



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Sisters in UMW:

As we enter the joyful season of summer in Wisconsin, let us remember all those who are not feeling joy at this time. Our hearts go out to those people living through the problems of the issues we learn about in our studies: victims of war, human trafficking, domestic violence, environmental disasters, hunger and poverty. We ask the Spirit to open our hearts during our prayer time to lift up these victims and guide us to ways to transform the lives of people in need.

Our District Gathering on September 17 will be hosted by Mosinee UMC, and includes two exciting presentations. Mike Breunling, a local weather caster, will be speaking with us on climate change. After lunch, we will get to hear the amazing music of 341, a local a cappella trio that makes beautiful harmonies with gospel songs and traditional hymns. I encourage everyone to attend and worship with great music.

Many of us in UMW are aware of the changing generations and struggle to connect with people in younger generations. I want to encourage you that in my work with college students, the desires I see in my students are for more worship, more prayer, more bible study, and more connections to God. While styles and technologies may change, our basic need for God does not. Feel confident in reaching out to new women with study and prayer,

worship and service. God is great, and God will find a way to build his church through our faithful service.

Be blessed this summer, and I look forward to seeing you at District Gathering in September!

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If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping in a closed room with a mosquito. ~
African Proverb

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The District Spring Retreat at Pine Lake Camp, April 16, 2016 was the perfect place to slow down,

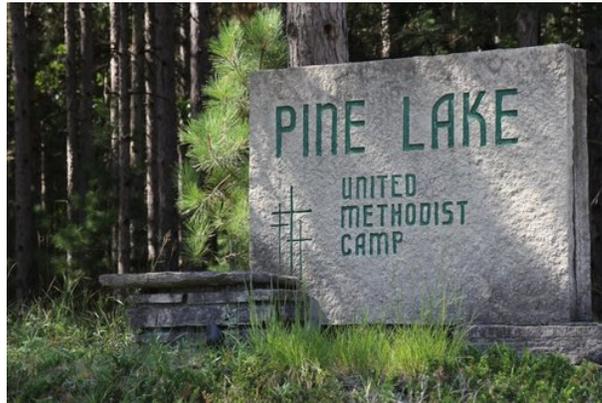
MIDWEST DISTRIBUTION CENTER MISSION TRIP TO SPRINGFIELD

breathe and open our minds, hearts and ears to God’s loving spirit.

Laura Ida led our group of 30 women in her program “Be Prayerful: Exploring Varied Ways to Connect with God”.

Highlights:
Slowing down in order to focus our thoughts, becoming open to the Spirit

Meditative prayer, breath prayer, the history of labyrinths (the Chartres labyrinth was installed between 1194-1220 AD!) and how to use them



We learned to Pray in Color using paper and crayons and markers. We wrote prayer messages on strips of colored fabric and tied them out in the glorious April sunshine to catch the breeze and take our prayers heavenward.

We spent time listening to our UMW sisters, shared a delicious lunch and much laughter!

The 2017 District Spring Retreat is scheduled for April 29th at Pine Lake Camp. Look for registration information in future issues of Jubilate!
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Devotions

God’s servants need prayer

Eph 2:10 NRSV “For we are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.”

My way of life is a servant, a cleaning lady, a cook, a signer for Mission u and a general helper. I can be a lady no matter what I do for occupation. I belong to Jesus my Lord.

This month’s emphasis is on prayer. In Eph. 4:2-6 we read Paul’s prayer. All ladies should participate in prayer to our Heavenly Father.

Eph. 5:18-19 NIV “Be filled with the Spirit speaking to one

another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit.

1. Read the Psalms aloud.
2. Sing the old hymns.
3. Sing the new praise songs.
4. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord. Tell how the Lord has been with you, with thanksgiving to the Father.

My ministry is in Zion UMC ‘s kitchen and at 3-Oaks Golden Living Center. We walk with God in any ministry we do. God directs our paths through the Holy Spirit. Allow God to lead you. We can find harmony in our groups if we follow the lead of the Holy Spirit and accept others with humility and gentleness. When we listen to and accept one another we can go forward in Jesus’ name. After my surgery for total shoulder replacement, I am

again doing and serving where I can. Isaiah 41:10 “God said I will strengthen you and help you.” There are times when our resources will dwindle so that we do rely on His strength to keep going. “He will uphold us with His righteous right hand.” In Judges 7:1-8 God reduced Gideon’s army, but gave him the victory. We can trust God that we will have the victory if we follow His leading and rely on His strength.

