

Vision of United Methodist Women

Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.



United Methodist Women Metro South District Wisconsin Conference Present the
Uniter
Our quarterly newspaper
May 2011

President: Currently our president position is vacant. Our Metro South team has split up the duties of the president amongst ourselves. We are learning a lot about the relationship between the conference and the district UMW as the president position is largely the liaison. During the April 2011 WI Conference board meeting Ivelisse Rivera gave us a pep talk concerning Membership Nurture and Outreach. We were so pepped up that we are printing it here for your action.

Membership Nurture and Outreach Thoughts.



Concerns: Declining membership in United Methodist Women

Solutions: Support groups within the units to address (violence, rape, widows, struggling mothers). Create mentors within units to address (older/younger issues, prayer needs) Examples: **Workshops** where **older** women teach **younger** women about hair, nails, jewelry making, exercise, make-up, knitting, arts and crafts, cooking, recipes, power of prayer etc. **Workshops** where **younger** women teach **older** women about computers, cell phones, texting, recycled card making, scrape booking, fashion show, star search etc. **Teen encouragement night** where older women bring younger women to teach about relationships, boy friends, peer pressure etc.

Tools:

- Respect differences and diversity.
- Motivate each and every one of us.
- Inspire with vision on the future.
- Team work values all efforts to achieve our goals
- Positive attitude especially at time of change.
- Solidarity causes unity through words and actions.
- Love and enjoy being a United Methodist Women.



“Thoughts” from the district treasurer...

In our Metro South District, we have 17 churches that have no unit of United Methodist Women. Fortunately, there are 28 churches with active units of women who are very “mission minded” and concerned about the welfare of women, children and youth around the world.

Though the mission is varied, the financial costs differ, and the persons involved are many, our commitment is to the gospel of Jesus Christ and the mission it demands of us. Like the women in Luke 8 who traveled with Jesus and provided resources, United Methodist Women members are called by God to be in mission by proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and by sharing God’s gifts.

The first and most important financial responsibility of United Methodist Women is basic support of all mission programs through Mission Giving. There are five channels of Mission Giving: Pledge to Mission; Special Mission Recognition; Gift to Mission; Gift in Memory; and World Thank Offering.

I’d like to concentrate on Pledge to Mission. Of the 28 units, we have four who have paid their pledge in full already! Seven units have made partial payments on their pledge and eleven units have not paid anything on their pledge yet. Six units failed to submit a pledge.

The Mission Pledge is the main portion of the five channels of Mission Giving, but the other four are very important, too! I encourage everyone to fulfill their mission pledge and also consider honoring someone with a Special Mission Recognition award, give a Gift in Mission or a Gift in Memory and throughout the year “feed” your World Thank Bank for things for which you are thankful.

With all of this said, I will report that, at this point in time, we have a little over 32% of our district mission pledge of \$50,000 met. To date, \$16,042.35 has been remitted for Mission Giving and \$1,172.85 for Mission Giving plus...for a total of \$17,215.20. Thank you!

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Who was John Wesley, and why do we call ourselves Methodists?

By Merry Kris Demseke a UMW Member in the Billie circle at Christ Church in Racine
Fourth article in a series of six.

John Wesley truly believed that God's message was for everyone, not just the wealthy, church attending elite. Salvation was for all who could accept Jesus Christ as their savior. A new life would be given to anyone who loved Christ, repented of sins, and believed in saving grace and followed Christ's example. Many churches refused to let Wesley preach his emotional message of salvation through Christ. So he preached outdoors to the neglected poor, who had no contact with the Church.

John Wesley preached on street corners, in cornfields, and even from the top of his father's tombstone. From there he is known to have said, "At eight in the evening I stood again on my father's tomb (as I did every evening this week). He cried aloud to the earnestly attentive congregation, "By grace are ye saved through faith." Other famous quotations are, "The kingdom of heaven is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost," and "The world is my parish." John Wesley is most noted for the words, "DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN, BY ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN, IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN, AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN, TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN, AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN."

During his years of ministry, Wesley traveled almost 250,000 miles on horseback and gave more than 40,000 sermons! A little calculation, would show us that from the time of his having received the Holy Spirit until his death, for every day of his life he would have had to have given 2 or more sermons each day of that life from May 24th 1738 until his death in 1791. That is what

would have been required to give over 40,000 sermons in that period of time. He was relentless in his quest to give the people the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.

New ways of preaching grew out of Wesley's personal mission. One of those is known today as field preaching. Wesley would visit a new district and begin to preach in the open. Crowds grew rapidly. He faced opposition and even mob violence; but with his sincerity he often converted even the most hostile.

John Wesley organized his converts into local societies for mutual prayer and support. He and other preachers visited them on regular circuits, confirming members' faith. Remember, all of this was done under the auspices of the Church of England, because John never intended to split from it.

