



Jubilate

Heartland District United Methodist Women

Summer/Fall 2014

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to All in Heartland District UMW! Happy summer, today feels like fall though. Our District Team met Saturday, July 12th in Spencer. That is the location for the Heartland District Annual Gathering Sept. 20th.

Before that we will have Mission u, and I hope to see many of you at either the Four-Day or the Overview Day.

Don't forget if you have lost any of your unit members through death in the past year, send those names as directed with Annual Gathering information.

Since our UM Annual Conference has made the decision to go to five districts in our WI Conference, we will be working through some changes in 2015. For UMW our new districts won't take effect until 2016.

Since we haven't solved our need for new officers, our District Team is offering a slate for the interim in 2015. We would still be very open to any nominations to be brought forward. You can

look for that interim slate in this *Jubilate*. We will continue to work hard for Missions, esp. Women, Youth and Children.

We continue to strive to bring more young women to work for Christ through being members of United Methodist Women. If you have teenage young women, get them interested in "LEGACY" group (Limitless Energy: God Advocating for Change and Youth). They will again have a lock-in at UMW Conference Annual Gathering.

If any of you have things you would like to see happen in Heartland Dist. UMW, please contact one of your officers.

Blessings to all of you as we work for Christ through United Methodist Women,

Sue Claflin, Heartland Dist. UMW President
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JUDY VASBY, WI CONFERENCE PAST PRESIDENT, PARTICIPATES IN DEMONSTRATION

Hi, Ladies-
Holding a sign "remember those in prison", I was in the Senate Parlor at the State Capitol on Wed. 7/9/14 at a press conference for a WISDOM rally on the broken parole system in our Wisconsin State Prisons. It is part of the continuing 11x15 Campaign for Justice which aims to reduce the state prison population from 22,000 to 11,000 by 2014. I did not recognize any of the more than 100 people who gathered in an effort to call attention to this situation.

There will be another rally next month somewhere in the Milwaukee area on another topic of prison reform. I hope more United Methodists, especially United Methodist Women, will attend.
Blessings-
Deaconess in Action-
Judy Vasby

NOTES FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT***Greetings from your District Vice President:***

One of the ways we can implement a mission project in our local churches is to develop a “coffee policy.” Coffee is used routinely in our churches, and there is nothing wrong with a policy that says we will only use fairly traded coffee in our church. Equal Exchange and UMCOR have introduced an organic blend called “Hope’s Blend.” This is a blend of medium and Vienna roasts from Latin America. This celebrates a 10-year partnership and UMCOR receives a small amount from the sale of this product. Contact information is 774-776-7366 or interfaith@equalexchange.coop.

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Heartland District Vice President
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Look for the registration form for Annual Gathering, September 20, 2104 at Spencer United Methodist Church on Page 3. We hope to see you there.

NOTES FROM NOMINATIONS

Due to the lack of a nominations committee and the unknowns of the district restructuring in 2016 for UMW, the team discussed an interim slate of officers for 2015. Other nominations from the floor will be welcome at Annual Gathering, Sept. 20 during the business meeting.

For 2015:

- We will explore hiring a church secretary to publish the *Jubilate*.
- Sue Claflin will serve as treasurer.
- Carol Anderson will serve as president.
- Carol Hornby will serve as secretary, along with Program Resources.

Continuing in office in 2015:

- Sharon Gisselman as vice-president

- Sharon Powell as Mission Coordinator of Education and Interpretation
- Betty Foemmel as Mission Coordinator of Membership Nurture and Outreach
- Deb Pattee as Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Greetings to all the Heartland District Treasurers!

Hope you all are enjoying the nice weather we have been having.

