

## Vision of United Methodist Women

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

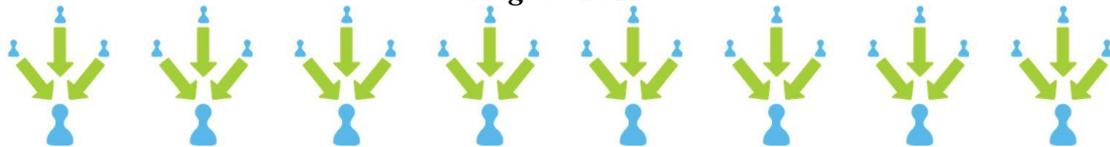


United Methodist Women Metro North and South Districts Wisconsin Conference  
Present the

# Uniter

Our quarterly newspaper

*August 2012*



United Methodist Women of Metro North and South Districts are hanging tough! We are out in our churches doing good works for women and children. We are extraordinarily giving of our gifts both time and money to further our causes. We are helping each other through hard economic crises, health issues, and life's ups and downs...especially in our circles and within our church. We know what needs to be done and we do it. We are a force to be reckoned with as true champions of mission on behalf of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior and Father God.

However, we are a hierarchal organization along with our church. We are organized at the Circle, Church, District, Conference, National and worldwide levels. We are doing rather splendidly at the Circle and Church levels, but in Metro South, we need a little work at the District level. For the past two years we have called for help to fill the vacant officer positions at the District level in Metro South. However, no offers of help have been received. We found Metro North to be in the same position at the beginning of 2012, so we agreed to combine the district teams for one year. This year is soon coming to a close.

Cathryn Luse was called upon by the Conference to help Metro North rebuild their district team. She has promises to fill many key positions on their district team, and Metro North District UMW once again will stand alone as a district in 2013. Hats off to Cathryn and to their fledgling team!

Metro South has no promises to fill their positions; however, we have a talented team that has been doing the work and they won't be discouraged. Metro South is going to take advantage of the UMW reorganization passed in May and try to pare down the number of district team members to the essential needs instead of the roles and responsibilities of the past years. We will be doing this work in 2013 to put it in place for 2014. We would love your thoughts on culling nonessential responsibilities, combining roles, and helping us make a streamlined team. Please contact any of the district team and give us your thoughts. Did you ever wonder why the district team asked you for some information and you thought why do they need that, and how does that relate to what we do at my circle or church?

***Now is the time to bring up these thoughts and ideas!***

**WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW TRAINING  
EVENT  
NOVEMBER 9-10, 2012  
WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WISCONSIN**

Reflecting on her trip to Wisconsin in November, Julia Tulloch commented,

*“United Methodist Women members and leaders are at the heart of our work. Investing in our leaders through training and education keeps us strong in God’s mission with women, children and youth. Knowing who we are and our capacities helps us to be who we are in mission. And over the years United Methodist Women have found that these learning experiences are beneficial to our roles in the workplace, community, and family, as well as in the church and the UMW. The Wisconsin Conference UMW leadership is to be credited for hosting an event that reaches out to UMW leaders in the districts. This effort, in turn, will strengthen local members and leaders in carrying out our Purpose.”*

**Julia (Julie) Tulloch** has been a member of the staff of the Women’s Division of the General Board of Global Ministries since 1991. She has worked in training and leadership development with conferences in the United States and on several occasions with women in Asia. She has served as a study group leader in conference and regional Schools of Christian Mission and as a staff consultant for Regional School planning teams. As Executive Secretary for Leadership Development, she develops and implements training and development strategies for conference and district leaders in a variety of settings.

Prior to her employment with the Women’s Division, she served in the Western Pennsylvania Conference in local, district and conference offices of United Methodist Women. She has been a member of the Board of Directors of two national mission agencies, a member of the General Board of Church and Society, a delegate to Jurisdictional and General Conferences, and an elected local school board member. She was previously employed as a caseworker with adolescents in institutional settings. She is a graduate of Allegheny College with a major in religious studies and has a master’s degree in adult and continuing education and training management from the University of St. Francis. She has two adult daughters, a son-in-law and one grandson. She lives with her husband in New York City.

**ALL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEMBERS ARE INVITED  
TO ATTEND THIS SPECIAL TRAINING EVENT.  
DISTRICT OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND  
AND PARTICIPATE.**

MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE PROVIDED IN  
THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF *CATCH THE VISION*.

***Franksville UMW hosts  
Racine Police Chief Howell  
on Social Justice***



***Dodie Smith, social action coordinator of the UMW Wisconsin Conference, and Liz Cox, president of Franksville UMW, share a picture with Police Chief Howell of Racine.***

Chief Howell was invited to speak on social justice issues in Racine on June 26, 2012. He is the new Police Chief for the city of Racine and had many acquaintances in the UMW plus audience representing five different churches. He thanked his teachers, elders, and fellow church members for helping make him the man he has become as the new Racine Chief of Police. The hour-long message was on topics such as community policing, internet fraud, home invasion, human trafficking, gun safety and control, and Nixle.com (a police/citizen website for local information on emergency, community, weather and traffic). We shared our UMW social justice activities to understand Infant Mortality, Human Trafficking, Jail Library Ministry, Immigration, etc. as they affect women and children. He stressed we can help our community by being its eyes and ears and it is our social justice responsibility to care for issues affecting women and children. Later, fellowship was shared along with yummy treats.