Another new means of witnessing was through lay leadership. Since few ordained clergy would work with him at first, Wesley appointed lay people to lead the Methodist Societies and to preach. During this period of time his brother Charles, a great organizer and musician, wrote over 6,000 hymns, many of which are still sung today. One of the things we learned in our children's Sunday school class is that Charles would often use the tunes sung in local taverns, but change the words. It made it easier for newcomers who had frequented taverns in their old lives, to pick up and sing Godly songs in a new environment.

But he did not stop there. To be continued

Materials for this series of articles must be credited to following sources:

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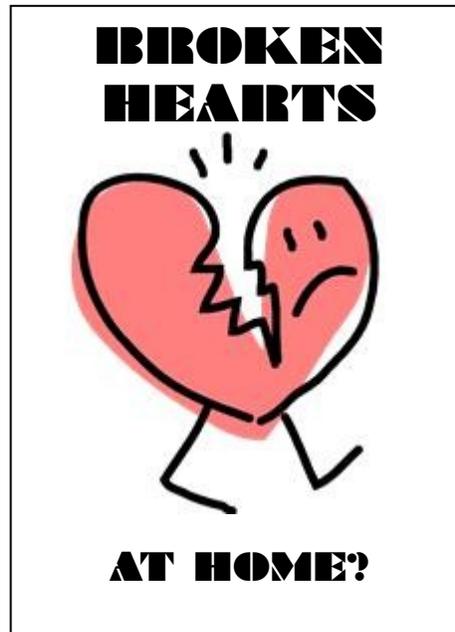
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Thoughts from the District Vice President.....

It is a little early but we have decided on the speaker and place for our **Annual Celebration**. It will be October 1, 2011 at First United Methodist Church in Racine. The theme will deal with the Bishops directive on Family Violence and is as follows:



Our speaker will be Doris La Brasca who is the Director and Chief Instructor for the award winning Community Outreach, Controlling Community Violence Program that was created in 1990 through University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. This program is a court referred program for men and women arrested and convicted of domestic and non-domestic abuse violations. Doris will tell us about her work with healing and empowering victim and offender mentality and how she provides a holistic approach to balancing, mind, emotions and spirit.

An extra special treat is Racine First celebrates it's 175th anniversary this year so there will be memorabilia and history through out the church. I hope that many of you will be able to make this. In the next newsletter we will deal with parking and directions to the church. Have a great summer and hope to see many of you at School of Christian Missions.

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Thoughts from the district Secretary:

I have been thinking about ways to save money in the District United Methodist Women budget for 2012.

You know I ask each unit to prepare a listing of all of their officers. In the past, with this information I prepare the Year book which lists all of the officers for each unit and each Unit president gets a copy of the Year book at the Day Apart Celebration. Also with this information the district communications coordinator prepares her mailing list for the Uniter.

What would you think about only publishing the Unit president's name instead of all of the officers in the 2012 Year book? Please let me know if this would meet your needs.

Each officer would still receive their Uniter as usual.

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Thoughts from the District Communications Coordinator...



Files piling up? Are you ready to sign up for an intervention by the “hoarders” because of United Methodist Women files from yesteryear? If you think about throwing anything away some one always says “We were told to NEVER throw anything away!” Help is on the way. The Wisconsin UMW has a new historian whose name is Velma Hockenberry and she is preparing guidelines of what we must keep and what we can throw and what we can send to the archives in Sun Prairie. As soon as I get it I will put it into the Uniter for your action.

Email or snail mail? One of the most expensive things we pay for at the district level is the Uniter printing and postage. If you would like to receive a PDF copy of the Uniter via email just give me your email address.

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Thoughts from the Social Action Coordinator...

I shared a wonderful experience with other UMW's at Northcott's Celebration of 50 Years in Mission this past Sunday. I wish all of you had been present. It was such a joy! We were reminded that there will be cuts in Northcott's income from Federal and State sources – potentially a million dollars or more! Our State legislators need a head's up about what this program means in savings for our state by meeting the needs of thousands of children, youth and adults in the Milwaukee area.

Are you having to remind yourself this time of year (as I have been) that THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD? Have our leaders forgotten this is God's World and that not only are we to shepherd this world's resources, but we are to tend God's people in this world. Jesus often cautioned his disciples (are we not among that number) to care for widows and orphans, the poor and the children. United Methodist Women are facing a time when we are challenged to discipleship! Increasing our pledges cannot meet the great need.

Under the guise of "Balancing the budget" or "We are broke" (and cannot afford the expensive costs of meeting more than the most meager needs of our population), we are seeing the persons we care about (women and children) denied what little support they have had. Do you wonder why our leaders do not talk about controlling expenditures for war as often as they talk about controlling Social Security or Medicare? Or Why they do not talk about closing loopholes in the tax code for corporations? I wonder why I do not read more about increasing our income instead of cutting the pie in smaller pieces.