Prayer:
Dear God, We are thankful for Your Holy Spirit and for Your strength. You carry us through when we are weak. Help us to remember to give You the credit for every victory in life. In Jesus’ name. Amen.
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From your Coordinator for

Education and Interpretation.....

I feel like I have just made some wonderful new friends and strengthened bonds with women who are already my friends. That’s what happens when women get a “notion” and especially UMW who are on a mission. “It doesn’t matter where we are going so long as we are on the way.” We will make it a positive experience, and we will leave an impact.

On May 10 and 11 a team of 16 women left an impact at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center near Springfield, Illinois. We arrived with 411 pounds of supplies and each completed about 11½ hours of work. In fact we completed the work assigned to us in less time than

Mission Center staff anticipated. We had some extra time for sightseeing. Volunteers begin their time at the Center with a tour of the facility and learning about the possibilities.

For example:

1. The Center collects **bicycles** of all size, ages, and conditions. Volunteers repair or combine parts of damaged bicycles to make operable units. We saw hundreds of bikes waiting to be worked on. The

repaired bicycles are sent to mission projects throughout the world. This is a valuable means of transportation in rural or remote areas that lack a reliable

“The North Central District UMW of Wisconsin volunteered this week. They came in on Tuesday morning with lots of energy and left Wednesday evening with lots of energy. They had so much energy, they shared it with the staff. Love groups that share.” May 12 Facebook post

road system.

2. The Center recycles wooden **bleachers** into student desks. The Center is always



seeking donations from schools that are replacing old wooden bleachers with metal units. A group of regular volunteers at the Center construct desks from the wood. Some of our team sanded and applied the finishing coats. After the desks are completed they are disassembled and shrink

wrapped into a compact package. These desk packages can be stacked and shipped “compactly” to mission schools. We saw a supply loaded for Ghana.

3. The Center collects **sewing machines** of all “vintages” and conditions for volunteers to repair. Treadle machines are particularly important for sewing programs in areas where electricity is not readily available. We saw a lot of old machines. Some were ready to be fixed and others were ready to be shipped to a mission program.

4. The Center’s volunteers complete the various kits that are sent to mission programs. These are the cleaning buckets, the school bags, layette kits, birthing kits, bedding kits, sewing kits, health kits, etc. Each team member contributed \$50 toward the purchase of supplies. We are encouraged to bring things that we make such as

the school bags, baby diapers, sweaters, infant gowns and children’s hospital gowns. We are **(Continued on Page 4) (Midwest Distribution Center Continued from Page 3)** encouraged to support the Center’s work with cash contributions rather than

bringing cleaning buckets. The Center can purchase the cleaning supplies in greater quantity and at greater discounts than most individuals are able to do. However, individuals or companies who have quantity purchasing power will contribute supplies. In addition to assembling layettes for Africa, some of our team sewed school bags, cut fabric and made patterns. The patterns are available to anyone who wants to sew.

Very Important—We met an oncologist from Ghana who now lives in Springfield. He built a hospital in his home village. This hospital could not exist without the resources he has personally invested in this project. We saw a container

that was being loaded for Ghana with desks, mattresses, hospital supplies and many kits assembled by volunteers. He pays for the transportation but all of us could sense his appreciation for the Distribution Center and volunteers who support his efforts. There was a prayer for the container's safe journey and for the people who would receive the supplies

Something to Think About—The next trip to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Think about going as a volunteer. Think about making school bags, baby gowns, hospital gowns, diapers, or knitting baby sweaters. Think about a financial contribution to

support the day-to-day operation of the Center or a contribution for the new warehouse project. Check the MMDC website, www.midwestmissiondc.org for current information about project needs, monthly newsletter and shipments.

Note: If you are using the Center's patterns and are sewing, knitting, crocheting, making diapers, etc., we will collect those items at the District Annual Gathering and send them to the Center.

If you want to reach me, my contact info is sgisselman@aol.com 715-845-6775 or 715-848-1021.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER,
SHARON GISSELMAN**

Save the date:

October 21 and 22 (Friday evening and Saturday)

Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering at Eau Claire Lake Street United Methodist Church
Speakers: Barbara Certa-Werner and Mary Kathryn Pearce

District Leader Training Friday evening and activities for all **Watch for more information and registration blanks.**

*From the Conference Vice-President: Jean Bonney
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Save the date!
North Central District UMW Annual Gathering
Mosinee United Methodist Church, Mosinee
Saturday, September 17, 2016

Registration deadline: September 10, 2016.
 Please copy form and complete for each individual.

Early Registration fee \$15(includes lunch) or \$20 at the door.
 Please make checks payable to North Central UMW District. Mail to: Brenda Arndt,522 Julie Ln, Mosinee,WI 54455.
 Please note any special needs for diet concerns.

