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## President's Message

I am so excited to think of all of the events Wisconsin United Methodist Women is working on for 2014.

Our Mission Action Day this spring will tackle two very challenging and yet important topics: human trafficking and elder abuse. I just finished reading one of the United Methodist Women's reading books on human trafficking (*The Slave Next Door: Human Trafficking and Slavery in America Today*). Such a challenging and heartbreaking book to read! I know our foremothers worked to end the evils of slavery and yet it is still with us in brutal and spirit breaking forms. I hope that you will become more informed, pray and act to end the suffering of our brothers and sisters caught in systems of abuse and slavery.

This is also a year for our national

Assembly. This is one of my very favorite events. I remember what an important venue this was for me when I was a brand new local unit president. Attending Assembly and watching eight thousand women sing, pray and rededicate themselves to the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and our mission work was more eye-opening than anything I had seen until that day.

I remember attending a workshop on how the mission of United Methodist Women in Korea had empowered women in a country where women, at one time, did not even have their own names. Through education, leadership development and advocacy, Korean women were brought into the forefront of society, politics and civil and religious life. I saw so many places where our mission dollars worked to transform the lives of women, children and youth around the world. Your pledge dollars are a mighty gift of faith, hope and love put into action in a world desperate for signs of mercy and grace.

Finally, this year we are also celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Deaconess movement. The Deaconess and Home Missioner program is run entirely by United Methodist Women and works to support women and men who have responded to a call from God to dedicate their lives to social justice work right here in the United States. I recently attended a leadership training event and heard the testimony of Deaconess Clara

Ester, who shared her story of working during the Civil Rights era and beyond. She reached

out to those who were judged by society to be unworthy and powerless. She organized others to stand for fair treatment and equality. Her gift of seeing Jesus in the "least of these" was a moving witness to the power of the grace of God at work in the world. I am very thankful for the dedicated work of the Deaconess and Home Missioners in our midst as they make real the promised "kingdom" of God.

I pray that you will find ways to be inspired, enthusiastic and on fire for God, United Methodist Women and the mission work we do in Christ's name this year. We have already done much and yet there remains more work to be done. Many are the hands, hearts and heads needed to accomplish this great work, so get out and let others know that they can join in!

Be excited for a brand new year of mission. We are blessed to be a blessing and may that blessing shine forth in all that you say and do to the glory of God.

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# FROM THE EDITOR

One of the responsibilities I have as your Communications Coordinator is compiling two mailing lists and sending out a quarterly newsletter. This includes emailing those with email and letting you all know that the newsletter is posted online at our website ([www.wisconsinumw.org/communications](http://www.wisconsinumw.org/communications)).

As many of you may notice, you are receiving a delayed paper copy of the newsletter that was recently posted online. Why? Because, for whatever reason, I did not receive enough contacts without email to actually send out the paper version of the newsletter. Yay!!!

This is a wonderful, and also frustrating, transition we are currently experiencing. If all of the women of Wisconsin Conference UMW had email, I would no longer have to send out a paper copy to anyone. You could just go online, download the newsletter and print it out either at your church, on your own printer or at your local office store or library. What an amazing idea!

Unfortunately, this is not yet the case. We still have quite a few of you out there who don't have access to a computer or don't have email. You still need your printed version sent to your USPS mailbox. Understandable.

Here's a thought. What if all of those who do have email and access to the online version were able to print out a copy (or two or three) and share them with others who don't have this convenience? How much money would we actually save in printing and postage here on the state level? And how much more of our Mis-

sion Giving could actually go toward mission projects for women, children and youth, instead of postage and printing?

Yes, I know. Convenience is a wonderful thing. And since it is not likely that everyone at the local level who does have email will actually "get on the bus" and print out paper copies to share with others in our local organizations, the likelihood that we will be going paperless on the state level is currently just a dream of mine.

This brings me to the actual gist of this (rewritten) article. In order to send out our newsletter with discounted rates through the USPS (United States Postal Service), we need at least 200 recipients on our paper mailing list. Otherwise, we have to pay the full First Class postage rate, which just went up to 49¢ per piece. Not that we already aren't paying quite a bit in postage already. We are. Plus we are now required to have the newsletter printed by a certified mailing center (Ripon Printers, in our case) who can check our address list to be sure all the addresses are valid (which they usually are not).