I have been working a lot of overtime at my job; therefore the Treasurer’s job waits for a lull in the month. I will shortly be sending you a recap of this year’s giving to date. The giving has substantially dropped off, so I hope this picks up. Please use the Remittance form which I will also send out. If you have questions, email or call me. My email is pennyelmore1962@gmail.com and My evening phone number is 715-284-5670. Thank all of you for making my job easier. Sincerely, Penny Elmore

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Heartland District Treasurer
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PLEDGE FORM FOR 2015

The pledge form for local units to report their pledge to mission for 2015 is at the back of this newsletter. Please complete and submit at Annual Gathering on September 20 or mail it to Penny Elmore at the address above.

HEARTLAND TEAM MAKES DECISIONS ON CLUSTERS AND SISTER VISITS

The task force report for Heartland District Clusters and Sister Unit visits was accepted by the District Team at the July 12, 2014 meeting.

1. Heartland District will not hold Cluster meetings. **Continued on Page 4**

Save the Date

**2014 Conference Annual Gathering
At Madison Asbury United Methodist Church
Registration beginning 5:30 pm on Friday, October 17
8:00 am on Saturday, October 18**

Highlights:

Worship and singing

Rev. Samuel Royappa - Keynote speaker Saturday morning

Training for everyone – Friday evening

All district officers with their counterparts

All others with Mary Baker in UMW 101

Four activity tables

Six Focus groups

Celebration of 125 years of Deaconess Movement

Program Resource Room

Displays

The Cost: \$25.00

Watch for More Information

Clusters continued

2. Heartland team members will deliver a uniform message to Sister Units.
 - a. In lieu of officer training at Clusters, all Sister Units will be given officer job descriptions annually; these will be developed from the United Methodist Women's Handbook.
 - b. All Sister Units should be contacted in January (phone, letter, email) with the dates and locations of District Spring Spiritual Growth Retreat, District Annual Gathering and Conference Annual Gathering so they can plan ahead to attend.
 - c. At Sister Unit visits team members will ask if someone in the unit receives the *Response*. If the answer is "no", then a one year subscription will be ordered for the unit. *Response* will be give as a source for Bible study and programs.
 - d. We would like to gather email addresses for all local members. This could facilitate communication. Team members should request these email addresses from Sister Units.

Response covers the Mission U studies very well, and if a unit wants to delve into a study more deeply, a request can be made to the Team. We would want the local unit to do the inviting of the near-by units and take the initiative.

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

Heartland District secretary's records (minutes, Annual Gathering program books, officer yearbooks and copies of the *Jubilate*) are on their way to the conference offices in Sun Prairie for storage. With the help of Velma Hockenberry, Wisconsin Conference Historian, these records have been sorted, organized and placed in archival folders so our history will last indefinitely and be available to consult in future years. Thanks, Velma!

At the end of this issue you will find the local officers reporting form for the 2015 calendar year. Please take the time to complete the information that applies to your local unit. Return the completed form to me by November 1, 2014. Send it to Carol Anderson, N3697 Nickols Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615 or email it to me at the address below. Thanks for your help.

Carol Anderson
Heartland District Secretary
715-284-2456
cmaeander@yahoo.com

August 22nd is the deadline for getting this year's (2014) reading reports to me.

I have already received some reports! I would prefer that you use the reading report forms for recording your reading, but if you do not have one, please state the Plan that you participated in, list the book(s) read under the corresponding category, and also whether you have regularly read the *Response* and/or *New World Outlook* magazines.

Remember books from this year's list and the past four years' lists all qualify for credit this year. For more information about the reading program see the chart elsewhere in the *Jubilate*.

Any books that you read from August through December can be counted for next year's reading program (2015).

Please send reports to Carol Hornby at 411 Van Buren St., Black River Falls, WI 54615 or email your report to chornby@centurytel.net.

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Black River Falls, WI 54615
715-284-9655

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY FOR PROGRAM RESOURCES

Program Resources: Summer Leisure Reading

With the mosquitoes and gnats so bad this summer, it's a great time for reading! If you are lucky enough to have a screened porch and a swing and a good book, you have the best of life! I hope that you have been enjoying the many great reads in the 2014 UMW Reading Program. Remember that there are 5 categories of books: Spiritual Growth, Leadership Development, Social Action, Education for Mission, and Nurturing for Community. Youth and children's book also qualify for credit in each of the above areas.

