

Vision of United Methodist Women

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United Methodist Women Metro North and South Districts Wisconsin Conference
Present the
Uniter
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What is it like to attend the General Conference as an UMWer in 2012?

Hi, everyone- "...our UMW booth is a big open square with nothing in it but a few signs saying that instead of trying to explain the work of UMW for 140+ years, we saved the expense and gave the money for scholarships to African young women to help them get an education. A rather neat idea!

I also wish that you could see the variety of clothing and head wear on people from all over the world and experience waiting for translators to interpret what delegates are saying in Swahili, German, Tagalog, Portuguese, Russian, French, and Spanish as we discuss the merits of legislation. It all takes time, but it is necessary in a global church.

I wish you could hear the musical presentations by choirs from all over the US and Africa, accompanied by drums and other authentic instruments. And yet, one thing you can be proud of is the heritage we have in UMW. Several of the songs that were new to many in this gathering are pieces we have been singing in UMW for years, like "We are marching in the light of God." The Africa University Choir led that song as they marched out, and I noticed that the page standing near me was singing and clapping with gusto. Afterwards, I asked her if she were by chance a United Methodist Woman. She exclaimed that she had been one since she was 16, and I told her that I had suspected it by the way she knew that song. Then we sang it together in harmony.

Also, we had an information video about the church we United Methodists have established with the Roma people (Gypsies) in Europe, a very persecuted group. It was satisfying to know that UMW already plans to study them for SOCM soon. There are a lot of UMW delegates on site, many of them being conference officers whom I've met at trainings. Got to go. Past bedtime, and morning comes early.

Blessings-Judy Vasby WI Conference UMW president



VICE PRESIDENT

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



I had the opportunity to attend a workshop on April 22 at Christ Church put on by the Conference and introduced by the Rev. Dan Dick on the topic of **burnout and maintaining leaders for the long run.**



It was very interesting and the Conference offered three books on the subject at a special price. The books were *Leaders Who Last* by Margaret J. Marcuson, *Community* by Peter Block, and *The Abundant Community* by John Mc Knight and Peter Block. The speaker was Margaret Marcuson. This talk had been put on at three different locations in the state. It addressed the subject of finding and retaining leaders in the church and the groups within the church. As United Methodist Women we need to look at these issues for our group as well. There was ample opportunity to speak with other attendees. In fact we were forced to by the format and to engage in a give and take on each question that was discussed as well as introduce ourselves and tell a bit about our church and the problems or strengths of the congregation.

While this was a very interesting afternoon, the aspect I found most troubling was that, of the group attending, more than half of those people knew very little about UMW or that there was even such an organization. I spoke to mostly people from Milwaukee who were heads of the church and laity committees and the Trustee Boards. I sat next to the President of United Methodist Men for the Conference and he was the only member of that group who was in the room. I did not see another person from our group that I knew even from my own church. I was the only member of UMW present. All of the things that were said in the afternoon were with regard to building leadership and the development of small groups and that it is the small group that builds the community and the church. I really got a lot of ideas from this but perhaps have more questions as to how we can apply them to our group and if there is a way that we can define our mission better.

Keep your calendar open for October 6th for our Annual Celebration located at Waukesha Salem UMC. I promise it will be a day you will enjoy while meeting with other UMW members throughout the Metro North and South districts.

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SECRETARY

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

Spring greetings to all! I do especially love the spring flowers, though I love flowers anytime of the year.

I hope that each unit president or contact person has received a copy of the Year Book. Some of you picked it up at Day Apart, and the rest of you should have received it in the mail. Only one was returned to me by the post office.

As usual there are some corrections to the Year Books for 2012 for Metro North and Metro South.

First, there are some changes in two of the REPORTING FORMS: the READING PROGRAM and the MISSION UNIT TODAY form. The new forms are included in this issue of the UNITER, so please take note of them! Some additional corrections follow:

Metro North Year Book Corrections

Page B: Membership, Nurture & Outreach (currently vacant) supplied temporarily by Cathryn Luse

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Nominations: Arlene Wilson A127W@aol.com

Conference Officers: Dodie Smith, 1927 17th Ave.

Page 2: Brown Deer: correct spelling for pastor (Sarah Hart Johnsen)

Page 3: Campbellsport First (inactive) (no church mail delivery)

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Page 6: Pastor Hyo-Won Park area code 414
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Reporting Forms pages: 11 & 15 Dodie Smith (17th Ave.)

Metro South Year Book Corrections

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Page 16: Education & Interpretation (1st entry) Jeanne Heckenlively (same as above)

Page 21: Revisions to the Visitation List

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Reporting Forms: p. 5 (bottom of page should read August 15, 2012)
Pages 11 & 15: Replace Betty Henderson with Dodie Smith, 1927 17th Ave.,
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My apologies for the many errors, but in the bigger picture of the work of United Methodist Women, they seem pretty insignificant. I hope you all have had a successful year so far in your local units and will enjoy the Wisconsin summer which lies ahead of us.

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TREASURER

During 2012, Metro North and Metro 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

I just recently sent letters to the treasurers of each active unit telling them how we, as a district, stand financially right now. I also included, in the letter, what that particular unit has given so far and the remittance forms which should be used when sending in money. Hopefully, having the proper forms on hand will help them. As of the end of April, we are at 31.2 % of our goal of reaching our \$48,000 Mission Pledge. Of course, as I have written about before, there are four other ways of giving that count towards this \$48,000. They are: Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, Special Mission Recognition and World Thank Offering. Congratulations to all units who *do* fulfill their Mission Pledge, but we also have to give to the other four areas.

I hate to sound harsh, but, it was emphatically stated at a recent conference meeting I attended that our local unit treasuries are *not* to build up monies in a savings account, have certificates of deposit, etc. We also are *not* the source for providing money for church functions or projects. Individually, as a church member, we may fund church functions, projects, etc. The funds that come into our local unit's treasury is to be used for United Methodist Women's related mission work. Also, the balance of your unit's bank account at the end of each year should be close to nothing.

One other point brought up at the conference meeting was the need to have at least two people authorized to sign checks. This would help if anything happened to your treasurer and she was not able to carry out her duties.