And what about those that get returned because they are "undeliverable"? Well, we pay for that return postage (usually 50¢ per piece), as well. And then it is up to me to manually remove "undeliverable" addresses from the list for the next mailing, so we don't get this double charge. Yes, if you aren't receiving a newsletter in the mail, this is probably why.

Ladies, I need your help. I did not receive the complete list of local Presidents **and Secretaries** that makes up both of our mailing lists. This is why this first newsletter is so late in getting to all of you.

Please! Please update your local President and Secretary lists ASAP and send them to your district Communications Coordinators, who can then send them to me. I cannot stress enough how important this is for continuing to keep the lines of communication open at all levels of our organization. God bless!

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# SOCM AND MISSION u IN WISCONSIN

2014 will begin with many stories from women. For me, my story continued in August 2013 as I took on the position of Dean of Mission u here in Wisconsin. I was handed over a box of records and other items. While going through the box, I found a piece of paper that was titled School of Christian Mission Deans. The list started in 1973 and was only updated to 1999. I put on my memory hat and started to update the list as best as my memory could recall.

If anyone reading this knows of Deans before 1973, please let me know. Also, if I have any Deans out of place, please let me know. When I get this finished I will pass it along to our Historian in hopes that it will continue to be updated, as this is part of our heritage.

Wisconsin Conference School of Christian Mission Deans:

1973 – 1974 DOTTIE JOHNSON  
1975 – 1976 SANDRA GAYLORD  
1977 – 1978 GRACE SEISER  
1979 – 1980 DONNA TURNER  
1981 – 1982 CAROLYN AMBROSIUS  
1983 SHARON CHRISTENSEN  
1984 – 1985 MIRIAM OTT  
1986 – 1987 DOLLY LINDSAY  
1988 – 1989 ALICE RICHARDS  
1990 – 1991 LOIS FARINA  
1992 – 1993 LUANNE LUEBKE  
1994 – 1995 JUDITH WILLE  
1996 – 1997 NANCY HANSEN-BENNETT  
1998 – 1999 LORNA RINCK  
2000 – 2001 SUE SETTERLAND  
2002 JOYCE NELSON (Joyce died during her term)  
2003 SUE SETTERLAND (Sue finished the term of Joyce Nelson)

2004 – 2005 CORRINE ROBSON  
2006 – 2007 ALLISON SCHULTZ  
2008 – 2009 BETTY MOORE  
2010 – 2011 GLORIA CARTER  
2012 JULIE MIEHE

At the United Methodist General Conference our name was changed to MISSION u:

2013 JULIE MIEHE  
2014 – 2015 DEE KLAWITTER

Gail Burgess will be Dean in 2016 and will continue to keep this updated and will pass it along to the next dean.

Mark your calendar now so you don't miss out on attending Mission u in 2014.

The four-day program will begin on Monday, July 28th and end at noon on Thursday, July 31st.

An overview day will be held on Friday, August 1st. We will have excellent study leaders, lots of time to visit friends from all over Wisconsin and learn new ways of being in mission together.

One big change this year is that there will be no Choice Time offered on Monday, July 28th. Instead, we will have the second class period following the first class, all in the afternoon. This will free up your evening after our meal together. You can then go and check in at the hotel and relax, study or swim. This comes from evaluations and suggestions. We do read and take your comments to heart. Thanks for taking the time to fill out the evaluation forms. I look forward to seeing everyone at Mission u this summer.

*Dee Klawitter*  
*Wisconsin Mission u Dean*  
*deeklaw@centurytel.net*  
*715-294-2889*

## MEET OUR NEW PRESIDENT...IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY

Laura Pfeffer is the incoming Conference President for Wisconsin United Methodist Women. She just completed a four-year term as Conference Secretary for Wisconsin United Methodist Women, is a member of the National (formerly Women's Division) Green Team, a former local unit president and current Mission Coordinator for Social Action at the local level of United Methodist Women. She was study leader for a study on "Music and Mission" at Mission u (when it was School of Christian Mission) and wrote a song for Wisconsin United Methodist Women to sing at Assembly. She has been song leader for Mission u and her district for retreats and annual gatherings.

