



Blue Ridge District Newsletter 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.

Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women's 2016 Mission Study

Coming Together: In Study

Mission Study: Latin America: People and Faith

Study Leader: Dixie Liggett

Saturday, April 23, 2016

Black Mountain United Methodist Church, 101 Church St, Black Mtn., NC 28711

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Registration and Hospitality

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Lunch: Provided by Black Mountain United Methodist Women.

Bring: Study Book: Latin America: People and Faith by Sonia Maria Barbosa Dias

No Pre-registration.

Child Care: Contact Gwen Harris by April 18th if you need child care.

Hands on Project: An offering for the Good Neighbor Settlement House in Brownsville,

Texas. (A community center providing multiple services on emergency assistance to families, community outreach program, recreation and education program for children and youth, adult English classes and advocate service for the Hispanic people of the community.)

Directions to Black Mountain United Methodist Church: From I-40 W, take exit 64 to NC 9 N toward Black Mountain, turn left onto NC-9. Go .5 miles and turn left onto W. State Street, go 351 feet and turn right onto Church St. Church will be on your left. From I-40 E. take exit 64 to NC-9 N toward Black Mountain turn right onto NC-9. Go .5 miles and turn left onto W. State Street, go 351 feet and turn right onto Church St. Church will be on your left.

More details on page 13

Attending a mission study fulfills criteria #4 of Mission Today Unit!!!

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2016 NURTURING PARTNERS (SHEPHERDESSES)

Your Nurturing Partner is a personalized connection between your district leaders and your unit. Please call your Nurturing Partner during the year if you have any questions or needs. She will be notifying you to remind you about special events throughout the year. Your Nurturing Partner would like to come visit your unit and would appreciate an invitation. Our goal is to visit every unit throughout the district during the year.

PLEASE ASK YOUR NURTURING PARTNER TO VISIT YOUR UNIT!

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A Message from Your President



The Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women have many things to celebrate. Our most recent celebrations are: the reviving of a unit struggling with the idea that they were not really a unit—the organization of a brand new unit coming from two churches who felt the call and the need to become UMW members—the reorganizing of a group of ladies who were led to become members of UMW! We rejoice with and welcome the members of Snow Hill-Candler unit (home of the wonderful Bear Closet ministry), the members of the new Clark’s/Alexander Chapel unit who had their second meeting at the Prayer Breakfast and the Providence-Marion unit who met, decided and found leadership in one meeting! We thank God for all these ladies who join us in our endeavor to work and stand with women, children, and youth. Do you know what the common denominator was in all of these happenings? A supportive and forward looking pastor! Thank your pastor for his/her support whenever you can.

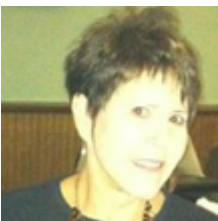
We live out our Purpose when we:

- Organize for mission, unlike any other club, group, or fellowship
- Are a community of women coming together with a common interest, diverse, but having mission as our shared focus
- Know God, are women of faith who are striving to deepen our relationship with God and discerning God’s will for our lives
- Experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, gaining a new liberation to do and be what God intended
- Develop that creative, supportive fellowship through prayer, cards, visits and casseroles. Globally, to provide life-sustaining ministries for women and their families around the world
- Expand concepts of mission by remembering our history and providing education for being involved in mission in innovative new ways. Raising up leaders and members who truly care for those we serve. May involve risk!
- Participate in global ministries of the church. Members of United Methodist Women are connected to and integrated in the total life of the United Methodist Church, locally and globally

I am counting on you to provide the unfilled school bags (see page 12) that we need for the Spiritual Growth Retreat to later be filled with school supplies for the District Annual Meeting. Thank you for all you do with United Methodist Women.

Joanie Strohm, Blue Ridge District President

Vice-President



As I visit churches and UMW units, the common theme for the “question of the day” is “How can we attract more women to our UMW meeting? And that is a hard one to answer. Programming is a very important part of the answer to this question. Women, particularly younger and/or working women, want to spend their time wisely. One of the duties of vice president is programming, so therefore we should strive to make sure our unit/circle is using programming that is interesting, relevant and gives the participant something to make them feel that it was worthwhile. In the last newsletter I highlighted places you can find many programs in our resources. Here are a few tips that might make them even better:

- Plan your programs around the PURPOSE . After all, it is a UMW meeting. There are many programs available or make your own. Programs can include having people present from local agencies that work with people or projects which fall under the category of our purpose. Or invite a district officer to do a program for you.
- Don’t make your program an afterthought. Often we get caught up in all of the business (busy-ness) that we don’t allow time for the program.

- Be prepared. The presenter should be prepared. Help guide her to resources for her preparation. Prepare the space, music, handouts, visual aids or whatever you are using before the group comes.
- Advertise ahead of time as to what the program will be with an interesting lead in to make them curious. Invite others to come. We often list the time of our meeting in the bulletin, but newcomers (or old timers who haven't been before) don't know what goes on at those mysterious UMW meetings. A personal invitation is still the best way to encourage attendance.
- Try to involve your audience in some way during the program. It has been shown to enhance learning and enjoyment.
- Start and end your meeting and program on time. Always.
- Remember - your district is offering a wonderful program on the mission study April 23. Encourage your members to attend. It is a great way to get credit for a mission study and to fellowship with our UMW sisters in addition to becoming educated women.