***This is an excellent example to all UMW groups for getting the social justice word out to your community...thanks to Franksville UMW for sharing and hosting.***



## SECRETARY

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

What a summer it has been! Maybe Mother Nature is having "hot flashes". By the time this is in print, I will have attended SOCM for the first time and I am looking forward to the experience: not just the learning but also the contact with other United Methodist Women.

One of our goals for the coming year is better communication between District Officers and local units. The Visitation List on page 21 of the yearbook is one attempt at that. I want to encourage you to invite your assigned officer to one of your unit meetings, so that we have some personal connections. Some corrections were made to the list due to loss or changes in some of the district positions; these changes were given in my contribution to the May Uniter,

My next major job this fall will be to start working on the new yearbook. I hope that local units will elect their officers during their September meetings, so that the 2013 Unit Officers Form can be submitted to me on time. (The official deadline is October 1, 2012.) If certain officers remain the same as listed in the 2012 yearbook, you can just write [same as 2012] but please check the data in the yearbook to be sure no corrections are necessary. Compiling the yearbook and getting it printed in time for distribution at the Day Apart is a major job, but much, much more manageable if I receive reports from the units and don't have to play last-minute phone tag to get the information.

You may wonder why this information is so important to pass on to the district. Patsy Ruppe, our Communications Coordinator, uses these data to create the Uniter mailing list so all unit officers will receive the newsletter.

And just a reminder: All forms to be submitted are provided in the second half of the 2012 yearbooks for Metro North and Metro South with the deadlines listed on page 2 of that 2<sup>nd</sup> portion.

All presidents should have a copy of the yearbook, but in case you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time

I wish you a happy August and a successful resumption of meetings this fall.

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## **TREASURER**

During 2012, the Metro North and Metro South Districts will keep their respective treasurer's duties and money separate. However, the treasurers will coordinate with each other and the teams.

**From Metro South District Treasurer**

**Money, money, money!**

Every message I write for The Uniter is about money...but, I'm the treasurer...so, I guess that makes sense. United Methodist Women's main focus is, of course, mission...but, mission needs funding to function well.

So that brings me to report on the status of mission funds for Metro South District. As of the end of July, we are at 46.4% of meeting our district Pledge to Mission of \$48,000. Units have contributed a total of \$22,267.95 to Mission Giving, which goes toward our pledge.

Of course, I urge each unit to fulfill its Mission Pledge for 2012. And, hopefully, each unit will contribute to the other four areas of Mission Giving: Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, Special Mission Recognition, and World Thank Offering.

Also, \$1,234.88 has been sent in for Mission Giving Plus. This includes the Call to Prayer offering, specific mission projects, School of Christian Mission donations, and other items like Mabel Heil scholarship donations.

I hope to see all unit treasurers at our Annual Celebration which is coming up on October 6. At this event, each unit is requested to submit its 2013 Pledge to Mission.

**Keep up the good work.**

**In Christ's love,**

Joyce Myers, Metro South 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**

I know it has been a hot summer and it is just racing by, but don't forget to start planning for the busy fall that is just around the corner. Your units will be starting to think about their fall programming and catching up with their remaining pledge for 2012.

Also, our upcoming Annual Celebration, which will be a joint meeting with Metro South, will be on Saturday, October 6. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there. We will be introducing Minnie Harmon as the new Metro North treasurer. She will be taking over in 2013.

As always I am encouraging all you treasurers to keep the mission giving monies coming in so that the good work we do can keep on going.

Linda Hurt, Metro North District Treasurer  
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## **COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR**

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

Be sure to save the dates October 19 and 20, 2012, and plan to attend the Wisconsin Conference UMW Annual Gathering, which will start on Friday night and end around 3pm on Saturday. More details will be given in the October "Catch the Vision." It is going to be quite exciting as this event will be held in Sun Prairie United Methodist Church, the home of our conference. Our host church has a wonderful choir and their performance will be a part of the festivities. On the next few pages is the registration form. As you may note, 12 different mini-classes are offered; you can register for anything from becoming a Deaconess to making Hmong egg rolls.

Speaking of Hmong egg rolls, the Hmong House of Good News will prepare egg rolls to be sold at the Annual Gathering. They will take preorders and will deliver the egg rolls frozen... so you need to bring a cooler. The Hmong House of Good News is struggling with finances, and this is one of the United Methodist Women mission projects in the state of Wisconsin, so we hope you will order their egg rolls and support their cause.

# HMONG House of Good News EGGROLL Fund Raiser



(Ingredients: Pork (optional), flavoring sauce (with MSG), shredded carrots, cabbage and yellow onions, salt, black pepper, bean thread noodles, eggs, egg roll wrappers)

October 19 and 20, 2012  
Wisconsin Conference  
United Methodist Women Annual Gathering  
Sun Prairie United Methodist Church  
Sun Prairie Wisconsin

Please preorder by Monday **October 10, 2012**, and send in your orders via email to [xxphbxx@yahoo.com](mailto:xxphbxx@yahoo.com) or call Patsy Ruppe at 262-939-8075.

