



South East Special Edition

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

As seems to happen every year, it's hard to believe 2018 already is half over, and what an exciting time it's been for United Methodist Women! I've felt spring's inspiring Assembly, with its theme "The Power of Bold", continuing to work in me as it energizes my vision and activity with and for UMW. This summer's Mission u study topics furthered that energy, as the "What About Our Money" study got us thinking deeply about how we can best use our financial gifts not only for ourselves, but also for our communities and world.

The "Embracing Wholeness" spiritual growth scripture focus on the creation story had us examining our relationship to the soil from which we come, and its focus on the Great Commandment helped us see that God wants us not only to love our neighbor, but also, and even firstly, ourselves. After all, how can we "love you neighbor as yourself" if we do not love ourselves? We were charged to remind ourselves, "I am because God made me, and that makes me good." When I remind myself every day that I am a beloved child of God, that makes it easier to remember that everyone else is, too!

Also at Mission u, one evening we sat in table groups to have conversations on A Way Forward, the United Methodist Church's examination and possible revision of the Book of Discipline's references to human sexuality, in order to help familiarize ourselves with the petitions that will be brought forward at the Special Session of the General Conference in 2019. It is the goal of United Methodist Women that at least 50% of UMW members participate in a Conversation on a Way Forward. You could participate in a conversation



hosted by your unit, congregation, circuit, etc.

If you choose to host a conversation in the South East district, Muriel Smith-Gross or I would be happy to help facilitate that conversation. Additionally, our conference UMW conversation contacts are Mary Lainberger mlainberger@charter.net or Sue Plasterer seplasterer@charter.net. More information on A Way Forward is available at www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward. If you host or attend a Conversation, please be sure to keep a record of attendance so UMW can get a count of member participation.

Blessings to all, and remember, you are a beloved child of God! Gail

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South East District Annual Fall Gathering United Methodist Women

Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Janesville Cargill UMC, 2000 Wesley Avenue,
Janesville, WI 53545

Celebrate the Call to Community

With Learning, Singing, Fellowship, Sharing, Lunch & Program Resources



Keynote Speaker, Rev. Wesley White

Wesley White has been partnered/married with Brenda Smith White since 1972. He is father to two: Shai, daughter; Brandon, son; and grandfather to Nathan and Nicholas.

Wesley grew up outside a small town in southern Wisconsin, went to a one-room country school (through sixth-grade), and graduated from the University of Wisconsin—Whitewater with a degree in Sociology. He served for 2 years in the Peace Corps in the Philippines. After returning to the United States, Wesley graduated with an M.Div. from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1971 and served in ordained ministry for 38 years before retiring. He is also a

trained and registered Transitional Intentional Interim Ministry Specialist and has served three congregations in that role.

Wesley has received recognition for work on inclusion from the Wisconsin Commission on the Status and Role of Women and other justice issues through a Perry Saito Award of the Wisconsin United Methodist Federation for Social Action.

His current work is with LovePrevailsUMC.com to remove a false testimony within the church about the incompatibility of LGBTQ+ persons and Christian teaching.

Wesley has published 3 reflections on the Revised Common Lectionary:

Wrestling Year A: Connecting Sunday Readings with Lived Experience

Wrestling Year B: Connecting Sunday Readings with Lived Experience

Wrestling Year C: Connecting Sunday Readings with Lived Experience



Love Prevails

revolution 3-D: disclose(t), divest, disrupt

Getting there:

From the north: South on I-43 to exit 15 for US-14 Darien/Janesville, turn left onto E County Rd. Mm/Ruger Ave., turn right onto S. Harmony Dr., turn left onto Wesley Ave.

From Racine/ Kenosha area: Drive West to I-43. Then follow instructions above.

Greetings from your Vice President

Dear UMW sisters,

As I write this I am enjoying summer and looking forward to the experience of Mission u next week. After that I will concentrate on preparations for our South East District Annual Gathering at Janesville Cargill UMC on Saturday, Oct. 6. Please give attention to the flyer and registration form included in this newsletter.

Our keynote speaker (in the morning) is Rev. Wesley White, whom I heard at the 2017 South West District Annual Gathering. I was so impressed that I invited him to be our keynote speaker this year. After lunch there will be the important business of electing officers for 2019, ceremonies for collecting the unit pledges, honoring retiring officers, inducting new officers, giving awards, and we conclude with the Memorial Service for our recently deceased members.

