

# WINN-D

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## ARE YOU READY?

I think by the time you get this newsletter spring will be here. We have had a taste of spring for the past couple of days, and now we are getting some much needed rain.

I am looking forward to Mission u coming in a couple of months – July 20-23 for the four day event and Friday, July 24, for Overview Day. Included in this issue is information about this event and registration forms. I can testify that it is a wonderful time of learning, fellowship, relaxation and best of all no cleaning, cooking or making meals. Always interesting classes and much to learn. Take time to read over the information and if possible get signed up right away. You won't be sorry you did. (The information sheet can be duplicated as much as you want.)

I said in February's newsletter that change is coming. Please take note of the following change: Last year our Winnebago District UMW team set up a date and time for our annual gathering this fall. Waupun UMW graciously agreed to host our gathering on the first Saturday of October. But with Winnebago and Nicolet Districts becoming one, it was decided to go together for one district gathering. Therefore, Winnebago District will be joining Nicolet District in an annual gathering on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at Brillion: Faith United Methodist Church. Each district will have time to take care of their individual district's business – accepting minutes of their last year's annual gathering, awarding certificates to units, and retiring of their officers. And we will celebrate our becoming one district. There will be a lot more about this annual gathering in a newsletter later in the year.

Because of this change and the two districts becoming one, there is the necessity for each district to get information from every unit about their pledge of support for 2016 by May 15<sup>th</sup> or sooner if possible. Winnebago District units please get this information to Bev Kimble, our district treasurer, either by mail, email or phone call.

We will miss the women of the units that will be leaving the Winnebago District and going to North Central District - Berlin, Wautoma, Wild Rose, Markesan, and Randolph/Courtland, and also Columbus and Fall River who will be leaving and joining the South West District. We have been together as a district for a long time and have gotten to know each other. But now it will be a time to get to know other women and make some new friends. We'll see each other at Conference events such as Mission u and annual gathering. It will be an exciting time for all of us.

Mary Trettin, Winnebago District President

## Greetings from the District Secretary!

Happy Spring! Finally-warmer weather. It feels SOOOOO good, doesn't it?! Woo Hoo!



### **How to Send in Your Roster of Officers this Fall**

**(All units in Winnebago District will be in a different district as of Jan. 1, 2016).**

Per Leah Sailor, Conference Secretary:

1. Your unit secretary always receives a request from the district secretary for a roster of your units' officers for the following year. This happens in fall. This will continue.
2. Your Winnebago District Secretary (me) will send the unit roster request to **EVERY unit PRESENTLY in the Winnebago District.** (Same as last year).
3. Your secretary will complete the form giving the name, address, office etc. of each officer in your UMW unit for 2016 and return it to me-Chris. If the request comes before you have had a chance to choose next year's officers, she will make the best guess. (Same as last year).
4. The Winnebago District Secretary will then send this information to the new district's (2016) secretary.

*Your secretary does not have to do anything differently than last year.*

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. This procedure should ensure that all unit officers will get into the new district.

Chris Worrall, Winnebago District Secretary

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920-203-9888



**MISSION U IS COMING!!**

## TREASURER

The Nicolet/Winnebago spring retreat was held on May 2; and although it is now just a memory, it is a memory that will last for months (and perhaps years) to come. Judy Vasby did an excellent job in providing the program which was about the metamorphosis of the butterfly. She likened each stage of the butterfly's development to the stages of Christian development that we humans experience. It was very spiritual and informative and gave us a lot to think about.

If you have not yet contacted me to let me know what your pledge is for 2016, please do so as soon as possible. I know it is a little early to determine what that figure might be, but we are being asked for it at this time because of the redistricting that will take effect on January 1, 2016.

A lot of planning is necessary to make this redistricting happen, and our officers are very busy working things out in order for it to be a smooth transition.

I hope you have a wonderful summer. If you are lucky enough to get away for a little vacation, relax, have fun and return safely feeling refreshed and with a renewed spirit.

