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May-June 2014

Now It's Up to Us!

How Will You



Living up to Assembly 2014!

Metro North Calendar

June 7 & 8	“Love Is” Part 2, Relationship Workshop at Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 West Vliet St. Milwaukee Sponsored by St. James UMW. For more information, contact Muriel Smith Gross at 414-871-7699
June 14	Miss Juneteenth Day Pageant at Heartlove Pl, 3229 N Martin Luther King Dr., Milwaukee
June 19	Juneteenth Day Festival 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
June 23	Clergy/Laity Free Learning Day at Wisconsin Annual Conference at Marriott Madison West in Middleton; Details on Conference Web Site. It's FREE but Registration Required
July 15	NorthStar Articles Due to Jackie
July 28- 31	Mission u Four Day Event – Wausau
August 1	Mission u Overview Day – Wausau
August 22-24	Conference Mission Team Meeting - Pine Lake
September 27	Joint Metro North/Metro South Annual Celebration & Training at Waukesha First UMC
October 15	NorthStar Articles Due to Jackie
October 17-18	Conference Annual Gathering - Madison Asbury UMC
November 7-8	Conference Mission Team Meeting – Shawano
December 13	Metro North Mission Team Meeting & Christmas Social

Share your mission works and fund raising events with other UMWs. . . .Be connected with each other. If you wish to add something to this calendar to appear in our August issue, please contact Jackie Felde 920-458-5679 or jfelde5679@charter.net

UMW Purpose

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.

From Our Metro North President:

Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter we'll all basking in the warm sunshine after a very long, cold winter. Those of you who attended Assembly in Louisville are back with a new "lift in your step" and re-energized to get involved in mission work. Some of us also met on May 3 at Central UMC to meet and listen to Anita Henderlight talk to us about her involvement with Africa Eli (Education and Leadership Initiative) in South Sudan and how the unrest in that country has impacted her organization.

I don't know about you, but the reawakening of spring invigorates me to renew my commitment to United Methodist Women. I've made so many friends since I joined seven years ago. One of our local presidents called me in April to ask how to order special mission recognition pins for members of her unit. It was so good talking to her. I enjoyed her outreach and encourage all local presidents to feel free to contact me with questions or just to chat. Following are some opportunities for more involvement on your part. I encourage you to take advantage of them.

Danny Gokey, the former music director from Milwaukee and Season 8 third-place finalist on "American Idol" has a new Christian album coming out soon. Danny will be performing at Fox River Christian Church in Waukesha on June 27, three days after the release of his album, "Hope in Front of Me." Some of the songwriters and producers on this album have collaborated with Barbara Streisand, Casting Crowns and Amy Grant.

This homecoming show will be a benefit for **Exploit No More**, an organization of churches in the Milwaukee metro area devoted to raising awareness around child sex trafficking and to provide care for survivors. One of our District's social action goals focuses on Human Trafficking. Involvement with the **Exploit No More** organization helps us reach this goal. This would be an excellent opportunity to show your support and enjoy a social evening out with family and/or friends. Tickets for this 7 p.m. show are \$10 for general admission and \$20 for preferred seating. Tickets are available at Fox River Christian Church (S46-W24130 Lawnsdale Road, Waukesha) or at *itickets.com*.

Mission u is just around the corner. The four-day event will be Monday through Thursday, July 28-31; the overview day is Friday, August 1. It will again be held at the Westwood Conference Center in Wausau. Your District "Sister" will be sending local organization presidents Mission u brochures and applications. The mission focus for Mission u will be Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee. Northcott has survived and thrived as a non-profit in the neighborhood for 53 years. The loss of the Head Start program has affected their finances and now, even more than before, donor contributions are critical. Please collect money from your local organizations and bring it to Mission u to help support the projects and services of Northcott.

Also set aside Saturday, September 27th for our joint Metro North/Metro South annual gathering. This year's meeting will be held at Waukesha First UMC. Reverend Marianne Cotter will speak on "The Mystical Way of Evangelism."

I hope you all have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you at some of the above events. Take care and God Bless.

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"We plan the way we want to live, but only God makes us able to live it." Proverbs 16:9

From Our District Vice President:

Hello Metro North UMW

Earlier in this year I prayed for more money to enable me to go places for fun and increase my charitable contributions and activities for the church... I was hoping for money to be magically deposited in my checking account. As we all know, it doesn't work that way. Instead I got offered a temporary full time management position (no, I hadn't done management in 20 years) in nursing on a wing I've never worked on before. The Lord works in wonderful and mysterious ways. I found myself today so busy preparing for Easter dinner and cleaning the house for family that will be visiting while I'm in Kentucky at Assembly. Then I had to force myself to sit down and write this. I am glad that I did. When our prayers are answered we need to sit down and recognize the blessing. HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Hope to see you in Assembly in Louisville! The more I hear about the programs and speakers the more excited I am that I planned on attending. Please keep your calendars open for these dates for continued inspirational opportunities.

July 22-July 25th Mission U. Friday, July 26th Overview Day Wausau, WI.

September 27th Joint Metro North/Metro South Annual Celebration – Waukesha First UMC

October 17-18 Conference Annual Gathering – Madison Asbury UMC

Please call me if you have any questions.

Blessings,

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JUNETEENTH DAY CELEBRATION - BEGINNING JUNE 19, 1865

FREEDOM DAY ----- EMANCIPATION DAY

Beginning in 1860 and continuing through 1861 eleven Southern states seceded from the American Union to form the Confederate States of America. They waged war against the American Union and fought vigorously to preserve its sovereignty: to preserve slavery, states' rights and political liberty for whites.

