



All are Invited to United Methodist Women Annual Gathering: Growing in Blessedness

October 21 and 22, 2016

**Lake Street United Methodist Church
337 Lake Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin**

FRIDAY EVENING: District Leaders Training
Other Activities for Those not Attending Training
Register at 5:30 p.m. Program at 6:30-8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY SPEAKERS: Barbara Certa-Werner and Mary Kathryn Pearce
Register at 8 a.m. Program at 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.



**REGISTER FOR PROGRAM BY SEPTEMBER 27
for Reduced Fee of \$25.00, includes Saturday lunch.
Contact Nancy Flath, R2170 County Road Q, Ringle, WI 54471.**

Block of Hotel Rooms Available under UMW for \$129 per room at
Hampton Inn Eau Claire. To Register, Call 715-833-0003.
(Rooms will be held until September 23.)



WISCONSIN CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
OCTOBER 21-22, 2016

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 27 at \$25

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 4 at \$35

If you register after October 4, you will need to make your own lunch arrangements for Saturday.

Do not complete this registration if you are attending the Limitless program. The Limitless registration is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please **PRINT**. If registering for more than one person, copy and complete a separate form for each person.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Church _____ District _____

Please check all that apply : ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Teen (Teen only Age _____
☐ First Time Attending ☐ UMW member ☐ Clergy ☐ Guest (not a member of UMW)

Office, if any, you hold on District level _____

Child Care:

☐ Child Care need Friday evening for _____ children, ages _____

☐ Child Care needed Saturday for _____ children, ages _____

Please pick up your children and take them to lunch. Also, please provide a sack lunch for each child or include \$7.00 for each child in the registration total.

Emergency contact information: Name _____

Relationship _____ Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

☐ Requesting a scholarship (25 scholarships available, awarded to the first 25 to make a request)

☐ Diabetic or other dietary limitations (Please describe) _____

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

Mail to Registrar: Nancy Flath, R2170 County Road Q, Ringle, WI 54471

Email: njudyflath@gmail.com

Phone: 715-446-3252

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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

AS A COURTESY TO OUR HOST CHURCH AND PLANNERS, PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL. LET'S BE PARTNERS IN GOD'S MISSION AS WE LEARN, WORSHIP AND GROW TOGETHER.

Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women Annual Gathering

There will be three options from which to choose on Friday evening at the Annual Gathering at Lake Street United Methodist Church on October 21st.

The *first* option is for the district leaders who will meet with their conference counterpart for training. Only those on District Team are to be in these meetings. Local unit leaders and members of local units are invited to choose one of the following:

The *second* option is for women who are willing to bring along their knitting and teach the younger women how to knit prayer shawls. Chelsey Ganzer is in charge of this group and will be bringing along needles and yarn, but if you have some of these articles, and are willing to share, please do.

The *third* option is to stay in the sanctuary for the program The Indigenous Peoples and the Environment. It is led by Dawn Helton. and Native American Language Coordinators Holly Helton-Anishinaabeqwa, and Billie LaBumbard.

MISSION RESOURCES

Nancy Zabel

Readers and Leaders, For Your Information:

Words that describe Reading Program books on consignment are **limited availability**. We are only allowed two copies of each title and with the stock spread throughout the United States, the titles are often just not available. Sorry.....

The interesting part is that it becomes almost like a game. We place an order to see what we can get and then a day or two before our meeting, we open the boxes to see what surprises might be inside. We saw some good books at Mission u and hope to see them again at the Annual Gathering in Eau Claire. Thirteen of the titles are e-books for your Kindle or e-reader available at <http://astore.amazon.com/www.unitedmeth-20> They are cheaper than the paper books and available instantly.

We had copies of the new program book, "A Call to Community". and those women who have subscribed to the Annual Sampler program should be getting theirs in mid-September. The four year calendars, on the other hand, will probably not be ready until November and I know that we have been anxious to start writing in them.

For those of you who want to be sure to sign up for the Annual Sampler program before April 2017, I have been told that they are taking pre-orders, but it is not on the website www.umwmissionresources.org at this time. It would be good to make it a Christmas gift to yourself to sign up in early January.

