

## 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 North and South District Wisconsin Conference Present  
the  
**Uniter**  
Our quarterly newspaper  
*February 2012*

### **SEEKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MISSION TEAMS**

I am convinced that we are "equipped for every good work". This is not a dream, but a combination of knowing that we are all made in the image of God and listening to the stories of the women in the districts. As I worked gathering information for the Metro North Year Book directory I was buoyed by my findings: There are strong local units with small, medium, and large memberships, operating under different designs. The women are resourceful and knowledgeable. Women are involved in their communities, in the state, and in the world. Women are resilient – steadfast and resolved to make a difference. Women are faithful even though facing tremendous obstacles.

As I look at the task of strengthening our mission teams I'm encouraged by what I've experienced. The women who we are looking for are out there in the local units – waiting to be called. The local units are the source for keeping the District Mission Teams strong. ***We are calling.*** We ask that you view our 2012 vacancies and make recommendations. Recommend self or others.

**METRO SOUTH:** President, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Education and Interpretation Coordinator, Nominations Chair, two Members on Nominations

**METRO NORTH:** President, Vice President, Secretary, Communications Coordinator, Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator, Secretary of Program Resources, Education and Interpretation Coordinator, 2 Members on Nominations

**Cathryn P. Luse, Appointed by the conference, serving as Chair of nominations, 6900 North 98<sup>th</sup> Street, 414-353-8343, Milwaukee 53224, [cpluse@prodigy.net](mailto:cpluse@prodigy.net)**

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

**During 2012, Metro North vice president position is vacant and Metro South vice president will supply the Metro North and South team with leadership and program effort.**

Well our Day Apart is over for another year and it was successful for the most part. We had over 80 attendees which is a nice group for a Saturday in January in Wisconsin. Our host location this year and the work done by the ladies of Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church were outstanding. The evaluations that were turned in were for the most part very positive. However, I would like to address some issues that need to be looked at to make these events more enjoyable and better attended for the districts.

- ✓ The Conference makes a habit of having two annual meetings in a row at a given location as this allows them to work out the various problems at each location to the best advantage the following year. So far we have not taken this opportunity in Metro North and Metro South...perhaps we need to look at this as a possibility in the future.
- ✓ The people on the District event planning teams are not familiar with all of the churches in the districts and as a result do not know what is available at each for event planning. When planning where to hold one it comes down to asking each church or contact person if they would host it and then trying to fit the program to what is available within that host site. We visit the host church about one month prior to the event but aren't always able to iron out the kinks in one meeting. Unfortunately, many units are uncomfortable with the idea of hosting a large group in their church or those that are comfortable with a large group are perhaps not easily accessible to most of the people in the districts. As a result we seem to go to the same churches over and over again.
- ✓ One major dislike on the evaluation form was my error. I was working with a new printer and we had a miscommunication about page breaks and I apologize for the mess up with the evaluation form and the fact that it was on the other side of dates that you needed to note down.

Now for my plea to the units please consider hosting an event and please send me an overview of what your church has as far as seating, parking, events that you could host and who would be your contact person. This would be put on file for the planners and working together makes it better for everyone. Also as VP I'm involved with Program planning both at the District and Conference Level and would like your input both as to what your groups would be interested in seeing as well as the programs that you have done in your units that were well received or even those that weren't. Also please send to Patsy and myself any special dates that your unit or your church has as far as fund raisers or special speakers. Many of us are from very small units and just being together with other UMW's helps to keep us focused and vital. Many of our units have the same problems and have solved them in various ways communication will help all of us.

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*2012 Day apart*

*Great fellowship*

*Great food*

*Great  
inspiration*

*Thanks to all  
who made it  
happen  
especially  
Wauwatosa Ave  
United  
Methodist  
Church UMW as  
our hosts*

*Thanks for  
coming!*

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## **Carolyn A. Dressler – named Distinguished Citizen of the Year**

Speaking of Wauwatosa Avenue UMC as our hosts for the Day Apart, while we were there we found out that one of their women was recently honored and we wanted to share. This dovetailed nicely with one of the resounding themes of this year's Day Apart was the need to volunteer whether as an officer of either Metro North or South Districts or anywhere. Carolyn is a fine example of this volunteering spirit. The following is from Carolyn herself and after that is the article from the Wauwatosa City website.

### **Notes from Carolyn**

**I am a bit hesitant to have this publicized, because I know so many wonderful women who do so much for their community. I am just one representative of many! But, I do understand the importance of recognizing volunteerism. As I said in my acceptance of the award, I was brought up in the Methodist Church with the understanding that we must be "doers of the word, and not hearers only." Thanks for holding the Day Apart at our church. It was great to see so many wonderful women.**

### **Notes from <http://www.wauwatosa.net>**

**On April 27, 2011, the Wauwatosa Distinguished Citizen Award Council will celebrate its 47<sup>th</sup> year by naming Carolyn A. Dressler as the 2010 Distinguished Citizen of the Year.**

**The Wauwatosa Distinguished Citizen Award Council has a long history of honoring the people who have made significant voluntary contributions to community life in Wauwatosa to make this city such a great place to live. Leaders in our school systems, fire and police services, civic, business, neighborhoods, community services and historic preservation have been honored over the years for their selfless dedication to making a difference in the everyone's life who lives in and around Wauwatosa.**