United Methodist Women have always worn their Christ-Colored glasses when looking at our available resources. We do not see what we need, but what others need and we find a way to make it happen.

THERE IS A NEED FOR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN TO LET THEIR VIEWS BE HEARD at the highest level of Government. Cut out these phone numbers and post them by your phone.

CALL:

1. Presidential Comment line: 202-456-1111, talk to a person and leave a message.

2. Congressional Switchboard: 202-224-3121, ask for the office of Ron Johnson and ask to speak with the aide on budget matters and ask the questions regarding increasing revenue.

3. Also ask to speak with your Congressional Representative (It may be Jim Sensenbrenner and remind him of our concerns: 202-225-5101)
Insert yours here

4. Senator Kohl: 202-224-5653 and thank him for his continuing support of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the International Violence Against Women Act (IVAWA).

All of these representatives have WEB pages on which you can write your comments; find a fax number; and find an address. Use your browser to make a connection.

✘ THERE is no need to build a freeway for commerce and business when we cannot afford to keep teachers for our schools and classes for our 3 and 4 year old children.

✘ THERE is no need for Wisconsin to retain its low ranking in infant mortality.

✘ THERE is no need for our country to ignore the violence against women at home and abroad.

✘ THERE is no need for perpetuating the expensive costs of war.

I am not suggesting that you make all these calls today, but I am asking that you make at least one call a week this month. Start with what you consider your most urgent concern and let your representative know how you are feeling.

Remember Colossians 1:3-6. "In our prayers for you we always thank God, The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing the fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God."

"For the faith you've displayed through the years, for the love you extend to the world, for the hope that we share and which guides every step.

WE CAN'T STOP,
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WE CAN'T STOP,
GIVING THANKS TO GOD FOR YOU.

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Spiritual Education. Position is currently vacant. Check out the awesome idea for UMW Sunday using our program book and hymnal.

2011 UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY

Women's Division provides ideas and guides for UMW Sunday in your *FINDING PEACE*-2011 Program Book pages 69-74. The following are suggestions as you author your special service.

UMW Purpose: Bulletin insert **and/or** use Call to Worship on page 71 of Program Book. We suggest making the latter final response be more inclusive for a congregation by having the last **"All" response** state...May we, the children of God, take this mission...

Songs: FAITH WE SING p. 2172, 2176, 2178, 2184, or 2186
UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL p. 583, 569, 584, 593, or 432

Opening Prayer: UMH- "Prayer of Ignatius of Loyola" p. 570

Celebratory Psalm: Psalm 8 UMH pages 743-744 (could have liturgical dance when read)

Children's Sermon: Possibly...have children tell something good they could share with someone. It is exciting to tell people good news. **or** Ask children if they have ever done something good for someone. What was it? Be sure to listen to the scripture being read this morning.

Scriptures: **Matthew 28:1-10** (Women first to know and tell the Good News of Jesus' resurrection) **or**

Luke 10: 25-37 (Love in action for those in need)

Sermon: The following **Wisconsin Conference UMW facts** might be included in the message:

Some UMW supported special projects:

- Northcott Neighborhood House (50 years)-Milwaukee
- Hmong House of Good News (4 years)- Milwaukee
- Harbor House (homeless shelter/apartments)-Superior
- United Methodist Children's Services (housing, childcare, etc.) (49 years)(1962-Madison, 1970 opened maternal home and 1981 all programs- Milwaukee)
- There are **306 units in Wisconsin**. Through the connectional local units and districts, the Wisconsin Conference UMW pledged \$350,000.00 in 2010 to maintain mission projects, support missionaries, and develop women leaders. With gratitude, \$393,839.40 was collected and \$302,336.64 was sent to Women's Division. Women's Division, always budgeting from pledge money from the previous year, will distribute this money in 2012.

Some mission stories to share:

Darlene Anderson-Medford, WI- Some people say why send our mission money overseas? We should invest in our own communities and keep our money in the United States. The Bible tells us in John 3:16...For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son that any who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. And in Matthew 28:20- we are told...Therefore go and make disciples in all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and then teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you, and be sure of this- that I am with you always, even to the end of the world.

Our foremothers understood that God loves the world and wants disciples in all nations not just in our country of origin or citizenship. Before I was born the Women's Society of Christian Service was active making disciples, supporting educational and medical training for young people in India. The sacrifices those women made established a program that trained a young man who would have otherwise had no opportunity to go to school. He became a medical doctor and moved to the United States. My path crossed with this young man about thirty years ago when he was practicing medicine in a small rural community. He was my doctor and he delivered both of my sons who have not grown into healthy young men.

In my mind this is Mission Money that came full circle. Thank you to each woman that continues to make person sacrifices to support the ministry and missions of UMW and United Methodist Church around the world. Our God is awesome and we never know how our obedience to God will be used to bless future generations.

God loves the whole world and knows no boundaries or boarders.