We must have a minimum of 100 dozen to make this sale worthwhile.

Order early.... Order often!!!

Pick them up frozen at 3pm-4pm October 20, 2012, after the Annual Gathering and bring a cooler.

Cost for 1 Dozen: \$15 (includes 2 containers of dipping sauce) Extra dipping sauce: 50 cents each

***Make checks payable to: Hmong House of Good News (HHGN)***

***And send to Patsy Ruppe, 2427 Sunrise Rd, Racine WI 53402***

**ORDERS MUST BE BY THE DOZEN**

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Name	Telephone	Pork	Veggie	Quantity	Sauce	Amount

**THANK YOU for your support!**



Wisconsin Conference  
United Methodist Women  
**Annual Gathering**

**“Faith, Hope, Love in Action:  
Singing God’s SongS”**

**Friday Evening & Saturday  
October 19-20, 2012**

**SUN PRAIRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
702 North Street, Sun Prairie, WI**

Please put a number (1-3) in order of preference for the workshops you would like to attend. You will be able to attend 2 workshops (one morning and one afternoon) on Saturday, October 20th.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Human trafficking—Joanne Gruber-Hagen of Slave Free Madison
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bullying—Pastor Sue Lewan, Poynette/Inch United Methodist Churches
- \_\_\_\_\_ UMW 101/ technology and reorganization—  
technology led by Stacy Ganzer  
reorganization led by Carol Holt Lahey
- Poverty—2 sessions led by Pastor Rob Odem (You may choose one or both)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Emphasis on Local Poverty (morning session)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Emphasis on Global Poverty (afternoon session)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hmong House of Good News—To Be Determined
- \_\_\_\_\_ Road to Becoming a Deaconess—Judy Vasby
- \_\_\_\_\_ Charter for Racial Justice Program—Bev Maser
- \_\_\_\_\_ India (emphasis on the Wisconsin Cabinet’s trip there last year)—Sharon Gisselman , coordinator
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*Workshops in the Hmong Language—Kady Her Yang
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*Workshops in the Spanish Language—Martha Boyer

*•Participants choosing either Hmong or Spanish may have both workshops in that language.*

**Registration and other times:**

Friday evening registration: 5:30 pm after a light supper.  
Friday evening program: 6:30 pm.  
Saturday registration: 8:00-8:45 am.  
Sending forth planned for 3:00 pm.

COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM ON BACK

# Wisconsin Conference UMW Annual Gathering

Sun Prairie United Methodist Church  
Friday Evening and Saturday, October 19-20, 2012

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 7, 2012.** Please PRINT. If registering for more than one person, copy form and complete a separate form for each person.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Name of District \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:  Female  Male  Teen (Teen only: Age \_\_\_\_\_)

First time attending  UMW Member  Clergy  Guest (not a member of UMW)

Child Care Needed for Friday evening—Ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

Child Care needed for Saturday—Ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

Mothers are asked to pick up their children and take them to the first lunch seating. Please provide a sack lunch for each child, or plan to pay \$9.00 lunch fee for each child.

Emergency contact information: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone : Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check all that apply:

Registration for Friday only \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Saturday only \_\_\_\_\_ \$20

Friday and Sat. \_\_\_\_\_ \$25

Light supper on Friday \_\_\_\_\_ (\$5.00 additional—served from 4:30-5:15 p.m.)

Scholarship requested \_\_\_\_\_ (25 scholarships are available—awarded to the first 25 to make a request)

First lunch seating is requested \_\_\_\_\_

Diabetic or other dietary limitations (please list on the line below):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW**

Mail to Registrar:

**Jean Hansen, N7284 Hwy. H, Camp Douglas, WI 54618 | Email: miljean@mwt.net | Phone 608-427-6551**

Total amount enclosed:\$ \_\_\_\_\_



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Driving directions to the church will be included in your confirmation letter.

Please make your own hotel reservations. Blocks of rooms are held at the following:

**Super 8** @ \$56.70 or 2 beds @ \$63.00—1033 Emeral Terrace, Sun Prairie – Phone: 608-837-8889

**Quality Inn** @ \$80.74 2 queen or 1 king —105 Business Park Drive, Sun Prairie – Phone: 608-834-9889

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS **OCTOBER 7th**. AS A COURTESY TO OUR HOST CHURCH AND PLANNERS, PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL.  
LET'S BE "PARTNERS IN GOD'S MISSION" AS WE LEARN, WORSHIP AND GROW TOGETHER!



## **SOCIAL ACTION**

**During 2012, Metro North and Metro South Districts 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.**

I hope you have saved some summer time for yourself. I have stayed indoors for much of the month to get away from the heat – how about you? Staying in is not bad, I got a lot of reading done and some I'll share with you today. First, I want to let you know that I often get information about social action that needs to be taken immediately. I don't know if anyone receiving the Uniter would want to be on a short list for such calls. If you do, please send me your email address and I will put you on my email ACTION SHORT LIST. On July 25, the Senate voted on extending the Bush Tax cuts. It is too late to call Ron Johnson (202-224-3121) and Herb Kohl (202-224-5653) and ask them to vote either for or against the extension of the Bush Tax cuts for the middle class (below \$250,000.00 annual income) or the tax cuts for the super rich. However, it is never too late to say THANK YOU to the senators for their vote. I had time to make both calls.