President Abraham Lincoln of the American Union knew that the success of the Confederate Army was highly dependent on their slave labor – their stronghold to keep their agricultural driven economy viable. To cripple the Confederate Army and quell the rebellion President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863: "...all rebellious states must free their slaves, all persons held as slaves shall be then , thence forward, and forever free, ... ". Unfortunately, the news didn't get to the slaves in Galveston, Texas the last stronghold of slavery in the Confederate States territory until June 19, 1865, two and a half years after the proclamation was issued. Thus: JUNETEENTH DAY - CELEBRATING THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY in the state of Texas. Throughout the years it has come to mean the abolition of slavery in all the Union. JUNETEENTH is a time to celebrate, to reflect, to plan for future, etc. It may last for a day, week, or month. Small family gatherings, community picnics, parades, festivals, formal commemorations are held all over. In about half of the states of the US there are formal recognitions to include formal holiday. It is also celebrated in other countries, including Ghana, Honduras, Japan, Taiwan, and Trinidad. NORTHCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE WILL HOST ITS 43RD CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH DAY THIS YEAR on Thursday, June 19. See the details and join in the celebration. "YOU'LL BE GLAD THAT YOU DID".

Cathryn P. Luse, Nominations Committee

Northcott Neighborhood House, Inc.
Presents

The 43rd Annual Juneteenth Day Celebration

Miss Juneteenth Day Pageant

5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 14, 2014
Heart Love Place
3229 North Dr. Martin Luther King Drive
Milwaukee, WI. 53212
Tickets: \$10.00

Juneteenth Day Parade

10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 19, 2014
Parade route is North 19th Street and West Atkinson Avenue to
North Dr. King Drive and south to West Burleigh

Juneteenth Day Street Festival

Thursday, June 19, 2014
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Dr. Martin Luther King Drive (Between West Center & West Burleigh Sts.)

Opening Ceremony

12:00 noon on the Miller Coors Main Stage
North Dr. Martin Luther King Drive and West Locust Avenue

For more information contact:
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(414) 372-3770

If you want to help, please contact Cathryn P. Luse
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Juneteenth Mission

"To bring all Americans together to celebrate our common bond of freedom through the recognition, observance, education and historic preservation of Juneteenth in America."

Milwaukee first celebrated Juneteenth Day in the 1970s and the annual event continues today.

From Our Spiritual Growth Coordinator:

When the North Star was last published I was on a VIM trip to Honduras. This was my sixth trip to Honduras. My time with the Honduran people has been such a blessing to me. Since I have been back, I seem to have been so busy that I have not caught up with anything. With all the committee meetings, volunteer work, family demands, Lenten programs and putting on programs for UMW groups, I seem to be slipping up on the time I need for myself and my daily time with God. I have been feeling hectic and guilty till I ran across this devotion from Our Daily Bread which I thought I would share with you.

Many believers long to spend daily time with God, praying and reading His Word, but are distracted by a busy schedule.

Oswald Chambers has wisely commented on the transforming power of even five minutes in the presence of the Lord. Indeed, even a short time spent in intercession and the Word still has great value: "It is not the thing on which we spend the most time that moulds us, but the thing that exerts the greatest power. Five minutes with God and His Word is worth more than all the rest of the day." This sounds like an overstatement yet powerful results can come from even a short time of prayer, because God is powerful.

Sometimes our days are filled with busy demands that crowd out time spent in listening to and responding to God. But no matter where we are, anytime taken to build our own spiritual "altar" to the Lord as Abram did (Gen. 12:8) opens the door to His transforming power. If you are having trouble establishing a time with God, you could start with just 5 minutes and see where it leads. Our God longs to meet with us and show His power in our lives.

God Bless You,

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Salud Rodeman with Judy Vasby at Judy's Consecration as Deaconess at Assembly 2014

From our Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator:

THANK YOU to ALL who sent in your local organization's Membership Counts, which allowed Metro North's District Count to be submitted to the WI Conference well ahead of the deadline!!

We welcome and celebrate the 61 new members who joined our mission-focused women's organization. Sadly, we had a loss of 71 members by death or other reasons, for a **Total Membership of 697 for Metro North**.

Local organizations Membership Counts, as of December 31, 2013 are shown below:

Batavia: Zion	8
Brookfield: Peace	1
Brown Deer	28
Cedarburg: Community	1
Elm Grove: Community	60
Hartford: First	63
Mequon	2
Milwaukee: Albright	13
Milwaukee: Central	2
Milwaukee: Church of Good Hope	1
Milwaukee: Kenwood	13
Milwaukee: New Hope Hmong	36
Milwaukee: Solomon Comm. Temple	5
Milwaukee: St James	20
Oconomowoc: Good Shepherd	48
Pewaukee: Gethsemane	1
Sheboygan: Fountain Park	12
Sheboygan: St Luke	92
Sheboygan: Wesley	14
Waldo: Trinity	6
Wauwatosa: Wauwatosa Ave	34
West Bend: Fifth Avenue	95
Whitefish Bay:	<u>142</u>
METRO NORTH TOTAL	697

Members are encouraged to reach out to others – welcoming all women – to **invite them to join United Methodist Women**, a place to nurture faith, experience community and to engage in mission. The membership of United Methodist Women is voluntary and open to all women who are committed and engaged in mission and who affirm the PURPOSE. You don't have to be a member of the United Methodist Church to be a member of United Methodist Women. Reach out and invite a friend to join. For the latest news and information about UMW members, programs and initiatives, go to United Methodist Women website: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

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Membership, Nurture & Outreach –Mission Coordinator

From Our Secretary of Program Resources:

Before you know it, our year of reading books from the 2014 Reading list and others, will come to an end and it will be time to send in our reports on the books we read. I hope that you have been reading as many books as you can and finding them interesting and enjoyable. There is still time to read before the August deadline comes around. I have found the 2014 selections to be outstanding and very memorable and topical and I am trying to read as many as possible.