Sadly, our conference treasurer, Joan Moc, died recently and our conference president worked diligently to make arrangements so she could sign checks, etc. (Hopefully, the three units who ordered Special Mission Recognition pins in February have received them by now. They were not ordered in a timely manner because of Joan's death.) It has been very difficult trying to carry on because another signer was not already in place. Things are functioning now and thankfully someone is helping out until the new treasurer is installed in 2013. So, it would be wise to have someone in your unit besides the treasurer able to sign checks.

In closing, I will leave you with a quote that I really like. "Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps."

In Christian love, Joyce Myers, District Treasurer, 7301-156th Ave, Bristol, WI 53104, 262-857-7254, rm62jm@wi.rr.com

From Metro North District Treasurer

Happy mixed-up summer and spring to all of you. Well, giving is off to a slow start this year, so maybe we have summer and spring mixed up also.

Just to let you know: I am still the Metro North treasurer for 2012. Even though we have joined with Metro South for planning and programming, we have kept our treasury separate so that we get our own recognition from Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women. So continue to send your mission giving to me. That includes your Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition (pins are \$40.00), Gift to Mission cards (I have some available and I can special order for you), Gift in Memory (I have received quite a bit already this year, a sad fact that we are losing some wonderful and dedicated members), and World Thank Offering (I know many of you do not do that until November).

A note about School of Christian Mission contributions: Put it on the Other Designated Gifts line at the bottom of the remittance form and put SOCM on the line.

A couple of other notes to make things go smoothly: Put the name of your church/unit on the top of the remittance form and make all checks out to METRO NORTH UMW.

If you have any questions, please write, call, or e-mail me.

Thanks, and have a good and giving year.

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During 2012, Metro North and Metro 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 am reflecting in this article on some of the current concerns I have for our Christian conscience reflected in the “marketplace” of public affairs.

1. How the public citizen is manipulated and what is a United Methodist Woman to do?

Let’s begin with the NRA, National Rifle Association. I did not know that of the 50 million gun owners in the USA only 10% belong to the NRA. Statistics are similar for the American Medical Association. Not all businesses support the National Chamber of Commerce either. How does it happen that our legislators are so influenced by the money of a few that they do not concern themselves about the needs of the many? As a *wannabe* Christian, making my way to perfection (ala Wesley), I keep sending letters and making phone calls and urging state and federal legislation to support the many, and I lose to the few. What do I do about that? I WRITE IN BIGGER PRINT AND SPEAK WITH A LOUDER VOICE. What happens? Last week I got heard.!

About 3 weeks ago I sent a letter to the editor about ALEC. You may have heard about it by now, The American Legislative Exchange Council. They provide conservative legislation templates for legislators to present (with a little tweaking) for their state and our government to consider making into law. Twelve bills from this source are now in the Wisconsin State Legislature. ALEC gets its funding from Koch, Mellon, Coca Cola, ATT, and many other big spenders. What does it write about? The laws regarding collective bargaining, undocumented persons, women’s health (contraception and abortion), Medicare, Social Security, all topics relating to UMC Social Principles, which are part of my Christian Response.

This week there was another letter to the Editor responding to my reference of ALEC and noting that several of the businesses were withdrawing funding from ALEC. ATT has not yet responded. Perhaps you are one of the persons wondering whether or not to change from your current provider to ATT. If so, be aware of where the profit from your service is going and to what end it is being used. When I was contacted, I said I would not switch from my current provider unless I had proof ATT was withdrawing funding from ALEC. I use Working Assets/CREDO. I get to submit projects to CREDO for donations. About twice a year the list of projects is published with the amount of company profit and I can select what I want to give to. Since my resources are limited, I try to make every dollar useful.

2. The effects of the economy on the poor and disenfranchised.

Undocumented persons in the USA are not a very large segment of our population. (11 or 12 million out of 300 million) They work hard at skilled jobs and at the jobs most persons do not want. Stoop Labor is not popular with the unemployed US worker and there are many other jobs

going unfilled also. So do not accept the *mythology that says these "persons" are taking away jobs.*

What is happening is that when the economy gets tighter, bigotry and intolerance rear their ugly heads and we get such laws as those created by ALEC and passed in Arizona and 12 other states. When a father on his lunch hour is picked up on the street getting a child from nursery school and immediately incarcerated because he was not carrying his passport with him, it is a black mark on all of us. We need to learn more about what immigration means to our country. Almost all of us (Native Americans excluded) came here from somewhere else and they have made the pluralistic society we enjoy today.

3. The Mythology of the Economy.

There is another myth closely related to the one above, "*the rich are the job creators, therefore it is O.K. for them to get the tax breaks and become more wealthy.*" The reality is that *it is the middle class consumer that creates the jobs* and when they have less to spend, jobs are lost. For decades we have assumed this rich myth was true and acted upon that belief. It reminds me of the way the church reacted to finding out that the earth was not the center of the universe and the sun did not revolve around it. Look at what changed when that myth proved untrue. Exploration, immigration, wealth all blossomed.

I like to think that God will bring to light the impossibility of this rich economic myth and center again on the people as the center to who we owe our support, care and love. In other words the people for whom Christ laid down is life!

4. A Rock in the Foundation of Education is Endangered.

UMW has always been concerned for the poor and for the education of children. Education has always been the pathway out of poverty. We know the differences in family income when education is taken into account. When I learned that the G.E.D. test program operated by the American Council on Education (a free service) is partnering redevelopment of its testing program with Pearson (a profit making company), I am angry that another FREE service becomes the basis of profit-making, thus limiting the advance of some in our population to take advantage of an education to which I believe they are entitled.

As a *wannabe* Christian, I can do no less than give a voice to the voiceless, a hand to those in need and express my love for them.

I know the cry of the poor and disenfranchised is not always just, but I also know that if you do not listen to their cries you will never know what Justice is.

May Christ lead you in the path of justice, love and righteousness. Shalom,
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From Metro North District Social Action Coordinator

I attended the March 2012 WI Conference Social Action discussion in Tomah, Wisconsin, on Human Trafficking or Sex Slavery.. I am appalled at this injustice to women and children (even men and young boys)! You need to understand this problem as well. Because I have been educated about this problem, I have a better understanding and I am now aware that it is happening right in our own neighborhoods. I see it on the

local TV, and newspapers and it involves our “own,” not just those in a foreign country.

