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Do United Methodist Women Really Make a Difference?

That is the question that the Winnebago District Team of United Methodist Women will be exploring this year.

I believe that UMW makes a big difference in our local churches, communities, our state of Wisconsin, all of the United States and around the world. How do I know this? Here is my story.

I was young, married, and had 4 children. When asked if I would like to come to a Circle meeting, I kept saying that I wasn't interested. A woman who was teaching Sunday School, as I was, kept asking, and asking, and asking. I finally gave in and said okay. Well that Circle meeting literally changed my life. The women were my age and also had children. I found out I was not the only one who could not keep the house picked up and whose kids were driving them up a wall. It was a real supportive community (which is part of the UMW purpose). I also knew that if there was anything that I needed help with, I could call on any one of these women.

Believe it or not, I used to be shy. Well, UMW solved that problem! I took on some of the offices of the local unit. I was interested enough to go to the district meetings that were offered and also the conference meetings. I met a lot of new people and made a lot of new friends. After my children were old enough I enjoyed going to School of Christian Mission events (now called Mission u). All of these events were times of learning more about United Methodist Women and finding out where the money goes.

Finally in 2001 I accepted the position of treasurer for the Winnebago District United Methodist Women. After four years in that office I went on to become the treasurer of the Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women. If you want to know where the money goes, take on the position of treasurer and you will learn.

Yes, these positions involve some meetings (on district and state level), I won't kid you about that. But if I didn't believe that United Methodist Women make a difference, why would I and so many other women take on the positions of local, district and conference officers, going to meetings, planning events and Mission u? Because the money goes to the funding of missions that help women and children worldwide. Without these missions where would these women be?

Have your unit subscribe to at least one copy of Response magazine and read it and share it with all the women in your unit. Look for the interlocking circles at the end of articles which tells you that is one place your money is going. And then every two years the Response magazine has maps of the world marking all the places where your money goes. Look those over and you will have your answer to the question "Do United Methodist Women Really Make a Difference?"

Also, put the date of October 4, 2014 on your calendar. That is the date of Winnebago District's Annual Gathering at Oshkosh: First United Methodist Church.

Our speaker will be Diane Quade and she will be able to answer the above question.

Mary Trettin, District President



Notes from the District Secretary

Greetings to ALL Secretaries,

Happy New Year! I sincerely hope that your holiday season was truly blessed. Ours was. I am glad, however, to be moving forward into the New Year of 2014.

I had the pleasure of meeting several of you at the Winnebago District Meeting this last November. It was so nice to put a face to the names of the unit secretaries. I noticed 2 things in particular. First is how *very nice* you all are- just the sweetest people! Second was *how dedicated* to UMW you all are. It was a pleasurable meeting for me- hopefully for you also.

We are looking for a person to take over my position for January 2015- next year. Please consider it. It's fun and you'll be doing something to help other women in the world.

Here are the reminders for the upcoming year.

- 1. Please send me ANY changes to your UNIT roster- email changes, address changes, etc.**
- 2. Let me know if you are interested in the district secretarial position!!**

Have a GREAT year in UMW. YOU are important!

Sincerely,

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TREASURER

Greetings to everyone. We are on the verge of a brand-new year – a year full of potential for opportunity and discovery. Let us try to make the most of it.

Winnebago District ended the year 2013 in good shape. A couple of units were just a little short of their pledges and a couple of units exceeded their pledges. This resulted in a deficit of just \$10.00 under the total amount pledged by all the units.

As a reminder, Conference needs my monthly Treasurer's Report by the 20th of each month; so if you want credit for your remittance in a particular month, I will need to receive your report by the 15th of that month.

I received a pie chart from Mary Rather, Conference Treasurer, showing the amounts and percentages for the “program budget” which is the mission giving budget. It shows the following:

Administration	\$ 1,558,307 or 8.68%
Membership and Leadership Development	\$ 2,717,266 or 15.14%
Mission and Mission Development	\$13,674,637 or 76.18%

As you can see, almost all the money we send in goes to mission. Hooray and God bless United Methodist Women!

My wish for each of you, individually and as a unit, is a healthy, happy, and successful 2014! -- and hopefully we won't have to spend too much at the dentist repairing chipped teeth from chattering in these frigid temperatures this winter.