Choose missions supported by UMW Mission Giving monies found in the RESPONSE magazine. Faith, hope, love in action...praise God for the missions supported. The following are some examples:

- **Opportunity School-** education available to 140 special needs children in Chennai, India. The wonderful story is in RESPONSE- September 2010.
- **FOUS(4-U)sGirls Club-** Evergreen Park, IL- RESPONSE- July/August 2010
- **Casa de Esperanza-** St. Paul, MN- RESPONSE- June 2010
- **Haitian Artisans for Peace International (HAPI) RESPONSE-** August 2010
A great introduction to our School of Christian Mission Haiti study.

BLESSINGS TO ALL FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO GOD.

Education and Interpretation. This position is currently Vacant
Check out the education and interpretation of **God on lawn care.**



GOD: Frank, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, milkweeds and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But, all I see are these green rectangles.

ST. FRANCIS: It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers 'weeds' and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD: Grass? But, it's so boring. It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees; only grubs and sod worms. It's sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD: The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it-sometimes twice a week.

GOD: They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

ST. FRANCIS: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

GOD: They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

ST. FRANCIS: No, Sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

GOD: Now, let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And, when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

ST. FRANCIS: Yes, Sir.

GOD: These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

ST. FRANCIS: You aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it, so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

GOD: What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. It's a natural cycle of life.

ST. FRANCIS: You better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

GOD: No!?! What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

ST. FRANCIS: After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD: And where do they get this mulch?

ST. FRANCIS: They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

GOD: Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore. St. Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

ST. CATHERINE: 'Dumb and Dumber', Lord. It's a story about....

GOD: Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story from St. Francis.

Source: Someone sent this to me on email...enjoy!



Nominations Chair: This position is currently vacant but the nominations team has agreed to fill in.

We are sounding the trumpets to get your attention to stand and be counted as a member of the Metro South Mission Team.

"We Want You" and you can be trained for work with the team.

You will not as is so easily done in the church (and everywhere) be DUMPED with a job! So volunteer yourself or suggest a friend or better yet volunteer yourself and a friend as a team to join our team and tell us about you! Call us:

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Thoughts from "Green" coordinator at WI Conference

Did you know that many fragrances added to commercial cleaning products contain the toxic chemicals galaxolide and tonalide? **These chemicals are finding their way into our blood and breast milk, and have even been detected in newborn babies.** Since companies won't necessarily tell you which of their products contain synthetic musk, you may consider avoiding products from companies which continue to use them such as Proctor & Gamble and SC Johnson & Son, Inc or consider making your own cleaning products. More information can be found at www.womenandenvironment.org

Save the Date!
June 17-19
**Midwest
Renewable
Energy Fair**
Custer, WI
(www.midwestrewew.org)

Make your own Perfume

Night Time Perfume

Night Time Perfume fosters clarity while dreaming. The genuine essential oils in this perfume are used by traditional healers to enhance awareness and sensitivity, sharpen the memory, strengthen the body's inner fire while calming the nerves, fuel the mind and stimulate clairvoyance in dreams. Apply to body, sheets and pillows before bed.

- * 3 to 5 drops of sandalwood oil
- * 3 to 5 drops of musk oil
- * 2 to 3 drops of frankincense oil
- * 2 to 3 teaspoon full of jojoba oil

Combine the essential oils and vodka in a bottle. Shake well. Set aside for 3 weeks. Add distilled water then set aside for 1 week. Shake once a day. Store in dark bottles or keep in a cool dark place. Dab on pulse points for long-lasting fragrance.

Falling Stars Perfume Recipe

- * 2 cups distilled water
- * 3 tablespoons vodka
- * 5 drops lavender essential/fragrance oil
- * 10 drops chamomile essential/fragrance oil
- * 10 drops valerian essential oil
- * extra fine body glitter (optional)

Mix all the ingredients together, shake well. Place in a dark color bottle. Then allow the perfume to settle for at least 12 hours. Store in a cool dry area. Dab on pulse points for long-lasting fragrance. For added effect, add a bit of extra fine body glitter to your oil mix.

Carmelite water

The 17th century Carmelite nuns produced their famous Carmelite Water by combining lemon balm with lemon zest, angelica root, nutmeg and coriander.

This formula was sold for hundreds of years under the name Eau de Me`lisse de Carmes and was used to treat various nervous disorders. It still appears in German shops as Klosterfqu Melissengeist. The extract of lemon balm is sometimes referred to as the "spirit" or "compound" of Melissa and is still listed in Germany's Pharmacopoeia. However, it has been largely displaced commercially by citronella oil (Cymbopogon nardus), a less expensive alternative with similar properties.

- * 2 tablespoons lemon balm leaves
- * 1 tablespoon finely chopped lemon peel
- * 1 sprig sweet marjoram
- * 1/2 cinnamon stick
- * 5 whole cloves
- * 1 teaspoon nutmeg, grated
- * 3/4 inch piece angelica stem
- * 1 1/4 cup vodka

You will need a mortar and pestle, two 10-ounce sterilized glass bottles with tight-fitting stoppers, a fine sieve, a paper coffee filter, and a bowl.