Bev Kimble  
105 Queens Way  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935  
(920) 933-2771



## COMMUNICATIONS

Spring is here! Praise the Lord!!!! I hope you are all enjoying your spring as much as I am enjoying mine.

Mission u is coming up July 20<sup>th</sup>. There is a registration form elsewhere in this newsletter. I have always enjoyed being a part of Mission u. It is a time just for us – a time to refresh, relax, ponder, socialize, learn, whatever is needed in our lives.

We are sad to hear that Hmong House has closed it's doors. However, keep saving those milk moo-lah caps. Harbor House is now getting them.

Have a wonderful summer!

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## EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION



Spring has arrived, we hear all the wonderful songs of our song birds, and see all the beautiful flowers and flowering trees God has given us, what more could we ask for?

As women of United Methodist Missions we do have some goals to accomplish this year 2015 to receive our mission award certificate. I'm sure each unit with your ambitious women will accomplish this goal. We do have new goals to follow. A copy of the goals is included in this month's Winn-D. Each unit will receive a copy of the reporting form shortly in the mail. Have a good year and may the good Lord give each one of you many Blessings.

Betty Eichstedt



## SPIRITUAL GROWTH COORDINATOR

Hi! I hope this year has started out with all the feelings that God can give you.

Seeing as how it is spring once again plans have started for the Church/Sunday School and the Confirmands. On April 26 Waukau United Methodist Church UMW did a full church service with all the Sunday School and Confirmation classes. I was blessed to be the teacher this year. We look forward to this each year to show how our kids learn and get acquainted with the families of our church. I would like to send God's love out to all of you and remember that I would like to be there for anyone that wants to talk or pray. I feel that God needs us and our friends and families to grow in his steadfast love and caring. If I may I would like to ask you to say some prayers for my son Shannon. He is having a real hard time finding his way in this world. So, in the meantime, look to God in prayer and maybe you will receive what you want and need. I WILL BE PRAYING FOR YOU ALL.

In His name I pray for you.

Linda Bartotto  
Spiritual Growth Coordinator

**WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW  
MISSION TODAY**

**Mission Tasks for 2015**

To become a Mission Today organization, please complete two (2) criteria from each category. Please try at least one (1) new criteria and report in fall of 2015.

*United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose  
PURPOSE is to know God...*

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1. Plan programs that encourage spiritual growth. (Program book, response magazine, etc.)
  2. Create prayer partners with other church groups.
  3. Pray using the Prayer Calendar at meetings.
  4. Organize the spiritual growth study from Mission u, possibly several evenings/ weeks.

*to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;*

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1. Take advantage of opportunities thru UMW such as Mission u, Spiritual Growth Retreats, Annual Gatherings, Mission Action Day.
  2. Set aside a time to go over the year's plans using Mission Today Mission Tasks.
  3. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice program.
  4. Present a mission study from Mission u, inviting church members.

*to develop a creative, supportive fellowship;*

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1. Honor the organization's leaders and member's contributions with Special Mission Recognition pins. Don't forget community leaders.
  2. Encourage everyone to visit or invite visitors to/from other local UMW organizations.
  3. Publicize your events using newsletters, bulletin boards, Sunday bulletins, social media, phone calls, etc.
  4. Plan a year end program to give thanks and celebrate your accomplishments.

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1. Encourage all members to participate in the Pledge for Mission; give reports on where the money goes.
  2. Involve all members in fundraising (think creatively).
  3. Contribute to scholarships(UMW related) and Mission u. (\$25.00 or more).
  4. Partner with a mission institution such as Northcott, Hmong House of Good News, etc.

# 11X15

For safer, healthier communities



Our United Methodist heritage is based on social justice and social action. A social action issue is the 11x15 a project of WISDOM. It is Wisconsin's commitment to reduce its prison population by half, to 11,000 by the end of 2015. WISDOM is a statewide network of congregation-based community organizations that work out their values in the world. WISDOM unites people of faith to transform lives, communities, and to transform congregations. In 2013, the state increased the successful Treatment Alternatives and Diversions (TAD) program by 150%!! In 2014 the 11x15 campaign worked to increase TAD funding, reform sentencing, and reform policies affecting prisoners. After serving their sentences, citizens are subject to unnecessary barriers to work, housing, drivers' licenses and education. The 11x15 campaign supports efforts to remove barriers to return to the work place. For information about the 11x15 campaign go to [www.prayforjusticeinwi.org](http://www.prayforjusticeinwi.org). Pray for our police officers and local & state leaders to provide safe and healthy communities.