We expect the Mission Resources room will be up the ramp to the second floor of the west addition of Lake Street UMC. I just bought my chocolate today at Farm and Fleet and I will be waiting to talk with you.

District Secretaries:

Please send typed information (names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses) for the 2017 District officers and 2017 unit president and secretary information by December 1st to

Conference Secretary: Cherrie Graham, PO Box 496, Sturgeon Bay WI 54235 cherrie@comm.mins.com

and new Communications Coordinator Robin Digman, 317 W Merrimac, Dodgeville WI dgrbmm@gmail.com



Guest Speaker:
Holly Helton-
Anishinaabeqwa
WI Conference UMW
Native American
Language coordinator

Lock in starts
Friday October 21
at 6:30 PM and ends
Saturday October 22
at 3:00PM

Breakfast and lunch are
provided on Saturday.
Please eat dinner before
arriving on Friday night.

Cost: \$15 –
due October 1st

Girl's Night Out **Limitless's 4th Annual** **Lock-in**

All young women 7th to 12th grade
are invited to a youth lock-in at
Lake Street United Methodist
Church, Eau Claire, WI

Join us for a night of fun,
games, fellowship and learning
including
a very special "Grandmother Moon"
ceremony of cleansing and healing.

What to bring:

- A snack to share
- Your bible
- Pillow
- Sleeping bag
- Change of clothes
- Other sleepover items

Limitless Girls' Night Out

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1ST, 2016

Send completed registration and \$15 (Check payable to Wisconsin Conference UMW) to:

**Gloria Carter
7724 Springfield Circle
Waunakee, WI 53597
608-849-7589
carter53597@tds.net**

Please PRINT. If registering more than one person, copy and complete a separate form for each person.

Personal Information:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Church: _____ District: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone Number(s): _____

I hereby give Limitless Women permission to use my/my child's likeness in photography for publications, promotional purposes, website, and other such purpose on behalf of Limitless Women and United Methodist Women.

Participant's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Any Questions, feel free to Contact Chelsey Ganzer
Phone: (920) 573-0999 Email: ganzerchelsey@gmail.com

Julie Mieke, Chair of Nominations

On behalf of the Nominating Committee we would like to thank all of the people who have said “Yes” to taking a leadership role on the conference UMW team. I think we have some wonderfully talented people who are fully committed to the Purpose of United Methodist Women. You will notice there are some blank spaces for committee members. I have yet to get confirmed responses from the language coordinators and a member of the nominating committee. There is still room for another person on nominations. Some of these nomination will come from the floor at our Annual Gathering. From the team as we shared a devotion before we worked to re-establish our data base for nominations, sometimes what is in God’s hands does not fit our agenda or time line, but I do trust God will provide. He has in so many ways. Thank you from the bottom of each of our hearts.