I believe that the books on the UMW reading list are being widely read and are readily available. Recently, I read two articles by Joel McNally, the *Shepherd Express* columnist. In one column, he talks about Paul Ryan's attempt to quote an anecdote which was actually lifted from **The Invisible Thread** by Laura Schroff, and in another he references **Dear White America** by Tim Wise. **Dear White America** is quite topical now especially when you think of the Sterling tapes and the Bundy rant, the recent Supreme Court ruling in the University of Michigan admissions case, and the racial climate in our own state and nationwide. I gave a copy of **The Invisible Thread** to a friend of mine and she said that she really appreciated getting the book. Her husband had been an alcoholic and her daughter had a difficult time dealing with this and she was going to pass the book on to her to read. We never know what a book could mean to, or do, for someone. I was delighted that women's affairs were highlighted this year. We had **Please Look after Mom**, a big favorite of mine, **King Peggy** about a strong, resourceful woman who became a King, and Grace and Grit about a woman who inspired a law, among others. During the Lenten period, I tried to follow Chris Seay's recommendations for fasting in his book **A Place at the Table**.

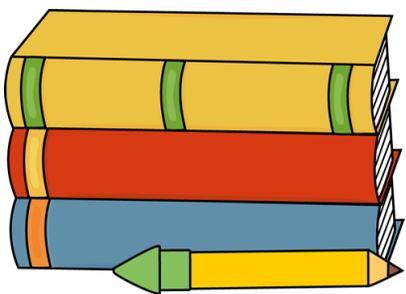
I could go on and on but I won't. I do hope that this has helped to suggest some books which you might not have yet read. I will be reminding you of upcoming dates, but feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I leave you with a review of **Dear White America**.

DEAR WHITE AMERICA: Letter to a new minority by Tom Wise

Tom Wise's book, **Dear White America**, is an honest analysis of the problems of race, injustice and inequality in America, and is supported by and documented with pertinent and relevant material. Multicultural America is fast changing and White America is on the road to becoming the new minority instead of the majority. Wise discusses the dominance of white culture and white privilege and the fears and insecurities that being the new minority brings, and debunks myths about race and racism. Although this book may make many readers uncomfortable, it is an important and informative book filled with data which supports the need for tolerance and understanding in our society. Wise includes suggestions about what whites could do to prepare them for the future, and for addressing the inequalities and disparities that exist in this country. This is a book well worth reading.

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Please note: We are including the UMW Reading Program Unit Reporting Form in this issue of the NorthStar for your convenience. **Please send your reports to me at the above address by August 1.**



UMW READING PROGRAM

The requirements for the four plans of the UMW Reading Program follow:

Plan 1: 1 book from each category (5 books total) and regular reading of *Response*, the UMW magazine.

Plan 2: 2 books from each category (10 books total) and regular reading of *Response* and *New World Outlook*.

Plan 3: 2 books from each category plus 5 additional books from any category (15 books total) and regular reading of *Response* and *New World Outlook*.

Plan 4: 2 books from each category plus 10 additional from any category (20 books total) and regular reading of *Response* and *New World Outlook*.

Bible reading should be on everyone's list.

The five categories and their abbreviations are as follows:

Education for Mission (EM)

Leadership Development (LD)

Nurturing for Community (NFC)

Social Action (SA)

Spiritual Growth (SG)

Please send the completed UMW Reading Program report for your unit by **August 1, 2014**, to:

Marelise (Cherrie) Hartley

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If you would like the electronic version of this report form, please contact Cherrie at hmarelise@ymail.com.

The unit reporting form is provided on the following page; please use additional pages when necessary.

METRO NORTH DISTRICT UMW READING PROGRAM – 2014: REPORTING FORM FOR INDIVIDUAL READING PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

Categories:	Education for Mission (EFM)	Leadership Development (LD)	Nurturing for Community (NFC)	Social Action (SA)	Spiritual Growth (SG)
Plan Requirements:	Plan 1 1 book from each category (5 total)	Plan 2 2 books from each category (10 total)	Plan 3 2 books from each category; plus 5 additional books from any category (15 total)	Plan 4 2 books from each category; plus 10 additional books from any category (20 total)	
Required Information to be Recorded:	Category	Book Title	Year of Eligibility		

Participant's Name: _____

Plan Number: _____

Education for Mission	Leadership Development	Nurturing for Community	Social Action	Spiritual Growth					
Title	Year	Title	Year	Title	Year	Title	Year	Title	Year

From Our District Secretary:

The Present has a past . . .

While attending Assembly, we were reminded of the women who started the first International Mission and the women who started other projects that led to today's formation of the United Methodist Women. Memories of how the organization started were shared – in other words, we reminisced about the past of the UMW.

Listening to the Rust College Acapella Choir present their concert, I was again reminded of where we come from. Rust is a small United Methodist College in Holly Springs, Mississippi, and their choir sings a lot of what is commonly called “Negro Spirituals.” These songs are a part of my personal history and evoke memories of growing up, singing in the church choir and of joining the United Methodist Church as a young woman.

