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Our Day Apart was terrific! We learned about Immigration in the Bible, Poverty and, STOMP, and fellowshiped with our friends from Metro North and South districts. Thanks to all who made it possible: our planners, speakers (Rev Deborah Thompson, our new District Superintendent; Barbara Dick and Pastor Rob Odum) and especially the women of Greenfield Memorial UMW, our hosts. Thank you Jesus for a wonderful Day Apart and the United Methodist Women who came to learn!





PRESIDENT

During 2013, the Metro North and Metro South president positions are filled.

Metro North

Happy New Year to All! I am Cheryl Malko, Metro North District President, and extend my greetings to all of my UMW sisters. By the time you read this, many of you will have participated in our joint Metro North/Metro South 2013 Day Apart. I'd like to thank all of the people who coordinated and/or participated in this year's event. This is just the first of several opportunities we'll all have this year for fellowship and spiritual growth. If you weren't able to attend, please mark your calendars for the rest of our upcoming events - Legislative Day and Mission Action Day in March, joint Spiritual Growth Retreat in April, Mission U in July, joint District Annual Gathering in October and the Conference Annual Gathering and Officer Training also in October. I think you'll find all of these programs will enrich your soul and faith.

New for this year, the Metro North Mission Team will have designated Sister Units with all of the churches in our district. The purpose of assigning Sister Units is to ensure that all UMW local organizations and UMC churches within the Metro North District have a relationship with our Mission Team. The Mission Team Representative will be the primary contact for each of the local organizations designated as their "sister unit." They will be available to attend UMW meetings, speak to church groups about UMW, bring recommendations and/or concerns to the District Team and help charter or reactivate new UMW units. Each designee is also responsible for following up with their assigned sister unit to ensure all required reports are submitted within the required timeframes and to encourage members in those units to attend the UMW-sponsored functions mentioned above. A listing of our sister units is included in this newsletter.

Our Mission Team has also developed a new District Vision and established goals to guide us in living that vision. Our vision statement is the result of an opportunity we had at the November 2012 STOMP Conference to describe our "dreams" for our districts. Metro North participants identified five areas of focus that we feel are important to our growth and participation in the new UMW organization described at the STOMP meeting. These focus areas are as follows: (1) Create and maintain a viable mission team; (2) Increase membership; (3) Focus on our mission, strengthening our faith, advocacy and support for UMW-supported programs; (4) Mission Giving; and (5) Identify opportunities to speak out against racial injustices and act to alleviate those injustices. From these focus points, we developed the following vision: *The Metro North United Methodist Women will emerge as a supportive, cohesive community of women of all ages, including teens, who freely share ideas and promote use of resources that will give us a clear understanding of who we are and who we serve. Our purpose will be manifested in our zeal to grow spiritually, to spread the "good news," and to stomp out injustice.* This vision, along with our goals, is also shown elsewhere in the Uniter. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you to ensure that, together, we make our vision a reality.

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Metro South

Greetings! I am Dodie Smith. I am glad to be President of Metro South once again. I'd like to share with you a few experiences I have had since November 1st. I regret that I was unable to attend S.T.O.M.P. – the training held for District and Conference officers. But, I have been rejuvenated by others who attended the event. Looking back to appreciate our legacy and looking forward to new possibilities is uplifting to my spirit!

Sharing the challenge of providing refreshments for the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration with Metro North turned out to be a rewarding experience. Thank you to all of you who provided bars/cookies/fruit and helped to set up/serve/clean up. You are AMAZING! The service was awesome also! Now I'm looking forward to our Day Apart and I expect it will also be an event that will bring us knowledge and inspiration.

Won't you join in the many opportunities we will have in 2013 to **learn**, **grow** and **serve** as UMW! Let's allow our lights to shine for Jesus!

- Invite your District Officer Sister to attend one of your local meetings.
- Attend the Conference Social Action Day on April 6th in Tomah.
- Attend our Metro North/South Retreat on April 20th at Central UMC.
- Plan to attend Mission u.
- Reach out in your community to address a need.
- Share your experience with someone.

We have been so blessed! Let us be a blessing to others! It is a blessing to me to have the chance to work in cooperation with the Metro North Team – THANKS!

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Where are the United Methodist Women Going? “Spirit fully Transforming Our Mission Purpose” (STOMP)

In November 2012, 136 women met to work on where UMW of Wisconsin was going in the future. Under the leadership of Julia Tulloch, a woman on the national staff of United Methodist Women, we learned about the origins of UMW, the changes in terms and governance structure made by General Conference, and what our mission money supports now in light of the changes.

How Will Recent Changes to United Methodist Women Affect local Women?

Local United Methodist Women Organization same as allowed in 2008 discipline

Leadership Reorganization - Must have as leaders:

President, secretary, treasurer, nominations

- Subgroups and Circles (special focus/interests)
- Cluster or charge groups (women from other churches)
- Online connections- special focus organization (i.e. handicap, mission, social action, spiritual etc.)
- Reorganization means more opportunities for service/mission

The new Handbook is coming soon! The new Handbook incorporates changes adopted at General Conference in May 2012 and will be available for download at the new United Methodist Women e-store by February. Once the bylaws are approved by the United Methodist Women Board of Directors after their meeting in March 2013, they will also be available for download from the e-store. We expect the print version of the Handbook, complete with bylaws, to be available in spring 2013.

Continuing on with the results of the STOMP conference: After we learned about the reorganization, and with this in mind, our next task was to decide our goals for the future. The changes at the national level gave us permission to reduce the size of our officer teams and bring in extra women for a short term to work on specific goals or issues—or to keep things the way they are. In order to be able to decide what we might alter, it was important to understand the duties of a full slate of officers, so that we could see what we might eliminate

or how we might combine positions. We also dreamed big on what we might like to change or to accomplish. On the next few pages you can see what we accomplished.



What is our vision for the future???

CONFERENCE VISION STATEMENT

Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women will be a community of women who are so enthusiastic about mission with women, children, and youth that their contagion will infect all the women in their churches – teens through retired – compelling them to join in.

Conference Goals:

1. *Improve communication between conference counterparts and district counterparts*
2. *Support LFGACY group (Limitless Energy: God Advocating for Change and Youth) in efforts to engage young women and teens*
3. *Provide effective training for District officers incorporating insights from SJCMP*
4. *Make/exceed pledge*

METRO NORTH VISION STATEMENT (REVISED)

The Metro North United Methodist Women will emerge as a supportive, cohesive community of women of all ages, including teens, who freely share ideas and promote use of resources that will give us a clear understanding of who we are and who we serve. Our purpose will be manifested in our zeal to grow spiritually, to spread the "good news," and to stomp out injustice.

