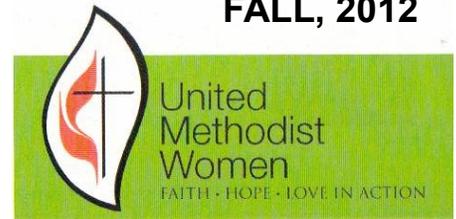


# Capital Comments

FALL, 2012



Keeping Capital District United Methodist Women Informed

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## Capital District Annual Gathering

**“Mission in  
Challenging Times”**



Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012  
Portage UM Church, Portage, WI

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Capital District United Methodist Women,

I hope you found ways to stay cool this summer. It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and fall will soon be here. There will be several opportunities for us to gather together this fall to celebrate our United Methodist Women mission work and to learn about new opportunities.

The Capital District Annual Gathering is coming up on September 29 at Portage United Methodist Church. I hope you are planning to attend. More information and the registration form are included in this newsletter.

This year the Conference Annual Gathering is October 19-20 at Sun Prairie United Methodist Church. The theme is “Faith, Hope, Love in Action: Singing God’s Songs.” I want to see many of you at this event this year, since it is in our district. There will be a Hmong House of Good News egg roll fundraiser at this event. You must order the egg rolls by October 10<sup>th</sup>. The registration form and egg roll order form are included in this newsletter.

The final event in 2012 is the Wisconsin Conference UMW Training Event on November 9-10 in Wisconsin Rapids. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn all about United Methodist Women. It will be open to everyone, not just officers. More information will be sent to each unit this fall. I look forward to seeing you this fall.

Blessings,

*Linda Whitelock*

Capital District President

Phone: 608-575-1517

Email: whitelocklinda@att.net



## VICE PRESIDENT—LEARN ABOUT MISSION IN CHALLENGING TIMES

Hello Capital District UMW Sisters,  
Families and Friends!

I'm sure all of you have been experiencing summer's terrible heat and are looking forward to fall's cooler temperatures. I certainly am. With fall we also come together for our Capital District Annual Gathering. This year it will be on Saturday, September 29 at Portage United Methodist Church - in Portage, of course.

Our theme will be "Faith, Hope, Love in Action – Mission in Challenging Times." Donna Veatch will be featured as our keynote speaker.

She will provide a look at what's happening locally and nationally regarding immigration. I'm sure many of you will have taken the School of Christian Mission study "Immigration and The Bible". Donna will share how that connects with her experience working with immigrants and provide us with an update on immigration issues. Donna is a Spanish language medical translator in Dane County as well as chairperson of the Wisconsin Conference Immigration Task Force. **Registration forms are on pages 5 & 6 and are due to the registrar by Sept. 21, 2012.**

### THERE WILL BE INFORMATIVE AND INTERESTING WORKSHOPS

Our workshops will include an immigration workshop provided by Donna. Many of us want to know how our faith tradition informs what we can do to make this world a better place. Attend Donna's workshop to ask follow-up questions to her keynote presentation.

Several of us have been learning about human trafficking. Do you know that it exists right here in Wisconsin? Come hear Helyn Luisi-Mills and Jo Ann Gruber-Hagen of Slave Free Madison speak about Modern Day Slavery. Learn where it exists and how you can make a difference.

Join our Conference President Judy Vasby for a workshop on the Status of UMW.org and how our organization is evolving in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

As has been our tradition, we will feature our UMW Reading Program in our book talk workshop. Reading and education are key to what United Methodist Women are all about. We are excited to have Nancy Ramirez of the Cargill unit lead the workshop again this year.

Were you unable to go to School of Christian Mission? Please join Julie Mieke, Dean, for an overview of this year's School.

Your task will be to think about which two workshops you'd like to attend and sign up for them on September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Gathering.

Last year you asked us to provide an opportunity to share ideas, programming topics and unit experiences with others across the district. At lunch time you will have that opportunity. Our team has created several questions to help get conversation going at your dining table. Look for them there along with a table grace.

In addition, we will have our annual business meeting and memorial service to honor our sisters who are no longer with us.

### **Please see page 4 for instructions for submitting names and photos.**

Our afternoon celebration will include remarks from District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Sam Royappa, and a special communion service led by Rev. Christine Bethke to close our time together. Our day will be filled with opportunities

for soul and spirit rejuvenation, making new friends and renewing long-time friendships. Please make plans to join us.

