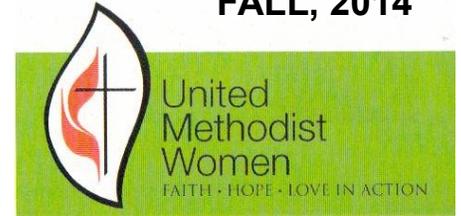


Capital Comments

FALL, 2014



Keeping Capital District United Methodist Women Informed

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Capital District United Methodist Women,

“How Is It with Your Soul?” This is a good question for all of us to consider in our Christian lives. As the Spiritual Growth study at Mission u this year, it was for me a reflective, growing, learning and spirit-filled experience.

The theme for Mission u; “Learning Together For the Transformation of the World: Celebrate All God’s Children” all came together through the three mission studies for this year and through plenary singing, worship, speakers, leaders, videos, and connecting with other UMW members and young women attending. As I was leaving the four-day Mission u, I felt renewed in spirit and energized for mission as we celebrate all God’s children of the world.

Now as summer is waning and gatherings and fall events will soon be in full swing, we need to mark our calendars and make our plans to attend UMW Annual Gatherings: both Capital District and Wisconsin Conference. Registration forms with locations, dates and important information are located in this newsletter. Please notice that this issue also has all the forms your unit will want to use to inform our Capital District mission team: Mission Today, 2015 Local Unit Leadership, Unit Pledge to Mission Giving, In Memoriam, etc. Please read on!!!

“How Is It with Your Soul?” The study is organized around four verbs – pray, learn, mentor and transform – and we are challenged to become more vibrant disciples of Christ. I pray we become God’s instruments of peace and justice for all and, as children of God, that we grow spiritually and we search our soul for God’s direction in our lives and mission.

SEE YOU ALL AT ANNUAL GATHERING,
SEPTEMBER 27th at CARGILL UMC, JANESVILLE!
“MAKE IT HAPPEN—OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL”!

Dayle McGarvie, Capital District President
608-752-1173 or dmc10s@charter.net

Capital District Annual Gathering



OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL!

**Saturday, September 27, 2014
at Cargill UMC, Janesville, WI**

VICE PRESIDENT: MAKE IT HAPPEN—OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL!

Now I find myself just starting to make the final preparations for our Annual Gathering. I have attended Mission u, as well as going to other events presenting topics on local mission and justice issues. Going to these events helps me bring important topics to you for your units and churches. Putting together the program is a group effort. I feel love and support from the District team that our nomination committee has put together. They are my sisters, and that is an important part of my UMW experience.

Our keynote speaker this year is **Tammy DeGarmo, Executive Director of Project 16:49**. This is an organization that helps unaccompanied homeless youth, ages 12–20, gain life skills to succeed as independent productive adults. Homelessness is on the rise all over the state, and youth are at a very high risk to be

abused and exploited as they look for a place to shelter and eat. This project is in Rock County, but every high school is encountering teen homelessness, with some teens trying to make it on their own with no family to fall back on.

Encourage everyone interested in justice issues and the mission of our church to attend this event!

You do not need to be a unit member to come. Invite women who may be in other circles of fellowship to come and learn more about UMW and find out what it means to be part of this international organization. Invite members of your mission committee, including men, to come and see what United Methodist Women do in the world today.

THERE WILL BE INFORMATIVE AND INTERESTING WORKSHOPS

Mac Weddle, Executive Director of **Northcott Neighborhood House**, will visit with us and update us on their work. This mission was founded by United Methodist Women and for decades has shown the love of Christ to those in need in one of the poorest parts of Milwaukee.

Our in-gathering will help to benefit this vital institution in our state.

Bring in those Campbell Soup Labels! Northcott is within thousands of labels of their goal to get a new van! There is also a call for **cleaning supplies, school supplies and backpacks and also toiletries.**

Missionary Rachel Gabler is scheduled to be at our Gathering, too! Working in aviation ministries and Leadership Resource Development in the Democratic Republic of Congo in Africa, her insights help us make sense of the news we hear from this area of the world.

Nancy Hansen-Bennett will present the Mission u study, **“The Church and People with Disabilities,”** and Emily Ford will present our **“Book Talk”** on the books from the UMW Reading Program, including books from the new 2015 list.

Officer training will also be offered at this event.

Your task will be to decide which two workshops to attend and sign up for them on September 27th at the Annual Gathering.

OFFICER TRAINING – We will be having workshops to train officers for your unit positions. Come find out the latest from your district officers. We are gathering information packets for you to bring back to your church for your units to use.

For information about submitting **names in memoriam**, see page 4.

Also as part of our ingathering, **ECHO** of Janesville is seeking **food donations** for their food pantry.

Registration forms are on pages 5 & 6 and are due to the registrar by Sept. 20, 2014.

Yours in Christ (and see you in September!)

Karen Mayeshiba,
Capital District Vice President

United Methodist Women educate everyone for mission and Make It Happen!!