**Carolyn Dressler is honored for her volunteer work with both young and old Wauwatosans. Since retiring from the Wauwatosa School District in 2000 as a special need's student aide, Carolyn volunteers weekly in the Madison School Library. She also volunteers as a teacher at the Wauwatosa Historical Society's 19<sup>th</sup> Century School House, and can also be found teaching Girl Scouts the fine art of planting bulbs in the Kneeland-Walker Gardens as a Master Gardener volunteer. Interviewing older citizens for the Historical Society's oral history project and researching house histories for the annual Tour of Homes are among her favorite activities.**

**The Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church is also a beneficiary of Carolyn's volunteerism. She has taught Sunday School since moving to Wauwatosa 46 years ago and can be found in the Church kitchen for many functions. Carolyn has taken on a leadership role in Philanthropic Educational Organization Chapter A serving the Wauwatosa community and is also a certified master gardener who has recruited many fellow gardeners in helping to design, plant and maintain the 1 ½ acre gardens of the Kneeland-Walker House.**

## **SECRETARY**

During 2012, Metro North secretary position is vacant and Metro South secretary will supply the Metro North and South team with secretarial effort.

First of all **THE 2012 YEARBOOKS** for both Metro North and Metro South **ARE FINISHED!!!!!!**. Hoorah!

Thank you to all of you who submitted the needed information for your local units, and to Cathryn Luse for collecting information from Metro North. I know that some units from Metro North had mailed in a report earlier but those were not available and so we were starting over.

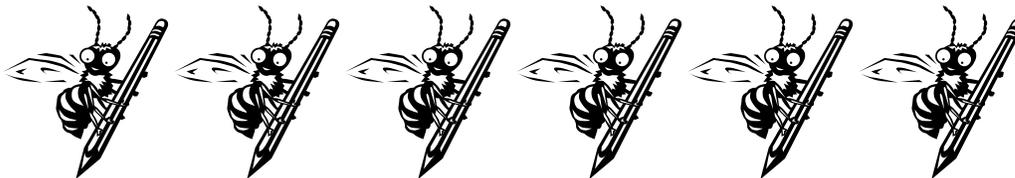
Some of you picked up a copy for your unit at the Day Apart event. The rest of the units (including inactive ones) will receive one in the mail. Of course there may well be some errors. So please check your local unit information to see if there is anything we need to correct. A list of corrections for both Metro North and Metro South will then appear in the May issue of the "Uniter."

I hope that for 2013 someone from Metro North will step up to the secretary's job. I will be very happy to work with someone to help her learn the job. (Especially the putting together of the yearbook for which I have the full format now in my computer and on a flash drive just in case my computer should crash)

I am proud to be a tiny part of United Methodist Women. I think we are a wonderful part of the **CONNECTIONAL** aspect as well as the **MISSION** aspect of the United Methodist Church.

I wish you all many blessings in our upcoming year.

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## **TREASURER**

During 2012, Metro North and South will keep their respective treasurers duties and money separate. However, the Treasurers will coordinate with each other and the team.

From **Metro South** District Treasurer

Congratulations to all the members of the United Methodist Women of Metro South District. Although we didn't make 100% of our Mission Pledge for 2011, we were pretty close. You sent in \$48,405.67 in Mission Giving which was 97% of our \$50,000 Pledge to Mission. In addition, \$3,165.85 was sent in for Mission Plus Giving.

Just think, if a few more units would have given Special Mission Recognition honors or bought some Gift to Mission cards or remembered someone who died with a Gift in Memory, we probably would have been at 100%. Every unit that submitted a Mission Pledge met or exceeded it. Some units who didn't submit a Mission Pledge gave anyways. This is great!

For 2012 our District pledge has been reduced to \$48,000 for a more realistic forecast of your potential giving. Now, we have to work on giving more in the other four areas of Mission Giving—Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering. Keep up the Good Work!

In Christian love, Joyce Myers, District Treasurer, 7301-156<sup>th</sup> Ave, Bristol, WI 53104, 262-857-7254, [rm62jm@wi.rr.com](mailto:rm62jm@wi.rr.com)

From **Metro North** District Treasurer

Happy Start of 2012 to all the Metro North treasurers:

We did quite well, in 2011, considering whatever obstacles we had to deal with. We did slightly more than we did in 2010 for Mission Giving and in Mission Giving Plus. That's the good news. The not so good news is that we did not make our total pledge, but we believe it was an unrealistic pledge, so for 2012 we lowered our pledge to \$40,000.

In 2011 we, and I mean you, gave \$36,526.09 for Mission Giving and \$3,318.65 for Mission Giving Plus for a grand total of \$39,844.74. That was great. Thanks to all you treasurers for all the work you put in to getting it in on time. You made my job easier.

Please keep that money flowing into all the Mission Giving categories, and remember I enjoy hearing from you. If you have any questions, I will be happy to answer them and if I don't know the answer I will find out.

