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*Newsletter of
Winnebago District
United Methodist
Women
February 2011*

*Save the Dates:
SOCM August 2-5
Drive in Day -6th
District Gathering
November 5th Ripon*



Purpose

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.

*Mary Trettin, District President
New Year! New Possibilities!*

Did you make some new year's resolutions? Were they the usual ones? - exercise more, lose some weight? Did you think about making a resolution involving United Methodist Women - such as learn more about what United Methodist Women are doing by reading Response magazine, or going to a district or conference annual gathering to learn what other units are doing, or stepping up and taking a position on the district team when asked, or even volunteering for a job without waiting to be asked?

It's hard to step out of one's comfort zone. That's why they call it a "comfort zone", because you feel comfortable there. Think about all of our foremothers who, I am sure, stepped out of their comfort zones to get a job done that they saw needed to be done.

They had a lot of reasons that they could have used to say "no".

Have you read about some of these women to get inspired?

Think about some new possibilities for yourself this year and implement them. Resolve to learn more about United Methodist Women. Learn how you can help make a difference in the lives of women, children and youth around the world. As the one commercial says, "just do it."



READ! REFLECT! RESTORE! REACT!

Rachel Benton, District Secretary of Program Resources

When the District Secretaries of Program Resources met with Arlene Trull, Conference SPR, we discussed the new Leadership Emphasis. We posed questions about how these recommended books should be incorporated into the Reading Program. In the new Reading Program Individual Reading leaflets for recording the readings as well as on page 8 in the 2011 Reading program catalogue, the Leadership Emphasis is listed. In Plan I you may read from any of the five emphases as long as they are 4 different ones. We recommend that you read at least one or two books from the Leadership list for Plans II, III, and IV. Please remember that those who wish to help qualify for your Unit's District Reading Award in these three plans must also read the Response and the New World Outlook. Books from the Youth listings in each of the Emphases can be used to help complete the requirements in all the plans. Books from the Children's lists may be included for Plans III and IV. It's very helpful to have the readers include the year in which their books were listed as they record them on their forms.

If each Unit SPR would check the reports before sending them to me in August it would be greatly appreciated!! A suggestion is to check over the lists with each reader a month earlier in case they have misunderstood some of the directions and qualifications. That way they can concentrate on what they need to do to complete their chosen reading plan or one for which they could qualify. We want each Unit to receive the benefit for each reader.

It would be helpful for you to save a past copy of the Mission Resource Center's yearly reading program Lists. In case your readers are using resources from your local library, the Lists would be helpful. Please pass these Lists on to your successor. The additional books that are listed as Recommended Resources in these Lists qualify for the same years as those ordered through the Mission Resource Center. I've completed one of these books, Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White by Adam Hamilton. It's under Social Action. The Chapters are short. The topics range from thoughts on religious beliefs, the Bible, politics and ethics. There is a leaders' guide available. It can be the basis for some very interesting discussions and changing thoughts! In the Leadership area, I'm reading nu Christian: finding faith in a new generation by Russell E. D. Rathbun. This 88-page book addresses the present generation's view of the church and how we can learn from it. The book outlines what changes are needed in order to become authentic "nu Christians".

SPRING RETREAT: There will be a Resources Room with the 2011 Reading Program materials. These will be for sale. See you there! If you have any questions, please contact me. May God bless you as you inspire your members to Read. Read. Read.

Chris's Desk -Secretary



Hello!

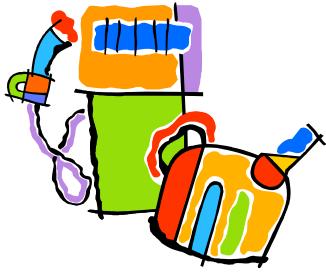
I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Chris Worrall. I am looking forward to serving you as your new Winnebago District Secretary.

I have taught for 26 years as a public school Speech/Language Therapist. I retired from the Oshkosh Area School District last June. I have also taught Sunday school classes at the elementary and adult levels at Ripon Immanuel UMC and have served on the Evangelism Committee in the past.

I was raised in Sheboygan, attended and was confirmed at St. Luke's UMC. My husband Tom and I were married in 1970 and attended United Methodist Churches in Waukesha and Avoca during our early years. I became a member of the "Ladies Aide" in Avoca and joined the UMW attending the Priscilla Circle in Ripon when we moved there in 1974. I have served on the local board as an Education and Interpretation Chairperson for several years. I am presently serving as the Social Action Chairperson. I am also Co-Chairperson for the Koinonia Circle. I enjoy working with the UMW very much. I want to share Jesus' love with others and as a way of doing that I thought that by serving on the district team I would be able to do just that. I pray that I can serve you well and I am truly looking forward to getting to know all of you through this organization. This is an exciting venture for me! Thanks for the opportunity.

