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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sisters in Christ,

As I'm writing this, recently home from a spiritually and socially filling week at Mission u, I find myself thinking about journeys. Following the geographic study on the Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church, I'm reading the book *Walking the Trail* by Jerry Ellis, in which he recounts his journey following his ancestors' footsteps along the Trail of Tears.

Coincidentally, I kicked off my summer reading with *Thousand Miler*, in which author Melanie Radzicki-McManus shares her adventures hiking the Ice Age Trail, Wisconsin's own National Scenic Trail. Why are stories about journeys popping into my life? Is someone trying to tell me something? Should I be thinking about literal journeys, or symbolic?

Sticking with the literal, there are a lot of journeys available right within UMW. First is the journey to our October 7th district gathering in Whitewater, followed just a couple of weeks later by the conference gathering in Waukesha. With the conference event being held in our own district, hopefully many of you will be able to make that journey this year.

A great journey opportunity for all of us is to the National Assembly in Columbus, Ohio in May 2018. Online registration for this quadrennial event begins September 1st. To make registration more accessible for some, we'll have a few people with laptops available at our district gathering. The price for early registration (until November 30) is \$295. Visit www.umwassembly.org for more information.

On a personal note, I'm eagerly looking forward to my own journey to New Orleans in November for my son's wedding!

That covers the literal for now, so what about the symbolic? Is there another kind of journey on the horizon? I'll wait and see what God has in store!

Blessings,
Gail

Use your *God Given*
Gifts to Serve Others
I Peter 4:10

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Program Resources

I am eagerly awaiting the 2018 book list for the reading program. Hope to have the new titles and prayer calendars for 2018 for sale on October 7th during our Fall Annual Gathering in Whitewater. Come early as only 2 copies of each title come on consignment. The "Bring A Book Take A Book" table will again be there for free book exchanges as we did last Spring. Have you taken your Kindle or Ipad to your public library yet? Librarians are available by appointment to log your device into the system so you can borrow plan books they have for free, or purchase from Amazon. I am looking for sales help that day if you are able. Please call me at 414 243 9843.
Happy Reading!
Valerie Holzman
Secretary of Program Resources.

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, 2017 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 Malia,
I Harbor House, United Methodist Children's Services of Wisconsin Etc.
O
N

GREETINGS FROM YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT, MARIE GARNHART

As another summer comes to an end, we are busy planning for our second South East District UMW Annual Gathering, this time at Whitewater First UMC. For those of you in the southern part of our district this will be more convenient than the Oconomowoc location last spring. Of course that means it's further for our more northern members this time. However, we hope that all of you will make the effort to attend if possible, and will find it an enjoyable and informative event. For details check out the flyer included in this newsletter.

Our keynote speaker, Awilda Nolla, has much experience as a pastor and has also taught at Mission u. We can expect an interesting and inspiring message.

In addition, we will hear briefly from Helen de Leon about United Methodist Missions in South East Asia and the Pacific. And there will be a brief report from participants in the Mission Seminar Experience which took place this August.

Since there are no "break out" rooms and time is limited, we will again add a half hour to the lunch break and ask officers to gather at designated tables or tables of their interest for sharing. Thinking ahead to 2018 we are always trying to think of convenient locations for the two events. Let me know if you feel your unit could host an event.

We hope you have all had a good year on the local level and that some of you have appreciated the extra contacts and experiences at the district or conference level. The flyer for the Conference Annual Gathering is also included in this newsletter.

