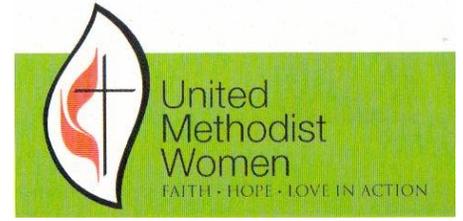


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all of my Southeast District UMW Sisters!

Hope you are well and enjoying the lazy, crazy days of summer. It's an event-filled summer - Olympics in Rio, Cleveland Cavaliers as champions after 52 years, do Brewers keep or trade Lucroy and Braun?, Packer training camp begins, and, of course, the political conventions.

Like her or not, history was made on July 28, 2016 when Hillary Clinton accepted the Democratic Party's nomination for the President of the United States.

Those of you who were fortunate enough to see Hillary in person at the 2014 United Methodist Women's Assembly learned how her family, faith and commitment to the United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women made her who she is today, sparking her interest in engaging in social issues, and making a difference in the lives of women, children and youth. She spoke of her faith again during her acceptance speech on July 28th, referring to John Wesley's oft-quoted **"Do all the good you can, for all the people you can, in all the ways you can, as long as ever you can."**

Hillary Clinton is just one example of a powerful United Methodist Woman. A long line of amazing women helped shape the history of our church and of the UMW organization. Google *Timeline of Women in Methodism* to learn about women's contributions to the church, beginning in 1770; or go to the History portion of the United Methodist Women's website and click on *Living the Legacy: A Historical Timeline*, which depicts the continuing journey of women in mission from 1869-2002.

Even today, just look around at your next United Methodist Women's event to see amazing, talented and dedicated women who are making a difference today and every day in the life of the church and in the lives of women, children and youth everywhere. I have been fortunate to work with and meet these women during the last four years at the district level and the last ten years at my local level. They have become my mentors and friends and have inspired me to be a better person. They have shared their knowledge and introduced me to the legacy of United Methodist Women.

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South East District  
 Annual Fall Gathering

**CELEBRATE  
 FAITH  
 HOPE  
 LOVE  
 IN ACTION  
 with  
 WISDOM**

Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016  
 Waukesha Salem UMC  
 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.)**

Last June, I and three of my district team sisters had the privilege of attending the Christway Hmong UMW meeting and birthday celebration. Talk about sisterhood and faith - the love in that room was evident, love for each other and love for Jesus Christ. It was a beautiful gathering of Christian women of all ages.



We sang, prayed, listened to wonderful devotions, shared scriptures, played games, laughed and, of course, ate - what would a UMW meeting be without food. These powerful women, speaking and singing in both Hmong and English, were a wonderful testament to the meaning of Christian love and faith in action. I thank them all for welcoming us and inviting us to share in their celebration.



I know you, too, have had opportunities as members of your UMW local organizations to make a difference, to encourage others, and to highlight the accomplishments and work still to be done to open dialog on social issues that impact all of us. I encourage you to share your experiences, hopes and memories with other women in your church, and invite them to participate in your meetings.

As you are well aware, many local units have seen a decrease in membership and a hesitation by members to accept leadership positions. We need to share our love and enthusiasm with

young and old alike and encourage others to join us to keep our legacy alive.

At both your local level and at the district level, we will be seeking volunteers to fill vacant team positions in 2017. At the district level, our Nominations Committee is tasked with the job of identifying women to contribute their time and talents to the district leadership team. We ask that you prayerfully consider stepping up, either at the local level or the district level, to continue demonstrating the strength and power of United Methodist Women working together to focus on ministries with women, children and youth.

I hope to see you all at our upcoming **Southeast District Annual Fall Gathering on October 1st at Waukesha Salem UMC**. By the time you see me, I will have moved. After eleven years in Hartford, I am moving a little further down the road to Oconomowoc; my new address will be W2423 Julianne Street, Oconomowoc 53066. I can be reached on my cell phone at 262-353-1913. Enjoy the rest of your summer!



Cheryl Malko

**President**

*This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Your Sister in Christ,  
Cheryl Malko

**REPORTING YOUR MEMBERSHIP COUNT FOR 2016**

As of this writing, the National Office is still tabulating the unit membership counts for 2015 that were sent to them in early 2016. (The final count in 2015 would be your beginning count in 2016). Membership counts are now being done online through a website link sent from the National Office, so there is no form to be included in this newsletter.

