

April, 2018



Smoky Mountain District † United Methodist Women † Western North Carolina Conference

**DAY APART**

Saturday, April 21, 2018

9:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Oak Forest United Methodist Church  
990 Oak Forest Rd., Hayesville, NC

Join us on Saturday, April 21st, for fellowship and a wonderful program. Our guest speaker will be Ann Miller Woodford, who is a native of Andrews, where she attended the one room, one teacher Andrews Colored/Negro Elementary School through 8th grade. Then she attended Allen High School, a women's Division of Christian Service sponsored Methodist girls' boarding school in Asheville, NC (source: <http://annwoodford.com/about-ann-woodford/>). Ann is author of *When All God's Children Get Together: A Celebration of the Lives and Music of African American People in Far Western North Carolina*. She will be sharing from her book and experiences.

Directions: Oak Forest UMC is located at 990 Oak Forest Rd., Hayesville, NC. It is about 31 miles west of Franklin on US 64 and can be accessed by a left turn on Oak Forest Rd., or Hinton Center Road (which is a little further west, but the Hinton sign is a good landmark). If traveling from the East, Hinton Center Rd and Oak Forest Rd are on the right, and are about a mile from the Ingles in Hayesville, and 15 miles from Murphy. The church is visible at the intersection of Oak Forest and Hinton Center Roads. Parking is available across Oak Forest Rd from the church (near church sign), or along Hinton Center Rd. Add'l. lower level parking is available in the large gravel lot along Hinton Center Rd. Handicap parking and building access is located on Oak Forest Rd. near the basketball court.

## ***From Your President:***

I hope you are all making plans to attend our District Day Apart at Oak Forest UMC on April 21, 2018 beginning at 9:00 am. This event in particular is an opportunity to foster our spiritual growth and our relationships with each other. Our relationship with God is so important and requires continual reflection. Where are you on your spiritual journey—stuck at a crossroads or seeing the straight path before you? United Methodist women is a connectional organization and an important part of being a United Methodist Woman is the encouragement of our relationships with our communities, our families, and other people. Carol Harper is our new District Spiritual Growth Coordinator and is planning for our retreat. We will also honor those of our Sisters that have gone on to their place with God. Come and be a part of it!

Included in this newsletter is the new updated Mission Today form for 2018. Many units come very close to being a Mission Today unit. Take a look and determine if your unit can accomplish this in 2018. This is possible even if your unit is very small.

Have you invited your Nurturing Partner to visit your unit? Please use us as a resource for your unit and know that we are there to help in any way that we can.

We've also included a flyer about the conference Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska on June 15th and 16th. This has always been very meaningful to me and is a highlight of the year. Remember if you sign up online the cost is only \$15. Invite your granddaughters, daughters, nieces and friends—anyone who would like a closer relationship with God.

See you around the District,  
Debbie Ray



## A NOTE ABOUT EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION:

I want to express my thanks to all of the 38 ladies that attended our Smoky Mountain District Mission Study on March 17th at Cullowhee UMC and a special note of appreciation to the UMW at Cullowhee. We had an excellent presenter, Ann Aldridge. Did you know that the Methodist Women started Mission Studies in the 1930s?

Hands on Projects will be Health/Hygiene & School Kits for our District Meetings. Our Conference Mission Response Center at Terrell does not need Cleaning Buckets at the present time. Ask your Sunday School classes, United Methodist Men, Children & Youth, and Congregation to help participate in making these kits.

There is a new list out for the supplies that go into the Armenia Shoe Boxes. You can go to the WNCC site to get the latest information. The list was given out at our Mission Study.

Has your Unit made a pledge to Missions for this year? It is not too late to do this by contacting our District Treasurer, Judy Bromley. We hope your unit is working on becoming a Mission Today Unit. For example, if you attend a Mission Study that fulfills Criteria #4 and if you participate in a Mission Project locally and a District/Conference Hands on Project, that fulfills Criteria #27. If you have any questions about how to be a Mission Today unit, please contact me.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you and your unit.

