-Salem she served a cross-racial appointment as an Associate Pastor at Ardmore United Methodist Church. She was ordained an elder at the 2006 annual conference of the UMC. She currently serves St. Luke UMC in Asheboro, NC.

Rev. Jeff Hassel's faith and life has been molded and guided by mission experiences, and he is thrilled to join the teaching team for the 2015 WNCC Mission u! Jeff joined the ODIM Guatemala staff in June 2014 after serving 20 years as an ordained pastor in the Western NC Conference. From 1999-2005, Jeff served as a missionary in Lithuania with the GBGM where he started congregations, directed church construction projects, coordinated international volunteer teams, and even became a music producer for a group of young Christian singers! From 2008-2012, he served as the Mission Director of Davidson UMC.



Dixie Liggett is a retired registered nurse. She has served UMW as a District and a Conference officer, as a member of the SEJ Core Planning Group, and as a Director of Women's Division. She has been a study leader for the WNCC School of Christian Mission (now Mission u) several times. She designed and led a workshop "How to Do a Mission Study" for nine years. Dixie has been married for 49 years to husband Larry. They have traveled in Europe, the Caribbean, Mexico, Bolivia, and Peru.

Rev. Dana McKim has served as the Minister to the University and the Pastor of the Village Church at Pfeiffer for the last 6 years. He has served as a pastor in the WNCC since 1985. His roles have included serving as District Disaster Response Coordinator for two districts, Conference Disaster Response Committee and Early Response Team trainer. He has also served the WNCC Volunteers In Mission Program as Assistant Country Coordinator for Costa Rica, Coordinator and Assistant Country Coordinator for Guatemala, Chair and Vice-Chair of the WNCC Volunteers in Mission Program and Team Leader for nearly 20 mission trips to Guatemala.



Rev. Marty Nason is the current Pastor of Latta UMC in Latta, SC. He has pastored churches in Maine, New England, North Carolina and South Carolina. He has a BA from University of South Carolina. He attended Bangor Theology Seminary from 1975-1977. In 1978-1979 he attended Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. He has been a Methodist Minister for 40 years.

Lori Valentine de Segovia (One-Day Overview) grew up in the UMC. She has been an active part of many groups in the UMC. For her Masters in Latin American Area Studies at Virginia Tech, she researched the history of the UMC, its missionary societies, and how it affected agencies in Northern Mexico. She joined VAUMC through Blacksburg UMC in 2001. In 2003, she was missionary through UMVIM in Reynosa, Mexico. In March 2015, she was elected to serve as VP for the newly formed Southeastern Jurisdictional Hispanic Caucus.



Study Leader for The Church and People with Disabilities



Ann Aldridge is a licensed sign language interpreter, and she was previously an adjunct instructor at Appalachian State University, Lenoir-Rhyne University, and Western Piedmont Community College. Ann also has work experience in administration at the NC School for the Deaf. She has served in numerous UMW positions at the local, district, conference, and jurisdictional levels.

Rev. Gewanda J. Parker (One-Day Overview) is the founder/CEO of Hope & Healing Corporation: A corporation with many arms serving and reaching the needs of the marginalized of society locally and abroad. She has also started an organization to help young girls and teens suffering with self-esteem and identity issues. She has taught in the public schools system for over 20 years. She is currently serving at Wesley Fellowship UMC in Jacksonville, FL.



Study Leader for Created for Happiness



Rev. Ellen Robison Received bachelor's and master's degrees in Music Education and teaching, and while serving as music director at churches, received a call to the ministry and enrolled in Duke Divinity. She now serves at Myers Park UMC in Charlotte, as the Minister of Worship and the Arts. She also continues to enjoy music directing at Theatre Charlotte, Matthews Playhouse and Central Piedmont Community College.

Study Leaders for Teen Camp



Rev. Sherri Barnes is currently serving Pfeiffer University as associate director for university and church relations and associate pastor for The Village Church. She holds an undergraduate degree in business administration from Youngstown State University in Ohio and a Master of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School. Sherri describes her work as partnerships, programs and prospects.