Again, our registration form is on page 6. Submit it with your check by September 21. Be sure to note your office and any special dietary needs. If you register the day of the event, we ask that you pay in exact cash or by check. We will not be able to make change. I'm looking forward to having you join us and share "Faith, Hope, Love in Action - Mission in Challenging Times." See you on Saturday, September 29th at Portage UMC in Portage.

In mission together in all times,

Sue Plasterer,

Capital District Vice President

## SOCIAL ACTION—IMMIGRATION

### WHAT IS THE DREAM ACT?

Briefly stated, the **DREAM Act** (acronym for **Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors**) is an American legislative proposal to provide conditional permanent residency to certain illegal individuals of good

moral character who graduate from U.S. high schools, arrived in the United States as minors, and lived in the country continuously for at least five years prior to the bill's enactment.

### SOME BENEFITS OF THE DREAM ACT

The DREAM Act is an important step in fixing America's broken immigration system, and it should be passed. U.S. raised children who benefit from the Dream Act will see their hard work rewarded and, in turn, will contribute even more to the U.S., through higher earnings and taxes paid. And they will be our future teachers, community leaders, and professionals.

As we think of students and the impact they are currently making, let us imagine the potential impact and multiply it by 2.1 million.

Ben Johnson, Executive Director of the American Immigration Council, stated: "The support of these university professors for their students, driven not only by their compassion but by their years of research, is further evidence the DREAM Act offers America a chance to begin the process of rebuilding our broken immigration system, allow deserving students to contribute to the country they love, and drive the economic growth of our nation for the next generation.

### WHAT IS DEFERRED ACTION?

On June 15, 2012 President Obama announced an executive order giving temporary relief to DREAMers. This new immigration policy allows undocumented students to obtain a work permit. Deferred Action can also be referred to as a "lite" Dream Act. The Deferred Action expires every 2 years and can be renewed many times. The deferred action is only a temporary amnesty or immunity, and it will not create a pathway to citizenship, as it is only a temporary relief. The policy can be removed anytime if a new President is in office.

Those of us in the labor market who were born here should not feel threatened. We need skilled workers in all parts of our

economy. **With 10,000 baby boomers turning 65 every day for the next 17 years, we need a new generation of hard workers – no matter where they were born.**

The administration's temporary action should inspire a bipartisan effort to create a permanent immigration process that adheres to our values of equality and hard work.

There are an estimated 2.1 million undocumented children and young adults in the United States who might be eligible for legal status under the Dream Act and Deferred Action.

Elaine Frietsch, Social Action

### FOR MORE DETAILS AND A LIVELY DISCUSSION...

**Please join us on October 11<sup>th</sup> at First United Methodist Church in Whitewater,** where we will present an in-depth program about The DREAM Act and Deferred Action along with other immigration issues.

Please join us on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> (approximately 7 pm) for an evening of learning about new developments and administration decisions on this most crucial issue.

Call Elaine Frietsch, Social Action Coordinator, 262-308-8752, for further information.

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH—LET US CELEBRATE TOGETHER!**

What exciting and challenging opportunities we have had! The **April Spiritual Growth Retreat** with the Rev. Mary Kathryn Pearce who shared her insights on Immigration...**School of Christian Mission** and the study book for the spiritual growth study...and, yet to come, the **Capital District Annual Gathering** on Saturday, September 29, where we will celebrate together, with dear and new friends, our commitment to missions by honoring units involved in the UMW Reading Program, presentation of our 2013 pledges to missions, and stimulating workshops.

During the morning worship of Annual Gathering our dear, departed UMW sisters will be honored and recognized for their faithfulness. Please fill out the slip below (copy it if you need more space) and return it with a picture as well as one or two sentences describing her activities...before September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Your District team is looking forward to seeing you on September 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Mary Friederich, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Please submit the name, photo (name on back), and a short biography of each UMW woman who has passed away since our last Annual Gathering, or a non-member who strongly supported the work of United Methodist Women. They will be honored at the Memorial Service at our Capital District Annual Gathering on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Portage UMC.