Beverly Bard, Acting Mission Coordinator  
Education & Interpretation



## ***HI! To All You Hard Working Secretaries:***

Just a few duty reminders: The SECRETARY must understand the organization form, the PURPOSE, the program of the total involvement of the local, district and conference organization in order to perform the responsibilities assigned to her and to assist the president. She shall:

- A. Keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the local organization.
- B. Serve as custodian of all records and official papers.
- C. Keep an accurate roll of all elected leaders of her local unit and send those names (including addresses, zip codes and telephone numbers) to the district president immediately upon election/selection. Also, report ad interim changes.

Remember, YOU are a very important member of your local unit.

Julie Leatherwood, SMD UMW Secretary  
828-926-1641 (H) 828-421-1913 (C)  
leatherwoodjulie@gmail.com

## ***A NOTE FROM PROGRAM RESOURCES:***

Thank you for purchasing books at Cullowhee. I still have seven copies of *Living as a Covenant Community*, our mission study book. The books will be available at Day Apart on April 21st. These books are well worth reading to expand your knowledge of our study.

There are several copies of our 2018 reading program books for you to choose, including the bonus book *Massacre at Sand Creek*. Free resources will be offered including the new *Racial Justice Time Line*.

I look forward to seeing you at Oak Forest UMC on April 21st.

Gail Powell, Program Resources Coordinator



## SOME THOUGHTS FROM MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH:

Many of you will remember the story in the Book of John (4<sup>th</sup> chapter) about the Samaritan Woman Jesus met at the well drawing water. It was about 6:00 o'clock one evening. He was alone, for his disciples had gone in to the nearby town to get some food. Remember, He struck up a conversation with this woman and so inspired her with His words that she hastily made her way back to her village and started telling her neighbors about the conversation she had just had with Jesus. She urged them "Come and see this Man.....Could this be the Christ?" Because of her testimony (Just feel her excitement!) they immediately accompanied her back to the well. The result was the Samaritans were so excited about the good news Jesus proclaimed they invited Him to stay with them and He did; He stayed for two days, and many of them became believers and followers.

Jump ahead two thousand years to 2018. We stand with the Samaritan Woman in her belief that Jesus is the Christ, that He healed the sick, restored sight to the blind, freed prisoners, fed the hungry, raised the dead and preached good news to the poor. And He has commissioned His present-day disciples to do the same.

As United Methodist Women, an organization with more than one million members, we have unique opportunities to share the GOOD NEWS and transform the world. Let us add to our numbers by welcoming new comers into our local groups and circles. Invite friends, relatives and even acquaintances to join with you in this great transformational movement.

Esther Manchester - Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator



**LET'S TALK:** We try to send this newsletter out to officers of all SMD UMW units, using email wherever possible, and snail mail for the rest. If one of your officers is not receiving this document, please let me know so I can correct that. This publication can be helpful to all your members so please remember to forward it to your entire group or make copies and pass it out. If you have any questions or feedback, don't hesitate to contact me by email:

[smdcommcoor@gmail.com](mailto:smdcommcoor@gmail.com), or by phone: (850) 428-3636. Thanks!

Nancy Jo Willis, Communications Coordinator

### Critical Issues Seminar: Wisdom of Women

April 14, 2018 @ 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Cost: \$25.00

#### At Guilford College United Methodist Church in Greensboro, NC

The NC Council of Churches' 2018 Critical Issues Seminar will focus on women. The theme for this daylong event is "The Wisdom of Women" and will cover topics such as the Equal Rights Amendments, sexual harassment and work place policy, elected office, health care, and public education. This conference is for people of all ages, genders, and ethnic and racial backgrounds.

Co-sponsors for this year's event are AFL-CIO, Church Women United, Women Advance NC, MomsRising, NARAL, ERA NC, and the NC Faith Forward Coalition.