NOTES FROM MISSION COORDINATOR FOR EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

First of all, thank you to all the units that have turned in their Mission Today Reports for 2013. Of the thirty-four listed units in the 2014 Wisconsin Conference UMW yearbook, thirty-two turned in their reports and twenty-one units will be receiving recognition at the Heartland District Annual Gathering as units that have completed enough criteria to be qualified as a Mission Today Unit.

We are happy that most units have been involved in some fashion. A suggestion that I have is to give all the members a list of the criteria when they come

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Education and Interpretation continued

out in this *Jubilate* so that each can look at the list or suggest things for the units to do to meet enough criteria.

The Mission U week was very educational and fulfilling and gave members many suggestions to become more involved with their units. Each unit hopefully can invest in a least one book for each category in the Reading Program and have most of its members complete Plan 1. If you have a small unit geographically close to a larger unit you can hand down a set of books (one from each category) that came out two-four years before the present year 2014. Several groups do this already. Also someone can check if a certain number of these books are in your public library and then you would not have to purchase them.

We can all participate in Mission giving or designated Mission giving such as Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering or the Thank Offering box. All units can concentrate on becoming “green” units. We can wash dishes instead of using paper plates and throwing them away. These are a few suggestions to become more involved.

- Encourage the young women of your church to become more involved in UMW. We older gals need to continue to work for women and children all over the world, and we need to set good examples, as well as, being active participants in UMW.
- Have a vision of what we units can do. Have you ever struggled to see, to read, to drive, to sew etc? When we can see, do we really see? For example, do we see spring leaves on trees, flowers blooming, butterflies, etc.? God created all of this natural beauty for us. Do we really see the people around us, the value of each person? Or do we just see the poverty, the physical appearance or disability?
- Each of us is a blessing from God and that is what we need to see. Look for new possibilities and appreciation in the missions of the church.

Something to think about and look forward to is the following. We have a trip and work days planned for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center from May 9, 2016 to May 12, 2016. We are hoping for at least sixteen people. It will involve three nights stay and two days working. The cost will be in the *Jubilate* early next year so you can be thinking about this.

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2014 Mission Today Units

Mission Today Units have to meet at least 8 of the 19 criteria. They have to meet 4 of the first 7 criteria as well as at least 4 others. These units accomplished this this year.

<p>Almond Black River Falls Cataract Coloma Mauston Merrillan Minoqua Norwalk Plainfield Port Edwards Wesley Rhineland</p>	<p>Rockland Sparta Spencer <p style="text-align: center;">Tomah</p> Tomahawk Trempealeau Trout Run Wausau First <p style="text-align: center;">Wausau</p> Wisconsin Rapids</p>
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NOTES FROM MISSION COORDINATOR FOR MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH

It is very important for Heartland District team members to personally visit Sister Units and become acquainted with them. I have been working with York Center/Loyal group and that group will continue as a local UMW unit. We used the assessment questions and had a round table discussion with each member presenting a question. I will visit with the UMW Unit at Calvary UMC in Coloma on September 2.

Sister Unit team contacts should provide the local units with standard membership forms and a pledge form. It is important to spread information and forms to all local units.

If you aren't sure who your Sister Unit contact is, please check the list.