Love and peace, Linda Hurt, District Treasurer, 4554 N. 40<sup>th</sup> St. Milwaukee WI 53209 414-873-2511 [lhurt0111@aol.com](mailto:lhurt0111@aol.com)

## **SOCIAL ACTION**

**During 2012, Metro North and South will keep their respective social action duties separate. However, the social action coordinators will coordinate with each other and the team and with the Wisconsin Conference Social action coordinator Dodie Smith.**

### **From Metro South District Social Action Coordinator**

I hope your holiday season was filled with the joys of family and friends. I hope if you made New Year's Resolutions, they are ones you have not yet broken! After I returned from a California Christmas Family Trip, I enjoyed a weekend in New York City with Knitting Friends from many states. I learned a lot, and am better prepared for my new hobby: Playing Doctor – Knitting Doctor that is! **Why am I telling you this “stuff”,** it doesn't appear to have anything to do with Social Action and the Justice Ministries I usually talk about? **Because it does have relevance!**

Susie Johnson, Executive Secretary United Methodist Women for Public Policy has written in her December Action Alert on the topic of Women War and Peace. You can download her letter yourself from the [www.UMW.org](http://www.UMW.org) website. She begins her article with a reference to Ellen Sirleaf Johnson (73), the first woman to be elected head of state in Africa. Women organized in Liberia and stood with their children to face the soldiers with their guns, bringing Peace to Liberia and then they elected Ellen to head their state. Now, Ellen Sirleaf Johnson has given her blessing to a new project, “Healthy Women, Healthy Liberia”. Our own UM Missionary Christiana Hena is starting this new program for Liberian women. I have a short DVD which you may borrow to get acquainted with this project. Women build PEACE by investing in their family and their community's well being which, after all, is the foundation of peace and recovery. **Five factors contribute to Peace: Power, People making a living, Fair and Effective Laws and Safety and Well-being.**

Don't think Violence only happens “someplace else”. Here are a few statistics on the USA:

- ✓ 300,000 women are raped annually in the USA
- ✓ Poverty rate for women is at 4.5% and rising
- ✓ 1/3 of women serving in the military have been raped, 2/3rds have been sexually assaulted.
- ✓ The number of children and teens in America killed by guns could fill 120 classrooms of 25 students each.
- ✓ 13.5% of American women 18 and over are in poor or fair health

\***ACTion** is necessary (not just morally the right thing to do) (Quote from Rev. Scorgie at Day Apart 1/28/12. Rev. Scorge led our study on “The Journey”). Call or write or do both to Senators Johnson, Herb Kohl (202-224-3121 and ask the switchboard to connect you to their offices. Ask them to support S 11925 - Violence against Women Act (VAWA), Senate Bill (S) 1447, the SAFE teen act, S 1192, Alaska Safe Families and Villages Act. The House Resolution (HR 1578) Violence against Women Health Initiative should be brought to the attention of Rep. Sensenbrenner (202-225-5101 is his direct number). United Methodist Women stand with their sisters all around our planet.

***In the state of Wisconsin*** we are working this year on awareness of Sex Trafficking. Particularly what happens at sporting events. ***Did you know you can dial up a girl like you can order a pizza?*** Support legislation in Wisconsin to eliminate this sexually violent practice. Such law is in the Indiana state legislature and could be effective prior to the Super Bowl. Watch to see if their Gov. signs it!

***Resources:*** You can download “A Radical Act of Love: Gender Analysis for Everyone” from the National Council of Churches Women’s Working Group or you can email: [lbales@umc-gbcs.org](mailto:lbales@umc-gbcs.org) or call (703-282-6254). Linda is Executive Secretary for Issues relating to Women and Children for the General Board of Church and Society. New Book: “Breaking Barriers, an African-American Family and the Methodist Story”, by Angela Current (daughter of Bishop Leontyne Kelly, who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday). Bishop Kelly is an evangelist and a prophet. She loves to quote hymns and “How Firm a Foundation” is one of her favorites and ours, especially the last 2 verses:

**When through fiery trails thy pathways shall lie,  
My grace all sufficient shall supply;  
Thy flame shall not hurt thee, I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.**

**The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no, never, no never forsake.**

The time I spent with family was peace building; the time I spent in NYC was pure JOY and we can all use a little JOY now and then in our lives. My resolution is to be a more JOYful person and to share the Joy that Jesus brings into my life with all those around me. ! Shalom

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From **Metro North District Social Action Coordinator**

**YOU CANNOT DO EVERYTHING- CHOOSE TO DO SOMETHING!**

I am Shirley Jackson; Social Action Coordinator for Metro North United Methodist Women. I am relatively new to the district, moving here from Chicago, but I am no stranger to UMW. I have served in various positions in my local unit at Hartzell UMC in Chicago, last being Social Action Coordinator. My main goal is to empower people to be viable and experience the good news. ***My message for you is to move with caution – move deliberately.*** We are reminded of the social issues that we are to concentrate: Women’s Rights, Immigration, Health Care, Environment, Economic Justice, Racial Justice, Public Education, Child Advocacy, Global Issues and Domestic Violence.

***Overwhelming....! Slow down and tackle one at a time.*** In the directory we are given a guide to launching our journey: Choose two or three issues that your group will be involved. Set goals and strategies for reaching goals. Stay in touch with counterpart for guidance and support. You can’t do everything – but choose to do something. Most of all - be viable, resourceful and empowering.

