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My two cents worth...



Over the past two months women have been in celebration mode. February was Healthy Heart Month and red was everywhere.

March ushered in Women's History Month with great stories being shared and honoring events galore. I have enjoyed observing both. But this gave me reason to think about our ladies. Are we taking care of ourselves?

As United Methodist Women, we lead by our heart. Our dreams, passions and love manifest there and it is our duty to give power and

sovereignty to this genius of an organ. Between children, family, work, friends and community, the health of a woman's heart is almost always last on her priority list. But we have to take good care of ourselves, so that we can help others.

There is no greater place to keep your mind, body and spirit rejuvenated than with United Methodist Women. **Grabbing** a book from the reading list, **participating** in Walk for Mission, **strolling** around Pfeiffer University at Mission u, **capturing** the excitement at Annual Celebration or **fellowshipping** with ladies in our

sisterhood are great ways to remain strong. Want a really good work out? Spend a few hours at the truck when the MEI's are counting or sorting tons of hands on mission items. Need a real heart throb? Visit one the Bethlehem Centers or Brooks Howell Home.

Let's continue to celebrate women and lift each other up as we take care of ourselves so that we can be the healthy hands and feet of Jesus Christ...working hard to put faith, hope and love into action.

*Tonya Lanier,
President*

VICE PRESIDENT— JULIA WILLIS

On June 19th you will be able to register online for Annual Celebration and make your housing reservations with Lake Junaluska. We want your experience at Annual Celebration to be a great one...so begin by expediting your check-in experience for Lake housing.

- ✚ Pay full amount at time of room reservation
- ✚ Or pay balance in ADVANCE of arrival
- ✚ And make any last minute room changes such as name (s), roommates, etc. by phone in advance of arrival
- ✚ THEN use EXPRESS LINE at check-in!

Bethea Welcome Center will offer these check-in option lines:
Express Changes Payments

As we make plans for our "CHANGE" theme, we are reminded of our foremothers who offered "two cents and a prayer" to send those two young ladies to India in 1869 to help women and children. As Vice Presidents the "two cents a week and a prayer" is an excellent program idea.

**Annual Celebration
Lake Junaluska
September 29-October 1, 2017
"Change IS Good"**

Remember, "Change" CAN BE Good, whether it's in location, time, procedure, or just those loose coins in your purse!



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TREASURER — NANCY REIGEL

Recently I had the honor to participate in the WNCC United Methodist Women Scholarship committee meeting. The committee met to determine how our WNCC UMW scholarship funds should be distributed among eight incredible applicants. What a joy to meet and talk with these bright, energetic and committed scholars. What a joy to know that our scholarship funds provide help and encouragement as they pursue their studies in Christian living and service. Your Mission Money for scholarships at work.

Another special aspect of the day was that we met at Pfeiffer University, one of the National Mission Institutions in the Western NC Conference supported by your giving to the Five Channels of Mission Giving. Your Mission Money growing tomorrow's leaders...leaders in mission, leaders in church, leaders in building a better world.

Finally, being at Pfeiffer reinforced our anticipation for our 2017 Mission u, to be held at Pfeiffer University July 13-16. Mission u, when we, like those women in Boston 148 years ago:

- ✚ Listen to those who have seen firsthand or have carefully and deeply studied world issues
- ✚ Learn about the conditions and challenges the most vulnerable in the world are facing

- ✚ Share those facts with others, and
- ✚ Take Action to make changes....Changes that transform lives.



We may take action locally and personally. But we also must invest in those carefully discerned programs and projects our United Methodist Women Undesignated Mission Giving supports locally, nationally and internationally. United Methodist Women, putting Faith, Hope and Love into Action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

I personally look forward to seeing many of you over our four days together at Mission u as well. This is a special time when we can slow down and take advantage of the multiple opportunities to get to know each other a bit better, and to worship together as we grow stronger in community.

I will have a full complement of Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory cards available. As in the past few years, we will gladly accept credit cards in payment for the cards as well as program resources. In addition, there will be GTM cards to missionaries for you to sign, a special treat for them and us. Until then I say: See you at Mission u!

SOCIAL ACTION — RENEE HAYES

April Fool's Day brought together 72 UMWomen from across the conference with potential partners in our efforts to advocate for women, children, and youth next door and across the world. UM pastor Rev. Jennifer Copeland, director of the NC Council of Churches, linked each of our 4 current Social Action priorities to scripture and to Wesleyan theology.