Sherry Sink has served in all levels of UMW over the last 16 years. She has taught one-day overview classes for several years at the School of Christian Mission and taught the Teen class for four years. She has also taught several district mission studies, has served as Mission Coordinator of Membership, Nurture and Outreach for the conference and is currently serving as Scholarship Chair.



Study Leader for Workshop for Children's Study Leaders



Kim Eller is a native of Greensboro and a lifelong member of Newlyn Street UMC. She has been the Christian Education Director for her church for approximately 30 years. She is active in the local, district, and conference UMW as well as in the general church. She enjoys reading, gardening, and "teaching kids of all ages all kinds of stuff."

Music Leaders

Janet Hutchens and **Patty Grant** are sisters who hail from Yadkin County, NC. They have enjoyed making music together since their early years and are grateful to be joining the gathering at Mission u once again. Both have accompanied and directed at various Methodist churches over the years and are currently involved at Baltimore UMC and Yadkinville UMC respectively.



Patty Grant
Song Leader



Janet Hutchens
Pianist

VICE PRESIDENT

- ✦ Vice Presidents can take advantage of program resources online at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org.
 - ◆ Go to the "For Members & Leader" tab...
 - ◇ Program & Event Ideas
 - ◆ Using United Methodist Women Resources in Programming
 - ◆ Worship Services
 - ◆ Videos & Slideshows
- ✦ Our 150th Legacy is an excellent program idea. Educate our members about the importance of establishing a Legacy Fund to ensure United Methodist Women is around another 150 years to provide aid to women, children and youth. Local unit contributors will be recognized with "150" pins at their respective District Annual Meetings.
- ✦ Upcoming Mission u will be an excellent source for program ideas on Latin America, Created in Happiness

and the Church & People with Disabilities.

✦ June 15th online registration for Annual Meeting is available. Take advantage of the \$15 discounted online registration fee, rather than the \$25 onsite fee! Advance registration is extremely helpful in making last minute preparations for meetings and printing adequate quantity of materials. Again, I remind you that Paul Jeffrey will be our keynote speaker. You'll hear Paul over three days as a missionary, an elder, a photographer, and as a journalist as he presents a variety of "Images of Mission." Help us keep the use of Stuart Auditorium with your attendance, experience the Terrace renovations and Paul's first-hand mission experiences.



Julia Willis

DEDICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT BOOK

The Annual Report Book is dedicated to a special woman who has served on the local, district, and conference level of UMW. She has demonstrated leadership abilities and works well with her peers. The recipient will be honored at Conference Annual Meeting in September at Lake Junaluska. Nomination forms must be completed and returned by **June 30, 2015**. Request forms by contacting:

Elizabeth Lookabill, 336-248-5805
elizabethlookabill@gmail.com

LEADER DEVELOPMENT

If you are or will be a 2016 District Officer, keep this on your calendar...Leader Development Day (LDD) - Sat., 10/10/15
 Registration/Refreshments/Program Resources
 8:00-9:00am ~ Opening 9:00am ~ Class 9:15am-Noon
 Program Resources Noon-12:30pm .
 Westford United Methodist Church,
 273 Highway 49 South, Concord, NC

SECRETARY



What a wonderful organization we belong to! So many great opportunities to be in mission and to help people all over the world. We have come a long way since 1869 on that stormy rainy night in Boston. We have many resources to help in our mission. Just to mention a couple of them, there is the Reading Program and Response Magazine.

I hope you are making plans to attend Mission u at Pfeiffer University in July. We have some really great studies and wonderful leaders, so be sure to register early.

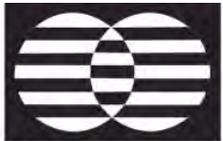
District Secretaries you are doing a great job. Don't forget that I am available to help you at any time. If I don't have the answer to your questions. I will find someone who does.

Just remember: Morning prayer is a time to have your cup filled to overflowing with peace, then as you have contact with other people at home and at work, you can pour that same peace into them. And the good news is — unlimited free refills are readily available any time your cup becomes empty throughout the day!