Sharon Kardoskee

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## DID YOU KNOW

### **Fighting for the Chaco**

**Indigenous communities and women lead the battle to defend the endangered South American forest.**

**May 2015 Issue of Response Magazine**

*by Paul Jeffrey*

The Chaco is under assault. With growing international worry about deforestation in the larger Amazon basin to the north, foreign corporations seeking land to feed China's hunger for soybeans and the world's thirst for oil and gas have invaded the Chaco, a vast and biologically diverse expanse of grasslands and dry forest that spreads across parts of Argentina, Bolivia and Paraguay. Yet people who have long called the Chaco their home are fighting back, with indigenous communities and women leading the way.

Read more on the UMW website: <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/fighting-for-the-chaco>

## **MEMBERSHIP! NURTURE! OUTREACH!**

Have you ever talked to a long-time friend about an upcoming UMW meeting or project and invited her to participate? Did she answer, "Thank you, I've never been asked before!" That happened to me about a month ago. I was really embarrassed! **Even though it is repeated over and over that all women are invited to attend our programs or activities, the personal touch is important and necessary!!!**

Thank you to all of you who so promptly sent your membership reports!!! :)

The date of our UMW Gathering will be September 26 in Brillion. The 2015 Winnebago and Nicolet UMW Districts will meet together. **The new UMW Conference, Districts and local groups will not officially reorganize until January 1, 2016, however.**

**Attention 1:** Please be aware that I will need the names of all your members who have passed away since September 30<sup>th</sup> 2014 or who were not recognized during the memorial service that was held at the 2014 District Gathering. **The new names will be needed by mid-September. I will make a contact with you by mail in August so you will know the procedure and date for contacting me.**

**Attention 2:** This next request is not written any place however I feel that the **Membership chair or the Secretary are the likely persons to pass along the info for your group. Please assume the responsibility for assuring it is done!** In trying to contact one of the local groups, I was informed recently that a new president had been named. (I was attempting to complete my membership report that the requests were sent in January!) Since your Conference and District teams depend upon a current list of officers for our communications, it is vital that these names, addresses, current E-mails, and phone numbers be kept up-to-date. Please check your group's information now and send any revisions to me.

Thank you for your attention to these requests.

In Christ's service,

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## PROGRAM RESOURCES

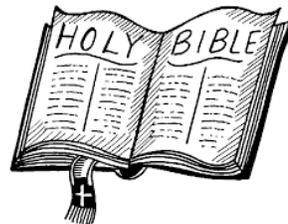
The Winnebago District Annual Gathering will be combined with Nicolet this year. This will give us a chance to meet the people that we will be combining with next year, January 1. I am really looking forward to meeting them and to be able to fellowship with them. Winnebago District will have an opportunity to give out our awards, just as we have in the past.

I will be doing the Reading Program awards for our District. The meeting is a little earlier than ours usually is (September 26), so I need to have the Reading Program lists a little earlier. Please have them to me by August 15, 2015. That will give me time to prepare for the meeting. A copy of the Reading Program reporting form follows later in the Winn-D.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Although it is impossible to obtain exact figures, there is little doubt that the Bible is the world's best-selling and most widely distributed book. A survey by the Bible Society concluded that around 2.5 billion copies were printed between 1815 and 1975, but more recent estimates put the number at more than 5 billion. By the end of 1995, combined global sales of *Today's English Version (Good News) New Testament and Bible* (copyright for which is held by the Bible Societies) exceeded 17.75 million copies, and the whole Bible had been translated into 349 languages; 2123 languages have at least one book of the Bible in that language.