Chris Worrall
Secretary

Running on Empty- Spiritual Growth



Ephesians 3:16-21¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Sometimes we find ourselves running on empty if we are ‘giving out’ a lot. Whether it’s giving of our time or our talents, we can feel quite drained if we don’t take the time to stop and “fill up”. We need to daily come before God to be filled afresh with the Holy Spirit.

We can’t continue to give out when there is nothing left inside to give. It’s like trying to go the full distance in a car that has already reached ‘empty’ and the halfway point. Trying to do this only causes us grief and stress we don’t need. It may even cause ‘burn out’. This is why it is vital to our well being spiritually to daily come in for a ‘fill up’ of the Holy Spirit. Just to spend some quality time with God in peace and quiet. It is revitalizing and refreshing.

I know in our busy-ness of life it’s hard to find time each day to really get alone with God. But we really do need to try. This is something I feel the Lord has spoken to me about lately, because I need a daily *refilling* too.

Rita Wuyts, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Mission Today



Thank you to those units who submitted their Mission Today reports for 2010. It is important that we receive your reports whether your unit has accomplished all the goals you need to be called **Mission Today** unit. The form is included in this edition of the Winn –D so take a look at it and see what challenges you can set before your unit.

Included in this article are some missions in Wisconsin you may want to learn more about and to support the following;

Hmong House of Good News- This is a drop off center for Hmong centered in Central Church Milwaukee. Started in February 2008, it was founded through a vision of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women. The purpose is to help Hmong seniors (55 and over) move from isolation and depression toward an active life and independent living in the community. Activities include creative fellowship, daily exercise, summer gardening, ESL health monitoring, nutritious meals, field trips, crafts, devotional, Bible studies and prayer. You can help through prayer as well as financial support and donations of fabrics, office supplies and arts & crafts supplies.

Northcott Neighborhood House- This mission began by United Methodist Women in 1961. It is a multi purpose community center in the north side of Milwaukee. The Center offers a variety of programs for Youth including educational opportunities & job training. Serving approximately 10,000 people annually, their presence in the Milwaukee area has been a vital and productive piece in the community. This may be a mission for you either through your prayers, your financial support or by volunteering to help. They also have been working with the Campbell's Soup Company in collecting the UPC codes off any product that has the Point label. You can help by saving those points for them. My Unit at Salem in Fond du Lac saves the labels for them and it is an easy way to be a part of that ministry. We also save Box Tops for Education for McCurdy School in New Mexico.

I hope that 2011 will be a wonderful year for Mission in Wisconsin and around the world. It is also important to be aware of organizations in our communities that are doing good work. Share the story with our young people so they realize the benefits of being in mission. *“Faith by itself if it is not accomplished by action is dead” James 2:17 NIV*

Let's put our faith & love in action!
Love and God Bless,
Alma Grace,
Education & Interpretation Coordinator



Nurture & Outreach

A New Year can be a season of new beginnings for all of us...throughout all aspects of our lives and in our service through Methodist Women in Wisconsin/Winnebago District. How many times in life have we started a new year without realizing the goals from the last? Whether we make resolutions or not, many of us feel some sort of "turn over a new leaf" attitude this time of year.

Though we cannot always control the circumstances of life, we are never without choices in how we will respond. A true Christian need not wring his or her hands in despair. With God on our side we can face adversity with confidence. We cannot live on yesterday's blessings nor should we dwell on yesterday's failures and disappointments. This is a time to have learned from the past, then set it aside and move forward into the present and the future. The New Year offers us the chance to wipe the slate clean and start over once again. It is a time to set new goals and to make plans as to how you will meet those goals.

Consider These Three Resolutions

Resolved: I Will Look for the Good in all things, just as scripture says we should. I will keep my eyes on the prize...**Jesus Christ.**

Resolved: I Will Face the Worst.

If your problem seems impossible, then you need to change your perspective. There are a few things that even the worst problems cannot do.

- They cannot separate you from God's love.
- They cannot separate you from God's family.
- They cannot separate you from God's protection.
- They cannot deny you your eternal reward.
- They cannot keep you from serving Christ. (The only one who can do that is you, if you give up.)

Resolved: I Will Find the Opportunity.

Every problem or crisis we face is an opportunity for God to accomplish something in our lives. No one likes living through a crisis. No matter what we do to avoid them though, difficulties will come. When difficult times come, will we rise above the adversity and use it somehow to help others, or will it use us and make our faith a shambles.

It is a time to set new goals and to make plans as to how you will meet those goals. As every day in the Lord should be, the New Year is a day of new beginnings and new opportunities.