Whispering Rain Perfume Recipe

This is possibly one of the finest fresh scents that you will ever create! This homemade fragrance is clean and sensuous. You will be tantalized by the unique scent combination. A fragrance that opens your mind and soul to Complete harmony. Let the sound of the rain sweep your heart away. It is said that the sound rain simulates the sound you hear while you are in your mother's womb. Thus you feel security and relaxation, and thus you sleep.

- * 2 cups distilled water
- * 3 tablespoons vodka
- * 5 drops sandalwood essential oil
- * 10 drops bergamot essential oil
- * 10 drops cassis essential oil

Mix all the ingredients together, shake well. Place in a dark bottle. Then allow the perfume to settle for at least 12 hours. Store in a cool dry area. Dab on pulse points

Homemade Love Tonic Recipe

The name says it all....Increases feelings of love, Aphrodisiac

- * 3 drops sandalwood essential oil
- * 2 drops vanilla essential oil
- * 3 drops cedar wood essential oil
- * 15 drops bergamot essential oil
- * 1/2 pt (300ml) 70 percent alcohol or vodka

Pour the alcohol into a bottle or jar. Add the oils and shake well. Leave for 1 week. Go easy on this stuff. You can always make more! Use love tonic in a diffusers, to scent body powders, to create a scented spray, in a massage oil or as a personal scent (dilute to 1% in jojoba) and worn on pulse points.



Program Resources. This position is currently vacant but Jeanne Roney has agreed to fill in.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the books they have read this past year. As it says on page seven of the April 2011 *Response*, “Learn, and let it begin with me.”

The Reading Program reporting form is printed on page 3 in the yearbook/unit reporting requirements booklet that was given to each unit president at the day apart.. It is due to me by August 8, 2011 (versus August 15, 2011 which is the date in the booklet), which is right after School of Christian Mission. If you could send the form in earlier I would appreciate that, as the names are due for the Program book for District Celebration in early September. My address is on the form.

Also, if you would like a 2012 Prayer calendar or the new 2012 Program Book, please let me know, and I will place that with my order for the District Celebration. I do not know cost, as yet. I will place my order on August 1. Your order would have to be picked up at the District Celebration.

Part of the Reading Program is the reading of Response Magazine. This has always been a good magazine. The articles will definitely hold your interest as they show some of the many agencies that we all support. It is most wonderful to see in such a positive way how our money and human resources are serving God, as well as people. It is great to see the spiritual element included within the articles.

To read about United Methodist Women online go to :<http://new.gbmg-umc.org/umw/>
To read about the Reading Program after logging in to the website go to groups, and then reading program. To log out, click on your name at the top left of the page.

Today, as I write this article, there is a message in the discussion forum about buying gold jewelry. You may find it of interest. The link is:

[This Mother's Day, Say No to Dirty Gold](http://new.gbmg-umc.org/umw/act/alerts/item/index.cfm?id=521)
<http://new.gbmg-umc.org/umw/act/alerts/item/index.cfm?id=521>

The district mission team is still looking for someone to be Program Resources. Please let us know if you are interested. Training and support is provided. It is not a difficult job, trust me, I have been doing it awhile!!!

If there are any question, please email to: thejeannieologist@gmail.com, or phone 262-544-6873 Thank you very much!

Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women School of Christian Mission



All Things Made New

As followers of Christ, we hold fast to God's intention to bring hope and wholeness to the world through Jesus Christ.

Grace-filled, we long for a world that moves from brokenness to wholeness, from suffering to healing, from injustice to justice, from scarcity to abundance, from estrangement to reconciliation and from despair to hope.

As partners in God's mission, the transformation we seek today is that of taking what is broken and restoring it to fullness in the light of the Good News of Jesus Christ.¹

Faith-filled, we believe that out of the rubble and ashes of devastation will come new life—a life of hope, a life of abundance, a life of joy for the journey.

"And God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:3b-5a, NRSV)

¹ Dana L. Robert, *Joy to the World! Mission in the Age of Global Christianity* (New York: Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church, 2010), 147.

School of Christian Mission: Tuesday-Friday, August 2-5, 2011
Drive-in Day: Saturday, August 6, 2011

2011 Mission Studies

Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity (2010-2011)

This study explores the theology of mission and evangelism in the twenty-first century context of Christianity as a world-wide religion. We are invited to look at why we are involved in mission and how we proclaim the Good News in Jesus Christ. What are the biblical mandates for mission? Does Christ call each of us to be his evangelist? The study gives us the opportunity to "catch up" with the changes in direction, goals, and methods of mission work in these 100 years.