SOCIAL ACTION — DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS MINISTRIES

United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men have endorsed the message of the National Declaration by Religious and Spiritual Leaders to Address Violence Against Women. The Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church signed this in 2006.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS NOT JUST A WOMEN'S ISSUE.

It is an issue of Faith. UMW and UMM have partnered to launch a domestic violence initiative to raise awareness and provide training in United Methodist congregations.

At the beginning, we are exploring what is going on in our churches and neighborhoods, and we need your help.



THE THREE LEVELS OF PREVENTION:

- Primary** - Approaches that take place before domestic violence has occurred to prevent first-time victimization or perpetration (before).
- Secondary** - To intervene, prevent violence from happening again and deal with short-term consequences (after, intermediate).
- Tertiary** - To treat; support victims to heal and provide treatment to abusers (after, long term).

WHAT CHURCHES CAN DO:

Start small if you wish, but plan now to do something during October. Purple is the color for the month's activities. Wear purple ribbons to bring national awareness to the issues faced by battered women and their children. The ribbon campaign is to distribute purple ribbons to clergy, police chiefs, judges, librarians, emergency room personnel, and others in your community.

Another idea is to print table tents with a reminder that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and information about services like training in violence prevention, peace-making skills and conflict resolution for children and youth. You can find more resources at: domesticviolence@unitedmethodistwomen.org.

WHITewater/LAGRANGE UMW UNIT MEETING - OCTOBER 12, 2014

Please join us at First United Methodist Church in Whitewater on Sunday, October 12 at 11:30 am for a potluck lunch and a presentation by the Whitewater Police Dept. regarding Domestic Violence. We will also make purple ribbons that day for you to distribute in your community. The church is located at 145 South Prairie Street in Whitewater.

RESOURCES AND CONTACTS FOR VICTIMS:

Callers can get help through the National Domestic Violence Hotline ([1-800-787-3224](tel:1-800-787-3224)) 24 hours a day.

The National Teen Dating Helpline (www.loveisrespect.org), ([1-866-331-9474](tel:1-866-331-9474) or

TTY [1-866-331-8453](tel:1-866-331-8453)) provides help and resources, including confidential online support, for teens who are concerned about their relationships. *Elaine Frietsch* Social Action [262-308-8752](tel:262-308-8752) efrietsch@aol.com

MUJILA FALLS AGRICULTURE CENTRE news snips

This baby is receiving goat's milk and moringa powder by our project because the mother isn't able to breast feed. Hamilton, our Site Manager, is taking care of this during my itineration in the U.S.



"A rose between thorns" (Paul & Andre). Ashley meets us four years after visiting our site in Zambia. She is now a proud graduate of the Marquette Law School. She is always "exceeding expectations".



A Tour of Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre video is on youtube - 38 minutes to see all the amazing things that are happening there. The video is dedicated to Tshala Mwengo. Paul has the video posted on the Mujila Falls Facebook page; you can scroll down till you find it, or use the direct to youtube address: www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BMLr01SnKo

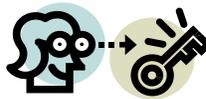
SPIRITUAL GROWTH—OPPORTUNITY...

“Make it Happen-Opportunity for All” is the theme for this year’s Capital District Annual Gathering. I thought about what this theme could mean for us spiritually.

Once again, we will have officer training. It is so important to have the **opportunity** to learn how to become successful unit officers. We are all called to grow spiritually, even if we are not officers in our units.

So, what does **Opportunity for All** mean spiritually? A good place to meditate can be found in the introduction to this summer’s Mission u spiritual study book entitled “How Is It with Your Soul?”. The authors remind us that as Wesley proposed, we should, in class meetings, speak freely and plainly the true state of our souls. If this is not comfortable, perhaps we could partner with a friend or regularly ask

ourselves the following three questions:
 Have I carefully abstained from doing evil?
 Have I zealously maintained good works?
 Have I constantly attended on (paid attention to) all the ordinances of God?
 Here truly is opportunity for all.



A reminder for the memorial service at the annual gathering: All units, please send all names of this year’s deceased members to Laura Pfeffer (Pfeffer.umw@gmail.com) by the end of August so that she can prepare a power point presentation. (See form below.)

Thank you,
 Linda J. Whitelock,
 Spiritual Growth Coordinator

By September 1, please send Laura Pfeffer the names (and photos, if available) of your UMW unit members who have passed away this last year. They will be lifted up in the memorial service at the Annual Gathering. You may send the names by e-mail (Pfeffer.umw@gmail.com) or by mail (W10132 Koltes Rd., Lodi, WI 53555). Thank you. Include information as indicated below:

In Memoriam from _____ (unit name)

Name: _____ Additional information: _____

_____ Photo included? _____



INTRODUCING TAMMY DeGARMO, OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Tammy DeGarmo is the first executive director of Project 16:49, which is a program in Rock County, centered in Janesville and Beloit, that assists homeless unaccompanied teens. The project is named for the hours and minutes of time children are on their own between the end of one school day and the beginning of the next school day. With help, the youth plan and make goals focusing on seven competency areas: housing, education, employment, life skills, physical and mental health, community connection and personal identity formation. This approach helps support youth as they fully transition into independent adults.