Now, what to do with the rest of August? Read Parker J. Palmer's book, "Healing the Heart of Democracy – The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit". This book is the subject of Regional Training Workshops to be held during August throughout the state, sponsored by the Wisconsin Council of Churches, the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Conference Board of Church and Society.

**AUGUST 26, 2012, 2:00 TO 8:00 pm, Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun,  
2020 Brown Deer Rd, River Hills  
Early Bird Registration: 8/17 \$20.00; after 8/17 \$25.00. Make checks payable to WCC.  
[www.wichurches.org/events](http://www.wichurches.org/events) provides more information.**

I made notes to myself on almost every page. "As long as we equate the stranger with the enemy, there can be no civil society, let alone a democracy where much depends on holding the tension of our differences without fearing or demonizing the other." If we substituted for the word "democracy", the United Methodist Church, would you feel this statement differently? If this one quote makes you think, come to the workshop and get the full range of civility in Christian and public life. THEN return to your churches with new information and soul-searching reasons to expand your grasp of what civility can mean in this election year and how to create a politic worthy of the Human/Christian Spirit. I hope to see you on August 26. With God's help we can build back our civil society. Shalom Betty

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[bhenderson15@wi.rr.com](mailto:bhenderson15@wi.rr.com)**

**Metro North District: Shirley Jackson, 7901 W. Glenbrook Rd, #210 Milwaukee, WI,  
53223  
Phone 414-354 -5258 no email**

# SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

**Salud Rodeman, Metro North Spiritual Growth Coordinator, 1004 Beech St. #308, Grafton WI 53024 , 414-305-8054, [saludgr@gmail.com](mailto:saludgr@gmail.com)**

## RECALL NOTICE:

The Maker of all human beings (GOD) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units.

This defect has been identified as "Sub-sequential Internal Non-morality," more commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed.

Some of the symptoms include:

1. Loss of direction
2. Foul vocal emissions
3. Amnesia of origin
4. Lack of peace and joy
5. Selfish or violent behavior
6. Depression or confusion
7. Fearfulness
8. Idolatry
9. Rebellion

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect.

The Repair Technician, JESUS, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required.

The number to call for repair in all areas is:  
P-R-A-Y-E-R.

Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure.

Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component.

No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with:

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self control

Please see the operating manual, the B.I.B.L.E. (BEST Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of these fixes.

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list, and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on Jesus.

DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility. Thank you for your attention!

- GOD -

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice, and you may contact the Father any time by 'Knee mail'!

## Because HE Lives!

# 2012

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY...FAITH, HOPE LOVE IN ACTION SAMPLE ORDER OF SERVICE

Glory E. Dharmaraj, Director of Spiritual Formation and Mission Theology  
...adapted by Wisconsin Conference Mission Coordinators  
...Units adapt to your church service adding the creativity of UMW

### **Prelude**

### **Choral Introit**

### **Concerns and Announcements**

### **Opening Prayer (Unison)**

**Eternal God, we have gathered here in your sanctuary this morning, as members of your family, to worship you as our Living God. Community-making God, you have called us to be in community with each other. Enable us to center ourselves for renewal in your presence, commitment to your mission, and ministry with the least of these, here and around the world. Equip us with your Holy Spirit to witness to your love and power, healing and reconciliation, nurturance and new life. Inspire us once again to be the tellers of the old, old story, in ever new contexts, that Jesus has come so that all may have life, in fact, more than life, Life in its Fullness, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

**\*Hymn-** MANY GIFTS, ONE SPIRIT United Methodist Hymnal 114

**Scripture Reading-** Lectionary or Unit/speaker's choice

**\*Scripture (Gospel) Reading-** Lectionary or Unit/ speaker's choice

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn-** HYMN OF PROMISE UMH 707

**Children's Message-** (relate to mission...possibly April 2012 RESPONSE pictures of children...tell me what you see in this picture...build their observations into a short mission lesson) Have children stand with the UMW members reminding the congregation UMW's monies go to help women, youth and children.

**UMW Purpose-** United Methodist Women members stand up and recite the PURPOSE.

### **Offering of Tithes and Gifts**

**\*Doxology-** Church preference

**\*Prayer of Dedication-** God of mission, we thank you for your gifts that surround us. Out of our gratitude to your faithful love, we give ourselves and this token of monetary gift for the furtherance of your mission. Bless our gifts that they may be multiplied for the transforming ministries of the world. In your name, we pray. Amen.

**\*Hymn-** Speaker's choice to relate to message

**MESSAGE-** (title)

**Prayer** (include congregation joys and concerns) **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **Litany of Confession-** (optional)

Leader: If we have hallowed you as "Our Father in heaven", yet have cut ourselves off from you, and each other...If we have prayed for your kingdom to come, yet have been bogged down by our own concerns...

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: If we have prayed for your will to be done, yet have schemed and acted in our own ways...If we have prayed for our daily bread, yet have succumbed to the economics of consumerism...