Living the Vision Goals for 2013 - 2016

- *Promote use of Mission Today Criteria in planning local events and objectives in all local organizations.*
- *Improve communications within the UMW structure – conference, leadership team and local organizations – and encourage fresh, open-minded, forward thinking.*
- *Increase the numbers and diversity of our members, chartering or reactivating at least three (3) new units and focusing on recruitment of younger women.*
- *Provide opportunities for all of our members to grow personally and spiritually through participation in the UMW reading program and by encouraging attendance at the annual Day Apart, District retreats, Mission U and Annual Gatherings.*
- *Become more active in speaking out and working for social justice.*

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METRO SOUTH VISION and Goals STATEMENT

1. *Embrace the new national reorganization and pare our team functions/officers to the minimum required and fill the officer positions for a fully functioning team.*
2. *Engage younger women and youth to join us in UMW mission work on behalf of women and children.*
3. *Embellish communication lines from district to local unit(s) to elicit understanding and action on UMW causes supporting women and children.*

Youth Legacy VISION :

Chelsey Ganzer, Conference on email at ganzerchelsey@yahoo.com. Lucy Fisher, Metro North; (414) 803-7116; Rebecca Yang Metro South (414) 817-8120. These representatives have been assigned to get it up and running.

WHAT IS YOUR *UNIT'S* VISION FOR THE FUTURE?

Now, we ask you to start moving. No hesitant steps or tip-toeing, but rather, confidently go forth. STOMP into the future and make United Methodist Women all it—*WE*—can be!

Thoughts on attracting new members

- Be flexible with meeting times.
- Find ways of overcoming transportation barriers such as car pooling for older attendees of evening meetings and teens.
- Stress getting rid of “This is the way we have always done it”.
- Involve teens by having them do a program.
- Encourage use of prayer calendar, **Response magazine** and program book, and attendance at Day Apart, Annual Celebrations, Annual Gathering, and Spiritual Retreat.
- Spread participation and leadership around so everyone gets to know what mission is.
- Challenge unit members to bring someone new to a local organization meeting....possibly someone outside your church?
- Meet online.



VICE PRESIDENT



During 2013, the Metro South District vice president position is vacant and the Metro North position is filled. When we have joint events the Metro North Vice president will supply the Metro North and Metro South team with this effort.

Hello, United Methodist Women from the Metro North and Metro South districts! I am happy to be involved with UMW at the district level. Currently, I'm on the board of my local unit at Good Shepherd UMC as Social Action coordinator. I am still learning the VP ropes so I would appreciate any suggestions and support I can get. Some of the duties for VP are a little beyond my comfort level, but I feel confident that with God's help and all the supportive women in our districts, that I will be able to meet the expectations of this position.

Just a little background on me, I hope to also get to know about you. I am married to my wonderful husband, Andy, and am the mother of 2 and stepmother of 2 with one remaining at home, my 16 year old son, Ricky. I am a Registered Nurse and work part time/pool at 3 Pillars Health Care as a long term care nurse. I have been on the board of my local unit in Oconomowoc for about five years. I am a Northcott Neighborhood House representative and serve on their Head Start Policy committee and the Wisconsin Conference Health & Welfare Ministries Committee as a Northcott representative. I also volunteer as Vice President of my local environmental group, Greener Oconomowoc, which is a group that was formed following a Creation Care program through the Oconomowoc area Church Women United. I would also like to see us come up with guidelines for our meetings to try to incorporate as many of the UMW Green Team strategies as possible.

This past weekend I attended my first conference team meeting in Baraboo with Dodie Smith and Cheryl Malko. It's very heartening to be involved with so many wonderful and passionate women. We discussed ways to build membership and inspire ourselves in mission. The Metro districts have many events and programs planned for 2013. I hope you feel as excited about them as we do. Our first event of the year was the Day Apart program on January 26th. The speakers, both Barbara Dick on Immigration and Pastor Rob Odum on Poverty, were fantastic and really did a great job on two tough messages. March 14th is Legislative Day in Madison. We will get the chance to meet with our state representatives and the opportunity to speak to them about issues important to us as UMW. Immigration and the 11x15 prison reform initiative, and issues that impact Wisconsin women and children will be high on my list for discussion. April 20th will be our Metro North and South Spiritual Growth Retreat at Milwaukee Central UMC. I am looking forward to hearing the always inspirational, Rev. Mary Council Austin. Please keep your calendars open for Mission U in July and our Metro North/South Annual Gathering on October 5th at Hartford First UMC. We will be working very hard to make these great events and programs the very best we can to inspire us in mission and service.

Wendy Wilson Uhl, 29 N. Genesee Woods Dr., Oconomowoc, WI. 53066. Home phone: 262-567-3276, Cell: 262-370-0703, wilsonuhl.929@gmail.com



2013 Metro North Sister Units

Purpose: Ensure that all UMW local organizations within the Metro North District have a relationship with the UMW Metro North Mission Team. The Mission Team Representative will be the primary contact for each of the local organizations designated as their "sister unit". They will be available to attend UMW meetings, speak to church groups about UMW, bring recommendations and/or concerns to the District Team and help charter or reactivate new UMW units. Each designee is also responsible for following up with their assigned sister unit to ensure all required reports are submitted within the required timeframes and to encourage members in those units to attend UMW-sponsored functions, such as Day Apart, Mission Action Day, District Retreats, Mission U and Annual Gatherings.

Metro North Designee/Assigned Churches

Cheryl Malko	Oconomowoc Good Shepherd, Menomonie Falls Emmanuel, Green Bush New Hope, Sheboygan Fountain Park
Wendy Wilson Uhl	Brookfield Peace, Watertown Christ
Muriel Smith-Gross	Mequon UMC, Milwaukee Central, Milwaukee Emanuel
Linda Hurt	Batavia Zion, Milwaukee St. James, Elm Grove Community
Cherrie Hartley	Pewaukee Gethsemane, Milwaukee New Hope Hmong, Milwaukee The Church of the Good Hope
Salud Rodeman	West Bend Fifth Avenue, Sheboygan Falls Faith, Cedarburg Community, Brown Deer
Cynthea Rollo	Sussex, Wauwautosa Avenue, Milwaukee Aldersgate
Linda Smeaton	Sheboygan St. Luke, Port Washington Grand Avenue, Jackson Stillwater, Kiel Bethel
Jackie Felde	Waldo Trinity, Sheboygan Wesley, Campbellsport First
Cathryn Luse	Milwaukee Summerfield, Milwaukee Kenwood, Wauwautosa Bethany Calvary, Whitefish Bay
Christine Whiteside	Milwaukee Solomon Community Temple, Milwaukee Albright
Cheryl Mallow	Brookfield Agape, Hartford First



2013 Metro South Sister Units

Members of the District Mission Team hope to visit your unit in 2013. If we do not call you, please call us to set up a time that will be convenient for you. We want to be able to bring information to you and answer any questions you might have. Thanks!