Both events remind us that if there were no foundation, there would have been no past, can be no present and definitely will be no future. Let us all remember to build our foundations on solid ground, to work the soil which we have planted and are planting, and to prepare for the future based on what has already been accomplished. Memories are good things to have. Of course, good memories are even better.

When we recall the women who started the first mission projects, the many women who have worked tirelessly on the local and conference levels with little recognition, the women who made something out of nothing to make families and churches - not just survive, but thrive; we cannot help but be better individual women and better United Methodist Women. Just always remember that the present is based on the past and future depends on how well we do the present.

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Assembly March for Justice in Louisville April 2014

From our Social Action Coordinator:

Saturday, April 5 was a rare warm and sunny spring day. Many members from Metro North ventured north to Kaukauna United Methodist Church to attend the annual Wisconsin Conference Social Action Day. The morning session was presented by Pastor Heather Brewer and it focused on Human Trafficking. Attendees learned that the vast majority of those who are victims are women, although boys and young men are also exploited. We also learned that promises of education or employment are often used to lure unsuspecting young people into the trade.

Lieutenant Steve Elliott of the Appleton Police Department made it very clear that law enforcement alone is not capable of curing all of the ills in our society. Part of his job is to educate the community and encourage their involvement in helping to solve the problems. Let's help UMW be part of the solution!

A sumptuous lunch was served by the women of the Kaukauna church and the lunch hour also provided opportunities for those present to catch up with friends from across the state.

The afternoon session highlighted another rarely discussed topic- Elder Abuse. Information shared indicated that we may all know women and men who are victims! They are often isolated, dependent on family members or others and may have physical or mental disabilities. As a result they may be unable to access assistance.

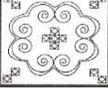
Want to learn more about other topics in the Social Action area? Plan now to attend 2014 Mission u in Wausau during the week of July 28th. The Issue Study offered this year will be **The Church and People with Disabilities**. The intent of this mission study is to promote awareness, inclusion, accessibility and advocacy for people with disabilities. This year's Spiritual Growth Study is **How is it With Your Soul?** This study is organized around four verbs – pray, learn, mentor, and transform. You will be challenged to become a more vibrant Christian. The Geographic Study for 2014 is **The Roma of Europe**. It will update you on the history of the Roma people (A.K.A. Gypsies) and the problems they face in today's world. Registration information is included on the application found elsewhere in this issue. Remember that all registrations MUST be received by Monday, July 14th. See you at Mission u!

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"I end with gratitude for the United Methodist Women that I've had in my life, I end with great admiration for the work that you and 800,000 strong are doing, I end with a challenge, that we need to wake up our country and wake up our world about the work that can and should be done; and we each are called in our own ways to lead. That's the great tradition I was raised in, that I cherish and it's what you represent. So please, as you go out to **make it happen**, remember there are lots and lots of people willing to fall faithfully behind you, as you lead the way.

Thank you all, God bless you!"

Closing remarks from the keynote speech by Hillary Clinton. Assembly 2014



Hmong House of Good News - Moob Tsev Moo Zoo

Who are we? In the Viet Nam Conflict, there were Asian men (some were only boys) that assisted the soldiers of the United States. Those Asian men were then treated very badly by their neighbors because of it. **They are now in the United States with their families as refugees.** In Milwaukee, some of these sweet elders are being forgotten and have **become very lonely** while their families have to work very hard. They cannot speak English and so **are isolated**. The Hmong House was started to offer help to these families to give their seniors **a safe place** to go to **communicate with each other in their language** and to talk about the old country. They sing, play board games, go to Bible class, eat traditional food, which is rich in fresh produce, work on crafts, watch movies in their language and have exercise time.

What do we need from you? We need your help financially as well as your presence at the Hmong House. Remember us on Golden Cross Sunday. We also put on **An Evening in Laos** program at local churches to fundraise. The program includes some history, a fashion show or dancing of the Hmong culture and traditional food. We have eggroll sales to raise funds, cooking them fresh at host churches. We need onsite volunteers for crafting projects and field trips. We are in search of professionals to sit on our board and we need you to spread the word of our needs so we can help meet the needs of this vulnerable group of elders. We could also use volunteers to do office work, basic medical and social work, for education and care, and to write grants for us. Most importantly we need sustainable gifts. **Sustainable giving allows us to know when money will be received so that we can manage our budget more efficiently.**

Check us out at:

<http://www.hmonghouse.org>

Thank you for listening and keeping us in your prayers.

Cheryl Mallow, member Board of Directors

Checks to the Hmong House of Good News can be sent to Patsy Ruppe, Treasurer, 2427 Sunrise Rd, Racine WI 53402



Hmong House of Good News - Moob Tsev Moo Zoo

From Our District Nominations Chair:

■ Ladies,

■ We are in need of a **DISTRICT EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION COORDINATOR**. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please, please let someone on the district mission team know of them or call 920.261.6140 and ask for Cheryl. Please let her know that **she can co-serve** with a buddy and will receive assistance from others on the team. We have an excellent teacher if someone is interested, but not experienced. Young women are encouraged to join us to enhance their **leadership education and experience**.

■ Please take a look around you and offer this opportunity to a woman that can benefit from the experience and benefit us with her knowledge.

■ Thank you all, you are beautiful women.