Mass incarceration and the criminalization of communities of color call for mercy, forgiveness, and sanctifying grace. **Economic inequality** requires us to recall the ancient Hebrews' year of jubilee, the early church's practice of communal living, and the Wesleyan social gospel. **Maternal and child health** care issues represent a restoration of community as a return to health enables families to regain a vital place in their neighborhoods. And **climate justice** recalls our role as caretakers of God's creation laid out in the beginning of Genesis.

Our take-aways? Why advocate?

- ✚ To help bring about change in people, policies, structures, and systems
- ✚ To influence those in positions of power to act with justice
- ✚ To speak for, speak with, and amplify the speech of others
- ✚ Because God calls us to speak out against injustice, defend the vulnerable, empower the disenfranchised, and hold the powerful accountable

"Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy." ~Proverbs 31:8-9
(from the NC Council of Churches)



You are invited to **find a focus** within your districts, your mission networks, your units; to **develop partnerships** with organizations such as the NC Council of Churches, NC Interfaith Power and Light, the NC Justice Center, and the Southern Coalition for Social Justice; and **practice relational social justice** to create faith communities that enable Western NC to look more like the **Kingdom of God**.

"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." ~Matthew 6:10

If you were unable to attend the Legislative Advocacy Day, links will be available on our website to access the information shared and how to contact each organization.

****CPR Alert: Young Adult Women (18-35) – A one-day pre-Spiritual Growth Retreat** is being planned for Thursday, June 15, focusing on building covenant communities and hands-on mission to those who are marginalized. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact your district president. Space is limited!! Let us hear from you soon.**

2017 Mission u Study Leaders

Study Leaders for Living as a Covenant Community



The Rev. Dr. **Patty Meyers** is Professor of Christian Education and Practical Theology at Pfeiffer University. She has written dozens of books, articles, songs and curricula for persons of all ages. She is married to Bob Meyers and they have a “four-legged child” at home, their Chihuahua, Tacy.

Ann Aldridge is a life-long Methodist with work experience in administration at the North Carolina School for the Deaf. She is an experienced Mission u Study Leader. Ann is married to Wade and the mother of Richard and Brandon and foster mother of Chris.



Study Leaders for Missionary Conferences of the US



Barbara E. Campbell is a retired deaconess living at Brooks-Howell Home. She coordinated national plans for Regional and Conference Schools of Christian Mission (now Mission u) and taught in Schools each summer. The March, 2017 issue of **response** magazine included her Bible study, “Bright Hope for Tomorrow.”

Rev. **Becky Gantz Hall** joins us from the Holston Conference, where she is the Director of Ministries at Christ UMC in Chattanooga, TN. She has taught at Mission u numerous times and various places. Becky enjoys needlework, reading, and watching any and all sports.



Betty J. Letzig is a retired Deaconess living at Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville. Most of her career was with the General Board of Global Ministries serving as staff liaison to National Mission Institutions from Nome, AK to Humacao, Puerto Rico - including Alaska and Red Bird Missionary Conferences. She has served many years as a Study Leader in both Regional and Conference Mission u events. Work and study resulted in extensive travel here and abroad.

Connie Locklear is Tuscarora/Lumbee. She is a founding member of Triad Native American UMC. At the district level she has served as Secretary of Program Resources and MN&O for the Northern Piedmont District UMW. She currently serves as Interim Executive Director of Southeastern Jurisdiction Association Native American Ministry (SEJANAM). In her spare time she enjoys visiting her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, traveling, beading and reading. Connie loves to laugh and enjoys a good cup of coffee with friends.



Patricia Pemberton joins us from the North Carolina Conference. She has taught at Mission u several times. A retired teacher, she has a passion for mission. Patricia enjoys sharing and traveling and gathering new friends to love. She is an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.

Daphne Locklear Strickland is a Native American of the Lumbee/Tuscarora tribe. For decades she has kept the fires of her people burning by educating others about her Native American culture through hundreds of hours of public speaking and storytelling to civic groups, churches, teachers, parents, students, and school administrators. She has taught several times at Mission u. In spite of her many church and community activities, Daphne cherishes being able to care for and spend time with her grandchildren who reside in the area.



Mike Feely has been the Director of Mission Advancement at Henderson Settlement (in Frakes, Kentucky and White Oak, Tennessee) since 2013. He has taught for several years at Mission u, including a National Office Mission u training for study leaders this year. Recently married, Mike has a wonderful wife (Annette), two cool daughters and two cool step-sons and enjoys playing trombone in a couple of jazz bands.