I would recommend that you have a potential unit program on human trafficking and sex slavery. It is not an easy topic to speak about, but several resources have been created to get the word out and how we can help.

First: The UMW at the national level have put together a great deal of info in a packet of 30 pages which can be found at the following website. This is created with UMW in mind and funded by their/your resources. We want you to have the most up-to-date info and not feel like you need to “reinvent the wheel” when it comes to this most important but tough topic.

<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/media/pdf/humantraffickingpackethr.pdf>

Second: Dodie Smith the Social Action coordinator for Wisconsin UMW conference has also created info on national and state-wide-level web sites, books and magazine articles as follows:

Websites:

- ✓ <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/index.htm>
- ✓ www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs
- ✓ slavefreemadison@gmail.com
- ✓ www.5-stones.org

Books:

- ✓ *Half The Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn
- ✓ *The Slave Next Door* by Kevin Bales and RonSoodalter

Magazine articles:

Response Magazine March, June and November 2011 issues

Third: Marie Garnhart from West Allis Calvary has created a unit program including a program (done in Word and Power Point presentation) which she researched and included actual ongoing sex trafficking cases in Milwaukee and the surrounding area as examples of how close this problem is to you. Marie will gladly send you via email her program. She can be reached at sgarnhart@wi.rr.com.

I know this is a lot of info but it is a very important topic to UMW and needs to be understood so we can help work against this modern day slavery.

Yours in Christian love,

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

The Bible is the ultimate immigration handbook. It was written by, for, and about migrants, immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. It gives directions for responding to sisters and brothers from around the world who come to a land seeking safety, sanctuary, and sustenance. It has many stories about migrants and immigrants and to name a few, remember Abraham, Job, Noah, Ruth and Lot. Jesus and his family also were migrants. There are many migrants in the world today for many different reasons.

This year at SOCM, our Spiritual Growth study, Immigration and the Bible, is developed to assist us in opening the borders of our minds, hearts, homes, and churches to Christ, the stranger who comes to us as men, women, and children from around the world. I hope to see you at SOCM this summer. The other studies are poverty and Haiti.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so, some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2

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God is sitting in Heaven when a scientist says to Him,

"Lord, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing.

In other words, we can now do what you did in the 'beginning'."

"Oh, is that so? Tell me..." replies God.

"Well", says the scientist, "we can take dirt and form it into the likeness of you and breathe life into it, thus creating man."

"Well, that's interesting. Show Me. "

So the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to mold the soil.

"Oh no, no, no...." interrupts God, (I love this) "Get your own dirt.....!"

Please use the following for a unit program or how about a UMW Sunday!



WISCONSIN CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE – 2012

Who: For all units/local organizations/circles in Wisconsin Conference
What: A program geared to Wisconsin about issues of race. Duration 30-45 minutes.
Where: At any place that United Methodist Women meet
When: Any time in 2012 and after
Why: *To become aware of what is happening in our own communities
*To become more aware of people hurting around us
*To be able to live peacefully in our neighborhoods, both local and extended
*To get credit for #7 on the Mission Today activities list
How: By using this prepared program in your local unit/organization/circle.

“Thoughts, Words, Deeds”

Focus statement from the Charter for Racial Justice: (read together)

Left side: BECAUSE WE BELIEVE (#5) we must declare before God and before each other that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers of other races in thought, word, and deed....

Right side: WE WILL (#5) increase local churches' awareness of the continuing needs for equal education, housing, employment, and medical care for all members of the community, and create opportunities to work for these things across racial lines.

Worship

Hymn: “Wounded World That Cries For Healing” - #2177 Faith We Sing
(Note: If you do not have FWS, use “Jesu, Jesu” -- #432 in the United Methodist Hymnal. If you don't have an accompanist, sing acappella or read the words chorally.)

Scripture: Matthew 22: 34-40. *Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question, “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”*

Jesus replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Message:

Love God, neighbor, self--this is a commandment. This is not optional. We fail to do this at our peril and the peril of the world. This is the way the world is made. All boundaries are trumped by this commandment to love God, neighbor, and self. When I dehumanize you, I dehumanize myself. When the toe is hurting, the whole body hurts.....

Love of neighbor is the most important way we express our love to God, as we recognize the image of God in each human being. If we love one another, God lives in us. To love is to know God. Love is the primary virtue. “If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong and a clanging cymbal” (1 Corinthians 13:1).

In Matthew, the Great Commandment is preceded by Jesus' teaching about the centrality of love

and that “love of neighbor” includes the enemy. Luke illustrates the commandment with the story of the Good Samaritan that addresses the question of who is my neighbor. In this story, we find that the neighbor is not just one of our clan or our religious community, but the stranger. Our neighbor includes our enemies, and anyone in need.

(excerpted from our 2011 School Of Christian Mission study book, The Journey, by Stephanie Hixon and Thomas Porter, p.49-51.)

Stories from Wisconsin:

Reader 1: Allowing myself plenty of time, I arrived early for an ultra-sound appointment at my clinic in Eau Claire. While observing other patients who were waiting to be called to their specific test, I noticed an older Hmong woman holding her appointment data. Even after my test, she was still firmly holding her appointment sheet and still waiting. Did she not read the sign reading...’If after 20 minutes you have not been called, return to the reception desk.’ ? I questioned whether I should intervene...talk to the woman or tell the receptionist. I did nothing. I left still concerned, but I did nothing thinking it was none of my business. Did I allow her to be ignored? Did I miss an opportunity to talk to her? What would you do in this scenario?

Reader 2: Project 16:49 is a film that debuted at the 2009-2010 Beloit International Film Festival. 16:49 stands for how many hours a person is not in the classroom from the end of one day to the start of the next and has to find a way of surviving if they have no permanent place to live. There are teenagers from all ethnicities in the film. As a result of this film, funding is being sought to build a house for homeless teenagers in the Rock County area. In the current school year (2011-2012) there are over 250 unaccompanied teenagers in the Rock County area. The film uses real persons, the actual students. Here is a quote from Cory Winters who watched his straight A grades fall while he dealt with the stress of living apart from his siblings. "You feel like you're the only person in the world who's gone through this stuff," "You feel not human."