[www.guinnessworldrecords.com](http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com)





# 2015 Wisconsin Mission u



United  
Methodist  
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION



Plenary meeting at 2014 Mission u in Westwood.  
—Photo by Velma Hockenberry

## Four-Days:

Monday-Thursday,  
July 20th - 23rd

## Overview Day:

Friday, July 24th

*It's* almost time for you to plan this year's vacation getaway at Mission u. If you've always wondered what goes on at school, maybe this year is the time for you to try it. We discuss fascinating, up-to-date subjects; worship and sing - a lot; take time to get together for fellowship; support a mission project; and eat good food that we haven't had to cook. If you're looking for training so that you might bring these topics back to your church, this is your chance to learn and participate. Then share all you've learned with your friends in church or with your wider community.

***Our New Mission studies this year (you may choose two):***

**Spiritual Growth —**

***Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God***

**Geographic study —**

***Latin America: People and Faith***

**Issue study—**

***The Church and People with Disabilities***

# Four-Day Mission u

Wisconsin Mission u is for almost everyone: women, men, youth, young adults, laity, clergy — YOU!

## Mon., July 20th — Thurs., July 23rd

**Registration:** 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday  
**Opening Plenary:** 10:30 a.m. Monday  
**Sending Forth:** 12:30 p.m. Thursday  
**Meals:** Four-Day student meals begin with lunch Monday and end with breakfast (at the hotel) Thursday

**Cost: Four-Day student registration**  
**Includes meals, hotel room and materials**  
**\$330.00** Double room      **\$445.00** Single room

**Commuter registration: \$195.00 includes meals**  
**Registration is required by June 29th — it is transferrable, not refundable. No registrations will be accepted after this date.**

CHILD/ADULT CARE: Please contact the Registrar for this information.

**Use the Four-Day registration form (page 3)** to register for Four-Day Mission u.

Don't forget to order your study books when registering. Pay when you pick them up at Mission u!

## Mission u offers you all this

Come together with people of all ages to develop a greater understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context.

- Worship and singing
- Special interest groups
- Audiovisual presentations
- Fellowship events
- A great vacation bargain

Wisconsin Mission u takes place at the Westwood Conference Center, 1800 Westwood Center Boulevard, Wausau, WI 54401. (Exit 1-39/29/51 at Exit 193 Bridge Street). See the map on page 6. Lodging arrangements for Mission u are at the Fairfield Inn and Suites, just a 10 minute drive from the Westwood Conference Center. Transportation to and from the hotel and conference center is included in your Four-Day registration. Four-Day Mission u runs from Monday through Thursday, July 20th—23rd.

## Overview Day

### Friday, July 24th

**Registration:** 8:15 a.m. — 9:00 a.m.  
**Opening Plenary:** 9:00 a.m.

- Overview of all three mission studies
- Study books and reading materials available for purchase
- Mission Giving offering taken

**Sending Forth:** 3:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** Overview Day student \$46.00

**Registration is required by June 29th. It is transferrable but not refundable.**

**Use the Overview Day registration form (page 4). Each person must use a separate form — you may photocopy as needed. Invite a friend!**

## Mission u Scholarships may be available

- First time attendees
- Teen women
- Clergy - who are newly ordained pastors
- Continuing Education Credits for pastors
- Layspeaking/Layservant credit available for laity

**For more information, contact Registrar Arlene Trull, [aetrull@gmail.com](mailto:aetrull@gmail.com).**

# 2015 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Local Church \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration type (check only one):**

Adult (18-over)  Teen Woman (13-17)  Young Adult (18-25)

Adults may choose one or two studies.