More information and Registration can be found at:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/200929327322415/>

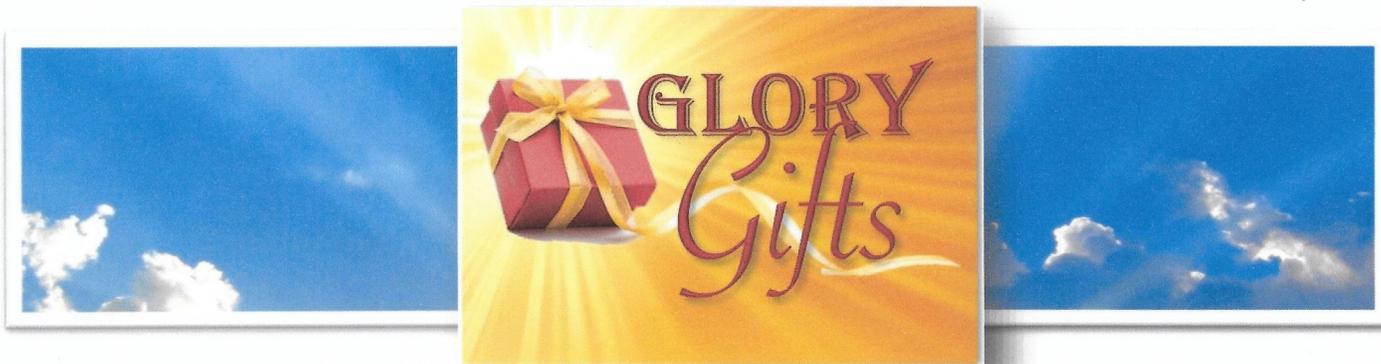
Council Website: <https://www.ncchurches.org/event-single/wisdomofwomen/>

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/critical-issues-seminar-wisdom-of-women-registration-43212994229>

# Join us at The Lake

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

## 2018 Spiritual Growth Retreat



### June 15-16, 2018

Opening Session 6:45pm • Ends Noon Saturday  
Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium • Rev. Dr. Suzanne G. Michael

Retreat Registration Opens February 7<sup>th</sup>  
Early Bird ONLINE Registration \$15/person

Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable. So, if someone registers for the retreat, and is unable to attend, their registration 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 you complete your own registration. Help other members of your local unit register online and save.

On-site registration at the retreat \$25/person

DO NOT mail Retreat registration fee money to Lake Junaluska. Contact us if you have any questions about registration.

### 2018 Retreat Leader



Rev. Dr. Suzanne  
G. Michael,  
Senior Pastor  
New Hope  
UMC,  
Winston Salem

Music Leader Justin Snyder  
Forest Hill UMC, Concord  
Song Leader Lindsay Megill



Hands on Mission Project: Hygiene Kits  
[umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies](http://umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies)

Complete information  
about the retreat is  
available on our website:  
[www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org)

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Mark your Calendar  
Register ONLINE and  
Join us at the lake!

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### Questions?

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## **Spiritual Growth:**

I hope that those of you who were able to attend the District Mission Study *Living as a Covenant Community* enjoyed it. Ann Aldridge did a terrific job. I hope you will encourage everyone in your units to attend "Day Apart" at Oak Forest UMC on April 21st (see front page for further details). I thank everyone who has sent me a list of names for the memorial portion of the program, and if you have not, it is not too late to do so.

Registration has begun for the Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat held at Lake Junaluska, June 15-16, and you may register on the conference website at <https://wnccumw.org/>. Online registration offers the opportunity for you to register up to 35 guests at the same time you complete your own registration. Help other members of your local unit register online and save. Early bird registration is \$15; on-site registration will be \$25. The theme will be Glory Gifts.

The Conference UMW website also offers links to other information and resources. If you need a *Prayer Calendar, Call to Prayer and Self Denial resources, or a Program Book*, you can order those, but I encourage you to come to a district event like "Day Apart," and purchase materials. You will find a number of Spiritual Growth information and resources on the national UMW website at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/spiritual-growth>. If you are looking for a document on the role of the Spiritual Growth Coordinator, go to <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/membersleaders/responsibilities/spiritual-growth-coordinator>. You may learn that as Spiritual Growth Coordinator you could organize and promote special times and events for worship, prayer and meditation such as A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, and devotions at meetings; you can encourage and equip the women in your units to engage in biblical studies, utilizing the annual spiritual growth study, issues of response, New World Outlook, the Program Book, Prayer Calendar, Reading Program, and other resources, and you could communicate the connection between personal spiritual development and mission. Think of yourself as being in both promotions and encouragement.