Elizabeth Lookabill

TREASURER

Each year we choose an important goal and a Love Offering theme for our Mission Giving. **Our 2015 Conference Financial Goal is “To Increase the percentage of local units giving in all Five Channels of Mission Giving”.** Many units already participate in giving in all Five Channels of Mission Giving but there are still many that do not realize how easy it is to achieve this status. Donating to Pledge to Mission is the first step a unit makes. All the other Channels require a minimum of a \$5.00 donation in each category – Gift to Mission card, Gift in Memory card, Special Mission Recognition donation, and World Thank Offering donation. Of course there are so many good opportunities to give Gift to Mission cards throughout the year and the choices of cards cover a wide variety of honoring possibilities. Remember that Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory cards can be sent



Mission Giving

to anyone, not just United Methodists! Giving a Special Mission Recognition Pin is a wonderful way to honor someone special but if this is not possible for your unit, the \$5.00 donation will suffice. The same is true for World Thank Offerings. Small or large, there is no reason your unit can not give in all Five Channels to help support Mission Giving and help us meet our 2015 Financial Goal.

The **2015 Love Offering Theme is “In Honor of our Members’ Faithful Commitment to Mission Giving”.** This offering is traditionally made at our Annual Meeting in September but donations may be made

throughout the year by sending them to me, Martha Phillips, PO Box 49, Linville Falls, NC 28647. Checks should be made to WNCU UMW Treasurer. You may also make donations online, www.wnccumw.org. Love Offering donations become part of our Pledge to Mission at the end of the year.

Mission u at Pfeiffer University should be a reminder of UMW academic scholarships. When your unit has met your pledge and contributed to the other four channels, consider monetary support of...

- ✝ WNCU UMW General Scholarship
- ✝ Ernest R & Lithie P Ellis Scholarship
- ✝ Herbin-Motley Scholarship
- ✝ Carrie Forbis Ferguson Scholarship
- ✝ Ethelyne Shelley Scholarship
- ✝ Ronda Robbins Memorial Scholarship
- ✝ Weaver Memorial Scholarship
- ✝ Fannie Mit Case Scholarship

Support of these allows us to award scholarships to students at Bennett College, Brevard College, Greensboro College, High Point University and Pfeiffer University.

Contributions to our four mission institutions in our conference—Bethlehem Center Charlotte, Bethlehem Center Winston Salem, Bennett College and Pfeiffer University—are other excellent designated mission projects for your consideration. See you at Pfeiffer!

Martha Phillips

Did You Know?

In the late 1860's, before there was an official Mother's Day holiday in the U.S., a Methodist mom organized “Mother's Friendship Day” at which mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation.



MEMBERSHIP NURTURE & OUTREACH

We will hold our Ubuntu Day of Service on October 17, 2015 at the five National Mission Institutions in our conference (Bennett College, Bethlehem

Centers in Charlotte and Winston-Salem, Brooks-Howell Home and Pfeiffer University). We will also have the opportunity to serve at UMAR homes in Charlotte and Gastonia this year. This ties in well with our Mission Study, "The Church and People with Disabilities". But I like the term "people with different abilities!"

Flyers for this event will be available at the conference events and there will be information on

the website as well. Registration is July 1 until October 1. There is no cost to register. Please register and don't just show up at a site. We need to prepare work for how many people are registered. If we have several people come but not register, there may not be enough work planned for us. But if we tell the site how many are coming, they can keep us busy!

If you have not checked out our conference website lately, please do! There are some wonderful resources for Membership Nurture and Outreach. Go to www.wncumw.org.

I look forward to seeing you at Mission u!

Jatana Royster



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Mission u offers many opportunities for worship, study, spiritual growth, and fellowship. The spiritual growth study for 2015 is *Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God*.

From the book: "God cares about our happiness. . .the happiness God cares about is not always the same happiness that we think that we want." There are seven chapters and an epilogue. Two chapters are studied each session. Why not do this study in your local unit using the participants guide included? All resident students at Mission u will take this study as well as either the

geographic area or current issues study. Each day at Pfeiffer University will start with Morning Praise before breakfast. Having this time apart is a gift from God. We focus on our spiritual well being and have much fun in fellowship with women throughout our conference.