Haiti (2011-2012)

This study is an overview of the cultures that shaped Haiti's past and the ongoing legacy of colonialism, along with glimpses into the heart and soul of Haiti's people through pictures and Creole adages. It also includes the impact of the devastating January 12th earthquake in 2010. Although much focus is on the avenues available for those wishing to help the people of Haiti rebuild, the study's approach and perspective go well beyond the immediate need of recovery from the earthquake. According to Rev. Dr. Pierre, "The primary purpose of this endeavor is to encourage on-going exchanges of cultural understanding, mutual respect, and mission partnership between the people of The United Methodist Church and people of God in Haiti."

Coming Out On The Side Of Grace: Forgiveness & Reconciliation (2011)

This Spiritual Growth study deals with the theme of how individuals, families, and communities are called to a life-long journey of practicing forgiveness, justice, and reconciliation in our relational lives. In a series of Bible studies, the book enables the participants to understand how systems and structures violate people's lives and how these structures can be transformed to be more just and more conducive to human and cosmic well being. The study aims to bring about personal and social transformation.

Young People

Middle school through college age young men and women will enjoy special programming, including the opportunity to join in mission studies; share in meaningful worship, recreation, team building and volunteering; and build friendships that will last a lifetime.

YoMiCa (Youth Mission Camp—Grades 3-8)

Located at the United Methodist's beautiful Pine Lake camp, this is an exciting event that also teaches about mission. The students will participate in typical camp activities, like swimming, arts and crafts, games and getting in touch with nature. In addition, the camp mirrors the adult classes by learning about mission. Yomica begins Sunday at 3:00 pm and culminates in a Friday afternoon presentation at 2:30 pm (July 31-Aug. 5) Call Camp office with questions: 608-837-3388. See <http://www.wiumcamps.org/documents/MiddleSchoolCatalog2010.pdf> for more information and registration. Leaders: Tim and Kara Finley.

Ramada Inn and Conference Center • Stevens Point, WI

Who?

The Wisconsin School of Christian Mission is for everyone: women, men, youth, laity, clergy- *You!*

**What?**

The Wisconsin School of Christian Mission is where people of all ages come together to grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context through study, fellowship, worship and fun.

Where?**Stevens Point Ramada**

1501 N. Point Drive
Stevens Point, WI 54481
Exit I-39/51 at Exit 161 (it's on the right)
Toll-Free: 800-998-2311, local: 715-341-1340
See larger map on page 4.

**When?**SOCM:

Tuesday–Friday, Aug. 2-5, 2011–Week long
Saturday, August 6, 2011– Drive-In Day

YoMiCa:

Sunday-Friday, July 31-August 5, 2011

Why?

School of Christian Mission is one of the best times to learn about one of the precepts of the church: mission. Not only is it educational and fun, but it is one of the best vacation bargains around!

How?

Register using the registration pages. Please fill in all the boxes. You may make as many copies of the registration form as you need. OR email your registration and save a stamp.

Questions?

Contact the registrar:
Chris Draxler
715-835-1402
email: fdraxler@charter.net

Wisconsin Conference School of Christian Mission Four-Day School

Tuesday, Aug. 2– Friday, Aug. 5

Registration 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Tuesday 2nd

Opening Plenary 10:30 a.m. Tuesday

Sending Forth 12:30 p.m. Friday 5th

Meals: Four-Day student meals begin with lunch on Tuesday the 2nd and end with breakfast on Friday the 5th

Cost: Four-Day Students– registration, room and meals,
-\$295.00 (\$345.00 if received after July 1) for a double room
-\$395.00 (\$445.00 if received after July 1) for a single room
-Monday night: \$45.00 double room or \$85.00 single room.

Commuter: Registration \$165.00 includes meals. (\$215.00 if received after July 1)

Advanced registration is **REQUIRED**. No registrations will be accepted after July 18th. Transferable but not refundable.

To register, use form on page 3.

Don't forget to order your book when registering. See page 3!

Drive-In Day

Saturday, August 6th

Registration 8:15 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Opening Plenary 9:00 a.m.

Overview of all three mission studies

Special tables at lunch for young people

Study books and reading materials available for purchase

Mission offering taken

Sending Forth 3:30 p.m.

Cost: Drive-In Day student \$40.00 (\$45.00 after July 1)

Advanced registration is suggested and is transferable but not refundable. To register, use registration form on page 4. Each person needs a separate form—photocopy as needed.