Study Leader for Climate Justice

Sandra T. Williamson is a retired faculty member of the History Dept. at NC A&T State Univ. A lifelong Methodist, she has taught several times at Mission u and concluded a two-year term as Mission u Dean in 2014. Sandra is married to Dr. Alex N. Williamson, Sr., and they have two adult sons and one daughter-in-law.



Study Leaders for Youth Camp



Renee Hayes is the WNCC UMW Mission Coordinator for Social Action. She is a National Board-certified teacher. Renee is actively involved in mission to Lithuania through Gifts of Grace Ministries. This is Renee's second year working with the Mission u Youth Camp.

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 at *Mission u* for five 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 Committee Chair.



Workshop for Leaders of Children



Sandy Hieronymus is a retired Pre-K teacher and an active certified lay servant. She has been involved in previous Mission u events as both a study leader and in conducting this workshop. Sandy likes reading, arts and crafts, and being a "beach bum." She and her husband, Gerry, were blessed with three sons. Their two grandchildren provide much love and joy.

Music Leaders

Amy Johnson is no stranger to United Methodist Women. She has served in various offices on several levels, including Conference President. She is the Music Director of Faith United Methodist Church in Rural Hall where she and her husband, Paul, are members. She has led music for Mission u previously. Amy enjoys selecting music to go along with worship themes and seeing scripture come alive through music. Amy and Paul have one daughter, Jill; son-in-law, AJ; and two grandchildren, Dylan and Karley. Amy is the District Administrator in the Yadkin Valley District Office.



Donna Ireland has been involved with United Methodist Women for several years. Her first job was serving as District Treasurer for the former Winston-Salem District. She has just completed her term as a six year treasurer. Donna is currently the organist at Harmony Grove United Methodist Church in Lewisville where she is a member. She has been the accompanist for the music at Mission u. Donna is married to Jacky Ireland and they live in Advance. They have two children, Amanda and John (Susan), and three grandchildren, Landon, Riley and Eli. Donna is a retired teacher and works part-time as the Administrative Assistant at Harmony Grove.



Mission u 2017: In Covenant with All Creation

It wouldn't be Mission u without 'u'! **You** are the reason for the hard work of the study leaders, Mission u Committee, and Mission u officers. Please join us at Pfeiffer University July 13-16, 2017. Registration is open May 1 through June 27, but there is no onsite registration, so register now.

The **Spiritual Growth study** is "Living as a Covenant Community". Covenants are found in the Bible from Genesis through Revelation, and we United Methodists also have a rich covenant tradition. We will examine covenants of blessing, guidance and law, eternal rule, and the everlasting covenant. We will explore how covenants affect our relationships with God, each other, and all creation.

Our **Geographic study** is "Missionary Conferences of the US". Our mission journey began overseas but later came to include mission fields at home in the US. Our current missionary conferences are the Alaska United Methodist Conference, the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, and Red Bird Missionary Conference. We will explore the Biblical "home missions" of Paul, our church history with missionary conferences, and the present day mutuality of mission with these conferences.

The **Social Issue study** repeated this year is “Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action”. We will examine justice issues around climate change and the communities most affected, our environmental responsibilities to each other and to God, and ways we can live responsibly on the planet we call home.

Our **Resident Youth Camp** is for rising ninth graders through 2017 graduates and is limited to 20 participants (boys and girls). The theme is “In Mission Together: Youth Study on Missionary Conferences”.

As always, the camp includes hands-on ministry, activities, study, worship, and fellowship. The **Workshop for Leaders of Children** is an excellent resource for those who will be leading the children’s study “Joined and Held Together: Missionary Conferences” in their local unit or church. An overview of the study and sample activities will be shared.

In addition to the full-time studies offered Thursday evening through Sunday morning, we offer one-day overview studies on Friday and Saturday.

Registration forms and more information may be found at our Conference website: wncumw.org. Registration forms must be received by **June 27, 2017**. Join us as resident, non-resident, or overview students on the welcoming campus of Pfeiffer University for study, workshops, worship, and fellowship.

Don’t forget to pack a water bottle, blanket and sweater, and enthusiasm!



Lisa Bacon, Dean

SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES — SIBYL LONG

It is hard to believe 2017 is traveling by so fast. By now I hope you are well on your way to reading at least Plan I for 2017. It has been a goal of mine for the last few years to read another Plan higher each year. This year I hope for the first time to read Plan IV.