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**MISSION ACTION DAY**  
(Formerly Social Action Day)



**WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
PRESENT**

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101 and a HOPEFUL RESOURCE**

- **Guest Speaker:** Jane Tafel, of the Eau Claire Lake Street UMC and United States Director for Hagar International
- **When:** Saturday, March 24, 2012 (registration 9:30 AM, Program-10:00 AM, Sending Forth-2:45PM)
- **Where:** Tomah First United Methodist Church, 1055 Butts Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660, 608-372-4543
- **Cost:** \$10 Make checks payable to “Wisconsin Conference UMW” and send to Dodie Smith, 1927 – 17<sup>th</sup>, Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53140.
- All registrations are transferrable not refundable.
- Deadline for registrations is March 18
- On line registration is available at <http://www.wisconsinumw.org/mission-updates> click on Social Action

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_ **District.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Church** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child Care** \_\_\_\_\_ send ages of children and bring a sack lunch for them.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

During 2012, Metro South spiritual growth position is vacant and Metro North spiritual growth coordinator will supply the Metro North and South team with this effort.

Our Spiritual Growth coordinator just returned from a Volunteer in Mission (VIM) trip to Honduras and a family trip to Texas so she wasn't able to write for this newsletter. Her Name is **Salud Rodeman, 1004 Beech St. #308, Grafton WI 53024 , 414-305-8054, [saludgr@gmail.com](mailto:saludgr@gmail.com)** However, we have wonderful spiritual growth activities going on in our districts so we wanted to share them. The first one is the spiritual growth opportunity a family in Metro South is giving with the Great Lakes Naval Base brand new recruits. The second one is that neither Metro North nor South will sponsor a retreat this year however, we have three retreats that are being hosted by churches that you can join if you like. We have obtained the info so you can get in touch with them.

### *Our Christmas Day with the Naval Recruits*

I was asked to tell about our family's Christmas Day "mission project." It began on Thanksgiving Day, in 2008, when my husband, myself and our five grown children decided that instead of exchanging gifts with each other at Christmas, we would put our money, time and efforts into some mission-type project. Because we live close to Great Lakes Naval Base, we thought hosting 10-15 recruits on Christmas Day might be a good thing to do. When we inquired about it, we were told that we would have to take at least 50 recruits and only an organization could do it. We had already had permission to use the facilities of our church, Bristol United Methodist, so we put Bristol United Methodist Church on the application.

We had such an amazing, awesome, wonderful time that first year that we immediately decided we'd do it again the next year, the next, and the next, which brought us to Christmas 2011, our fourth year! We kind of wondered how it would work this time with Christmas being on a Sunday, but it was just great. The group arrived about an hour before our worship service, so we were able to welcome them and invite them, if they wished, to attend the service...and many did. They even joined the children up in front for the Young Disciples time. The rest were in other parts of the building doing other things.

The day starts at 7:15 a.m. when my husband and oldest son travel to the base to pick up the recruits. For the last two years we have used two school buses. The first two years we used several vans. We never know for sure how many we'll get as they ask us if we're willing to take up to 75 recruits, so we prepare for that many. We had 65 recruits, this year, and for the first time there were some of them were females. When they first arrive at the church, we have them sit in the sanctuary so we can welcome them and explain what is available for them to do during the day.

We have several tables laden with all kinds of snacks and drinks for them to enjoy right away and throughout the day. There are several computers for their use, so they can email, Skype, update their Face book account, etc. We have *many* telephones which are in use all day. A large screen television with Playstation 3 having two of the newest games is especially enjoyed by these young people. Two televisions with the Wii game system are busy all day, too. Movies are running all day in the balcony for them to watch...or, some take advantage of the couches to take a snooze after their big meal. Board games, cards, Baggo game, visiting, etc. are some of the other things available, too.

Our noon meal consists of Swedish meatballs, turkey, steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, many salads, bread, and of course, desserts. We have lots of Christmas cookies, cakes, pies and candy. They have not been exposed to many sweet treats for a while, so they really enjoy everything. Soda, juice, milk, hot chocolate and coffee are available all day, too. Homemade pizza was baked and passed around during the afternoon.

Several of them enjoyed singing and playing guitar with one of the young men from our church. Some played the piano as well. Of course, much visiting with them goes on all during the day. We try to make them feel like they are with family on Christmas.

Around 5:30, we gather them in the sanctuary again to wrap things up, take pictures, and give them a gift card. They are not allowed to bring anything back with them, but a gift card that they can put in their wallet is okay. As they file out to board the bus, each one of us receives a hug from each recruit. What an awesome feeling it is when they thank us and say they had a great day.

Our family does a lot of planning, working, and so forth, of course, but we really appreciate all the people who help us. Donations of all kinds amaze us and we are so grateful for everything. We are sincerely thankful for the many volunteers. What really makes us feel good is when we receive a letter or email from a family that says, "It was a wonderful Christmas gift for our family to be able to see and speak to our son." Or, when a recruit says, "I had an awesome Christmas Day, thank you so much." Some have said, "We didn't know what to expect today, but we really had a good day and appreciate everything you did for us." We now have a web page, so if you would like to see some pictures go to: <http://recruitchristmas.weebly.com> If anyone has any questions about this, please feel free to email us at [rm62jm@wi.rr.com](mailto:rm62jm@wi.rr.com) Joyce Myers.