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Notes from Assembly 2014

“Amanda Powell started prepping for her work as Assembly music director by asking trusted friends about women musicians from across the U.S. With those references, she pulled together the first all-women Assembly band that’s diverse not only in terms of race and ethnicity but also in musical style and age—20’s to 60’s.” Ms Powell took the top eight favorite hymns identified on the Assembly registration questionnaire and wove them into the plenary worship services. “Here I am Lord,” “Sanctuary” and “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” were included among the favorites.

Welcome to our Q & A page of the NorthStar:

If you have a question about some UMW thing and don't know where to look or if you have exhausted all your references, please send me your question! Email it to me at jfelde5679@charter.net or send it via U.S. mail to Jackie Felde, 1654 S 23rd St, Sheboygan WI 53081, or call me at 920-458-5679. Remember no question will go unanswered. If I don't know the answer, we have some wonderful people on our board who will answer your questions.

“What are the duties of the Education and Interpretation Chair in the local organization?”

“Knowing the Ins and Outs of UMW Mission Coordinator For Education and Interpretation”

United Methodist Women - what's it all about? You know, but can you explain it to someone who is new and searching for a caring loving community - one that lives by the mandate of Christ? It is not easy, but you have the tools to make it real.

Know your task: Know the mission and the outreach ministries of your church - nationally, conference, district, and locally. Know the mission and outreach ministries of United Methodist Women - nationally, conference, district and locally. As coordinator you are to find ways to educate and interpret this to others. You are part of a team that focuses on keeping the group ready to be in mission - to know God and grow spiritually; to be knowledgeable and educated about issues and concerns; and to be strong, bold, committed and burgeoning in community.

Collect Your Tools: Start with the handbook. Gather condensed brief brochures that tell our story, such as "We are United Methodist Women", "United Methodist Women on a Path for Mission", "Why Should I Get Involved in Social Issues", etc. **KEEP A CURRENT RESOURCE CATALOG. Visit internet for all updates.**

Know and promote our standard programs that keep us grounded: Reading, World Thank Offering, A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, Program Calendar, etc.

Keep Current With our mission outreach: Know the issues that we are focusing on each year - keep them in the forefront - distributing news and pressing for action; read "Response" and "New World Outlook" magazines.

Keep in touch with your district counterpart. Currently Metro North does not have an E&I coordinator but you may contact Mary Garvens at 414-327-5305 Metro South E&I coordinator.

Concisely you are called to:

1. Promote and interpret the work of UMW
2. Promote mission opportunities: studies, local mission opportunities, Mission u, United Methodist Seminars on National and International Affairs, mission encounters, and supplying material resources for mission programs and projects.
3. Promote and utilize audiovisual resources of UMW to tell the mission story.
4. Promote and interpret the need for mission giving and designated giving to undergird work of UMW.
5. Work with other coordinators to enable your unit to become a Mission Today group.
6. Serve on the executive committee and other committees as needed by your unit.
7. Participate in district and conference events, training, and gatherings.

You are it. You are to keep them focused - give them the background when needed. Know the past; know the new trends; and anticipate the future. **EDUCATE AND INTERPRET.**

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From your Communications Coordinator:

Those of you who were unable to attend the Joint Metro South and Metro North May 3rd event at Central United Methodist Church in Milwaukee missed an outstanding presentation by Anita Henderlight. What a delightful and enthusiastic God filled presentation! Anita related the history of her organization, Africa Education & Leadership Initiative, otherwise known as Africa ELI.

It is a remarkable story that started in 2005 when Anita read **They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky: The Story of Three Lost Boys from Sudan**, a book that was on the UMW reading list. Then in 2006 she went to Sudan to see for herself. She found that girls in the Sudan are 3 times more likely to die in pregnancy or in childbirth than to reach the eighth grade. Marriage at age 13 is standard for most girls in South Sudan. Africa ELI was established as a 501C3 charitable organization in 2006. Along with five other people Anita oversaw the building of their first school in 2008, starting out with just 18 girls.

Africa ELI has grown over the years, enduring upsets but surviving and thriving. There are now male students as well as female students. They operate on different campuses including some shared with other schools. In 2013, there were 354 students fully funded through the sponsorship program and 917 girls and boys with access to programs and services.

Anita shared ways that we can be part of this remarkable story:

- Teach in South Sudan
- Provide public relations and marketing services
- Maintain their web site and social media pages
- Research grants and other funding opportunities
- Coordinate a fund raising tour
- Contribute money

You can learn more about Africa ELI at the web site africaeli.org. Contact Anita Henderlight at anita@africaeli.org.

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Hmong Senior Center in Milwaukee, (Hmong House of Good News)
Children's Services in Milwaukee, (UMC Children's Services of Wisconsin)
Youth Center in Milwaukee, (Northcott Neighborhood House)
Distribution Warehouse in Illinois (Midwest Mission Distribution Center)
Women's Shelter in Wisconsin (Harbor House)
Building porches in Appalachia,
Demolishing cabins in South Dakota
Refurbishing a homeless center in Baltimore.

Sound interesting? Does your unit need a mission event?

Great way to spend some of your vacay.

United Methodist Women and the United Methodist Church have great **volunteer ops!**

If any of these sound fun and rewarding, please contact anyone on the district mission team and we will get you in touch with the appropriate groups/people.

Cheryl Mallow

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From Our Historian:

On Friday, April 24th, 2014, seven thousand women from all parts of the United States and the world met in Louisville Kentucky for the Assembly 2014. It was an exciting and wonderful time with so many wonderful programs and a great opportunity to reconnect with friends from other places.