United Methodist Women offer many opportunities for spiritual growth on the local unit, district, and conference levels. Take advantage of these events and programs. I always look forward to being with United Methodist Women.

Sandy Hieronymus



PROGRAM RESOURCES

I have always known that United Methodist Women are awesome, and that belief has been reinforced yet again. Thank you to all who saved the plastic bottle caps. They will be pressed into park benches for the new senior center being built in Morganton for deaf, blind, and deaf-blind individuals.

Registration is open for Mission u. Our studies this year are "Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God," "Latin America: People and Faith," and "The Church and People with Disabilities." Study books will be available for purchase on campus at Pfeiffer University. Come join

us in discovering our best kept secret – Mission u.

Have you read Shopping by Michelle Gonzalez? It is one of our 2015 Reading Program books in the Spiritual Growth category. Who would believe that shopping can be a religious experience? Read the book and find out – and keep reading. I encourage every one of you to participate in our Reading Program. If you don't, you really are missing out on a wonderful opportunity.

Contact me if I may be of assistance.

Blessings to all of you,
Ann Aldridge

MISSION EDUCATION & INTREPRETATION



What a great time of learning and fellowship is planned for all of us when we attend *mission u* this year. It provides an excellent opportunity for local units to strengthen their resolve to become Mission Today Units. Attending *mission u* allows us to complete requirement # 11. Let's be in prayer for our study leaders, school officials and various committees that this year's school will be the best ever.

Response magazine's April issue front page stated: Latin America: People and Faith. This is the

center of our *mission u* geography study. If you have completed reading your April issue, please share with others in your circles, units and church family.

We quote, "When sharing the PURPOSE and goals of United Methodist Women in your church, community, some of the strategies we use are:

Use visuals to help tell about mission

Become educated about mission projects and know to share where the money goes with joy and grace

Share a "response moment" at your next meeting

Rebecca Wright

SOCIAL ACTION

GLOBAL MIGRATION



Eight (8) UMWomen from our conference attended an Immigration Reform seminar in Washington, DC, at the General Board of Church and Society. This topic was chosen in response to 2012 spiritual growth study, "Immigration and the Bible" and in anticipation of our geographic study this summer at Mission u on Latin America.

According to the UM Book of Resolutions, official church policy states, "To refuse to welcome migrants to this country—and to stand by in silence while families are separated, individual freedoms are ignored, and the migrant community in the United States is demonized by members of Congress and the media—is complicity to sin" (Resolution 3281, "Welcoming the Migrant to the U.S." 2012).

From this seminar we hope to establish teams within our conference to address issues regarding immigration issues here in Western North Carolina through education and advocacy.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

In April, Catawba Valley UMMen's district president, Darryl Wilburn, and I attended Leadership Development Days (LDD) at Lake Junaluska,



receiving the FaithTrust Institute's training, "Domestic Violence: Awareness to Action." President Wilburn has been working with our conference UMMen to raise awareness and combat domestic violence since last spring. His article, "Western NC Men Seek Ways to Reduce Domestic Violence," appeared in this spring's national UMMen's publication.

Our goal in the next year is to develop a partnership between our two organizations to focus our efforts together in ministry to those suffering from domestic abuse in our congregations and our communities and jointly to find ways to combat this destructive force in our local families.

Please begin having conversations with your pastors and UMMen's groups regarding ways you may work together to raise each other's awareness. Our first steps will include holding training within districts, sharing what we have learned at LDD with our social action coordinators and others. Please be in prayer for these events as well as for individuals who need our support.

Renee Hayes



NOMINATIONS...AKA MATCH MAKERS



Being created in God's image elicits a multitude of opportunities and obligations in which we can serve Him and His people. Being happy in the Lord and spreading that happiness is one of the happy ones! As your Match Makers prayerfully search for a match between you and your heart's desire and passion to serve Him, being happy is a strong indicator of selecting the right leader. Join us, your Match Makers, at Mission u...we are easy to spot...we're the real happy, love-y ones!!



Kim Eller

Head Match Maker...aka...Committee on Nominations



United Methodist Women Celebrating 150 Years 1869-2019

On March 23, 1869, eight women gathered at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, and organized the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, what would become United Methodist Women. Those women raised money to send a doctor, Clara Swain, and a teacher, Isabella Thoburn, to India as missionaries to serve the women of that nation.