Beverly Kimble
Winnebago District Treasurer

TREASURER'S YEAR-END REPORT 2013

Winnebago District, Wisconsin Conference
United Methodist Women

Receipts

Unit and District Giving:

Undesignated	\$35,278.51	
Designated	<u>4,866.41</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$40,164.92</u>

Sent to Wisconsin Conference

Undesignated Giving:

Pledge to Mission	\$29,750.00	
Special Mission recognition	1,100.00	
Gift to Mission	513.00	
Gift in Memory	830.00	
World Thank Offering	<u>3,085.51</u>	
		35,278.51

Designated Giving:

Call to Prayer & Self Denial	\$ 1,732.12	
Supplemental Gifts	2,100.00	
Brighter Future for Children	699.29	
Mission u	255.00	
UMCOR	<u>100.00</u>	
		<u>4,886.41</u>

Total Sent to Wisconsin Conference		<u>\$40,164.92</u>
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Winnebago District Giving:

Annual Gathering Offering:	\$202.00
Special Mission Recognition	200.00
Gift to Mission	20.00
World Thank Offering	<u>171.37</u>
	\$593.37

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Welcome to 2014, Winnebago District! How time flies when you are having fun! I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Winnebago/Nicolet District Retreat in Suamico on March 29. The registration flyer can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Please help us to keep the cost of sending out the Winn-D to a minimum. If you are being mailed a newsletter and no longer need it mailed, please let me know. In addition to e-mail, you can also get a copy from your local church. If mail is the best way for you to obtain it, I am happy to continue that. See you in Suamico!

Val Caldwell

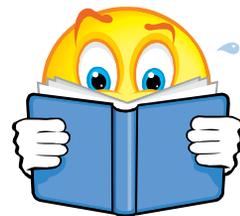


Winnebago District is still in need of some other people for our Nominations Committee. This is a very important committee that helps our district fill our slate of officers each year. Our President and Secretary will be retiring from the board at the end of this year and we will need others to fill positions that will be empty as a result of their departure. We also are currently in need of a Vice President which will also be vacant next year if we don't find someone this year to fill the position – so there will be THREE unfilled positions.

Please prayerfully consider helping out your district next year.

We have a lot of fun together planning and keeping our District functioning. Many of the team members also hold positions in their local unit, so don't let that stop you! It is a great way to learn more about UMW.

We need fun, energetic people to help us move forward into next year – don't be left out if you are looking for a great opportunity!



PROGRAM RESOURCES

Hello! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. I always feel renewed in my faith after the holidays and the celebration of the birth of our Savior.

Are we ready for the 2014 Reading Program? There are some great books focusing on empowering women.

Among them are: *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana* tells the story of a professional woman in Kabul who, after the Taliban took over, became confined to her home. It tells of her struggle to be the sole breadwinner of her family of five through her grit and determination – she was able to start a successful sewing business.

Up: *A Mother and Daughter's Peak Bagging Adventure* tells the story of a mother teaching her daughter independence and fearlessness as they hike the 48 highest mountains in New Hampshire.

To participate in the reading program you only need to read as little as one book in each of the five categories plus the Response Magazine. That's only five books in one year! Remember, you can read any of the books on the Reading Program going back as far as 2010 and still get credit in 2014.

There will be Reading Program books available for purchase at the Nicolet/Winnebago District Retreat on March 29 at Suamico. I hope to see you there!

Val Caldwell



After a long winter, ladies, it's time to go to a retreat. We have one planned for March 29, 2014. The retreat will be held at Suamico United Methodist Church 3266 Lakeview Dr., Suamico, WI. The theme is going to be "Grow Deep, Not Just Tall" We will examine our roots, branches and fruit. The retreat has a fun filled day for us including, making a watercolor project, which sounds like fun. There will be time for silent meditation, small group discussions and, of course, time for singing (everyone likes to sing) also fellowship and a nice lunch. There will be coffee and fellowship beginning at 8:30. Check in time is set between 8:30-9:00. The program by Pastor Roberta Thomson will begin at 9:00 a.m. She will lead us in sessions in which we liken ourselves and our lives to trees. Our day should conclude by 3:30 p.m. Registration and payment of \$12.00 must be in by March 19, 2014. Send complete registration and payment to: Dottie Unbehaun, 256 E. National Avenue, Brillion, WI. 54110

Your Registrar, Susan Thompson

Membership, Nurture, Outreach

Thank you for returning your membership reports so quickly!

As I look at our own unit's membership rolls, they indicate numbers. Where do they indicate reasons for absences? One of our responsibilities is to be aware of members' attendance and participation. As you make the 2014 list of members for your UMW organization, do you know each of the members? Are there some who are not attending meetings? Do you know why they are absent? Illness, age, no transportation, uninformed, unfriendliness, change of meeting date and time, change of job, moving, unappealing programs, long business meetings are all possible deterrents to attendance.