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE SLATE OF OFFICERS 2017

President	Laura Pfeffer W10132 Koltes Rd Lodi, WI 53555	608-592-5228 pfeffer.umw@gmail.com	Continuing Term expires 2017
Vice-President	Ruby Dow W3008 49 th St. Mauston, WI 53948	608-847-2398 remdow@ymail.com	New Term expires 2018
Secretary	Cherrie Graham PO Box 496 Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235	920-559-7009 cherrie@comm-mins.com	Continuing Term expires 2017
Treasurer	Linda K. Whitelock 6137 Dell Dr Madison, WI 53718	608-223-9161 whitelocklinda@att.net	New Term expires 2018
Program Resources	Nancy Zabel 1602 Augusta Rice Lake, WI 54868	715-234-2932 nkzabel@hotmail.com	Continuing Term expires 2017
Spiritual Growth	Deb Pattee W18821 N River Rd. Whitehall, WI 54773	715-538-2060 patteedk@uwec.edu	Continuing Term expires 2017
Membership Nurture and Outreach	Rita Stearns 2301 West 26 th Ave. Bloomer, WI 54724	715-382-3165 ritast@charter.net	New Term expires 2018
Communications	Robin Digman 317 W Merrimac Dodgeville, WI 53533	c-608-341-8351 w-608-258-3315 dgrmm@mhtc.com dgrbmm@gmail.com	New Term expires 2018
Social Action	Wendy Wilson Uhl 929 N Genesee Woods Dr Oconomowoc, WI 53066	h-262-567-3276 c-262-370-0703 wislonuhl.929@gmail.com	New Term expires 2018
Education and Interpretation	Betty Henderson 300 Jennifer Lane Brookfield, WI 54045	h-262-599-8878 c-262-391-8868 bettydhenderson@gmail.com	Continuing Term expires 2017
Nominations Chair	Julie Mieke 155 Shato Lane Monona, WI 53716	h-608-221-3061 c-608-320-0112 julie.mieke9@gmail.com julie.mieke@ssmhealth.com	Continuing Term expires 2017 2018 from committee
Committee on Nominations	Shirley Carpenter 2711 North Biron Dr Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494	715-421-0759 shorenuf@wctx.net	Returning Term expires 2017
Committee on Nominations	Shirley Jackson 4257 W Bradley Road Brown Deer, WI 53223	414-365-3802 Mrsshirleyjackson79@gmail.com	Continuing Term expires 2018
Committee on Nominations	Rachel Benton 1731 White Swan Dr. Oshkosh, WI 54901	920-231-7724 Bentonr1430@yahoo.com	Continuing Term expires 2019
Committee on Nominations	Kay Waugh 3596 Libby Lane Suamico, WI 54313	920-434-7101 kdwau@new.rr.com	Continuing Term expires 2019

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Committee on Nominations	Jeanette Retzlaff W9113 Red Feathers Cambridge, WI 53523	608-423-3360 jeteretzlaff@yahoo.com	Continuing Term expires 2019
Hmong Language Coordinator			
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Native American Language Coordinator	Holly Helton Anishinaabeqwa 13355 Park Ave. #107 Columbus, WI 53597	262-443-1551 h0llyhelt0n@gmail.com	Continuing Term expires 2017
Hispanic Language Coordinator			
Nominations Committee North Central Jurisdiction	Kady Herr-Yang 1809 W. Ramsey Ave Milwaukee, WI 53221	414-817-8120 receivgrace@wi.rr.com	New Term expires 2020
Young Women's Coordinator	Chelsey Ganzer 2911 Fond du Lac Rd Oshkosh, WI 54902	920-573-0999 ganzerchelsey@gmail.com	Continuing Term Expires 2017
Young Women's Co-Coordinator	Fiona Odum 2929 S. Tenth St. Milwaukee, WI 53215	414-469-9277 terrabyrd09@gmail.com	New Term expires 2018
Young Women's Mentor	Gloria Carter 7224 Springfield Circle Waunakee, WI 53597	608-849-7589 Carter53597@tds.net	Continuing Term expires 2017
Mission u Dean	Gail Burgess 6510 203 rd Ave Bristol, WI 54104	262-857-2224 Hb53014@aol.com	Continuing Term expires 2017
Mission u Assistant Dean	Karen Mayeshiba 1702 Lyndale Rd Madison, WI 53711	608-277-1883 kamayeshiba@yahoo.com	Continuing Term expires 2017

Proposed Changes to Standing Rules

Italics are words to be *removed* and **Bold** are words to be **added**.

ARTICLE	Section	Line(s) beginning	Changes
ARTICLE V – Mission u	Section 2: Mission u Committee Membership a: The committee for Mission u shall be composed of:....	The Dean, Assistant Dean, Business Manager, Registrar/Secretary, and Camping Coordinator shall be elected by the Mission u Nominating committee....	(#1) Insert Mission u Communications Coordinator after Registrar/Secretary The Dean, Assistant Dean, Business Manager, Registrar/Secretary, Mission u Communications Coordinator and Camping Coordinator shall be elected by the Mission u Nominating Committee....

Mission U was fabulous this year! We had absolutely fantastic teachers for all our courses and a Focus Group that was able in one hour to plan the seminar for 2017! We took our temperatures to find out how healthy our circles and units and many were surprised.

SEMINAR! The very word sounds too intellectual for me. Right? “Yes?” and “No?”