Beverly Hill, *Blue Ridge District Vice-President*

Secretary



Here are some good points on taking minutes that I've learned from training sessions and my predecessors:

- * Include the unit's name, date and location of the meeting at the top, followed by a listing of officers present and absent and guests.
- * Follow the agenda in order as you report what happened. Items may include: call to order with name of presiding officer and time, Purpose, Prayer Calendar reference, devotional, joys and concerns (do not record), approval of the previous meeting's minutes, treasurer's report/budget update, then on to business, officer reports and informational items.
- * If there is a program, give a brief description.
- * Include motions, who made and seconded them, and whether passed.
- * State the adjournment time and make space for your and the president's signatures.

Prepare the minutes as soon as possible after the meeting, send them to the president first for approval, then distribute to the unit executive committee within 10 days, while it's still fresh on everyone's mind. Most people are computer savvy and prefer to receive communications via email. Also it may be simpler to take meeting notes on a laptop in your own template, then polish them up afterward before sending.

Have a great year!

Karen Anderson, *Blue Ridge District Secretary*

Treasurer



So happy to see the coming of Spring and warmer weather. I had the pleasure of meeting many of our Treasurers and unit members at the Prayer Breakfast. It was a wonderful service and time of fellowship. Thank you to Tracey and the ladies of Marion First UMC for your work and devotion to UMW.

We have completed our first quarter of Mission Giving. Here is a summary of giving:

- **\$14,623.56** Undesignated Giving (which applies to our pledge)
- **\$4,716.85** Designated Giving (includes \$2,903.35 Legacy Fund)
- **\$19,340.41** Total amount sent to Conference Treasurer

Thank you to all United Methodist Women in the Blue Ridge District.

Remember the five channels of undesignated mission giving:

- Pledge to Mission : Making and meeting a pledge is the first criteria for a Mission Today Unit. Your pledge can be any amount determined by your Unit.
- Gift to Mission: Several types of cards are available for various occasions. These cards are \$5 each and are an excellent way to remember a person at that special time in their life.
- Gift in Memory : Cards are free, with donations beginning at \$5.
- Special Mission Recognition : Pins are available at costs beginning at \$40. Purchasing a pin is not required and contributions begin with \$5.
- World Thank Offering : This is an opportunity for us to respond to God's abundance and grace with gifts of gratitude.

Undesignated mission giving is the foundation for UMW missions around the world. Many hours are spent in determining how best to administer our mission giving. Be in prayer for those who distribute the funds as well as those who receive the benefits.

I look forward to seeing you at our District and Conference events.

Carol Bryson, *Blue Ridge District Treasurer*

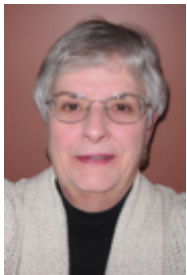
Spiritual Growth



Tracey Owens did a wonderful job organizing our Prayer Breakfast on March 12th at First United Marion Church, but this was her last official job as the Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth. The Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women are still looking for someone to head up this position. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Joanie Strohm, our President or Barbara Scott, Chair of Nominations. Their contact info is on page 2.

Tracey Owens, *Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth*

Education and Interpretation



For Blue Ridge District UMW, April is mission study month! This year's event takes place on April 23 at Black Mountain UMC. Registration will be from 9:30 to 10:00, and the study will run from 10:00-2:00. Our topic is Latin America: People and Faith. (The study book by the same title can be ordered online from www.umwmissionresources.org). One significant change for this year's study is that Black Mountain UMW, our hostess unit, is very graciously providing lunch.

Dixie Liggett is our study leader. Having seen the agenda, I know we're in for an exciting and timely study. We Americans tend to see Latin America in terms of our immigration issues.

Dixie is going to help us broaden our view. Our goals for the day are 1) to see how Latin America and the United States are interconnected and 2) to see ourselves in the face of the other, not only because the United States is the country with the third-largest population of Latin American people in the Americas but also because loving our neighbor is how we love God.

We're taking a special offering for Good Neighbor Settlement House. The organization bills itself as a "non-profit multi-service agency in Brownsville" [Texas]. It provides a variety of services for the marginalized in the community, including food, clothing, hot showers, recreation and education programs for children and youth, and adult English classes and advocacy for the Hispanic population. As I'm writing this article, they're even offering free income tax preparation.

Looking ahead, Mission u is coming up at Pfeiffer College on July 21-24. The two new study books are Climate Justice and The Bible and Human Sexuality, available at UMW Mission Resources. I hope to see you at both events.

Gwen Harris, Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation

Social Action



As we begin the second quarter of the year, let's all work hard to become or continue as a *Justice Today Unit*. There are three different levels of participation. Please let me know if you have any questions about the requirements. I am so proud of our 30 local units that completed actions for *Justice Today* in 2016. You will be recognized in the 2016 Annual Report booklet.