Reader 3: Near Spooner, there is a half-way house for Native Americans from all over. After completing treatment for addiction, they go to ****Ain Dah Ing** to strengthen their resolve. They have group counseling sessions everyday and opportunities for recreation. Billie LaBumbard reports that the Spooner UMC wanted to help in some way, if possible. Rather than giving what the church thought Ain Dah Ing could use, they asked first., which showed respect. Softball equipment was the request, so the Spooner UMC gave them theirs, since they no longer had a team themselves. Ain Dah Ing plays against other treatment centers. The church also joined them on the Spring walk for sobriety, which was an honor. On Native American Sunday, a counselor came to speak and she made fry bread for everyone to enjoy after the service. It was fun. ******(pronounced “ahn-dah-ing)

Reader 4: Northcott Neighborhood House, located in a low income, mostly African American area of Milwaukee, serves 10,000 residents annually. Education is a high priority for preschool through adult participants. Northcott operates three Head Start Programs, serving 300 children annually. It also collaborates with Milwaukee Public Schools to provide after-school tutoring and recreation. One of Northcott’s most innovative projects is Fresh Start, a program that trains youth in home-building skills, while they attend academic classes to earn a high school diploma or tech school competencies. This program is so successful that the city of Milwaukee has contracted with Northcott to renovate existing houses and build new homes in low income neighborhoods. This neighborhood ministry was started in 1951 by a few Methodist women who saw a need. It is now a health and welfare ministry of our Wisconsin Annual Conference and is one of UMW’s national mission sites.

Reader 5: Another ministry begun by United Methodist Women is Hmong House of Good News, also in Milwaukee. It serves Hmong senior citizens who have been isolated in their homes due to lack of the ability to speak and read English and lack of understanding of our American culture. Part of the programming for Hmong House is to offer education about nutrition, exercise, and

hygiene practices that promote good health.

Last year the staff and board members took the elders to the nursing home section of Village at Manor Park, an assisted living complex that has ties to our United Methodist Church, so that they could learn about long term care when their families could not provide it. One of the participants told how her husband had been handled roughly in a different nursing home, when he was recovering after surgery. He could not speak or understand English, so he could not express his needs or follow directions. The staff at that place were mean to him, but she could tell it would be different here, where people were respectful and kind.

That started a discussion about the need for a nursing home with a wing for Hmong patients, where aides could speak Hmong, and the kitchen could provide traditional Hmong food. Similarly, there could be a need for wings to accommodate those who speak Spanish.

Reader 6: Since the arrival of the Somalians to Barron to work in the Turkey processing plant, life for them has changed. They were more involved in the community to begin with, but now since more of them have come to reside there, they have formed their own worship center and grocery store and have returned to some of their own, familiar social activities. The young people are involved in the schools. Many participate in sports, but yet many others do not mingle with the other students very much. Sometimes the learning process in our American schools does not move along well for them. The United Methodist Church in Barron has strived to reach out to them, but with their own worship center, they prefer to remain with their own folks. (information from Laura Church of the UMC in Barron)

Litany on Concerns in Wisconsin. (Attached separately so that it will be easier to copy for group participation)

Discussion:

1. Talk about your community. How many ethnic groups live there? Do they live in separate neighborhoods or are they mixed together? Why do you think that is? Are there any tensions? How many ethnic groups are present in your church? Is everyone welcome? Are your committees, choir, circles integrated?
2. Talk about education. Statistics show that white children consistently score higher in school and graduate at higher rates than African American or Hispanic children. What do you think accounts for that? What role does poverty play? English as a second language? Student behavior? Parental involvement? Teacher competence? Attitudes of students/teachers/parents? Are any factors, either positive or negative, related only to race- or do all races in Wisconsin share the same challenges? Is there any way you could get involved to help struggling students?
3. Talk about medical issues. Statistics show that African American children have higher incidents of asthma than other ethnic groups. [Black= 22%. Native American, Asian, Hispanic, and white = 10 to 13%] Why is that, do you think?

They also have the highest percentage of low birth weights and infant deaths before age one. What causes that? What could you do to help a pregnant woman or a new mother to care for herself and her baby?

(NOTE: Medical researchers have identified one factor that can be responsible for lower birth weights and more infant deaths. Research shows that black women at all income levels have high incidents of stress, which affects growth of their babies in utero, contributing to low birth weights and premature births. These factors, in turn, contribute to higher infant mortality rates.— Wisconsin Department of Health Services report, Jan. 2010)

Closing:

Song: "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" - #2223 in Faith We Sing

(Note: If you do not have Faith We Sing, use #549 from the UMC Hymnal,

"Where Charity and Love Prevail" – v. 1,2, 4, & 6. The tune is the traditional one

used for "In Christ There Is No East or West.")
Prayer: Read together. #456 in UMC Hymnal. "For Courage to Do Justice"

RESOURCES

Here are a few of the Response articles on racial justice:
Criminalization of Communities of Color (October 2011)
Facing a New Jim Crow (April 2011)
Speaking Out for Justice (September 2011)

DVD "16:49"- the video about homeless teens in Janesville. Available for your return postage cost through Judy Vasby (608-576-0173 or vasby.umw@gmail.com)

2012 reading program books
Color-blind
The New Jim Crow

Census information: Wisconsin Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau at
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/55000.html>

Optional activity: Colored Hands, a skit done at the 2011 School of Christian Mission in which participants wore brightly colored gloves to represent skin tones and acted out a story about accepting the "other" -- Available through Judy Vasby (608-576-0173 or vasby.umw@gmail.com)

LITANY ON CONCERNS IN WISCONSIN

Leader: In Wisconsin, the 2010 Census reported a population of 5,686,986, an increase of 6% since 2000.
People: Thank you, God, for these men, women, and children who were created in Your image.

Leader: In Wisconsin live people of many racial and ethnic backgrounds- Native American, Asian, Hispanic, African American, and Caucasian.

People: Thank you, God, for the richness of our diversity.

Leader: In Wisconsin about 20% of children under age 18 live in poverty. This is one in five! But in Milwaukee, Sawyer, and Menominee counties the rate is higher.

People: Open our eyes, Lord, that we might see the living conditions of our neighbors.