Thanking you all for your efforts in support of our Sisterhood of Grace,
Marie Garnhart, Vice President

WHY WATER MATTERS - Water Summit Nov. 16-18, 2017



Place: Embassy Suites by Hilton Minneapolis Airport

Cost: \$175 before Sept. 1/ \$195 Sept. 1 – Oct. 15/\$225 after Oct. 15

Price includes dinner Thursday and lunch and dinner Friday. Scholarships are available Hotel room block cost: \$119 King suite or \$129 2 Double bed suite (see website for details)

Water is life! We in the Wisconsin may take water for granted, but many people have water which is not safe to drink or water which is being overused and may disappear. If you are interested in protecting this precious resource, you are invited to attend "Why Water Matters". Why Water Matters is a summit for faith leaders, activists and water protectors. Come, learn and organize around water issues in the Midwest. (more information at www.whywatermatters.org)

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: _____

Notes from Our Treasurer

One of our categories of giving is Gift to Mission Cards. The cards can be ordered singly or in packs of 10 cards. The cards are \$5 each and the minimum is \$25. I currently have the following cards on hand:

On Your Special Day/A Special Day, Peace, Thinking of You, Thank You, Happy Birthday, In the Service of Christ, Congratulations and Merry Christmas.

Our giving as of July 17th is \$55,005.72 or 64.6% of the pledge amount. We've given

\$45,965 as Pledge to Mission

\$560 for Special Mission Recognition

\$225 for Gift to Mission

\$1,333.62 for Gift in Memory and

\$119.00 for the World Thank Offering.

Designated Gifts total \$6,587.26 and include \$1,792.09 in Call to Prayer and Self-Denial,

\$1,640.17 for UMCOR Projects, \$1,000 to Stop Human Trafficking and \$2,085 for the Northcott Center.

(I've excluded some of the smaller donations from this summary)

Out of our 38 pledging units, 16 have completed their pledges. Please have the remaining pledge amounts to me by December 1st so I can update our giving with the conference and meet the 2017 reporting deadline.

Thank you for your support as I learn my duties as Treasurer. My contact information is

Linda Sather, 414-322-2126

6529 W. Fremont Place

Milwaukee, WI 53219



Be a Part of the Excitement!!

United Methodist Women Assembly 2018

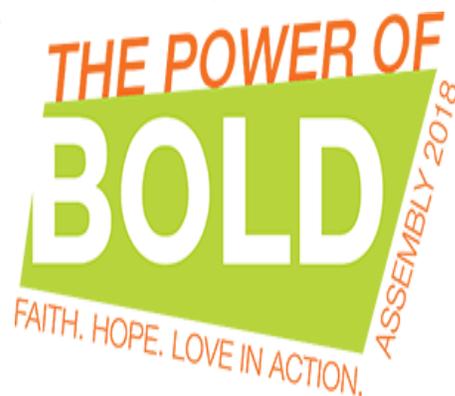
WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

Assembly 2018 will be a forum for United Methodist Women members, new friends and partners to gather, worship and learn about the needs of women, children and youth in the 21st century. We will be claiming our 150-year history as women who know how to organize and serve and are willing to be challenged to grow in our faith as we build deeper connections with one another, church leaders and partners in the work of justice for all God's children.

Assembly will offer an incredible personal faith journey through community building, training for action, and visioning a movement for the future. Bold and courageous ventures await us!

PRICE: The early registration fee for the 2018 Assembly is \$295 with a Nov. 30, 2017, deadline. After that date, the regular registration fee is \$330. This fee includes two healthy lunches for attendees. Assembly is a great value at \$295 for early registration. Few other faith-based conferences offer such high-quality programming for such a low fee.

HOW CAN I SAVE FOR ASSEMBLY? Start now! Add up the amounts below for your location and divide by 12 for a monthly savings amount. Now it doesn't seem so daunting. The unforgettable experience of Assembly will feel very worth it. Look for more information from Wisconsin UMW for hotel and transportation information to be available in the near future



NOMINATIONS

To My S E District UMW Sisters
 Hard to believe that by the time you read this, Mission u will be over and summer will be winding down. The nominating committee has been busy these last few months. We have almost a full slate of officers for 2018. As of this writing the only spot open is membership, nurture and outreach. Hopefully we will find someone or in true UMW fashion we will come up with a solution.

We will be voting on this slate at the district meeting on Oct 7, 2017. Nominations can be accepted on the day of the meeting. They must be in by noon. Permission by the person being nominated must be given and that person should be in attendance.