The all woman band was great as well as the Friends of the Groom, a Christian theatrical group that brought Christian drama and humor to some of the plenary sessions. On Saturday, April 25th the Keynote speaker was Hillary Clinton, the former Secretary of State and a lifelong Methodist. She inspired us and challenged us to “wake up our country and wake up our world about the work that can and should be done.” Following her address there was a March for Justice through Louisville with many women participating.

On Sunday morning, twenty-six women from 18 conferences were consecrated as United Methodist deaconesses during the closing plenary worship of United Methodist Women’s 19th quadrennial assembly. Those of us from Wisconsin, the WOW (Women of Wisconsin) were very proud of our own Judy Vasby who was consecrated. Judy is the coordinator of caring ministries at Willerup United Methodist Church in Cambridge.

Shirley Jackson 414-354-5258

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Brown Deer 53223



Picture and Notes from Assembly 2014

Thousands of United Methodist Women left their Assembly meetings in relatively affluent East Louisville downtown area surrounding the Kentucky International Convention Center to stand with low-income neighbors on the city’s west side. The women marched several blocks carrying signs that read: “economic injustice = economic insecurity” (from *response* Assembly Edition Issue 2)

2014 Metro North Sister Units
May 1, 2014

Purpose: Ensure that all UMW local organizations within the Metro North District have a relationship with the UMW Metro North Mission Team. The Mission Team Representative will be the primary contact for each of the local organizations designated as their "sister unit." They are available to attend local UMW meetings, speak to church groups about UMW, bring recommendations and/or concerns to the District Team and help charter or reactivate new UMW units. Each designee is also responsible for following up with their assigned sister unit to ensure all required reports are submitted within the required timeframes and to encourage members in those units to attend UMW-sponsored functions, such as Day Apart, Mission Action Day, District Retreats, Mission U and Annual Meetings/Gatherings.

Metro North Designee/Assigned Churches

Cheryl Malko	Oconomowoc Good Shepherd, Menomonie Falls Emmanuel, Green Bush New Hope, Sheboygan Fountain Park
Wendy Wilson-Uhl	Brookfield Peace, Watertown Christ
Muriel Smith-Gross	Mequon UMC, Milwaukee Central, Milwaukee Emanuel
Linda Hurt	Batavia Zion, Milwaukee St. James, Elm Grove Community
Cherrie Hartley	Pewaukee Gethsemane, Milwaukee New Hope Hmong, Milwaukee The Church of the Good Hope
Salud Rodeman	West Bend Fifth Avenue, Sheboygan Falls Faith, Cedarburg Community, Brown Deer
Cynthea Rollo	Sussex, Wauwatosa Avenue, Milwaukee Aldersgate
Linda Smeaton	Sheboygan St. Luke, Port Washington Grand Avenue, Jackson Stillwater, Kiel Bethel
Jackie Felde	Waldo Trinity, Sheboygan Wesley, Campbellsport First
Cathryn Luse	Milwaukee Summerfield, Milwaukee Kenwood, Wauwatosa Bethany Calvary, Whitefish Bay
Gail Nelson	Milwaukee Solomon Community Temple, Milwaukee Albright
Cheryl Mallow	Brookfield Agape, Hartford First

2014 Wisconsin Mission U

Westwood Conference Center, Wausau, WI

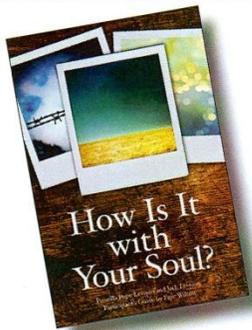


Mission U

Celebrate All God's Children

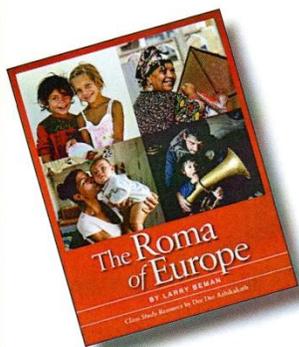
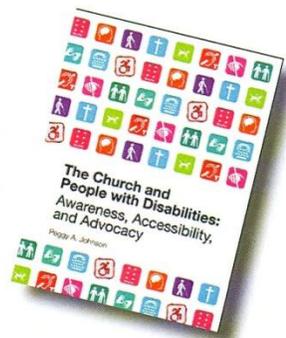
Four-Day: Monday-Thursday, July 28th-31st

Overview Day: Friday, August 1st



Spiritual Growth Study: ***How Is It With Your Soul?*** – This resource brings into balance the inner and outer dimensions of the Christian life. Organized around four verbs—pray, learn, mentor and transform—the book will challenge you to become a more vibrant disciple of Christ. (2014)

Issue Study: ***The Church and People With Disabilities*** – Unlike other categories of human experience, disability crosses all lines of gender, orientation, ethnicity, socioeconomic position, age, and culture. People with typical bodies can be thought of as temporarily able-bodied because disabilities can happen at any time to anyone. The intent of these mission studies is to promote awareness, inclusion, accessibility and advocacy for people with disabilities — including youth and children. (2014-2015)



Geographic Study: ***The Roma of Europe*** – This book will introduce you to the Roma, with an emphasis on Eastern Europe. You will discover their history up to and including the twentieth century. You can look into the ways they are treated in contemporary European culture. You will also be able to learn about their lifestyle and spirituality, and investigate ways the church and other organizations are working alongside the Roma. (2013-2014)



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Four-Day Mission u

Monday, July 28th to Thursday, July 31st

Registration: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 28th

Opening Plenary: 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 28th

Sending Forth: 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 31st

Meals: Four-Day student meals begin with lunch on Monday, July 28th and end with breakfast (at the hotel) on Thursday, July 31st.