Leader: In Wisconsin, African American babies die at a rate of 15 per 1000 live births within their first year, which is three times the rate of White babies and 2.5 times the rate of Hispanic babies. In fact, only four other states have a higher mortality rate for Black infants.

People: Open our ears, Lord, to hear the cries of those who mourn.

Leader: In Wisconsin, African American babies are born with low birth weights—less than 5 pounds, 5 ounces—at more than twice the rate of Hispanic or White babies.

People: Open our minds, Lord. Why is this happening?

Leader: In Wisconsin, across all income levels, 27% of the Hispanic population has no health insurance, compared to 15% for African Americans and 9% for Whites.

People: Open our hearts, Lord, to the plight of our neighbors.

Leader: In Wisconsin, while 9% of White children and 10% of African American children have been diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, 16% of children of mixed races have been identified as having this condition.

People: Open our eyes, Lord, to see the needs of our children.

Leader: In Wisconsin, for persons aged 25 and older, 91% of Asians, 88% of Whites, and 84% of African Americans have graduated from high school, but only 63% of Hispanics have received a diploma.

People: Open our ears, Lord. Help us to hear reasons for this disparity.

ALL: Here are our hands, Lord. They reach up in prayer and reach out to offer assistance in order to enfold our sisters and brothers in Your care and grace. Show us what to do. Help us to love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves. AMEN.



PROGRAM RESOURCES

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

In the February Uniter, I gave the requirements for the 2012 Reading Program; however, I erred on the requirements for Plans 3 and 4. Many thanks to Betty Sanders of Calvary, West Allis, UMW who pointed out the discrepancies; Betty has participated in the Reading Program at the Plan 4 level for many years. The correct requirements are as follows:

- Plan 1:** 5 books (one from each of the categories of Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth)
- Plan 2:** 10 books (two from each category)
- Plan 3:** 15 books (two from each category and 5 additional books from any category)
- Plan 4:** 20 books (two from each category and 10 additional books from any category)

The UMW READING PROGRAM – 2012: REPORTING FORM FOR INDIVIDUAL READNG PROGRAM PARTICIPANT has been revised to reflect these changes. A copy of this revised form is given in this copy of the Uniter. Please be sure to use this form when recording your books for your unit's program resources coordinator. Remember, the unit's reporting form has to be mailed no later than **August 15, 2012**, to Gwenda Szczygielski, 13210 W. Howard Avenue, New Berlin, WI 53151.

Immigration is one of the focus issues of UMW. A book that will increase your understanding of this controversial topic is *The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories From the Arizona Borderlands*. Human trafficking is another focus issue of UMW. A Reading Program book that addresses this subject is *The Slave Next Door: Human Trafficking and Slavery in America Today*. Both of these books are well worth your reading time.

Books for the 2013 Reading Program will be ordered in August in time for the Annual Celebration to be held Saturday, October 6, at Salem UMC. If you need other materials such as UMW promotional items, new member packets (\$5.00 each), UMW Purpose poster (\$1.50), let me know and I can include them in the order. You can go to www.missionresourcecenter.org to see what is available.

**Gwenda Szczygielski, 13210 W. Howard Ave., New Berlin, WI 53151, 262-786-5265,
gm53151@wi.rr.com.**

MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH

During 2012, the Metro North membership, nurture and outreach position is vacant, and the 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 Metro South Districts teams for this effort and the teams will fill in performing this function.

The Team regrets we haven't been able to find and correlate all of the submissions that were sent to Deanna on your Membership Counts for 2011 for Metro South District. We would be very grateful if you would send them AGAIN (ugh) to Patsy Ruppe address on the back of the Uniter. We need to prepare a report for the WI conference that goes to the National UMW on our membership.



Metro North is caught up on this matter, because they gathered this info in a different way during the creation of the 2012 yearbook. If you have questions, please call Patsy Ruppe at 262-939-8075.

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

During 2012, the Metro North and Metro South 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 the list of mission activities and special events for a unit to accomplish to become a Mission Today Unit. This list was published in the 2012 Year Book on page 17. Unfortunately we published an outdated version of the criteria for becoming a Mission Today Unit. We have provided the updated version below. Each unit should plan their annual efforts around these criteria to earn the distinction of becoming a Mission Today Unit. For Metro North, please submit your forms to **Cathryn P. Luse, appointed by the conference, serving as Chair of Nominations, 6900 North 98th Street, 414-353-8343, Milwaukee 53224, cpluse@prodigy.net** For Metro South, please submit this list to Arlene Wilson, 3120 E. Allison Ave #5, Cudahy, WI 53110, 414-482-1341 by 15 December 2012

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2012 Mission Today Unit Criteria

To become a mission today unit, a unit must meet **eight** of the following criteria and **four** of those eight **marked with an asterisk (*)**.

1. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting to pray for mission workers and projects.
2. *The unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission.
3. *The unit will add at least one members to its roll.
4. *The unit will have at least one members subscribe to *Response* magazine.
5. *The unit will use two programs from the Program Book for United Methodist Women each year.
6. *The unit or circle will conduct at least one mission study a year.
7. *The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least one way during the year. Some suggested plans of action: Plan a joint unit meeting with a unit of a different racial/ethnic background, using programs from the Program Book. Use Program plan for Charter for Racial Justice prepared by Conference. Share worship service or meeting with speaker of another culture.
8. At least one member of the unit (other than a conference or district officer) will attend the Conference School of Christian Mission
9. At least two members (other than a conference or district officer) will attend the District or conference annual meeting.
10. The unit will have a least one person join the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information. Web address: <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/act/network/>
11. Members will write to email to five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar each year.
12. The unit will participate in the Campaign for Children in at least two ways. Possibilities for action: Help sponsor a church or community program related to children and youth needs; Sponsor a Children's Sabbath, promoted by the Children's Defense Fund; Get involved with children in mentoring, tutoring and "big sisters" programs; Write letters, e-mail, or call congressional representatives and/or others in Government regarding children's issues; Visit your local schools; Attend a school board meeting; and Learn how our schools are funded.
13. The unit will be a Five Star unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.
14. Each unit or circle will include a *Response* moment where an item from the magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
15. Have at least two people from the unit, circle or subgroup complete one of the Reading Program Plans and report on one of the books read; encourage all members to complete Plan One, have a book review program.
16. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than that of a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year.
17. Make a pledge to care for God's creation and become a "Green" United Methodist Women unit (Get information on How to Become a Green Unit at umwonline.org/environment or contact Women's Division Community Action.)
18. Hold a Mini-Spiritual Growth Retreat. See Program Book for ideas."
19. Unit to contribute at least \$25.00 for School of Christian Mission.

**WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
MISSION TODAY
LOCAL UNIT REPORT FORM YEAR 2012**

Presidents of all local units are REQUESTED to fill out and send this form in EACH YEAR, *whether or not your unit qualifies as a Mission Today Unit*. Please refer any questions you may have to your District Mission Team. Your gift of time and effort to fulfill this request is very much appreciated.

Please complete the form below and CHECK OFF the activities listed on the back of this sheet that your unit has completed this year, beginning in January 2012. For Metro North, return the form by DECEMBER 10 to Cathryn P. Luse, appointed by the conference, serving as Chair of Nominations, 6900 North 98th Street, 414-353-8343, Milwaukee 53224, cpluse@prodigy.net. For Metro South, return the form by DECEMBER 10 to Arlene Wilson 3120 E. Allison Ave, Apt 5, Cudahy, WI 53110.

NAME OF YOUR CHURCH _____
YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE: _____ EMAIL _____

CURRENT NUMBER OF UNIT MEMBERS _____

NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES YOUR UNIT COMPLETED IN 2011 _____

DID YOUR UNIT QUALIFY AS A MISSION TODAY UNIT? ____ YES ____ NO

ACTIVITIES you did during the year that you would like to share: _____

COMMENTS for the District or Wisconsin Conference UMW Mission team: _____



NOMINATIONS



During 2012, Metro North and South program Nominations Chair positions are vacant. Cathryn P. Luse, has been appointed by the conference, to serve as Chair of Nominations.

OUR JOURNEY: BUILDING TWO MISSION TEAMS SLOW, SLOW, SLOW RECOMMENDATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED

WE MADE THE CALL! The response has been slow – trickling, but we are convinced that we are “equipped for every good work”- endowed with the gifts and graces of God. **WE WILL PREVAIL!** Our challenge: How do we convince the women within our faith community to take a leap of faith and answer the call? The more I work on this; the more I learn. Building a diverse, inclusive community calls for great thought and maneuvering, but anything less would not be true to whom we are and **OUR HOPE FOR THEWORLD.** Easy? No. Determined? Yes. Our goal is to move ahead.

Metro North is pleased to report that persons have given consent to be nominated for president, vice president, treasurer, secretary of program resources, and mission coordinator for membership nurture and outreach. We praise God for this beginning and trust that we will seek his guidance in completing the task. Metro South Mission team has been a giant in leading the mission teams in this time of transition. Metro North is grateful for their care and nurturing. **“Never Could Have Made It, Without You.”**

A **“RECOMMENDATION FORM”** is included below. Again, we ask the local units to search their souls – **PRAY AND CONSULT – FIND A WAY TO SAY “YES.”** Recommend yourself and/or others. **DO IT TODAY! LEADERSHIP IS STILL NEEDED FOR 2013:** Now is the time to get things in order for 2013 for both the District and within your units. Leadership should be confirmed by August. Tentative plans for programs and ministries for 2013 should be in the making. The District officer slate will be presented in the August Uniter and voted upon at the October Annual Celebration. Vacancies for 2012 are as follows: **METRO SOUTH:** President, Communications Coordinator, Education and Interpretation Coordinator, Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Coordinator, Nominations Chair and two other members for Nominations. **METRO NORTH:** Secretary, Communications Coordinator, Education and Interpretation Coordinator, Nominations Chair and two other members for Nominations

Thanks for your support!

Cathryn P. Luse, Appointed by the conference, serving as Chair of Nominations, 6900 North 98th Street, 414-353-8343, Milwaukee 53224, cpluse@prodigy.net

RECOMMENDATION FOR DISTRICT MISSION TEAM

PLEASE PRINT DATE _____ District _____

I Recommend _____ For _____

Phone _____ Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____ Email _____

Race/Ethnicity _____ Church/Unit/City _____

Age: Under 18 ___; 18-30 ___; 31-50 ___; 51-60 ___; over 60 _____

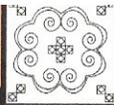
Skills, Talents _____

 Your Signature _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

For Metro North, send to Cathryn Luse (address above). For Metro South, send to Patsy Ruppe (address on back of Uniter).



Hmong House of Good News - Moob Tsev Moo Zoo

Crafts fundraisers - We have some lovely Hmong embroidery crafts directly from Laos to sell. The aprons, wall hangings, Bible covers, backpacks will both support the Hmong House of Good News as well as Christian women in Laos.

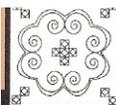
Egg roll fundraisers - Our Eggroll Fundraiser in Palmyra UMW on May 5th was well received by the community (a village wide rummage sale) and we made 3,650 egg rolls..that is a lot of eggrolls! We had a lot of kids helping to roll and here are some pictures of our dau. We are very grateful to Helen Dunshee of Palmyra UMW for her organizing talents and her church for hosting us. Our next feggroll fundraiser is the 1st weekend in June when Kady Yang's family makes eggrolls before school is out. If you would like to order some, just contact Patsy Ruppe the HHGN Treasurer.



How can you help the Hmong House of Good News? Designate Hmong House as the recipient of your church's Noisy Collection (Change for Change/Coins Count Up/ Empty Your Pockets/etc.). Send the money directly to Hmong House of Good News, c/o Treasurer Patsy Ruppe, 2427 Sunrise Rd., Racine, WI 53402 OR to the Wisconsin Annual Conference UMC Treasurer, 750 Windsor St., Sun Prairie, WI 53590. Indicate Advance #7809. **Be a "Partner in Mission."** This is a means of sustainable support in which you, your church, or your unit sign up to give Hmong House of Good News a designated amount either monthly or yearly. You may choose to have the money taken automatically from your checking or savings account, or you may pay by check. **Sustainable giving** allows us to know when money will be received so that we can manage our budget more efficiently. **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.

