

Smoky Mountain District Annual Meeting

When: Saturday, August 15, 2015
From 9 am - 12 noon
Where: First UMC Canton
29 Newfound Street
Canton, NC 28716



Take I-40 to exit 33 for Newfound Road. Head toward Canton. Follow Newfound Road to 29 Newfound Road. Church is on the right. Parking across from church.

WNCC UMW 2015 UBUNTU DAY OF SERVICE

When: Saturday, October 17, 2015 From 9 am until 2 pm

Where: Five of our National Mission Institutions

- † Bennett College, Greensboro
- † Bethlehem Center, Charlotte
- † Bethlehem Center, Winston-Salem
- † Brooks-Howell Home, Asheville
- † Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer

And this year, we have the opportunity to serve a UMAR
House in Charlotte & Gastonia.

Register online July 1st— October 1st (www.wnccumw.org)

More information online or contact your Nurturing Partner, or
Jatana Royster, Conference Coordinator Membership Nurture
Outreach (jatana7@windstream.net)

From our President, Julie Leatherwood -



Greetings from your SMD UMW President,

Can you believe the year is half over? Where does the time go? You've missed some wonderful opportunities to learn and grow in your knowledge of UMW if you did not attend our SMD Mission u, our Day Apart or the WNCC UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska. I know you all do such wonderful work volunteering and contributing financially to your community needs through your local units. However, if you never attend any district or conference events you'll never know the true extent of the multitude of missions United Methodist Women support around the globe or become educated on national and international issues about which we try to address and keep our members informed and involved. You have several more opportunities ahead - The conference Mission u at Pfeiffer University, July 16th thru 19th, the SMD UMW Annual Meeting at Canton 1st, August 15th, the WNCC UMW Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska, September 11th thru 13th, UBUNTU Day of Service, October 17th and our district Leadership Training at Hayesville 1st, November 7th.

I'm very concerned about our upcoming district Annual Meeting where we induct new officers for 2016. We still have numerous positions that have not been filled. I know there are many of you out there with leadership abilities who could fulfill the responsibilities of an office on the executive team. You do not have to be an expert or think it is a time consuming job. We are all volunteers, have families, many other hobbies and activities we enjoy and find time for and some hold down full time jobs. Our National President and Conference President both have full time jobs and still manage to fulfill their responsibilities. No one is doing this alone. Past officers and the ladies in your units are there to assist you. The opportunities to grow and do the work God has called us to do will bless you.

At our Annual Meeting in Canton Katie Henry from Barium Springs near Bryson City will be our speaker. We have designated half our Love Offering to go to Barium Springs and half to UMW undesignated giving. Please bring any local unit offerings to the meeting or send them to our district treasurer, Deborah Ray. We will be passing an offering plate during the meeting for any individuals wishing to make a love offering.

Barium Springs and Grandfather Mountain have joined forces under a new name - Children's Hope Alliance, the largest foster care provider in the state of North Carolina.

Also, attending our meeting will be our conference nurturing partner Susie Parks and the conference treasurer Martha Phillips. Please make them welcome.

I wish you faith, hope and love to continue enjoying a beautiful summer and time with family and friends.

Serving in His Name,
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From our Nominations Chair, Pearl Conner

My plea in this newsletter is the same as in past ones.

Please everyone consider the offices that remain open (President; Vice President; Mission Coordinator for Mission Education and Interpretation; Mission Coordinator for Membership, Nurture and Outreach). Those now holding these offices will tenure out at the end of this year. The good news is all openings on the Nominations Committee have been filled.

Please sisters, be in prayer for the District to have all positions filled by our Annual Meeting on August 15th.

God Bless,

Pearl Conner, Chair - Nominations Committee
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Greetings,

From Our Social Action Coordinator, Laura Sanford

November 25, 2015 is International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women. The United Nations is using the day to raise awareness about violence against women as a part of its campaign to eradicate all forms of violence against women. The UNiTE Campaign is sponsoring 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence beginning on November 25 and extending through December 10, which is Human Rights Day. What can we do? UNiTE to End Violence against Women invites you to "Orange Your Neighborhood." Project the color of orange everywhere you go during these 16 days. November 25 was chosen to commemorate the Mirabal sisters, three political activists from Dominican Republic, who were brutally assassinated in 1960 during the Rafael Trujillo dictatorship (1930-1961).

Please visit <http://www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday/> for more information. I will have flyers about this at the District Annual meeting on Saturday, August 15.

I would love to come to one of your local unit meetings and share information about eliminating violence against women.

In Christian Love,

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From Mission, Education and Interpretation, Beverly Bard

Is your unit actively pursuing a MISSION TODAY UNIT for 2015? Every unit must make and meet its Pledge to Mission - Criteria #1. If your unit has not made your pledge, there is still time to notify Deborah Ray, District Treasurer of your unit's Pledge. You also must complete 11 more Criteria including 6 of those marked by an asterisk (*).