As always, please feel free to contact me at [cgh2arper@gmail.com](mailto:cgh2arper@gmail.com) or 828-349-3228 or write me at 101 Everett Rd., Franklin, NC 28734 if you have questions or would like to share some of your ideas.

Carol Harper, Spiritual Growth Coordinator



## **FROM YOUR LEGACY TEAM ENERGIZER:**

I hope many of you went on line and participated in the 3rd Annual United Methodist women Day of Giving on March 23rd. This is an easy way to give and support our Legacy Fund for the future of UMW.

I wish to share with you what some of the other Legacy Team Energizers are sharing with their Districts. This from Dixie Liggett, National UMW Program Advisory Group Member and WNCC District for the Blue Ridge District. She writes:

"Are you familiar with the term 'the middle miles'? It is a term used by hikers for the most exhausting, challenging miles on the trail, when enthusiasm of beginning the hike has turned into fatigue, discouragement and just plain hard work, and the end is not yet in sight. For some of you, that may describe where you are with the Legacy Fund. It is more than half way through our five year giving plan, and although great strides have been made to reach the \$60 million goal, the end does not yet seem to be in sight. So now what?

Hikers may pause for rest and refreshment for renewed energy to continue the hike. What can YOU do to further the giving to the Legacy Fund? You can pause for prayer, believing you are working with God to create this fund for the future mission work of United Methodist Women. You can find refreshment by reading inspiring stories on the website [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org) and you can call on the Conference Legacy Fund Team for programs and speakers. YOU CAN DO THIS!"

SMD UMW Legacy Team Energizer

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# Support The Legacy Fund!

The **Legacy Fund** is a key component of the celebration of the **150th Anniversary of United Methodist Women**. It is a permanent endowment of the national office of United Methodist Women. Its purpose is to help secure the work of United Methodist Women for the next 150 years. Income earned by this fund will support that work, along side the undesignated mission giving of United Methodist Women.

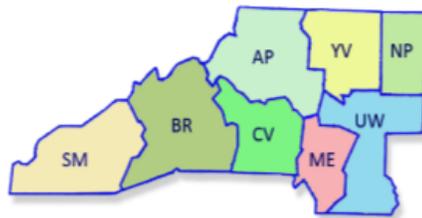
**Announcing our Western North Carolina Conference  
United Methodist Women Legacy Fund  
Endowment Campaign Goal:**

**Our Conference Goal: \$1,500,000  
Raised thru October 31, 2017: \$147,859.96**

**We can do this!** Every single gift, small or large, will make a difference! This is our opportunity to leave a legacy for this amazing mission organization that we love. **Prayerfully consider what your Legacy Fund gift will be...and give generously.**

## Our individual district goals:

Appalachian	\$107,000
Blue Ridge	\$103,000
Catawba Valley	\$248,000
Metro	\$306,000
Northern Piedmont	\$255,000
Smoky Mountain	\$ 72,000
Uwharrie	\$141,000
Yadkin Valley	\$268,000



## 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). It is not too late to catch up!

## Our Western North Carolina Every Local Unit Legacy Fund Goal:

That every local unit of United Methodist Women make a gift to The Legacy Fund **of at least \$186.90 per year**, for five years (2015-2019), in addition to individual member gifts. It is not too late to catch up!

## Resources on our Western North Carolina Conference website:

- Legacy Fund Commitment Form & Frequently Asked Questions  
Visit: [www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund](http://www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund)

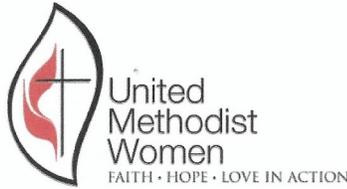
## Resources on the United Methodist Women Website:

- [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150)

## Ways to Give to the Legacy Fund

- ◇ Make a gift to the Legacy Fund through your local unit United Methodist women treasurer.
- ◇ Use our Western North Carolina Conference Legacy Commitment Form, available on our website at [www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund](http://www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund).
- ◇ Online on the national office website at [unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund).
- ◇ **By phone:** 800-278-7771 (8 am—6 pm EST, M-F)
- ◇ **Text** Legacy150 to 41444
- ◇ **By check:** note "Legacy Fund" in memo and mail to: United Methodist Women, Treasurer's Office, 15th Floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115
- ◇ **Other methods** include gifts of stock, life insurance, bequests, and other forms of planned giving. If you are interested in making a gift like this, contact the national office at 800-278-7771.





