



CATCH the VISION

April 2018

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*Cast all your anxiety on God, because he cares for you” 1 Peter 5:7
(NRSV)*

Time seems to be flying by and there are days when sleep doesn't come easy. Looking at the calendar can be both exciting and traumatic. So many wonderful programs being offered around our 5 districts and the anticipation of Assembly, Mission U, Annual Celebrations and Annual Gatherings make me wish I could be in two places at the same time! Then another verse comes into my mind: *“Be still, and know that I am God”* Psalm 46:10 (NIV) and 1 Peter 5:7.

Sharing my anxiety about my new position with Judy Vasby, she said I am not alone in that feeling. “But then, if we don't do the work required now, we'll have to work harder later to get back on track” she said. I am so blessed to have the wisdom and experience of past UMW Presidents, who get together to pray for any of us that ask. Judy shared this thought: UMW – United in Ministry and _____? Wonderment, Work, Welcome, Weariness, Well-doing? Galatians 6:9 “Do not weary of well-doing, because in time we'll reap a harvest, if we don't give up!” any one of those words describe UMW. (share your favorite W).

Bishop Sally Dick's book, “A Faithful Heart” is a 8 week study of weekly reflections titled: Passionate, Called, Holy, Equipped, Joyful, Loving, Learning, Authentic. These titles describe United Methodist Women perfectly. Yes, there is so much to do but if we remain Passionate about following God's calling, the reward will be eternal.

I hope to see you at any or all of the following: May 17-20, Assembly in Columbus Ohio, July 23-27, Mission u, October 19-20 Annual Gathering at Waukesha First. Set those days apart, come, become passionate about United Methodist Women!

Martha Boyer ~ Conference President

Vice President

Wisconsin Conference UMW Annual Gathering

Come one, come all to the Wisconsin Conference UMW Annual Gathering Fri. Oct. 19- Sat. Oct. 20.

It will be a time of worshiping, learning, and growing together. The theme for this year’s annual gathering is: “Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor.” Begin learning about sacred spaces by attending the pre-conference tour of United Methodist Children Services from 2-4 pm on Friday, Oct. 19. On Friday evening an initial presentation on A Way Forward will be presented for those not attending the District Officer training. Saturday morning, Sharon Day, Anishinaabe grandmother and water walker will lead the morning worship.

For more information on water walkers go to: www.Nibiwalk.org. On Friday night and Saturday, Mary Lainberger, UMW Program Advisory Group (National) and Sue Plasterer, WI Conference Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator will be facilitating conversations on A Way Forward. Mary and Sue have had training by National United Methodist Women to lead A Way Forward discussions. I am looking forward to this very informative program and hope that you will be able to join me. The registration form will be available at Mission u.

Ruby Dow

WI Conference UMW Vice-president

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Pictures of Mission u 2017



Check the Conference Web Page for more detailed information:

www.wisconsinumw.org

Mission Action Day follow up on Water

Mission u Registration forms & Info

August **Catch the Vision** will be an online issue. Please check our web page after August 5th.



Treasurer Report

Giving Makes Mission Possible

“...their joy was so great that they were extremely generous in their giving...”

2 Corinthians 8:2

Gift to mission cards are a good way to honor a special person or let someone know you are thinking of them. The purchase of these cards fulfills one of the channels of giving. These cards are sold for \$5.00 each through your district treasurer, and the proceeds go to support United Methodist Women mission projects.

Supporting the Legacy Fund is important for the future of United Methodist Women. Units should consider an offering for this important fund. Individuals can donate also. These gifts need to be sent directly to New York. Write “The Legacy Fund” in the memo line and include donor/unit contact information.

Please send checks to:
United Methodist Women
Attn: Development, Legacy Fund
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor
New York, NY 10115

For more information on the Legacy Fund visit the United Methodist Women’s website at:
unitedmethodistwomen.org

Linda K Whitelock
Conference Treasurer

Mission U

2018 Mission u

Spring is here and it’s time to start planning for Mission u!

The dates for the four-day event are **Monday, July 23rd through Thursday, July 26th, while Friday, July 27th** is Overview Day. This year’s studies include (back by popular demand and because we always repeat one study) *The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church*, led by Rev. Rob Odum; *What About Our Money?* led by Tamara Wims and Rev. Scott Carlson; and *Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living*, led by Rev. Mary Kathryn Pearce and Julie Mieke. We will be at the Hotel Mead and Conference Center, Wisconsin Rapids, again this year. Prices have changed slightly, but we will still enjoy the wonderful air conditioning, the pool/hot tub, and delicious meals. For those of you with computer access, the Mission u link on the website (www.wisconsinumw.org) is a great place to find the latest information on 2018 Mission u, including registration forms and links to the study books for Kindle. SAVE! SAVE! SAVE! with early registration! And don’t forget to invite church friends, neighbors and family to this wonderful opportunity to learn, fellowship and grow in faith!