# Assembly Bus/Hotel Package

## Registered for Assembly? Great, now get on the bus!

Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women is offering a lodging/transportation package for 2014 Assembly for members and guests of Wisconsin Conference UMW.

**Leave: April 24, 2014**  
**Return: April 27, 2014**

**Register by: February 1, 2014**

### PACKAGE PRICING

- 2 occupants per room (all 3 nights) + bus transportation.....\$260.00 per person.
- 4 occupants per room (all 3 nights) + bus transportation.....\$140.00 per person.

**A confirmation letter (or e-mail) with roommate list and final bus information will be sent after registration closes. The bus will leave Sun Prairie early Thursday morning and return late Sunday night. If you plan to participate in the Ubuntu Day, this package is NOT for you. This package is transferable, but not refundable.**



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Questions? Contact: Laura Pfeffer 608-592-5228 [pfeffer.umw@gmail.com](mailto:pfeffer.umw@gmail.com)

## Bus

- Private Coach Bus
- Leaves from Sun Prairie
- Parking available at bus pickup site

## Hotel

- Two-queen beds
- Hot breakfast included
- Two blocks from the convention center

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**Mail registration and fee to:**

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Lodi, WI 53555  
(608)592-5228  
[pfeffer.umw@gmail.com](mailto:pfeffer.umw@gmail.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Package:            2/room            4/room

Sex                    M                    F

If you will be under 18:    Age \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning to room with a parent or guardian?            YES    NO

If you wish to request particular roommate(s), please list them. This does NOT register them. They must fill out a separate form with their contact information.

Roommate #1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate #2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate #3 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian if under 18 years of age. \_\_\_\_\_



# HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN WISCONSIN

Human Trafficking in Wisconsin will be highlighted at the Mission Action Day on April 5, 2014 at Peace United Methodist Church, in Kaukauna, WI (see pages 7-8 for Mission Action Day registration form and driving directions).


Human Trafficking is the second largest and fastest growing criminal industry in the world. Some 12.3 million children and adults around the world are currently in forced labor, bonded labor and forced prostitution. In the United States an estimated 500,000 to 2 million people are victimized by trafficking each year.

U.S. federal law defines victims of human trafficking as anyone who is coerced or deceived into commercial sex acts and anyone forced into different forms of "labor of services" such as domestic workers held in homes or farm workers forced to labor against their will. Victims of human trafficking can be landscaping and agricultural workers, panhandlers, day laborers, factory and sweatshop workers, hotel workers and housekeepers.

United Methodist Women believe that our ministry of reconciliation requires us to work to end human

trafficking, to minister to the immediate needs of those who live in the fear, loneliness and physical pain that accompany human trafficking, offering hope and help to escape. We must work for a justice system that restores victims and punishes perpetrators. Come to the Mission Action Day to find out more about how you and your church can respond to this issue.

For more information on what United Methodist Women can do visit:

[www.unitedmethodistwomenonline.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomenonline.org) to find the Human Trafficking Resource Guide. Click the Pinterest () symbol at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org) to find more information on Human Trafficking.

Information for this article was taken from the Resource Sheet on Human Trafficking developed by United Methodist Women.

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## There is **STILL** room at the Inn! (and on the bus)

That's right! The Assembly bus/hotel package offered by Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women has room for you. The bus is FREE; a gift of the Conference UMW to you, and the hotel package at either 2/room or 4/room, includes a three-night stay with 2 queen beds. You will have no worries and can spend hours with several dozen wonderful women on a charter bus to take you to Louisville, KY. Once there, you will be only 2 blocks from the convention center, with all rooming arrangements taken care of by us.



You have until February 1, 2014 to fill out a registration form (see page 4 or visit our website [www.wisconsinumw.org](http://www.wisconsinumw.org)) and reserve your spot today!

We welcome all ages and will be following Safe Sanctuary policies for anyone under 18 attending without parental or guardian supervision. If you have any questions, contact Laura Pfeffer (608-592-5228 or email: [pfeffer.umw@gmail.com](mailto:pfeffer.umw@gmail.com)). We look forward to having you join us for the whole 2014 Assembly experience.

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# TIME TO TELL OUR MISSION STORY

Blessings of the New Year to you.