UMW Mission Visits - In April the UMW ladies from Cargill UMW and in May from Lodi and St Luke's UMW in Sheboygan visited with us and shared 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 our director a call at **Hmong House of Good News** 639 N 25th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233,414-342-4380 or e-mail at Hmonghgn@gmail.com

New Director - We are grateful to Susan Vang for her cooking and lately her leadership abilities and wish her God speed as she joins her Lutheran Pastor husband in Minnesota at their new church. Susan's last day is May 25, 2012. Pastor Tsuker Yang will be our new director for Hmong House of Good News.



Hmong House of Good News - Moob Tsev Moo Zoo



COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

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

Ways to communicate and stay in touch

By Stacey Ganzer

Email. The internet. Social Media. These are alive and well in the 21st Century. They are also great places to connect with our UMW sisters across the state of Wisconsin, in other states and around the world. Did you know that Harriet Olson, Deputy Secretary of Women's Division, is a regular participant on **Facebook**? I had the opportunity to chat with her during one of our Wisconsin Conference Executive meetings last year. What a wonderful opportunity that was to find out what was going on in New York, during a meeting at Pine Lake Camp, in Wisconsin. I'm also friends with Anita Henderlight. Remember when Anita shared her experiences of Sudan during School of Christian Mission 2009-2010? Now that South Sudan is a country of its own, **Africa ELI** is facing new challenges and Anita is right there on the front lines. And she is more than willing to share her experiences and the experiences of others in her circle on Facebook. Did you also know that Wisconsin Conference UMW has its own Facebook page? We provide regular updates on what's happening with UMW that gets posted directly to your Facebook wall when you "like" our page. You can also invite friends in your friends list to like our page. I have provided links to some of our favorite Facebook pages, including the United Methodist Women page, the GBGM page and the page for the United Methodist Church. I also created a Facebook page for our local unit (Algoma Blvd UMW) that shares information directly with our Wisconsin Conference UMW page, as well as the page for our church. Believe it or not, it's fairly simple. Want to know more? Well, feel free to email, call or catch me at one of our events. I would be happy to share what I've learned with you. Is your district ready to create a website of its own? We still have space available through the Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women account on Weebly to add seven more districts. Nicolet District took us up on the offer last year. I'm hoping more districts will do the same in 2012. Using Weebly to create a nice, clean website is relatively easy. You just need to map out the pages and where you want each item to go, purchase an address, then start building your site. I have the username and login information. So if you are ready to create a site for your district, just let me know. The last thing I want to mention is publicity for your local events and programs sponsored by your unit. Besides social media, email and your church's newsletter, you might consider sending information to your local newspaper. Many local papers are happy to publish upcoming events in their community or life section. Be sure to include the name of the event, the date and time, where it will take place, a brief description of what's happening and a contact person and phone number, other than your church's administrative assistant. He or she really doesn't need 50 phone calls about an event that your unit is hosting on top of the other responsibilities already on his/her

Well, now that you have a good jump on 2012, I hope you are all hopping aboard the "Internet Express" and checking out all the helpful information found on the United Methodist Women website www.new.gbgm-umc.org/umw and our own Wisconsin Conference UMW site (www.wisconsinumw.org). I can't wait to meet and greet all of you this year. God bless and let's make 2012 a great year for women, children and youth in our local communities, across our nation and around the world.

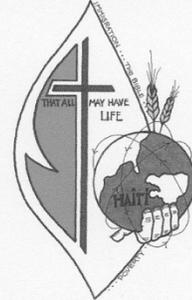
*Stacy Ganzer, Wisconsin Conference, United Methodist Women Communications, P.O. Box 167
Butte des Morts, WI 5492 email stacyganzer@new.rr.com*

Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women School of Christian Mission



THAT ALL MAY HAVE LIFE

*As people of Christ, let us change what needs
to be changed, say what needs to be said, do
what needs to be done and love the way
Christ would have us love so that all may have
life and have it abundantly.*



School of Christian Mission: Tuesday-Friday, July 31-Aug. 3, 2012
Overview (formerly Drive-In) Day: Saturday, August 4, 2012

2012 Mission Studies

Immigration in the Bible (2012)

This study shares the story of the Bible as a narrative of immigrants and migration. Exploring the Biblical and theological understandings of immigration, immigrants and migration, this study seeks to enable the participants to examine what it is to be a sojourner and to live into the biblical mandate of hospitality for "the stranger" and "aliens" in our midst.

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."

Poverty (2012-2013)

Our Christian faith invites us to become agents of God's compassion and healing in a wounded world. Poverty is a human rights issue with grave impact on women and children. This mission study on poverty is designed to help participants recognize and claim for themselves the connections between Scripture, church tradition, compassion for the poor, social outreach and social justice.

Biblical passages remind Christians of their responsibility for poverty. The Wesleyan movement embraced this concern by creating community centers where people could access education, medical care or employment, and members of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations have continued this heritage and responded to the poor where they exist.

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.

Westwood Conference Center • Wausau, 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.

*****NEW LOCATION*****

Westwood Conference Center—Wausau
1800 Westwood Center Blvd.
Wausau, WI 54401
Exit I-39/29/51 at Exit 193 (Bridge St.)
715-847-9200
See larger map on page 4.

When?**SOCM:**

Tuesday–Friday, July 31–Aug. 3rd
Saturday, August 4, 2012—Overview Day
YoMiCa:
Sunday–Friday, July 29–August 3, 2012

Why?

School of Christian Mission is a wonderful time to learn about one of the precepts of the church: mission. Not only is it educational and fun, but it is a great vacation bargain!

How?

Register using the registration pages. Please fill in all the boxes. You may make as many copies of the registration form as needed.
OR email your registration and save a stamp.
OR go to www.wisconsinumw.org to register online.

Questions?

Contact the registrar:

Chris Draxler

715-835-1402

email: fdraxler@charter.net

Wisconsin Conference School of Christian Mission Four-Day School

Tuesday, July 31– Friday, Aug. 3

Registration 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Tuesday the 31st

Opening Plenary 10:30 a.m. Tuesday

Sending Forth 12:30 p.m. Friday 3rd

Meals: Four-Day student meals begin with lunch on Tuesday the 31st and end with breakfast (at the hotel) on Friday the 3rd.