Some of us attended the Quadrennial UMW Assembly in Columbus, Ohio in May. So I have put together a brief slide show which will be shown just before lunch. It will help us to be aware of the world-wide nature of our organization. Sometimes we may feel unimportant, and we need to think of the big picture.

And thinking of the Memorial Service, due to the Membership, Nurture & Membership vacancy on our district team this year, the last newsletter asked for the submission to me of the names of deceased members for this year's service. I haven't heard from very many units. I hope that means that most units have not lost anyone, but in case you have simply not submitted yet, you can still send me the name of your unit and the names of any who have passed away during 2018. My address is 7835 W. Canterbury Ct., Franklin, WI 53132, e-mail address, smgarnhart@gmail.com, tel. 414-427-5770.

I'm hoping for a good turn-out at the Annual Gathering. This chance to experience the presence of our inter-connectedness is an important opportunity. It's worth the trip.

Wishing you blessings,

Marie Garnhart, Vice President

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Annual Gathering Registration Form – Due by Sept. 27

Please Print

Registration fee \$20

Send check for \$20 before Sept. 27 made payable to South East UMW and registration form below to:

**Linda Sather, 6529 W. Fremont Pl., Milwaukee, WI 53219
(414-322-2126) - jlsbluehouse@yahoo.com**

NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

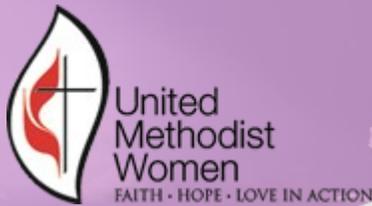
LOCAL UNIT _____ REGISTRATION \$20

Office in Local unit if applicable _____

NEED DEPENDENT CARE? YES _____ NO _____ AGES _____

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

If you have special dietary needs, please bring your own lunch and pay \$10 instead of \$20 registration. A microwave and refrigerator space will be available for your lunch use.



I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH



All are Invited to United Methodist Women Annual Gathering Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God & Neighbor October 19 and 20, 2018

First United Methodist Church, Waukesha, WI
121 Wisconsin Ave., Waukesha, WI

FRIDAY 2-4 PM: Preconference tour is to United Methodist Children’s Services, Milwaukee.
(Meet at First United Methodist Church and car pool to United Methodist Children’s Service)

FRIDAY EVENING: District Leaders Training
Video by Harriett Olson, General Secretary, United Methodist Women, on “A Way Forward” for those not attending training. Discussion led by Mary Lainberger. Registration 5:30–6:30; program begins at 6:30.



Sharon Day



Mary Lainberger



Sue Plasterer

SATURDAY SPEAKERS: Sharon Day, Anishinaabe grandmother and water walker, will lead the worship on Saturday morning. Mary Lainberger and Sue Plasterer will give background and information at breakout sessions on “A Way Forward”. Registration 8-8:45 am; program begins at 8:45am with sending forth around 3:30pm

REGISTER FOR PROGRAM BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, for a reduced fee of \$27.00 (includes Saturday lunch).

Contact Arlene Trull, 305 Becker St., Rothschild, WI 54474, aetrull@gmail.com

A block of rooms have been reserved under “Wisconsin United Methodist Women” Until **Friday, September 28** (1-4 persons per room) at Hampton Inn, 575 Barker Rd, Brookfield, WI 53045. To reserve a room, call 262-796-1500 or reserve online at <http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp.groups/personalized/M/MKEBFHX-UMW-20181019/index.jhtml>

**Wisconsin
Conference
Annual
Gathering Of
United
Methodist
Women
October 19 &
20, 2018**

Early registration
deadline:
September 27 at \$27

Late registration
deadline:
October 3 at \$37

***If you register
after October 3,
you will need to
make your own
lunch arrange-
ments for Satur-
day.**

Blessings to you as
we learn, worship
and grow together.