## **Womens Retreat in Metro North and South Districts**

- ❖ **Waukesha First UMC** will hold a Women's Retreat at their church February 18, 2012. Please call 262-542-4256 for reservations.
- ❖ A Women's Day of Renewal will be held at **Our Lord's UM Church**, 5000 S. Sunny Slope Road, New Berlin, on **Saturday, March 10, from 9 am - 3 pm**. The study will be "How to Hear the Lord in Our Prayers." Walk a labyrinth. Learn steps on how to make your prayers stronger to build your relationship with our Lord and Savior. Breakfast snacks and a full lunch will be provided. Also, a babysitter will be available for the day. A freewill offering will be taken to offset expenses. Please call Rebecca Radick, study leader and spiritual growth coordinator for Our Lord's UMW, at 262-679-2710 with any questions regarding the day's program. Call the church office at 414-425-7030 with your reservation by 1 March. It promises to be a day that will greatly help your spiritual growth during the Lenten season.
- ❖ **Whitefish Bay UMW** will hold a Women's Retreat at the Siena Center in Racine on April 27 and 28 2012. For details call 414-964-2424.

Jacob was a cheater, Peter had a temper,  
David had an affair, Noah got drunk, Jonah  
ran from God, Paul was a murderer, Gideon  
was insecure, Miriam was a gossip, Martha  
was a worrier, Thomas was a doubter, Sarah  
was impatient, Elijah was depressed, Moses  
stuttered, Zaccheus was short, Abraham was  
old, and Lazarus was dead... .

**God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies  
the CALLED!**

Re-post this if you know you are NOT perfect  
but that God is working in your life anyway...

**WWW.GENNESARETH.ORG**

## **PROGRAM RESOURCES**

During 2012, Metro North program resources position is vacant and Metro South program resource coordinator will supply the Metro North and South team with this effort.

Was one of your New Year's resolutions to participate in the UMW Reading Program? I hope so, because many great books for the 2008 - 2012 programs are available for you to read. Remember the plan requirements have changed for 2012. For Plan 1, 5 books (one from each of the categories of Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth) must be read; for Plan 2, 10 books (two from each category); for Plan 3, 15 books (three from each category); and for Plan 4, 20 books (four from each category). The list of the books eligible for 2012 is available at [www.missionresourcecenter.org](http://www.missionresourcecenter.org).

With Lent starting on February 22, that season will be a good opportunity to focus on books from the Spiritual Growth category. Perhaps you can have a small group study using the book *All Creation Sings: The Voice of God in Nature*. This book "wants us to go further than the 'green' movement and being simply conscious of the wonder of our creation and the necessity of caring for it passionately. The book call us to not only see and be grateful for these wonders but to be responsible for them, to go beyond its exquisite beauty to learn some of the lessons it would teach us, lessons about life and God. A discussion guide is included." Talking about nature and creation while waiting for the real spring to arrive will truly lift your spirits.

Another book suitable for group discussion or for your own spiritual growth is *Seasons of Salt: Meditations*. As stated on information from the Mission Resource Center, "Whether we realize it at the time, normal events in our everyday lives can have significant spiritual meaning and can also offer valuable lessons - if we only take the time to listen. In more than 60 devotions suitable for individual or group use, *Seasons of Salt* weaves faith and daily living and shows how everyday activities, including childhood games, kitchen challenges, and family and church events present perfect opportunities for expression of faith." Of course, a perfect companion for these books is the 2012 Prayer Calendar. Plus, to start your get-together, you can review an article from *Response* or *New World Outlook*.

An additional benefit to your unit for participation in the Reading Program is if you have 10% of your unit's members involved, your unit will get a \$10.00 certificate to use toward purchasing books for 2013 – a real bargain! Happy reading everyone! Be sure to contact me with any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

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# **MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH**

During 2012, Metro North membership, nurture and outreach positions is vacant and Metro South membership, nurture and outreach coordinator is very busy learning to become a Lay Leader in the Wisconsin UMC. The Wisconsin Conference UMW will supply a consultant to the Metro North and South Districts team for this effort and the teams will fill in performing this function.

## **Some thoughts on ..... *Membership***

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody knew that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Somebody wouldn't do it and Everybody blamed Somebody because Nobody did what Anybody could have done. Membership comes with responsibilities!

## **Some thoughts on ..... *Nurture***

### **Appreciating and Affirming**

- ❖ *"I can live for two months on one good compliment!!"* Mark Twain
- ❖ Acknowledgement for work done well
- ❖ Find ways to compliment those who are faithful in doing tasks or taking risks.

**Providing** hospitality and create a caring climate of acceptance of individual, unique differences in which each person is encouraged to participate and contribute freely.