How do you involve other members in maintaining contact with new members of the church or UMW, shut-ins, those who prefer hands-on projects? Enlist other UMW members to maintain contacts, involve new members and new attendees at worship. The chairperson with the committee on membership should keep busy throughout the year and be alert to finding new ways to maintain the present membership and to actively seek and encourage. Work to help people to see membership as an opportunity for personal growth and fellowship, as well as involvement in mission outreach and service. Invite your District Team Sister to attend one of your meetings or activities. If I can be of help, please contact me.

Best wishes to each of you during 2014.

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MISSION COORDINATOR FOR EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

The Coordinator for Education and Interpretation helps women understand the mission and outreach ministries of the church. She finds ways to educate and interpret the mission of United Methodist Women and educate others about it.

The need for continual financial support for the program and mission of United Methodist Women should be emphasized – perhaps you could pick a mission and learn about it and talk about how its funding helps in the ongoing work of the mission.

The Coordinator for E & I should strive to empower women to understand, interpret and participate in the mission giving and outreach of the church.

You might take a trip to a local mission institution. You could do a presentation on one of the study themes from Mission u and involve your whole church.

Step out of the box and have fun with this! If you are excited about missions, others will be too!

Social Action – Sharon Kardoskee

It's a new year to be active in missions and to address the issues of the day. At our district annual gathering our units shared their mission projects. You did an outstanding job! Grab your camera and begin gathering pictures of your projects for our District Annual Gathering for October 2014.

I read a book called "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White" written by Adam Hamilton, a United Methodist Pastor. He is spreading the gospel message through missions and to people in pain.

We don't use much of our gray matter. The book tries to stimulate us to see the gray in black and white issues of the day - not to see issues as strictly black and white, but to have open dialogue to explore the issues from all viewpoints. The gray area is the part unseen until it becomes factual or when the light is turned on. It's actually a mystery to us. Many non-Christians don't view Christians as people who share love. The Christians have views on the issues of the day and it sometimes causes conflict for non-believers. It can move people away from experiencing God.



The book is in three parts. Part one deals with the thought of finding gray and what characteristics a Christian possesses. Part two of the book deals with the Bible, evolution, Hell and spirituality. Part three addresses the problems of ethics and politics.

The pastor suggested we listen to both sides of an issue. He suggested trying to solve it and move forward. He believes we need a new reformation that would involve a combination of evangelical, social, gospels, scriptures and holiness. A "strong will" will allow you to follow Jesus with your heart, soul and mind. It was a challenging book and I enjoyed reading it.

Human Trafficking

Did you know.....

According the U.S. Department of State Trafficking in Persons Report 2010, the number of adults and children currently in forced labor, bonded labor and forced prostitution is 12.3 million. Worldwide, 1.8 per 1,000 persons is a victim of human trafficking, increasing to 3 persons per 1,000 in Asia and the Pacific. Sixty-two countries have yet to convict a trafficker under the U.N. Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, and 104 countries have yet to establish laws or regulations regarding human trafficking.

How can you help?

Buy fair trade. Know where the products you buy come from and how they are made.

The [United Methodist Women website](#) provides many tools for your use, including human trafficking Bible studies, action alerts and a PowerPoint presentation as well as downloadable fliers and materials from its Intercept Human Trafficking campaign.

Share the signs of human trafficking with youth groups and other groups in your church and community.

“GROW DEEP, NOT JUST TALL”

Nicolet / Winnebago Districts
United Methodist Women Spring Retreat



March 29, 2014

At Suamico United Methodist Church
3266 Lakeview Dr., Suamico, WI 54173

- Our speaker will be Pastor Roberta Thomson. She will lead us in sessions in which we liken ourselves & our lives to trees. We will then examine our roots, branches, & fruit.
- The day will include: Making a watercolor project; Time for silent meditation; Time for small group discussions...and of course, time for singing, fellowship, and lunch!
- Check in time will be from 8:30 – 9 a.m., with Coffee and Fellowship.
- The program will begin at 9 a.m. & should conclude by 3:30 p.m.
- Register early, you won't want to miss this event!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – MARCH 19, 2014

Name _____ Email address _____
Address _____
In case of Emergency call _____
District/Organization (Unit) _____
Special Dietary Needs _____
Childcare Needed () No () Yes, If yes # of children _____

RETREAT COST = \$12.00

Send completed registration and payment to:

Dottie Unbehaun, 256 E. National Avenue, Brillion, WI 54110

Make Checks Payable to **Nicolet District UMW**

~ See Reverse Side for Directions to Suamico United Methodist Church ~

Directions to Suamico United Methodist Church

3266 Lakeview Drive, Suamico, WI 54173

From the North via U.S. 41:

1. Head South on U.S. 41
2. Take Exit 176 for County Road B / Sunset Beach Road
3. Turn Left onto Sunset Beach Road
4. Turn Right onto N. Lakeview Drive
5. Slight Right onto Riverside Drive
6. Destination will be on the left.