In Memoriam from \_\_\_\_\_ unit:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Bio: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Bio: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Bio: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to me before September 15, 2012

Mary Friederich - grandmary10@laffhouse.org  
Charles Friederich - charlie@laffhouse.org  
601 10th St., Brodhead, WI 53520 608-897-2399





Saturday, September 29, 2012  
**CAPITAL DISTRICT**  
**United Methodist Women**

## **ANNUAL GATHERING**

### **“Mission in Challenging Times”**

Featuring:

Immigration Today, Modern Day  
Slavery, Status of UMW.org -  
what comes next?,  
Reading Program,  
Lunch chat-table topics,  
SOCM 2012

**Portage United Methodist Church**  
**1804 New Pinery Road**  
**Portage, WI 53901**  
**608-742-2107**

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

**LUNCH**  
**DISPLAYS**  
**SPEAKERS**  
**ELECTIONS**  
**WORKSHOPS**  
**INSTALLATION**  
**MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
**PROGRAM RESOURCES**

**CHOOSE FROM 5 WORKSHOPS**

COST: \$15 ADULT  
(\$17 at the door)  
\$8.50 TEEN/COLLEGE

#### **WORKSHOPS: (Sign up at the Annual Gathering)**

**Immigration – What Next?:** Follow-up to School of Christian Mission Study  
Donna Veatch

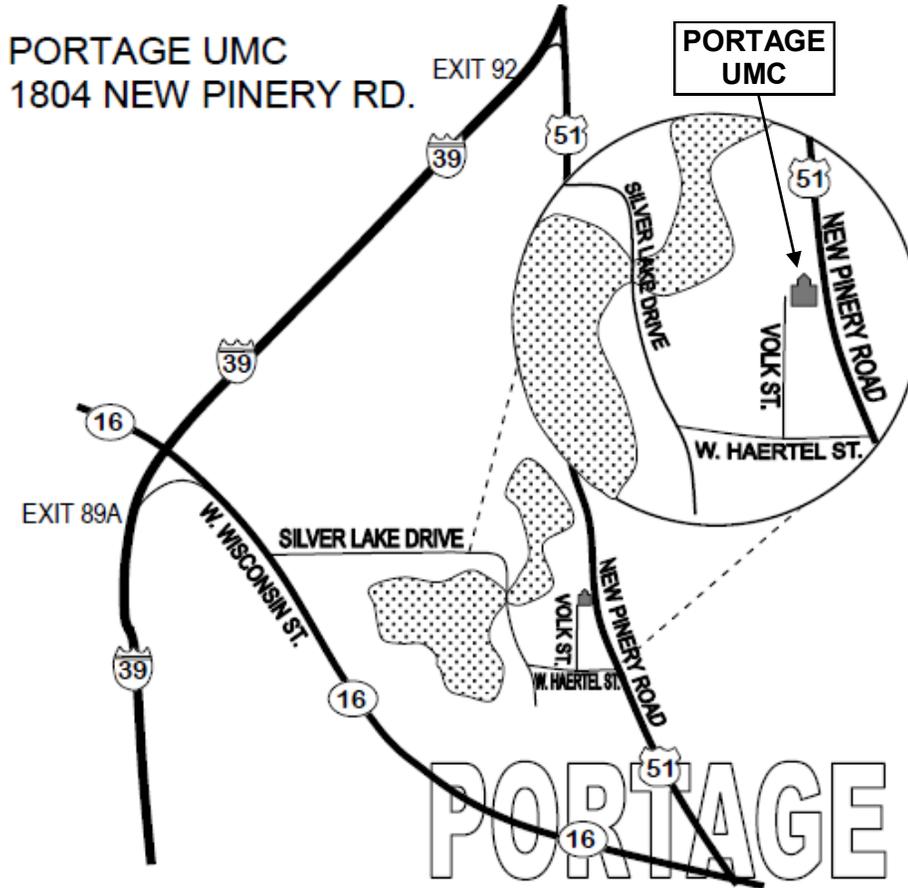
**Modern Day Slavery (Human Trafficking):** JoAnn Gruber-Hagen &  
Helyn Luisi-Mills of Slave Free Madison

**School of Christian Mission - Conversation with the Dean:** 2012 Overview  
Julie Mieke

**United Methodist Women.org - General Conference actions**

**What does the Future Look Like?:** Judy Vasby, WI Conference President

**Book Talk:** Nancy Ramirez



✂ detach here \_\_\_\_\_

**CAPITAL DISTRICT United Methodist Women  
ANNUAL GATHERING: September 29, 2012**

**REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2012**

*(Please Print)*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

ADULT: (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_ TEEN/COLLEGE: (\$8.50) \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT OFFICER: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT/CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_

INDICATE FOOD ALLERGIES OR SENSITIVITIES \_\_\_\_\_

REQUEST FOR CHILD CARE: Name of child/children \_\_\_\_\_

Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*(No registration fee, but bring own lunch)*

**TOTAL DUE:** Registration (Adult + Teen/College) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Send Form and Check to:

**Corrine Robson  
215 W. Mullett, Apt. 111  
Portage, WI 53901  
Phone: 608-745-4373**

**Reservations are transferable but not refundable**

## PROGRAM RESOURCES—READING LISTS DUE SEPTEMBER 7, 2012

### Turn-in for this year's book lists is September 7, 2012.

This year's Annual Gathering is on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. There is not a lot of time between the list turn-in date and the day of our gathering, but I felt it was important to hold off asking for the lists until after Labor Day.