If you're over age 18 and wish to take classes with Teen Women, please check here

- Latin America
- Created for Happiness
- The Church and People With Disabilities
- Young Women

I am requesting a scholarship Age \_\_\_\_\_

I am attending Mission u for the very first time

I am clergy requesting Continuing Education Credits (CEU)

I am requesting handicap accessibility  I am laity requesting Layspeaking/Layservant credit

I am a newly ordained pastor requesting a scholarship and have already talked to the Registrar

I am a commuter (paying the commuter fee noted on page 2 of brochure)

I have special dietary and/or other needs (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Send payment & registration by June 29th to:**

Arlene Trull

305 Becker Street, Rothschild, WI 54474

715-359-7756 [aetrull@gmail.com](mailto:aetrull@gmail.com)

Make checks payable to **Mission u**

**Room Options — Choose only one and be aware that the first three double room options are first come, first serve:**

King Bed (with walk-in shower)  King Suite (with pull-out couch and walk-in shower)

2 Queen Beds (with tub/shower)  Single Room (paying the single room rate per page 2)

Additional Lodging Requests — please contact the Registrar

I am requesting additional lodging — mark appropriately with an X:

Sunday night  Thursday night

Each additional night's stay is at the double room rate of **\$94.00** which can be split with a roommate — discuss with Registrar

**TOTAL PAYMENT: See Cost under Four-Day Mission u on page 2: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLEASE NOTE — DUE JUNE 29TH**

**Please order my study books.** Indicate number of each book requested

**Pay for your books at Mission u**

Latin America

Created for Happiness

The Church and People With Disabilities

Young Women

# 2015 Overview Day Registration Form

## Friday, July 24th

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Local Church \_\_\_\_\_

**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 room, conveniently located at the Westwood Conference Center. Displays and Program Resources will be available in the morning only.**

Special dietary and/or other needs (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Payment (see Cost on page 2 of brochure):\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payment and registration due by June 29th

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

**Send full payment and registration by  
June 29th to:**

Arlene Trull

305 Becker Street, Rothschild, WI 54474

715-359-7756 [aetrull@gmail.com](mailto:aetrull@gmail.com)

Make checks payable to **Mission u**



*2014 Mission u registration at Westwood.*

*— Photo by Velma Hockenbderry*



Dean Dee Klawitter, left and Assistant Dean Gail Burgess. —Photo by Stacy Ganzer.

## If you've never attended Mission u at Westwood

This is what you can expect:

- Air-conditioned meeting rooms, plenary room (and hotel rooms)
- Handicap accessible meeting rooms, plenary room (and hotel rooms)
- Hotel accommodations are included in your registration for Four-Day Mission u
- Shuttle service between the Fairfield Inn and Suites and the Westwood Conference Center
- Choice Time activities throughout the week

## While you're at Mission u, send the kids to camp

Treat your children to a marshmallow roasting, game playing good time at camp while you attend Mission u. **YO-MI-CA** runs from Sunday, July 19th to Friday, July 24th at Pine Lake Camp in Westfield. The children will live in cabins and learn about different missions while having fun and making lifelong friends. YO-MI-CA stands for Youth Missions Camp and, as you may note, it cleverly coincides with the UMW Mission u. It begins at 3:30 p.m. Sunday and ends Friday at 2:30 p.m. It might be a good idea to get reservations in early. For fee and more info contact: [www.wiumcamps.org/](http://www.wiumcamps.org/)

## Children's Services chosen to be Mission u's 2015 Mission Project

Located in the Washington Park area of Milwaukee, the United Methodist Children's Services (UMCS) serves women, children and families with affordable housing, childcare, food, household items, and neighborhood organizing.

The affordable housing (both apartments and duplex units), on-site social services, and childcare are facets of a comprehensive program designed to enable low-income, single parent families to become economically self-sufficient.

The Growing Tree Children's Center continues to increase in enrollment, and the emergency food pantry is the largest in Milwaukee County.

Suggested donations (other than cash): \$10 Gift Cards from Walgreens, Target or Pick'n Save; laundry baskets, high efficiency (HE) laundry detergent for front loading washers (for example: HE Tide), kitchen size garbage bags, dishwashing detergent, toilet paper, painting supplies (such as cut-in brushes, roller covers, painting tape).

# Westwood Conference Center

1800 Westwood Center Boulevard, Wausau, Wisconsin 54401

## Driving from the NORTH on US 51/I-39

Take Exit 193 (Bridge Street).  
Turn right at Bridge Street (0.3 mi).  
Turn right at Westwood Drive (0.1 mi).  
Turn right at Westwood Center Boulevard; follow and take a right off the roundabout to continue onto Westwood Center Blvd. (427 ft.) Visitor parking is located all the way past the main entrance in the back.