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: If we have sought forgiveness for our sins from you, yet have not had the grace to forgive...If we have prayed to overcome temptation, yet have not trusted in the strength of your love...

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: If we have prayed for deliverance from evil, yet have not risked an unpopular witness to stand against structures of evil and iniquity...If we have prayed for your kingdom, power, and glory, yet have chosen instead lesser gods we have manufactured...

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Words of Assurance** (based on Hebrews 12:1-2)

God gives strength to the least of God's people. God gives us strength to set aside every weight and sin that clings so closely. God helps us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Amen.

**\*Hymn-** WE'VE A STORY TO TELL TO THE NATIONS UMH 569

**\*Benediction-** May God, whom heaven and earth cannot contain, burst forth into new life in you. May Christ bless you with the power of the gospel to disturb and heal you. May the Holy Spirit accompany you beyond the known path, so that you may proclaim your faith in action, without fear and without apology. Amen.

\*Stand as you are able.

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Additional UMW information:

- UMW Mission Giving monies are in the June RESPONSE magazine and the 2011 Wisconsin Conference UMW Annual Gathering booklet. (Remember... Women's Division always budgets from pledge money from the previous year.) Prayers needed to support UMW missions.
- There are 303 units in Wisconsin. With gratitude of our unit connectional giving, **\$442,815.97** was collected in our conference in 2011! Of that, **\$92,550.42** was used for **Administration and Membership Development of conference and district planning, training, and programming.** **\$326,581.93** was sent to Women's Division toward our pledge of \$350,000.
- Some special Wisconsin projects are Northcott Neighborhood House, Hmong House of Good News, Harbor House, and United Methodist Children's Services. Prayers needed.
- Bill and Gwen Gibson (Gwen -2006-2009 Conference Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator) were commissioned during 2012 General Conference as missionaries to Senegal. Prayers needed.



## PROGRAM RESOURCES

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

I hope you, as the Program Resources Secretary of your unit, have sent in the unit's Reading Program report for 2012. It was due to me by August 15. Some of you, I know, are in the process of getting the information needed for your report, based on some of the questions I have received. To get answers to some of your questions, I contacted the Women's Division representative, who gave me the following information:

- **Question:** Can I count the study books from the School of Christian Mission? If so, which categories do the books fall in?
- **Answer:** Yes, these books are valid for the Reading Program. They fall primarily in the Social Action or Spiritual Growth categories. One person thought the geographical study would count in the Education for Mission category, but that is not so.
- **Question:** Can large print books be used for any category since some participants can only read such books?
- **Answer:** Large print books are listed by category in the Reading Program catalog and should be included in the appropriate category on the reporting form.
- **Question:** What information do I have to provide on the form?
- **Answer:** The required information includes your name, name of your unit/church, book title, book category, and the book's year of eligibility for the Reading Program.

I am sure more questions will arise in the weeks ahead, and I will get answers to them as soon as possible.

Certificates for participating in the Reading Program, both for the unit and for each participant, will be given to the unit's president at the Annual Celebration at Salem UM Church in Waukesha on Saturday, October 6. Due to time constraints at that event, the certificates cannot be given out to each individual. However, you can plan to award the certificates to the participants as part of your UMW Sunday. In that manner, the individuals get the well-deserved recognition for the books they have read and others may be encouraged to join the Reading Program. I know that helped at my church.

Of course, books for the 2013 Reading Program will be available at the Annual Celebration. Plus, if you need 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](http://www.missionresourcecenter.org) to see what is available.

Looking forward to meeting all the readers at Salem UMC!

**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 coordinator 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 has supplied a consultant, Donna Fae Krause, to the Metro North and Metro South District teams for this effort and the teams will help to perform this function.

Marie Garnhart attended the WI Conference meeting in April as part of the Metro South District Team and has graciously written the following synopsis....thanks Marie!

At the April UMW Conference meeting our new Conference Coordinator for Membership, Nurture and Outreach, Donna Fae, gave us several pointers regarding M, N, & O that I would like to pass on to our local units.

First of all, there is a *new simplified form* for reporting the membership count, which should be submitted by January 15. The old form is in the back section of your 2012 yearbook on page 19. It is OK to use that form, but the new, simplified form will be provided in the Uniter this fall. Just keep in mind that your membership records are important and that you need to pass on that information to the district, so that we can pass it on to the conference. We had a bit of a snafu for the Metro South District report this year, which we hope not to repeat in 2013. Everyone's cooperation is needed and much appreciated.

Donna Fae reviewed *concerns and suggestions* regarding membership. In order to encourage new members to join, it is important to *be flexible* with meeting times and to find ways of overcoming transportation barriers, such as providing car-pooling for older attendees who may not care to drive. She suggested *involving teens* by having them do a program at a local unit meeting. Another suggestion was to challenge unit members to *bring someone new to a circle* or unit meeting. The *sister unit contacts* (mentioned also in the secretary's contribution to this newsletter) were also encouraged to improve communication between district officers and local units, and to provide encouragement and information to struggling units. The connection between *money and membership* was also discussed. She recommended keeping the membership well informed as to where our mission money goes, through special mission recognition presentations, and/or monthly "mission minute" presentations.