As of today I have already received one list through the internet. Thank you to Betty in Madison. Contact me at:

Karen Mayeshiba, Sec. of Program Resources  
1702 Lynndale Rd.  
Madison, WI 53711  
608-277-1883      kamayeshiba@yahoo.com

### The Reading Program

This year 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 new category, has selections listed in the 2011 and 2012 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 read from this year's list and lists from the past five years (2008-2012) and from the 2007 list for books read before December 31, 2011.

### The List

The list I receive should include the reader's name, unit, contact phone number (of the person I should talk to if I need to ask questions about the list), and then the list itself.

Your list should have the book's title, category and the year the book was on the reading list, for each book on your list.

### Special Mission Study Book Rule

Capital District has special rules for the Mission Study Books. I will accept **adult study books only** for the reading list, counting in any category that the unit secretary of Program Resources and the reader selects. I will also include the studies from the last five years.

**Remember, a book can only be listed once to count for the reading program.**

Readers, keep a list of what you have read so that no book is repeated on future lists.

## NORTHCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE IS THANKFUL

Northcott Neighborhood House continues to thank the many, many people who lovingly support their programs. From a humble beginning of a few youth programs, Head Start and a food pantry, they have grown to meet a wide range of needs of families in the neighborhood.

In recent years they have expanded their job training to provide skills in the home-building industry, thereby helping young adults, in some cases those with a prison record, to gain meaningful employment.

We congratulate Northcott and are proud to be associated with such a caring organization.

Save those labels!

Barb Taylor, Northcott Representative



THIS IS ALL YOU NEED ↑

## EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION—MISSION TODAY REPORTS

**Mission Today Local Unit Report Form:** Please complete the following form. On page 9, check the activities which your unit has completed since January 1, 2012. **Return the form and list by December 1, 2012 to: Char Brereton, W10320 S. County Line Rd., Lodi, WI 53555.**

Name of your church \_\_\_\_\_

Your name and address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of activities your unit has completed \_\_\_\_\_. Has your unit qualified? \_\_\_\_\_

**Criteria**—To become a Mission Today Unit, a unit must meet eight of the nineteen criteria on page 9, including four of those marked with an asterisk.

Make comments on a separate sheet regarding activities you have done that you would like to share with the district team and other units.

Make comments on a separate sheet for the district or conference mission team that you think would be useful.

I want to thank the twenty-four Capital District UMW units that sent me their Mission Today reports for 2011 and the seventeen that qualified. In a few months it will snow, and then we will need your 2012 reports. Please pray and send your report. We give in many ways, and we need to tell each other how we give our time, talent and money for our missions.

Remember, we touch many lives in many different ways, and they all count. So once again, thank you for caring for others.

Charlaine Brereton, Education and Interpretation

## BOOK REVIEW—IT'S EASIER TO REACH HEAVEN than the End of the Street

It's Easier to Reach Heaven than the End of the Street –  
A Jerusalem Memoir - by Emma Williams

The title of this book is not an exaggeration for a Palestinian in Israel: Emma writes of trying to get to a hospital in a Palestinian village, which she could see just across the wall. It took her two hours to find a way in to it. Emma, a doctor, and her husband, Andrew, moved to Israel from New York as part of his job at the UN, with their three children. They spent four years there.

Brian Urquhart writes in the foreword: “Emma worked by day in Palestinian hospitals on the Mount of Olives and near Ramallah. Andrew worked mostly in Gaza and the West Bank. At night they returned, sometimes with difficulty, to their children – at school during the day – and their house in a largely Arab part of Jerusalem. The couple had a great many Israeli friends with whom they would spend time in the evenings and on weekends.

They experienced first hand the violence - suicide bombings, Israeli counter-measures, checkpoints, and innumerable disruptions of normal life, increasingly irrational reactions on all sides, hatred and the insatiable desire for revenge, and, last but not least, having to explain it all to three

young children. They also witnessed many acts of heroism, decency, and understanding.”