Let me say a big "Thank You" to everyone who helped in any way at our District Mini u Mission Study, March 21 at Waynesville 1st UMC, and also especially to our hostesses, the Waynesville 1st UMW. We had excellent presenters - Rev. Holly Adams and Ann Aldridge. Also a big thank you to the 73 who attended the studies of "How Is It With Your Soul" and "The Church and People With Disabilities". If you want a copy of the "Accessibility Mini-Audit for the Church", please contact me for a copy.

We will continue collecting all UMCOR Kits at all of our District Meetings, as our Hands on Projects. UMCOR Sager Brown is in great need of Health, School & Layette Kits, and all other kits are greatly appreciated. At the present time we do not need Cleaning Buckets, as our Mission Resource Center, Terrill, NC has a good supply.

I have turned in the following Kits - 74 Health, 41 School, 59 Sewing, 7 Layette and 2 Bedding. Total value - \$2,738. Also, 1 unit gave \$60. Thank you so very much for this great support of UMCOR Kits. By doing a Hands on Project you have already completed #22 of Mission Today Unit Criteria.

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

Beverly Bard, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation

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Special interest - Ladies at Mt. Zion UMC have a sewing group called Sisters in Stitches who meet twice a month in the Fellowship Hall to sew, quilt and do other types of needlework. They share lunch and enjoy the fellowship of being together. They also encompass ladies from Dutch Cove Baptist Church in Canton within their group. This group turned in 25 Sewing Kits at our District Mission u in March. Last September they turned in 20 Sewing Kits at our Conference Annual Meeting. They are now making Book Bags for us.

For more information, you may contact Iris Hutchinson, President Mt. Zion UMW, at 400-5939 or 452-4085.



From Spiritual Growth, Esther Manchester

By the time you will be reading this news letter our Spiritual Growth Events in both the District and the Conference will be over and your Spiritual Growth Committees will be planning for the retreats of 2016. What an opportunity for those of us who are on those committees! On April 18th Smoky Mountain District was very blessed to have four individuals who had served in many different areas of mission around our globe. They shared with us many interesting and inspiring stories of their experiences. Of course all of them continue to serve Jesus Christ where they are as writers of our church literature, teachers of Bible studies, Community volunteers and in leadership roles in United Methodist Women! We are very grateful to our guest speakers-Reverend Alec Alvord , Mrs. Dorothy Alvord, Dr. Douglas Wingeier and Mrs. Carol Wingeier for blessing us with their time and outstanding information.

Many of us will be attending Mission U at Pfeiffer University July. 16-19th. The Spiritual Growth Study this year is "Created in Happiness; Understanding Your Life in God." This is another great opportunity for us to gain a deeper understanding of who we are as God's children and to explore the affects we can have on the world as we live out our faith. Those who attend will be able to gain information to share with their local units. It is especially helpful to purchase/read the text prior to Mission U and highly recommended for all United Methodist Women who are fulfilling requirements for the 2015 Reading Program.

Spiritual Growth:

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From our Treasurer, Deborah Ray -

God's blessings on you all,

Thanks to everyone for getting your second quarter remittances in so promptly. Please check your records to determine what giving you still need to do to meet all five channels of giving. If you have questions about this, give me a call. You may be closer than you think- if one person in your unit gives in all five channels then you meet the requirements. Gift in Memory and Gift to Mission cards are available at all district and conference events, but you may send an order to me as well. Remember to keep a record of the recipients. Checks should be made out to SMD treasurer.

Have you made your pledge to the Legacy Fund yet? This endowment fund will be critical in the future so that UMW may continue serving the needs in the world and supporting all the programs that are so important. Go on-line to UMW.org and see how you can be a part of this endeavor to fund for the next 150 years. This pledge is in addition to your normal pledge.

I hope to see you at the District Annual Meeting on August 15th at Canton First and plan now to attend the Leadership Training event on November 7th. You will be glad you were there. If I can assist you in any way, please let me know.



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THE LEGACY FUND

Celebrate United Methodist Women! 150 Years and Counting...



Every member is encouraged to make a gift to The Legacy Fund of at least \$18.69 per year, over and above her Pledge to Mission, for five years (2015-2019).