The nominating committee thanks you for your support and prayers these last few months. Hopefully we will see you on Oct. 7th

Blessings to All
 Mary Garvens
 Co-Chair Nominations
 414-327-5305

Slate of Officers for 2018

President:	Gail Nelson (18)
Vice President:	Marie Garnhart (19)2
Recording Secretary:	Chris Anding*(19)
SED Yearbook Editor:	Jane Henderson (19)2
Treasurer:	Linda Sather*(18)
Communication:	Melissa Riddell (18)
Program Resources:	Valery Holzman (19)2
Membership, Nurture & O:	open
Spiritual Growth:	Glenda McCracken*(19)
Social Action Coordinator:	Suzy Holstein*(19)
Education for Mission:	Dodie Smith (18)
Nominations Co-Chair:	Mary Garvens (20)
Nominations Co-Chair:	Marilyn Eyster (19)
Nominations Committee:	Elaine Talles-Frietsch*(21)
Nominations Committee:	Julie Carter (18)
Nominations Committee:	Chue Vang (18)
*New to the office	
Appointed Positions:	
Historian:	Marie Garnhart (19)
Limitless Reps:	Fiona Odum, open
Northcott Reps:	open



Log in to be Counted!

We want every UMW member to be counted in the upcoming member census. The 2018 Membership Census will be available online during January and February of 2018. Each local unit needs to follow the connection on the WI Conference UMW website to complete the short census survey. You will need to enter your home church, your district (South East), your president's name and contact information, your number of active members and the number of members lost in 2017. If you are unable to access the site you could ask your church secretary for help or call the Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator.



EDUCATION FOR MISSION

Greetings!

I sure had a good time at Mission u! And I learned that I am not your Education and Interpretation person. The title changed to Education for Mission. So, when I returned home, I looked it up in our new Handbook - page 12. I quote: "Mission education is important to deepen spiritual growth and our understanding of how God is presently at work in the world. Mission education also challenges us to respond to God's invitation to engage in mission through compassionate service and justice advocacy. With this in mind, United Methodist Women provide many opportunities for mission education through events, programs and personal study."

I look forward to working closely with other members of our South East District Team!

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 1927 17th Avenue
 Kenosha, WI 53140
 262-551-8669
 smithdorothy415@gmail.com

South East District Annual Fall Gathering United Methodist Women

Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017

Whitewater First UMC

145 South Prairie Street, Whitewater, WI 53190

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

WHEN YOU GO THROUGH DEEP
WATERS, I WILL BE WITH YOU.
WHEN YOU GO THROUGH RIVERS OF
DIFFICULTY, YOU WILL NOT DROWN.

ISAIAH 43:2

Celebrate the Call to Community With Learning, Singing, Fellowship, Sharing, Lunch & Program Resources



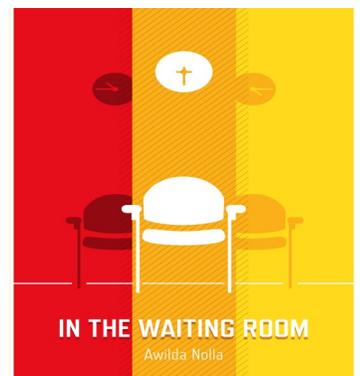
Keynote Speaker, Awilda Nolla

Pastor Awilda Nolla was born in Aibonito, Puerto Rico. She is a graduate from the University of Puerto Rico. She has a Master's Degree in Theology from the Evangelical Seminary in Puerto Rico. Pastor Awilda is an Elder of the United Methodist Church and has been a pastor since 1984, serving churches in Puerto Rico, New York, Northern Illinois, and Wisconsin. She has provided leadership both at the state and national levels of the church. She is married to the Rev. Jaime Nolla and resides in Wisconsin. Awilda is also the author of a book, *IN THE WAITING ROOM*, about the experience of faith in the presence of adversity.