In the July/August 2014 **response** magazine, Harriet Jane Olson states, "In 2019, United Methodist Women will reach the milestone of 150 years in mission. The next five years leading up to this anniversary is a time for celebration! It is also a time for reflection, a time to ask, "What will our legacy be?" How can we be as creative and effective as our foremothers were in leaving a strong women's mission organization and the means to provide for the needs of women, children, and youth long after we're gone?"

The Legacy Fund has been established to provide the resources needed to continue the work begun in 1869. We are suggesting that each member give a minimum donation of \$18.69 annually for the 5 years leading up to our 150th Anniversary in 2019. Of course you may give as much as you wish. Those who are able may want to consider a bequest to the Legacy Fund in your estate planning. However you choose to help remember that you are helping insure that the mission of United Methodist Women will continue.

While this is over and above our pledge and beyond our other UMW financial obligations, giving to The Legacy Fund is so doable. If we love United Methodist Women like we say we do, we should secure its future.

Donations may be made through your unit treasurer who will forward contributions to your District Treasurer in quarterly remittances. You may also send contributions to me at: P. O. Box 49, Linville Falls, NC 28647, checks should be made payable to WNCU UMW Treasurer.

Thank you for all that you do to support United Methodist Women now and for the future.

Martha Phillips
Conference Treasurer



PRESIDENT

While driving, have you ever had to make a U-turn? Once, while following my GPS in my efforts to reach Camp Loy White for an Executive Committee meeting, the sterile voice kindly stated, "you have reached your destination." I was at the end of a cul-de-sac surrounded by mobile homes. I decided to make a U-turn. It was important for me to get back on the right track. Although nightfall was quickly approaching, I wasn't afraid because I knew God was in control.

This may be where we find ourselves when we stop learning...stop reading...stop meditating...stop conversing with like minds. We realize that at some point we need to get back on course. Mission u would be a great destination to help with this predicament. Not only will this event help you "turn to God," but it will also help you to recharge your fuel for spiritual formation. It will stimulate your willpower and get you energized for the journey ahead. You will leave Mission u with a wealth of knowledge, new experiences, fresh friends, and hopefully a greater appreciation for the work of our sisterhood.

Plan now to attend the Western North Carolina Conference Mission u. Specific details can be found in this Conference Gram and on our website (www.wncumw.org). Pray about this opportunity. God will show you how to make a legal U-turn to Mission u. He will continue to give you directions through His word. He will gently guide you on the way you should travel. Listening to your GPS is fine and dandy, but know who is really in control.

Hope to see you at Pfeiffer University in July! Thanks for allowing me to serve as your Conference President. I am just an email, telephone call or note away. I would love to hear from you!

Blessings,
Tonya Lanier

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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.

2015 Upcoming Dates:

June 12-13, 2015

Spiritual Growth Retreat—Lake Junaluska

July 16-19, 2015

Mission u — Pfeiffer University

September 11-13, 2015

Annual Meeting—Lake Junaluska

October 17, 2015

UBUNTU Day of Service—Sites across the Conference

For more information, visit: www.wnccumw.org

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Mission u !

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July 16-19, 2015

Our Courses of Study

**Spiritual Growth Study: Created in Happiness:
Understanding Your Life in God**

Study leader: **Rev. Ellen Robison**

One-Day Overview Leader: **Rev. 8 h**

This study will examine the Christian and Wesleyan understanding of happiness and how to live the life that God calls us to.

Geographical Study: Latin America

Study leaders: **Rev. Pamela Blackstock, Rev. Jeff Hassel, Dixie Liggett, Rev. Dana McKim, Rev. Marty Nason, Rev. Don Newman**

One-Day Overview leader: **Lori Valentine de Segovia**

Many of us have neither visited nor were born in Latin America, but in this study, all of us will be given a chance to learn about this region. This study is an invitation to enter this land called Latin America, knowing it is a sacred land. We will come in with respect to face the dignity of a people and with the love of God for them.