This year's theme is climate justice. Mike Bruenling from WAOW Channel 9 will be our guest speaker in the morning. We'll have lunch and fellowship followed by an annual meeting and wrap up the day with worship together and some special music.

Donations will be accepted to Mosinee's local food pantry, **Community Center of Hope**. Donations can be made upon arrival in the form of nonperishable food items, personal toiletries/hygiene items, baby formula/diapers, cat/dog food. Please check expiration dates!

Hope to see you there!
 Your sister in Christ,
 Brenda Arndt
 District Vice President

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City State Zip _____

Is child care needed? _____, If so, age(s) of child or children _____

Emergency contact information: Name _____

Relationship _____ Phone : Day _____

Notes from the Secretary

A secretary is a record keeper and so it is to you that we turn to double check our plans, data, motions, processes, and intentions.

Your work is vital to the smooth workings of any UMW unit, regardless of how small or how large your local unit is.

Your records are used to relay information and to record history.

You are the ones who send contact information to the District and make it possible to easily communicate with our membership.

Thank you so much for all the work you do to keep our organization on its toes, diligent in our communications, and accurate in our work.

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Notes from Nominations Decide to Make a Difference

Make a bigger difference through leadership.

Individually United Methodist Women can accomplish many things. Each one of us can participate in the reading program, make a pledge to missions, work on projects for our local units. Sharing of our time, energy and resources does make a difference.

But we can make a bigger difference if we join our time and talents to those of other UMW members from around the district. We can expand our vision, multiply our energy and set new goals. We will learn from each other. We can find our faith renewed. We will revitalize our spirits.

This spring the nominations committee for the North Central District will be searching for some new faces to join the leadership team. If you are called to join the team, please consider saying "YES". Your ideas are valuable. Your time and energy are needed. You will be an asset to the leadership team.

But experience on the team will also be valuable to you. You will make new friends, strengthen your leadership skills, and broaden your horizons. Saying "YES" will be a good decision.

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A Note from Your District Treasurer

There are 37 units in the North Central District. Of these 37 units, I am still missing mission pledges from 11. However, even if your unit has not made a pledge, please continue sending me whatever amount you can.

Every little bit helps in our overall mission to help others.

Presidents, I urge you to share *Jubilate* with your unit officers if they do not receive a personal copy. Communication is key to success.

*Your greatness is not what you have,
But what you give....*Unknown -

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Seeing and Experiencing Hunger?

In a summary of articles focused on legislation related to levels of support or non-support for nutrition assistance received from Rudy Dow, Mission Coordinator for Social Action, WI Conference UMW, the titles included; “**Child Nutrition Reauthorization**”, “**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**”, “**Summer Food Service Program**”, “**Hunger in the U.S.**”, and “**Economic Recovery.**”

The articles report what the U.S. government and states across the country are discussing about efforts to address hunger. With a school year just completed, you may ask how our schools in Wisconsin are impacting hunger for students.

A related article includes information on the **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)**. What is CEP? It is a tool to ensure that low-income children have access to breakfast and lunch at no charge through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. The option became

available to high-poverty schools and school districts in all states for the 2014-2015 school year.

In Wisconsin, the following numbers were reported on school district participation: in 2015-2016, 50% of eligible school districts participated (an increase from 35% in 2014-2015); in 2015-2016, 62% of eligible schools within those districts participated (up from 51% in 2014-2015).

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A school qualifies for CEP if they have 40% or more students who qualify for free meals. Heading into summer, the need for nutritious meals for youth

continues. Volunteers and organizations may be seen providing meals at community parks, Boys and Girls Clubs, schools, churches, and food pantries. As you look around your community, what action is taking place to provide a happy and healthy summer break for children?

As an individual or group, we can offer our time, money, transportation, networking connections, to continue and expand resources to work towards reducing the hunger throughout our communities across the state.

From Sandy Rikoon, director of the Missouri University Interdisciplinary Center for Food Insecurity, “It’s not people making poor decisions, it’s people making hard decisions and facing trade-offs between medicine and meat or between rent and red beans.” *St. Louis Today*, April 27, 2016

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Final Deadline for Soup Labels Coming Soon

As of July 31, Campbell Soup is no longer continuing their program of soup labels redemption.

So if your unit is collecting soup labels for **Northcott Neighborhood House**, you should probably set a deadline in early June, so you may send them to Northcott Neighborhood House in time for them to use the labels.



Don't wait until Mission u. They need them sooner.