In Gathering for Mission u, we are asking for donations of money this year to go towards the "Raise the Roof for Northcott Neighborhood House" fund, we want to finish the repairs to the entire roof at Northcott Neighborhood House, in Milwaukee

See you at Mission u!

Teen registration form is located online at www.wisconsinmw.org — Mission u —
Registration — [teen_registration_form...](#) Please remember to fill out both pages!

MISSION U

★ Monday, July 23 thru Thursday, July 26, 2018
Hotel Mead and Conference Center, Wisconsin Rapids

TEEN WOMEN'S STUDY FOR 2018:

"IS IT JUST MONEY? OUR DOLLARS. GOD'S ECONOMY"

Study the Bible and discover what God teaches us about money.

ACTIVITIES
BIBLE STUDY
YOUTUBE SING-ALONGS
FELLOWSHIP
SWIM
BRAINSTORM
PRAY



ALL TEEN WOMEN ARE INVITED!

Your study book will be provided. Bring your bible, your excitement, your willingness to learn, and your tech devices. We can't wait for you to register! Scholarships may be available, inquire about them.



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Wisconsin Conference Mission u

July 23 – 26, 2018

Hotel Mead Convention Center - Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Adult Registration Form

Register for the event

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Name

Address, City, State, Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email

District

(Circle one)

North West

North Central

North East

South West

South East

Class Choice

Circle up to two classes

Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective
for Covenantal Living

What About Our Money?
A Faith Response

Missionary Conferences of
The United Methodist Church
in the United States

Payment

	Early Bird Registration Until June 1, 2018	Regular Registration Until July 1, 2018	
Four Day Session (Includes food and sharing lodging)	\$350	\$425	
Additional lodging on Sunday night, includes breakfast (Sharing a room with another)	\$70	\$70	
Four Day Session (includes food and private room)	\$465	\$540	
Additional lodging on Sunday night, includes breakfast (Private room)	\$115	\$115	
		Total	

Special dietary needs _____

Send Registration to:

Nancy Flath
R2170 County Road Q
Ringle, WI 54471

715-446-3252
njudyflath@gmail.com

Make checks payable to:

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_____ Scholarship *(Check here to find out about Conference scholarships for Mission u)*

Also ask your local UMW unit or Church about scholarships that they may have.

Book Order

Check here to order your study books for pick up at Mission u Program Resources. Books are \$10 each.

OR

Order your books ahead and get them delivered to your home from

www.umwmissionresources.org or call 800-305-9857

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_____ **What About Our Money? A Faith Response**

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Photo Release

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I permit my photo to be used by Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women to help share United Methodist Women with others.

_____ Name (Print)

_____ Sign

_____ Date

Emergency Contact

Name

Relationship

Best phone number(s) to contact them:

Is this person at Mission u?



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Wisconsin Conference Mission u

Friday, July 27, 2018

Hotel Mead Convention Center - Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Overview Day Registration Form

Register for the event

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Name

Address, City, State, Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email

District
(Circle one)

North West

North Central

North East

South West

South East

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Nurture & Outreach

CONVERSATIONS ON A WAY FORWARD - What do you know about the Special General Conference called by our United Methodist Bishops for February, 2019? Did you know that our national United Methodist Women (UMW) leaders want you to have your voices heard by our Conference Delegates to this Special General Conference? Do you know who our General Conference Delegates are? You can find their pictures and names on the Wisconsin Conference UM website at this URL:

<https://www.wisconsinumc.org/connections/general-ncj-conferences/wisconsin-conference-delegates>

In November 2017 Mary Lainberger and I attended UMW training on facilitating unit conversations about A Way Forward provided by UMW National staff from New York. It was part of our Leadership Development Day training for new Conference Officers. These conversations are an effort to expand knowledge about A Way Forward and to enable United Methodist Women to have their voices heard by our General Conference Delegates. Our delegates will be acting on the report from The Commission on A Way Forward and the Council of Bishops' recommendations at the Special General Conference in February, 2019. The delegates will be voting on our worldwide church's future at General Conference in 2020. To learn more about and follow the work of the Commission on a Way Forward go to the United Methodist Church website at:

<http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward>

From the website: "The Commission is to do a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church."

Our plan is to engage as many of our General Conference Delegates as possible in our conversations. The goal set by our national leaders of having conversations with women from 50% of our Wisconsin units is ambitious but very important for the future of our church. If you are interested in facilitating unit conversations, training is available so contact us. If your unit would be interested in hosting a conversation, we'd like to hear from you about that too. At this time we have planned conversations with our Conference leadership team, several local units, during Mission u and as part of our Conference Annual Gathering. All conversations to be held before February, 2019! We look forward to conversing with you!

Mary Lainberger

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Program Advisory Team

Hello Everyone;

Happy Spring. I bring you greetings from Program Advisory Board Team! I am excited in 2018!