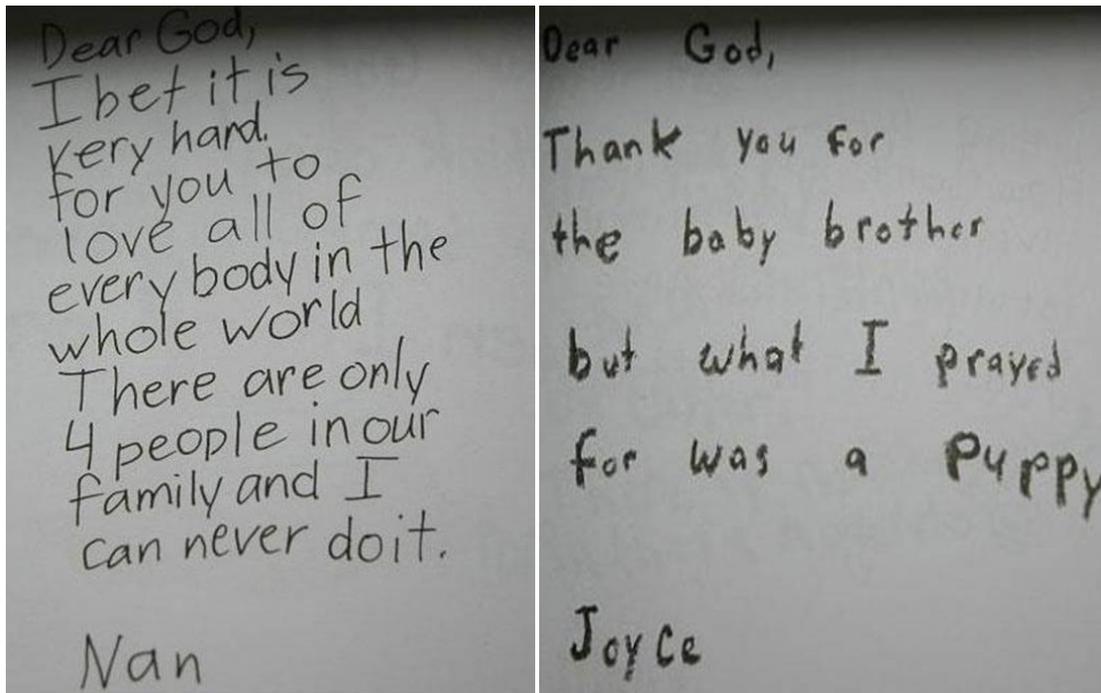
**Planning**, accommodating and including a diverse community of:

- Teen and College women
- Young women
- New members
- Long-time members
- Potential members
- Members for whom English is a second language
- Members of all racial, ethnic and cultural groups
- Members with special needs

**Communicating** and sharing information with all members through:

- Newsletters and flyers
- Telephone tree/network
- Allowing free dialogue and discussion within a group
- Bulletin boards
- Exhibits and displays
- Sunday morning bulletins
- Email , websites, online blogs

Some thoughts on ..... **Outreach**  
Through a Childs eyes!



**Bottom line...MNO's major responsibility is to help units plan and execute ways to get more members of all ages and to appreciate and encourage the ones they already have. Their job is to help members love and support each other.**

If you have questions please call Patsy Ruppe at 262-939-8075 and she will find the right person for you to talk too.

## **EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION**

During 2012, Metro North and South program education and interpretation coordinator positions are vacant. The teams will fill in performing this function.

One of the important functions of Education and interpretation is embodied in a list of things for a unit to accomplish to become a Mission Today Unit. This has been published in the 2012 yearbook on page 17. Each unit should plan their annual efforts around these criteria to earn the distinction of becoming a Mission Today Unit. For Metro South this criterion was available to them in last year's yearbook and many units were able to satisfy the requirement. However, the list was not available to Metro North for 2011. Now in 2012 each unit can make a choice to become a Mission Today Unit. . . .we are grateful for this opportunity to engage in UMW education and interpretation of our missions. We would like to congratulate the units in Metro South who are 2011 Mission Today Units and would like to encourage Metro North units to "go for it" and plan for 2012 status

### ***2011 Mission Today Units***

Greenfield Memorial

Johnson Creek

Kenosha First

Kenosha Immanuel

Oak Creek Community

New Berlin Our Lords

Racine Christ

Skywalk Unit – Village at Manor Park

Wesley Chapel

West Allis Calvary

In Metro South please check to see that you too get your credit as a Mission Today Unit by sending in your completed form as soon as possible or if you are in Metro North and recognize that you have accomplished the criteria in 2011 please let us know. We want to be sure that everyone who has done the work get the credit. Please send the form to:

Arlene Wilson, 3120 E. Allison Ave #5, Cudahy, WI 53110, 414-482-1341

# WE NEED YOU

## RECOMMEND SELF OR OTHERS

**METRO NORTH** \_\_\_\_\_ **METRO SOUTH** \_\_\_\_\_

I recommend \_\_\_\_\_

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**Send Recommendations to:**

**Metro South: Jeanne Roney, 316 Cheyenne Drive, Waukesha WI, 53188,**

**262-544-6873; [proney1@wi.rr.com](mailto:proney1@wi.rr.com)**

**Metro North: Cathryn P. Luse, 6900 North 98<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee, WI 53224,**

**414- 353-8343; [cpluse@prodigy.net](mailto:cpluse@prodigy.net)**

*Please ask God to send the right people to help out!*



**We are in God's hands!**



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

*Hmong House of Good News is a social service organization that serves the needs of Hmong elders in the Milwaukee area. It was begun by Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women in March 2008 and has the approval of the Wisconsin Conference Board of Global Ministries. Its purpose is to bring Hmong seniors, aged 55 and over, out of isolation and to a place where they can socialize, enjoy nutritious Hmong meals, do crafts, join a Bible study, garden, and learn English along with American culture. It is housed in the Central UMC in Milwaukee and is open three days per week.*

While we covet your prayers and appreciate your donations of food, fabric, and craft supplies, **our strongest need is for money** to pay basic operating expenses and door to door transportation for elders, most of whom can not take public transportation due to lack of English speaking and reading skills, or due to handicapping conditions. We need approximately \$60,000 to offer our free services.

Therefore, we invite you to participate in one or more of these ways:

**1. 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.

**2. 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. The total pledged for 2012 is \$8395.00 and we are so grateful.