# Mission Today 2018

## United Methodist Women Western North Carolina Conference

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Become a Mission Today Unit!!

#### 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 seven 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, 2018, will be recognized at annual meetings in 2019.

This is an ongoing program, so strive to become a Mission Today Unit!

#### CRITERIA:

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

- \*2. The unit will use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting or circle meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission and our mission work with women, children and youth. A new Prayer Calendar is printed each year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- \*3. The unit will use at least two programs from the Program Book during the year. A new Program Book is printed every year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- \*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 attend the conference Mission 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; Local unit subscription may count as one.) Order information is printed at bottom of page 2. \$24.00 for a one-year print subscription (includes digital subscription); \$20 for a one-year digital only subscription.
- \*6. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least two ways during the year. Possibilities are:
  - a. Have members read and discuss books and articles about other races and cultures;
  - b. Sponsor or attend an interethnic event between two or more units;
  - c. Intentionally recruit women of other ethnic groups to be members and officers of the unit;
  - d. Use the "Resources for Racial Justice: Tools for UMW Leaders" handbook. (Available on our conference website on the "Downloads Available" page, and on the "Mission Today" page.)
  - e. Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low-income programs, civil rights, etc.
- \*7. The unit will become a member of the Western North Carolina UMW Justice Today. See link to info on Justice Today at our conference website, [www.wnccumw.org/social-action](http://www.wnccumw.org/social-action). Scroll down to "Justice Today 2017."
- \*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 2017-2020.
- \*10. The unit will contribute to all Five Channels of Mission Giving.
- \*11. The UMW Purpose will be recited at each general and/or circle meeting.
- \*12. The unit will contribute \$186.90 or more to the Legacy Fund.
- 13. At least one member of the unit will attend Mission u and report back to the unit on classes and events they experienced.
- 14. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend the district or conference annual meeting and report back to the unit about the event and what they experienced.
- 15. 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 the United Methodist Women Washington Office, 100 Maryland Avenue NE, Room 100, Washington, DC 20002. Phone #: 202-488-5660. Email: [csad@unitedmethodistwomen.com](mailto:csad@unitedmethodistwomen.com) (Attach to Mission Today report the action that was taken and to which issue.)
- 16. Members will correspond with five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar at least once a year.
- 17. 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. Children's Sabbath materials are on our website.
- 18. 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.
- 19. 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.
- 20. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend a district Prayer Breakfast, district Day Apart, conference Spiritual Growth Retreat, or any other special district or conference event other than Ubuntu Day.
- 21. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will participate in an Ubuntu Day Event.
- 22. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will complete Plan 1 of the Reading Program and give a report to the unit on one of the books read.
- 23. 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. This Qualifies as a Local Unit Visit (LUV).
- 24. The unit will add one new teen (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman (ages 18 to 39) circle during the year, or one new teen member (ages 12 to 17) or one new young woman member (ages 18 to 39) during the year.
- 25. 100% of the unit's active members will make a gift of at least \$18.69 to the Legacy Fund
- 26. The unit will accomplish the Conference Financial Goal for 2018: To Increase Membership by 5%.
- 27. Each 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.

### **Be a Mission Today Unit!**

#### **Mission Resource Center**

Website: [www.missionresourcecenter.org](http://www.missionresourcecenter.org)

UMW Mission Resources, 1650 Bluegrass Lakes Parkway, Alpharetta, GA 30004;

Phone: 1-800-305-9857 (toll-free); Fax: (770)280-0061; e-mail: [cs@umwmissionresources.org](mailto:cs@umwmissionresources.org)

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Updated February 2018

**Do you know someone special...a UMW lady in our district or Conference that goes beyond the call of duty. If so, consider honoring them with a Nomination for Dedication of the UMW Annual Celebration Program Book for 2016. Complete the form below and return it as indicated before June 1st.**

**WNCC United Methodist Women  
Nomination form for Dedication of Annual Report  
2016**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Local Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Criteria: All recipients must have served as a local, district, and conference UMW officer.**