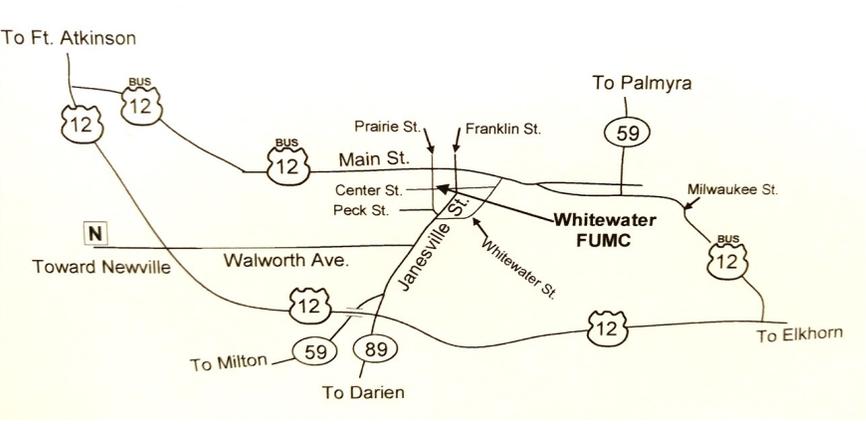
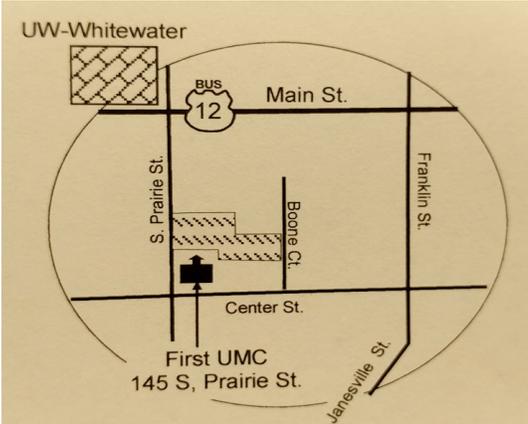
Book Endorsement: "In the Waiting Room"

From: Reverend Arlene W. Christopherson
Assistant to the Bishop, Northern Illinois Conference

"In the Waiting Room" by Reverend Awilda Nolla is a wonderful testimony to God's presence with us in the midst of adversity. Awilda has taken the painful journey of her diagnosis and illness and turned a lament into words that inspire. This is a book of deep reflection that will resonate with others in a time of affliction. It is a story that will help the family and friends of those diagnosed with debilitating illness understand some of what their loved one cannot articulate. Not only does "In the Waiting Room" breathe into the reader a sense of the Spirit's presence through times of trial, it also offers an inside vantage point into the struggle to redefine identity when illness robs one of the familiar. An excellent resource for Bible study, small group discussion and personal insight, we can all grow through Reverend Nolla's vulnerability and faith.



Driving directions: From the west on east Hwy 12: Turn left at first White-water exit (Business 12), which is also Main St. Turn right at the fifth traffic light (S. Prairie St.). FUMC is at the end of the block, on the left. From Cnty N: Go straight at traffic light (becomes Walworth Ave). Turn left at the second stop sign (Janesville St.), and follow it as it becomes Franklin St. and intersects Main St. Turn left on Main St. and then left on Prairie St. From the west on east 59: Turn left at stop sign, on Janesville St. From the south on 89: Go straight (becomes Janesville St.) Follow the Janesville St. directions. From the east/north on west Hwy 59: Turn right on Bus 12., go through downtown Whitewater, and turn left at Prairie St. From Milwaukee: Exit I-43 at East Troy, turning onto west Hwy 20. When you come to Hwy 12, continue to go west. Turn right on Business 12, which becomes Main Street. Go through downtown WW, turn left on Prairie St.