**3. Milk Moola and Donuts to Dough from Kwik Trip Stores.** Collect bottle caps or bag tops from Nature's Touch milk and juice or ice cream cartons and Hmong House will receive 5-cents each. Also collect the price ovals from Glazer donuts boxes worth 10-cents each. We received an update on saving these items for the Hmong House of Good News from Judy Vasby UMW Conference president and on the board of HHGN.

*"Keep those Moola caps and bag tops coming from Kwik Trip gas stations! (...also Glazer Donut ovals) We just sent in our first bundle for which we will receive \$50 for Hmong House of Good News. Finding that we were 4 caps short, Lydia Circle in Wisconsin Rapids made a valiant effort to buy single serving bottles of milk and juice in order to reach the goal of 1000 pieces, the minimum number allowed per reimbursement request. Thank you to all who have been saving these items for Hmong House. Remember to bring them to every district or conference event. Your Education and Interpretation Coordinators will collect them. Take them to district or conference UMW events. Or mail them to: Judy Vasby, 4131 Weslan Dr., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 608-576-0173 [vasby.umw@gmail.com](mailto:vasby.umw@gmail.com)."*

4. **Crafts and egg roll fundraisers.** We have some lovely Hmong embroidery crafts directly from Laos to sell. The aprons, wall hangings, bible covers, back pack will both support the Hmong House of Good News as well as Christian women in Laos. Our next Egg roll Fund raiser will be in Palmyra UMW in May.

5. **Transportation.** With the UMW help we have gotten all elders who are eligible to ride on public transportation and here are some pictures to show our happy Elders in their transportation.



6. **UMW Mission Visits.** In April the UMW ladies from Janesville will visit with us and share a meal. 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 Susan Vang our director a call at

**Hmong House of Good News**  
639 N 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53233  
414-342-4380 and fax  
[Hmonghgn@gmail.com](mailto:Hmonghgn@gmail.com)



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

# NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION QUADRENNIAL TO BE HELD AT DRAKE UNIVERSITY, DES MOINES, IA

Every four years delegates assemble at a quadrennial meeting to elect our Women's Division directors -- volunteers who direct the business and program of the Women's Division. Our Wisconsin Conference is a member of the North Central Jurisdiction, a group of 11 Midwest United Methodist Conferences.

In 2012, the quadrennial meeting will be held during the same week as Regional School of Christian Mission study event for conference and study leaders: June 21-24, 2012. The Quadrennial gathering time will be only two days -- Tuesday, June 19 and Wednesday, June 20 -- shorter than in past years.

During the quadrennial there will be an election of Women's Division Directors by conference elected delegates. Worship will be led by Bishop Deborah Kiesey of the Dakotas and a Bible Study will be led by Women's Division Staff member Marva Usher-Kerr. There will also be presentations by national institutions from the Iowa area.

Conference delegates will be participating in the voting procedure during most of the meeting time. But while that is taking place, there will be an event with ideas for mission to encourage and inspire local, district, and conference United Methodist Women from the North Central conferences. The activities will be related to refreshing and refilling our UMW cups. Both groups will gather in plenary for worship and program.

*Fill My Cup, Lord* is the theme for the upcoming quadrennial, based on the scripture from Ephesians 3:19: "And to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God".

**We would like to encourage your attendance.** The registration fee is expected to be \$125 and includes the cost of the program, packet and five meals. We expect the registration to be online and should be available beginning of March. Registration will be limited to 380 persons for the event. We hope to have two levels of registration. The first will be open to delegates and nominees to be sure they are part of that number. Then a few weeks later registration will be open for other conference officers and others who wish to attend. Remember others attending just the Quadrennial Meeting and not nominees or Regional School attendees must use hotels for housing. The web site for more info can be found at <http://www.gbgm-umc.org/ncjumw>. Currently if you plan to attend you should plan on driving your own car or to car pool with others as there is no plan for the Conference UMW to sponsor a bus.

## **COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR**

During 2012, Metro North communications coordinator position is vacant and Metro South coordinator will supply the Metro North and South team with this effort.

The "Uniter" is your quarterly newsletter and is one of our main communications tools. Please use it for your UMW reference. This year to make it even better we would like for you to let us know about the "happenings" going on in your unit so we can support each others. Right now we have one page of calendar events...mostly District and Conference meetings with a few "happenings" sprinkled about. But, wouldn't it be great if we had two pages! If we had some free time (I know we don't have much of that...) we could go to the calendar and say what is happening ...let see maybe I can get a carload of UMW friends and take in that speaker happening in Palmyra UMW or "rummage" at their sale. Pretty soon we would see a "happening" pattern on the calendar that would be useable and would help us predict if our dates were good for the UMW community to support. For instance I can already see that there are three huge events all on 1 November and one is in my church...guess I will have to see which one I go to OR watch the next "Uniter" to see if one changes so I can go to both. As the event comes closer I will publish an advertisement in a special section ...all you have to do is send it to me!

Let's get your UNITER ready to do its magic...with us all on the same page and informed!