Emma writes in her introduction: “ ‘The situation’: that’s what those on the ground call it. On the face of it, the situation is straightforward. It’s a conflict between two peoples, Israeli and Palestinian, over land: the Holy Land. In reality, it’s a maelstrom, a tragedy of our times, a shameful failure of the modern world. And it looks so different from over there, on the ground, that the view from New York verges dangerously on fantasy.”

An excerpt from a review by Theo Richmond in *The Spectator*: “[Emma] succeeds like few others in her ability to view the situation through the eyes of Jew and Arab...Drawing our sympathy now to one, now to the other, she envies those with a ‘one-eyed view’, undisturbed by layers of complication...Her eye for detail conveys the situation more painfully than statistics... What she has produced is a human document; sensitive, compassionate, and superbly written.”

This book is on the 2012 list of the UMW reading program, and I had a hard time putting it down.

Mary Anne Gerlach, Communications Coordinator

## ***WISCONSIN CONFERENCE MISSION TODAY UNIT (Revised 4/16/11)***

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 School of Christian Mission
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 sisters" programs. ^Write letters, e-mail, or call congressional representatives and/or others in government regarding children's issues. ^Visit your local schools. ^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 School of Christian Mission.

# MISSION NEWS

## UPDATE: GABLER'S MOVE TO CONGO

Rachel writes, "We have been seeing the Lord's hand in all the details."

Excerpts from Rachel's Aug. 8, 2012 email:

The container has not arrived. It moved from White River to Johannesburg where it has been waiting in line to move up here. Actually it had a slot, but we told the shipper to delay because we had concerns about the customs paperwork on this end.

However, we are fine. We anticipated camping for some time and came fairly well prepared. Also, we purchased a stove and refrigerator here, as we were not shipping the ones we had there. Our landlord has lent us a table and two chairs. We are sleeping on air mattresses inside the inner netting part of the tent.

Dan has been repairing things around the house--mostly electricity and plumbing. He brought a minimum set of tools, and they are getting a workout. We have been walking a lot as the paperwork on our car is on some bureaucrat's desk. But we are near the center of town and can walk to the shops. **It gives a new and fuller meaning of "shop 'til you drop!"** As a benefit we are getting to be in very good shape and we don't even have to buy a membership at the health club, if there is one.



At the moment, everyone is caught up with preparations for the Central Conference that is going to be held this month. Being new, we are on the back burner, which is just fine with us.

We get a lot of practice using all the words we know in Swahili, French, Portuguese, Spanish and as a last resort, English, in the markets and small shops. God's timing is the only timing we want, and we are fine.

Rachel and Daniel Gabler

## NEWS FROM THE PAUL WEBSTER AGRICULTURE SHOW



Along with the dry season comes agriculture shows. This year for the first time, the show was held in Kanyama, only seven kilometers away from Mujila Falls. We built cages, hauled up fencing, drove our oxen and donkeys, and set up our booth for the two-day event.

Ben, one of our workers, is explaining the many field crops, fruits, and garden produce items we had on display. We sold milk and boiled eggs to the hungry crowds who came to the show.



Our Mujila Falls women's sewing group set up next to us and sold many clothing items that they had made over the previous months.

# PAUL WEBSTER - continued:



Chief Kanyama visits our exhibit and gets to know Toby, one of our donkeys. Chief Kanyama is the first Lunda Chief to consider himself a farmer. He has recently bought a John Deere tractor and cultivates large fields of corn. He is supportive of our work, has co-hosted Farmer's Field Days with us and holds an annual Rain Festival and Evangelism event that we help support.

We brought quality goats, pigs and sheep to show along with turkeys, chickens and rabbits. We continue to use these demonstrations to encourage people to improve their own stock and to use them for milking, meat and animal traction. We brought two pair of oxen and did a plowing and ridging demonstration in the school garden near the show grounds.



## **AFRICA ELI** **THE IMPACT OF \$9 DOLLARS (\$9 ON JULY 9!)**

This means that the amount received is equivalent to our cost for feeding 250+ students and teachers at one boarding high school for almost 2 months!

**More than \$1,974 (USD) was given by generous donors like you!**



Girls laughing and talking while slicing onions and cabbage for a weekend meal at school.

We think every donor made a great investment by commemorating the Republic of South Sudan's 1st Independence Day in support of Africa ELI students and teachers.

It's never too late to give. Donations of any amount are accepted all year long.

Visit <http://africaeli.org> to contribute securely online, or send checks to: Africa ELI, 1550 Centervue Crossing - #107, Knoxville, TN 37932.

