



MISSION MATTERS

President's Message

Dear UMW Sisters,

As a member of the Board of Directors for Northcott Neighborhood House, I am so excited that the Interim Executive Director, Tony Kearney, will be with us at our District Day of Enrichment at Columbus UMC on November 9th. Northcott is special because it is our National Mission Institution here in Wisconsin. Started in 1961, it was the dream of Wilma Hampel of the Eastern Wisconsin Methodist (at that time) Women. Ms. Hampel had challenged the women of Wisconsin to commit to making a difference in Milwaukee's Inner Core after a trip she and Clarence Bolton and Rev. Dale Strong made to a seminar in Texas. On that trip Ms. Hampel's eyes were opened to the consequences of racial discrimination. Ms. Hampel and Rev. Strong were White, but Clarence Bolton was Black and so the group had trouble finding a hotel where they could all stay and restaurants would only serve them if they would agree to eat in the kitchen. These and other instances of discrimination served to fire up Ms. Hampel and led her to issue her challenge to create a community center. Today Northcott Neighborhood House serves over 10,000 families in the predominately African-American community of inner-city Milwaukee. Offering programs for all ages, Northcott is a vital part of combating hunger, violence, joblessness and many other contributors to poverty. From youth arts and sports programs, GED and after school tutoring, senior programs, job training for youth and adults, food pantry and stock-boxes, clothing banks and so much more, Northcott Neighborhood House is a vital part of the legacy of mission work of our Wisconsin United Methodist Women foremothers. I hope you will be able to come and learn of the important, transformative impact our mission continues to make today in our state.

Are you making plans for 2020? I hope you are planning to attend the North Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial event in Sioux Falls, SD on June 26-28 or perhaps sponsor someone else to attend (registration will be online at <https://www.umwncj.org/>). If you are interested in meeting women active at the National level and witnessing the process of electing National Directors, this event is for you. This is also a wonderful opportunity to see how United Methodist Women are at work throughout the upper Midwest. We have many women who are passionate about impacting the lives of people in need in their communities. This is a great way to be inspired by the power of our organization to make big differences in the lives of others.

Wondering about Mission u in 2020? Well, I am too. We will attempt to

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keep you informed as the changes to Mission u come into focus. We ask for your support and understanding as the Conference seeks to make **Mission u** more cost-effective in terms of both time and money. As a work-in-progress, these changes are likely to be unsettling, but I guarantee you will not want to miss Mission u in 2020. Our studies (Peace in the Midst of Anxiety, the School to Prison Pipeline and the repeat of our 150th Anniversary study) will (as always) be outstanding.

Wondering about our open district offices (such as Treasurer) in 2020? We do, of course, hope and pray that some of our wonderful district women will step up and answer the call to one of our open offices. However, we are also prepared to carry on even if we have a few gaps in our leadership ranks. In the event that we still lack a Treasurer in 2020, you may send your remittances and other financial matters to me and I will make sure your questions are answered and your money goes where it needs to be. Issues from other open offices may also be directed to me and I will be happy to help you or direct you to someone who can. We are committed as a team to making 2020 a successful year for the South West district.

I hope and pray that God will bless you for the rest of 2019 and into 2020!

Laura Pfeffer

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Greetings. We are just coming off our fun and educational Annual Gathering. Fall is not showing up but I for one am enjoying the warmth!

According to Kathy D. Hartke, MD FACOG. Co-Chair, WI Maternal Mortality Review Team. There is a key issue in the state legislature-Senate Bill 316/AB 396-Care of incarcerated pregnant women. Kathy testified in support of the bill. I am quoting her from an e-mail that was forwarded to me from Dr. Hartke. (Thank you Eileen Bennett)

“This bill would limit the shackling and solitary confinement of pregnant women in WI state prisons and county jails, especially in labor. In addition, the bill would require screening and treatment for mental health disorders and substance use treatment. Including 6 months postpartum, doula support, comprehensive obstetrical care, STI screening and treatment; (which they took out of the bill in 2017), and lactation support for 12 months postpartum.”