Our **Social Action Priorities** for 2016 are:

- Priority #1** To continue education and advocacy about Human Trafficking
- Priority #2** To continue education and advocacy about Domestic Violence
- Priority #3** To continue education and advocacy about Immigration Reform/Global Migration

There are many good books in the *Reading Program* that highlight our ***Social Action Priorities***. Check out the resource room at district and conference events for all the great resources we have available. Study and implement the *Charter for Racial Justice*. Please call on me and our other district officers for any help you may need.

Social Action is putting our faith to work. As we embrace the theme of *Making It Happen* this year, let us all live out our *PURPOSE* as United Methodist Women and be the hands and feet of Christ.

Lucy Earls, Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Social Action

Membership, Nurture, Outreach

Well our prayer breakfast for 2016 has come and gone. The weather was beautiful and there was a wonderful turnout. I am so glad I got to meet some of you and I am looking forward to meeting more of you in the future. It is always good to see old friends. This is a perfect opportunity to invite new friends to a United Methodist Women's function and to learn about our purpose to know God through fellowship, spiritual growth, and missions to women, children and youth.

Speaking of inviting – have you invited your nurturing partner to visit your unit? In addition, invite a district or conference officer to your unit gathering between January 1, 2016 and August 24, 2016 to feel the “LUV” and your unit will be entered for a chance to win a C.P.R. “Feel the LUV Care Package”. (See page 13)

Carole Gilham, Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Membership, Nurture, and Outreach

Special Mission Recognition Gifts offer a meaningful way to honor members who have dedicated so much time and effort to service. It can be any amount. (It does not always have to include a pin.) Please don't forget to recognize your special members.

[Program Resources](#)



The Prayer Breakfast last Saturday, March 12, was a fabulous event, and was particularly memorable for me as it was my first event as District Secretary of Program Resources. We were given a beautiful parlor room, and the ladies (and men) of Marion FUMC bent over backwards to accommodate us and make us feel welcome. Everyone was so supportive and encouraging.

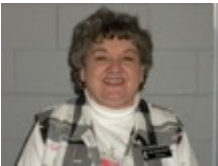
I especially appreciate all of you who came to the Program Resources room. We had lots of great titles, and I know many of you are anxious to get reading! I am having a great time just going through all the wonderful resources we have available to us as United Methodist Women.

Don't forget that Children and Youth books count toward your reading plan goals, as well as all reading program titles back to 2011. Also, in the very back of your Reading Program catalog, you will find a page of "Recommended Reading" that lists titles *not* available from Mission Resources, but that *do* count as credit toward your reading plan. You'll find handy charts showing the different reading plans & the requirements for each. There's all sorts of great information in your UMW materials!

I hope to see you all at the District Mission study in Black Mountain. As always, please let me know how I can serve you better!

Leith Tate, *Blue Ridge District Secretary of Program Resources*

[Historian](#)



I am happy to serve as your Historian. Please be sure to get me any pictures or articles that you would like me to put in our scrapbooks. Many thanks!

Judy Hawkins, *Blue Ridge District Historian*

[Communications Coordinator](#)



What a great Prayer Breakfast. It was great seeing so many wonderful United Methodist Women. I took some pictures and wrote a small article. (See pages 10-11). Below are the deadlines for our District Newsletter for the rest of 2016. If you have any pictures or information you would like to share with the District, please don't hesitate to email me. My contact info is on page 2. We all love to hear about the wonderful things your units and/or circles are doing for women, children, and youth in the United States and around the world! Thank you so much!

2016 Deadlines for information for the District Newsletter are:

June 15, 2016 (Newsletter emailed or mailed first week of July)

Sept. 15, 2016 (Newsletter mailed first week of October)

Peggy Sanders, *Blue Ridge District Communications Coordinator*

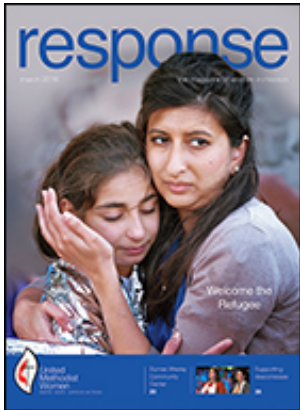
[Committee on Nominations](#)

Our district committee still has a few vacancies to fill before our annual meeting in August. Please prayerfully consider serving. Let me know if I can help you with suggestions and support in filling positions in your local units. The few Saturday's I have given as a district officer have been wonderful with sharing, planning, renewal of purpose. I hope to hear from many of you soon.

Barbara Scott, *Blue Ridge District Nomination Committee Chair*

response

the magazine of women in mission



Have you read your April issue of the Response Magazine? One page 16 is an article entitled “All In – The Legacy Fund inspires giving in Western North Carolina” and features Ann Janzen who lives at the Brooks-Howell home. Read the article on pages 16 and 17. Below is a great picture of Ann taken from the article.