**Thank you, Friends!**

# HMONG House of Good News EGG ROLL Fund Raiser

Not going to  
Conference  
Annual  
Gathering?

Maybe a  
friend could  
bring them  
to you.



Ingredients:  
pork (optional),  
flavoring sauce  
(with MSG),  
shredded carrots,  
cabbage and  
yellow onions,  
salt, black pepper,  
bean thread  
noodles, eggs,  
egg roll wrappers

United Methodist Women (UMW)  
Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering  
Sun Prairie United Methodist Church  
Sun Prairie, Wisconsin  
October 19 and 20, 2012

You must preorder by Wednesday **October 10, 2012** and send in your orders  
via email to [xxphbxx@yahoo.com](mailto:xxphbxx@yahoo.com) or call Patsy Ruppe at 262-939-8075.  
We must have a minimum of 100 dozen in total to make it worthwhile  
**order early.... order often!!!**

Bring a cooler and pick them up frozen from 3pm-4pm,  
October 20, 2012, after the Annual Gathering

Cost: 1 dozen: \$15 (includes 2 sweet sour sauce) Extra dipping sauce: 50 cents each  
**Make checks payable to: Hmong House of Good News (HHGN)**  
**Send to Patsy Ruppe, 2427 Sunrise Rd, Racine, WI 53402**  
**ORDERS MUST BE in DOZENS**

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Name	Telephone	Pork # Doz.	Veggie # Doz.	Total # Doz.	Total Sauce 2/ Doz.	Extra Sauce #	\$ Amount

**THANK YOU for your support!**



Wisconsin Conference  
United Methodist Women  
**Annual Gathering**

**“Faith, Hope, Love in Action:  
Singing God’s SongS”**

**Friday Evening & Saturday  
October 19-20, 2012**

**SUN PRAIRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
702 North Street, Sun Prairie, WI

Please put a number (1-3) in order of preference for the workshops you would like to attend. You will be able to attend 2 workshops (one morning and one afternoon) on Saturday, October 20th.

\_\_\_\_\_ Human trafficking—Joanne Gruber-Hagen of Slave Free Madison

\_\_\_\_\_ Bullying—Pastor Sue Lewan, Poynette/Inch United Methodist Churches

\_\_\_\_\_ UMW 101/ technology and reorganization—  
technology led by Stacy Ganzer  
reorganization led by Carol Holt Lahey

Poverty—2 sessions led by Pastor Rob Odem (You may choose one or both)

\_\_\_\_\_ Emphasis on Local Poverty (morning session)

\_\_\_\_\_ Emphasis on Global Poverty (afternoon session)

\_\_\_\_\_ Hmong House of Good News—To Be Determined

\_\_\_\_\_ Road to Becoming a Deaconess—Judy Vasby

\_\_\_\_\_ Charter for Racial Justice Program—Bev Maser

\_\_\_\_\_ India (emphasis on the Wisconsin Cabinet’s trip there last year)—Sharon Gisselman , coordinator

\_\_\_\_\_ \*Workshops in the Hmong Language—Kady Her Yang

\_\_\_\_\_ \*Workshops in the Spanish Language—Martha Boyer

*\*Participants choosing either Hmong or Spanish may have both workshops in that language.*

**Registration and other times:**

Friday evening registration: 5:30 pm after a light supper.

Friday evening program: 6:30 pm.

Saturday registration: 8:00-8:45 am.

Sending forth planned for 3:00 pm.



**COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM ON BACK**

# Wisconsin Conference UMW Annual Gathering

Sun Prairie United Methodist Church

Friday Evening and Saturday, October 19-20, 2012

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 7, 2012. Please PRINT. If registering for more than one person, copy form and complete a separate form for each person.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of District \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:  Female  Male  Teen (Teen only: Age \_\_\_\_\_)

First time attending  UMW Member  Clergy  Guest (not a member of UMW)

Child Care Needed for Friday evening—Ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

Child Care needed for Saturday—Ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

Mothers are asked to pick up their children and take them to the first lunch seating. Please provide a sack lunch for each child, or plan to pay \$9.00 lunch fee for each child.

Emergency contact information: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone : Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check all that apply:

Registration for Friday only \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Saturday only \_\_\_\_\_ \$20

Friday and Sat. \_\_\_\_\_ \$25

Light supper on Friday \_\_\_\_\_ (\$5.00 additional—served from 4:30-5:15 p.m.)