Finally since "*Nurture*" is an important part of our purpose, we should always remember to develop a spiritual practice of caring for ourself and others.

The district mission teams thought you would like to see the Active UMW membership by church numbers for Metro South and Metro North. Metro South has a total of 53 potential units, of which 26 are active; and Metro North has a total of 37 potential units, of which 17 are active. An asterisk (\*) denotes inactive units with district members only.

	<b>Total Members 31 Dec 2011</b>		<b>Total Members 31 Dec 2011</b>
<b>Metro South Local UMW Unit</b>		<b>Metro North Local UMW Unit</b>	
Bristol	21	Batvia Zion	12
Caldwell	10	Brookfield Peace	1*
Cudahy	14	Brown Deer	25
Eagle	10	Elm Grove Community	70
East Troy St. James	23	Hartford First	69
Elkhorn First	14	Mequon	2*
Franksville	43	Milwaukee Albright	8
Greenfield Memorial	33	Milwaukee Central	2*
Greenfield Christ	20	Milwaukee Emanuel	1*
Johnson Creek	7	Milwaukee Kenwood	12
Kenosha Immanuel	11	Milwaukee New Hope Hmong	35
Kenosha Wesley	42	Milwaukee Solomon Community	
Milwaukee Christ Way Hmong	70	Temple	4
New Berlin Our Lords	42	Milwaukee St. James	7
Oak Creek	32	Milwaukee Summerfield	4
Palmyra	22	Oconomowoc Good Shepherd	83
Racine Christ	54	Pewaukee Gethsemane	0
Racine Faith	17	Port Washington Grand Ave	0
Racine First	29	Sheboygan Fountain Park	15
Village at Manor Park	30	Sheboygan St. Luke	93
Waukesha First	77	Waldo Trinity	7
Waukesha Salem	54	Wauwatosa Avenue	35
Wesley Chapel	5	West Bend Fifth Ave	113
West Alice First	48	Whitefish Bay	<u>167</u>
West Allis Calvary	31		<b>765</b>
Yorkville	<u>20</u>		
	<b>779</b>		

**LOOK AT HOW MANY  
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN THERE ARE!!!**

In keeping with the membership, nurture, and outreach thoughts above, we need to stay in touch with each other, support each other and go to each others fund raisers etc.

If you have changes and/or 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. Contact Arlene Wilson, 3120 E. Allison Ave #5, Cudahy, WI 53110, 414-482-1341, with any questions.



### A Blue Rose

Having four visiting family members, my wife was very busy, so I offered to go to the store for her to get some needed items, which included light bulbs, paper towels, trash bags, detergent and Clorox. So off I went. I scurried around the store, gathered up my goodies and headed for the checkout counter, only to be blocked in the narrow aisle by a young man who appeared to be about sixteen-years old. I wasn't in a hurry, so I patiently waited for the boy to realize that I was there. This was when he waved his hands excitedly in the air and declared in a loud voice, "Mommy, I'm over here." It was obvious now, he was mentally challenged and also startled as he turned and saw me standing so close to him, waiting to squeeze by. His eyes widened and surprise exploded on his face as I said, "Hey Buddy, what's your name?"

"My name is Denny and I'm shopping with my mother," he responded proudly. "Wow," I said, "that's a cool name; I wish my name was Denny, but my name is Steve." "Steve, like Stevarino?" he asked. "Yes," I answered. "How old are you Denny?" "How old am I now, Mommy?" he asked his mother as she slowly came over from the next aisle. "You're fifteen years old Denny; now be a good boy and let the man pass by."

I acknowledged her and continued to talk to Denny for several more minutes about summer, bicycles and school. I watched his brown eyes dance with excitement, because he was the center of someone's attention. He then abruptly turned and headed toward the toy section. Denny's mom had a puzzled look on her face and thanked me for taking the time to talk with her son. She told me that most people wouldn't even look at him, much less talk to him.

I told her that it was my pleasure and then I said something I have no idea where it came from, other than by the prompting of the Holy Spirit. I told her that there are plenty of red, yellow, and pink roses in God's Garden; however, "Blue Roses" are very rare and should be appreciated for their beauty and distinctiveness. You see, Denny is a Blue Rose and if someone doesn't stop and smell that rose with their heart and touch that rose with their kindness, then they've missed a blessing from God.

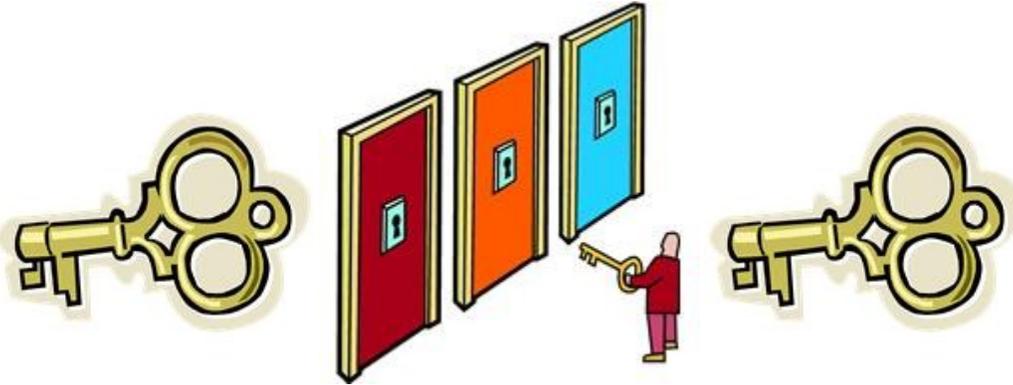
She was silent for a second, then with a tear in her eye she asked, "Who are you?" Without thinking I said, "Oh, I'm probably just a dandelion, but I sure love living in God's garden." She reached out, squeezed my hand and said, "God bless you!" and then I had tears in my eyes.