Tammy is a graduate of Pittsburgh State University in Kansas where she studied communication, with an emphasis in public relations. In Wisconsin she has worked with the American Red Cross, United Way and Forward Janesville before she accepted her present position.



Saturday, September 27, 2014
CAPITAL DISTRICT
 United Methodist Women

ANNUAL GATHERING

Cargill United Methodist Church
 2000 Wesley Avenue
 Janesville, WI 53545
 608 - 752 - 0548

**United Methodist Women -
 Make it Happen—
 Opportunity For All!**

Featuring:

Tammy DeGarmo

Executive Director of Project 16:49
 Support for unaccompanied
 homeless youth
 and **Lunch chat-table topics**

**LUNCH
 DISPLAYS
 SPEAKERS
 ELECTIONS
 WORKSHOPS
 INSTALLATION
 MEMORIAL SERVICE
 PROGRAM RESOURCES
 UNIT OFFICER TRAINING**



Registration, Coffee, Workshop Sign up &
 Program Resources 8:15 a.m.

COST: \$15 ADULT
 (\$20 at the door)
 \$8.50 TEEN/COLLEGE

CHOOSE FROM 4 WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOPS: (Sign up at the Annual Gathering)

Northcott Neighborhood House

Mac Weddle, Executive Director

The Church and People With Disabilities

Nancy Hansen-Bennett

A Mission u Study for Your Church

Mission and Radio Drama in Africa

Rachel Gabler, missionary

Book Talk (UMW Reading Program)

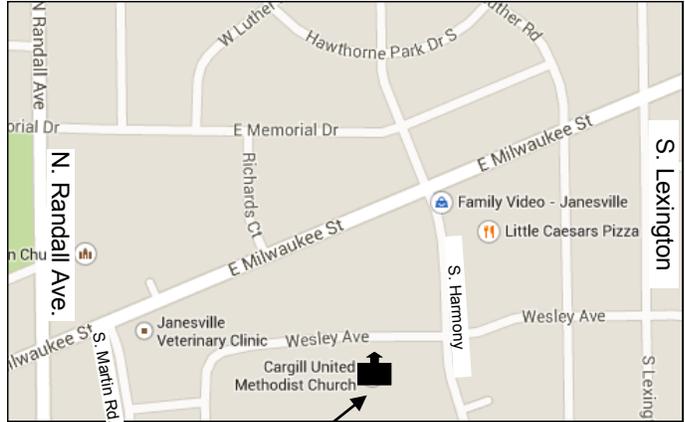
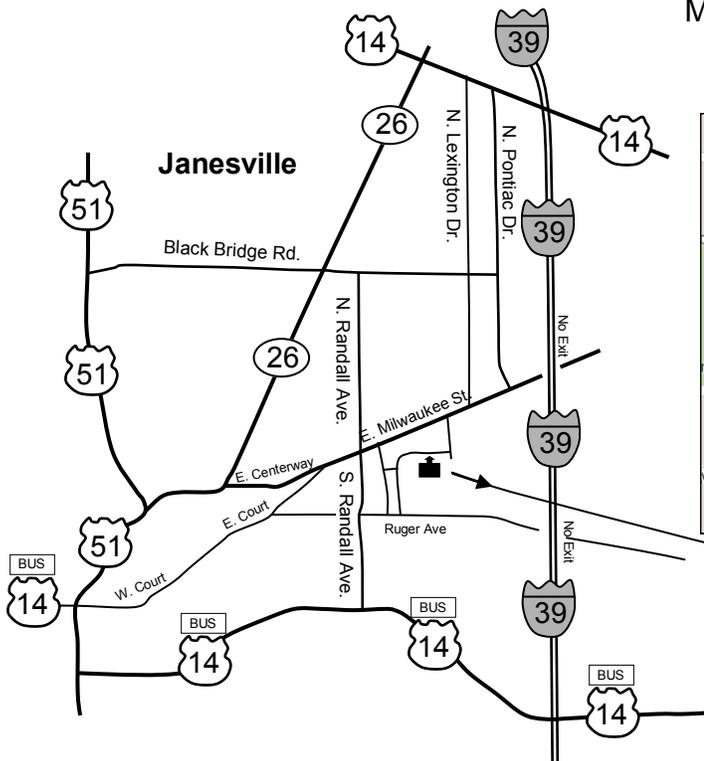
Emily Ford

PLUS OFFICER TRAINING - Look for schedule - potential officers are welcome!