On my way to reading Plan IV for this year I have found a MUST READ for everyone. The book is *Rad American Women A-Z*. The book talks about 25 different American women plus an X page that represents ALL women. Strong women in our lifetime include Carol Burnett to Florence Griffith-Joyner (aka Flo-Jo) and Angela Davis to Billie Jean King. The book also about women in history such as “Queen Bessie” Coleman and Jovita Idar. The UMW Reading Program is designed to encourage members to think critically and this book certainly “hits the nail

on the head”.

The next time I will see you will be Spiritual Growth in June and as always I will have a variety of UMW reading books both 2017 and prior. Also, I plan to have the Mission Study books for this year’s Mission u in July. Be there or “Be Square”!

Brenda Thompson is the Reading Program administrator and welcomes book recommendations, as well as questions and suggestions about the reading program. You can suggest books for future years by emailing the title, author, publisher, date of publication and price to her at bthompson@unitedmethodistwomen.org

As always if you have any questions for me you can contact me by either email at sibyl.long@gmail.com or calling me at 704-535-9240.



MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH — JATANA ROYSTER



Mission u will be here before we know it! What a wonderful opportunity to learn and fellowship with other United Methodist Women from across the conference. If you have never been, consider going this year. I look forward to this event every year and I know so many others do also.

If you can’t come for the entire time, come for the one day overview. And, **invite** someone to come with you! The more we invite others to join us, the easier it becomes for us to take that step *and* the more people we will have join us. If someone

declines your first invitation, ask again. Things may have changed that will allow them to accept this time.

If someone had not *personally invited* me to a circle meeting in 1990, I would not be a member of this impactful and wonderful organization today. Put October 14 on your calendar and register for our **Ubuntu Day of Service** and bring others with you. Registration opens July 1.

Remember to plan or promote a **Walk for Mission** this year! Hope to see you at Mission u!

MISSION EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION — LINDA GREER



New **Mission Today** criteria for 2017 is coming and will be published soon! Some items are the same, some new ones have been added and some of the former items have been amended. Why, you might ask? We have heard from many small units that attaining 12 of the criteria items is very difficult, but that is no longer true. Even units with 3-4 active members can attain Mission Today status. **Watch for new criteria on our website or for printed copies at your next District or Conference Event!** You are still asked to complete 12 of the criteria, 6 with asterisks (*) and 6 additional criteria with or without asterisks. Let's have 100% of our units attaining Mission Today status in 2017! Being a Mission Today unit proudly celebrates that your unit is participating in the activities that make your local unit a healthy UMW unit.

Did you know that we support nearly 60 mission projects internationally and nearly 100 mission projects nationally? You may find a wealth of information about our numerous mission projects in the United States and throughout the world by using our Prayer Calendar, *response* Magazine, and our UMW websites: www.wnccumw.org and www.unitedmethodistwomen.org. You can find maps on the national office website that let you see where all our mission projects are located. Keep in mind that all of our mission projects supported by our Five Channels of Mission Giving are designed to empower women, youth and children so that their lives can be improved.

Our **hands-on mission projects** for this year include Layette Kits for Spiritual Growth Retreat,

School Kits for Mission u, and **Health Kits for Annual Celebration**. **Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory** cards will also be part of our Mission Projects at Annual Celebration. When you attend the Spiritual Growth Retreat, you will receive a bag for your Health Kit along with a list of items that need to go into the bag. Fill this bag and bring it along with more filled bags to Annual Celebration! (Please bring your kits in boxes that you can easily lift. Remember that if you are unable to lift them, those working at the kit intake station cannot lift them either.) Included in your bag, you will find a **Gift in Memory card**. Please send this card to someone who has lost a loved one. It does not only have to be at the time that the loved one has passed, but can be any time you are thinking of the person such as on the loved one's birthday, a first holiday or anniversary without him or her, or any time you are thinking of the deceased person. Most of us consider our pets as family members. Has your friend lost a pet? Send him or her a Gift in Memory card in memory of their precious pet. Sending Gift in Memory cards often will help us to attain our conference goal of increasing our giving in this channel.

I continue to urge you to use your **Prayer Calendar** and communicate with our Mission Personnel and Staff. The Prayer Calendar contacts are posted on our conference website each week. This communication will help you to learn about Mission work as well as meet a criteria on your Mission Today list. Using the Prayer Calendar at each meeting enables your unit to meet an additional criteria as well.

