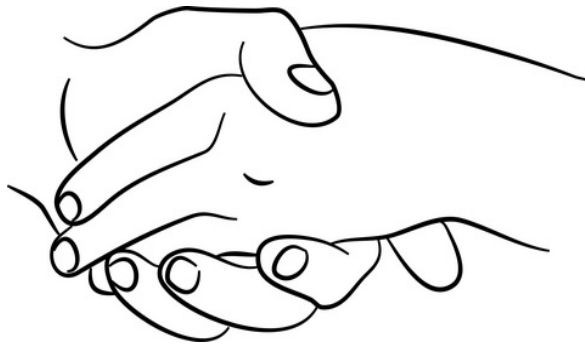


**Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women
Annual Gathering
October 23-24, 2015
Lake Street United Methodist Church
337 Lake Street, Eau Claire WI**



WELCOMED BY GOD
Welcoming All

Worship and Singing
Business Meeting
Election of Conference Leadership Team
Displays and Activity Tables
Training for District Leaders
Program Resources
Focus Groups

Friday Evening Speaker: Reverend Barbara Certa-Werner

Saturday Morning Speaker: Deanna Shimko

**WISCONSIN CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
OCTOBER 23 – 24, 2015**

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 5 at \$25

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 12 at \$35

If you register after October 13 , you will need to make your own lunch arrangements for Saturday.

PLEASE PRINT. If registering for more than one person, 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)
 District Officer District Office Held _____

Child Care:

Child Care needed 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.

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT

LIMITLESS'S 3RD ANNUAL LOCK-IN

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

This year's theme is: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. Join us for a
night of fun, games, facials, fellowship and learning!

- Bring a white T-shirt (to tie-dye), a snack to share, your bible, pillow, sleeping bag, change of clothes and anything else you need for a sleepover!
- Saturday's breakfast and lunch are provided. Please eat dinner before arriving Friday night.
- Friday night 6:30pm check-in, Saturday morning 3:00 checkout
- \$20 registration fee

FRIDAY-SATURDAY

October 23rd -24th



Contact Raquel Dorf with any questions, email: dorfrr@uwec.edu, phone: (715)-577-7376

LIMITLESS'S GIRLS' NIGHT OUT
OCTOBER 23rd-24th, 2015
OPEN TO ALL YOUNG WOMEN IN 7th-12th GRADE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1st, 2015 - \$20.00 (includes Saturday breakfast and lunch)
PLEASE PRINT. If registering for more than one person, copy and complete a separate form for each person.

Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Church _____ District _____

Emergency Contact Information: Name _____
Relationship _____ Phone Number(s): _____

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Mail to Annual Gathering Registrar: Nancy Flath, R2170 County Road Q, Ringle, WI 54471
Email: njudyflath@gmail.com Phone: 715-446-3252

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

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

Please bring a snack to share for Friday night. We will provide beverages on Friday and Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday. Things to bring: A WHITE T-SHIRT (to tie-dye), Bible, Toiletries, Change of Clothing, Sleeping Pad/Bed Roll. Bring your cell phones, cameras, etc. so you can share your experience with your friends! We will provide chaperones for this event.

Adults: Feel free to attend Annual Gathering or send your girls to our event with someone who is!

Need a ride to Eau Claire? Contact Raquel Dorf and she'll help you find one. Have any questions or comments about the event? Please contact Raquel Dorf :Email: dorfr@uwec.edu Phone: 715-577-7376

OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Reverend Barbara Certa-Werner

Reverend Barbara Certa-Werner has been the volunteer director of Harbor House Crisis Shelter in Superior since 2001. Harbor House Crisis Shelter is part of the Health and Welfare Ministries of the Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Church. Barbara will also be the speaker for the **Friday evening** gathering while district and conference leaders are in training.

Deanna Shimko

Deanna Shimko is the Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Lay Leader. She is also a missionary to Cambodia, spending time there each year, and has just returned from two months there. Deanna will be our keynote speaker on **Saturday morning**.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS - Friday Evening

District Leader Training – District Leaders are to go the appropriate leader training.

Harbor House Crisis Shelter – Led by Reverend Barbara Certa-Werner

The mission of Harbor House Crisis Shelter is to provide hospitable shelter, transitional living and services for homeless women and families. Its goal is to assist guests in attaining services and housing. Harbor House sets an example of Christian love and hospitality by providing spiritual resources and meeting physical needs.