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# Happenings

## Dessert by Candlelight



**Saturday, February 11  
7:00 to 9:30 PM**

Caldwell United Methodist Church, Community Hall, 8504 Caldwell Road Mukwonago,  
WI 53149

*Break out of the winter blahs and celebrate your Valentine's Day right!*

Call a friend or loved one and stop by Caldwell UMC Community Hall for a quiet, delicious and decadent dessert experience! Desserts include cheesecakes and chocolate desserts plus fruits, biscotti and pretzels for you to dip at the milk and dark chocolate fondue fountains. Choose from a variety of coffees and teas. Come as you are! At \$7 per person, we doubt you'll find a more reasonably priced (or better tasting) dessert around!

Sponsored by Caldwell United Methodist Women...proudly supporting local and global missions for women, children and youth! Net proceeds will be donated to The Women's Center, Waukesha.

For more information, call 262-363-2680 or visit [www.caldwellumc.org](http://www.caldwellumc.org).

### **Palmyra UMC Rummage & Bake Sale**

Th.,F March 8 & 9 9am to -6pm  
Sat March 10 9 to noon

1<sup>st</sup> rummage sale of the season! Fellowship Hall is full to the brim!

Bake Sale – Thursday and Friday  
Luncheon – Thursday and Friday 11am to 1pm  
Church address: 122 N. Fifth St.  
Palmyra WI 53156, 262-495-2540

### **Palmyra UMW “Spring Fling”**

Monday April 9 7:00pm

Speaker: Jane Craig, Staff member at Reiman Publications in Greendale WI

Church address: 122 N. Fifth St.  
Palmyra WI 53156, 262-495-2540

Any questions call Ginny 262-495-4810

# Calendar of Events across Metro South and North Districts

- ✓ **Feb 11** Combined Metro North/South officer team meeting at Cudahy UMC at 9:30 with nominations meeting at 9:00.
- ✓ **Feb 11** Dessert by Candlelight, Caldwell UMW for details call 262-363-2680 or visit [www.caldwellumc.org](http://www.caldwellumc.org).
- ✓ **Feb. 18** Waukesha First has a Retreat with lunch
- ✓ **Mar 8,9,10** Palmyra UMW Rummage and Bake Sale Call 262-495-2540 for details
- ✓ **Mar 10** New Berlin Our Lord's Day of Renewal
- ✓ **Mar. 24** Mission Action Day on Human Trafficking. Conference-wide event at Tomah.
- ✓ **April 9** Palmyra UMW Spring Fling 7:pm speaker Staff member Jane Craig from Reiman Pubs in Greendale WI call Ginny at 262-495-4810 for details
- ✓ **Apr 14** Combined Metro officer team meeting at Brown Deer UMC at 9:30 with nominations meeting at 9:00.
- ✓ **Apr 19-21** Waukesha First Rummage and Bake Sale. Details 262 542-4256
- ✓ **Apr. 20-21** Conference Team Meeting at Sun Prairie: Includes dist. presidents, treasurers E & I and MNO. Linda Hurt should attend for Metro North and Joyce for Metro South. Marie (for E & I), Patsy (as president) and Kathleen (as Membership Nurt. & Out.) are attending.
- ✓ **April 22** Northcott Annual Meeting in Milwaukee. (Presidents & Northcott Reps)
- ✓ **April 27-28** Whitefish Bay UMC Women's Retreat at the Siena Center, Racine. For details call 414-964-2424.
- ✓ **May 5** - Combined Metro officer team meeting (primarily to set budget) at Our Lord's UMC . at 9:30 with nominations meeting at 9:00.
- ✓ **June 18-20** North Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event @ Drake University in Des Moines, IA. All UMW members invited.
- ✓ **July 31 to Aug. 3.** School Of Christian Mission. Wausau, WI. ALL district officers are expected to attend. Combined Metro officer team meeting possibly at SOCM
- ✓ **Aug. 4** – SOCM Overview Day. Wausau.
- ✓ **Aug. 24-26.** Conference Officer Team meeting at Pine Lake Church Camp. Dist. presidents and MNOs are required to attend.
- ✓ **Sep. 1** – Conference-wide Bilingual (Spanish/English) Worship Service at time and location TBD
- ✓ **Sep. 8** Combined Metro officer team meeting at Waukesha Salem at 9:30 with nominations meeting at 9:00..
- ✓ **OCT. 6** JOINT ANNUAL CELEBRATION FOR METRO NORTH & SOUTH at Waukesha Salem
- ✓ **Oct. 19-20** Conference Annual Gathering at Sun Prairie UMC. ALL district officers are expected to attend.
- ✓ **Nov 1**, Palmyra UMW Turkey Supper and Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale 4:30 – 6:30pm
- ✓ **Nov 1**, Racine Christ UMW Cookie Walk and Harvest Bazaar 9:00-11:00 am
- ✓ **Nov 1**, Racine First UMW Ham Ball Dinner
- ✓ **Nov. 9-10.** Conf. & District officers training event at Mead Inn, Wisconsin Rapids. Conference & District officers REQUIRED (no excuses) to attend. Local officers/members are welcome. There will be a SPECIAL TRAINER FROM WOMEN'S DIVISION.
- ✓ **Nov. 10-11.** Conference Team Meeting, Mead Inn, Wis. Rapids (Includes district presidents)
- ✓ **Dec. 1** Joint Metro North/South officer team meeting at location TBD

**If you would like to add something to this calendar please get in touch with Patsy Ruppe 262-939-8075 or email at [xxphbxx@yahoo.com](mailto:xxphbxx@yahoo.com)**

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### **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.**