Bring In-Gathering items for Northcott & ECHO—see details on page 2

Map to

Cargill United Methodist Church
2000 Wesley Ave.
Janesville, WI 53545



Coming south on I-39: Take exit 171 (14 west), turn left (south) onto Pontiac Drive, turn right (west) onto E. Milwaukee St., turn left (south) onto S. Harmony, turn right (west) onto Wesley Ave. The church is on your left.

Coming north on I-39: Take exit 175 (Bus.14 west), negotiate both round-abouts, turn right (north) onto S. Randall Ave, turn right (east) onto E. Milwaukee St., turn right (south) on S. Martin, turn left (east) onto Wesley Ave. Follow the curve left and right. The church is on your right.

✂ detach here

**CAPITAL DISTRICT United Methodist Women
ANNUAL GATHERING: September 27, 2014
REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2014**

Registration (snail or email) must be received by September 20 for discount price.

(Please Print)

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

UNIT OFFICER: Yes ___ No ___ OFFICE: _____

UNIT/CHURCH: _____

A REFRIGERATOR AND MICROWAVE will be available for any special diet items that you bring.

NO / YES CHILD CARE: Names & ages _____

(Care is free with registration, bring their lunch, or reserve lunch for \$7.00 each)

**Make check payable to:
Capital District UMW**

**Reservations are
transferable
but not refundable**

**Send Form and Check to:
Diane Quade
930 N. Washington St. #333
Janesville, WI 53548
608-752-9397
dianequade@gmail.com**

Adult \$ _____
\$15.00
Teen/College \$ _____
\$8.50
Extra Lunches \$ _____
\$7.00 each
TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH—100% REPORT—WOOHOO!

Thank you everyone for all of your hard work counting and reporting your members! **Capital District and Wisconsin Conference UMW had 100% reporting for the 2013 Local Membership Census!** Our 29 units reported 2013 membership of 1,116. Our Conference membership is 7,102.

In my Spring Capital Comments article, I told you I would have a few things to tell you that hopefully will make your 2014 count and reporting go more smoothly.

First, your membership forms are due at the end of January, 2015.

Second, your beginning number for 2014 must match your ending number in 2013. For

example, if your unit reported 41 members on December 31, 2013, your beginning count for January 1, 2014 must be 41 members. So that you know what your numbers were, I will send your end of 2013 unit membership number to the person who sent your form to me last year, and also to your president.

I will make an electronic version of the Census form available to those who have email and a paper copy to those who do not. I will work with the District Annual Gathering team to assure forms get to the correct unit person if the forms are distributed at our Annual Gathering. Be sure to read about the Annual Gathering on pages 2, 4, 5, and 6. As always, please contact me if you have questions about your forms.



With our year half over, has your unit had a visit from your district officer sister? If you've not invited her yet or she has not contacted you to set up a visit, please contact her. We are here to get to know you and share our love of UMW with you. If your unit needs assistance with programs or an added spark of the spirit, we will do whatever we can to provide it. Our 2014 sister assignments were listed in the Spring Capital Comments, page 9. The Newsletter can be found online at our Wisconsin Conference UMW website. The URL is <http://www.wisconsinumw.org/capital-comments.html> If you can't find your sister listed there, please contact me and I'll connect you.

I pray that your unit will continue to put Faith, Hope and Love into Action. Together we can make a difference in the lives of women, children and youth here and around the world. Let's "Make It Happen!"

Sue Plasterer, Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator, Capital District
seplasterer@charter.net
608-274-0275

SUPPORT NORTHCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE WITH DONATIONS!

It was good to see some of the Capital District officers at Overview Day last week! We certainly received some interesting information about this year's studies, and it was fun to sing together, pray together, and feel connected to

the mission work that we all so passionately support. It also was exciting that Northcott was the mission focus this year, and Mission participants were asked to bring monetary donations from their units.

It was announced that during the 4-day school, \$1880 had been collected! And I know that additional money was added on Overview Day, but I wasn't able to get a final amount by this issue's deadline.



THIS IS ALL YOU NEED ↑

Remember to bring your labels and any other donations (monetary or see suggestions on page 2) to the Capital District Annual Gathering on Sept. 27. See you there!

Barb Taylor
Northcott Representative

DAN & RACHEL GABLER ARE COMING! TO AN ANNUAL GATHERING NEAR YOU! (CAPITAL DISTRICT & CONFERENCE)

Do you know what Rachel does when she gets mad? She writes dramas about it. She got mad about the 250 plus girls who were abducted in Nigeria.

KIDNAPPED
NIGERIAN
GIRLS



Then she read a research paper by a group in Congo called "Wives in Slavery" about



CHILD
BRIDES

forced marriages, which are very common. She says, "We are talking about THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS of girls. No one is shouting about them. Because it is happening in small increments and because it fits the culture, no one pays attention."

Rachel thinks attention must be paid. Her dramas are intended to focus attention on the causes of the problem. Others think her dramas should have a wider audience, to begin a change in the culture of forced marriage. That's where we come in, to help her reach a wider audience. Come to Rachel's presentation, and find out what you can do to help reach those who need to hear.