Social Issue Study: The Church and People With Disabilities

Study leader: **Ann Aldridge**

The intent of this study is to build awareness in the church regarding issues around disability, to call the church to provide full accessibility to services and opportunities, and to promote advocacy for justice for people with disabilities.

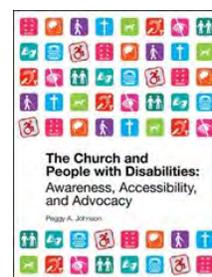
Come and Learn with us!

Who Should Attend?

Anyone who wants to worship God, learn new things, and enjoy the fellowship of other Christians
Local officers and members of United Methodist Women/
District and Conference UMW Officers/
District Chairpersons of Mission Engagement/Ministers
and all men, women, and youth of the Church
Especially calling out to teens for our Youth Camp!

Mission u theme 2015:

"Learning Together for the Transformation of the World"



The national theme for Mission u continues. In Romans 12:2, St. Paul advised, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will." (NIV)

God's ultimate will for humankind is that all persons will have abundant life: We study and learn together so that, through the renewing of our minds, the world may be transformed.

Our graphic images include representations of the three studies and the *Mission u* logo. Taken together, they remind us to explore and reaffirm our own connections to God, to learn and reconnect to our neighbors near and far, and in renewing our minds, to identify ways our church can do more to open the floodgates of inclusion and equality. Learning together, we can be transformed into God's compassionate people.

Registration is open May 1-June 26, 2015

All Registrations must be postmarked no later than

June 26, 2014

NO ONSITE REGISTRATIONS

Check-in for full time students

Thursday, July 16, 2:00-6:00 p.m.

First session begins at 6:30 p.m.

Workshop for Leaders of Children

Leader: **Kim Eller**

Session Time: 4:15 pm Friday or Saturday

Mission u 2015 Full time Youth Camp

Leaders: **Rev. Sherri Barnes and Sherry Sink**

“Latin America: Country, Culture, and Faith”
This study contains a wealth of information on Latin American life, customs, culture, young people, geography, and liturgical practices that will help United Methodist youth increase their understanding of what life is like for Latin American youth who are working toward and dreaming of a better world.

Registration:

May 1, 2015-June 26, 2015

Full time Youth Camp: \$150.00 per person

Housing in New Hall: (suite-style) Residence: \$190.00 per person*

***Rooms assigned based on postmark of registration form and number of rooms made available by Pfeiffer.**

Resident Double: \$160.00 (two persons sharing)

Resident Private: \$175.00

(LUNCH ON SUNDAY WILL NOT BE PROVIDED)

Non-Resident: \$40.00 (No meals)

Non-Resident: \$80.00 (With 4 meals—Lunch and Dinner Friday and Saturday)

One-Day Overview: \$20.00 (No meals)

One-Day Overview: \$30.00 (Lunch included)

One-Day Overview Students will choose one study and will have 6 hours of session time in that study. You will not get both studies, unless you come to both days, and that certainly is an option for you.

ONE-DAY OVERVIEW STUDIES: Friday & Saturday. Registration is from 8:00 am-8:45 am

Watch for additional details on our Website:
www.wncumw.org

REFUNDS: There will be no refunds without at least 7 days notice. (\$40.00 of Resident Fee is not refundable.) **NO CHILD CARE AVAILABLE**

HOUSING: HOUSING WILL BE IN COLLEGE DORMITORIES. Bring bed linens, including a light blanket, pillow, towels, clothes hangers, grooming items, mirror, bathrobe, study lamp and any other items you feel necessary for your comfort away from home. (Wireless internet is available all over the campus.) There will be no linen rental.

SPECIAL NEEDS: If you have any physical conditions that require consideration in room or classroom assignment, please explain on registration form or on separate sheet of paper stapled to your form.

YOUTH: This year's youth camp is limited to 15 participants and will last the full time of Mission u 2015. For youth participants, there are covenant and consent forms that must be completed and accompany the basic registration form. Those forms are available from the school officers, district presidents, and our conference website at www.wncumw.org. There will be a youth curfew in effect at 11:30 p.m. each evening.

