

South West District UMW Newsletter

Mission Matters

April 2019



President's Message

Are you dreaming about Mission u? It is coming soon and I am very excited about this year's studies. Of course, I am most excited about the study I will be leading on "Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission". It is a wonderful celebration of the work United Methodist Women and her predecessor organizations have done and continue to do. It has been such fun to learn about amazing women who dared to take steps of faith which often led them far from their comfort zones, but allowed them to have enormous impacts in the world as teachers, healers, deaconesses, clergy and in many other roles. Many times, difficulties arose and yet these women persevered in the name of God to achieve their goals. I hope you will join me in celebrating these wonderful foremothers and the institutions they created through this thoughtful and inspiring study.

I always enjoy leading studies at Mission u, but one of the perennial problems I face when doing this is that I am unable to take the other studies. I am very sorry that I shall be unable to take the spiritual growth study this year "Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship". This study transforms the almost threadbare stories of the Gospel of Mark into powerful calls to seek out the marginalized, outcast and vulnerable. It is a call to defy the powers of this world and call for the justice of God to be made real. It is about building community which redeems and restores, liberates and gives life, heals and protects. This is about following Jesus in all aspects of life through the power of a God who resurrects the things we think are dead, discarded and decayed. This study will transform your understanding of the Gospel of Mark and your mission as a follower of Christ.

If you have not yet taken the study on "What About Our Money? A Faith Response", it is well worth your time to do so. Money is one of the topics most frequently mentioned in the Bible and money is also an integral part of our culture and life. Decisions about money and the power it has to uplift or destroy are serious and touch us all. No matter how much or little money you may have, decisions about money both personal and corporate are spiritual questions we should all face with prayer and reflection. To be freed from being controlled by money is to take seriously Wesley's charge to "earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can" and both be blessed and be a blessing through it.

Mission u is one of the best kept secrets of our denomination. It is an unparalleled opportunity for learning and growing in faith. It is open to teens, men and women of all ages. For our younger children there is also Yo-Mi-Ca (Youth Mission Camp) which also uses an age-appropriate mission study on one of our topics. Come to Mission u, bring a friend or family member, send a young person, lead a Mission u study in your church, and grow as a disciple of Jesus. You will be using one of the most powerful tools I know to guide you on your journey of faith.

Laura Pfeffer, President South West District UMW

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Greetings to you and Happy Spring!

It seems like we are finally “released” from the layers of ice and snow that covered South West Wisconsin for many weeks. It is so nice to hear the birds sing in the morning and feel the warmth of the sun.

I hope most of you have received the March/April issue of our response magazine. This issue seems extra special as it full of stories that tell the history of our United Methodist Women and the important work that has been done since the creation of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society in March of 1869, and also points us toward the future and the next 150 years or so. One of the articles from the magazine that I would like to highlight is titled “Domestic Work is Work” written by the Rev. Paul Jeffrey who is a United Methodist missionary and a correspondent for response. He tells about the plight of Hong Kong’s migrant domestic workers, some of whom are being supported by the Mission for Migrant Workers and the Bethune House which is a shelter in Hong Kong supported by United Methodist Women. The Mission also receives financial support from UMW’s members Mission Giving. The article features several individuals who are just a few of some 370,000 foreign domestic workers who live in Hong Kong. Many of these workers don’t even get enough food to eat and even though they are forced to be “live-in” help their bed may be in a closet or even on an outside porch. The Mission and Bethune House play a critical role bridging the gap between the needs of the worker and the inadequacy of the local response when a worker needs help. Quoting from the article: “The Mission helps counsel women with legal problems, at times providing them with attorneys, and often refers them to Bethune House so they have a place to stay while their cases work their way through the legal system”. I hope you will read the article in its entirety as it illustrates so well how funds that are collected right here in our area can have a positive effect on someone’s life on the other side of the world.

If you are looking for materials to inform the people of your congregation about the work of United Methodist Women please go to our webpage: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org . If you then search for the Social Action Campaigns you can find resources that are connected to our four issue priorities for the 2016-2020 quadrennium. The issues and the related campaigns are: Climate Justice-JUST ENERGY FOR ALL, Maternal & Child Health-END MATERNAL MORTALITY, Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration-INTERRUPT THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE, and Economic Inequality-A LIVING WAGE FOR ALL. There are posters available that can be downloaded and printed for display on bulletin boards or used as handouts. Brochures that also can be downloaded and printed out are: “United Methodist Women Social Action Campaigns” and “Why United Methodist Women Engage in Social Action”. Additional materials for mission study or Bible studies are also available from the social action page.