School of Christian Mission 2011 (4-day) Registration

(Use one form per person; duplicate as needed. Please print and fill out entire form)

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ Zip _____

District _____ Local Church/City _____ Roommate: _____

Registration type: Adult Registration Young person Registration Commuter First Timer

Studies (Adults choose one or two studies; young people, choose only one)

_____ **Joy to the World** _____ **Haiti** _____ **Coming Out On The Side Of Grace: Forgiveness & Reconciliation**

Complete the following with the appropriate dollar amounts (see fees page 2)

	Adult	Young Person
Double Room	_____	_____
Single Room	_____	_____
Commuter (all meals, no lodging)	_____	_____
Additional lodging needed (Mon.)	_____	_____

Send full payment by July 1st to:
 Chris Draxler
 2139 Walnut Ridge Dr., Eau Claire WI 54701
 Phone: 715-835-1402
 fdraxler@charter.net

Make Checks Payable to: SOCM
 UMW Wisconsin Conference

- Check if requesting a scholarship.
 - Check if requesting a handicap room.
 - Check if you are a First Timer interested in First-time Orientation.**
- Special Dietary/Physical Needs _____

Young Person Date of Birth _____ Grade Completed _____

Please order a study book for me. (Place number of books requested on the blank)

- _____ *The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice & Reconciliation*
- _____ *Joy To The World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity*
- _____ *Haiti: Challenges and Hope*

If you need a payment plan, please contact our Registrar and make arrangements. We will gladly work a schedule out with you.



Teens doing crafts—2009

Scholarships: (contact registrar for more information)
 + Available for first time attendees of SOCM
 + Young Women Scholarships are available for full or partial fees
 + Clergy Scholarships available for newly ordained pastors
Continuing Education Credits available.
 Contact registrar for more information



2011 Dean, Gloria Carter

Accommodations and Meals:

- * Air-conditioned hotel rooms and meeting rooms
- * Handicap accessible hotel rooms (please request) and meeting rooms
- * Each hotel room equipped with bathroom, hair dryer, towels, sheets, iron, iron board, TV, and coffee pot
- * More information on many mission projects and learning center available with puzzles & crafts
- * Exercise room, pool and hot tub available (Bring your suit, join the fun)
- * Daily breakfast buffet featuring fresh fruits, muffins, pastries, cereals, juices, and coffee; eat when you want!
 (As long as you stay within the hours that breakfast is offered)
- * Free Wireless Internet access in room and throughout public areas of the hotel

Drive In Day 2011 Registration

(Use one form per person; duplicate as needed. Please print and fill out entire form)

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ Zip _____

District _____ Local Church/City _____

Drive-In Day includes worship, an overview of all three mission studies, an offering taken for Mission Giving, lunch and closing communion. Lunch will be provided in a banquet room conveniently located across the hall. Displays, Program Resources and the Learning Center will also be available. **Complete the following with the appropriate dollar amounts** (see fees on page 2)

	Adult	Young Person
Drive-In Day	_____	_____
Additional lodging needed (Fri.-Sat.)	_____	_____
Child Care needed, please list age of child(ren) _____		
Young Person's Date of Birth _____ Grade Completed _____		
Special Dietary/Physical Needs _____		

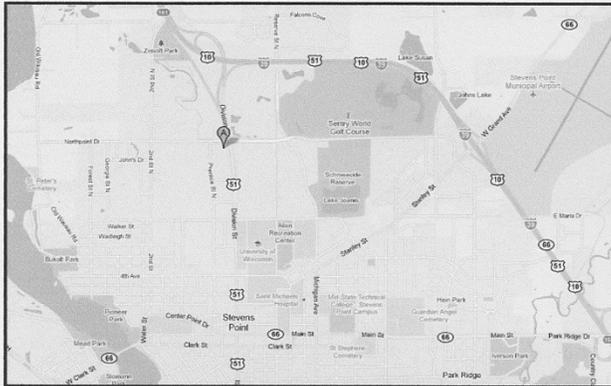
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No refunds given, but substitutions will be accepted. A confirmation of your registration will be mailed or emailed to you.

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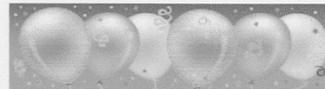


HAPPY 50TH NORTHCOTT!

In honor of Northcott Neighborhood House's 50th anniversary, we are asking you to bring the following donation items to be collected at this year's School of Christian Mission:

- Cans or packages of **TUNA**
- **UNDERWEAR** (boy and girl) for children ages 3-5.
- Children's **BOOKS**

Put it all together and you have **TUB!**
 So bring your donations and put them in the TUB for Northcott Neighborhood House!



A Garden Party

ANNOUNCEMENTS



June 4, 2011 - 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Caldwell United Methodist Women
8504 Caldwell Rd, Mukwonago WI
At Cty Hwys "O" and "L"
Phone 262.363.2680

- ✧ **Bible Verse Plant Sale** – A specially selected set of 6 plants that are found in the Bible and will grow in our Wisconsin climate. \$25 per set.
- ✧ **Perennial Plant Swap** – Bring your perennial divisions in pots and trade with other gardeners!
- ✧ **Tea Party** – Come and enjoy a glass of lemonade or a cup of tea or coffee and delicious home-made treats before you start planting all the wonderful plants you traded and bought! \$5 per person. Serving 9:00 am-12:00 pm.
- ✧ **Garden Art and Vintage and Unique Gifts Boutiques** – Handmade cards, decorations for home and garden and classy items. Great gifts for others and yourself!
- ✧ **Hat drawing** – If you wear a fabulous garden hat, you can enter your name in the hat drawing. The prize is a free set of Bible verse plants!