Sincerely seek the answer to this question - "What kind of goals and plans will you make in this new year as you seek to serve Christ and His Kingdom in a greater way?"
Junerose Beale- Winnebago District Membership, Nurture & Outreach

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Treasurer- Andrea Willetts

I was able to make contact with all of the treasurers of the Units and share with them that I will continue on as interim District Treasurer for 2011.

Please send in your remittance form on or before the 20th of each month to be considered for that months recording. I will continue to pray that there is someone among us who can take over this duty since I am servings as the Communication Coordinator putting this Newsletter together.

District Treasurer:

Andrea Willetts

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WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

MISSION TODAY UNIT CRITERIA

To become a Mission Today Unit a unit must meet eight of the following criteria, including four of those marked with an asterisk (*):

1. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting to pray for mission workers and projects.*
2. The unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission.*
3. The unit will add at least two members to its roll.*
4. The unit will have at least two members subscribe to Response magazine.*
5. The unit will use two programs from the Program Book for United Methodist Women each year.*
6. The unit or circle will conduct at least one mission study a year.*
7. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least one way during the year.* Some suggested plans of action: Plan a joint unit meeting with a unit of a different racial/ethnic background, using programs from the Program Book; develop bi-racial/cultural or multi-racial/cultural Koinonia groups; hold a joint Vacation Bible School; hold pulpit exchanges; share joint worship services on special occasions; encourage the church to sponsor a refugee family; etc.
8. At least one member of the unit (other than a Conference or District officer) will attend the Conference School of Christian Mission.
9. At least two members (other than a Conference or District officer) will attend the District or Conference Annual Gathering/Meeting.
10. The unit will have at least one person join the United Methodist Women,s Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information.
11. Members will write to five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar each year.
12. The unit will participate in the Campaign for Children in at least two ways.
Possibilities for action: Help sponsor a church or community program related to children and youth needs; sponsor a Children,s Sabbath, promoted by the Children,s Defense Fund; get involved with children in mentoring, tutoring and "Big Sisters" programs; write letters, email or call congressional representatives and/or others in Government regarding Children's issues; Visit your local schools; attend a school board meeting; learn how our Schools are funded; etc.
13. The unit will be a Five Star Unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.
14. Each unit or circle will include a Response moment where an item from the magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
15. Have at least two people from the unit, circle or subgroup complete one of the Reading Program Plans and report on one of the books read; encourage all members to complete Plan One, have a book review program.
16. The unit will invite a District or Conference officer, other than that of a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year.
17. Make a pledge to care for God,s creation and become a "Green" United Methodist Women unit—information on How to Become a Green Unit is available at www.umwonline.org/environment or by contacting Women,s Division Community Action.
18. Hold a mini-Spiritual Growth retreat; watch the video "Resurrection Road" and get the accompanying study guide "Resurrection Women"
19. The unit will contribute at least \$25.00 to Wisconsin Conference School of Christian Mission.



One Body One Spirit *April 1st & 2nd 2011*

*Winnebago & Nicolet Districts
At Lake Lucerne Camp & Retreat Center
W6460 Cty Rd YY Neshkoro, WI 54960*

You are invited to a spiritual experience of being pampered, encouraged and filled up and over flowing.

The two day event begins Friday 5:30 pm registration and dinner to follow. Bring your favorite dish to pass, for a **Pot Luck** "comfort food" dinner. The District will provide beverages and place settings.

Evening events include Spa Time with Laura Pfeffer. Laura is a master "All Natural" Home and Beauty Treatment Mixologist.

Movie time and a "Make it take it" project. As well as chocolates laughter and fun!

Saturday's events include- Breakfast for those that spent the night & Lunch for all attending. Our facilitator for the day is Mary Lainburger. She will enlighten and delight you.

Coming for Saturday Only- registration 8:30 am program at 9:00
Lunch included

Cost of the Two Day Retreat - \$60.00 (linens included with the room)

Saturday Only- \$15.00

Directions to Camp Lucerne

From the North/South

Take Hwy 41 to Oshkosh. Take Hwy 21 (Exit 119) West through Omro and RedGranite. At Hwy 73 in Wautoma, turn Left. Proceed South for 5 miles, turn left on County Road YY. Lake Lucerne is a 1/2 mile on the left. After entering camp take the first road on the left.

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Registrations sent to:

Andrea Willetts- 1501 S Weimar Street Appleton WI 54915 920-738-9774

Checks made to Winnebago District UMW

Deadline March 12th 2011

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

District _____ Church _____

Special Dietary Needs _____

Social Action



At the Winnebago District Team Meeting on January 22nd we chose 3 priority issues to be aware of and to share with the district units.