One of my favorite hymns and one that is sung at many UMW meetings and events is “Freely, Freely” written by Carol Owens in 1972. It truly reflects the work of United Methodist Women as they follow the instructions of Jesus as He sent out His disciples: “Freely you have received, freely give” (Matthew 10:8). I would like to conclude with the familiar words of the refrain: He said, “Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.” Thank you for all you do to turn faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world!

Submitted by Charlene Mingst
SW District Social Action Coordinator



EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION

EILEEN BENNETT

Thank you to the three additional units who turned in their Mission Today reports. We now have a total of 15 Mission Today Units for 2018. Starting with the 2019 reports, the deadline will be moved to February 1st. This will hopefully give units more time to reflect on the entire year, as they plan for next year. Mission Today units will be recognized at the SW District Annual Gathering.

For those who may not be aware, **response** magazine is now published every other month. The current issue celebrates the 150 year history of women in the Methodist tradition. It is packed with fascinating stories of our foremothers, including Grace Stephens (an Anglo-Indian missionary appointed to India in 1886), “Mother Butler” (one of the founders of the Women’s Foreign Missionary Society in 1869), and Deaconess Martha Drummer (an African-American missionary appointed to Angola in 1906).

There is also a Time Line of the 150 year history, and many interesting historical photos. As the print magazine is moving to a bimonthly schedule, **response** will be creating a new, easy-to-use website that will connect us across the country and around the world. For more information, please visit the UMW website: <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org>, **response** Magazine. Also check out UMW on Facebook and Twitter!

If you need any additional information, or a copy of the Mission Today form, please feel free to contact me. My email is: bennettpesl@charter.net and my phone number is (920) 623-4659.



Nominations Committee

I hear it said, “I will do anything for district UMW, BUT nominations committee.”

I have to admit, it can be trying and disheartening. I am going to tell you about the best part! The loving acceptance that I receive from every single woman I have called.

I loved talking to one lady who told me she would love to take a position. She is 80 years old and is just doing all she could to keep her church going. “The timing isn’t good right now” she said.

If you take the time to listen to people, you might get more than you bargained for, I found the Grace Of God.

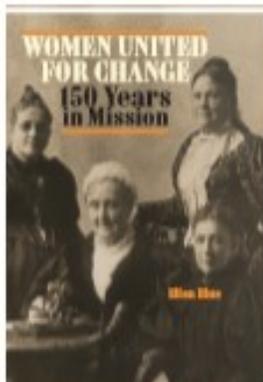
There are open positions on nominations and a nomination chairperson. Try it. You may get more than you expected.

By Pat Gallus

RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP—THEN AND NOW

Join United Methodist Women at Mission u 2019!

Take a deep dive into the Gospel of Mark, the topic of money,
and the inspiring story of women organized for mission.



THIS YEAR, OUR STUDIES ARE:

Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship
by Janet Wolf (Additional studies on Mark for children and youth also available.)

Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission by Ellen Blue

What About Our Money? A Faith Response by Susan K. Taylor

Be inspired. Be challenged. Respond to God's call.
Continue the powerful legacy of compassionate service
and passionate advocacy.

All are welcome!

Location:

Date:



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Wisconsin Conference Mission u

July 22 – 25, 2019

Hotel Mead Convention Center - Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Adult Registration Form

4-Day registration begins at 8:15am with Singing and Gathering starting at 9:15 on Monday, July 22, 2019

Register for the event						(Page 1 of 2)
Name						
Address, City, State, Zip						
Home Phone		Cell Phone		Email		
District (Circle one)	North West	North Central	North East	South West	South East	
Class Choice		Circle up to two classes				
Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship		Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission		What About Our Money? A Faith Response		
Payment <u>Registration is transferable, but not refundable</u>			Early Bird Registration Until June 1, 2019	Regular Registration Until July 1, 2019		
Four Day Session (Includes food and sharing a room with another)			\$350	\$425		
Additional lodging on Sunday night, includes breakfast (Sharing a room with another)			\$70	\$70		
Four Day Session (includes food and private room)			\$465	\$540		
Additional lodging on Sunday night, includes breakfast (Private room)			\$115	\$115		
Commuter Rate ~No Hotel Stay~ (Includes lunch & supper on Monday, 3 meals on Tuesday and Wednesday, and breakfast on Thursday)			\$205	\$250		
Roommate				Total		
Special dietary needs						
Send Registration to: Marilyn Eyster 122 East Cox Road Edgerton, WI 53534		608-868-3585 marilyn.eyster@gmail.com		Make checks payable to: Mission u		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Attending Mission u for the first time <i>(Check here if this is your first time to Mission u)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Requesting a Scholarship <i>(Check here to find out about Conference scholarships for Mission u)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Requesting a new Clergy Scholarship		
<input type="checkbox"/> Requesting a CEU (for Clergy)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Requesting a Lay Servant/Lay Speaker Credit		
<input type="checkbox"/> Requesting a scholarship stipend to help offset the cost of child care up to \$25/day for the first (5) requests with registration (Please contact registrar for information.)		
Book Order Check here to order your study books for pick up at Mission u Program Resources. <u>Books are \$10 each to be paid when picked up, do not include in registration fees.</u> OR Order your books ahead and get them delivered to your home www.umwmissionresources.org or call 800-305-9857		
<input type="checkbox"/> Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship, by Janet Wolf		
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Photo Release Photos will be taken at Mission u and could be used in material to promote this event. I permit my photo to be used by Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women to help share United Methodist Women with others.		
Name (Print)		
Sign		Date
Emergency Contact		
Name		Relationship
Best phone number(s) to contact them:		
Is this person at Mission u?		