## Driving from the SOUTH on US 51/I-39

Take Exit 193 (Bridge Street).  
Turn left at Bridge Street (0.3 mi).  
Turn right at Westwood Drive (0.1 mi).  
Turn right at Westwood Center Boulevard, follow and take a right off the roundabout to continue onto Westwood Center Blvd. (427 ft.). Visitor parking is located all the way past the main entrance in the back.

## Driving from the EAST or WEST on WI-29

Merge with US 51/I-39 North.  
Take Exit 193 (Bridge Street).  
Turn left at Bridge Street (0.3 mi.)  
Turn right at Westwood Center Boulevard, follow and take a right off the roundabout to continue onto Westwood Center Blvd. (427 ft.). Visitor parking is located all the way past the main entrance in the back.



# Fairfield Inn & Suites - Weston

7100 Stone Ridge Dr., Weston, WI

## Driving from NORTH or SOUTH on US 51/I-39

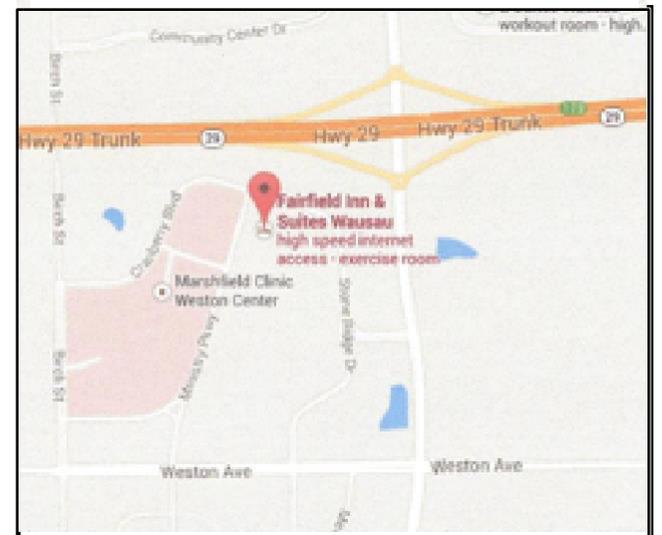
1. Take WI-29 East interchange toward Green Bay.
2. Take EXIT 173 (County Road X/Camp Phillips Rd.)
3. Turn RIGHT onto Cty. Rd. X/CampPhillips Rd.
4. Turn RIGHT onto Westview Blvd.
5. Turn RIGHT onto Stone Ridge Dr.
6. Fairfield Inn & Suites will be on left.

## Driving from the EAST on WI-29

Take WI-29 East interchange toward Green Bay.  
Take EXIT 173 (County Road X/Camp Phillips Rd).  
Turn LEFT onto Cty. Rd. X/Camp Phillips Road.  
Follow steps 4-6 above.

## Driving from the WEST on WI-29

Take WI-29/US 51/I-39 interchange South. Take the WI-29 East interchange toward Green Bay.  
Take EXIT 173 (County Road X/Camp Phillips Rd.)  
Take RIGHT onto Cty. Rd. X/Camp Phillips Road.  
Follow steps 4-6 above.