RACHEL & DAN GABLER

Besides the Annual Gatherings, Dan and Rachel will be itinerating in our area during the first weeks in October. Tony Fuller is arranging their schedule. So far he has three events confirmed:

- Wed. October 1: 5:00 pm Baraboo First UMC
- Wed. October 8: 9:30 am Whitewater First UMC
- Wed. October 15: 5:00 pm Edgerton UMC

To get more details about a scheduled event and/or to schedule an event at your church, contact Tony Fuller at senegaltony@gmail.com

Whitewater event details:

Rachel and Dan will be speaking at FUMC in Whitewater, 145 S. Prairie St., starting at 9:30 am. There will be an informal question session at 11:00 am followed by a lunch organized by the mission team and bible study class. Everyone is invited to come.

Rachel will have copies of her dramas available at all her presentations for those who are interested.

HMONG HOUSE OF GOOD NEWS LIKES 'MOOLA'!

Thank you for your donations of bottle caps and bag tops from Nature's Touch milk, juice, and water sold at Kwik Trip stations. After Mission u, I was able to send in 650 caps and 900 label strips to receive a redemption check in the amount of \$77.50 to benefit Hmong House of Good News!

Keep collecting the bottle caps and bag strips that say Milk Moola on them, as well as Nature's Touch ice cream UPCs and Glazer donut price ovals from the top of the box of 6 or

12. We receive 5 cents for the caps, the strips, and the ice cream UPCs. The Glazer ovals are worth 10 cents.

You can bring these items to your District Annual Gathering, as well as to the Conference Annual Gathering, after which the collection will be sorted, counted, and sent in to Kwik Trip for more 'moola' to help Hmong House.

Questions? Contact Judy Vasby
(608)576-0173 vasby.umw@gmail.com

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION—MISSION TODAY REPORTS

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

MISSION TODAY

LOCAL UNIT REPORT FORM YEAR 2014

The President of each unit or the unit Education & Interpretation officer is REQUESTED to fill out and send this form in EACH YEAR, *whether or not your unit qualifies as a Mission Today Unit*. Please refer any questions to your Capital District Education & Interpretation Coordinator (see below). Your gift of time and effort to fulfill this request is very much appreciated.

Please complete the form below and CHECK OFF the Mission Today activities listed on the back of this sheet that your unit has completed this year, beginning January 1, 2014. Return the form **BY DECEMBER 1** to your Capital District Education & Interpretation Coordinator:

Marilyn Eyster, 122 East Cox Rd., Edgerton, WI 53534.

Email: marilyn.eyster@gmail.com Phone: 608 868-3585

NAME OF YOUR CHURCH _____

YOUR NAME & ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CURRENT NUMBER OF UNIT MEMBERS _____

NUMBER OF MISSION TODAY ACTIVITIES YOUR UNIT COMPLETED IN 2014 _____

DID YOUR UNIT QUALIFY AS A *MISSION TODAY UNIT*? ____ *yes* ____ *no*

ACTIVITIES you did during the year that you want to share: _____

COMMENTS for the District or Wisconsin Conference UMW Mission Team: _____

Thank You!

Fall 2014

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE MISSION TODAY UNIT

To become a MISSION TODAY Unit, the unit must meet eight of the following criteria including four of those marked with an asterisk (*)

1. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting to pray for mission workers and Projects.*
2. The unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission*
3. The unit will add at least one new member to its roll.*
4. The unit will have at least one member subscribe to **Response** magazine.*
5. The unit will use two programs from the Program Book for United Methodist Women each year.*
6. The unit or circle will conduct at least one mission study a year.*
7. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least one way during the year.* Some suggested plans of action: ^Plan a unit meeting with a different racial ethnic background, using programs from the Program Book. ^Use Program plan for Charter prepared by Conference. ^Share worship service or meeting with speaker of another culture.
8. At least one member of the unit (other than a conference or district officer) will attend the Conference Mission u.
9. At least two members (other than a conference or district officer) will attend the District Meeting or Conference Annual Gathering.
10. The unit will have at least one person join the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information. Web address: <http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umw/act/network/>
11. Members will write or email to five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar each year.
12. The unit will participate in the Campaign for Children in at least two ways. Possibilities for action: ^Help sponsor a church or community program related to children and youth needs. ^Sponsor a Children's Sabbath, promoted by the Children's Defense Fund. ^Get involved with children in mentoring, tutoring and "big sister" programs. ^Write letters, e-mail, or call congressional representatives and/or others in government regarding children's issues. ^Visit your local school. ^Attend a school board meeting. ^Learn how our schools are funded.
13. The unit will be a Five Star unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.
14. Each unit or circle will include a **Response** magazine moment where an item from the magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
15. Have at least two people from the unit, circle or subgroup complete one of the Reading Program Plans and report on one of the books read; encourage all members to complete Plan One, have a book review program.
16. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than that of a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year.
17. Make a pledge to care for God's creation and become a "Green" United Methodist Women unit (Get information on How to Become a Green Unit at <http://www.umwonline.org/environment> or contact Women's Division Community Action.
18. Hold a Mini-Spiritual Growth Retreat. See Program Book for ideas.
19. Unit to contribute at least \$25.00 for Mission u.