The first week in January found my husband, George, and I, along with 10 other Volunteers In Mission people in Catacamas, Honduras. Some might say that was good planning on our part, as the Upper Midwest was in the grip of freezing temperatures and we were enjoying balmy 70 degree weather.

Tales of the VIM trip and stories of meeting the kind, happy people of Honduras can wait until another time. What I'd like to lift up now are all the secrets we keep about the United Methodist Church AND United Methodist Women. There are so many things we are involved in that our fellow United Methodists do not know about, let alone the people who are not in our local churches.

On VIM trips, we wear old clothing to work in, much of which advertises our United Methodist Missions. One day I had on a shirt from "Redbird"—all United Methodists know about that mission project (or do we?) George was wearing one from the "Christian Disciple Farm". This one prompted a discussion within our group on the subject of missions that many in our conference do not know exist. We have stories we need to share about our church and United Methodist Women.

How many people in our congregations know

about the Hmong House of Good News?

At the end of 2013, many donations came in for various mission projects and missionaries, so I know some of you are knowledgeable. But do we share this information? I

think we need

to make this year one to tell stories of mission projects and of our Mission Giving.

The 2014 Prayer Calendar, on pages 182/183, has a list of institutions receiving support from different parts of our connectional church, including United Methodist Women. The monthly *response* magazine has many stories about

Mission Giving, stories we need to share with each other and our local congregations.

Thank you all so much for the continued work in your local churches and districts. On the conference level we will continue to strive to be good stewards of our mission dollars and to share the many stories of putting those dollars to work locally, nationally and around the world.

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*For more information on Mission Giving through United Methodist Women, please visit <http://new.gbgbm-umc.org/umw/give/>*

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## A MISSION NOTE FROM BILLY LABUMBARD

Faith United Methodist Church, in Superior, Wisconsin, has had damage from burst pipes in the lower level. Please pray for them (and a donation would be nice). Computers were also damaged.

Odahah (Chippewa at Bad River, near Ashland) has great concerns about the Gogebic Florida Construction company building a mine in the Bad River watershed. What will this do to the next generations? What will this do to the water?

For more information visit  
[www.midwesteradvocates.org](http://www.midwesteradvocates.org)  
OR [www.badriver-nsn.gov](http://www.badriver-nsn.gov).

If you wish to financially help Bad River Church get the word out, you can give directly to WI Advance #7510 and in the memo write "Odanah Solidarity UMW".

*Billy LaBumbard*  
*Wisconsin UMW Native American Liaison*



# Mission Action Day

**Saturday, April 5, 2014**

Peace United Methodist Church  
2300 E. Wisconsin Ave.  
Kaukauna, WI 54130

## Human Trafficking in WI

- Presented by Pastor Heather Brewer, Bloomer/New Auburn UMC - WI Initiatives, what you and your church can do in response to Human Trafficking.
- Lieutenant Steve Elliott, Appleton Police Department -the local response to Human Trafficking.

## Elder Abuse

- Diane Mandler, Supervisor of Crisis Intervention and Adult Protective Services with the Outagamie Health and Human Services Department will speak on Elder Abuse.

**Online registration available at [www.wisconsinumw.org](http://www.wisconsinumw.org)**  
(cash or check for registration fee of \$12.00 will be paid at the door when registering online)

Registration: 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.      ●      Sending forth: 2:30 p.m.

*Registration is transferrable, not refundable.*

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### 2014 MISSION ACTION DAY REGISTRATION FORM

**Deadline for Registration: Monday, March 10, 2014**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Child Care needed for \_\_\_\_\_ child(ren), Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (I also understand that I am responsible for providing a sack lunch for each child or paying the registration fee of \$12.00 for each child in order to cover their lunch.)