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Name				Age
Address, City, State, Zip				
Home Phone	Cell Phone		Email	
District	North Central	North East	South West	South East
(Circle one)	North West			

Class Choice The teen group class will study: Who do you say that I am? Meeting Jesus Through the Eyes of Mark
Select one morning class from below for your Mission u class

(Circle one class) What About Our Money? A Faith Response Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission

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Four Day Session (Includes food and sharing lodging with other teens)	\$350	\$425	
Additional lodging on Sunday night, includes breakfast (Teen must be accompanied by an adult at this time.)	\$70	\$70	
		Total	

Special dietary needs _____

_____ Attending Mission u for the first time (Check here if this is your first time to Mission u)

_____ Request a Scholarship (Check here to request a Conference Scholarship for Mission u)
Also ask your local UMW unit or Church about scholarships that they may have.

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122 East Cox Road
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Book Order

Check here to order your study books for pick up at Mission u Program Resources.
Books are \$10 each to be paid when picked up, do not include in registration fees.

OR

Order your books ahead and get them delivered to your home
www.umwmissionresources.org or call 800-305-9857

Book for the Youth Study "Who do you say that I am? Meeting Jesus Through the Eyes of Mark"
will be provided by the UMW Limitless Team and be waiting for you at Mission u.

_____ **Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission, by Ellen Blue**

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Photo Release

Photos will be taken at Mission u and could be used in material to promote this event.
I permit my (or my child's) photo to be used by Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women to help share
United Methodist Women with others. If you are under 18 years old, please have your parent/ guardian sign this
section.

Signature of young woman

Name (Print) (of parent if young woman is under 18 years old)

Signature (of parent if young woman is under 18 years old)

Date

Emergency Contact

Name

Relationship

Best phone number(s) to contact them:

Is this person at Mission u?

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Friday July 26, 2019

Hotel Mead Convention Center - Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Registration begins at 8:00 am with a small sideboard breakfast, singing and gathering at 9:00 sending forth approx. 3:00 pm

Overview Day Registration Form

Register for the event

Name			(Page 1 of 2)
Address, City, State, Zip			
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email	

District

North West

North Central

North East

South West

South East

(Circle one)

Payment	Registration is transferable, but not refundable	Early Bird Registration	Regular Registration
		Until June 1, 2019	Until July 1, 2019
Overview Day			\$65
Additional lodging on Thursday night, includes breakfast (Sharing a room with another.)		\$70	\$70
Additional lodging on Thursday night, includes breakfast (Private Room)		\$115	\$115
			Total

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_____ Child care needed ages _____ please provide a sack lunch for each child

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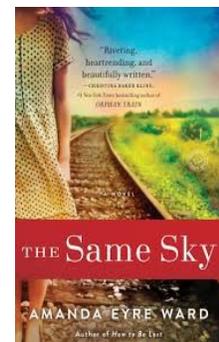
Exciting News!! New Officers! Charlene Mingst—Secretary
Pat Gallus—Social Action Coordinator Thank you, thank you!!!

From Carol Lange, South West Northcott Representative

I will attend the Northcott annual meeting on April 28, 2019. An update on the meeting will be in the next newsletter.

From Cindy Morse, Program Resources

KEEP READING!!! I just got done reading The Same Sky. It is an interesting look at a refugee from Honduras finding her way to the USA where her mother lived. She had stayed in Honduras with her grandmother. When the grandmother died, she decided she wanted a better life in the USA with her mother. I am intrigued by all the stories you hear about crossing the borders at Mexico and Texas. This book enlightens you on the subject.



Calendar

- June 22 District Team Meeting at Viola*
- July 22-25 Mission U 2019 in Wisconsin Rapids*
- July 26 Mission U Overview day*
- August 5 Mission Matters articles due*
- August 10 District Team Meeting at Platteville*
- Sept. 1 Reading list due*



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