****Use these Guidelines for the 2014 report year****

NOMINATING NEWS

Our slate is almost complete for 2015. Continuing officers are President **Dayle McGarvie**, Treasurer **Linda K. Whitelock**, Communications **Mary Anne Gerlach**, Social Action **Elaine Talles Frietsch**, Spiritual Growth **Linda J. Whitelock**, Northcott Rep. **Barb Taylor**, Nominations Committee **Judy Loveless**, **Sandy Brewer**, **Anne Scott**, **Jane DeSoto** and **Ruth Watt**, and Historian (an appointed position) **Marge Lyford**. These are the officers who will be reinstalled at the District Annual Gathering.

The officers in the next column are up for election at our District Annual Gathering:

(Some are new to the team, and some are taking a new office or starting a new term.)

Vice President	Karen Mayeshiba
Secretary	Ginger Katzman
Member Nurture & Outr.	Sue Plasterer
Educ. & Interpretation	Marilyn Eyster
Program Resources	Nancy Ramirez
Nominations Chair	Mary Lainberger

One slot remains to be filled: Young Women's Representative (an appointed position) (Julia Mayeshiba is now the Conference YWR.)

Judy Loveless, Nominations chair

TREASURER TALK: BRING 2015 PLEDGE TO ANNUAL GATHERING

I hope everyone has had a good summer. Through July, Capital District has paid 40% of our \$65,000 Pledge to Mission. I still believe we can make our pledge this year. Please remember to send any money you want counted for 2014 to me by December 10th.

Complete the 2015 pledge form below, and bring it with you to the Annual Gathering in September. We will be collecting the pledges during the pledge service. If no one from your unit attends the gathering, you can send it to me at the address to the right.

Would you like to know where our mission money goes? I would enjoy providing a program for your unit on the journey of our mission dollars.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Gathering in September. I look forward to getting together with the treasurers.

Linda K Whitelock

Capital District Treasurer (608) 223-9161
6137 Dell Drive whitelocklinda@att.net
Madison, WI 53718

2015 PLEDGE TO MISSION

2015 Unit Pledge to Mission \$ _____

We also pledge our support of Mission u by sending \$ _____

Unit and City _____

2015 Unit Treasurer _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____ E-mail _____

Thank you for all you do for others in mission. Please bring this form to our District Annual Gathering, September 27 at Janesville Cargill UMC, or mail it to Linda Whitelock, District Treasurer (see address above).

PROGRAM RESOURCES—READING LISTS DUE SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

To all READERS participating in the UMW 2014 Reading Program: It's time to finish up your reading for this year. All Secretaries of Program Resources for the Capital District units need to have their members' lists turned in to me by **September 2nd**. If possible, please have members use the 2014 Reading Program Brochure form, which is downloadable online at www.umwmissionresources.org. **Include the following on your lists:** book title, category and the year the book was on the list. Bonus

books count as two titles as indicated in the brochure, and current adult Mission u study books count as one title. I need to have time to look the lists over and then make all the certificates for the September 27th Fall Gathering, when they will be distributed to the unit SPRs. Call or email me with any questions.

Lists may be sent by email or snail mail to:
Nancy Ramirez (Sec. of Program Resources)
95 South Ringold St. 608-757-0394
Janesville, WI 53545 nanoram49@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2014 READING PROGRAM.

The Reading Program

It is required that we read in all five categories: Social Action, Spiritual Growth, Nurture for Community, Education for Mission and Leadership Development. Leadership Development, the newest category, has selections listed in the 2011-2014 lists.

Plan 1 requires five books read with one in each category as well as reading "Response Magazine."

Plan 2 requires ten books read with two in each category as well as reading "Response Magazine" and "New World Outlook" magazine.

Plan 3 requires **completing Plan 2** plus reading five more books in any category.

Plan 4 requires **completing Plan 2** plus reading ten more books in any category.

Books can be counted from this year's list and lists from the past five years (2010-2014).

MISSION u 2014 as reported by SUE PLASTERER

Mission u 2014 was a wonderful event where we grew spiritually, learned about including all God's children in our churches and how the Roma in Europe and the US face terrible prejudice and discrimination. This year we especially wanted to find out how it is with our souls.

We did that by studying the book "How Is It with Your Soul?" and using John Wesley's class meeting format. We had fantastic leaders for this study including Rev. Mary Kathryn Pearce, Dr. Irma Clark and Rev. Dr. Larry D. Pickens.