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

Please make
checks payable to
**WISCONSIN
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UMW Mail to
Registrar:
Arlene Trull,
305 Becker St.,
Rothschild, WI
54474 Email: ae-
trull@gmail.com
Phone: 715-359-
7756**

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

Name _____
Address- _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Email Address _____
Church _____ District _____

Please check all that apply:

Teen (Teen only Age) _____ If you are attending the Limitless gathering- only fill out the Limitless form
____ First Time Attending ____ UMW member ____ Clergy ____ Guest (not UMW member)
Are you a district officer ____ or a conference officer ____?

Preconference United Methodist Children's Services tour 2-4 pm:

____ I will tour UMCS & meet at Waukesha FUMC at 1pm
____ I will tour UMCS and meet there
____ I am willing to drive and take ____ No. of passengers

Circle box lunch selection: *Box lunches 1-5 will include sandwich, bag of chips, dill potato salad, fresh fruit salad, and a fresh bakery cookie*

1. Smoked almond chicken/whole wheat wrap
2. Vegetarian wrap
3. Ham & cheddar cheese/roll
4. Roast beef and cheddar cheese/roll
5. Turkey and cheddar cheese/roll

Choices 6 & 7 includes a bag of chips, fresh bakery roll, fresh fruit salad, and a fresh bakery cookie

6. Chicken caesar salad
7. Sendik's house garden salad

Choice 8 (gluten free) – includes gluten free chips, confetti coleslaw, fresh fruit cup, and gluten free dessert

8. Sendik's House Garden Salad with vinaigrette dressing

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 or \$9 for each child in the registration total and specify lunch choice.

Emergency contact information:

Name _____ Relationship _____
Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

Photo Release: Photos will be taken at Annual Gathering and could be used in material to promote United Methodist Women. I permit my photo to be used by Wisconsin United Methodist Women to help share United Methodist Women with others.

Sign _____ **Date** _____

Special request: ____ I need a scholarship (25 scholarships available, awarded to the first 25 to make a request)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Social Action

Mission u gave us all much to consider, as it always does. I hope many of you will take the "What About Our Money?" study back to use with your units. If you missed Mission u this year, I urge you to get the book and use the online resources at the UMW website to do a study. Our relationship to our financial resources tells a lot about our faith and our commitment to others' needs. One specific response that the UMW have chosen is the Living Wage for All Campaign. Go to unitedmethodistwomen.org/living-wage-map for details of how to get involved. Another excellent resource for our social action on economic inequality is to be found at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/economic-inequality.

Please also remember to vote in the August 14 primary – and remind your friends and family to vote, too!

Suzy Clarkson Holstein, Social Action

MILK MOOLA and YOU!



Yeah! With your help, Harbor House Shelters recently received a check for \$156.30. That represents 3,126 caps and milk bag slips that YOU collected.

Kwik Trip has taken over all the PDQ gas stations, which means that Milk Moola caps and plastic bag tops are available all over Wisconsin! So stop in when you drive by and get some milk or orange juice in sizes single-serve through gallon. Save the bottle caps and bag slips for UMW. We count them up and send them in for redemption at 5-cents each.

Please bring them to all district and conference UMW events. District Coordinators for Education and Interpretation will see that I receive your contributions. Or, another way is to send them with your church's representative to Annual Conference. There is a collection box at the Harbor House display.

Don't forget to rinse off your caps and slips before sending. Some have arrived smelling of sour milk or sticky with orange juice.

Also, be sure you send only Milk Moola items. They say "Milk Moola 5¢" or have a cow face. We DO NOT take Kemps, Prairie Farm, or any other brand of milk caps. Also, the bag slips need to be carefully cut along the scissors marked cutting line. Some slips have arrived with only the 5-cents circles and not the whole line, which includes the words "Nature's Touch." Kwik Trip will not accept those circles, so we lose 5-cents each time someone cuts them out.

Harbor House has a large need for funds to keep their programs operating to help homeless women and children. Please encourage your church members, neighbors, relatives, and co-workers to save Kwik Trip caps and bag slips for this good cause. Got Milk? Milk Moola, that is.

Judy Vasby,, Moola Coordinator

Email: vasby.umw@gmail.com / Cell: 608-576-0173

NOMINATIONS

The slate of officers for the South East District is full. We have every position filled! **Thank you to all of you who have answered the call to be leaders in United Methodist Women.**

For the past two years it has been an honor for Mary Garvens and me to serve as co-chairs of our South East District Nominating Committee. We have been in contact with so many talented United Methodist Women who have said "yes" to serving at the district level. In 2019 we will continue to serve on this committee but will no longer be its co-chairs

This slate of officers will be voted on at our Annual Gathering meeting on Saturday, October 6, at Janesville Cargill UMC. Nominations can be accepted on the day of the meeting. They must be in by noon, have the consent of the person being nominated, and that person should be in attendance.