You can help out with this count by calling or emailing your District Membership Nurture and Outreach coordinator (**Kemi Baiyewu, Phone: 262-764-0639, Email: [ajamukemi@yahoo.com](mailto:ajamukemi@yahoo.com)**) after 12/31/2016, and before 1/31/2017, and report the number of members who were in your unit on 12/31/2016. Give her any more information she needs, and she will submit the form for you.

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT, MARIE GARNHART

Greetings, dear sisters, from your Vice-President,

The summer has gone by all too quickly, and we are now planning for our second opportunity to gather as members of the South East District United Methodist Women.

Our Annual Fall Gathering will be on Oct. 1, 2016 at Waukesha Salem UMC. We will gather for registration and coffee at 9:00am and hope to conclude by 2:30pm. Check out the flyer and registration form included in this newsletter on pages 5 and 6.

I am especially excited about our keynote speaker, **David Liners**, the executive director of **WISDOM**. He will deal with very current and pressing social justice issues of great importance in our own State of Wisconsin and even more directly relevant to us here in South East Wisconsin. Not that these aren't national issues as well, but they really do hit close to home. Check out his impressive "bio" in the flyer.

We had reduced the "singing" at the spring enrichment event because we had such a full agenda. But some of you mentioned on the evaluation form that you missed the singing, so we will begin both the morning and the afternoon sessions with singing as was the

former tradition.

The afternoon will then include the business meeting, pledge ceremony, announcement of awards, the Memorial ceremony, the retirement of officers, and installation of new Officers, with sending forth by 2:30pm.

**Since there are no "break out" rooms available for officer sharing, we will add a half hour to the lunch break and ask officers to gather at designated tables at lunch time for sharing.**

We had such a marvelous turn-out for the spring event. I hope we will see such continued loyal support for our first fall event, and **prompt registration is always especially appreciated.**

Thank you all for your participation in the UMW sisterhood of Grace. Through Mission Giving, education and advocacy, UMW members put their faith, hope and love into action. As individuals and as an organization, we do make a difference in our troubled world.



Marie  
Garnhart

**Vice  
President**

Wishing you blessings,  
Marie Garnhart

We also are trying to think of convenient locations for the two events in 2017. If your church is willing to host an event, or even just a district team meeting, please contact me.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE AT ANNUAL GATHERING NEEDS NAMES

If you have unit members who have passed away since last year's Annual Gathering that you have not reported yet, you may still send them in to **Kemi Baiyewu, 4121 24<sup>th</sup> Ave., Kenosha, WI 53140**, and they will be printed in the Annual Gathering Booklet. If it is too late to mail the names, then bring them with you to the Annual Gathering, and give them to Kemi, or Linda Smeaton (use the form below if you like). Their names will be recognized during the memorial service.

In Memoriam from \_\_\_\_\_ (unit name)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## NOMINATIONS 2017 SLATE OF OFFICERS

The Nominations Committee has been hard at work putting together the slate of district officers for 2017. Thankfully, many members of the District Mission Team will be continuing in their current positions. See the results below: (Names in bold are either new to the team, or taking a new position.)

President - **Gail Nelson** (18)  
Vice President - Marie Garnhart (17)  
Co-Secretary (Yearbook) - Jane Henderson (17)  
Co-Secretary (Recording) - pending  
Co-Secretaries of Program Resources - Valerie Holzman (17) and Margaret Miele-Collins (17)  
Treasurer - **Debra Matthies** (18)  
Communications Coordinator - **Melissa Riddell** (18)  
Spiritual Growth Coordinator - Linda J. Whitelock (17)  
Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator - Kemi Baiyewu (17)  
Education and Interpretation Coordinator - **Dodie Smith** (18)  
Social Action Coordinator - Yer Lee Yang (17)  
Limitless Representatives - Fiona Odum & Ashley Yang  
Nominations Committee Members - Ruth Watt (17) and Julie Carter (18), **Chue Vang** (18),  
**Marilyn Eyster** (18) and **Mary Garvens** (18)  
Northcott Representatives (appointed) - **Salud Rodeman and Lisa Jones**  
Mission u Dean - Gail Burgess  
Historian (appointed position) - pending

Self-nominations are encouraged and welcome. If you feel called to serve on the District Mission Team in one of the open roles, please contact any member of the current Nominations Committee, whose names and contact information can be found in the 2016 Yearbook.