Rev. Dan Dick and Nancy Hansen-Bennett led the study on "The Church and People with Disabilities: Awareness, Accessibility, and Advocacy." Each brought so much personal experience to the topic. This study will be given again in 2015. There is so much to learn. I look forward to taking it next year.

"The Roma of Europe" study was taught by Rev. Steve Farina who with his wife Martha served as cross-cultural missionaries in Central Europe from 1993-2013. Rev. Farina Skyped with a friend in Eastern Europe during one of our Plenaries. They talked about their work with the Roma first hand. The amazing thing about Rev. Farina's friend was that he was sight impaired and had his own spirit filled story to tell.

Mission u is an annual event where United Methodist Women (UMW), teen women and a few men across Wisconsin gather to study, renew long-term friendships, make new friends and share in worship through singing, praying and listening to presentations. Laughter and tears flowed freely as we engaged each other.

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MISSION u 2014 continued

In October 2012 a memorial to the Roma killed by the Nazis in the Holocaust was completed in Berlin, Germany. I was traveling in Berlin in October 2013 and just by luck found the memorial and took pictures of it. Had I not taken the Roma study last year, I would never have learned about the Roma nor been alerted to their plight in Europe today or to the existence of the memorial. I am so very grateful for Mission u and our opportunities to learn about women, children and families around the world.

United Methodist Women makes such a difference in so many lives, including mine.

Sue Plasterer

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING REGISTRATION

Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering of United Methodist Women Madison Asbury United Methodist Church 6101 University Ave., Madison Friday-Saturday, October 17-18, 2014 “A Calling For This Time”

Focus groups are:

- Four different “hands-on” work areas
- District Leadership Training
- UMW 101
- White Privilege
- World Federation of Methodists
- 11 x 15
- Rachel Gabler, Missionary
- Reading List and review of certain books
- Another focus group in the planning—Surprise!!

Scholarships

25 scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The scholarship covers registration for the event (your motel reservation is on your own).

Registration

EARLY REGISTRATION (before September 29th). The cost is \$25.00 which includes the Friday evening session that begins at 6:30 p.m. and lunch on Saturday.

After September 29, registration is \$35.00. Those who register after October 10th are welcome to participate in the programs; however, you will need to make lunch arrangements at one of the local restaurants. Sorry, no exceptions.

Lodging

Blocks of rooms are being held at Country Inn & Suites and Residence Inn by Marriott Madison West. Please make your own room reservation by contacting one of the two hotels below:

Country Inn & Suites
2212 Deming Way, Middleton
Phone # 608-831-6970
Price: \$89.00 for Double Queen rooms
Will be held until September 26th

Residence Inn by Marriott Madison West
8400 Market Street, Middleton
Phone # 608-662-1100
Price: \$99.00 for Studio Suite
Will be held until September 17th

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING REGISTRATION

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OCTOBER 17-18, 2014

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 29, 2014 - \$25.00 (incl. Sat. lunch)

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 10, 2014 - \$35.00 (incl. Sat. lunch)

*If you register after October 10th, you will need to make your own lunch arrangements for Saturday.
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 the district level: _____

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 the first lunch seating. Also, please provide a sack lunch for each child or include \$7.50 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).

Requesting First Lunch Seating.

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.

2015 Local Unit Elected Leadership

Local Church: _____

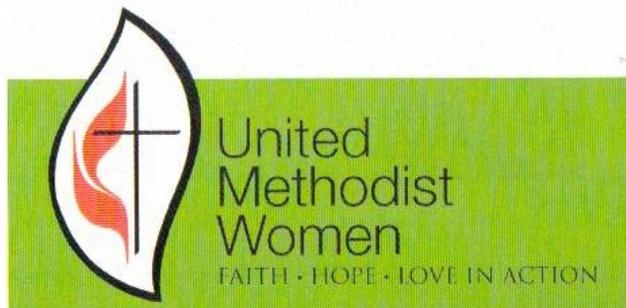
Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Pastor(s): _____

Phone: _____



Instructions: Please print or type the information requested in the blanks provided. Include telephone number(s) with area codes and email addresses if available. Add additional pages as needed (if you have co-leaders for a position). Please provide all requested information. **Complete and return form by October 1st, 2014.** Mail to:

Ginger Katzman, Sec, Capital District
N 8560 Cty Rd P
Whitewater, WI 53190

cell phone: (608) 642-2076
email: gingerkatzman@gmail.com

Reminder: Each unit must also send updated contact information for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary to the Service Center to ensure that resources and updates can be communicated to them. Completing this form only updates information for the District and Conference UMW.

President:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

Vice President:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

Secretary:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

Treasurer:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

2015 Local Elected Leadership (continued from page 15)

Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

Mission Coordinator for Social Action:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

Mission Coordinator for Membership, Nurture and Outreach:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

Secretary for Program Resources:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

Communications Coordinator:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

Committee on Nominations, Chairperson:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

Are you longing to go back to school?