May I suggest, the next time you see a BLUE ROSE, whichever differences that person may have, don't turn your head and walk off. Take the time to smile and say Hello. Why? Because, by the grace of GOD, this mother or father could be you. This could be your child, grandchild, niece, nephew or any other family member. What a difference a moment can mean to that person or their family. From an old dandelion! Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to the powers that be.

***"People will forget what you said, People will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel !"***

# NOMINATIONS

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



## **COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS IS KEY! THE KEY UNLOCKS AND ALLOWS US TO CREATE A CARING WORLD**

The committee on nominations is vital to the survival of the mission of United Methodist Women. Whether we limp through, struggle along, survive or thrive is very much dependent on the work of the committee on nominations. The committee's key role is to create a viable mission team. Who we choose as members of the team speaks volumes.

Members of the committee are steeped in the work of UMW. They have an understanding of the function of each office and how they all work together to effectively carry out the mission of UMW. The committee works throughout the year to identify women for leadership – leadership now, and leadership in the future. The committee works to ensure that a mission team is diverse in age, racial/ethnicity, work circumstances, and geographical areas. It is imperative that we learn to walk in each other shoes. This creates an understanding - key to effective mission.

This committee is paramount at all levels – local, district and conference. Consider our local work as “boot camp” – fully equipped to move on in creating a caring world. Remember, we are a global church. We work locally, but think globally ... to participate in the global ministries of the church. We can only impact the world if we are willing to move beyond our

comfort zone. So don't be afraid to say "yes" to join the district and conference teams. Say "yes" to create a caring world.

### UPDATES ON MISSION TEAMS FOR 2013

We still need persons to complete the mission teams. Volunteer yourself and/or recommend someone. Do it immediately. We are nearing the time to inform the membership of persons being nominated. Needed are the following:

- **Metro North**  
Education and Interpretation and Social Action Coordinators  
1 member for Committee on Nominations
- **Metro South**  
President, Spiritual Growth and Education and Interpretation Coordinators  
3 members for Committee on Nominations.

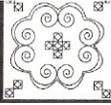
### RECOMMENDATION FOR DISTRICT MISSION TEAM

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; 6900 N. 98<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee 53224; 414-353-8343;  
[cpluse@prodigy.net](mailto:cpluse@prodigy.net)

For Metro South, send to Patsy Ruppe at the address on the back of the Uniter .





### A Story at Hmong House

“There is only one road that everyone must travel through,” said Lee Vang in a conversation with participants who surrounded her table. Lee was a little upset, but she spoke with a sense of courage and a smile. “Yes, one day they will know,” replied another participant. Lee continued, “When their children grow up they will know,” and walked away with her cane toward the kitchen.

What was Lee talking about? What road that everyone must travel? Who were they and what would they know when their children grew up?

Lee is a participant at Hmong House of Good News. She comes most regularly. She is just 63 years old, but she has had a bad knee which partly is due to an auto accident in the past. She comes with a cane but she doesn't use much except when she goes to attend her garden or on a trip. Lee's husband passed away 10 years ago. She has lived by herself for the last three years because she has no children of her own, although, she raised two children--a son and a daughter who are her stepchildren. Lee used to live with her stepson and his wife and children, but that was when her grandchildren were young and she was still capable and needed in the house. Her stepson asked her to move out because there was not enough room for her. She was just someone in the family.

The Hmong have a proverb saying, “You plant and harvest to prepare for hunger, you bear and raise children to prepare for old age.” In the Hmong culture, parent should never have to leave their children's home to live by themselves. If they are to die, they must die in the home of their children. This is expected and still true today only, if you are the biological parent of your son or daughter. Before she moved out to live on her own, the situation was hard for Lee. She cried as she shared about her concerns and fears of leaving the home to live by herself. Now, she talks with courage and joy for being able to live alone and she does not resent over the situation.

I believe Hmong House has something to do with her courage to overcome the situation. At Hmong House, our participants share and bear one another's burdens. Through our Bible study and the fellowship in God's name, participants are strengthened. The weak become stronger. The hopeless now find meaning and become hopeful. The lonely have

comfort and are now happy. They have learned to put their trust in God (as opposed to their children and the health-care system) and lay their burdens upon Him. Yes, they often speak and encourage one another to trust God—for their health, their concerns, their lives and future, and the wellbeing of their children and grandchildren. Knowing God alone is not enough until we can put our trust in Him. And they do.

Thank you for supporting Hmong House of Good News. We greatly appreciate your prayers, gifts, donations, and visits. Please continue to pray for our seniors, most of them are fragile and weak, and for our (yours and ours) ministry at Hmong House.