Address:
Northcott Neighborhood House
2460 N. 6th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53212-2756
From the Conference Vice-President: Jean Bonney r.bonney@mchsi.com

Membership Nurture and Outreach Report

The work of United Methodist Women is mission, which includes advocacy and service. As UMW members give to the unheard, raise up women leaders through education and leadership development, and perform in acts of service, we are in mission. This has been the driving force since the organization's creation. We offer our hearts and hands to make life better for women, children and youth around the world.

100% of the 240 units in Wisconsin reported their membership for 2015! Sadly, ten units went on Inactive status. Our little unit at Montana was one of them. The new way of reporting was difficult for many. After the February deadline for reporting, I received the report from the New York Office. At that point, I identified those units who had not reported in each district. The district MN&O's did the follow up entries. Heartland had 9 units who did not report. Anna-Lisa called Mosinee and I did the rest. I have not yet received the final report from the New York Office.

We need to be "Cheer Leaders" for our wonderful organization. Please tell your friends (need not be United Methodist and women in your congregation)

what UMW means to you. Back in 1957, soon after we moved to Wisconsin Rapids, a neighbor called saying, "Would you like to go to circle?" I went and was "hooked"! After my children were all in school, I went back to work. I still attended circle, but never got to the unit meetings because they met at noon on a week day.

This is a reminder that we must be flexible.

We welcome our sisters from Berlin, Markesan, Mattoon, Medford, Wautoma and Wild Rose who are new in our district and say "Good Bye" to Whitehall, which is now in North West District.

With Mission U in our district, I look forward to seeing many of you at Hotel Mead & Conference Center in Wisconsin Rapids.

May God bless you richly, as we serve Him.

In His Love,
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Join Us for an Inspiring 5 Days!

It's time for you to make your plans for attending Mission U this year. If you've gone before, you'll know how rewarding it is! If you haven't attended previously, come and find out for yourself! If you are looking for training so that you might bring topics back to your church, this is your opportunity to learn and participate. You will get to discuss fascinating up-to-date subjects, worship and sing, learn about and support mission projects, and meet new friends.

Four-Days: Monday-Thursday, July 25th-28th

Overview Day: Friday, July 29th

2016 Four-Day Mission u Registration Form

(Use one form per person; duplicate as needed. Please print and fill out entire form.)

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

District (Circle one.) North West North Central North East South West South East

Registration Type

_____ Adult (You may choose one or two studies. Note: if you select one class, you will have a free period each day.)

_____ Teen or Young Woman Age: _____ (Teen and young women have separate programming in the morning.

Please select one study from below for the afternoon.)

Choose one or two:

_____ The Bible and Human Sexuality

_____ Latin America

_____ Climate Change

Select Options

_____ I am a commuter paying only the commuter fee of \$195.

_____ I am requesting a scholarship.

_____ I am clergy requesting Continuing Education Units (CEU).

_____ I am a newly ordained pastor requesting a scholarship.

_____ I am laity requesting Lay Servant/Lay Speaker credit.

_____ I am attending Mission u for the very first time.

_____ I have special dietary and/or other needs. (please specify) _____

Room Requests

NOTE: All rooms have refrigerators and microwaves. There is complimentary WIFI throughout the building.

_____ Single Room (\$445)

_____ Double Room (\$330 per person)

Roommate: _____ \$ _____

Additional lodging requests:

_____ I am requesting additional single lodging on **Sunday night**. (\$110) \$ _____

_____ I am requesting additional lodging on **Sunday night**. (\$65) \$ _____

Roommate: _____

_____ I am requesting additional single lodging on **Thursday night**. (\$110) \$ _____

_____ I am requesting additional lodging on **Thursday night**. (\$65) \$ _____

Roommate: _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Please order the following study books. I will pay for them at Mission u.

_____ The Bible and Human Sexuality _____ Latin America _____ Climate Change

Send payment and registration by June 29th to the Registrar:

Arlene Trull • 305 Becker Street, Rothschild, WI 54474 • (715-359-7756)

Make checks payable
to Mission u.

2016 Overview Day Registration Form Friday, July 28th

(Use one form per person; duplicate as needed. Please print and fill out entire form.)

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

District (Circle one.) North West North Central North East South West South East

Overview Day includes worship, an overview of all three mission studies, an offering taken for Mission Giving, lunch and closing Communion. Lunch is provided in the dining area at the Mead Hotel. Displays and program resources will be available in the morning only. Coffee will be provided.