Marilyn Eyster

Co-chair Nominations

608 868-3585

Where God guides, He provides

ISAIAH 58:11

South East District Slate of Officers for 2019

*New to the office

President:	Gail Nelson (20) 414 365-3802	9187 N. 70 th St., Milwaukee, WI 53223 gailmarielson@gmail.com	Milwaukee Central
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Treasurer:	Linda Sather (20) 414 322-2126	6529 W. Fremont Pl., Milwaukee, WI 53219 jlsbluehouse@yahoo.com	West Allis First
Communication:	Melissa Riddell (20) 224 277-1818	2003 88 th St., Kenosha, WI 53143 mel2010gar@yahoo.com	Bristol
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Membership, N & O:	Gail Bixler*(20) 262 716 3157	1718 Pheasant Ave., Twin Lakes, WI 53181 gbixler09@gmail.com	Racine Salem
Spiritual Growth:	Glenda McCracken (19) 608 214-1309	214 E. Rime St., Orfordville, WI 53576 mccrackeng4@netscape.net	Orfordville New Horizon
Social Action:	Suzy Holstein (19) 414 332-3517	1605 E. Menlo, Milwaukee, WI 53211 clarkson@wi.rr.com	Brown Deer
Education for Mission:	Barb Taylor*(20) 262-495-8625	N7832 Jackson Rd., Whitewater, WI 53190 tayloc@centurytel.net	Whitewater First
Chair of Nominations:	Elaine Frietsch (21) 262 308-8752	312 Amber Dr., Whitewater, WI 53190 etfrietsch@aol.com	Whitewater First
Nominations:	Mary Garvens (20) 414 327-5305	2167 South 80 th St., West Allis, WI 53219	West Allis First
Nominations :	Marilyn Eyster (19) 608 868-3585	122 E. Cox Rd., Edgerton, WI 53534 marilyn.eyster@gmail.com	Milton
Nominations:	Chue Vang (20) 414 595-2554	2029 S. 15 th St., Milwaukee, WI 53204 vangcx1@milwaukee.k12.wi.us	Milwaukee Christway
Nominations: -	Cassie Carey*(22) 414-581-0018	7305 N Pheasant Ln., River Hills, WI 53217 madresan@aol.com	Whitefish Bay

Appointed Positions:

Historian: Marie Garnhart (19) West Allis Blessed Hope, See contact information above.

Limitless Rep: Megan Rudolph (19) 823 Neumann Ct., Milton, WI 53563, 608 295-2846, rudolph.clarinet@gmail.com

Northcott Reps: Lisa Jones (20) 4835 North 105th St., Milwaukee, WI 53225, 414 614-3675, jones5f@sbcglobal.net

Barb Taylor (19) Whitewater First, See contact information above

Muriel Smith-Gross (19) 2856 N. Sherman Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53210, 414 871-7699, imosg@att.net

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW 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 15, 2018 to Education for Mission Coordinator **Dodie Smith, 1927—27th Ave, Kenosha, WI 53140, 262-551-8669, smithdorothy415@gmail.com.**

Name of Church: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

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:

MISSION TODAY—Mission Task Criteria

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

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

to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;

- H** 1. Take advantage of opportunities thru UMW such as Mission u, Spiritual Growth Retreats,
O Annual Gatherings and Mission day Action.
P 2. Set aside a time to go over the year's plans using Mission Today Mission Tasks.
E 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** 1. Honor the organization's leaders and member's contributions with
O Special Mission Recognition pins. Don't forget community leaders
V 2. Encourage everyone to visit or invite visitors to/from other local UMW organizations.
E 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

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

- N** 1. Encourage all members to participate in the Pledge for Mission; give. Reports on where the money goes.
A 2. Involve all members in fundraising (think creatively).
C 3. Contribute to scholarships (UMW related) and Mission u.(\$25 or more).
T 4. Partner with a mission institution such as Northcott or Wisconsin Conference supported Imagine No Malaia,
I Harbor House, United Methodist Children's Services of Wisconsin Etc.
O
N

THE SOUNDS OF SABBATH

What do you hear in your neighborhood on any given Sunday? Is it neighbors greeting each other joyously? Children playing with giggles and glee? Hammocks or swings swaying? The smell of grills and families together? Complete silence with only the bees buzzing and the birds chirping or doves cooing? The rustle of newspapers or book pages? A good game of corn hole?