Local UMW Unit Activities:

District UMW Activities:

Conference UMW Activities:

Local UM Church Activities:

District UM Church Activities:

Conference UM Church Activities:

Community Activities (civic groups, other volunteer activities)

Education/Career Information:

Personal Information (husband, children, hobbies, etc)

(use back of form if necessary)

**Return by June 1 to Linda Young  
P.O. Box 404 Catawba NC 28609-0404 or lmyou2253@aol.com**

### Spiritual Growth Retreat

**Lake Junaluska • June 15-16**

*Hands-On-Mission Opportunity – Hygiene Kits*



We all need a break from our busy lives, a time for reflection, a time to listen for God's guidance. We are so busy doing all the things we are called upon to do, we don't take the

time to slow down, to sit back and think about the things that are really important. Join us to pray, to listen, to study, to fellowship with United Methodist Women from across the conference, and to spend some quiet time in reflection.

**Registration Open February 1**

**Retreat Leader: Rev. Suzanne Michael**

New Hope United Methodist Church, Yadkin Valley District

### Annual Celebration

**Lake Junaluska • September 14-16**

*Hands-On-Mission Opportunity*

Project AGAPE Christmas Shoe Boxes & Gift to Mission/Gift in Memory Cards



**WNCCUMW.ORG**

Get more information, download event logos, registration forms, program books and more at our information packed website.

### National Assembly

**Columbus, Ohio • May 18-20**



Join us for Assembly 2018 where we will be claiming our 150-year history as women who know how to organize and serve and are willing to be challenged to grow in our faith as we build deeper connections with one another, church leaders and partners in the work of justice for all God's children.

### Mission u

**Pfeiffer University • July 19-22, 2018**

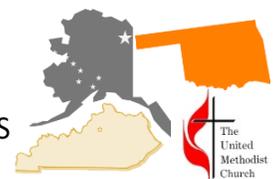
*Hands-On-Mission Opportunity – School Kits*

**Spiritual Growth Study:** An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living



**Issue Study:** What About Our Money? A Faith Response

**Geographic Study:** UMC Missionary Conferences in the US



*High School Youth Camp Available - Registration opens May 1*

### UBUNTU

**Ubuntu Day of Service • October 20**

*Hands-On-Mission Opportunity – Site Specific*

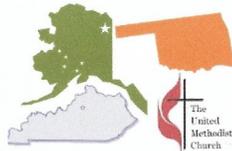
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& Brooks Howell Home

WNCC UMW  
**Mission u**  
July 19-22, 2018

\*\*\*Register by July 5\*\*\*

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*"Life...Abundantly"*



What does God tell us about caring for Earth? Loving our neighbors? Loving ourselves? Being good stewards of financial and environmental resources? Join us as we learn about the abundant life Jesus promises.

**Workshop for Leaders of Children's Study:  
"Money Matters: A Study for Children"**

Leader: Sandy Hieronymus

Session Time: 4:15 pm Friday or Saturday

This workshop provides potential study leaders with suggestions and examples for hands-on learning experiences from the study.

**Full-Time Youth Camp: "Is It Just Money? Our Dollars, God's Economy"**

Leaders: Sherry Sink and Renee Hayes

"This exploration of money as it relates to faith and justice will help youth deepen their understanding of the complex questions that surround making, having, giving, and using money." The camp also offers opportunities for youth who are interested in relationship-building and hands-on mission.

**Spiritual Growth Study: Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living**

Full-Time Leader: Dr. Patty Meyers

Overview Leader: Sandra Williamson

"God has called us to live in covenantal relationship with all of creation and challenges readers to work toward stronger and healthier relationships with creation, their communities, themselves, and God."

**Issue Study: What About Our Money? A Faith Response**

Full-Time Leaders: Laquetta Barbee,

Anita Fox, Jennifer Burton Lineberry,

Pamela Moye, and Steve Taylor

Overview Leader: Janice Lentz

"Through this connection between our faith and our money, readers discover how to live closer to God and God's people, even in our North American culture that is so deeply defined by money."