Dedication of Annual Report Book

Each year the Annual Report Book is dedicated to a special woman who has served on the local, district, and conference level of United Methodist Women. She has demonstrated leadership abilities and works well with her peers. The recipient will be honored at Conference Annual Celebration in September at Lake Junaluska. Nomination forms must be completed and returned by June 1, 2017. Request forms by contacting Linda Young, 828-241-2343, lmyou2253@aol.com.

CAROLYN PAYNE — HISTORIAN

HOW DARE THEY?

Alma Mathews (1867-1933) was a missionary and early immigration activist. Before Ellis Island was set up to process immigrants in 1892, people coming to this country from Europe left the boat at a dock in lower Manhattan and had to find their own way to Castle Garden, the immigrant-processing center. Kidnappings and scams to rob the newly arrived were common, and young women were particularly vulnerable. Mathews and other missionaries from the Women's Home Missionary Society began meeting the more than 900 ships a year that docked in New York harbor so they could escort young women safely to Castle Green.



Leader Development Day (LDD) (training for District Officers) **October 21, 2017**

First UMC, 1400 NC Hwy 16, Taylorsville, NC

8am-9am: Registration, Refreshments, Program Resources

9-9:15am: Opening Session 9:15am-12N: Training Sessions 12N-1pm: Program Resources



150th Anniversary Celebration:

LEGACY FUND

On March 23, 2019, United Methodist Women will celebrate 150 years of women in mission. As we move toward that anniversary, one part of our celebration is to grow an endowment fund that will help support the work of future generations of United Methodist Women for the next 150 years of turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth.

Have you made your commitment to the Legacy Fund? Have you made your 2017 gift to the Legacy Fund? Now is the time, join us in this important work, and leave YOUR legacy. Learn more at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150 and www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund. It's easy go give!

✚ Online at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund

✚ By phone: 800-278-7771 (8am-6pmEST, Mon.-Fri.)

✚ Text Legacy 150 to 41444.

✚ By check to: Office of the Treasurer
United Methodist Women
475 Riverside Drive
New York, NY 10115

(Write "The Legacy Fund" in the memo section)

Our Western North Carolina Every Member Legacy Fund Goal: That every member of United Methodist Women 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).

THE LEGACY FUND...Turning Faith, Hope and Love into Action on behalf of Women, Children and Youth...for the NEXT 150 years! Learn more at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150 and on our conference website at www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund.

Did You Know?

You all know that when you sent a Gift to Mission card, you are sending a message about Mission, in support of Mission. What you may not know is that:

In 2016 you, the members of the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women, sent approximately 12,000 Gift to Mission Cards....12,000 messages about Mission, in support of Mission...something to Celebrate!

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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.

2017 Upcoming Dates:

June 16-17, 2017	Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska, NC
July 13-16, 2017	Mission u, Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer, NC
Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2017	Annual Celebration, Lake Junaluska, NC
October 14, 2017	Ubuntu Day of Service
October 21, 2017	Leader Development Day for District Officers

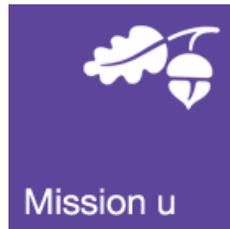
For more information, visit: www.wnccumw.org

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July 13-16, 2017

Register by June 27

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“In Covenant with All Creation”



What does it mean to be in covenant with God? With our neighbors? With our planet? Join us at Mission u to learn about our covenant relationships and responsibilities with all of God’s creation.

Workshop for Leaders of Children: “Joined and Held Together—Children’s Study on Missionary Conferences”

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

Full-Time Youth Camp: “In Mission Together—Youth Study on Missionary Conferences”

Leaders: Sherry Sink and Renee Hayes
“This study focuses on the three U.S. missionary conferences of The United Methodist Church: Alaska United Methodist Conference, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, and Red Bird Missionary Conference. It also offers opportunities for youth who are interested in relationship-building and hands-on mission.”

Spiritual Growth Study: Living as a Covenant Community

Full-Time Leader: Dr. Patty Meyers
Overview Leader: Ann Aldridge
“This study examines major covenants throughout the Bible and what they reveal about God’s character and love for us.”

Geographic Study: Missionary Conferences of the US

Full-Time Leaders: Barbara Campbell, Rev. Becky Hall, Betty Letzig, Connie Locklear, Patricia Pemberton, and Daphne Strickland.
Overview Leader: Rev. Mike Feely
“This study gives an overview of the three missionary conferences in The United Methodist Church, the contexts out of which they grew and their current engagements.”