Betty Foemmel

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715-389-2879

Carol Anderson (715-284-2456) – New Lisbon, Wonevok & Mauston
Sue Claflin (715-358-0343) – Mercer, Rhinelander & Tomahawk
Jean Bonney (608-847-9020) – Plainfield & South Burr Oak
Penny Elmore (715-284-5670) – Alma Center, Hixton & Merrilan
Betty Foemmel (715-389-2879) – Black River Falls, Spencer, York Center & Coloma
Sharon Gisselman (715-845-6775) – Amherst & Minocqua
Susan Hamilton (715-842-2201) – Merrill-Wildwood & Port Edwards
Carol Hornby (715-284-9655) – Tomah, Trempealeau & Whitehall
Sharon Powell (608-372-3120) – Norwalk, Rockland & Sparta
Deb Pattee (715-538-2060) – Montana, Trout Run & Cataract
Bernice Kohlman (715-675-3165) – Almond, Wisconsin Rapids & Wausau Wesley



NOTES FROM MISSION COORDINATOR FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Spring Retreat

A wonderful time was had by 43 women at our annual UMW Spring Retreat, held at Pine Lake Camp on May 17th. Our speaker was Dan Dick, Director of Connectional Ministries. The theme of our one-day conference was "There's just something about that name," focusing on the person of Jesus. Dan spoke to us about the heart of Jesus and the story of the feeding of the 5,000 in Matthew 14:13-21. Then we learned about the mind of Jesus

in Philippians 2:1-13. Lastly, we focused on the spirit of Jesus in Galatians 5:22-23 where we learned about the fruit of the spirit.

Mixed in with Dan's talks, we sang and worshiped together. We had the opportunity to meet others by sitting with some new friends. We were encouraged to introduce ourselves as Jesus would introduce us. Our day ended with sharing something that we learned about Jesus or how the Lord spoke to us.

The mission project was to bring personal care items for the pantries of Wausau First and the Rhinelander UMW groups and each group received half of what was collected. Cash gifts went to Northcott and the Hmong House of Good News. It was a great day, and we hope to see more of you next year.

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NOTES FROM WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

MISSION COORDINATOR FOR SOCIAL ACTION

2014 Mission Action Day

On April 5, 2014, 96 individuals gathered for Mission Action Day at Peace Kaukauna United Methodist Church. Pastor Heather Brewer and Lt. Steve Elliott presented a riveting update on Human Trafficking. Pastor Brewer stated, **“Ending Human Trafficking begins when communities and individuals stand up and proclaim that everybody is a person of sacred worth, and we will not accept that anyone should live in slavery.”**

We are called to be sanctuaries for individuals at risk for human trafficking or who are being trafficked. Individuals at risk or vulnerable for human trafficking include oppressed or marginalized groups, inhabitants of impoverished or disaster areas. Native American women are particularly at risk in Wisconsin. Also at risk are individuals with drug dependency, runaways and at-risk youth (youth who are couch surfing), migrant workers, temporary foreign workers, and undocumented immigrants.

What we can do to impact Human Trafficking:

- Contact your legislator to support Safe Harbor legislation.
- Fight pornography (children are routinely exposed to pornography by 6-7 years of age).
- Join/support advocacy groups [e.g.- exploit no more Milwaukee, Fierce Freedom Eau Claire, Polaris Project, Men Against the Trafficking of Others (MATTOO)].
- Wisconsin Board of Church and Society is in process of setting up a website on Human Trafficking.
- Heather Brewer is in the process of forming 4 teams throughout the state to do presentations to local churches. Contact Heather if you would like to become a member of a team.

- Contact your local Entertainment magazines and request that they do not accept advertisements from escort services.

For the Human Trafficking PowerPoint go to: <http://www.wisconsinumw.org/apps/search?q=Human+Trafficking> and click on the PowerPoint presentation.

Human Trafficking Resources are posted at www.wisconsinumw.org.

The afternoon session on Elder Abuse was presented by Diane Mandler, Supervisor Crisis Intervention and Adult Protective Services, Outagamie Department of Health and Human Services. Contact your county's Human Services Department for follow-up of elder abuse concerns. Updates included information on Mission U, Immigration Reform, and the 11x15 WISDOM project.

April 5 was a National Day of Action to Stop Deportations and Expand Administrative Relief from Deportation. The sanctuary at Peace UMC was available for individuals to pray to stop deportations after the Mission Action Day.