FOCUS GROUPS - Saturday afternoon

Rising Sun Camp – Led by Afi Dobbins

Rising Sun Camp is a camp for children of an incarcerated parent or parents.

Solitary Confinement – Led by John Stedman

Solitary Confinement is ineffective, immoral, dangerous and very expensive.

The United Nations has declared that *no prisoner* should be held in solitary confinement for longer than 15 days, and that to do so constitutes torture.

Decades of research have shown that solitary confinement causes serious and lasting psychological and physiological harm for those subjected to this inhumane and degrading practice. Numerous studies have also made it clear that prolonged isolation dramatically increases rates of self-harm and suicide, fails to reduce prison violence, and increases recidivism.

This focus group will provide an overview of ROC Wisconsin – Restore Our Communities Beyond 11X15. ROC Wisconsin is a statewide effort to end our reliance on mass incarceration:

- Keep people out of prison
- End inhumane and ineffective treatment of people currently warehoused in our prisons
- Remove barriers to successful re-entry upon release from prison

The discussion will pay special attention to solitary confinement and identify several things that United Methodists can do to help bring an end to this practice.

The Reading Program and review of books – Led by Billie LaBumbard

This focus group will include a brief general overview of the Reading Program with suggestions of how to promote it in our local units and time to share ideas and comments about specific books. Billie will have some of the current books that are on the reading list, including the new 2016 list available to examine.

Spiritual Life Study – Led by Liz Dempsey

This focus group will introduce Lectio Divina (Latin for Divine Reading). In Christianity Lectio Divina is a traditional Benedictine practice of Scripture reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and increase the knowledge of God's Word.

A Fresh Perspective On Mission Work – Led by Tyler and Sarah Smoot

Tyler and Sarah Smoot will explore the concept of 'mission' by considering mission in the modern, American context. What does it mean to be on mission in your home context? What does mission share with community organizing, advocacy, or education? And where does it differ? Sarah & Tyler are US-2 young adult missionaries of the Methodist Church. Tyler & Sarah serve in Milwaukee at Northcott Neighborhood House and Madison at Interfaith Worker Justice, respectively.

Update on Cuba – Led by Donna Veatch - How does the ending of the estranged relations between the US and Cuba effect individuals living in Cuba? Will the improving relationship between the US and Cuba lead to an end of the 1966 Cuban Adjustment Act that allows Cubans who touch US soil to get green cards after one year, sponsor relatives to join them and eventually become US citizens?

ACTIVITY TABLES – Saturday afternoon

Project Patricia – Led by Jean Kissack and Linda Rott - Glenda Wylie from The Master's Community Church in Kansas City MO was the lady who started Project Patricia. Basically, the project sews reusable maxi pads for the women and girls in Africa so they are able to function outside the home every week of the month. Many girls were unable to finish their schooling due to missing so many days of school because of their menstrual cycles. We have a group of about 12 ladies who meet at our church twice a month to trace, cut, sew and serge the pads. They are then shipped out to Missouri to have the snaps put on and for shipment to Africa.

Labels and Moola caps – Led by Janet Brockman - Sort and cut Campbell Labels, Moola labels. *Bring scissors.*

Prayer Shawls – Led by Helen Dillingham, Lynn Swanson and Shirley Carpenter

This activity table will tell you how to get started, demonstrate patterns and different styles of prayer shawls, the purpose of the prayer shawl and how they should be blessed before sending them.

Ditty Bags for Beacon House and Packing School Bags – Led by Eau Claire UMW Ladies

The ditty bags are for the homeless and will contain hygiene articles. Some will be cutting out the ditty bags, so *bring scissors*. Others will be packing not only the ditty bags but also school bags with school supplies.

Bring to the Annual Gathering

- ✓ For Beacon House, a homeless shelter in Eau Claire
 - Laundry Detergent
 - Paper Products
 - Laundry baskets
- ✓ Milk Moola caps and labels for the Harbor House Crisis Center in Superior
- ✓ Campbell Soup labels and related labels for Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee
- ✓ Soaps and shampoos, etc, found in hotels as complimentary items to go into the ditty bags being packed at one of the Activity Tables on Saturday afternoon
- ✓ Scissors (These do not need to be donated, but will be needed if you plan to work at the Activity Table trimming soup labels and Milk Moola labels or at the Ditty Bag table on Saturday Afternoon)

**WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2016**

** Indicates a newly nominated person or an officer beginning a second term

Office, Term Ending	Name	Address, Telephone Number, email address
President * 2017	Laura Pfeffer	W10132 Koltas Rd, Lodi WI 53555 608-592-5228 Pfeffer.umw@gmail.com
Vice President 2016	Jean Bonney	N7196 Three Rivers Blvd, New Lisbon WI 53950 608-847-9020 R.bonney@mchsi.com
Secretary * 2017	Cherrie Graham	PO Box 496, Sturgeon Bay WI 54235 920-559-7009 Cherrie@comm-mins.com
Treasurer 2016	Mary Rather	860 Dousman St, Green Bay WI 54303 920-494-9638 Gmrather@aol.com
MISSION COORDINATORS		
Spiritual Growth * 2017	Deb Pattee	W18821 N. River Rd, Whitehall WI 54773 715-538-2060 Patteedk@uwec.edu
Education and Interpretation * 2017	Betty Henderson	300 Jennifer Lane, Brookfield WI 53045 262-439-9840 Bhenderson15@att.net
Membership Nurture and Outreach 2016	Shirley Carpenter	2711 North Biron Dr, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494 715-421-0759 Shorenu35@gmail.com
Social Action 2016	Ruby Dow	W3008 49 th St, Mauston WI 53948 608-847-2398 Remdow@ymail.com
Secretary of Program Resources * 2017	Nancy Zabel	1602 Augusta, Rice Lake WI 54868 715-234-2932 Nkzabel@hotmail.com
Communications Coordinator 2016	Ellen Eastman	215 N. Lafayette St., Shawano WI 54166 715-526-5030 Eae@frontier.com
Nominations - Chair * 2017	Julie Mieke	155 Shato Lane, Monona WI 53716 608-221-3061 Julie.mieke9@gmail.com
Nominations Committee Member 2018	Shirley Jackson	4527 W Bradley Rd #117, Brown Deer WI 53223 414-354-5258 mrsshirleyjackson79@gmail.com
Nominations Committee Member * 2019	Rachel Benton	1731 White Swan Dr. Oshkosh WI 54901 920-231-7724 Benton@wosh.edu
Nominations Committee Member * 2019	Jeanette Retzlaff	W9113 Red Feathers Rd., Cambridge WI 53523 608-423-3360 jeteretzlaff@yaoo.com
Nominations Committee Member * 2019	Kay Waugh	3396 Libby Lane, Green Bay WI 54313 920-434-7101 KDWaugh@new.rr.com

Office, Term Ending	Name	Address, Telephone Number, email address
Young Women's Mentor 2017	Gloria Carter	7724 Springfield Circle, Waunakee WI 53597 608-849-7589 Carter53597@tds.net
Young Women's Coordinator 2017	Chelsey Ganzer	267 Weis Ave, Fond du Lac WI 54935 920-573-0999 Ganzerchelsey@gmail.com
Historian		
2016 Mission u Officers		
Dean 2017	Gail Burgess	6510-213th Ave, Bristol WI 53104 262-857-2224 Hb53104@aol.com
Assistant Dean 2017	Karen Mayeshiba	1702 Lynndale Rd, Madison WI 53711 608-277-1883 Kamayeshiba@yahoo.com
Business Manager 2017	Bernice Kohlman	1537 Summit Dr., Wausau WI 54401 715-675-3065 No email
Registrar/Secretary 2017	Arlene Trull	305 Becker St, Rothschild WI 54474 715-359-7756 aetrull@gmail.com
Camping Coordinator 2016	Chris Draxler	2139 Walnut Ridge Dr., Eau Claire WI 54701 715-225-2983 F_draxler@charter.net
Member at Large 2017	Lucy Silvester	373 15 th Ave., Nekoosa WI 54457 715-325-2841 Loosesilv45@gmail.com
Member at Large 2017	Mary Baker	N4237 Hickory Dr., Columbus WI 53925 920-623-3880 Marycyc@cbusumc.net
Member at Large 2016	Tabatha Yang	7918 N. Granville Rd., Milwaukee WI 53224 202-412-3744 Goldengate2paradise@gmail.com
Members at Large	Others to be appointed by Dean	
Communications 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 3: Mission u guidelines	New rule as letter f Re-letter current f as rule g	(#1) New: f. A portion of funds raised by teens/Young Women at Mission u can be designated by them for scholarships. These scholarships shall be disbursed to women under 45 who are attending Mission u. The scholarship will equal the amount of the commuter fee and will be given until available funds are disbursed.
Article VII – Hmong House of Good News	Section 1	All lines in article.	(#2) Delete <i>Article VII</i> and renumber articles.