Issue Study: Climate Justice—A Call to Hope and Action

Full-Time Leader: Sandra Williamson
“This study examines 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.”

Put the ‘u’ in Mission u!
Who should attend?

Local Unit officers and members of UMW, District and Conference UMW Officers, District Chairpersons of Mission Engagement, Clergy, interested men, women, and youth; in short—
YOU!

Registration is open May 1-June 27.

**All Registrations must be RECEIVED
no later than JUNE 27, 2017.**

NO ONSITE REGISTRATION

Check-in for Full-Time Studies:
Thursday, July 13, 2:00-6:00 PM
First session begins at 6:30 PM

One-Day Overview Studies:
Friday and Saturday.
Check-in is 8:00 AM-8:45 AM
with class beginning at 9:00 AM.

Registration Fees

Full-Time Youth Camp: \$150.00

Full-Time Adult Students:

Resident Students (Resident cost includes meals from Thursday dinner through Sunday breakfast):

New Hall: (Private room with a private bathroom): \$190.00*

*New Hall availability is based on postmark of registration form and limited to number of rooms made available by Pfeiffer.

Other dorms are single or double occupancy with community bathrooms.

Resident Double: \$160.00

Resident Single: \$175.00

Non-Resident Students:

Non-Resident/No meals: \$50.00

Non-Resident with 4 Meals: \$90.00

(Lunch and Dinner, Friday and Saturday)

Overview Students:

One-Day Overview without Lunch: \$30.00

One-Day Overview with Lunch: \$40.00

(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 both days; you are welcome to do so.)

**Additional information may be found at:
www.wnccumw.org**

Mission u Policies and Information

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.

Child care is not available.

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

HOUSING: Bring bed linens (including blanket and pillow), towels, clothes hangers, toiletries, bathrobe, and any other items you feel necessary for your comfort away from home. (Wireless internet is available all over campus.)

CLASSES: Full-Time students take two studies: Living as a Covenant Community and **either** Missionary Conferences **or** Climate Justice. Bring Bibles, pencils, paper, etc. Study 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. 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 are available if requirements are met.

YOUTH CAMP: limited to 20 participants and will last the full time of Mission u. 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 Mission u officers, District Presidents, and our Conference website at www.wnccumw.org. There will be a youth curfew in effect at 11:30 p.m. each evening.

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Hands-On Mission Project: School Kits

1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip)

3 pads (or loose leaf) of 8 1/2" x 11" ruled paper

1 30-centimeter ruler

1 hand held pencil sharpener

6 unsharpened pencils with erasers

1 2-inch or larger-size eraser

1 box of 24 crayons (**only** this size)

Place items in cloth school kit bag (instructions online at <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/School>).

(Please make check payable to UMCOR Sager Brown for at least \$1.00 per kit for shipping.)

Mission u 2017
Residential Youth CAMP!

July 13-16
Pfeiffer University,
48380 U.S. Highway 52N
Misenheimer, NC 28109

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



“In
Mission
Together”



Come learn about the three U.S. missionary conferences of The United Methodist Church: Alaska United Methodist Conference, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, and Red Bird Missionary Conference. Participate in relationship-building and hands-on mission.

Leaders: **Sherry Sink and Renee Hayes**

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 Youth Camp is open to high school students who are rising 9th graders through those who have just 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 a College Dorm.

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 11:30 PM.**

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. 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!!!!**

REGISTRATION - 2017 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: _____ Grade Level for 2017-2018 school year: 9 ___ 10 ___ 11 ___ 12 ___ College ___

Address:

Street or P. O. Box City State ZIP

Telephone: () _____ Email: _____

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

Emergency contact: Name: _____ Telephone: () _____

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

REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT DUE BY JUNE 27, 2017

Make check payable to: United Methodist Women

Mail check and registration form to:

LaDonna Butts
865 Lake Lynn Rd
Concord 28025-9634

**Registration is open May 1-June 27, 2017
All registrations must be RECEIVED no later than
June 27, 2017**

THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE REGISTRATION.

**Call/Email/Text Questions or Concerns to
Sherry Sink/336-880-2663/sherrysink@gmail.com**



Permission/Medical Release Form for Mission u 2017

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 (2017-2018 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
2017 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 13-16, 2017. 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