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Annual Gathering Registration Form – Due by Sept. 26

Please Print

Send check for \$20 before Sept. 26 made payable to *South East UMW* and registration form below to:

Jane Henderson,
5324 W. Bottsford Ave.
Greenfield, WI 53220
Telephone: 414-327-4217

NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

LOCAL UNIT _____ **REGISTRATION \$20**

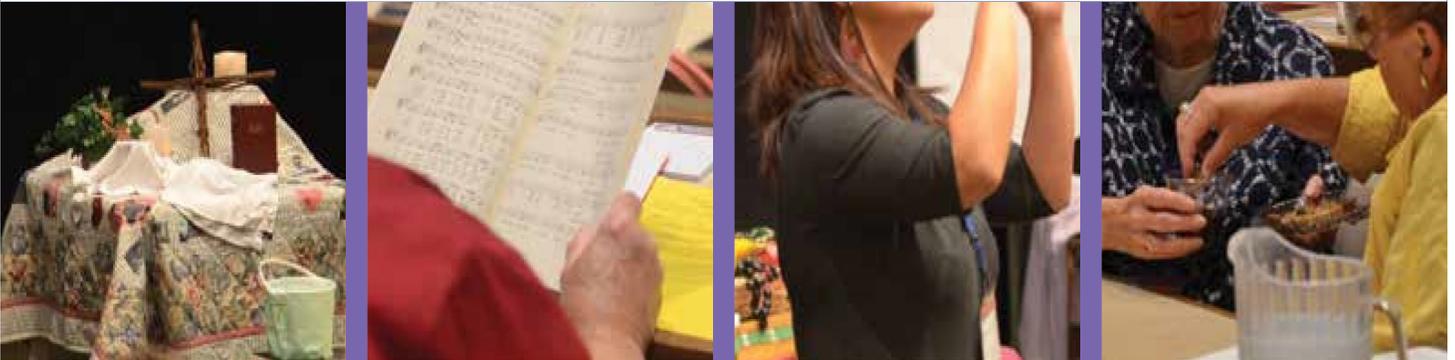
NEED DEPENDENT CARE? YES _____ NO _____ AGES _____
 (No registration fee, but bring sack lunch for dependent or reserve a lunch for \$10)

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.

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



REGISTER FOR PROGRAM BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 for Reduced Fee of \$27.00, includes Saturday lunch. Contact Arlene Trull, 305 Becker St., Rothschild, WI 54474, aetrull@gmail.com



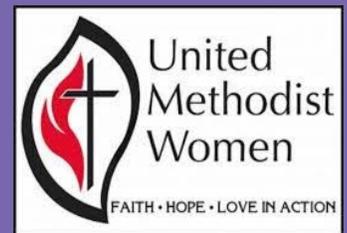
All are Invited to United Methodist Women Annual Gathering: A Call to Community

October 20 and 21, 2017

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

FRIDAY 2-4 PM: Preconference tour at Northcott Neighborhood House

FRIDAY EVENING: District Leaders Training Other Activities for Those not Attending Training Register at 5:30-6:30 pm; program begins at 6:30 p.m.



SATURDAY SPEAKERS: Barbara Dick and Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition Register at 8-8:45 a.m.; program begins at 8:45 a.m. with sending forth around 3:30 p.m.



A block of rooms has been reserved under Wisconsin United Methodist Women until Wednesday, September 20 at **Baymont Inn & Suites**, 2111 East Moreland Blvd., Waukesha, WI 53186. Phone 262-547-7770 to make reservations.

**Wisconsin
Conference
Annual
Gathering Of
United
Methodist
Women
October 20-
21, 2017**

Early registration
deadline:
September 27 at \$27

Late registration
deadline:
October 4 at \$37

***If you register
after October 4,
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
CONFERENCE
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: _____ Female _____ Male _____ 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)

Office, if any, you hold on District level _____

Preconference Northcott Neighborhood House tour 2-4 pm:

_____ I will attend the tour _____ I will NOT attend the tour
_____ I will meet at 1st UMC to car pool to Northcott (meet at 1 pm)
_____ I will drive _____ No. of passengers I can take in my vehicle

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 _____

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

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

2018 Slate of Officers for Local UMW Unit

BY October 1, 2017, 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 _____

It has been our intention to send all persons listed in the yearbook the district newsletter. If other persons 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 on line at the conference web site under "communications"

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SOUTH EAST DISTRICT 2017/2018 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

Early Registration for UMW Quadrennial Assembly
Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2017

UMW Quadrennial Assembly
Columbus, Ohio
May 18-20, 2018

United Methodist Women Purpose

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