Ann Janzen, United Methodist Women member and retired church and community worker living at Brooks-Howell home in Asheville, North Carolina, selects *The Seven Paths* from the Brooks-Howell library, a 2016 Reading Program book.

Leith Tate, Blue Ridge District Secretary of Program resources reported at the last Blue Ridge District Executive Committee meeting that an article and photos on last October’s Blue Ridge District Civil Rights Tour is scheduled for publication in response in late spring/early summer. Beverly Hill Miller, Blue Ridge District Vice-President and Leith submitted an article and photos to Interim Managing Editor Mary Beth Coudal. So be looking for this in an upcoming response magazine!

If you do not already subscribe to response, you should consider getting a subscription. It is an award-winning publication, is the official magazine of United Methodist Women and is published by the national office. Each issue will touch your heart, stir your soul, and challenge your mind. Topics and issues cover spiritual growth, mission outreach and reports on our local, national and international work.

Don't forget to vote!



Blue Ridge District 2016 Prayer Breakfast

The Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women held a lovely Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 12, 2016 hosted by the Marion First United Methodist Women and Men. 175 people attended the breakfast and 190 came to the service. The Marion First United Methodist Men did a fantastic job of cooking a delicious breakfast for everyone. And many thanks for the United Methodist Women from Marion First United Methodist Church for all your hard work, too. The tables were beautifully decorated. There were lovely book marks for everyone to take home. They had people everywhere to help direct you to the right place. Their hospitality and friendly reception was felt by everyone. Addie's Chapel Choir provided beautiful and uplifting music. The beautiful quilted prayer labyrinths were blessed by Deaconess Debbie Pittman with a prayer written by Deaconess Pat Hoerth. As of March 7th, 2060 quilted prayer labyrinths have been received for General Conference. These labyrinths were made by UMW members across the United States and will be used as part of the UMW prayer ministry at GC, which takes place May 10-20 in Portland, OR. The receiving, storage, labeling, and packing of these labyrinths have taken place at Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville.

The main organizer behind this whole event was Tracey Owens, who just finished up her term as the Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth. Without her leadership, the Prayer Breakfast would not have been such a great success. Deaconess Virginia Miller gave an interesting talk about the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Below are some pictures to highlight the event. If you could not come this year, please try to make it next year!



Breakfast at Marion First UMC



Marion First United Methodist Men



UMW Displays in the breakfast area

More Blue Ridge District 2016 Prayer Breakfast Photos



The sanctuary was full. Tracey Owens did a fantastic job organizing this year's Prayer Breakfast. Undesignated offering was given in honor of Blue Ridge Superintendent Rev. Dr. John S. Boggs.



Blessing of the prayer labyrinths by Deaconess Debbie Pittman with the Blue Ridge District Executive Committee. (Thank you Judy Hawkins, our Historian, for these pictures!)



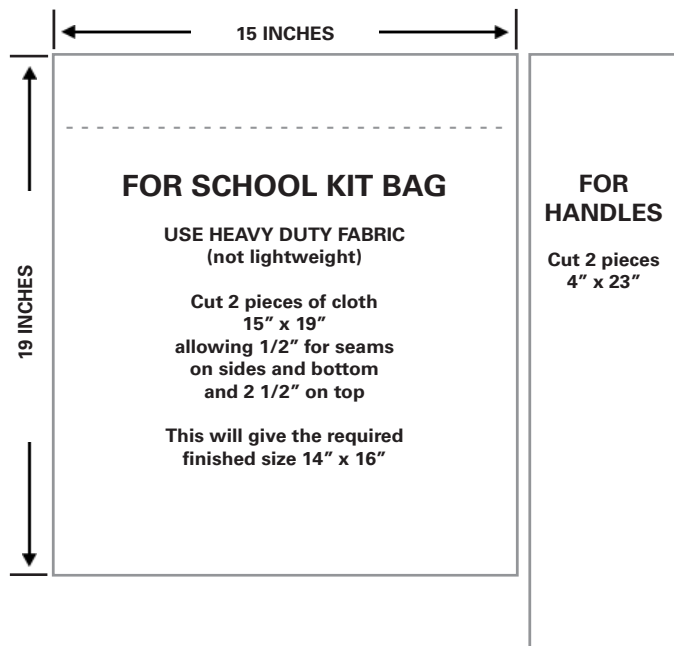
Deaconess Virginia Miller



Beautiful music
by Addie's Chapel

As Joanie mentioned in her article, we still need school bags for the Spiritual Growth Retreat– but DO NOT FILL them! Questions, please call Joanie at (828) 649-1156.

School Kit Bag Pattern



Make the Bag

USE HEAVY DUTY FABRIC (not lightweight).

Cut 2 pieces of cloth 15" x 19" allowing 1/2" for seams on sides and bottom and 2 1/2" hem at the top. This will give the required finished size 14" x 16".

Place the two 15" x 19" pieces of cloth together, right sides together, and sew a 1/2" seam down one side across the bottom and up the other side, leaving the top open.

Turn the bag so the seam is inside the bag.

Turn under 1/2" of the top edge and stitch.

Turn under 2" at the top to form a hem and stitch.