Bristol	Dodie Smith	262-551-8669
Burlington	Joyce Myers	262-857-7254
Caldwell	Gwenda Szczgielski	262-786-5265
Cudahy	Jeanne Heckenlively	414-855-0188
Eagle	Marie Garnhart	414-427-5770
East Troy	Mary Garvens	414-327-5305
Elkhorn	Gail Burgess	262-857-2224
Franksville	Patsy Ruppe	262-939-8075
Greenfield Christ	Arlene Wilson	414-482-1341
Greenfield Memorial	Arlene Wilson	414-482--1341
Johnson Creek	Gwenda Szczgielski	262-786-5265
Kenosha First	Joyce Myers	262-857-7254
Kenosha Immanuel	Joyce Myers	262-857-7254
Kenosha Principe de Paz	Marie Garnhart	414-427-5770
Kenosha Wesley	Patsy Ruppe	262-363-8552
Milwaukee Christway	Patsy Ruppe	262-939-8075
New Berlin Our Lord's	Gail Burgess	262-857-2224
Oak Creek Community	Kady Herr-Yang	414-704-2365
Palmyra	Marie Garnhart	414-427-5770
Racine Christ	Arlene Wilson	414-482-1341
Racine Faith	Marie Garnhart	414-427-5770
Racine First	Jeanne Heckenlively	414-855-0188
Village at Manor Park	Kady Herr-Yang	414-704-2365
Waterford	Gwenda Szczgielski	262-786-5265
Waukesha First	Betty Henderson	262-439-9840
Waukesha Salem	Marie Garnhart	414-427-5770
Wesley Chapel	Gail Burgess	262-857-2224
West Allis Calvary	Betty Henderson	262-439-9840
West Allis First	Betty Henderson	262-439-9840
Yorkville	Dodie Smith	262-551-8669

If you are not listed here, but would like a member of the District Mission Team to visit you, please contact Marie Garnhart, 414-427-5770 or sgarnhart@wi.rr.com.

Also, if you would like ***program ideas*** and/or sources for your UMW Sunday, please feel free to contact Patsy Ruppe for the event.

Team members who could speak at a program include:

- ✓ Patsy Ruppe - Milwaukee's Hmong House of Good News, Haiti (Challenges and Hope), Poverty, UMW reorganization, Forgiveness and reconciliation.
- ✓ Deanna Shimko - Cambodia Wells
- ✓ Marie Garnhart – an environmental program “Green Thing” and Human Trafficking,
- ✓ Dodie Smith – social action topics
- ✓ Gail Burgess – Health & Welfare Agencies, Wisconsin Volunteers in Mission

SECRETARY

During 2013, the Metro North and Metro South Secretary positions are filled.

Metro North

Muriel is the new secretary for Metro North. She recently attended nationwide leadership training in Arizona on behalf of both Metro North and South and will be writing about her experiences in the May Uniter and North Star. If you have any questions on secretarial issues please feel free to contact her. Below Muriel stands beside one of the instructors at the leadership training



Muriel O. Smith-Gross, 2856 N. Sherman Blvd, Milwaukee WI 53210, 414-871-3276, imosg@att.net



Greetings from your Metro South Secretary, By the time you get this issue of the Uniter, you should have your 2013 yearbook. So you can guess how I have spent my time lately. Since the Metro North secretary just started her position on Jan. 1st, I put together the Metro North Yearbook as well, but with much help from the Metro North Team. So I want to thank all of the local units from both districts for sending in information either to Cathryn Luse or myself. I think the information is more complete and accurate than in my two previous attempts, but please inform me of any “errata”. Next year Muriel Smith-Gross, the Metro North Secretary, will be doing the Metro North Yearbook, but she will have the electronic copy from this year to work from and will just have to update the information. If everyone out there in the local units submits their officer information as promptly as possible, neither Muriel nor I will be totally overwhelmed. Perhaps some information about the purpose of the yearbook and particularly the “local unit officer” section will inspire more units from both districts to submit their info on time. The number one purpose is that without this info the Communications Coordinators cannot send to your officers the 4 issues of the Uniter, our district Newsletter. Without the Uniter there would be a breakdown in communication which starts at the National level, with info for the Conference Officers, who in turn pass it on to the District Officers, who pass it on **to the most important people of all, the local units.**

This section is also useful for contacts between local units. Perhaps you want to invite another unit to share a special program, or even car-pool to a special conference event. This yearbook is your contact source for everything imaginable. Other vital information in the yearbook is the calendar of events for the whole year. Both the conference and the districts put a lot of effort into planning very worthwhile events. These get mentioned again in the Uniter in a timely fashion, but it’s good for your unit to have the “Big Picture” at the beginning of the year. Also be sure to check the “sister unit” or “Visitation List” page which assigns your unit to a particular district officer. You should invite this officer to visit one of your meetings during the year, or if you have any question give her a call. If she doesn’t know the answer, she will know how to find out. A major goal this year is better communication between the district team and the local units. You will notice that there is no section of Report forms this year in the Yearbook. That did not prove very effective, so this year watch for the Report Forms in the “Uniter” (After this Metro North will have their own “Northstar” newsletter.)

I wish you an enjoyable and productive new year. Remember how important you are to justice issues and the many UMW missions for women, youth and children here and abroad. Though we are many, we are united in Christ, and therein lies our ability to accomplish great things for God’s Kingdom.

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During 2013, the Metro North and Metro South Districts will keep their respective treasurer's duties and money separate.

Metro North

Greetings. If you have any questions relating to treasurer business just give me a call. God Bless you all!

METRO NORTH DISTRICT A&MD END OF YEAR REPORT FOR 2012

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$1,388.74	
RECEIPTS			
A & MD Funds	\$3,000.00		
Day Apart Proceeds	\$116.34		
Room Reimbursement	\$117.00		
Proceeds from Metro S. & N. Annual Mtg.	\$159.39		
M N Annual Mtg. Prog. Resources	\$649.63		
Hmong House check	\$25.00		
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$4,067.36	\$5,456.10
EXPENSES			
Standing Committees	\$422.15		
Communications	\$1,456.87		
Mission "U" (SOCM)	\$746.00		
Officer Materials	\$31.41		
Other local Officer Events	\$102.75		
Program Resources	\$714.59		
WI Annual Gathering	\$669.93		
Metro N. & S. Annual Mtg.	\$254.25		
Special Mission Recognition	\$40.00		
Special Mtgs. (Northcott & STOMP)	\$584.85		
Hmong House check	\$25.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$5,047.80	(\$5,047.80)
ENDING BALANCE			\$408.30

METRO NORTH MISSION GIVING 2012

Pledge to Conference \$40,000.00

MISSION GIVING

Pledge to Mission \$28,810.00
 Special Mission Recognition 520.00
 Gift to Mission 298.00
 Gift in Memory 585.00
 World Thank Offering 1,635.75

Total MISSION GIVING \$31,848.75

MISSION GIVING PLUS

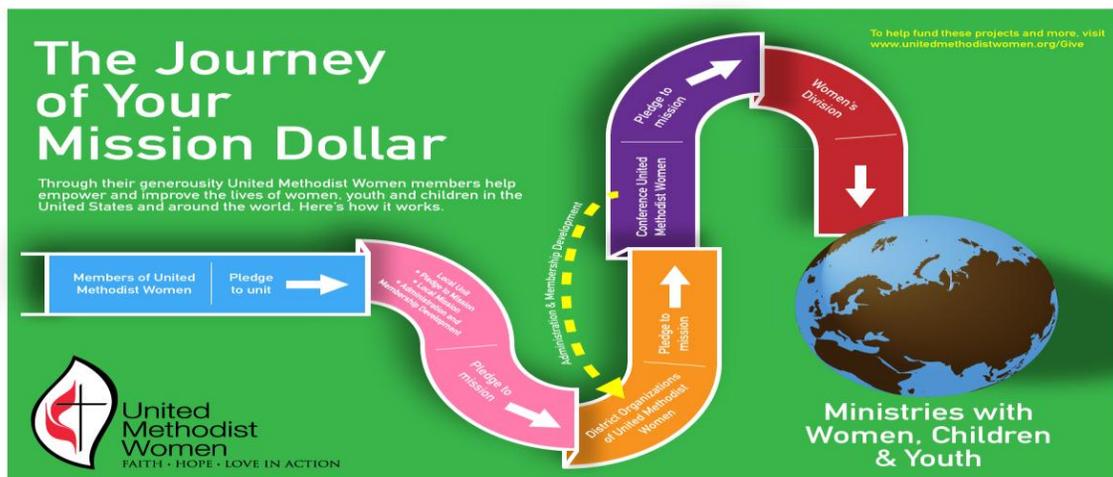
Call to Prayer & Self-Denial 345.00
 General Mission 0.00
 National Mission 350.00
 UMCOR 1,916.50
 SOCM 320.00

Total MISSION GIVING PLUS 2931.50

TOTAL GIVING \$34,780.25

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Metro South

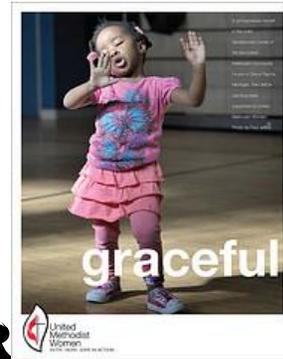
The year 2012 has passed and here is the financial report of how we, in Metro South District, did. Unfortunately, we did not reach our goal of 100% of our Mission Pledge, but we did attain 89.2%. We gave \$42,796.90 to Mission Giving...this includes our Mission Pledges, Gifts to Mission, Gifts in Memory, Special Mission Recognitions and World Thank Offerings. In Mission Giving Plus, we gave \$2,223.88...this includes things like, Call to Prayer & Self-Denial offerings, School of Christian Mission donations, specific missions, etc. So, our grand total of giving for 2012 was \$45,020.78.

As far as our Administration and Membership Development Funds are concerned, here is the report. We had receipts of \$6,258.47 and received \$4,000.00 from the Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women and we had a balance on hand on 1/1/12 of \$982.96. So, this gave us \$11,241.43 A&MD funds available to carry on our work. We had disbursements of \$9,758.63 which left us with a balance on 12/31/12 of \$1482.80. These funds are used for such things as: officer training, officer materials, School of Christian Mission registrations, our special meetings, program resources, communications, etc.

Now, we look ahead to 2013, and hope to do as well, if not better, in meeting our Mission Pledge of \$48,000.00. It takes each member's dedication and commitment to United Methodist Women and its importance in helping women, children and youth around the world to helping us meet our goal of 100% giving. Let's make this a *great year* in our contributions in Metro South District. We CAN do it!

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COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

**During 2013, the Metro North and Metro South
Communications positions are filled.**

Metro North

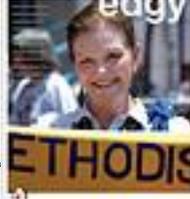
Greetings, I am new to being communications coordinator so your ideas and input is essential to me with our combined goal of keeping open communications. I am currently in Texas visiting with my family but am available by email. In May I plan to publish the Metro North "Northstar" for the first time in several years....so watch for it in May!

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Metro South

Greetings. It is fun to put together the "Uniter" for your enjoyment, keeping current and fostering better communications. It is one of the most expensive things we do so please let me know how we can improve and by all means give me your fund raising and program information to include in the calendar or in a separate section that can include pictures and more lengthy invitations...I think it is important for us to support each other. You can email me your pictures or thoughts and if you aren't on email just drop me a line.

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SOCIAL ACTION

During 2013, the Metro North and Metro South Social Action positions are filled.

Metro North

Greetings. My name is Cynthea Rollo and I am happy to serve as social action coordinator for Metro North. If you have any questions please just give me a call.

Cynthea Rollo, 1613 Dover Drive, Waukesha WI 53186, 262-574-7142, thearollo@aol.com.

Metro South

I have just finished Inaugural Immersion 2013. I hope you were as impressed with President's Obama's speeches as I was. I could not help comparing his foci with the Mission of United Methodist Women. How long have we talked about safety for our children from guns and abuse? We have supported Children's Sabbaths for many years. We have had 2 years of study on the poverty in our country as well as the world, knowing that $\frac{3}{4}$'s of these persons are women and children. Have we not also sought equal pay for women for decades and women still earn less than 80% of what a man earns for the same job? Is not education one of foundation stones laid by our foremothers who began schools in the south for blacks as well as in China? Have we not sought security for our elderly in terms of healthcare and living conditions? I am so grateful that troops have come home from Iraq and will be coming home in larger numbers from Afghanistan. United Methodist Women have coordinated and cooperated with The General Board of Church and Society on Peace with Justice since the program began. As reconciling and welcoming churches (and Units) to hear our president move us into gender equity and state that the love we share is not set within boundaries but is to be shared with all, was an emotional experience for me. Remarks about welcoming the Stranger and the Immigrant echoed our Charter for Racial Justice. I heard stronger language on Global Warming and Climate Change than I have heard for some time. Finally, I heard the words ACTION and ACT over and over again. Are these not the goals of Social Action also? We study and we act – in many instances we preemptively take action because we are the boots on the ground for people and see what is coming before a legislator is aware. We write, we call, we petition and we go to Town Hall meetings and make visits to Congress. United Methodist Women have a history with each of the points in the President's address. When we have the opportunity to stand together, it is my prayer that we will do so.

I know we cannot do everything at once nor can you, but we have started and much must be accomplished within the next 6 to 8 months before congress (house and senate) begin thinking about their re-election campaigns. You see, I am practical as well as a dreamer.

For this issue of the Uniter, I am playing catchup with much of the info I have received over the holidays and since our last Uniter.

- What did you, your unit or your congregation do on the 19th of Jan. for Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service? I took my knitted children's hats, scarves and mittens to Hebron House (one of those listed as a place to serve for a day).
- Ecumenical Advocacy Days in Washington D.C. April 5-8, 2013 "At God's Table" dovetails with our courses on Poverty. This is always a good time to meet GBCS staff and UMW Staff on Public Policy, meet our Senators, Congressmen, and let them know how we feel about the peoples' needs we see in the communities we serve which they are not addressing. EADs provide great opportunities to learn from our peers in other denominations as well as UMW and UMC. The Conference Board of Church and Society will be represented there and often UMW brings Mission Coordinators of Social Action to the event. Find out more at www.info@advocacydays.org.
- If yours is one of the Green Units in Wisconsin, please contact me. We need to keep our Green Focus in Wisconsin and our Green Units can help and can be helped. If you have not googled the web page for the Union of Concerned Scientists, try it out. They have recently published a report titled, "A Climate of Corporate Control" showing how 28 corporations influence our legislation in favor of some of the worst polluters in the world: eg Peabody Energy (Coal), Exxon Mobil; but also highlighting firms such as NIKE who are consistently supportive of action to abate Global Warming/Climate Change. UCS's website is where we go to purchase the card game: Cool.
- UM Women are great readers and that includes the New World Outlook as well as Response. I found the November/December 2012 issue of New World Outlook "The Things that make for Peace" especially moving and a must read for Social Action Coordinators.

In closing, a quote from Isaiah 9:7, "His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore."

There will be no lasting PEACE without JUSTICE. It is my prayer that as Mission Coordinators and persons concerned about Social Action you will continue on the journey toward Peace with Justice and Righteousness with faith and thanksgiving. Amen.

Shalom,

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Legislative Action Day 2013

People of Faith United for Action

Madison Action Day

March 14, 2013

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please register through your
closest WISDOM affiliate.

The day will include speakers and break-out
sessions, lunch, march to the capital and
meetings with your legislators.

11X15 will be the emphasis but other issues
can be addressed.

If registration becomes a problem, you may
send me your name, phone, and email with your
check for \$20 to WISDOM by Feb. 25th and I
will get it to WISDOM.

(Dodie Smith, 1927 – 17th Ave. Kenosha, WI 53140)

Who are we?

WISDOM links powerful congregation-based organizations throughout Wisconsin:

WISDOM currently includes:

CUSH

Congregations United to Serve Humanity
5601 Washington Rd. • Kenosha, WI 53143
262.694.4630 www.cushwi.org

ESTHER

Equality Solidarity Truth Hope Empowerment Reform
740 E. College Avenue • Appleton, WI 54911
920.362.1511 joshua4justice@aol.com

JOB

Justice Overcoming Borders (Beloit/Janesville)
handrich9951@sbcglobal.net
608.362.2934

JONAH

Joining Our Neighbors Advancing Hope
715-834-2959 (Eau Claire)
paul@goodshepherd-ec.org

JOSHUA

Justice Organization Sharing Hope and United for Action
www.joshua4justice.org (Green Bay)
920.362.1511 joshuaforjustice@netnet.net

MICAH

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micah@micahempowers.org

NWJA

Northern Wisconsin Justice Alliance
(715) 416-2170 or (715) 635-6416
nwjalliance@hotmail.com.

RIC

Racine Interfaith Coalition
2302 A Dekoven Ave. • Racine, WI 53403
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ricwi@tds.net

SOPHIA

Stewards of Prophetic Hopeful Intentional Action
411 W. Park Ave. • Waukesha, WI 53212

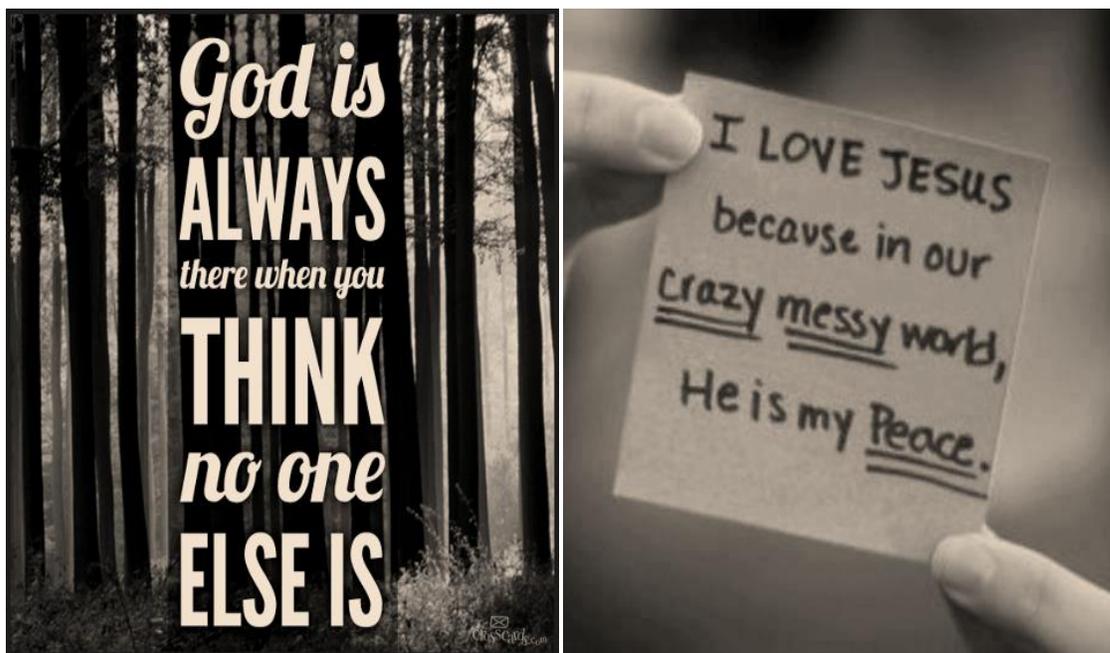
Do you want to go?

Each Wisdom local affiliate will be offering transportation to attend this Legislative Action Day and they are above on the right hand side...just get in touch with them for a ride. If that doesn't work out get in touch with Dodie and she will help you find a ride. All will gather at Bethel Lutheran Church, 312 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison Wisconsin prior to marching to the capital.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

During 2013, the Metro South District spiritual growth position is vacant and the Metro North spiritual growth coordinator will supply the Metro North and Metro South team with this effort.

Our 2013 Spiritual Retreat is going to be amazing. We wanted something lighter and uplifting as many of our mission and social action days are so “heavy” but meaningful...just heavy! Balance is a good thing so on April 20th, Pastor Mary Council-Austin will lead a spiritual retreat on Holy Humor or putting it another way Soulful Humor. Please come and join us at Central United Methodist Church for a day of revitalization and holy humor. Our Hmong sisters will be making a very special lunch including egg rolls.



On a personal note, I want to thank the many faithful UMW who sent me money for this mission trip to Honduras. I am carrying out our mission to women, children and youth. Pat and I are a sewing team teaching the women sewing skills that perhaps they will use to help support their families. We often have children who want to sew also. We do have some simpler projects for them. If you would like I would be happy to tell your circles about this trip. God Bless You.

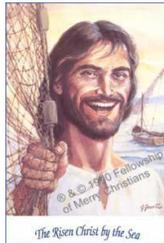
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**2013 SPIRITUAL RETREAT
APRIL 20, 2013 8:30-3:00PM
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
639 N. 25th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233
LEAD BY PASTOR MARY COUNCIL-AUSTIN**

SOULFUL HUMOR

COME EXPLORE THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE BIBLE AND OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

The New Yorker magazine recently featured a substantial article about a doctor in India who has created “a series of physical exercises intended to generate fits of laughter.” The doctor authored a book titled *Laugh for No Reason*, in which he maintains that laughter – even fake laughter – can cure physical, psychological, or spiritual ailments. In the New Testament, Jesus tells his disciples, “Blessed are you who weep now for you shall laugh.” (Luke 6:21) A hint of the resurrection, which the early Christian theologians saw as God’s last laugh on the devil. God gives us plenty of reasons to laugh.

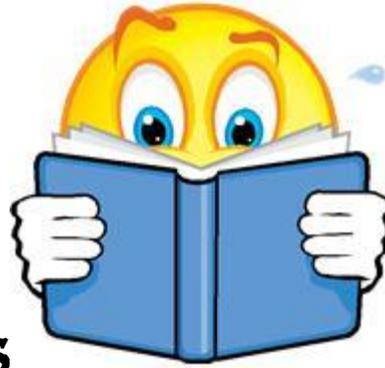


Jesus loves a good party!

He performed His first miracle at a wedding reception in Cana, turning water into wine. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, Jesus tells us that the overjoyed father threw a big party for his returning son. “We are going to have a feast, a celebration,” the father declared, “because this son of mine was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.” (Luke 15:23-24)

Send check for \$20.00 and registration below to Treasurer Linda Hurt, 4554 N. 40th Street, Milwaukee WI 53209. Make checks payable to Metro North UMW by no later than Monday, April 14, 2013.

Name _____
District _____ **Local Org** _____
Phone # _____ **E-Mail** _____
Special Dietary Needs? _____
Need a babysitter? Ages of children: _____



PROGRAM RESOURCES

During 2013, the Metro North and Metro South program resources positions are filled.

Metro North

Greetings. My name is Cherrie Hartley and I am happy to serve as program resources coordinator for Metro North. If you have any questions please just give me a call.

Marelise (Cherrie) Hartley, 1527 Roxbury Way, Waukesha, WI 53186, 262-650-1184. hmarelise@gmail.com

Metro South

Was one of your New Year's resolutions to participate in the UMW Reading Program? I hope so, because many great books for the 2009 - 2013 program are available for you to read. Remember the plan 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, plus reading the Response magazine); Plan 2, 10 books (two from each category and reading Response and New World Outlook); Plan 3, 15 books (two from each of the five categories and five from any category plus reading Response and New World Outlook); Plan 4, 20 books (two from each of the five categories and ten from any category, plus reading Response and New World Outlook). The list of the books eligible for 2013 is available at www.missionresourcecenter.org.

With Lent starting on February 13, that season will be a good opportunity to focus on books from the Spiritual Growth category. One book I can recommend is *When Christians Get it Wrong*, by Adam Hamilton. Read below to learn more about it:

More and more young adults have opted out of Christianity and the church. The reason? **Christians!**

When young adults talk about the problems they have with Christianity

and the church, they often name certain attitudes and behaviors they believe are practiced too often by Christians: judging others, condemning people of other faiths, rejecting science, injecting politics into faith, and being anti-homosexual. With his familiar style, Adam Hamilton tackles these issues and addresses the how's and why's of Christians getting it right when it comes to being Christ in the world.

Those who read *When Christians Get It Wrong* will gain a different way of understanding the issues that keep people away from Christianity and keep Christians from living a more compelling faith. Because, honestly, if we don't start getting it right, we may lose an entire generation.

Why not get a group together to read and talk about what is said in this book? It is great for discussions.

Another book more suitable for your own daily devotions is *Morning Coffee with James*. This book offers daily devotional readings using the book of James. The readings are set up in an interesting format: God's Word Says; To Them; To Us; Cream and Sugar; the Second Cup, The Last Drop. Of course, a perfect companion for your Lenten readings is the 2013 Prayer Calendar.

Remember, an additional benefit to your unit for participation in the Reading Program is if you have 10% of your unit's members involved (be sure to report that number on the unit Reading Program Reporting Form due in August), your unit will get a \$10.00 certificate to use toward purchasing books for 2014 – a real bargain! Happy reading everyone! Be sure to contact me with any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Note on book referred to during the Day Apart section on immigration

At the Day apart, Wendy our Metro North Vice President talked about a book from the reading program relating to immigration and her family. She wanted you to have that info as several women asked her for it. The book is "Inheriting the Trade" (subtitle of: "A Northern Family Confronts Its Legacy as the Largest Slave-Trading Dynasty in U.S. History" by Thomas Norman DeWolf. It is the companion book to the PBS/P.O.V documentary "Traces of the Trade" which she hasn't seen. Wendy doesn't know if you can still get the book through our reading program, but you can get it through Amazon or better yet, a request from your friendly neighborhood locally owned book store! This has information she was taught in school about our history and we should all know it. If you are on Facebook, he Tom DeWolf also has a FB page and it looks like he has a new book out too. Blessings ...Wendy



MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH

During 2013, the Metro North membership, nurture, and outreach coordinator position is filled but the Metro South position is vacant so the South team members will help to perform this function.

Metro North

A Warm Welcome to our Newest UMW Members!!

Local United Methodist Women Organizations (formerly known as local units) turned in their 2012 Membership Census forms. Metro North District has added 10 new members (and still counting). I would expect Metro South District to report similar results. Membership Counts were due for Metro North and Metro South the end of January. Our District counts are due to the Conference level of United Methodist Women in April. The Conference then turns those counts for all of the Wisconsin Districts (8) to the National level of United Methodist Women (formerly Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church).

*If your local organization has not already done so, please turn in your Membership Counts.

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Being "new" to any group can be challenging, especially to an organization with 800,000 members and more than 140 years of turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world. We have a wide range of events, mission projects, and fundraisers as we live out our UMW Purpose. As a suggestion to the more "experienced" UMW women . . . During your meetings, when planning calendars, or hosting an event, take time to explain to your newer members what is happening and also what it means to You to be a United Methodist Woman. Then, take the time to encourage newer members to share their thoughts, ideas, and new approaches for your local organization.

As a suggestion to those newer to UMW, ask questions of your officers and fellow members to learn all you can about UMW. (I've been a UMW member for 2 years and am still learning!) The websites below are additional resources:

- National Level of UMW <http://new.qbgm-umc.org/umw/>
About*Join*Connect*Learn*Programs*Resources*Response*News*Act*Give
- WI Conference Level of UMW www.wisconsinumw.org/ January's "Catch the Vision" WI Conference UMW newsletter can be found there and To subscribe and receive a paper copy of *Catch the Vision*, send a donation of \$4.00 for each subscription (a total of four issues a year). Payable to: Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women Mail to: Stacy Ganzer, Editor PO Box 167 Butte des Morts WI 54927 Or email stacyganzer@new.rr.com and get a link sent to you FREE!!!
- Communications tab also has past year's issues of our District Newsletter "The Uniter"

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EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

During 2013, the Metro South Education and Interpretation position is filled but the Metro North position is vacant so the North team members will help to perform this function.

Greetings from your newly elected Education and Interpretation Coordinator. My name is Mary Garvens. Though I was previously a member of UMW, I have since my retirement become more active and was recruited to fill this previously vacant position on the Metro South district team,

I grew up attending St. James UMC in East Troy and have attended Calvary West Allis UMC for about 20 years. I graduated as an RN from Lutheran Hospital of Milwaukee in the class of 1969 and worked in the med-surgical ward full-time for 42 and ½ years, retiring from Aurora Health care in January of 2012.

So I will start by congratulating those units who met the criteria in 2011 to be cited as “Mission Today” units. If you did not pick up your certificate from Arlene Wilson at the Annual celebration event on Oct. 6, and if no one from your unit attended the Conference Gathering in Sun Prairie on Sat., Oct. 20 you should have received it in the mail.

Now that we are in the new year 2013 some of you are no doubt, like me, newly elected to this role of Education and Interpretation Coordinator only in your local unit. So to start with I offer a brief summary of your duties at the local level. This is based on the existing UMW Handbook. There will be a new Handbook available, supposedly by April, which will be for the next 4 year period.

Educating and interpreting refers to bringing about an understanding of the mission of UMW and the UMC in your local unit. You should encourage your unit to pay its pledge to Mission and in understanding the scope of UMW missions in the U.S. and around the world. You should promote the various guidelines on the “Mission Today” report form as a way of pursuing the goals of UMW in day-to-day operations. These criteria are some practical suggestions for being a fruitful unit. Whether or not you find that by the end of the year you met enough criteria to qualify as a “Mission Today” unit, send the form to me. Those units that do qualify will be honored next October at the annual District Celebration with a special certificate and being listed in the program booklet. The form says to send it to Marie Garnhart by Dec. 10, but please send it to me from now on and as soon as possible.

The new updated form is printed in the Nov. Uniter, so you can ignore the one in the 2012 Yearbook, and use the one in the Nov. Uniter. Note that there are two pages to the form. In future issues of the Uniter I will try to highlight some of the specific criteria on that form. If you have any questions feel free to contact me. If I don't know the answer off hand, I will try to find the answer for you.

Mary Garvens, 2167 South 80th Street, West Allis, WI 53219, 414-327-5305, no email



NOMINATIONS

**During 2013, the Metro North and Metro South Nominations
Chair person positions are filled.**

Metro North and South

MISSING LINKS IN OUR MISSION TEAMS

BE THE LINK THAT REPLENISHES

A team with missing links is vulnerable: The strength of the team is weakened. Outreach is limited. We can't produce at full capacity. The strain on the remaining links can cause havoc. We must step up our efforts to supply those missing links.

I am still convinced that those links are out there. God has equipped us with all that we need to be in his mission. Burst forth, come and provide that missing link.

The persons who came forward thus far came running – geared up and ready to work. Thanks to all who made recommendations and sincere thanks to all who said “yes”.

Keep your eyes opened; be observant. You can never tell when that link may cross your path. Most of all you may be that link. Stop. Link together the chain. We have a really good time at our meetings and would love to have new district members. Check us out below at our Christmas 2012 meeting at West Allis Calvary.





MISSING LINKS IN METRO NORTH TEAM

Treasurer, Member of Nominations, Education and Interpretation Coordinator

MISSING LINKS IN METRO SOUTH TEAM

Vice President, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Membership Nurture and Outreach,
Member of 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 _____

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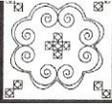
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Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

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**Metro South, Gail Burgess, 262-857-2224, hb53104@aol.com, 6510
203rd Avenue Bristol, Wisconsin 53104**



Hmong House of Good News - Moob Tsev Moo Zoo

The Hmong House held a Christmas pageant. For our elders it was one of the few times they got to be in the pageant instead of watching their children and now their grandchildren participate. Remember when you were in the Christmas nativity story? Were you a wise man, Mary, or a shepherd? Salud Rodeman one of our volunteers and a fellow UMWer's put the pageant together and Pastor Tsuker the Hmong House of Good News Director read the Christmas nativity story from the Hmong language bible. We had great fun!



How Can You Help the Hmong House of Good News?

CALLING ALL METRO NORTH AND METRO SOUTH VOLUNTEER-MINDED CHRISTIANS, LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO DO GOD'S WORK: Hmong House of Good News is seeking volunteers to help in a few different capacities to be able to better serve the Hmong seniors that now and will one day utilize the center.

We need:

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

Please prayerfully consider helping this vulnerable group of people.

For information or to make a commitment, please contact Cheryl Mallow at 920-261-6140 or nonicheryl@yahoo.com.

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.

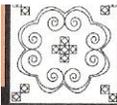
Milk Moola and Donuts to Dough from Kwik Trip Stores. Collect bottle caps or bag tops from Nature's Touch milk and juice or ice cream cartons and Hmong House will receive 5-cents each. Also collect the price ovals from Glazer donuts boxes worth 10-cents each.

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 25th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233, 414-342-4380 or email us at Hmonghgn@gmail.com.

Host an egg roll sale. In May, we will be having Hmong egg roll sales at Palmyra and Oconomowoc Good Shepherd. We are grateful for their support! They will help us with pre orders and let us use their kitchen and we come and make the egg rolls.



Hmong House of Good News program. Would you like someone to come to your circle meeting and tell you about the Hmong House of Good news? Here we are above at West Allis Calvary UMW in January showing one of the Hmong Story clothes.



Hmong House of Good News - Moob Tsev Moo Zoo

Calendar of Events across Metro North District

February 9	Mission Team Meeting at Oconomowoc Good Shepherd
February 12	Tuesday Extraordinaire at Brown Deer UMC
March 13	Northcott Neighborhood House - Lend a hand with Fifth Avenue UMW / West Bend for a Work Day organizing their Clothing Donations 9:30 am - 2 pm contact Linda Smeaton 262-483-3570
March 14	Legislative Day, Madison
March 16	Mission Team Meeting at Elm Grove Community
April 6	Mission Action Day, Tomah - Theme: Domestic Violence
April 13	UMW Spring Salad Luncheon at Fifth Avenue UMC/West Bend contact Jean Krell 262-334-9360
April 20	Metro North/Metro South Spiritual Growth Retreat at Milwaukee Central UMC
April 25	Spring Salad Luncheon at Hartford First
April 26-27	WI Conference Team Meeting at Sun Prairie District President, Treasurer and Education & Interpretation Coordinator must attend
April 28	Northcott Corporation Annual Meeting and Dinner
May 1	Northstar Deadline (Metro North Newsletter)
May 18	Egg Roll Sale at Oconomowoc Good Shepherd
June 8	Mission Team Meeting at Hartford First
June 20, 21, 22	Rummage Sale Fifth Avenue UMW / West Bend contact Dee Ream 262-305-3065
July 22-25	Mission U four-day school, Westwood Conference Center, Wausau
July 26	Mission U one-day school, Westwood Conference Center, Wausau
August 1	Northstar Deadline
August 10	Mission Team Meeting at Milwaukee Albright
August 23-25	WI Conference Mega Team Meeting at Pine Lake - District President must attend
September 7	Joint Metro North/Metro South Mission Team meeting at Hartford First for Walk-Thru and Prep for October Annual Gathering
October 5	Metro North/Metro South Annual Gathering at Hartford First
October 18-19	WI Conference Annual Gathering and Officer Training at Madison Asbury UMC - <u>All</u> District Officers are expected to attend
October 19	Fall Salad Luncheon and Craft Sale at Hartford First
November 1	Northstar Deadline
November 8-9	WI Conference Meeting, Chippewa Falls Trinity - District President must attend
December 7	Mission Team Meeting at Brookfield Agape

Share your mission works and fund raising with other UMWs...be connected with each other. If you would like to add something to this calendar please contact Jackie Felde 920-458-5679 jfelde5679@charter.net

Calendar of Events across Metro South District

Feb. 16	District officers team meeting , Garnhart residence, 7835 W. Canterbury Ct., Franklin, WI 53132 at 9:00 a.m. (promptly)
March 2	Women's Day of Renewal, Our Lord's UM New Berlin 9-3. The theme is Fruits of the Spirit. Breakfast snacks and a full lunch will be provided. Also, a babysitter will be available for the day. A freewill offering will be taken to offset expenses. Please call Rebecca Radick, study leader and spiritual growth coordinator for Our Lord's UMW, at 262-679-2710 with any questions regarding the day's program. Call the church office at 414-425-7030 with your reservation. It promises to be a day that will greatly help your spiritual growth during the Lenten season.
March 7&8	Palmyra UMW all church rummage/bake sale 8-5pm, lunch 11-1
March 9	Palmyra UMW all church rummage/bake sale 8-12pm \$1/bag sale
March 14	Legislative Day in Madison
April 6	Conference Mission Action Day at Tomah: Domestic Violence
April 20	Spiritual Retreat Metro No. and So. Milwaukee Central
April 26-27	Conference Team Meeting Sun Prairie . Pres, Treasurer, Education and Interpretation must attend.
May 1	Uniter Deadline
May 1	Africa ELI Director Anita Henderlight at Kenosha County Gathering (For more information, contact Gail Burgess)
May 5	Palmyra UMW "Grandma's Aprons and their stories" 4pm
May 18	District officer team meeting location TBD (Deal with budget)
June 8	Joint meeting at Milwaukee Albright (Plan for Annual Gathering)
July 22-25	Mission u at Wausau, WI
July 26	Mission u Overview day Wausau, WI
Aug. 1	Uniter Deadline
August 23-25	Conference Mega Team meeting @ Pine Lake. District Pres. must attend.
Sept. 7	Joint Metro So. & No Officer team meeting: Hartford First
Oct. 5	Joint Metro So. & No Annual District Celebration: Hartford First
October 18-19	Conference Annual Gathering Madison Asbury UMC. All district officers expected to attend.
Nov. 1	Uniter Deadline
Nov 2	Christ Church Racine UMW annual cookies walk 9-11am
Nov 2	1 st Church Racine UMW annual ham ball dinner
Nov 7	Palmyra Annual Turkey Supper 4:30-6:30 pm
November 8-9	Conference Team Meeting Chippewa Falls: Trinity (District Pres.)
Sat., Dec. 7	Metro South officer team meeting location TBD

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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.