Dietary or other considerations \_\_\_\_\_

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When registering by U.S. Mail, send form and **\$12.00 registration fee** to (registration must be received by Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>):

**Shirley Carpenter, 2711 North Biron Drive, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494-8804**

Make checks payable to: **Wisconsin Conference UMW**

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## Driving Directions to Peace UMC, Kaukauna

### For Mission Action Day, Saturday, April 5, 2014

- FROM STEVENS POINT/WAUSAU AREA (NORTHWEST): Take 45/10 east. Continue on 441 to the County Road Oo/Northland Ave. exit. Take County Road Oo east (right). Turn right onto Rose Hill Road. Left onto E Main Street. Right onto Hayes Street. Left onto E Wisconsin Avenue. Church is on the left.
- FROM MADISON AREA (SOUTHWEST): Take 151 north to Hwy 41 north. Take the 55 Kaukauna (Delanglade Street) exit. Turn right onto 55. Turn right onto County Road Oo. Left onto Gertrude Street. Right onto W Wisconsin Avenue. Church is on the right.
- FROM MILWAUKEE AREA (SOUTH): Take Hwy 41 north. Take the 55 Kaukauna (Delanglade Street) exit. Turn right onto 55. Turn right onto County Road Oo. Left onto Gertrude Street. Right onto W Wisconsin Avenue. Church is on the right.
- FROM GREEN BAY AREA (NORTH): Take Hwy 41 south. Take the 55 Kaukauna (Delanglade Street) exit. Turn right onto 55. Turn right onto County Road Oo. Left onto Gertrude Street. Right onto W Wisconsin Avenue. Church is on the right.
- FROM LA CROSSE AREA (WEST): Take 90 east to WI Hwy 21 east. Take Hwy 21 east (toward Oshkosh) to Hwy 41. Take Hwy 41 north to 55 Kaukauna (Delanglade Street) exit. Turn right onto 55. Turn right onto County Road Oo. Left onto Gertrude Street. Right onto W Wisconsin Avenue. Church is on the right.

For precise directions and map, go to <https://maps.google.com> and type in 2300 E. Wisconsin Ave., Kaukauna, WI 54130 or visit [www.peaceunitedmethodist.com](http://www.peaceunitedmethodist.com).

## REMINDER

Keep collecting those Milk Moola caps and Moola slips from the tops of Nature's Touch milk, juice, & water products found only at Kwik Trip gas stations. They are worth 5 cents each for Hmong House of Good News. Also clip the ovals from boxes of Glazer donuts sold at Kwik Trip. They are worth 10 cents.

Give them to district or conference officers who will get them to me.

The cutoff date is December 1, 2014.

Judy Vasby  
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## Hmong House of Good News - Moob Tsev Moo Zoo



**Did you know** at the Hmong House of Good News the following groups of beneficiaries are impacted:

### ***Hmong Elders***

- ✓ Are happy and accept that they are persons of worth
- ✓ Experience a caring and supportive environment
- ✓ Understand and live a healthier lifestyle
- ✓ Are able to relate well to other cultures

### ***Hmong Elders families***

- ✓ Experience a life that balances the needs of the elders and the family.
- ✓ Support the elders need for development and use of their potential
- ✓ Have “peace-of-mind” knowing that their elders are in a caring and supportive environment.

### ***Hmong Community***

- ✓ Acknowledges the complex needs of Hmong Elders in the US
- ✓ Knows that the HHGN is Christian-based, serving Hmong Elders with love and respect
- ✓ Trusts the HHGN to provide safe, enriching and social programs for Hmong Elders
- ✓ Chooses HHGN as the premier adult day service center for their elders

### ***Christian Community***

- ✓ Understands that Hmong Elders are poor marginalized refugees.
- ✓ Unites to serve the complex needs of Hmong Elders in the US
- ✓ Experiences Christian fulfillment through hands-on volunteerism and financial support
- ✓ Grows spiritually and culturally through involvement with the HHGN

## How Can You Help the Hmong House of Good News?

**Hmong Fashion show and buffet.** Oak Creek UMW and church hosted the first ever Hmong fashion show and buffet on Nov 15 2013. The theme is an *evening in Laos*. Proceeds will benefit the Hmong House and we are grateful for this collaboration. Should you have questions or would like to schedule one for your UMW or church you can get in touch with Kady Her Yang 414-704-2365. We would like to host **5 of these in 2014**.

**LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO DO GOD'S WORK:** Hmong House of Good News is seeking volunteers to help in a few different capacities to be able to better serve the Hmong seniors that now and will one day utilize the center. We need:

- ✓ a lawyer to advise,
- ✓ medical personnel to provide screenings and education
- ✓ social workers to provide advice, brokerage services and advocacy,
- ✓ one on one volunteers
- ✓ Translators.