**Geographic Study: Missionary Conferences of the UMC in the US**

Full-Time Leader: Barbara Campbell

"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."

**Put the 'u' in Mission u!**

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—are invited to attend!

**Registration is open May 1-July 5.**  
**All Registrations must be received**  
**no later than JULY 5, 2018.**

**NO ONSITE REGISTRATION**

**Full-Time Studies/Fee range \$50-\$190**  
Check-in Thursday, July 19, 2:00-6:00 PM.  
First session begins at 6:30 PM.

**One-Day Overview Studies/Fee range \$30-\$40**  
Friday, July 20, and Saturday, July 21.  
Check-in 8:00 AM-8:45 AM.  
Class begins at 9:00 AM.

**Hands-On Mission Project: School Kits**

- 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 3 pads of paper (or packs of 100-150 sheets)
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener (remove from packaging)
- 1 30-centimeter ruler
- 6 unsharpened pencils
- 1 2-inch or larger-size eraser
- 1 24-count box of crayons (**only** this size)
- 1 14x16 inch cloth bag

Place items in cloth school kit bag.  
(Please make check payable to  
UMCOR Sager Brown for at least  
\$1.00 per kit for shipping.)



(Instructions for sewing a bag and assembling kit:  
<http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/School.>)

**YOUTH CAMP** is 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](http://www.wnccumw.org).

**DORM DETAILS:** New Hall (\$190): private rooms with private bathroom. Limited availability based on order of registration.  
Other dorms: single (\$175) or double (\$160) occupancy with **community bathrooms**.

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 necessary for your comfort away from home. (Wireless internet is available all over campus.)

**CLASSES:** Full-Time students take **two** studies: Embracing Wholeness and **either** Missionary Conferences or What About Our Money?

Overview students take **one** study: **either** Embracing Wholeness or What About Our Money? (Attend both days if you wish to take both studies.)

Study books are available from the Mission Resource Center and at all Conference events prior to Mission u. A **limited** number will be available in the Resource Room during Mission u. 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.

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**Friday and Saturday Afternoon Activities**  
**(4:15-5:15)**

Chair Aerobics

Workshop for Leaders of Children's Study

'A Way Forward'—UMW Responds

More information and updates may be found at our Conference website:  
[www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org)



## REGISTRATION - 2018 WNCC UMW Mission u – YOUTH CAMP

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name for name tag) \_\_\_\_\_ First Timer? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Female ( ) Male

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level for 2018-19 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): \_\_\_\_\_



### Is It Just Money? Our Dollars, God's Economy

"This exploration of money as it relates to faith and justice will help youth deepen their understanding of the complex questions that surround making, having, giving, and using money."

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.wnccumw.org). **There will be a youth curfew in effect at 11:30 PM.**

Mission u 2018  
Residential Youth Camp  
July 19-22  
Pfeiffer University,  
48380 U.S. Highway 52N  
Misenheimer, NC 28109

**WHAT TO BRING:**

- **Your Bible (of course!)**
- Musical instrument if you play
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, body wash, 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 FORM & PAYMENT DUE BY JULY 5, 2018**  
 Make check payable to: United Methodist Women  
 Mail check and registration form to:  
 LaDonna Butts  
 865 Lake Lynn Rd  
 Concord 28025-9634

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 All registrations must be received no later than July 5, 2018

**THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE REGISTRATION.**

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



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WNCC—UMW Calendar of Events

June 15 – 16	Spiritual Growth Retreat - Lake Junaluska
July 19 - 22	Mission u – Pfeiffer University
Sept. 14 –16	WNCCUMW Annual Celebration – Lake Junaluska
Oct. 13 -	Leadership development (district officers) - First UMC, Morganton
Oct. 20 -	Ubuntu Day of Caring

SMD—UMW Calendar of Events

April 21 -	Day Apart – Oak Forest UMC from 9am to Noon 990 Oak Forest Rd., Hayesville, NC 28904
August 25 –	SMD Annual Meeting – Shady Grove UMC from 9am to Noon 3570 Jonathan Creek Rd., Waynesville, NC 28785
November 3 -	Leadership Training – Crabtree UMC from 9am to Noon 5405 Crabtree Rd., Waynesville, NC 28785