Rev. TsuKer Yang

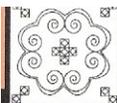
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### How Can You Help the Hmong House of Good News?

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

We are selling **preordered egg rolls** for both the Metro South and Metro North Annual Celebration on October 6, 2012, and the Wisconsin Conference UMW Annual Gathering, October 20 and 21, 2012. If you are interested in purchasing egg rolls, please contact Patsy Ruppe at 262-939-8075.



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

# METRO NORTH AND METRO SOUTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Waukesha Salem United Methodist Church, 541 State Road 59, Waukesha, WI 53186  
(262) 547-5231

October 6, 2012 - 8:30 am to 3:00pm, - \$20 per person

Endorsed by Religious Leaders across the State of Wisconsin and backed up with statistics of proven results for *Alternatives to Incarceration*, WISDOM sets out to change the attitudes of Wisconsin's most "Expensive Failure".

# 11X15

For safer, healthier communities



Our speakers will be from WISDOM, a Wisconsin ecumenical organization, which leads a new program of 11 X 15 to explore the social action/justice problem of enormous prison populations in Wisconsin and to reduce 11,000 prisoners from Wisconsin prisons by 2015. They propose, we are not any safer because:

- The system we now have is wasteful and ineffective
- Incarceration comes with a huge financial cost and is extremely hard on families left behind.

They will present alternatives that have great hope and practice behind them. Many UMW women belong to WISDOM through their local ecumenical organizations such as RIC, CUSH, Micah, and Sophia in our Metro South and Metro North Districts.

Come and join your fellow United Methodist Women from our districts for a lovely lunch, officer training program and a chance to buy books.

Please send check for \$20, payable to Metro South UMW, to Joyce Myers, District Treasurer, 7301-156<sup>th</sup> Ave, Bristol, WI 53104 by September 22, 2011.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Special Dietary/Physical Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Is Special Child Care needed; if so, please list ages of child(ren)

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# Calendar of Events across Metro South and North Districts

- ✓ **Aug 24-26:** Conference Officer Team meeting at Pine Lake Church Camp. District President and Membership, Nurture and Outreach are required to attend.
- ✓ **Aug 26:** 2:00 to 8:00 pm, Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, 2020 Brown Deer Rd, River Hills Early Bird Registration: 8/17 \$20.00; after 8/17 \$25.00. Make checks payable to WCC. [www.wichurches.org/events](http://www.wichurches.org/events) provides more information.
- ✓ **Sep 8:** Combined Metro officer team meeting at Waukesha Salem at 9:30 with nominations meeting at 9:00..
- ✓ **Oct 4 and 5:** St. James UMC, East Troy. UMW Annual Rummage Sale (Oct 4 from 6-8 p.m. and October 4-5 from 9a.m. - 1 p.m.). Gently used clothes, shoes, glassware, household items, Hundreds of used books, jewelry, kitchen utensils, various knife sets, seasonings, plants, planters, flowers, handmade greeting cards.  
**Contact** Lois Crubaugh 262-642-7223
- ✓ **Oct 6:** 52nd Annual Auction starting at 10 a.m. at St. James UMCm East Troy, (UMW). Items include antiques, household furniture, tools, miscellaneous items Food will be served starting at 9 a.m. **Contact** Lois Crubaugh 262-642-7223
- ✓ **Oct. 6:** JOINT ANNUAL CELEBRATION FOR METRO NORTH and METRO SOUTH Districts at Waukesha Salem UMC in Waukesha WI. From 8:30 am to 3:00pm. Speaker and officer training. \$20 registration fee due by Sep 22 2012.
- ✓ **Oct. 19-20:** Conference Annual Gathering at Sun Prairie UMC. All district officers are expected to attend.
- ✓ **Oct 20:** Fall Salad Luncheon and Craft Sale, 11:00 to 1:30 p.m. Contact Cheryl Malko, UMW President Hartford First UMW Events, 262-670-6396.
- ✓ **Oct 24:** **Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.**, Our Lord's UM Church, 5000 S. Sunny Slope Road, New Berlin, will present a program ***A Ray of Hope in the Dark World of Human Trafficking (in Nicaragua)***. This program will be presented by Pat Mehring, who went on her second mission trip to Nicaragua to the shelter that helps women and children caught in human trafficking. This program is open to men as well as women, so bring your spouses along to learn more about this growing crisis around the world.
- ✓ **Nov 1:** Palmyra UMW Turkey Supper/Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale 4:30 –6:30pm
- ✓ **Nov 1:** Racine Christ UMW Cookie Walk and Harvest Bazaar 9:00-11:00 am.  
Contact Patsy Ruppe 262-939-8075 for details.
- ✓ **Nov 1:** Racine First UMW Ham Ball Dinner
- ✓ **Nov 9-10:** Conference and 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/Metro South Officers team meeting at location TBD
- ✓ **Dec 1:** Bake Sale/Christmas cookies and home items 9:00am - 2:00pm
- ✓ St. James UMW East Troy WI. **Contact** Lois Crubaugh 262-642-7223

If you would like to add something to this calendar please contact Patsy Ruppe at 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.**