Priority # 1 – Domestic Violence

Our Speaker at the Winnebago District Annual Gathering on November 5th at Ripon Immanuel Church will be Lindee Kimbell of the Solutions Center in Fond du Lac. Solutions Center provides solutions to domestic violence and homelessness issues. Her topic will be “the value of life”

Priority #2 – Support of Wisconsin Ministries

We are specifically looking at the Hmong House of Good News and Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee and the Harbor House in Superior. These ministries are doing great work- let's support them in any way we can.

Priority #3- Human Trafficking

This is an important issue that we need to become more aware of. There was a very good program in the 2010 Program Book called, “Human Trafficking” I have the DVD ‘Lives for Sale’ this is available to all units in the Winnebago District. A very knowledgeable resource on this issue is S Stella Storch, she is available at 320 County Road K Fond du Lac WI 54937 her phone number is- 1-920-907-2315. She is a gifted speaker and would be a great guest for a Unit to learn more about this terrible treatment of humans. Currently the Winnebago District does not have a Coordinator for Social Action. I have agreed to interim for this year however, if you or someone you know has a passion for this area please contact me your contribution to the Team would be very welcomed.

Alma Grace

Interim Social Action Coordinator



Vice President- Gwen Gibson

The Vice Presidency can be an exciting one. As Vice Presidents we are responsible in guiding the executive or program committee in planning programs, studies and action. Our conference UMW asked the districts to choose topics/interests to emphasize 2011. Winnebago District has chosen, Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking and our three Wisconsin Missions; Harbor House in Superior, Hmong house of Good News and Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee. The expectation is to continue to do current programming on the Charter for Racial Justice. Emphases for the charter are numbers 1and 7. A most current resource for Human Trafficking is the June 2010 Response magazine. Resources are listed for Domestic Violence. If you do not have copies of the Racial Justice Charter, you can order form the Mission resource Center. A group from Hmong House of Good News will bring your community a fashion show, talent and make wonderful egg rolls to raise funds for that mission. Give Julie Miehe, who is a conference team member a call to arrange this event. Remember there are often local resources that could enhance your programming. God's love to you; as you love others. God's grace to you as you continue to listen to the voice of those who are often not listened to. God's power to you; as you engage in actions that help to open ears and eyes of those who ignore those voices.

Respectfully ,
Gwen Gibson
Vice President

United Methodist Women- *Faith-Hope-Love in Action*

United Methodist Women is the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members whose mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders and advocating justice. Members raise up to \$20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.

Potential Partners in Domestic Violence work:

For more information about the Domestic Violence Initiative of UMW contact the Office of Child and Family Advocacy

**212-682-3633 or Office of Child and Family Advocacy 777 UN Plaza 11th floor New York, NY 10017
doemesticviolence@unitedmethodistwomen.org or write**

Additional resources are available through the General Board of Church and Society. Go to www.umc-gbsc.org

Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women

Presents:

LOVE IN ACTION EXPLORING INFANT MORTALITY

Guest Speaker: Angela Rohan
Wisconsin Division of Public Health

MARCH 26th 2011

**Franksville United Methodist Church
10402 Northwestern Avenue
Franksville, WI 53126**

**Registration begins at 8:30 am
Program begins at 8:50 am
Sending Forth 2:30 pm**

- Explore the current trends for infant mortality in the State of Wisconsin
- Information includes the Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families
- Learn new ideas to get your local unit involved in promoting healthy babies and decreasing infant mortality.

Deadline for Registration is MARCH 16, 2011

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

DISTRICT: _____ LOCAL CHURCH: _____

Check all that apply; Female _____ Male _____ Clergy _____ Visitor _____

UMW Member _____ UMW Officer _____

UMW Conference Officer _____ Missionary _____

Child Care Needed for _____ children, ages _____

(Please bring a lunch with you for each child)

Special needs _____

Please make checks payable to WI Conference UMW

Registration \$10.00 per person, includes lunch.

Mail to: Dodie Smith, 1927 17th Ave, Kenosha WI 53140

*Wisconsin Conference United Methodist
Women Mission Today
Local Unit Report Form Year 2011*

Presidents of all local units are requested to fill out and send this form in each year, whether or not your unit qualifies as a Mission Today Unit. Please refer any questions you may have to your District Mission Team. Your gift of time and effort to fulfill this request is very much appreciated. Please complete the form below and CHECK OFF the activities listed on the previous page which your unit has completed this year, beginning in January. Return the form by DECEMBER 1 to the District Education and Interpretation Coordinator:

Alma Grace 319 Doty Street Fond du Lac, WI 54935-2248

Name of your Church_____

Your Name and Address_____

Home Phone_____

Current number of active members_____

Number of activities your unit has completed_____

Has your Unit Qualified as a Mission Today Unit? Yes _____ No _____

Activities you have done during the year that you would like to share:

Comments for the District or Conference UMW Mission Team