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!**



IMAGES OF
MISSION...through
the camera lens of Paul
Jeffrey

Annual Meeting

Registration:

(Begins June 15, 2015)

- On-site registration at Lake Junaluska - \$25.00 per person
- Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE! Online advance registration, June 15, 2015 through August 31, 2015 is only \$15.00 per person! Use the online registration link on our website at www.wnccumw.org.
- Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable. If you pre-register and are unable to attend, your registration fee is not refundable, but someone else can attend in your place.
- Register yourself AND others! Our online registration offers the opportunity for you to register up to 35 guests at the same time that you do your own registration. Help other members of your local unit to register online — especially those who may not use a computer! Each registration must have a unique email.
- DO NOT mail Annual Meeting registration fee money to Lake Junaluska. Contact us if you have a question about registration.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Western North Carolina Conference

What: 42nd Annual Meeting

Celebration of 146 Years in Mission

When: September 11, 12 & 13, 2015

Registration begins 1pm; Program 6:45pm

Where: Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium

Theme: Images of Mission

Highlights:

Keynote Weekend Speaker:

PAUL JEFFREY is a United Methodist missionary, a photojournalist and serves as senior correspondent for *response* magazine. Paul will be sharing what he sees through the lens of his camera as he documents the work of mission in a hurting world.



Music Leader: Kathy McNeil

Hands-On Mission: Gift to Mission Cards and UMCOR Health Kits (hand towel, washcloth, comb, metal clippers/file, soap, toothbrush, 6 bandages in gal plastic bag; \$1 shipping on outside of box)

Workshops:

Photography: "Why Are My Pictures So Boring?"-Paul Jeffrey

"Leaving your Legacy...Planned Giving"
-Betty Letzig & Barbara Campbell

Other highlights:

- Hosting Missionaries for Lunch
- Late Night Entertainment—"Snapshots of your District!"
- Sunday School with Rev. Alvord
- Singing in the Chapel
- UMW Choir on Sunday
- Fellowship with UMW Sisters
- Walks along the Lake and Gardens!

Hostess District: Metro

Join Us by the Shore of the Lake!

Complete information about
Annual Meeting

is available on our website:

www.wnccumw.org

Mark your calendar!

Contact Persons:

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Reservations Phone #:

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Lake Junaluska Reservations:

**Housing Reservations
Open June 15, 2015**

To book Lake Junaluska
lodging for the
Annual Meeting (Group #7231):

- Call the Lake Junaluska reservations department at 1-800-222-4930. Then select 1 for the Reservations Department, and the next available agent will be glad to assist you. The Lake Junaluska reservations team is on duty from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

- Reservations can also be made online at:

<https://goo.gl/Moipo9>



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Western North Carolina Conference

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2015 Annual Meeting

September 11-13, 2015 - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates

The Terrace Hotel or Lambuth Inn

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, elevator, free WIFI)

Rates are per person, per day, room & meals.

	Terrace Room	Lambuth Room	Meals*	Terrace Total	Lambuth Total
Single	\$90	\$88	\$33	\$123	\$121
Double	\$56	\$54	\$33	\$89	\$87
Triple	\$39	\$37	\$33	\$72	\$70
Quad	\$33	\$31	\$33	\$66	\$64

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

Lakeside Lodge

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, no elevator)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals.

Single	\$70
Double	\$41
Triple	\$31
Quad	\$25

Mountain View & Sunnyside Lodge

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, WIFI, no phone, no TV)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals.

Single	\$58
Double	\$36
Triple	\$28
Quad	\$25

Junaluska Apartments

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, no phone, no TV)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals.

Single	\$70	Quad	\$25
Double	\$41	Quintuplet	\$25
Triple	\$31	Sextuplet	\$25

Plus \$14 per additional person over six people

Apartments are furnished with linens and blankets. Most apartments have kitchens with small refrigerators, counter top burner, microwave, and limited equipment and dishes.

Lake Junaluska Lodging Information:

Event lodging reservation deposit is equal to the first night's lodging and is due at the time of reservation. Any rooms not reserved with a Lodging Reservations Deposit will be released into general availability 30 days prior to an event. Individual lodging reservations deposit refund policy: 30 days or more before an event receive a full refund minus \$15 processing fee. 29 days or less before an event will not receive a refund. **NEW CHECK IN TIME FOR 2015 for all facilities is 4:00pm; check out is 11:00am**

Meal Information:

The room rate that shows on your confirmation letter is the room rate only, meals are an additional cost. Meals are optional for all facilities other than the Terrace Hotel or the Lambuth Inn. Guests staying in optional meal facilities may purchase a 3 meal package at the same cost of \$33.00 per person for each 3 consecutive meals, or individual meals can be purchased: \$10.00 for breakfast, \$12.00 for lunch and \$14.00 for dinner. Children 6 through 11 years of age receive meals at half price, 5 years of age and under eat free. Meal package of \$33.00 per person, per day will automatically be added for each person staying in the Terrace Hotel or the Lambuth Inn (dinner on day of arrival, breakfast and lunch the next day).

Corinne Faircloth

Communications Coordinator, SMD

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WNCC Dates to Remember

2015

September 11 - 13 WNCC UMW Annual Meeting, Lake Junaluska

October 17 Ubuntu Day, Mission Institution of your Choice!

Smoky Mountain District Dates to Remember

August 15 Annual Meeting, Canton First (9 - 12)

November 7 Leadership Training, Hayesville First (9 - 12)