Please prayerfully consider helping this vulnerable group of people. For information or to make a commitment, please contact Cheryl Mallow at 920-261-6140 or [nonicheryl@yahoo.com](mailto:nonicheryl@yahoo.com).

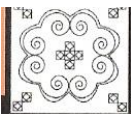
**Would you like to help drive our elders? We will pay you mileage.**

**UMW Mission Visits.** We are always excited to share our testimony and joy to be at Hmong House with our visitors. Why don't you plan to come and join us? Just give our director a call at **Hmong House of Good News** 639 N 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233, 414-342-4380 or email us at [Hmonghgn@gmail.com](mailto:Hmonghgn@gmail.com). Also Nhia Wahn's Her our director's cell is 920-562-9594.

**Designate Hmong House as the recipient of your church's Noisy Collection** (Change for Change/Coins Count Up/Empty Your Pockets/etc.). Send the money directly to Hmong House of Good News, c/o Treasurer Patsy Ruppe, 2427 Sunrise Rd., Racine, WI 53402, or to the Wisconsin Annual Conference UMC Treasurer, 750 Windsor St., Sun Prairie, WI 53590. Indicate Advance #7809.

**Be a "Partner in Mission."** This is a means of sustainable support in which you, your church, or your unit sign up to give Hmong House of Good News a designated amount either monthly or yearly. You may choose to have the money taken automatically from your checking or savings account, or you may pay by check.

***Sustainable giving allows us to know when money will be received so that we can manage our budget more efficiently.***



**Hmong House of Good News - Moob Tsev Moo Zoo**

# WHY MISSION u?

Mission u is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society based on recent mission study topics. Mission u is open to members and non-members of United Methodist Women. Each Mission u event offers classes on topics covering three themes:

**Spiritual growth:** How Is It with Your Soul?

**Geographic:** The Roma of Europe

**Issue study:** The Church and People with Disabilities

## What shall I expect?

At Mission u you grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context. The studies give particular attention to the responsibilities of women in the fulfillment of the mission work of the church.

## Mission u Events also include:

Worship & singing  
Interest Groups around current issues  
Officer training  
Audiovisual presentations  
Fellowship events

## When are Mission u events held?

2014 Wisconsin Mission u is at the Westwood Conference Center, Wausau, Wisconsin. Four-day Mission u is Monday, July 28th to Thursday, July 31st. Overview Day is Friday, August 1st.

Visit <http://www.wisconsinumw.org/missionu.html> for more information.



## MEET OUR NEW SECRETARY! LEAH SAILOR

I was a member of the WSCS in the churches my husband and I served, from 1963 until the time of the merger when we became United Methodist Women. My involvement in the local units included worship leader, music leader, secretary and president. When my husband was the District Superintendent of the then South West District, from 1977-1983, I was part of the district team as honorary vice president and music leader for the district workshops, retreats and annual meetings. I served on the Wisconsin United Methodist Women team as secretary from 1984 to 1987 and was song leader at some of the Wisconsin Schools of Christian Mission. Following my husband's retirement, I became less involved in United Methodist Women, because I needed to serve as my husband's driver in the UM Conference Chaplaincy Program. Now I am a part of the Madison First United Methodist Church and have the opportunity to renew my active participation in UMW at the local level. I look forward to continued spiritual growth and fellowship among the members of the Wisconsin United Methodist Women Team.

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## PURPOSE

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.



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## 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mission u conference call	March 8	conference call
<b>MISSION ACTION DAY</b>	<b>April 5</b>	<b>@ Peace UMC, Kaukauna</b>
<b>ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>April 25-27</b>	<b>@ Louisville, KY</b>
Conf. Team Mtg.	May 10	@ TBD
<b>MISSION U 4-DAY</b>	<b>July 28-31</b>	<b>@ Wausau, Westwood</b>
<b>Mission u Overview Day</b>	<b>August 1</b>	<b>Conf. Ctr.</b>
Conf. MEGA Meeting	August 22-24	@ Pine Lake Camp
<b>CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING</b>	<b>October 17-18</b>	<b>@ Asbury UMC, Madison</b>
Conf. Team Meeting	November 7-8	@ Shawano