Scholarship requested \_\_\_\_\_ (25 scholarships are available—awarded to the first 25 to make a request)

First lunch seating is requested \_\_\_\_\_

Diabetic or other dietary limitations (please list on the line below):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW

Mail to Registrar:

Jean Hansen, N7284 Hwy. H, Camp Douglas, WI 54618 | Email: miljean@mwt.net | Phone 608-427-6551

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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

Please make your own hotel reservations. Blocks of rooms are held at the following:

Super 8 @ \$56.70 or 2 beds @ \$63.00—1033 Emeral Terrace, Sun Prairie – Phone: 608-837-8889

Quality Inn @ \$80.74 2 queen or 1 king —105 Business Park Drive, Sun Prairie – Phone: 608-834-9889

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS **OCTOBER 7th**. 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!

## A STORY AT HMONG HOUSE

Lee Vang is a participant at Hmong House of Good News. She comes regularly. She is 63 years old, but has had a bad knee partly due to an auto accident. She comes with a cane which she doesn't use much except when she goes to tend her garden or on a trip. Lee's husband passed away 10 years ago. She has lived by herself for the last three years because she has no children of her own, although she raised two children--a son and a daughter who are her stepchildren. Lee used to live with her stepson and his wife and children when her grandchildren were young, and she was still capable and needed in the house. Then her stepson asked her to move out because there was not enough room for her. She was just someone in the family.



The Hmong have a proverb saying, "You plant and harvest to prepare for hunger, you bear and raise children to prepare for old age." In the Hmong culture, a parent should never have to leave their children's home to live by themselves. If they are to die, they must die in the home of their children. This is still true today, but only if you are the biological parent. Before she moved out, the situation was hard for Lee. She cried as she shared about her concerns and fears of leaving the home to live by herself. Now, she talks with courage and joy for being able to live alone and she is not resentful about the situation.

I believe Hmong House gave her courage to overcome the situation. Our participants share and bear one another's burdens. Through our Bible study and the fellowship, participants are strengthened. The hopeless now find meaning and become hopeful. The lonely have comfort and are now happy. They have learned to put their trust in God (as opposed to their children and the health-care system.) Yes, they often speak and encourage one another to trust God—for their health, their concerns, their lives and future, and the well-being of their children and grandchildren. Knowing God is not enough until we can put our trust in Him.

*Excerpts of story from Patsy Ruppe*

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP THE HMONG HOUSE OF GOOD NEWS** (besides ordering egg rolls):

**Designate Hmong House as the recipient of your church's Noisy Collection** (Change for Change/ Coins Count Up/ Empty Your Pockets/etc.). Send the money directly to Hmong House of Good News, c/o Treasurer Patsy Ruppe, 2427 Sunrise Rd., Racine, WI 53402 OR to the Wisconsin Annual Conference UMC Treasurer, 750 Windsor St., Sun Prairie, WI 53590. Indicate Advance #7809.

**Be a "Partner in Mission."** This is a means of sustainable support in which you, your church, or your unit sign up to give Hmong House of Good News a designated amount either monthly or yearly. You may choose to have the money taken automatically from your checking or savings account, or you may pay by check. **Sustainable giving** allows us to know when money will be received so that we can manage our budget more efficiently.

**Milk Moola and Donuts to Dough from Kwik Trip Stores.** Collect bottle caps or bag tops from Nature's Touch milk and juice or ice cream cartons and Hmong House will receive 5 cents each. Also collect the price ovals from Glazer donuts boxes worth 10 cents each.

**UMW Mission Visits.** We are always excited to share our testimony and joy to be at Hmong House with our visitors. Why don't you plan to come and join us for a meal and fellowship? Just give our director Rev. Tsuker Yang a call at **Hmong House of Good News**, 639 N 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233, 414-342-4380, or email [Hmonghgn@gmail.com](mailto:Hmonghgn@gmail.com)

**NOTE:** The following information is available on the Wisconsin Conference UMW website: an outline for a UMW Sunday service, information about holding a Children's Sabbath, and a program using the Charter for Racial Justice. All of these can be helpful in fulfilling Mission Today requirements. Go to the website: [www.wisconsinumw.org](http://www.wisconsinumw.org), and click on NEWS. Explore while you are there. If you do not have web access, contact our District President Linda K. Whitelock, and she will send copies. (Her contact info is on page 1)

## NOMINATING NEWS

Our slate is almost complete for 2013. Continuing officers are President **Linda K. Whitelock**, Treasurer **Anne Scott**, Communications Coord. **Mary Anne Gerlach**, Social Action **Elaine Frietsch**, Nominations Committee **Kathy Matteson** and **Nancy Hansen-Bennett**, and Northcott Rep. **Barb Taylor**. These are the officers who will be reinstalled at the District Annual Gathering.