Thank you to all who stepped up and volunteered, and to those who helped by suggesting names. The Nominations Committee

## UNIT PLEDGE TO MISSION (TO DISTRICT) FORM

*United Methodist Women*  
*Wisconsin Conference - South East District*  
**2017 Pledge to Mission**

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

**CELEBRATE  
FAITH, HOPE,  
LOVE IN ACTION**

South East District  
Annual Fall Gathering  
of  
United Methodist  
Women



Keynote  
Speaker

**David  
Liners**

Executive  
Director  
of  
WISDOM

Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016

Waukesha Salem UMC

541 Highway 59

Waukesha, WI 53186

9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**WISDOM is**

a Wisconsin network of Faith-based organizations, part of the international Gamaliel Foundation. It is a multi-issue, grassroots organization best known for its work to end mass incarceration.

Over the past thirteen years, Liners has overseen the growth of the statewide network from three to twelve diverse, interfaith local organizations in Wisconsin. His duties include leadership training, supervision of organizing staff, and work

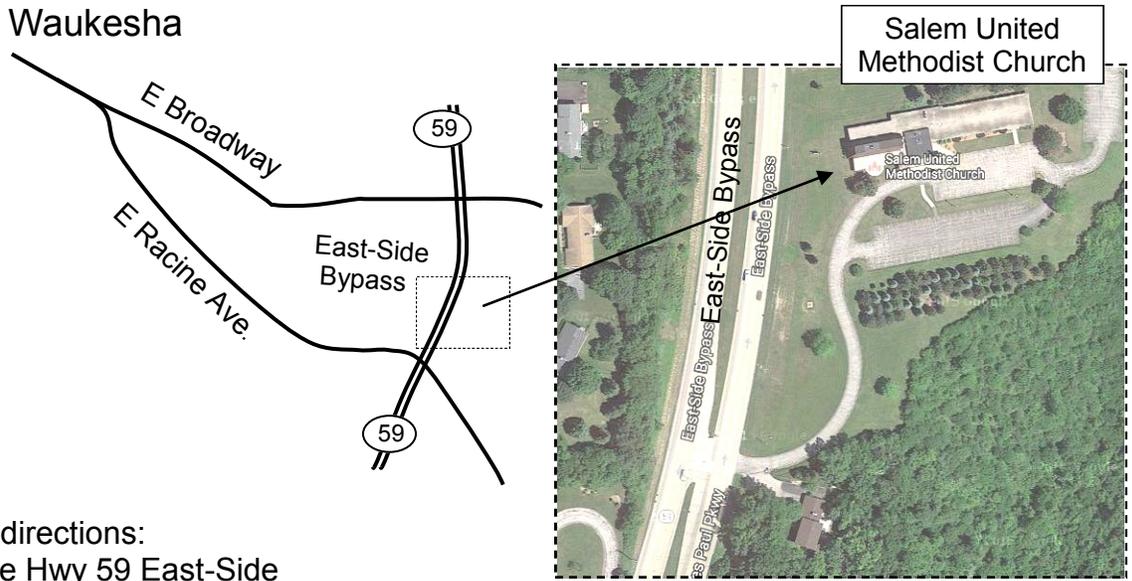
with local and state leadership groups to develop solid organizing plans. He has developed models for building new projects, for moving start-up projects into long-term stability, and re-organizing projects in need of re-vitalization.

Liners lives in Milwaukee with his wife and two children. He is also an adjunct faculty member of the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee and Cardinal Stritch University.

He holds a BA from Marquette University (Political Science and Theology, Magna Cum Laude), a Masters of Divinity (MDiv) from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and a Doctor of Ministry (DMin) from St. Mary of the Lake University.

**COME FOR A DAY OF  
SINGING LEARNING FELLOWSHIP SHARING  
ALSO INCLUDED: LUNCH & PROGRAM RESOURCES**

**SOUTH EAST DISTRICT ANNUAL FALL GATHERING – MAP**



Driving directions:  
 Take the Hwy 59 East-Side bypass along the eastern edge of Waukesha. The driveway to the church is slightly north of the intersection with E. Racine Ave. There is a small sign. (See Google photograph)

Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016 at Waukesha Salem UMC  
 541 Highway 59, Waukesha, WI 53186

9:00 a.m. registration & coffee to 2:30 p.m. sending forth

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**ANNUAL GATHERING REGISTRATION FORM - DUE BY SEPTEMBER 21, 2016**

Please Print                      Registration \$20                      (\$3 more after Sept. 21)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL UNIT \_\_\_\_\_ REGISTRATION PER PERSON: \$20 (\$23 AFTER Sept. 21)

**Put any additional names on a separate sheet of paper**

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each

NEED DEPENDANT CARE? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ AGES \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(No registration fee, but bring sack lunch for dependant or reserve a lunch for \$10)

**LUNCHES FOR DEPENDENTS (\$10 each) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SEND FORM AND MONEY TO REGISTRAR:

**Jane Henderson  
 5324 W. Bottsford Ave.  
 Greenfield, WI 53220  
 Phone: (414) 327 - 4217**

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:  
**South East UMW**

# WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW MISSION TODAY

## Mission Tasks for 2016

To become a Mission Today organization, please complete two (2) criteria from each category. Please try at least one (1) new criteria and report in fall of 2016.