CLASSES: The Spiritual Growth Study, “Created in Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God” will be offered to everyone. Please choose one of the other courses for more intensive study. Bring Bibles, pencils, paper, etc. Text books are available from the Mission Resource Center and at all Conference events prior to the school and in the Resource Room during the school. Participants are strongly encouraged to purchase and read the texts before arriving at Mission u. **CEU's and Advanced Lay Servant Certifications:** Continuing Education Units and Advanced Lay Servant Certifications will be offered if requirements are met.

<u>Dean</u>	<u>Assistant Dean</u>
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Hands-On Mission Project

Sewing Kits

- 3 continuous yards of fabric: cotton or cotton blend only; no heavy duty, corduroy or knit; no patriotic, religious, holiday, camouflage, or military patterns
- 1 pair of fabric scissors
- 1 package assorted hand needles, at least 10 in original packing; no craft needles
- 1 spool of medium to large thread; no travel kit thread
- 5 to 8 buttons, 5/8 –inch size or larger; no loose buttons; leave in original packing or fasten all together
- 1 gallon size sealable plastic bag
- Assembly Instructions: Place all items in plastic bag and seal. In a separate envelope, please include a check payable to UMCOR Sager Brown for at least \$1.00 per kit.

Mission u 2015
Residential Youth CAMP!
July 16-19
Pfeiffer University,
48380 U.S. Highway 52N
Misenheimer, NC 28109



**Latin America:
Places, Culture and
Faith**

Resident Youth Camp. This year *Mission u* is providing the opportunity for up to **15 high school students or recent graduates** to participate in study, worship, fellowship and hands-on ministry!

Theme: "Latin America: Places, Culture and Faith"

This is a study for young people regarding Latin American life, customs, culture, young people, geography, and liturgical practices. You will increase your understanding of what life is like for Latin American youth who are working toward and dreaming of a better world.

Leaders: Rev. Sherri Barnes and Sherry Sink

COST: \$150 per student. The expectation is that the student will pay \$50 towards the experience with their local church/UMW unit paying the balance of \$100.

AGE: *Mission u* is open to high school students who have **completed 8th grade through those who have completed 12th grade.**

SPECIAL NEEDS: If you have any physical conditions that require consideration in room or classroom assignment, please explain on registration form or on separate sheet of paper stapled to your form.

HOUSING: Housing will be in College Dormitories. Pfeiffer Student Leaders will be serving as Camp Leaders!

WHAT TO BRING:

- **Your Bible (of course!!)**
- Musical instrument if you play
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, body wash, etc. etc. etc.!!) Whatever you need to be clean & happy!
- Outdoor toiletries (bug spray & sun screen) Whatever you need to be comfortable!
- Sheets/blanket/pillow (Twin XL) or a sleeping bag instead of sheets/blanket
- Bath towels/wash cloths/hand towels
- Rain gear if forecasted
- Clothes, sleepwear, & footwear (**SOCKS & SHOES**) that will keep you comfortable & happy!

ON Friday and Saturday, we will be going out into the community for hands on ministry experiences. You will need to wear a T-shirt or tank top (no spaghetti straps), shorts are fine (not too short), socks and closed toed shoes. (You MUST have closed toed shoes).

- Medicines (Please bring them in prescription bottles/containers)-Need parent/legal guardian's permission/advisement regarding your medicine schedule
- Copy of your health insurance card & vaccination records
- List of any dietary restrictions/concerns
- Jacket, sweat shirt, hat, sun glasses
- Small amount of spending money if desired
- Camp Chair
- It's OK to bring electronic devices (computers, e-readers, tablets, cell phones, etc. etc. etc.) **BUT you are responsible for them.** (Wireless internet is available on the campus.)
- **DO NOT BRING: Expensive items or items of sentimental value that you would be unhappy if they were lost or broken!**
- **Also plan to bring Open Minds, Open Hearts, & Open Hands!!!!**

CONSENT FORMS: For youth participants, there are covenant and consent forms that must be completed and accompany the basic registration form. Those forms are available from the school officers, district presidents, and our conference website at www.wnccumw.org. **There will be a youth curfew in effect at 11:30pm**

REGISTRATION - 2015 Western NC Conference *Mission u* – YOUTH CAMP!