Make the Handles

For handles cut 2 pieces 4" x 23".

Fold in half the length of one of the 4" x 23" pieces with right sides together.

Stitch with a 1/2" seam allowance and turn the seam to the inside.

Repeat with the second piece of cloth.

Place one handle at the top of the bag, turning under 1/2" raw edge of the material and secure by stitching. Repeat with the other piece of cloth making the handle on the opposite side of the bag.

Optional Closure

Closures are optional and may be done with buttons, snaps or Velcro. When using Velcro, stitch small pieces of Velcro near the top center inside of the bag, Velcro loops on one side, Velcro hooks on the other.



This is your invitation to the Blue Ridge District mission study on Latin America. (See notice on front page) If you have an item of clothing or jewelry, please wear it. If you have the study book, please bring it. If you do not have the book, don't worry. Do bring your Bible. Be ready for a fun learning experience. You'll sing a song to a tango rhythm. You'll watch a DVD that summarizes the study. You'll have a time to participate in spiritual aerobics. There will a special guest in the afternoon. The Black Mountain UMW is preparing a Latin American lunch at no cost to you, but please be prepared to contribute to the offering that will be sent to the Good Neighbor Settlement House in Brownsville, Texas, a United Methodist institution that ministers to immigrant women and children. Your district mission team is looking forward to seeing you at the study.

Questions? Call Dixie Liggett at 828-684-1841 or e-mail lliggett3@charter.net.

Blessings, Dixie Liggett

Feel the...



We offer to share our passion for:

- **United Methodist Women**
- **Our Purpose**
- **Reading Program**
- **Social Action**
- **Mission Giving**
- **ANYTHING Your Unit would like us to share...LUV!**

... From United Methodist Women

Invite a District or Conference Officer to your unit gathering starting January 1, 2016 through August 24, 2016. You will then be entered for a chance to win a C.P.R. "Feel the LUV" care package, which includes:

- **Program Book**
- **Copy of Response Magazine**
- **Prayer Calendar**
- **Reading Program Book**
- **A Few Other Surprises**

Committed to Purposeful Renewal



Western North Carolina Conference
United Methodist Women
2016 EVENTS

Spiritual Growth Retreat



June 10-11, 2016
LAKE JUNALUSKA

With Rev. Holly Adams

Registration begins on line in February

Hands-On-Mission Opportunity
 UMCOR Health Kits

Mission u



GEOGRAPHIC STUDY
 Latin America:
 People and Faith



ISSUE STUDY
 Climate Justice



SPIRITUAL GROWTH STUDY
 The Bible and
 Human Sexuality

July 21-24, 2016

PFEIFFER UNIVERSITY

Climate Justice Teen Camp for 9th-12th graders

Hands-On-Mission Opportunity
 UMCOR Birthing Kits

WNCC Annual Celebration



September 9-11, 2016
LAKE JUNALUSKA

with Ebony Cody-Diaz

*United Methodist Women National
 Mission Institutions Liaison*

Hands-On-Mission Opportunity
 UMCOR School Kits & Gift to Mission Cards

UBUNTU Day of Service

UBUNTU

"I am human because you are human"

October 15, 2016

NATIONAL MISSION INSTITUTIONS

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BENNETT COLLEGE
 BETHLEHEM CENTER CHARLOTTE
 BETHLEHEM CENTER WINSTON-SALEM
 BROOKS-HOWELL HOME
 PFEIFFER UNIVERSITY

Hands-On-Mission Opportunities
specific to each site

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Western North Carolina Conference

What: 2016 Spiritual Growth Retreat

When: June 10-11, 2016

Opening Session 6:45pm Friday / Ends Noon Saturday

Where: Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium

Theme: *Pray*

Leader: Rev. Holly Adams



Our 2016 Retreat Leader is **Rev. Holly Adams**, Pastor at Hudson United Methodist Church, in Hudson, North Carolina.

Music Leaders: Our music leaders are:
Dr. Charlesetta Dawson - Song Leader,
and Carolyn McLean Hill - Pianist.

Hands On Mission Project:

UMCOR Health Kits



Health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster.

Get details about making UMCOR Health Kits at: <http://goo.gl/77V1eb>



Complete information about the retreat is available on our website:
www.wnccumw.org

Mark your calendar!
Register ONLINE!
Join us at the lake!

Retreat Registration: (Begins February 1, 2016)

- On-site registration at the retreat - \$25.00 per person
- **Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE!**
Online advance registration, February 1, 2016 through June 5, 2016 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.**
So, if someone registers for the retreat, and is unable to attend, their registration fee is not refundable, but it is ok for someone else to attend in their 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 retreat registration. Help other members of your local unit to register online — especially those who may not use a computer!
- **DO NOT** mail Spiritual Growth Retreat registration fee money to Lake Junaluska. Contact us if you have a question about registration.