# Wisconsin Conference Districts

## July 2015

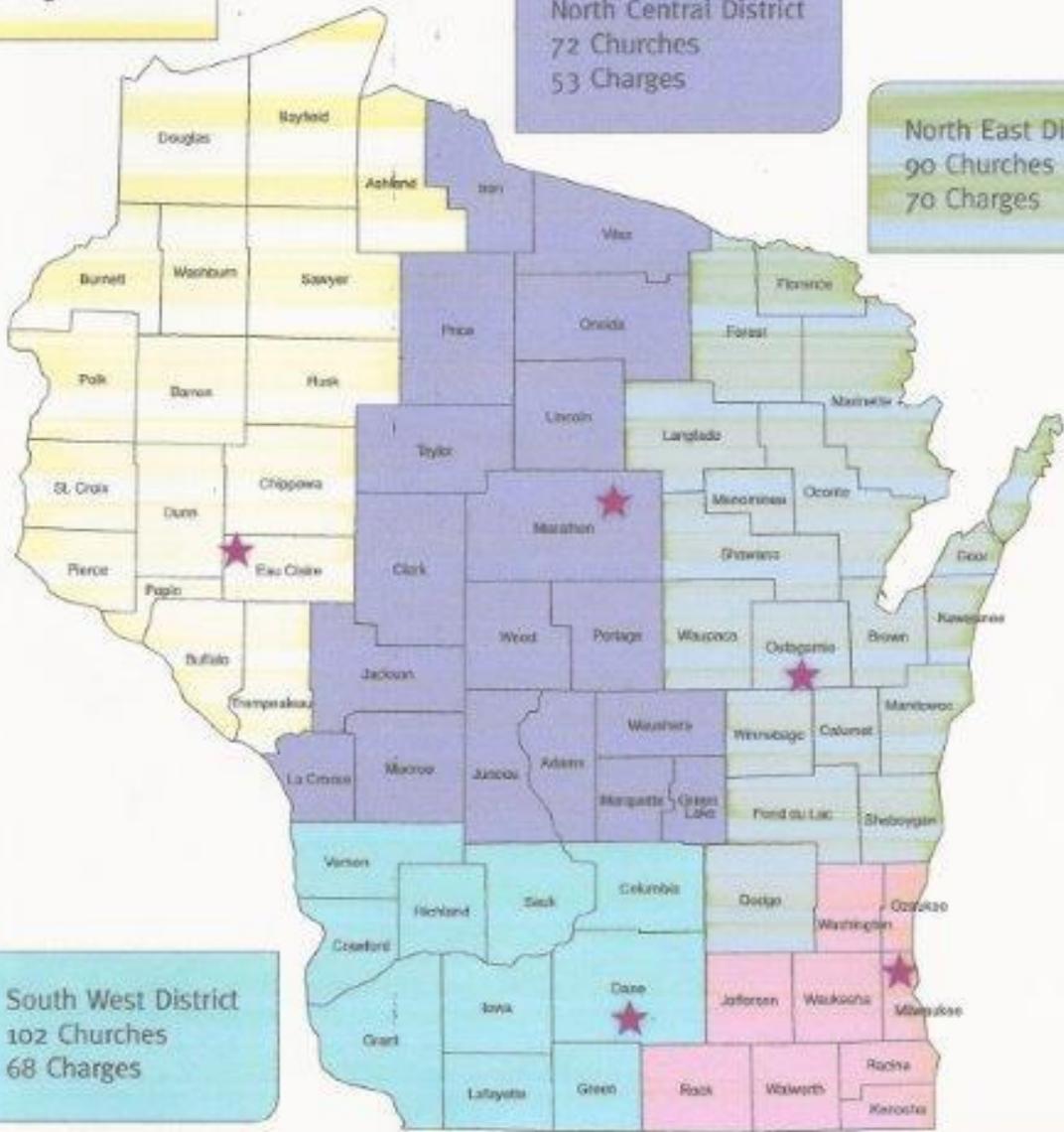
**North West District**  
 83 Churches  
 44 Charges

**North Central District**  
 72 Churches  
 53 Charges

**North East District**  
 90 Churches  
 70 Charges

**South West District**  
 102 Churches  
 68 Charges

**South East District**  
 109 Churches  
 98 Charges



Stars represent placement of District Superintendents



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Dates for 2015 -----

July 20-23 (Monday-Thursday) Mission u @ Westwood Convention Center, Wausau  
July 24 (Friday) - Mission u Overview Day @ Westwood Convention Center, Wausau  
September 26 (Saturday) Combined Winnebago/Nicolet District Annual Gathering  
October 23-24 – (Friday night/Saturday -Conference Annual Gathering  
at Eau Claire: Lake Street UMC