Special dietary and/or other needs (please specify) _____

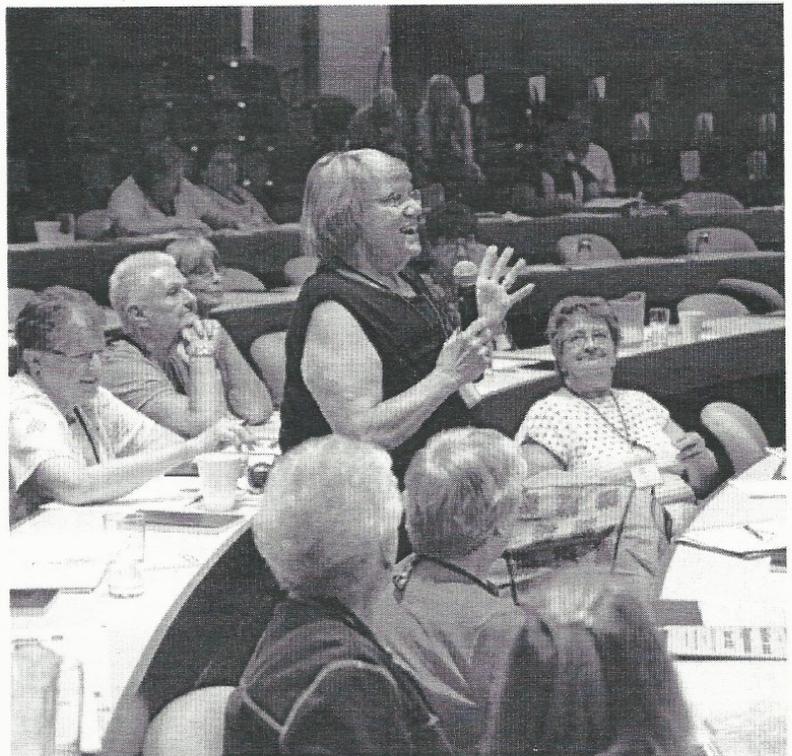
Payment: \$46 for Registration \$ _____
_____ I am requesting additional single lodging on **Thursday night** (\$110) \$ _____
_____ I am requesting additional lodging on **Thursday night** (\$65) \$ _____
Roommate: _____
TOTAL: \$ _____

No refunds, but substitutions are acceptable. A confirmation of your registration will be mailed or emailed to you.

Send payment and registration
by June 29th to the Registrar:

Arlene Trull
305 Becker Street
Rothschild, WI 54474
(715-359-7756)

Make checks payable to Mission u.



Notes From Program Resources

The sun is shining this morning and more plants are pushing through the ground moving us toward the next season. Our lives are filled with many things and I hope the UMW reading program is one of those things. I hope that you are finding the selections enlightening as you explore each category. The reading program stimulates our spiritual growth, helps us build community and continue the work of our foremothers, improving the lives of women and children in our world.

I recently read the book *Just Mercy* from the 2016 reading list in the category of social action. The author is Bryan Stevenson, a young African American lawyer, who established a program called Equal Justice Initiative in the state of Alabama. During law school at Harvard, he had worked with a group in Georgia call the Southern Prisoners Defense Committee whose mission was to assist condemned people on death row in Georgia. From that experience he saw how many had not been represented adequately during their trials and how evidence had been manipulated to obtain conviction. He took on the challenge of working to reverse the injustices he discovered, sometimes successfully and some not.

He grew up in the state of Delaware and was aware of the racial discrimination that existed and still does. The book chronicles many cases he worked on, demonstrating the deficits in our systems and the impact on the individuals and their families. Bryan also addresses the issue of children being tried as adults along with what happens to them while being held in prison with adult offenders. Ted Conover from the New York Times Book Review says “You don’t have to read too long to start cheering for this man....The message of this book...is that evil can be overcome, a difference can be made. *Just Mercy* will make you upset and it will make you hopeful.” I highly recommend it as a part of your reading this summer.

Please keep track of your reading and use the reporting sheet that was in your last newsletter. If you do not have a copy, I would be happy to send one to you. See contact information below. I would like to have your reports by August 29, 2016. Certificates will be presented at our Fall Gathering.

A communication from Brenda Thompson, who is in charge of the reading program, outlines some of the changes that will be taking place with UMW Resource Center. The 2017 reading program list is due out in July in time for our Mission u event. The inventory at the Resource Center is being reduced as sales have decreased leaving large left over inventory at the end of a year. We are being encouraged to check out the UMW Amazon store which is accessible on smart phones, iPads, tablets and computers. The site is <http://astore.amazon.com/wwwunitedmeth-20>

May you find a quiet place to read and ponder the many selections from the years 2011-2016 as long as they have not been used in previous reports. There is a Reading Program Online Community at umwonline.org/groups/reading program.

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