Contact Persons:

Retreat Information

Martha Efird,
Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth, mjefird@bellsouth.net
704-875-0065

Questions about Online Payments

Nancy Reigel,
Conference Treasurer
nancy@reigelridge.com
828-268-0637

Questions about Online Registration

Lynne Gilbert
Webmaster
lgilbert.umw@gmail.com
336-207-3479



Lake Junaluska
Conference & Retreat
Center, P. O. Box 67
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

Reservations Phone #:

1-800-222-4930 (Toll Free)
1-828-452-2881

**Lake Junaluska
Reservations:**

**Housing Reservations
Open February 1, 2016**

To book Lake Junaluska
lodging for the
Spiritual Growth Retreat:

- **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. **Our group number is 7616.**
- **Reservations can also be made online at:**
<http://goo.gl/XzdHfj>



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2016 Spiritual Growth Retreat

June 10-11, 2016 - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates

The Terrace / Lambuth Inn

(Private baths, Free WIFI, heat, air conditioning, phone, elevator)
Rates are per person, per day, room & meals.

	Terrace Rooms	Lambuth Rooms	Meals* Both	Terrace Total	Lambuth Total
Single	\$110	\$97	\$33	\$143	\$130
Double	\$55	\$48.50	\$33	\$88	\$81.50
Triple	\$44	\$36	\$33	\$77	\$69
Quad	\$38	\$29.25	\$33	\$71	\$62.25

*Lake Junaluska operates The Terrace and the Lambuth Inn on an American Plan, and all 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	\$72
Double	\$43
Triple	\$33
Quad	\$27

Junaluska Apartments

Rates are per person, per day, no meals.

Single	\$72	Triple	\$33
Double	\$43	Quad	\$27

Apartments are furnished with linens and blankets. Type A, C, & D have kitchens with small refrigerators, counter top burner, microwave, and limited equipment and dishes.

Lake Junaluska Lodging Information:

Event lodging reservation deposit – Due 60 or more days prior to the event – Deposit amount is equal to the first nights 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 a \$15 processing fee. 29 days or less before an event will not receive a refund. **CHECK IN TIME FOR 2016 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 The Terrace 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 (tax not included). 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 The Terrace or the Lambuth Inn** (dinner on day of arrival, breakfast and lunch the next day).

The purpose of promoting a Mission Today Unit is to:

Energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action. Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so the United Methodist Women understand where their money goes. Encourage the use of mission resources through United Methodist Women. Expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

What is a Unit?

A unit is any organized group of United Methodist Women within a church or district. Some units are composed of several circles, which periodically get together for a unit meeting.

How Do We Become a Mission Today Unit?

In order to be recognized as a Mission Today Unit, UMW groups must complete a minimum of twelve of the following criteria, including six of those marked with an asterisk (*). #1 of the Criteria is not optional. You must complete this one to become a Mission Today Unit! Activities conducted between January 1-December 31, 2015, will be recognized at annual meetings in 2016. This is an ongoing program, so strive to become a Mission Today Unit!

Criteria for a Mission Today Unit:

*1. The Unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission. (Must be completed)

- *2. Use the [Prayer Calendar](#) at each general meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission and our mission work with women, children and youth.
- *3. The unit will use at least two programs from the [Program Book](#) during the year.
- *4. The unit or circle will conduct or participate in at least one [mission study](#) each year. Contact your district or conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation to learn what the studies are for each year. (If members of your unit, other than a conference or district officer, attend MISSION U or your District Mission Study and your unit takes an action growing out of the study...Gift to Mission, ministry related to the study, etc., your unit will meet this criteria.)
- *5. The unit will have at least two members [subscribing](#) to [response](#). (1 member subscribing with units less than 15 members.)
- *6. The unit will implement the [Charter for Racial Justice](#) in at least two ways during the year.
- *7. Become a member of the Western North Carolina UMW Justice Today.
- *8. The unit will add at least two [new members](#) (one member for units with less than 15 members) to its roll.
- *9. The unit will have one program from the [Social Principles of the United Methodist Church](#) 2013-2016.
10. At least one member of the unit (other than a conference or a district officer) will attend [MISSION U](#) (formerly School of Christian Mission) and report back to the unit on classes and events they experienced.
11. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members), other than a conference or district officer, will attend the district or [conference annual meeting](#) and report back to the unit on classes and events they experienced.
12. The unit will have at least one person joining the [United Methodist Women's Action Network](#) to receive and respond to legislative information at least three (3) times a year. (To join, contact Women's Division Washington Office, 100 Maryland Ave. NE, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20002). (Attach to Mission Today report what you responded to and what action was taken.)
13. Members will correspond with five persons listed in the [Prayer Calendar](#) at least once a year.
14. The unit will co-sponsor, with the local church, a [Children's Sabbath](#). (This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children.)The United Methodist Women National Office and the Council of Bishops support this effort. Contact [Children's Defense Fund](#) for materials at 25 E. St. NW, Washington, DC 20001. Telephone 202-628-8787.
15. The unit will contribute to all [five channels of Mission Giving](#). (See page 10)
16. Each unit or circle meeting will include a "Response Moment" where an item from [response](#) magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
17. The unit will sponsor one teen member (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman member (ages 18 to 39) to at least one Conference event during the year.
18. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members), other than a conference or district officer, will attend a district Prayer Breakfast, district Day Apart or conference [Spiritual Growth Retreat](#).
19. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) other than a district or conference officer will complete Plan 1 of the [Reading Program](#) and give a report to the unit on one of the books read.
20. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year and/or for their United Methodist Women's Sunday.
21. The unit will add one new teen (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young women (ages 18-39) circle during the year, or one new teen member (ages 12-17) or one new young woman member (ages 18-39) during the year.
22. The unit will be responsible for supporting at least one local mission project and participate in one Conference Hands On Mission Project during the year. The local project should be listed on your Mission Today report.

**Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women
%CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
27 CHURCH STREET
ASHEVILLE, NC 28801-1218**

Mark Your Calendar for 2016:

Blue Ridge District UMW Events for 2016:

April 23 **District Mission Study**, Black Mtn. UMC, *Coming Together in Study*
August 20 **District Annual Meeting**, Trinity UMC, *Coming Together in Celebration*
Oct. 15 **Ubuntu Day of Service**, Location: TBD
Nov. 5 **Blue Ridge District Leadership Training**, Location: Tryon UMC, *Coming Together in Service*

Western North Carolina Conference UMW Events for 2016:

June 10-11 **Spiritual Growth Retreat**, Lake Junaluska
July 21-24 **Mission u!** (Previously School of Christian Mission), Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer, NC
Sept. 9-11 **Conference Annual Meeting**, Lake Junaluska



Southeastern Jurisdiction UMW Events for 2016:

June 1-5 **Bus Trip to Charleston for 2016 Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting**
June 3-5 **2016 Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting**, Charleston, SC

For More Information:

Visit our Web Site: www.wnccumw.org

Join our Conference UMW Email List

Read the **Conference Gram** and your District Newsletter

Visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/wnccumw

Visit us on YouTube! www.youtube.com/user/wnccumw

Mission u !

Pfeiffer University
48380 US Hwy 52N
Misenheimer, NC 28109

July 21-24, 2016

Our Courses of Study

Spiritual Growth Study: The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift

Study leader: **Rev. Phyllis Coates**

One-Day Overview Leader: **Rev. Emily Kroeger**

This study will explore the complexity of the biblical text and our varied understandings of it in light of human sexuality.

Geographical Study: Latin America: People and Faith

Study leader: **Dixie Liggett**

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: Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action

Study leaders **Anita Fox, Rev. Elizabeth Graves, Patricia Moore, Sarah Ogletree, Bess Redmond, Sandra Williamson**

One-Day Overview Leader: **Janice Lentz**

Learn about climate change and justice concerns raised by the drivers of the problem and the communities affected by it. Learn what we can do to positively impact the environment.

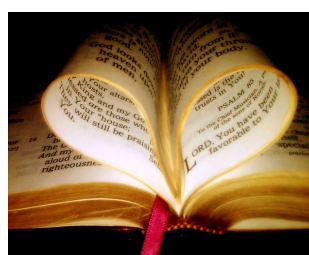
Come and Learn with us!

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 2016

"Created as Caretakers"



This year's studies have a single thread connecting them—found in the first book of our holy text. Genesis 1:26-27 narrates the creation of humankind in God's own image with the express purpose of being stewards or caretakers of planet earth and its inhabitants.

Humanity has not been given creation as property, but as something we steward until God returns to complete what God began. As caretakers and stewards we are to live a life of balance where our foundational document of faith assists us in seeing human sexuality as something God-created and grace-filled; a life where we recognize that all of God's people are connected, regardless of political, social or geographic borders which might be established; a life of understanding and setting right our relationships with each other and the earth.

Our graphic images include representations of the three studies and the *Mission u* logo. When we accept that others are created in the same image we are...when we can see all of creation as something which we have been given to care for...we can fully enter into relationships of mutuality with all created beings.

Registration is open May 1-July 5, 2016

All Registrations must be RECEIVED no later
than July 5, 2016

NO ONSITE REGISTRATIONS

Check-in for full time students

Thursday, July 21, 2:00-6:00 p.m.

First session begins at 6:30 p.m.

Workshop for Leaders of Children: “God’s Extravagant Garden”

Leader: **Sandy Hieronymus**
 Session Time: 4:15 pm Friday or Saturday

Mission u 2016 Full time Youth Camp: “Joining Voices for Climate Justice”

Leaders: **Sherry Sink and Renee Hayes**
 Youth will consider the issue of climate change as a justice and faith issue, linking climate change with our “consume and dispose” society. They will explore implications of climate change for our planet, in terms of our changing environment and those most affected by these changes and how communities are responding to root causes and the impact of climate change. The study suggests how we can respond, individually and collectively as communities of faith.

Registration:

Full time Youth Camp: \$175.00* per person

* Includes a one-time \$25 activity fee

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: \$50.00 (No meals)

Non-Resident: \$90.00 (With 4 meals—Lunch and Dinner Friday and Saturday)

One-Day Overview: \$30.00 (No meals)

One-Day Overview: \$40.00 (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. Check-in is from 8:00 am-8:45 am with classes beginning at 9:00 am.