Thinking about a trip to New York City? In August? Crowded, muggy, hot and humid. Yes, but...exciting, historically enticing, and waiting for discovery. Have you heard about Barbara Heck, Philip Embury, Saddlebag Books and Annual Conferences in New York City? Would you like to see the church where the first Episcopal Methodists worshiped, the books on shelves waiting to be exchanged, the pulpit and communion rail Philip hand carved? Well, *you can*

see all that and more at John Street UMC, #44 John Street, New York City (around the corner from Wall Street).

You may have heard that United Methodist Women *own* the Church Center for the United Nations (across the street from the UN Building). It's true! Take a tour of both buildings, meet some UN personnel, shop in the UN gift shop, worship in the chapel. Why would a bunch of church women want to own property across from the UN? Let's ask them to tell us about the missional connection. Yes, you can get an appointment with someone in the US Office at the UN to present your concerns in person.

Then there is the United Methodist Building at 100 Maryland Avenue, N.E. in Washington, D.C., across from the Supreme Court Building on one

side and kitty-corner from the U.S. Capitol on the other side. How did the UMC get a building in such proximity to the seat of power? Why are they there? Can I make an appointment with someone ; in my Senator's or Congressperson's office to present my concerns in person? These and many more questions will find answers on the seminar.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN are organized for MISSION. What better places to find answers to what are our concerns and how we do that mission? I am not sure we will find out the whole answer, but part of it involves “making disciples for the transformation of the world!” What better places to be than in the thick of the action, closer to not only finding out answers, but also witnessing to outcomes.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SEMINAR

DATES: (Saturday) AUGUST 5, 2017 TO (Saturday) AUGUST 12, 2017.

TOPICS: CLIMATE JUSTICE INCOME INEQUALITY GUN VIOLENCE

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: JANUARY 31ST , 2017 - FEE: \$100.00

TOTAL COSTS/PERSON: to be determined by February 1, 2017. Estimate: \$1,000/person.

HOMEWORK: Read: “Climate Justice” edited by Tom Watson, “Dear White America” by Tim Wise, and the daily newspaper or news broadcasts on Gun Violence in our state (i.e. August 13, 2016).

Looking forward to seeing you on the Plane, the Bus, The Subway and the Metro.

The Wisconsin Conference UMW Education and Interpretation Team: Conference Education and Interpretation Mission Coordinator Betty Henderson;

District Representatives: North East – Cathryn Luce; North Central – Sharon Gisselman; North West – Suzanne Heabler; South East – Mary Garvin; South West – Stephanie Weber.

As I read the reports from our District Education and Interpretation Mission Coordinators, I am learning that there are some simple things we can do to educate for mission that do not cost us money, yet keep us ready to interpret mission for others. These are the tasks listed on the temperature chart that were available at Mission u this summer. We took our temperature by unit and/or circle at Mission u. I urge you to do this in your unit and email me your temperature.

The average temperature for Mission u this year was 77°. That is much below the normal of 98.5°. I expect that by next year we will all be healthier.

HOW HEALTHY IS YOUR CIRCLE/UNIT?

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Uses the Prayer Calendar at every meeting. | Y | N |
| 2. Reports on each issue of <i>response magazine</i> at meeting. | Y | N |
| 3. Uses ideas from Program Book in meeting. | Y | N |
| 4. Participates in Level 1 (or more) of Reading Program | Y | N |
| 5. Pledges to Mission. | Y | N |
| 6. Is a 5 Star Unit. | Y | N |
| 7. Attends Mission u. | Y | N |
| 8. Is represented at a Seminar Program,
or a Volunteer in Mission Trip,
or visits a Mission (i.e..Northcott). | Y | N |

YOUR SCORE: _____

Answering YES to each Question 1-7 scores 12 degrees.

Answering YES to Question 8 *scores 20 degrees!*

If your temperature is less than 50, you might be considered *DEAD!!*

If your temperature is more than 100, you might be *CONTAGIOUS!*

I hope you scored CONTAGIOUS! Spreading the gospel and sharing the good news of mission is infectious. Infected with the SPIRIT is a GOOD THING.