Sponsored by Caldwell United Methodist Women...funding missions focusing on women, children and youth locally, regionally, nationally and globally!



Hmong House of Good News - Moob Tsev Moo Zoo

A Project of Wisconsin United Methodist Women Wisconsin Conference Advance #7809

Hmong House of Good News is a Wisconsin UMC related social service organization. Our supporters are mainly from members of our UMW, local units and individuals, churches and foundations. HHGN is a mission of our UMW here in Wisconsin and depends on your support for its operation.

Need "Partners in Mission" (include local units, individuals, churches and businesses).

"Partners in Mission" is a sustainable membership support initiative to overcome the barriers of our financial need. HHGN needs a sustainable annual budget of \$60,000 per year to keep up its current operation. With Partners, we will break this financial barrier and help HHGN to become a vital Center for Hmong Seniors. A partner is asked for a commitment of one year for \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25 or higher per month and renewable thereafter, which can automatically be paid through a bank account each month; or with the option to pay by check and mailing.

To encourage “Partners in Mission” participation, the HHGN Board of directors is offering a prize for the Wisconsin UMW District that has given the most partners in mission subscriptions via sustainable funding methods.

The prize will be a valuable Hmong hand embroidered “story cloth” and the prize will be awarded at the Annual Wisconsin UMW meeting on October 21 and 22 at Black River Falls Wisconsin.

Hand Embroidered “Story Cloth” of the Hmong People’s Journey to Freedom from China to United States



Examples of story cloth embroidery technique but please remember each story cloth is unique and special unto itself and story teller.

HHGN "Partners in Mission" Sustainable Membership Support Enrollment

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

UMW District/Church name and Unit: _____

***1st Option.** **Yes, I (we) want to be a Partner In Mission for Hmong House of Good News by enrolling in the monthly sustainable giving program.**

Electronic Funds Transfer – Authorization Agreement for Direct Payment (ACH Debits)

I (we) hereby authorize HHGN to initiate debit entries to my (our) Checking Account or Savings Account for the amount listed below at the depository financial institution named below on the enclosed voided check. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. Law.

Please debit \$ _____ from the selected account below monthly to begin in the month of _____, 20____

Checking account, ATTACH a VOIDED CHECK (not a deposit slip)

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until HHGN receives written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford HHGN and the depository financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it. Signature _____ Date _____

***2nd Option** **Yes, I (we) want to be a Partner In Mission for Hmong House of Good News, but I (we) prefer to make my (our) sustainable giving contribution by check** **monthly** **annually.** I (we) have enclosed a check for \$ _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Send the completed form and check to: Hmong House of Good News, c/o Treasurer Patricia H. Ruppe 2427 Sunrise Road Racine WI 53402 telephone 262-939-8075 email: xxphbxx@yahoo.com

Thank you for your support, generosity and service to Hmong House of Good News.

We pray that you continue to consider Hmong House of Good News as your mission.



What money can buy

A bed BUT NOT SLEEP; A steak BUT NOT an appetite

Books BUT NOT wisdom, Finery BUT NOT a sunset

A house BUT NOT a home, Medicine BUT NOT health

Luxuries BUT NOT peace, Amusement BUT NOT joy

A Crucifix BUT NOT Salvation, A church pew BUT NOT heaven

If our greatest need had been information God would have sent us an educator

If our greatest need had been technology God would have sent us a scientist

If our greatest need had been pleasure God would have sent us an entertainer



But our greatest need was forgiveness So God sent us a Savior

Metro South UMW Calendar as of May 2011

Monday, August 1	UNITER deadline
August 2-5	School of Christian Missions at Stevens Point (Patsy, Joyce, Betty, Jeanne, Kathleen and Arlene plan to attend and can take riders)
Saturday, August 6,	SOCM Drive-In Day: Stevens Point (Marie plans to attend and can take riders)
Fri.-Sat., Aug. 26-27	Conference Mega Team Meeting at Pine Lake (Includes Vice-President & Treasurer) (Kathleen, Jeanne and Betty plan to attend)
Saturday, Sept. 17	Metro South Board meeting, 1 st Racine UMC
Saturday, October 1	Annual Celebration, 1 st Racine UMC
Friday-Sat., Oct. 21-22	Conference Annual Gathering and Officer Training at Black River Falls (Kathleen, Jeanne, Patsy, Arlene, Joyce)
Tues., November 1	UNITER deadline
Sat., Dec. 3	Christmas Team Gathering and Metro South Board Meeting Lunch, 12:30 at Marie Garnhart's

**Metro South District of Wisconsin
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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.*