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

REFUNDS: There will be no refunds without at least 7 days notice. (\$50.00 of Resident Fee is not refundable.) **NO CHILD CARE AVAILABLE**

HOUSING: HOUSING WILL BE IN COLLEGE DORMITORIES. Bring bed linens, including a 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 a separate sheet of paper stapled to your form.

YOUTH: This year’s youth camp is limited to 20 participants and will last the full time of Mission u 2016. 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, “The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God’s Good Gift” 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. A limited number will be available in the Resource Room during the school. A Kindle version may be purchased on amazon.com. 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>
Lynda Morris (704) 847-2521 lfmorrisap@aol.com	Lisa Bacon (828) 226-2433 lbbacon@yahoo.com
<u>Business Manager</u>	<u>Housing Manager</u>
Virginia Robinson (828) 443-0679 robinsonva62@gmail.com	Sandy Letchworth (336) 813-1168 sletchworth@usindustrialpiping.com

Hands-On Mission Project

Birthing Kits

- 1 small bar of soap (1-2 oz) ; 1 pair thin latex, rubber, or surgical gloves;
- 1 square yard of clear plastic sheeting; 3 pieces of cotton string (12 inches long);
- 1 single edge razor blade (covered in paper or cardboard);
- 2 receiving blankets (28x28 inches to 32x32 inches-no thermal or flannel)
- Place all items in a gallon zip lock bag.
- Please include a check payable to UMCOR Sager Brown for at least \$1.00 per kit.

REGISTRATION - 2016 Western NC Conference *Mission u*

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date	_____
Reg #	_____
Ck #	_____
Amt	_____

STUDENT TYPE: *Please choose your student type / housing preference.*

- () Youth Camp Student - \$175* () Resident Student - New Hall - \$190
*Activity fee of \$25 included for special events
- () Resident Student - Double Room - \$160 () Resident Student - Private Room - \$175
- () Non-Resident Student without meals - \$50 () Non-Resident with meals - \$90
- () One Day Over-View without meals - \$30: Which Day? I will attend on _____ Friday _____ Saturday
- () One Day Over-View with meals - \$40: Which Day? I will attend on _____ Friday _____ Saturday

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

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

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

Age Level: () Youth () 18 - 29 () 30 - 39 () 40 - 49 () 50 - 59 () 60 & over

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

Telephone: () _____ Email: _____

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

CHOOSE YOUR MISSION STUDY:

Resident & Non-Resident Students, which Mission Study do you prefer? *Note: All full-time students will participate in the Spiritual Growth Study in the Chapel and in a full-time class of their choice.*

() Latin America - Geographic Study **or** () Climate Justice - Social Issue Study

One-Day Overview Students, which Mission Study do you prefer?

() The Bible and Human Sexuality - Spiritual Study **or** () Climate Justice - Social Issue Study

Workshop for Children's Leaders (4:15 pm Friday or Saturday): () I plan to attend this workshop.

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: *Are you a ...* () Conference Officer () District Officer
() Local Officer () Unit/Circle Member () UMW Stipend Recipient () Mission Personnel
() Deaconess () Clergy () School Study Leader

PLEASE CHECK IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP AT *Mission u* as a:

() Golf Cart Driver () Class Hostess (Assisting the study leader each day as needed) () Classroom Tech Support
() Class Secretary (Taking roll in classes each day and turning the roster in at the end of the school.)

REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 5, 2016

Make Checks payable to: UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Mail Check and Registration form to:

Virginia Robinson
2141 Millstone Drive
Morganton, NC 28655

Mission u 2016
Residential Youth CAMP!
July 21-24
Pfeiffer University,
48380 U.S. Highway 52N
Misenheimer, NC 28109

Resident Youth Camp is providing the opportunity for up to 20 high school students or recent graduates to participate in study, worship, fellowship and hands-on ministry!



Theme: "Joining Voices for Climate Justice"

This is a study for young people regarding the issue of climate change as both a justice and faith issue. You will learn about our "consume and dispose" society, the implications of climate change for our planet, how communities are responding, and how communities of faith can respond.

Leaders: Sherry Sink and Renee Hayes

COST: \$175 per student. The expectation is that the student will pay \$50 towards the experience with their local church/UMW unit paying the balance of \$125.

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 and activities through the Center for Outdoor Leadership. 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 - 2016 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 2016-2017 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 JULY 5, 2016
Make Checks payable to: UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Mail Check and Registration form to:
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Morganton, NC 28655

Registration is open May 1-July 5, 2016
All Registrations must be RECEIVED no later than
July 5, 2016

THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE REGISTRATIONS

Call/Email/Text Questions or Concerns to
Sherry [Sink/336-880-2663/sherrysink@gmail.com](mailto:SherrySink/336-880-2663/sherrysink@gmail.com)

or

Dana McKim/dana.mckim@pfeiffer.edu



Permission/Medical Release Form for *Mission u* 2016

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
2016 *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 21-24, 2016. 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