Circle the number(s) indicating your choice.

*United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God...*

- F**  
**A**  
**I**  
**T**  
**H**
1. Plan programs that encourage spiritual growth. (Program book, response magazine, etc.)
  2. Create prayer partners with other church groups.
  3. Pray using the Prayer Calendar at meetings.
  4. Organize the spiritual growth study from Mission u, possibly several evenings/ weeks.

*to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;*

- H**  
**O**  
**P**  
**E**
1. Take advantage of opportunities thru UMW such as Mission u, Spiritual Growth Retreats, Annual Gatherings, Mission Action Day.
  2. Set aside a time to go over the year's plans using Mission Today Mission Tasks.
  3. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice program.
  4. Present a mission study from Mission u, inviting church members.

*to develop a creative, supportive fellowship;*

- L**  
**O**  
**V**  
**E**
1. Honor the organization's leaders and member's contributions with Special Mission Recognition pins. Don't forget community leaders.
  2. Encourage everyone to visit or invite visitors to/from other local UMW organizations.
  3. Publicize your events using newsletters, bulletin boards, Sunday bulletins, social media, phone calls, etc.
  4. Plan a year end program to give thanks and celebrate your accomplishments.

*and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.*

- I**  
**N**  
**A**  
**C**  
**T**  
**I**  
**O**  
**N**
1. Encourage all members to participate in the Pledge for Mission; give reports on where the money goes.
  2. Involve all members in fundraising (think creatively).
  3. Contribute to scholarships(UMW related) and Mission u. (\$25.00 or more).
  4. Partner with a mission institution such as Northcott, or Wisconsin Conference supported Imagine No Malaria, Harbor House, United Methodist Children's Services of Wisconsin, etc.

**WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW**

**2016 MISSION TODAY LOCAL UNIT REPORT FORM**

Presidents (or designee) of all local units, please complete form even though you may not qualify as a Mission Today unit. Send report by December 10<sup>th</sup> to your District Education and Interpretation Coordinator. Units are listed alphabetically in the yearbook. Units Bristol Wesley Chapel through Milwaukee Albright should send to **Mary Garvens, 2167 South 80<sup>th</sup> Street, West Allis 53219, 414-327-5305, no email.**

Units Milwaukee Christway Hmong through Yorkville should send to: **Cathryn P. Luse, 6900 N. 98<sup>th</sup> Street; Milwaukee 53224; 414-353-8343; cpluse@prodigy.net.**

**KEEP COPY FOR YOUR FILES.**

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria Completed (*Circle the numbers completed*)

FAITH 1 2 3 4

HOPE 1 2 3 4

LOVE 1 2 3 4

IN ACTION 1 2 3 4

Please report on any new criteria tried this year:

Comments:

Slate of Officers for Local UMW Unit for 2017

**RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:** Jane Henderson,  
5324 W. Bottsford Ave., Greenfield, WI 53220 **BY October 1, 2016. THANK YOU!!!**  
**OR SEND AN EMAIL TO:** [hendersj48@aol.com](mailto:hendersj48@aol.com)

Please print or type the information on this form. Include all information requested, including the area code on phone numbers and include email addresses if available.

Local Church \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCAL UNIT OFFICER INFORMATION**

**PRESIDENT** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

**VICE-PRESIDENT** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

**SECRETARY** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

**TREASURER** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

**MISSION COORDINATORS:**

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

**SOCIAL ACTION** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Slate of Officers for Local UMW Unit for 2017 (Continued)**

**PROGRAM RESOURCES** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

**EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

**MEMBERSHIP NURTURE & OUTREACH** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

**NOMINATIONS CHAIRPERSON** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

**It has been our intention to send all persons listed in the yearbook the district newsletter. If others are interested in receiving a paper copy of the district newsletter, please indicate their names and addresses below and send \$3.00 for each additional subscription. Checks should be made out to South East District UMW and sent to me: Jane Henderson (address above)**  
The electronic version of all newsletters is available online at the conference website under "communications".

**EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION - MARY GARVENS**

Hello, South East District UMW members,

Hard to believe we are past the middle of July. By the time you read this, Mission u will be over, as will the political conventions.

The July/August issue of response magazine has an article about UMW women assisting with voter registration in the Baltimore-Washington area. Even if we don't help with that, we can help by giving older adults and others who need assistance a ride to the voting polls. Also, Wisconsin has early voting – a great way to help people.

In the midst of all this, we need to remember to respect each other's political differences. We can agree to disagree. Encourage your friends and family to exercise their right to vote.

This is the last article I will be writing to you. My term of office ends this year. It has been my pleasure to serve as your Education and Interpretation Coordinator – three years for Metro South, and one year for South East District.

Blessings to all of you. Mary Garvens  
2167 S. 80<sup>th</sup> St. #2  
West Allis, WI 53219  
414-327-5305



Mary Garvens  
**Education and Interpretation**

## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR SECRETARY - MURIEL O. SMITH-GROSS

### What Have I Sown?

At church a few Sundays ago a young man did a praise dance and the song said, "This is my season for grace, for favor. This is my season to reap what I have sown." Although I was watching the dance, the question running through my mind was "What have I sown?" It kept repeating throughout the week.

The question was brought back to the forefront of my mind during **Mission u** when Rev. Awilda Nolla asked us if we know what our life mission is and what we have accomplished toward that mission.

Have I spoken kind words when needed? Have I spoken truth to power? Have I noticed the person who seems to gravitate to the shadows and tried to include them? Do I read the Word and try to follow it? Do I seek to unite people or do I try to divide them? Do I use language that is hurtful and wounds the spirit or do I try to treat others as I wish them to treat me? Do I live and walk as a living representative of God on earth? **Have I truthfully prayed,**

**"Lord, here I am! Use me as You will."**

These and other questions keep running through my mind. Some of them I can honestly answer yes to and others need more work. My answers are my own, but the questions remain for all of us: "What have we sown? Is our crop worth reaping?"

The question "What have I sown?" is still reeling through my mind! I think time in my 'secret closet' is needed to find the answers for me.

**What about you?**

**What have you sown?**

Muriel O. Smith-Gross

## EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION - CATHRYN P. LUSE

### THE ROAD TO CLIMATE JUSTICE IS PAVED WITH A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, EACH OTHER, AND THE EARTH

*Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. .... And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And God saw that it was good. .... so God created .... male and female .... God blessed them and said to them ... Rule over .... every living creature that moves on the ground. (Genesis 1:1-28).*

As we read the complete creation story we'll see that God created a perfect world - GOOD and JUST. WHAT happened? Along the way we strayed from God's intent: to live in right relationship with God, each other, and the earth. Good and Just have become gloom and doom.

**Our disobedience has fostered pandemic poverty and disease, environmental degradation, and the proliferation of weapons.** (UM Bishops Pastoral Letter, 2009)

Now is the time to begin planning for next year. We are the only ones who can save our planet from destruction. It begins with a right relationship with God and an understanding that man's actions are primarily responsible for conditions that have changed "good and just" to "gloom and doom". You need good planning to strive to educate and act to right a wrong. It's your life at stake.

This year's mission study, **"Climate Justice"** challenges us to build a community aimed at restoring the right relationship between man and earth.

A call to action from your Education and Interpretation Coordinator Cathryn P. Luse  
6900 North 98th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53224

[414-353-8343](tel:414-353-8343); [cpluse@prodigy.net](mailto:cpluse@prodigy.net)

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH - LINDA J. WHITELOCK

### GOD CREATED ...AND SAID, "IT IS GOOD"



The spiritual Growth study on "The Bible and Human Sexuality" from Mission u this summer is one of the most challenging studies I have taken.

As I waded through the mores and taboos of scripture and church history, I realized that too often the culture of the times dictated what we considered good and evil about our bodies.

Yet the author of the text, Ellen A. Brubaker, brings us up to date and reminds us today that we have our own issues that we must deal with, including: **gender issues, body image and health, intimate relationships, changing views of marriage, and homosexuality.**

We also have to pray and work for justice on issues relating to reproductive health, rape and abuse. The church, she concludes, is too often silent on these issues.

But we need to develop a sexual ethic that begins with recognizing that our bodies are a good gift from God.