Kathy also stated “she is available to give talks in WI UM churches and help people understand the importance of advocating for Social Justice. Unless we speak up and vote, change will not happen”.

I encourage all UMW to keep abreast of the bills in our state assembly and senate. legis.wisconsin.gov will get you in touch with our law makers and show you what is the session schedules. Please, ask the right questions to candidates before you cast your vote especially in UMW Priority Issues: Climate Justice, Maternal & Child Health, economic inequality, and Criminalization of Communities of Color.

Blessings

Pat Gallus, Social Justice Coordinator



Day of Enrichment

150 Years of Women in Mission

At Columbus UMC, 222 S Dickason Blvd, Columbus, Wisconsin

On November 9, 2018

Registration begins at 8:30 AM. The program begins at 9:15 AM.

- Special music
- Celebration of 150 Years of Women in Mission
- Presentation on our national Mission institution, Northcott Neighborhood House, featuring our Keynote speaker, Tony Kearney, Interim Director of Northcott
- Communion
- Reading Program reports and Unit Sharing

You are invited to bring personal care items for PAVE, a program in Beaver Dam which serves victims of domestic abuse in Dodge County. We will also be collecting a "Love offering" for Northcott.

Directions to Columbus UMC: From Madison, take US 151 N to exit 115, then US-151 Bus N/WI-73 to Harrison St, left on Harrison St, then left on S Dickason Blvd. From HWY 16 or 60: James St to S Dickason Blvd. Columbus UMC is located across the street from the Post Office.

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Registration Form: (Please complete one registration form for each person attending this event.)

Your registration fee of \$15.00 includes morning refreshments, luncheon and all materials used for preparation of this event.

Name: _____ (Please print)

Street/PO Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

UMW Unit or Congregation: _____

List any special dietary or mobility needs:

Do you need child care?

Yes _____, I need child care. List number and age(s) of the child(ren), and let us know of any dietary restrictions.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOV 1st. Registrations received after Nov 1st will not guarantee child care or lunch.

Please make checks payable to SW District United Methodist Women.

Please send the registration form and the fee of \$15.00 to:

Eileen Bennett, 332 W Prairie St, Columbus, WI 53925

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MISSION TODAY TASKS

To become a Mission Today organization, please complete two (2) criteria from each category. Please try at least one (1) new criterion each year and report back using the form on the back.

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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and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

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).
- 5 4. Partner with a mission institution such as Northcott, or Wisconsin Conference supported Harbor House, United Methodist Children's Services of Wisconsin, etc.

Mission Today Local Unit Report Form

Year: _____

Presidents of All Local Units, please complete the form below even though you may not qualify as a Mission Today unit. Refer any Questions to your District Team. Return this form by Feb 1st to your District Education and Interpretation Coordinator.

Name of Church: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Criteria Completed (Circle the numbers completed)

**Any criteria that are not currently listed but would fit in one of the categories can be included in the unit reports.*

Faith 1 2 3 4 Hope 1 2 3 4

Love 1 2 3 4 In Action 1 2 3 4

Report any new criteria tried this year:

Comments:

Send to: Eileen Bennett, 332 W. Prairie St., Columbus, WI 53925
Email: bennettpesl@charter.net

Thank you to everyone who filled out the Elected Leadership forms and sent them to me. I have about 20 forms so far. Even if your officers have not changed, please fill out the forms so I can make sure the information is correct in the directory. You can email the forms to me at byager@chorus.net or mail them to me at 10787 Co. Rd. K, Lancaster, Wisconsin 53813. Thank you for your help.
Becky Yager, SW. District Communications Coordinator



Annual Gathering 2019 at Platteville UMC

Calendar

- Oct. 18-19 Wisconsin Annual Gathering - Black River Falls UMC
Nov. 9 Day of Enrichment - Columbus UMC
Dec. 1 Mission Today reports due
Dec. 7 District Christmas party - Dodgeville UMC
Dec. 10 Pledge money due
Jan. 4 District team meeting - Baraboo Emanuel UMC
Jan. 6 Mission Matters articles due
March 14 District team meeting—Prairie du Sac/Concordia UMC
March 30 Membership census due

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