Cost: Four-Day Students—registration (you must make your own hotel reservations separately. Block of rooms available at the Fairfield Inn.)

-\$165.00 (\$215.00 if received after July 1st)

Advanced registration is **REQUIRED**. No registrations will be accepted after July 15th. *Transferable but not refundable.*

To register, use form on page 3.

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

Overview (formerly Drive-In) Day Saturday, August 4th

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: Overview Day student **\$40.00 (\$45.00 after July 1st)**

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

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School of Christian Mission 2012 (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 First Timer

Studies (Adults choose one or two studies; Young People choose only one and mark as "1st class".)

_____ Immigration in the Bible _____ Haiti _____ Poverty

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

Four-day School: Adult Young Person

- Check if requesting handicap accessibility.
- Check if requesting a scholarship.
- Check if you are laity requesting Advanced Layspeaking/Layservant credit.
- Check if you are a pastor and wish to receive Continuing Ed. Credits (CEU).
- 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)

_____ Immigration in the Bible

_____ Poverty

_____ Haiti: Challenges and Hope

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

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



Young Women doing crafts—2011

Scholarships: (contact registrar for more information)

- + Available for first time attendees of SOCM.
- + Scholarships are available for full or partial fees to Young People.
- + Clergy Scholarships available for newly ordained pastors.
- + **Continuing Education Credits** available for Pastors and laity receive **Advanced Layspeaking/Layservant Credits**.

Contact registrar for more information.



2012 Dean, Julie Mische, and Assistant Dean, Dee Klawitter.

Accommodations and Other Information:

- * Air-conditioned meeting rooms at the Westwood Conference Center.
- * Handicap accessible meeting rooms.
- * **You must make your own hotel reservations. There will be a block of rooms available at the Fairfield Inn & Suites.**
- * Shuttle service is available between the Fairfield Inn & Suites and the Westwood Conference Center.
- * More information on mission projects and learning center available, with puzzles & crafts.
- * Audio/Visuals available during Choice Times.

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Overview Day (Saturday) 2012 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 _____

Overview 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 room conveniently located at the Conference Center. Displays, Program Resources and the Learning Center will also be available. **Complete the following with the appropriate dollar amounts (see fees on page 2).**

Overview Day: _____ Adult _____ Young Person _____

Child Care needed for _____ children. Please list age(s) of child(ren) _____

Young Person's Date of Birth _____ Grade Completed _____

Special Dietary/Physical Needs _____

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

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

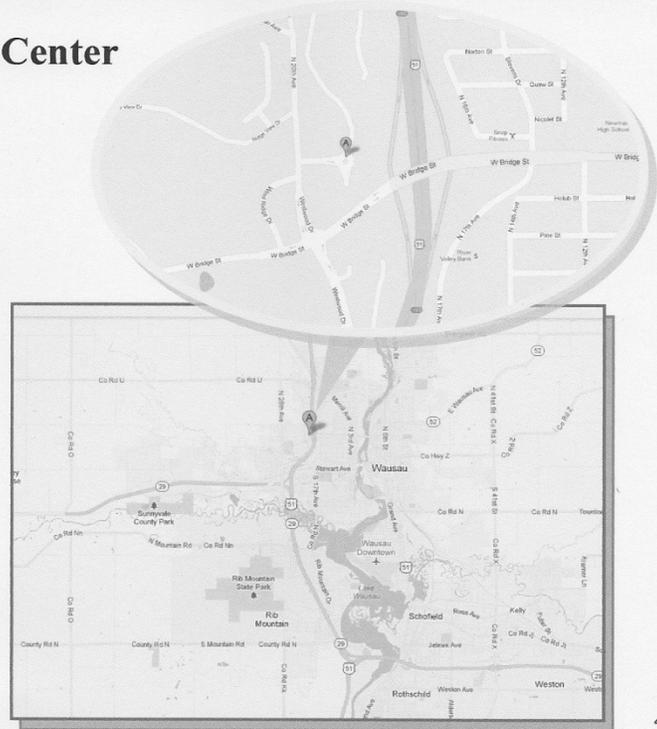
Westwood Conference Center

1800 Westwood Center Blvd.
 Wausau, WI 54401 • 715-847-9200

Driving from the NORTH on US 51/I-39
 Take Exit 193 (Bridge Street).
 Turn right at Bridge Street (0.3 mi).
 Turn right at Westwood Drive (0.1 mi).
 Turn right at Westwood Center Boulevard, follow and take right off of roundabout to continue onto Westwood Center Boulevard (427 ft). Visitor parking is on your left.

Driving from the SOUTH on US 51/I-39
 Take Exit 193 (Bridge Street).
 Turn left at Bridge Street (0.3 mi).
 Turn right at Westwood Drive (0.1 mi).
 Turn right at Westwood Center Boulevard, follow and take right off of roundabout to continue onto Westwood Center Boulevard (427 ft). Visitor parking is on your left.

Driving from the EAST or WEST on US 29
 Merge with US 51/I-39 North.
 Take Exit 193 (Bridge Street).
 Turn left at Bridge Street (0.3 mi).
 Turn right at Westwood Drive (0.1 mi).
 Turn right at Westwood Center Boulevard, follow and take right off of roundabout to continue onto Westwood Center Boulevard (427 ft). Visitor parking is on your left.



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Happenings

Calendar of Events across Metro North and Metro

South Districts

- ✓ **May 26**, Memorial Day Bake Sale 9 am to 3pm St. James UMC Sheboygan WI, POC Lois Crubaugh 262-642-7223
- ✓ **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. District 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.
- ✓ **October 20** -- Fall Salad Luncheon and Craft Sale, 11:00 to 1:30 p.m. Cheryl Malko, UMW President Hartford First UMW Events, 262-670-6396
- ✓ **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 POC Patsy Ruppe 262-939-8075
- ✓ **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/MetroSouth officer team meeting at location TBD
- ✓ **Dec 1** Bake Sale/Christmas cookies and home items 9:00am- -2:00pm, St. James UMW Sheboygan WI POC Lois Crubaugh 262-642-7223
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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



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and to expand concepts of mission through
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