We come to this discussion remembering that sincere love [shown to us by Jesus' teaching as he reminded us: "love your neighbor as you love yourself"] challenges our beliefs and practices.

A quote from Bixby Knolls  
Christian Church moved me:

"The story may begin with prejudice, discrimination and animosity; but the Spirit moves God's people toward openness, welcome, inclusion, acceptance and affirmation."

**May the Spirit of God move in all our hearts - AMEN**

Blessings, Linda J. Whitelock

## CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING - FRIDAY EVENING PLANS

Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Gathering in Eau Claire

There are three options available for Friday evening at the Gathering at Lake Street United Methodist Church on October 21 (depending on what, if any, office you hold):

The first option is for the district leaders to meet with their conference counterpart for training. Only those on District Teams will be involved in these meetings.

Local unit leaders and members of local units are invited to choose one of the two following options:

1. Knit prayer shawls: Hopefully some women will be willing to bring along their knitting and teach other 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.

2. Stay in the sanctuary for the program The Indigenous Peoples and the Environment. It will be led by Holly Helton Anishinabegwa, Dawn Helton and Billie LaBombard.

## CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING FLYER



# 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.)



# CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING REGISTRATION FORM

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

Please **PRINT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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 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**

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## MISSION U REPORT

Mission u is over for another year, and the responses I have heard so far have been very positive (although unless someone is REALLY unhappy, she is not too likely to be seeking me out to tell me).

We had 114 participants during the four-day session and 95 at the Overview Day on July 29.

I have heard only positive feedback about our six study leaders:

**Rev. Awilda Nolla**, Center for Hispanic Ministries (Latin America);

Wisconsin Conference UMW President **Laura Pfeffer** and Northern Illinois Conference Director of Lay Ministries **Peggy Hansen** (Climate Justice);

**Rev. Heather Brewer**, Lake Geneva; **Rev. Amanda Stein**, Madison Bashford UMC; and

**Rev. Rebecca Niese**, retired (The Bible and Human Sexuality).

They did an excellent job covering some diverse and difficult topics.

We had some very informative Choice Times on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, and a delightful evening of entertainment at Wisconsin Rapids UMC, also on Tuesday.

North Central Jurisdiction Mission Advocates Steve and Gail Quigg led two Choice Times and also helped to stage a wonderful Fashion Show which included many dresses shared by Kemi Baiyewu, one of our South East District Coordinators of Membership, Nurture and Outreach! Dodie Smith, Salud Rodman and all of the teens and young women were among the models.



Judy Miller from Wisconsin Rapids led several of our Mission u participants in "Drum with Us". (I know I saw former District Treasurer Joyce Myers up there drumming; were there any other South East District drummers?) We also participated in a Hymn Sing and were entertained by the Christian Life Fellowship Praise Band.

The South East District was well represented on the Mission u team with Melissa Riddell, Bristol, serving as the *Daily Visions* editor and Gail Bixler, Salem, again filling the role of audio-visual coordinator. They will be returning in 2017 along with most of the other team members.

Those team members retiring are Arlene Trull, Stevens Point; Chris Draxler, Eau Claire and Lucy Silvester, Port Edwards.

The **2017 Mission u** will be returning to the Mead Hotel and Conference Center in Wisconsin Rapids. The dates are July 24-27 and July 28 Overview Day.

The **topics in 2017** will be:



**Climate Justice – A Call to Hope and Action (a repeat)**  
**A Covenantal Community, Part 1**  
**The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church**  
(Red Bird, Alaska, Indian Mission in Oklahoma)



Mark those 2017 calendars NOW  
(or as soon as you get one!)  
and plan to join us in July.



Gail Burgess, Dean  
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## SOUTH EAST DISTRICT 2016 UMW EVENTS CALENDAR

### South East District Annual Fall Gathering

October 1, Saturday, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm  
at Waukesha Salem UMC  
541 Highway 59, Waukesha, WI

### Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering

Plus “Girls’ night out” for the young women of  
**Limitless, with an environmental theme**  
October 21-22, Friday-Saturday  
at Lake Street UMC, Eau Claire, WI

### Deadlines for submitting forms:

October 1 - Pledge to Mission Form  
To District Treasurer - see page 4  
October 1 - Unit Officers Report Form  
To District Secretary - see pages 9 & 10  
December 10 - Mission Today Task Report  
To District E&I Coordinators - see page 8  
January 31, 2017 - 2016 Unit Membership Count  
To 2017 MNO Coordinator - info on page 2