From the South via U.S. 41:

1. Head North on U.S. 41
2. Take Exit 176 for Sunset Beach Road
3. Turn Right onto Sunset Beach Road
4. Turn Right onto N. Lakeview Drive



Mission Action Day

Saturday, April 5, 2014

Peace United Methodist Church
2300 E. Wisconsin Ave.
Kaukauna, WI 54130

Human Trafficking in WI

- Presented by Pastor Heather Brewer, Bloomer/New Auburn UMC - WI Initiatives, what you and your church can do in response to Human Trafficking.
- Lieutenant Steve Elliott, Appleton Police Department -the local response to Human Trafficking.

Elder Abuse

- Diane Mandler, Supervisor of Crisis Intervention and Adult Protective Services with the Outagamie Health and Human Services Department will speak on Elder Abuse.

Online registration available at www.wisconsinumw.org

(cash or check for registration fee of \$12.00 will be paid at the door when registering online)

Registration: 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. • Sending forth: 2:30 p.m.

Registration is transferrable, not refundable.

2014 MISSION ACTION DAY REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline for Registration: **Monday, March 10, 2014**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/ZIP Code _____

District _____ Church _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Child Care needed for _____ child(ren), Age(s) _____ (I also understand that I am responsible for providing a sack lunch for each child or paying the registration fee of \$12.00 for each child in order to cover their lunch.)

Dietary or other considerations _____

When registering by U.S. Mail, send form and **\$12.00 registration fee** to (registration must be received by Monday, March 10th):

Shirley Carpenter, 2711 North Biron Drive, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494-8804

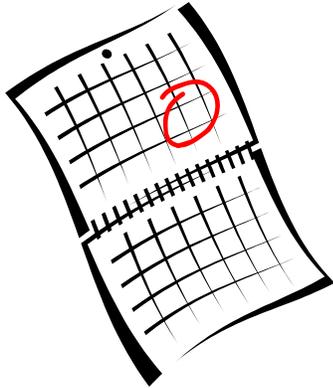
Make checks payable to: **Wisconsin Conference UMW**

Driving Directions to Peace UMC, Kaukauna

For Mission Action Day, Saturday, April 5, 2014

- FROM STEVENS POINT/WAUSAU AREA (NORTHWEST): Take 45/10 east. Continue on 441 to the County Road Oo/Northland Ave. exit. Take County Road Oo east (right). Turn right onto Rose Hill Road. Left onto E Main Street. Right onto Hayes Street. Left onto E Wisconsin Avenue. Church is on the left.
- FROM MADISON AREA (SOUTHWEST): Take 151 north to Hwy 41 north. Take the 55 Kaukauna (Delanglade Street) exit. Turn right onto 55. Turn right onto County Road Oo. Left onto Gertrude Street. Right onto W Wisconsin Avenue. Church is on the right.
- FROM MILWAUKEE AREA (SOUTH): Take Hwy 41 north. Take the 55 Kaukauna (Delanglade Street) exit. Turn right onto 55. Turn right onto County Road Oo. Left onto Gertrude Street. Right onto W Wisconsin Avenue. Church is on the right.
- FROM GREEN BAY AREA (NORTH): Take Hwy 41 south. Take the 55 Kaukauna (Delanglade Street) exit. Turn right onto 55. Turn right onto County Road Oo. Left onto Gertrude Street. Right onto W Wisconsin Avenue. Church is on the right.
- FROM LA CROSSE AREA (WEST): Take 90 east to WI Hwy 21 east. Take Hwy 21 east (toward Oshkosh) to Hwy 41. Take Hwy 41 north to 55 Kaukauna (Delanglade Street) exit. Turn right onto 55. Turn right onto County Road Oo. Left onto Gertrude Street. Right onto W Wisconsin Avenue. Church is on the right.

For precise directions and map, go to <https://maps.google.com> and type in 2300 E. Wisconsin Ave., Kaukauna, WI 54130 or visit www.peaceunitedmethodist.com.



2014 Date Book

Please add the following dates to your 2014 calendar:

March 29	Nicolet/Winnebago District Sprint Retreat – Suamico UMC.
April 5	Mission Action Day at Kaukauna: Peace
July 28-31	Mission u at Westwood Convention Center, Wausau
August 1	Mission u Overview Day at Westwood Convention Center, Wausau
October 4	Winnebago District Annual Gathering at Oshkosh: First
October 17–18	Conference Annual Gathering at Madison: Asbury UMC



**PURPOSE OF
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

The organized unit of 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 a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

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