Internationally,
Mission Giving funds
support 121 programs
carried out by 107
organizations in more
than 110 countries.



Nearly 100 National Mission
Institutions in the United States
supported by United Methodist
Women's giving are empowering
women, caring for children,
educating and building youth, looking
after the neglected, advocating for
social justice issues, creating
economic opportunities and changing

## **2016 Conference Love Offering**

Our Conference Love Offering gifts are above and beyond District and individual pledges. Such undesignated offerings are applied toward the Conference Pledge and become part of the monies used by United Methodist Women to create and support projects around the world to better the lives of women, children and youth.

You may bring your individual Love Offering or your unit's Love Offering to our Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women's Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska, or send it directly to:

Nancy Reigel, Conference Treasurer WNCC United Methodist Women 375 Troy Norris Road Boone, NC 28607

Please make checks payable to:

Treasurer, WNCC UMW

On-Line Love Offerings can be made on our web site, www.wnccumw.org. Just click on the "DONATE NOW" icon in the Love Offering section by Dec 31st.

**Note:** Please do not send your Love Offering to your District Treasurer.

Thank you for your support of the 2016 Conference Love Offering!

## United Methodist Women Western North Carolina Conference



2016 LOVE OFFERING

A Gift to Mission
in Honor of
Bishop Larry Goodpaster
and

**Deborah Goodpaster** 

Annual Meeting Lake Junaluska, NC September 9-11, 2016

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## In Honor of Bishop Larry Goodpaster and Deborah Goodpaster



Deborah Cox was born in Quincy, Florida. She attended Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga., and the University of Mississippi. She has served in numerous positions, both professionally (Teachers Assistant in 3 different Mississippi school districts) and as an active volunteer (chairing a blood drive for one community).

She has also been involved in many groups and ministries in the life of the congregations where she has been a member, including United Methodist Volunteers in Mission. She enjoys spending time with her family, yard work, tending house plants, traveling, and needlework

Deborah Cox and Larry M. Goodpaster were married on September 26, 1971 while he was attending Candler School of Theology.

They have two daughters and two sons-inlaw. Their older daughter is Amy, who married Eric Bradley in July 1999, and they have three children. Their younger daughter is Lucy, who married Josh Redding in April 2009, and they have two children.





Bishop Goodpaster was assigned to serve as the Resident Bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference in July, 2008, and reassigned in 2012. He was elected to the episcopacy in 2000 and served for eight years as the bishop of the Alabama-West Florida Conference

Prior to his election as a bishop, Goodpaster served as a pastor and district superintendent in the Mississippi Conference. He has taught in a variety of settings and has written articles appearing in various denominational publications.

For two years (2010-2012) Goodpaster served as President of the Council of Bishops, which includes United Methodist bishops from around the world. Bishop Goodpaster earned Doctor of Ministry degrees from Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA. He has received honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees from