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*May 2014*



Greetings to United Methodist Women of Metro South!

As I sit here this morning at the computer, and glancing out the front window, I can watch the birds coming to the feeder outside. This is a new experience for us and we are enjoying it immensely. It brings to mind the hymn **His Eye is on the Sparrow**. In the song, Civilla Durfee Martin reminds us that Jesus will meet our needs if we but ask and trust in him. I am of the opinion that we also need to do our part. I hope that you have been praying for our District Team and for local members to feel the call to step forward and let us know that you are ready to step into a position on the team for 2015-16. I know we have the talent and faith in our ranks. Please let us know that you are ready!

At the recent Mission Action Day, I was challenged, inspired and grateful. I learned additional information about **Human Trafficking in Wisconsin**. We even approached the subject of Pornography. I must admit that is a subject I would rather not know about. But it is readily accessible. For the sake of our children, we need to acknowledge it and encourage our churches to use programs with our youth and adults to help us respond to and combat it in our midst.

Lieutenant Steve Elliott of the Appleton Police Dept. made it very clear that law enforcement alone is not capable of curing all of the ills in our society. Part of his job is to educate the community and encouraging their involvement in helping to solve the problems. **Let's help UMW be part of the solution!**

hope that you will consider coming to **Mission u** in July! I have started reading the study book for the study on **The Church and People with Disabilities**. It is very interesting! Don't forget to encourage your youth! Maybe bring them.



I also hope that many of you will or did join us at Central UMC in Milwaukee on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to hear Anita Henderlight's report on how South Sudan and Africa ELI are doing.

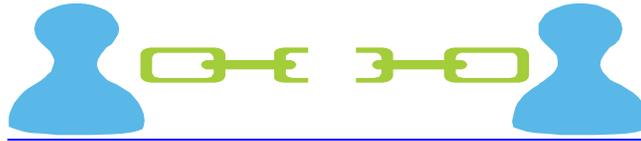
Count your blessings as a United Methodist Woman with me. We have the opportunity to grow in our faith, we have a supportive community of 800,000, we help support 98 national and many more international missions, we can take advantage of leadership training, we have a GREAT reading program and we are encouraged to change society for the better. WOW!



Your president, **Dodie Smith, 1927 27<sup>th</sup> Ave., Kenosha WI, 53140, 262-551-8669,**  
[roger.dorothy.smith@gmail.com](mailto:roger.dorothy.smith@gmail.com)



**MISSING LINKS IN METRO SOUTH TEAM 2014**



- **Vice President**
- **Spiritual Growth Coordinator**
- **Chairperson of Nominations**

**RECOMMENDATION FOR DISTRICT UMW MISSION TEAM**  
**Please send to anyone on the team**

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 and Talents \_\_\_\_\_  
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Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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## Treasurer



Greetings! I just want to thank all for the help and patience given to me as I learn the role of the Treasurer position. I am so happy to be working with some of the nicest and most Godly women. I am also amazed at the dedication from all of the units in our district. As of April 15, we have met **19% of our \$48,000 budget**. Please continue to send in those pledges so we can meet our goal. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

**Just a reminder, any remittances (checks) sent to Metro South District United Methodist Women must be made out to Metro South District United Methodist Women and then noted on the remittance form what the money is for.** Also I would like for you to use the proper remittance form which I have included for you on the next page. Using this form should make it easier for you as well as for me. We want to accurate doing God's work and this will help. God bless you all,

**Your Treasurer Diana Xiong** 8233 W. Leroy Avenue, Greenfield, 53220 414-462-2887  
[xiong\\_diana@hotmail.com](mailto:xiong_diana@hotmail.com)



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**THE REMITTANCE FORM FOR ALL TREASURERS**

Order No. (Please make sure that all orders have a unique order no.):

Local Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Conference: \_\_\_\_\_ Period from: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Mission Giving	Amount
1. Pledge to Mission	
2. Special Mission Recognition	
3. Gift to Mission	
4. Gift in Memory	
5. World Thank Offering	

Total Mission Giving (Lines 1 thru 5): \$

Supplementary Gifts	Amount
6. A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial	
7. Designated Gifts	Amount
A Brighter Future for Children and Youth	
Assembly Offering	
Scarritt-Bennett Center	
Magazine Fund	

National, international and UMCOR projects  
 (if additional pages are needed, complete the Supplementary Gifts Details Form)

Name of project	Address	Amount

Total from Supplementary Gifts Details Form

\$

Subtotal Designated Gifts (line 7 only):

\$

Bequest (please attach a copy of the will or excerpt of the will)

9. Other Designated Gifts

Total Supplementary Gifts (lines 6 thru 9): \$

Memo total—total giving for quarter (including Special Mission Recognition orders) \$

Less SMRs (and other as applicable) remitted previously (Enter as a positive number.)

**Total remittance Check no.:** **TOTAL:** \$

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Secretary



Finally we can enjoy the Wisconsin spring, and look out on green instead of white. And spring came sooner in Kentucky, as some of you may have noticed who attended the Quadrennial Assembly in Louisville.

As usual there were errors in the *yearbook* and so I will include some *additions and corrections*.

- The Franksville unit has a new president filling the previous vacancy. Congratulations! And here is her info: Kay Haney, 5803 Cambridge Circle #2, Mt. Pleasant, WI 53406, 262-886-4051, [shaney1@wi.rr.com](mailto:shaney1@wi.rr.com)
- Also from Franksville, Mary Ann Sustachek's e-mail was incorrect. It should be [sustamom@tds.net](mailto:sustamom@tds.net).
- East Troy: Darlene Katzman, 2794 Edwards St. East Troy, WI 53120
- Kenosha Wesley: Atha Atkinson's e-mail address is missing the "T" from her name. It should read [paatkinson1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paatkinson1@sbcglobal.net)
- New Berlin Our Lord's: Pat Garrigues, tel. 262-641-0138

It may seem early to be thinking about officers for 2015, but since many units don't meet over the summer, I might suggest that you should be thinking about electing your new slate of officers at an early fall meeting so as to be able to report them to me as soon as possible after that. So it's never too early to start recruiting as broad a team of officers as possible. And it's always nice to get some new ladies involved in leadership.

I wish for you all a pleasant summer. We usually get a little break from the routine of things, but God's work through United Methodist Women goes on.

**Your Secretary Marie Garnhart, 7835 W. Canterbury Ct. Franklin, WI 53132. 414-427-5770, [sgarnhart@wi.rr.com](mailto:sgarnhart@wi.rr.com)**



## Communications

Do you need **program ideas** for your circle? How about your UMW Sunday?  
District members who would be happy to speak include:

- ✓ Patsy Ruppe –
  - Milwaukee's Hmong House of Good News,
  - Haiti (Challenges and Hope),
  - Poverty,
  - UMW reorganization,
  - Forgiveness and reconciliation,
  - Roma of Europe,
  - The call – Living Sacramentally and walking justly.
- ✓ Deanna Shimko - Cambodia Wells
- ✓ Marie Garnhart –
  - an environmental program “Green Thing”
  - Human Trafficking,
  - Charter for Racial Justice
- ✓ Dodie Smith – social action topics
- ✓ Kady Her Yang – Evening in Laos fashion show and Hmong buffet benefiting the Hmong House of Good News
- ✓ Gail Burgess –
  - Wisconsin Volunteers in Mission,
  - Faith Alive
  - Mission u

**Your communications coordinator Patsy Ruppe, 2427 Sunrise Rd,  
Racine WI 53402, 262-939-8075, [xxphbxx@yahoo.com](mailto:xxphbxx@yahoo.com)**



**God is so good!**



## Social Action

What has been your focus during this past Lent? I have been trying to focus on LOVE; the love of Jesus for his disciples and for all humanity; the Love of God for Jesus and all the people on earth; and the Love I have for my family and my love for the world that God created good. I have been reading, *Everyday Justice: the Global Impact of our Daily Choices*. I want to share this highlight with you. Stop thinking about justice as retribution (punishment) and start thinking about justice as Restoration (Love). “Justice is the public face of God’s Love.” This all encompassing LOVE that I feel from my heart, this is unseen. However the manner in which this LOVE is observed by others is interpreted as Justice. Whenever others try to put a political face on loving actions, they commit an error. To long for help for refugees; to seek shorter and equitable terms for prisoners; to seek for peace in the Ukraine; to urge others to care that the poor have food, healthcare and living wages; these actions are the public face of God’s Love shining in this world. If ever you wondered what Social Action means, this is it!

### ***Social Action is the means by which we work for Justice which is the PUBLIC FACE OF GOD’S LOVE.***

A **GREEN** article, “Industry Awakens to Threat of Climate Change”, Coral Davenport, Jan 23, 2014, New York Times and one on our RACIST history, “Water and Soil, Grain and Flesh” by Robin Einhorn, Professor of History at the University of California, Berkley published in *The Nation*, March 3, 2014. This article reviews the book, *River of Dark Dreams*, by Walter Johnson. This book is too expensive to be on our reading program, but you can get it from the library for free! Reading it broke the myths in my mind of the rich gentile south and opened my eyes to reality: from “lashes into labor into bales into dollars into pounds sterling.”

I was aware of “**income inequality**”, but not to the extent recent studies have made public. When I think 85 persons control more wealth than the poorest 50% of the world’s population, I cringe. All the benefits of the financial recovery since 2009 have gone to the top 1% and the poor have gotten poorer. Not all 85 are considered philanthropists like Gates, Buffet and Soros. How does this inequality affect United Methodist Women? Do we not consider ourselves in ministry with the Poor? We are challenged. Redistribution of wealth is not THE answer, there are many. Check out The Oxfam Report published in January, 2014.

Are you aware you have not heard anything about *Tunisia* in the news? Think about it – nothing. Why not? Egypt ? Syria ? Middle East ? all popping. Very quietly Tunisia has morphed into a democracy! The middle class is educated, women’s rights have been consolidated, gender parity is enshrined in Parliament and embedded in the new Constitution and the military has been kept small and well away from politics. The military is praised for its neutrality. A Consensus was achieved *by keeping the dialogue open* between the 3 sectors of life in Tunisia . It worked!

**BOYCOTTING** may be a touchy subject for many in your unit. *I have provided a little story below may help persons understand WHY a boycott is sometimes all you can do.* The Conference Board of Church and Society is sending to Annual Conference this year a request to join the General Board of Church and Society in a national boycott of SodaStream. You can read more about this at <http://www.umc-gbcs.org/>. Be sure your Lay Delegate to Annual Conference knows about this action and is prepared.

### **THE BOY WHO WOULD SELL LEMONADE by Betty Henderson**

It was a very warm summer day and the boy thought it would be good to have a cold glass of lemonade. It would be even better if he could sell lemonade. Surely there were others who were thirsty and would like a cold glass of lemonade. He knew just where he could sell it too. Down the block from the school where there was a day camp and lots of kids and parents walked by. He was sure he could sell it for 10 cents a glass!

However, he only had enough money to buy a dozen lemons. With his pocket knife he cut the lemons and squeezed the juice into his thermos. When he got to the corner, he went around to the back of the corner house and found the door unlocked. He went through the mudroom into the kitchen and after looking in a few cabinets, found some glasses and a large pitcher. There were ice cubes in the refrigerator and a canister of sugar on the counter. Large spoons were hanging by the stove. So he put his juice in the pitcher, some water from the tap and some ice cubes from the freezer. Stirred it up and went outside, picking up the empty laundry basket on the way. He sat down on the grass by his pitcher and a basket of glasses.

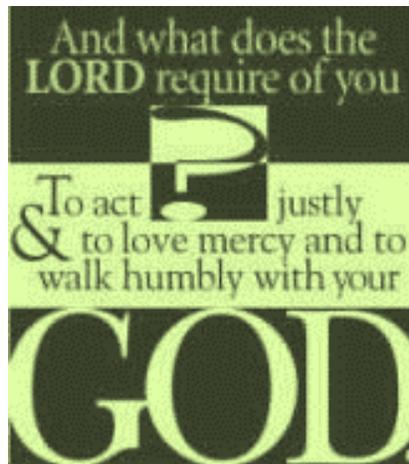
As the kids and some adults came by he said, “Buy a glass of my lemonade, only 10 cents”. And he sold all he had made. Reaching into his pocket he counted out enough to buy another dozen lemons and twice that much for himself. So he got up and walked away leaving the pitcher and the glasses on the lawn at the corner.

I was not one of the persons who bought a cup of lemonade, although I was thirsty and others told me how good it was. But I had asked the child if Mrs. Smith knew he was selling lemonade on her property, had she given him permission to use the resources from her kitchen. The child said no, she had not given him permission. Was he going to help her clean up afterwards? “Why would I do that?” the child said. So, I decided not to buy any lemonade and if there should be another time when this child was selling lemonade, I hoped others would not buy it either.

Now, I know that my not buying the lemonade had no effect on the sales – profit was made and would continue to be made as long as there was money for lemons. No policeman came by and asked if permission had been granted to open shop on the corner. Mrs. Smith picked up the mess on her lawn, put her laundry basket back in the mudroom and washed everything and put it away. She wondered if the child who did this would ever repay her. She locked her back door. The END.

***Knock, Knock. Who's there? Orange ! Aren't you glad I did not ask you to write a letter?***

**Your Social Action Coordinator Betty Henderson, 300 Jennifer Lane, Brookfield, WI 53045, 262-439-9840 [bhenderson15@att.net](mailto:bhenderson15@att.net)**





## Mission u 2014

Information on the 2014 Mission U, to be held July 28-31 or August 1 at Westwood Conference Center in Wausau, is now available. If you need extra copies of the registration sheets, you can go to [www.wisconsinumw.org](http://www.wisconsinumw.org) , click on Mission Updates, then click on MISSION u and you will find the form.

Again this year participants in Mission u will be staying at Fairfield Inn and Suites, and bus transportation between the Conference Center and Fairfield Inn will be available. The cost for registration and accommodations, starts at \$325 for three nights in a double (shared with another), meals beginning with Monday lunch and concluding with Thursday breakfast. Other options would include a single room or staying an extra night (Sunday or Thursday). Cost for the Overview Day is \$42; if you plan to stay Thursday night at the Fairfield, the cost would be \$136.

Please note that **Northcott Neighborhood House** has been selected as the Mission U mission emphasis this year. Anyone coming to Mission u is encouraged to bring a donation from your unit to support the programs at Northcott, which has been suffering from grave difficulties this year, including problems with their furnace and roof, as well as the loss of the Head Start program.

Faculty members at Mission u in 2014 include **Rev. Mary Council-Austin**, **Dr. Irma Clark** and **Rev. Mary Kathryn Pearce**, *How is It with Your Soul?*; **Rev. Dan Dick** and **Nancy Hansen-Bennett**, *The Church and People with Disabilities*; **Steve Farina**, *The Roma of Europe* and **Pamela Garside-Myers**, *Youth*.

Plan to join us for a week of learning and fellowship as we celebrate all God's children at Mission u 2014.

Gail Burgess, Assistant Dean

# 2014 Wisconsin Mission U

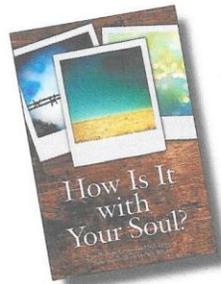
Westwood Conference Center, Wausau, WI



## Mission U

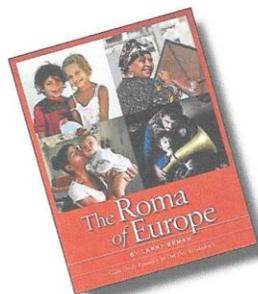
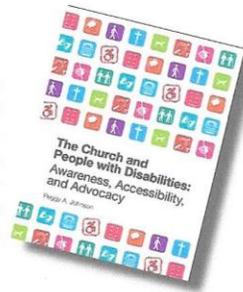
*Celebrate All God's Children*

Four-Day: Monday-Thursday, July 28th-31st  
Overview Day: Friday, August 1st



Spiritual Growth Study: ***How Is It With Your Soul?*** – This resource brings into balance the inner and outer dimensions of the Christian life. Organized around four verbs—pray, learn, mentor and transform—the book will challenge you to become a more vibrant disciple of Christ. (2014)

Issue Study: ***The Church and People With Disabilities*** – Unlike other categories of human experience, disability crosses all lines of gender, orientation, ethnicity, socioeconomic position, age, and culture. People with typical bodies can be thought of as temporarily able-bodied because disabilities can happen at any time to anyone. The intent of these mission studies is to promote awareness, inclusion, accessibility and advocacy for people with disabilities — including youth and children. (2014-2015)



Geographic Study: ***The Roma of Europe*** – This book will introduce you to the Roma, with an emphasis on Eastern Europe. You will discover their history up to and including the twentieth century. You can look into the ways they are treated in contemporary European culture. You will also be able to learn about their lifestyle and spirituality, and investigate ways the church and other organizations are working alongside the Roma. (2013-2014)



## Four-Day Mission u

Monday, July 28th to Thursday, July 31st

**Registration:** 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 28th

**Opening Plenary:** 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 28th

**Sending Forth:** 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 31st

**Meals:** Four-Day student meals begin with lunch on Monday, July 28th and end with breakfast (at the hotel) on Thursday, July 31st.

**Cost:** Four-Day student registration (includes meals, hotel room and materials):

– **\$325.00** (\$375.00 if received after June 30th) **double room.**

- King Bed (with walk-in shower)
- King Bed Suite (with pull-out couch and walk-in shower)
- Standard 2 Queen Beds (with bathtub/shower)

– **\$440.00** (\$500.00 if received after June 30th) **single room.**

Registrar will give you your choice of double room on a first come, first serve basis. There will be NO ROOM SWITCHING unless the Registrar gives prior approval.

**Commuter registration:** \$190.00, includes meals (\$240.00 if received after June 30th).

Advanced registration is **REQUIRED**. *Transferrable, not refundable.*

No registrations will be accepted after **Monday, July 14th**.

**Child/Adult Care:** Please contact Registrar for information.

Use the Four-Day side of the stand alone form to register for Four-Day Mission u.

*Don't forget to order your study books when registering and pay when you pick them up at Mission u!*

## Overview Day

Friday, August 1st

**Registration:** 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**Opening Plenary:** 9:00 a.m.

Overview of all three mission studies.

Study books and reading materials available for purchase.

Mission Giving offering taken.

**Sending Forth:** 3:30 p.m.

**Cost:** Overview Day student **\$42.00** (\$50.00 after June 30th).

Thursday night hotel cost, including registration: **\$136.00.**

Advanced registration is required and is *transferrable, not refundable.*

Use the Overview Day side of the stand alone form to register. Each person must use a separate form—photocopy as needed.

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Wisconsin Mission u is for almost everyone: women, men, youth, young adults, laity, clergy—YOU!!!

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

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

Wisconsin Mission u takes place at the **Westwood Conference Center, 1800 Westwood Center Boulevard, Wausau, WI 54401.** Exit I-39/29/51 at Exit 193 (Bridge Street). See the larger map on page 4. Lodging arrangements are at the **Fairfield Inn and Suites**, just a 10 minute drive from the Westwood Conference Center. Transportation to and from the hotel and conference center is included in your Four-Day registration.

2014 Wisconsin Mission u takes place the last week of July/first of August. Four-Day Mission u runs Monday-Thursday, July 28-31st. Overview Day is Friday, August 1st. Yomica Camp runs from Sunday, July 27th, to Friday, August 1st at Pine Lake Camp, Westfield.

Registration forms for Mission u are located on a separate sheet, as well as online at [www.wisconsinumw.org](http://www.wisconsinumw.org). Complete the registration form for either Four-Day Mission u or Overview Day and send it in with your registration fee.

Copy forms as needed.

Questions?

Contact the Registrar:

**Arlene Trull**

**715-359-7756**

**email: [aetrull@gmail.com](mailto:aetrull@gmail.com)**

## Four-Day Mission u



2013 young women and their mentors.

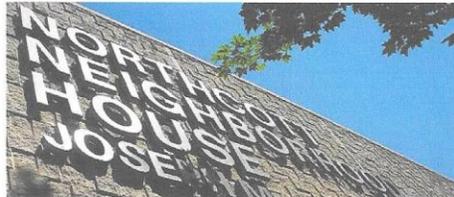
### Scholarships (contact Registrar for more info):

- Available for first-time attendees.
- Available for Teen Women.
- Clergy scholarships available for newly ordained pastors.
- Continuing Education Credits available for pastors.
- Layspeaking/Layservant credit available for laity.



2014 Dean, Dee Klawitter, and Assistant Dean, Gail Burgess

## Support for Northcott Neighborhood House



This year Northcott Neighborhood House is designated as our Mission u mission project.

We are asking you to collect money from your local organizations and bring it to Mission u to help support the projects and services of Northcott Neighborhood House.

*Northcott Neighborhood House, Inc, a multi-purpose community center, was established in 1961 through the initiative of United Methodist Women. It is a National Mission Institution serving as many as 10,000 people per year through its location at 2460 North 6th Street in Milwaukee. In addition to clothing and food distribution, Northcott continues to provide recreational activities for children and youth, summer camp, a computer lab, GED tutoring and Fresh Start home construction and training for young men and women. The Head Start program formerly housed at Northcott was discontinued in 2013.*

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### Additional Information for Four-Day Mission u:

- Air-conditioned meeting rooms, plenary room and hotel rooms.
- Handicap accessible meeting rooms, plenary room and hotel rooms.
- Hotel accommodations are included in your registration for Four-Day Mission u.
- Shuttle service between the Fairfield Inn & Suites and the Westwood Conference Center.
- More information on mission projects, as well as internet access in the Learning Center.
- Choice Time activities throughout the week.

## Overview Day

Unable to take four days off of work or out of your busy weekday schedule to attend Four-Day Mission u? Or just can't afford to spend money on one more vacation this year? Join us on Friday, August 1st for Overview Day. This day is jam-packed with information and also includes a fantastic meal served in the dining room at the Westwood Conference Center. Overview Day is just that—an overview of selected bits and pieces of information from the three mission studies offered at Four-Day Mission u. Overview Day takes place in the spacious plenary room with a full-sized projector screen for presentations by the study leaders. There is also worship, singing and fellowship.

## YoMiCa - July 27th - August 1st

Yo-mi-ca is a fun, energy-filled, game playing, friend making, God praising, tie dyeing, mission learning, marshmallow roasting, good time had by all camp! Yo-mi-ca stands for Youth Missions Camp and coincides with the United Methodist Women's Mission u. We spend the week living in cabins and learning about different missions all while having fun and making lifelong friends. Starts Sunday at 3:30pm and ends Friday at 2:30pm with a special presentation for family and friends. Leaders: Tim and Kara Finley, and United Methodist Women. See <http://www.wiumcamps.org/elementarycamps.html> for more information.

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# 2014 Four-Day Mission u Registration Form

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Local Church \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration type** (check only one):  Adult (18-over)  Teen Woman (13-17)

**Studies** (Adults may choose one or two studies; Teen Women do not choose any studies at this time):

- How Is It With Your Soul?  
 The Church and People With Disabilities  
 Roma of Europe

**Send full payment and registration by June 30th to:**

Arlene Trull  
305 Becker Street  
Rothschild, WI 54474  
715-359-7756  
[aetrull@gmail.com](mailto:aetrull@gmail.com)

Check any/all that apply to you:

- I am requesting handicap accessibility.  
 I am requesting a scholarship.  
 I am a newly ordained pastor requesting a scholarship and have already talked to the Registrar.  
 I am laity requesting Layspeaking/Layservant credit.  
 I am clergy requesting Continuing Education Credits (CEU).  
 I am attending Mission u for the very first time.  
 I am a commuter (paying the commuter fee noted on page 2 of brochure).  
 I need all of my meals to be GLUTEN FREE.  
 I have special dietary and/or other needs (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **Mission u**

If you need a payment plan,  
please contact the Registrar  
and make arrangements. We  
will gladly work out a schedule  
to fit your needs.

**Room Options** (choose only one and know that the first three double room options are first come, first serve):

- King Bed (with walk-in shower)  
 King Suite (with pull-out couch and walk-in shower)  
 2 Queen Beds (with tub/shower)  
 Single Room (paying the single room rate on page 2 of the brochure)

**Additional Lodging Requests** (Please contact the Registrar):

- I am requesting additional lodging (mark appropriately with an X): \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday night \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday night.  
(each additional night's stay is at the double room rate of \$94.00, which can be split with a roommate—Contact Registrar)

**TOTAL PAYMENT** (see **Cost under Four-Day Mission u on page 2 of the brochure**): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Please order my study books. (Place number of books requested on the blank; pay at Mission u.)

\_\_\_\_\_ *How Is It With Your Soul?*  
\_\_\_\_\_ *The Church and People With Disabilities*  
\_\_\_\_\_ *The Roma of Europe*  
\_\_\_\_\_ *Teen Study (Disabilities and Our Response)*

# 2014 Overview Day Registration Form

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Local Church \_\_\_\_\_

Overview Day includes worship, an overview of all three mission studies, an offering taken for Mission Giving, lunch and closing communion. Lunch is provided in the dining room conveniently located at the Westwood Conference Center. Displays, Program Resources and the Learning Center are also available—morning only.

**Registration type** (check only one):  Adult (18-over)  Teen (13-17)

Special dietary and/or other needs (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

I need a hotel room for Thursday night (see Cost under Overview Day on page 2 of the brochure).

**TOTAL PAYMENT (see Cost on page 2 of the brochure):** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Send full payment and registration by June 30th to:**

Arlene Trull

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## PROGRAM RESOURCES

Happy Spring to Everyone!!! It has been a long time coming, so be sure to enjoy it. Do you include field trips in your UMW calendar of events? They are a good way to take advantage of the longer days and better weather to visit some of the UMW-supported mission sites in the Milwaukee area, such as Northcott Neighborhood House, United Methodist Children's Services to see their expanded facility, or Hmong House of Good News. Or how about a visit to a local farmers' market, when they open in the summer? You can buy locally grown food, talk to the vendors, and have a program about what you learned with refreshments of some of the fruits and vegetables you buy.

Of course, in the summer, you can enjoy Mission U (July 28 – July 31, with the Overview Day on August 1 in Wausau). As always it promises to be a most interesting session. The studies for 2014 are *The Church and People with Disabilities*, *The Roma of Europe*, and *How is it With Your Soul?* The study books are now available from [www.missionresourcecenter.org](http://www.missionresourcecenter.org), so you can buy and read them ahead of time to be prepared for the classes. Be sure to plan a program on one of the studies for your unit when you return; DVDs and leader guides are available to help with your planning.

Another program idea is to invite a member of the Metro South Mission Team to come and talk to you. On page 25 of the 2014 Yearbook is a list of the officers and the sister units they are assigned to. For this meeting, it would be a good idea to order the new publication *United Methodist Women – On a Path for Mission*, so you can talk about the information in the booklet.

When putting your unit's annual calendar of events together, why not plan to have one meeting to talk about the UMW Reading Program and decide which five books (one from each category), at least, to buy for your unit. The books for the 2014- 2015 Reading Program will be ordered in August in time for the Annual Celebration to be held Saturday, September 27, at Waukesha First. If you need other materials such as UMW promotional items, new member packets (\$5.00 each), UMW Purpose poster (\$1.50), let me know and I can include them in the order. Looking forward to hearing from you.

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## ***Membership Nurture and Outreach***



Calvary greetings and I hope we are all enjoying spring with all its beautiful flowers.

Now let's talk about a subject we all know we kind of avoid which is **human trafficking** and the effect the church has on it. Pastor Heather Brewer from New Auburn UMC asked a thought provoking question at the Mission Action Day. She asked,

***“Why are those being abused by others not coming to churches to ask for help or report a case?”***

She suggested that we should look at ourselves and ask what should we do to change the situation?

We can take the first step by sharing the knowledge we have about the situation. In the MARCH 2014 RESPONSE, Susie Johnson UMW executive for public policy spoke on the CBS TV special on religions response to human trafficking; you can find this half hour program at <http://www.cbsnews.com/videos/living-in-the-shadows-religions-response-to-human-trafficking>.

We can also start by teaching young **adolescents** the importance of patience and contentment in whatever situation. The lack of these is what makes these 'young lambs' fall into the hands of 'wolves' who take advantage of their youthfulness for financial gains.

Let us be knowledgeable and reach out to help if and when the opportunity arises.

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## *Human Trafficking Resources*

### *Websites*

*Umchealthyfamilies.org*

*courtneyshouse.org*

*Polarisproject.org*

*endslaveryandtrafficking.org*

*Freedomnetworkusa.org*

*mencanstoprape.org*

*Movetoendviolence.org*

*hagarusa.org*

### *Videos*

*CBS: Living in the Shadows at <http://www.cbsnews.com/videos/living-in-the-shadows-religions-response-to-human-trafficking/>*

*“not my life” <http://notmylife.org>*

### *United Methodist Resources*

Umc-GBCS.org (General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) – Church and Society)  
then search for Human Trafficking

New.GBGM-UMC.org/umw – click on the Pinterest symbol for Human Trafficking  
Articles of search Human trafficking

Response Magazine articles beginning in 2010 thru 2013.

### *Government*

US Department of State, Office to monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, at  
[www.state.gov/j/tip/index.htm](http://www.state.gov/j/tip/index.htm)

Wisconsin Department of Justice – Human Trafficking at [www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs](http://www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs)

There were 200 potential human trafficking cases in **Wisconsin** in 2012. But this is a much **underreported crime**, because of fear of not being believed and fear of retribution. Because the southern USA border is getting tougher to cross, the Canadian border is more porous and a major human trafficking route is Highway 53 from Duluth down to Madison, over to Milwaukee and down through Racine, Kenosha to the Chicago area .



## *Education and Interpretation.*



Greetings. It is spring!

Time to take a stroll through the areas of *supplementary giving*. We did the *5 channels* of giving in February. Walking shoes are on so lets go.

1. **Designated Giving** may go to any UMW funded project. There is a list on the UMW website. <http://www.umc.org/how-we-serve/designated-giving>
2. **Call to prayer and Self Denial** gives local and district groups the ability to study and fund a particular cause during the year.
3. **Brighter future for children and youth** supports areas that focus on abuse and violence.
4. **Magazine Fund** provides copies of Response to missionaries both retired and active.
5. **Assembly offering** taken every four years is designated for mission.
6. **Bequests** are done through a will or other legal device.
7. **Planned Giving** a gift that is given each year or month for a certain amount of time.

The information for this article was taken from the UMW handbook pages 70 and 71.

Remember *mission u* is coming up July 27-31 with overview day on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Hope to see you there.

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**Spiritual Education Coordinator is vacant.**



## **Bible Snapshot of Forgiveness** by Jennifer Youngman

Excerpted from "Forgiveness & Reconciliation: Coming Out on the Side of Grace," United Methodist Women's 2011 youth spiritual growth study.

### **Broken, forgiven, reconciled.**

This is the recurring theme throughout the stories of the Scriptures. What were once whole relationships become broken because of conflict. Relationships are broken but ultimately reconciled and restored. Isn't this the ultimate story of God's love for humanity—a broken relationship, then a need for forgiveness and reconciliation with the Creator? The Bible contains the story of the amazing things we can do with God's help, including being able to forgive. We are told that forgiveness is possible.

#### **Abigail (1 Samuel 25:2-38)**

Abigail rocks. She is a shining example of a strong woman in a patriarchal time. Nabal, her husband, had thrown himself, his family and his staff under the bus by mocking King David and teasing David's servants. David was so mad that he gathered his crew and set out to confront Nabal. Thankfully, Nabal's servants had the wherewithal to run to Abigail and tell her what had happened—that Nabal blew his top and was about to get them all killed. Abigail didn't miss a beat. She gathered food and wine as gifts and peeled out on her donkey to meet David before he arrived. When she came upon him, she begged him to excuse her hotheaded hubby and not do anything that would offend God (like murdering her husband). She got through to David, and he decided to forgive the incident and go home.

*David said to Abigail, "Blessed be to the Lord, the God of Israel, who sent you to meet me today! Blessed be your good sense, and blessed be you, who have kept me; today from bloodguilt and from avenging myself by my own hand! For as surely as the Lord the God of Israel lives, who has restrained me from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, truly by morning there would not have been left to Nabal so much as one male." Then David received from her hand what she had brought him; he said to her, "Go up to your house in peace; see I have heeded your voice, and I have granted your petition." (1 Samuel 25:32-35)*

### **Broken, forgiven, reconciled.**

**Forgive someone today!!!!**



## **LEGACY Women our Young UMWers!**

Hello and Happy Spring!

Thank you for continuing to keep our LEGACY Women in your prayers!

We are hoping to do **5 events for young adult and youth girls** this year:

### **1. Assembly**

- Advertise on Facebook, district newsletters, contact Pastors and Unit presidents
- Make posters and send them out to local units that want help advertising

### **2. Summer retreat**

- End of June
- Tent Camping at Pine Lake
- Maybe it could have a nature theme? Do devotions and bible study?

### **3. Annual Gathering Lock-In**

- This year we want to have it at Asbury and not a separate church in order to cut down on set up and tear down.
- We want the lock-in to focus on leadership development to get girls fired up about participating in mission in their local churches.

4. Collect items for a **small mission project** sometime this year. We want this project to be similar to the Letters to South Sudan campaign we did last year in that it encouraged participation from many age groups as well as did not require extensive organization.

5. Fundraise by selling **Equal Exchange Chocolate**. We want to do more rigorous fundraising this year so that we can do a larger event next year.

One big thing we want to do this year is have a more **active Facebook** page. Part of this is to use Facebook as our main line of communication

instead of email to make sure all of the committee members are in the loop. We will also try to use our facebook page to:

- Make sure we are letting people know about upcoming events
- Put pictures up from our meetings/events
- Once a week make posts with Bible verses and encouraging things
  - o One person will be assigned each week. Within that week, that person must post at least one thing but others are allowed to post as they wish

***If you have any questions please call your legacy member Rebecca Yang at 414-704-2365 or better yet have your young people call.***





<http://www.hmonghouse.org>

**Priority 1 – Core Value – Worth of all people.**

Principle statement: As God’s creation, all people are valuable. We will treat all people with love, compassion, and respect equally and unconditionally.

- We will welcome all Hmong elders and their families regardless of faith system
- We will welcome church-affiliated and community visitors
- We will use language and physical interactions that are kind, gentle, caring with those who come to the Hmong House of Good News and with those whom we address in the greater community
- We will demonstrate humility and compassion as we make God’s love visible.



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

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

**Hmong Fashion show and buffet.** Willerup UMC in Cambridge WI hosted the fund raiser for the Hmong House of Good News which featured Hmong Culture and a Hmong fashion show and buffet on March 29 2014. The theme was an ***Evening in Laos.*** Proceeds will benefit the Hmong House and we are grateful for this collaboration. Should you have questions or would like to schedule one for your UMW or church you can get in touch with Kady Her Yang 414-704-2365. We would like to host 4 more **of these in 2014.**

**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 lawyer to advise,
- ✓ medical personnel to provide screenings and education
- ✓ 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](mailto:nonicheryl@yahoo.com).

**Would you like to help drive our elders? We will pay you mileage.**

**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). Also our director Nhia Wahn's Herr's cell is 920-562-9594.

**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.***

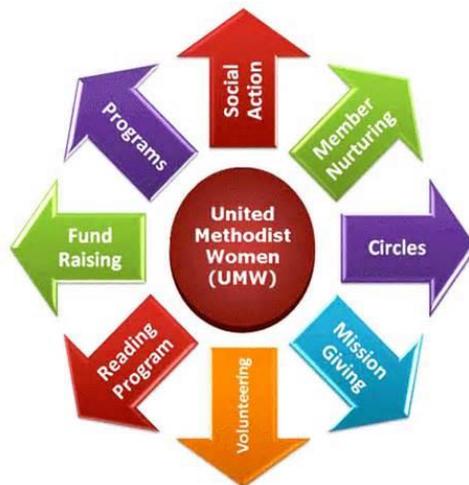


**Hmong House of Good News - Moob Tsev Moo Zoo**

## 2014 Calendar of Events across Metro South District

- May 3 African ELI Education and Leadership Initiative program Central UMC Milwaukee
- May 4 Northcott Neighborhood House Annual Meeting at Harley Davidson museum
- May 5 African ELI Education and Leadership Initiative program Bristol UMC Highway 45 south of Highway 50 in Kenosha County, 7:00 p.m
- May 5 African ELI Education and Leadership Initiative program Whitewater UMC including supper
- May 17 Metro South officer team meeting at Marie Garnhart's 9am-noon.
- TBD Annual Celebration Planning for Metro North and South
- June 23 Wisconsin Conference Learning Day (at Annual Conference in Sun Prairie, WI. OPEN TO ALL PERSONS OF THE CONFERENCE
- Jul 15 August UNITER Deadline
- July 28 - 31 Mission U in Wausau
- August 1 Mission U Overview Day in Wausau
- Sep 27 Annual Celebration for Metro North and South Waukesha First and Rev. Marianne Cotter will speak on The Mystical Way of Evangelism
- Oct 17-18 Annual Gathering Conference wide Asbury UMC Madison
- Nov 1 Christ Church Racine UMW cookie walk support missions
- Nov 2 Hmong House of Good News Annual Meeting
- Sat, Dec. 6 Metro South officer team meeting at Marie Garnhart's 9am-noon.

***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 Patsy Ruppe 262-939-8075 [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.