STUDENT INFORMATION: *Please PRINT CLEARLY and complete all information.*

Name: _____ First Timer? () Yes
(Name for name tag)

Church: _____ District: _____ () Female () Male

Date of Birth: _____ (m/date/year) Grade Level for 2015-2016 school year: 9 ___ 10 ___ 11 ___ 12 ___ College ___

Address: _____
Street, P. O. Box City State Zip

Telephone: () _____ Email: _____

Roommate (if applicable) _____ (Must be sent in together!)

In case of Emergency, contact: Name: _____ Telephone: () _____

Special Housing/Classroom Needs (*please be specific*): _____

REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT DUE BY JUNE 26, 2015

Make Checks payable to: UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Mail Check and Registration form to:

Virginia Robinson
2141 Millstone Drive
Morganton, NC 28655

Registration is open May 1-June 26, 2015
All Registrations must be postmarked no later than
June 26, 2015

THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE REGISTRATIONS

Call/Email/Text Questions or Concerns to
Sherri Barnes - sherri.barnes@pfeiffer.edu or 704-463-3073



Permission/Medical Release Form for *Mission u* 2015

This form is necessary for any student wishing to stay overnight in a Pfeiffer University Residence Hall. Clearly print, provide necessary signatures, and submit to the Office of Church Relations.

Students will not be permitted to attend *Mission u* without completing this form.

Date: _____

Student Name: _____ T-Shirt size _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

High School: _____ Grade (2015-2016 school year) _____

Medical Concerns/Allergies: _____

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian

I give permission for my child, named above, to visit and stay overnight in a Residence Hall at Pfeiffer University. I hereby release and hold harmless Pfeiffer University, its trustees, administrators, and employees from any and all liability, damage, or claims made against them related to my child's participation in this visit to Pfeiffer University. In addition, I authorize a representative of Pfeiffer University to consent to medical care of my child in the event I cannot be reached.

Student

I agree to abide by all laws, policies, and rules set forth by Pfeiffer University and its staff. I understand failure to do so could result in notification of my parent/guardian and a request that I leave campus.

Authorization to use photographs and/or audio-visual

I hereby authorize Pfeiffer University to use, reproduce, and/or publish photographs, voice reproductions and/or video that may pertain to my child. I understand that this material may be used in any legal manner in various publications, promotional or recruitment materials or for other related endeavors. This material may also appear on Pfeiffer's website, social media outlets and in university publications. I understand that by signing this release, I waive any and all present or future compensation rights to the use of the above stated material(s).

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Student

Date

United Methodist Women
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
2015 *Mission u*
Covenant and Consent Form for Youth

Print Name of Youth Participant

COVENANT:

As a participant in *Mission u*, I take seriously my responsibility and affirm my commitment for the well-being and safety of others and myself. I agree to remain on the site unless I have been given permission to leave by my chaperone and the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women's designated person in charge. I will attend all activities, including meals. I will observe the scheduled curfew of 11:30 p.m. by being in my room, being quiet, and not disturbing others. I will not use tobacco, illegal substances, or alcohol. I will respect the equipment and property of others and care for the facility that we share.

This covenant is made between each youth participant and the whole group. I understand that if I break the covenant, and if the brokenness cannot be reconciled, that my parent will be contacted and I may be sent home from the event.

Youth Participant Signature

Date

CONSENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

I give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in *Mission u* to be held at Pfeiffer University, July 16-19, 2015. I have read the covenant, which my son/daughter has signed, and I understand the responsibilities to which he/she has agreed. I will support him/her in fulfilling this covenant.

I understand that it is essential that my son/daughter conduct himself/herself appropriately and refrain from the use of alcohol, cigarettes, tobacco, drugs, cursing, and other inappropriate behavior that may detract from the purpose of *Mission u* or hinder other participants from enjoying the event. If it becomes necessary to take disciplinary action with my son/daughter, I will be advised of the situation, and I agree to cooperate in resolving the problem as amicably as possible. If the situation requires that my son/daughter be sent home from the event, I agree to assist with transporting my son/daughter from the event location to his/her home.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date