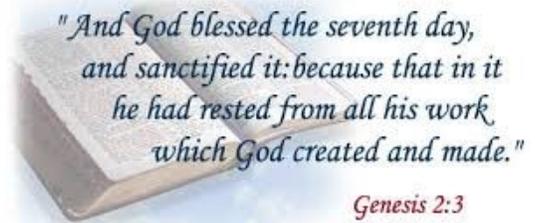
Well, this is the neighborhood that I wish I lived in, but my Sabbath Sounds are lawn mowers, kids screaming and fussing, a neighbor hollering "get a muffler", dogs and owners fussing, the screeching of car tires or motorcycles, couples fussing about something trivial, or parents yelling at their children.

Which Sunday do you think the Lord intended for us to have? Well, by all means it would be the first scenario. But how can we get back to those days of complete enjoyment of our day of rest? (Now for those that have to work on the Sabbath, I pray that you will take a day of Sabbath on one of your off days.). Why do we need this quiet and contemplative time? Health wise your body needs to be free of so much stimulus and needs rest during the waking hours just as during your sleep time. We need to regain our focus on what life is all about instead of being consumers all the time. We need to see where our priorities are. Since you are reading this article, I pray that you will reconsider your Sabbath time and really observe it. Put off anything you can that does not need to be done on this Lord's Day.

If you need to slowly relinquish your hold on the activities of the Sabbath, a tip might be, that before doing an activity, think to see if it really does need to be done on this day. If you can do without this activity, then don't dwell on the activity, and instead take a nap, rest time, swing in the hammock or swing, read a book, or just meditate. When the time comes for Monday morning, I pray that you can embrace the rest you have obtained and have a better start of the week. Take a long deep breath and gasp the freshness of the air that will deflate the negativity around your life. Remember that Christ observed the Sabbath as well as others of the Bible, and the Sabbath is more than the one-hour time you give to the Lord on any given Sunday.

Remember to tithe your resources with God's Kingdom, and we have the resource of time, that we need to share with the Lord as well as our money and stuff!

Submitted by Glenda McCracken, Spiritual Growth



UNIT PLEDGE TO MISSION (TO DISTRICT) FORM

United Methodist Women
Wisconsin Conference—South East District
2018 Pledge to Mission

Unit: _____

Pledge: _____

Treasurer Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

2018 Slate of Officers for Local UMW Unit

BY October 1, 2018, PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:
Jane Henderson, 5324 W. Bottsford Ave., Greenfield, WI 53220 OR e-mail to:
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 e-mail addresses, if available. Thank you!

Local Church _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/State _____

Zip Code _____ E-mail Address _____

Pastor _____

PRESIDENT:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/State _____

Zip Code _____ E-mail Address _____

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/State _____

Zip Code _____ Email Address _____

SECRETARY:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/State _____

Zip Code _____ E-mail Address _____

TREASURER:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/State _____

Zip Code _____ E-mail Address _____

MISSION Coordinator for Education for Mission:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/State _____

Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

MISSION Coordinator for Membership, Nurture and Outreach:

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City/State _____
Zip Code _____ E-mail Address _____

Mission Coordinator for Program Resources:

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City/State _____
Zip Code _____ E-mail Address _____

Mission Coordinator for Social Action:

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City/State _____
Zip Code _____ E-mail Address _____

Mission Coordination for Spiritual Growth:

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City/State _____
Zip Code _____ E-mail Address _____

Committee on Nominations, Chairperson:

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City/State _____
Zip Code _____ E-mail Address _____

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SOUTH EAST DISTRICT 2018 UMW EVENTS CALENDAR

South East District Annual Fall Gathering
October 7, Saturday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
at Whitewater UMC

Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering
October 20-21, Friday-Saturday
at Waukesha First

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is..... To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, To develop creative, supportive fellowship and To expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church