Cost: Four-Day student registration (includes meals, hotel room and materials):

– **\$325.00** (\$375.00 if received after June 30th) **double room.**

- King Bed (with walk-in shower)
- King Bed Suite (with pull-out couch and walk-in shower)
- Standard 2 Queen Beds (with bathtub/shower)

– **\$440.00** (\$500.00 if received after June 30th) **single room.**

Registrar will give you your choice of double room on a first come, first serve basis. There will be NO ROOM SWITCHING unless the Registrar gives prior approval.

Commuter registration: \$190.00, includes meals (\$240.00 if received after June 30th).

Advanced registration is REQUIRED. *Transferrable, not refundable.*
No registrations will be accepted after **Monday, July 14th.**

Child/Adult Care: Please contact Registrar for information.

Use the Four-Day side of the stand alone form to register for Four-Day Mission u.

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

Overview Day

Friday, August 1st

Registration: 8:15 a.m. to 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 **\$42.00** (\$50.00 after June 30th).

Thursday night hotel cost, including registration: **\$136.00.**

Advanced registration is required and is *transferrable, not refundable.*

Use the Overview Day side of the stand alone form to register. Each person must use a separate form—photocopy as needed.

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

Mission u is where people of all ages come together to grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context through study, fellowship, worship and fun.

Mission u is a wonderful time to learn about one of the precepts of the church: mission. Not only is it educational and fun, but it is a great vacation bargain, too!

Wisconsin Mission u takes place at the **Westwood Conference Center, 1800 Westwood Center Boulevard, Wausau, WI 54401.** Exit I-39/29/51 at Exit 193 (Bridge Street). See the larger map on page 4. Lodging arrangements 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.

2014 Wisconsin Mission u takes place the last week of July/first of August. Four-Day Mission u runs Monday-Thursday, July 28-31st. Overview Day is Friday, August 1st. Yomica Camp runs from Sunday, July 27th, to Friday, August 1st at Pine Lake Camp, Westfield.

Registration forms for Mission u are located on a separate sheet, as well as online at www.wisconsinumw.org. Complete the registration form for either Four-Day Mission u or Overview Day and send it in with your registration fee. Copy forms as needed.

Questions?

Contact the Registrar:

Arlene Trull

715-359-7756

email: aetrull@gmail.com

2014 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)

Studies (Adults may choose one or two studies; Teen Women do not choose any studies at this time):

- How Is It With Your Soul?
- The Church and People With Disabilities
- Roma of Europe

Send full payment and registration by June 30th to:

Arlene Trull
305 Becker Street
Rothschild, WI 54474
715-359-7756
aetrull@gmail.com

Make checks payable to **Mission u**

Check any/all that apply to you:

- I am requesting handicap accessibility.
- I am requesting a scholarship.
- I am a newly ordained pastor requesting a scholarship and have already talked to the Registrar.
- I am laity requesting Layspeaking/Layservant credit.
- I am clergy requesting Continuing Education Credits (CEU).
- I am attending Mission u for the very first time.
- I am a commuter (paying the commuter fee noted on page 2 of brochure).
- I need all of my meals to be GLUTEN FREE.
- I have special dietary and/or other needs (please specify) _____

If you need a payment plan,
please contact the Registrar
and make arrangements. We
will gladly work out a schedule
to fit your needs.

Room Options (choose only one and know 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 on page 2 of the brochure)

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—Contact Registrar)

TOTAL PAYMENT (see Cost under Four-Day Mission u on page 2 of the brochure): \$ _____

Please order my study books. (Place number of books requested on the blank; pay at Mission u.)

- _____ *How Is It With Your Soul?*
- _____ *The Church and People With Disabilities*
- _____ *The Roma of Europe*
- _____ *Teen Study (Disabilities and Our Response)*

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2014 Overview Day 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 _____

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, Program Resources and the Learning Center are also available—morning only.

Registration type (check only one): Adult (18-over) Teen (13-17)

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

I need a hotel room for Thursday night (see Cost under Overview Day on page 2 of the brochure).

TOTAL PAYMENT (see Cost on page 2 of the brochure): \$ _____

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 30th to:

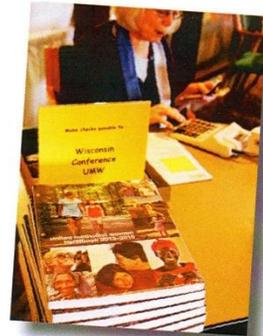
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Four-Day Mission u



2013 young women and their mentors.

Scholarships (contact Registrar for more info):

- Available for first-time attendees.
- Available for Teen Women.
- Clergy scholarships available for newly ordained pastors.
- Continuing Education Credits available for pastors.
- Layspeaking/Layservant credit available for laity.



2014 Dean, Dee Klawitter, and Assistant Dean, Gail Burgess

Support for Northcott Neighborhood House



This year Northcott Neighborhood House is designated as our Mission u mission project.

We are asking you to collect money from your local organizations and bring it to Mission u to help support the projects and services of Northcott Neighborhood House.

Northcott Neighborhood House, Inc, a multi-purpose community center, was established in 1961 through the initiative of United Methodist Women. It is a National Mission Institution serving as many as 10,000 people per year through its location at 2460 North 6th Street in Milwaukee. In addition to clothing and food distribution, Northcott continues to provide recreational activities for children and youth, summer camp, a computer lab, GED tutoring and Fresh Start home construction and training for young men and women. The Head Start program formerly housed at Northcott was discontinued in 2013.