Make 2014 an action year.

Blessings in Christ,

Ruby Dow

Mission Coordinator for Social Action

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A Big Thank you!!!!!!

To Kaukauna Peace UMW, Mary Trettin and Pastor Lucretia Fehrmann for your radical hospitality for 2014 Mission Action Day. Thank you!!!!!!

The Conference Mission Team

NOTES FROM WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW HISTORIAN

History Highlight of Wisconsin Rapids United
Methodist Women

“The Ladies Aid Society in Grand Rapids was organized in September 1848. Six ladies met to talk

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over the advisability of forming themselves into a society as there was no church there at that time. They decided to meet weekly in members' homes. Refreshments at that first meeting consisted of hot biscuits and fresh blackberry jam. One member gave each enough homespun yarn to knit six pairs of socks. They voted to have a supper at the largest home and sell their work. Those socks sold for 75 cents a pair and the supper was a great success. This was the first money made to further their Christian work.

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Grand Rapids was organized in 1859. On November 5, 1890, the Methodist Ladies Aid Society was officially organized. Some of the By-laws were: all ladies of the congregation were eligible for membership by paying a 23 cents initiation fee; weekly dues shall be 5 cents; meetings weekly at residences of members; all tattling/unnecessary talk about absent members strictly forbidden; the society shall not encourage anything contrary to God's work or the welfare of the church.

In 1911, the Grand Rapids Methodist Episcopal Church had 4 Ladies Aid Societies – believed to lead the conference in this. All Ladies Societies were given the use of the basement for their meetings by the Church Board in 1934.

came to tell of the many ways our money had been put to work.

In 1959, the Ladies Aid Society became WSCS, Women's Society of Christian Service. At that time we recorded 204 members in 10 circles plus a Wesleyan Service Guild.

The UMW was formed in 1974, replacing WSCS and Wesleyan Guild. Shirley Carpenter became District president of UMW – a first from our church. The annual UMW Conference meeting was held here in 1975 and 1976.

At present, (this was written in 1984), UMW is composed of over 100 ladies in 8 circles. We meet for a general UMW meeting the first Wednesday of the month in the church lounge. We have 2 morning circles, 2 evening circles, and the remainder meet in the afternoon. The first Saturday of October has been our fall bazaar with all the groups' contributions divided between missions and our local church debt."

Taken from the *WE WILL GO FORTH* history written in 1984.
Submitted by,
Velma Hockenberry, Conference Historian

**HEARTLAND DISTRICT LOCAL UMW UNIT PLEDGE FORM
PLEDGE TO MISSIONS FOR 2014**

Complete this form and turn in at Annual Gathering on September 20, 2014.

2015 PLEDGE TO MISSION \$ _____

2015 PLEDGE TO MISSION U \$ _____

UNIT/LOCAL CHURCH _____

PRESIDENT _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

TREASURER _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

After September 20, 2014 mail this form to Heartland District Treasurer Penny Elmore, N4545 Scantleton Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615.

In October 1954, Carolyn Peckham, a native of Wisconsin Rapids, and our missionary to Japan,

Plan Guidelines for the UMW Reading Program:

Plan I: 5 Books Per Year

- One book from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- Selections can be from the 2010-2014 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including youth titles).
- Regular reading of *Response* magazine.

Plan II: 10 Books Per Year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- Selections can be from the 2010-2014 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including youth titles).
- Regular reading of *Response* and *New World Outlook* magazines.

Plan III: 15 Books Per Year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- PLUS 5 additional books from any category.
- Selections can be from the 2010-2014 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including youth and children's titles).
- Regular reading of *Response* and *New World Outlook* magazines.

Plan IV: 20 Books Per Year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- PLUS 10 additional books from any category.
- Selections can be from the 2010-2014 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including youth and children's titles).
- Regular reading of *Response* and *New World Outlook* magazines.