The following officers are up for election at our District Annual Gathering: (Some are new to the team, and some are taking a new office.)

Vice Pres.  
Secretary  
Program Resources  
Educ & Interpretation  
Member. Nurt.&Outr.  
Spiritual Growth  
Nomination Chair  
Nominations  
Nominations

**Karen Mayeshiba**  
**Ginger Katzman**  
**Nancy Ramirez**  
**Marilyn Eyster**  
**Sue Plasterer**  
**Linda J. Whitelock**  
**Judy Loveless**

Please consider being on the Nominations Committee (the most important committee).  
Nancy Hansen-Bennett, Nominations chair

## TREASURER TALK: BRING 2013 PLEDGE TO ANNUAL GATHERING

In the fall our UMW Units have very full schedules with our fund raising, Conference and District Annual Gatherings, UMW Sundays, etc. Please remember that when ordering Special Mission Recognition pins for your UMW Sunday or other recognition events, they need to be ordered early, and a separate form is needed for each. The form gives the recipient's name as well as the person to whom the pin should be sent.

Another reminder: at the end of the year you need to close out your books and have your monies submitted by December 10.

"Mission in Challenging Times," at the District Annual Gathering, is happening on Saturday, September 29 at Portage United Methodist Church in Portage. I look forward to seeing you there. You need to bring your unit's **2013 Pledge to Mission** form (printed below) to this event. If you are unable to attend, please have someone from your unit be ready to present it.

**Anne Scott**, Treasurer  
2561 Roanoke Cr  
Madison, WI 53719  
E-mail: [ascott1167@aol.com](mailto:ascott1167@aol.com)

### 2013 PLEDGE TO MISSION

2013 Unit Pledge to Mission \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We also pledge our support of the School of Christian Mission by sending \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Unit and City \_\_\_\_\_

2013 Unit Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for all you do for others in mission. Please bring this form to the Capital District Annual Gathering, September 29 at Portage UMC, or mail it to: **Anne Scott**, 2561 Roanoke Cr., Madison, WI 53719

# 2013 Local Unit Elected Leadership

Local Church: \_\_\_\_\_

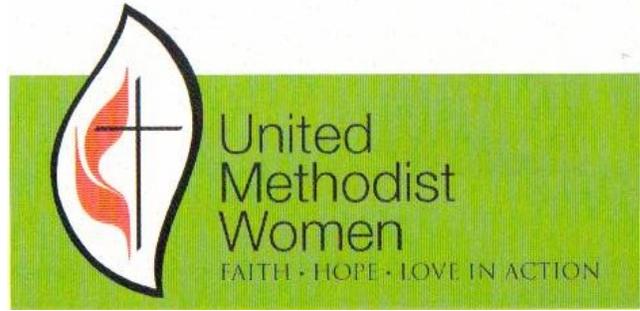
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.** Mail to:

Judy Loveless, Sec, Capital District  
815 Maple Rd  
Verona, WI 53953

(608) 848-8243  
email: jcenmp@rit.edu

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**2013 Local Elected Leadership (continued from page 17)**

**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!

For the past 28 years the Mabel Heil Foundation has presented scholarships to over 230 women who were working to improve their education. Any female member of United Methodist Women is encouraged to apply.

To request a scholarship form, write to:  
Yvonne Fiary 715.355.6133  
203 E. Greenwood  
Rothschild, WI 54474 yvfirary@yahoo.com



### 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.

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## CAPITAL DISTRICT 2012 UMW EVENTS CALENDAR

### Capital District Annual Gathering

September 29, Saturday, at Portage UMC, Portage, WI

### Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering

October 19 & 20, Fri-Sat at Sun Prairie UMC, Sun Prairie, WI

### Wisconsin Conference UMW Training Event

November 9-10 in Wisconsin Rapids

### Important Deadlines:

September 7: Reading Program reports to District Program Resources Secretary

September 15: In Memoriam with photos to Spiritual Growth Secretary

September 21: Registration Deadline, Capital District Annual Gathering

October 1: Unit officer slates for 2013 to District Secretary

October 7: Registration Deadline, Conference Annual Gathering

October 10: Egg Roll orders due for Conference Annual Gathering

December 1: Mission Today annual report to District E & I Coordinator

December 10: All 2012 monies to District Treasurer