THE POWER OF BOLD, Faith, Hope, Love in Action—**Assembly 2018, May 18-20, 2018** at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, OH!!!

Start making your plans now to attend. You may ask, why should I attend? I can tell you why my friends. Assembly 2018 will be a forum for all women Assembly will offer an incredible personal faith journey through community building, training for action and visioning a movement for the future. Worship/Plenaries infused with music and performing arts, quality workshops and riveting Town Hall meetings with important leaders, action opportunities and Experience Hall with educational immersion experiences await you. When women unite, bold and courageous actions happen!

Regular registration fee is \$330.00. The fee includes 2 healthy lunches for attendees..

We will be talking more about Assembly in the coming months. See www.UMWAssembly.org 2018 if you would like more information now.

Here to serve you; Mary Lainberger, mlainberger@charter.net, 608-846-4348 or 608-212-0506
Program Advisory Board

From the Secretary:

I hope you have found the Conference Yearbook helpful in organizing and planning your schedules. There are so many wonderful retreats, enrichment days and mission opportunities for travel and learning. I hope you will all be able to participate and be better informed and motivated to act on the many concerns and issues facing us in 2018.

The Yearbook is on the Conference webpage (wisconsinmw.org). Go the tab 'About' and the 2018 Yearbook is there. You will be able to print the pages that pertain to you – or you can order the entire Yearbook by contacting amy@bobs-copyshop.com. Orders of 5 copies of the Yearbook costs \$25. They will send the 5 copies to one address and you can share them with others.

Below are listed some additions and/or corrections, to keep your Yearbook up to date:

Pg. 11- Comm. On Nominations: Kay Waugh new email: dalekay@att.net

Pg. 21 – Committee on Nominations: Ruthann Christensen: cell: 715-204-7594

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Committee on Nominations: Nancy Bugni: email: nbugni@charter.net

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Pg. 44 – Madison-Asbury – Change email of Darlene Baldwin to: dlbaldwin65@gmail.com

Pg. 47 – District Member – Velma Hockenbery : change her apt. # to 204

Don't hesitate to contact me with additions, corrections, or questions about the Yearbook.

Thank you.

Conference Secretary

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Secretary

Spiritual Growth

In the last few months I have been part of a Bible Study where we have been studying the book of Esther. It brought me back to the Leadership Conference a few years ago where we also studied that book. One favorite verse is Esther 4:14: “And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” Esther became the queen and was able to make a difference in the lives of her people, the Jews. Her husband the King had signed an edict that would wipe out all Jews (realize that he did not know she was Jewish). Esther’s uncle Mordecai had asked her to speak to the King. She was fearful as the law was that if you approached the king without having an appointment with him, (even if you were married to him), you would be put to death. It was understandable then that she was hesitant. But her uncle suggested to her that she had been precisely and explicitly placed in the court, at that particular point in time, in order to be able to do exactly that – to talk to the King. She realized that to be true and chose to spoke up and approach the King. The King welcomed her in and God used her to save the Jews from a genocide.

I am guessing that some of us have had a similar experience. God used us at the right time (for such a time as this). A few things have just taken place in my life. We leave for California today for spring break and will be helping my mother decide what she should get rid of/keep for her move to Wisconsin this summer. Well, last night my son shared some not so good news about his ill father-in-law in Minneapolis, who may not have too long to live. My daughter-in-law had to quickly book a flight from LA to Minneapolis. It just so happens that we are able to pick her up today at 2:30 as we fly out tonight and let her use our car while we are gone. Coincidence? Some may say so, but we Christians know that these things happen “for such as time as this!” God’s timing is amazing. Then this morning another event took place. Please realize that I had just prayed that God would give me something to write about for this devotion which was due today. Boy, did God answer this prayer. So, my friend Michelle helps run Feed My People. She was excited to talk to me this morning at 5:45 AM when we run/walk together. She wanted to tell me something because she knows that I have been praying about starting a food bank in our church. It just so happened that Michelle learned yesterday that because of some recent events, they want to help our church financially start a food bank! That was an obstacle for us (did you know that to run a food bank, the church has to buy the food to give away?). Now the funding will be provided. Whoo hoo! For such a time as this. You can’t make this stuff up. God provides. If we wait on God, God comes to us “for such a time as this.” Check out the book of Esther. It is very cool and be ready for God to work in your life at just the right time – for such a time as this.

Deb Pattee, Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator

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United Methodist Women
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Calendar 2018

- July 21 — Catch the Vision article due date
(Online version Only posting date August 5th)
- July 24-27 – Mission U 4-day school
- July 28 – Mission U Overview day
- August 5-12 - Mission Seminar Experience
- August 25-27 – Mission u and Executive Team meeting – Pine Lake Camp
- Oct 13 — Catch the Vision article due date
- Oct. 20-21 – Annual Gathering – Waukesha: First UMC
- Nov. 3-4 – Team Meeting and Mission u – Superior/Harbor House
- TBD Leadership Development Days