Heil Funds can help you!

The **Mabel Heil Scholarships** are a result of funds from the will of Sarah Mabel Heil, a woman from Cuba City, Wisconsin. The first scholarships were granted in 1981. Since then, more than 240 women have received help with their education.

Contact person:
Helen Robinson
N2101 Cleghorn Rd.
Waupaca, WI 54981

715.258.0973
pottshe@yahoo.com



An application form is on the back of this page.

Instructions:

1. Be a female member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women.
2. Submit a written answer to the question, "In what ways do I consider myself a worthy student?"
3. Send a completed application to the contact person by May 1 or October 1.
4. Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person by either the president of the local UMW or by a pastor of the church.
5. Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person by a church member who is not a member of your household and is not a relative.

Rules:

- A. Any member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women working to improve her education may apply.
- B. All letters must be written (preferably typed) on one side of an 8 1/2 X 11 sheet of white paper, using black ink.
- C. All applications are photocopied for the committee members.
- D. Scholarships are awarded one semester at a time. To be considered again DURING a one-year period, you must send a letter asking to be considered. AFTER one year, you will need to fill out another form and secure new recommendations.
- E. If, in any given year, there is an increase of applications, these priorities will be followed: Women responsible for others will be favored. Women preparing to return to the employment field will be favored.
- F. The schedule is: **First semester** Apply by May 1, Notified by June 1, Check given August 15. **Second semester** Apply by October 1, Notified by November 1, Check given by December 1.
- G. Application and two (2) letters of recommendation MUST be postmarked no later than May 1 and October 1 to be considered.

**Mabel Heil Scholarship Application
Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women**

Please Print

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____ Birth Date _____

1. Local Church:

a. Name & City _____

Pastor _____ UMW President _____

Are you a member of United Methodist Women? _____

2. Activities:

b. In United Methodist Women _____

In your local church _____

In the community _____

3. Education: (Give year of graduation) High School _____ College _____ Other _____

School You will be attending _____

Have you been accepted as a student? yes _____ no _____

Present (post high school) status:

Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___ Graduate ___ Other ___

Course of Study _____

4. Family Status _____

5. Please answer the following using an additional sheet:

IN WHAT WAY DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A WORTHY STUDENT?

Mail to: Helen Robinson
N2101 Cleghorn Rd.
Waupaca, WI 54981

Phone - 715 258 0973
email - pottshe@yahoo.com

SOME EXCITING STORIES:
Medical School

We are exceptionally excited about a new partnership with [Future Doctors for South Sudan](http://futuredoctors.org) (futuredoctors.org). We hope our combined efforts will help some of our Africa ELI graduates advance to medical schools. Our partnership goal is simple: help girls and boys get the necessary education to improve health in South Sudan.

The Stats

This year, Africa ELI is sponsoring an equitable number of secondary students: 105 girls and 95 boys. We have two school partners for the 2014 academic year: Excel International Academy and Nehemiah Orphans Secondary School. Our school populations include students from all ten states of South Sudan.

Want more info?

Feel free to coordinate an Africa ELI speaking tour or a special presentation at your place of worship, school, civic group meeting, or neighborhood BBQ. Dates are available for this month and then again in mid-November, December, January and early February.

E-mail me at anita@afrikaeli.org to schedule a mutually agreeable presentation date.

It's never too late to give.

Visit <http://afrikaeli.org> to contribute securely online, or send checks to: Africa ELI, 1550 Centervue Crossing - #107, Knoxville, TN 37932, or through your church - Wisconsin Conf. # 7951 **Thank you, Friends!**

We carry on!

Anita Henderlight

Building Blocks

We will continue to contribute toward the construction and development of a new Excel International Academy in Yei. Excel's South Sudanese founder and director, Wani Kenneth Evans, has secured the land, already cleared some of the bush and molded and fired up more than 100,000 bricks for the building. It's projected to open in February 2015.



This photo is one of my favorites. It shows the bright students of South Sudan.



Dean of Mission u Dee Klawitter takes her mission studies very seriously.

Doesn't this fit right in with the study of the church and people with disabilities?

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CAPITAL DISTRICT 2014 UMW EVENTS CALENDAR

Capital District Annual Gathering

September 27, Saturday,
at Cargill UMC, Janesville, WI

Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering

October 17 & 18, Friday-Saturday
at Madison Asbury UMC, Madison, WI

Important Deadlines:

September 1: In Memoriam with photos to Spiritual Growth Secretary
September 2: Reading Program reports to District Program Resources Secretary
September 20: Registration Deadline, Capital District Annual Gathering
October 1: Local leadership slates for 2015 to District Secretary

September 29: Early Registration Deadline, Conference Annual Gathering
October 10: Absolute Registration Deadline, Conference Annual Gathering
(After that, it's bring your own lunch)

December 1: Mission Today annual report to District E & I Coordinator
December 10: All 2014 monies to District Treasurer