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Additional Information for Four-Day Mission u:

- 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 & Suites and the Westwood Conference Center.
- More information on mission projects, as well as internet access in the Learning Center.
- Choice Time activities throughout the week.

Overview Day

Unable to take four days off of work or out of your busy weekday schedule to attend Four-Day Mission u? Or just can't afford to spend money on one more vacation this year? Join us on Friday, August 1st for Overview Day. This day is jam-packed with information and also includes a fantastic meal served in the dining room at the Westwood Conference Center. Overview Day is just that—an overview of selected bits and pieces of information from the three mission studies offered at Four-Day Mission u. Overview Day takes place in the spacious plenary room with a full-sized projector screen for presentations by the study leaders. There is also worship, singing and fellowship.

YoMiCa - July 27th - August 1st

Yo-mi-ca is a fun, energy-filled, game playing, friend making, God praising, tie dyeing, mission learning, marshmallow roasting, good time had by all camp! Yo-mi-ca stands for Youth Missions Camp and coincides with the United Methodist Women's Mission u. We spend the week living in cabins and learning about different missions all while having fun and making lifelong friends. Starts Sunday at 3:30pm and ends Friday at 2:30pm with a special presentation for family and friends. Leaders: Tim and Kara Finley, and United Methodist Women. See <http://www.wiumcamps.org/elementarycamps.html> for more information.

WESTWOOD CONFERENCE CENTER

1800 Westwood Center Boulevard, Wausau, Wisconsin 54401
(715) 847-9200

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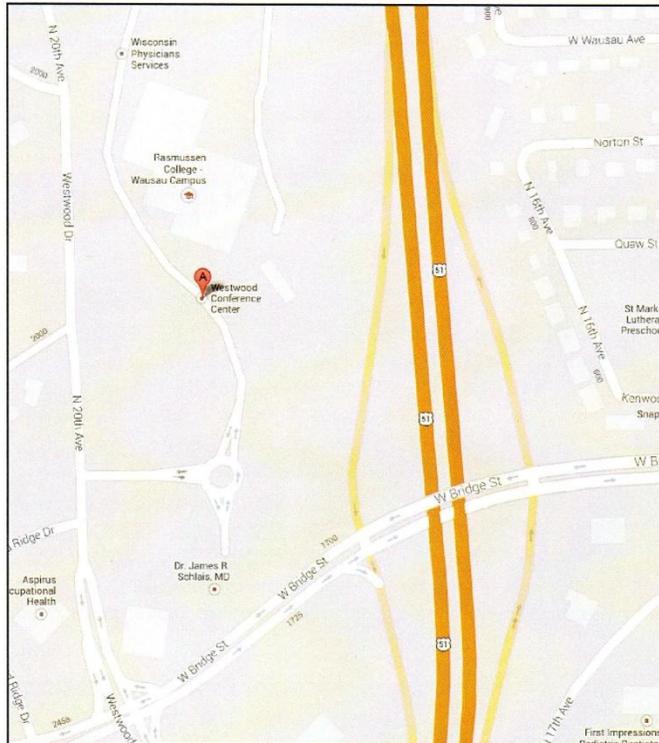
Take Exit 193 (Bridge Street).
Turn right at Bridge Street (0.3 mi).
Turn right at Westwood Drive (0.1 mi).
Turn right at Westwood Center Boulevard, follow and take a right off the roundabout to continue onto Westwood Center Blvd. (427 ft.). Visitor parking is located all the way past the main entrance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



Fairfield Inn & Suites - Weston

7100 Stone Ridge Dr., Weston, WI

Driving from NORTH and SOUTH on US 51/I-39

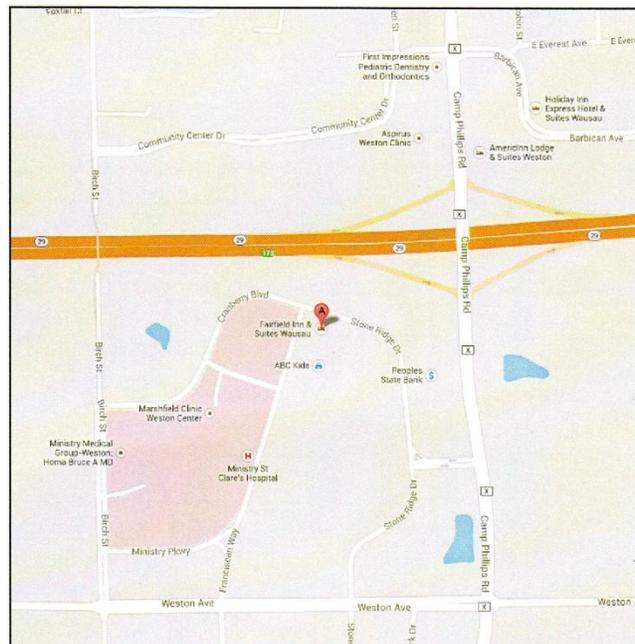
1. Take the WI-29 East interchange toward Green Bay.
2. Take EXIT 173 (County Road X/Camp Phillips Rd.)
3. Turn RIGHT onto Cty Rd. X/Camp Phillips Road.
4. Turn RIGHT onto Westview Blvd.
5. Turn RIGHT onto Stone Ridge Dr.
6. Fairfield Inn & Suites will be on left.

Driving from the EAST on WI-29

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

Driving from the WEST on WI-29

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



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