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Summer 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

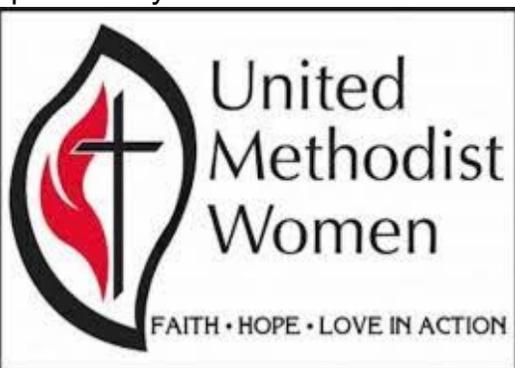
Springtime greetings! I hope this edition of the newsletter finds all of you enjoying the season, whether with gardening, spring cleaning, vacation planning, or other fun things. I've been having fun doing some reading, specifically, the study materials for Mission U. I participated in the Climate Justice study last year, so this year I'm studying the Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States, and Living as a Covenant Community. I've finished the Missionary Conferences book and have learned so much already! Being fairly new to United Methodism, I don't know a lot of our history, and discovered I didn't know a lot about our structure, either - I guess I thought all conferences were defined geographically by state boundaries, but I've learned that's not the case! I've just started reading the Covenant Community book and am eager to get further into it, to learn more about God's eternal promises to God's people. I hope to see many of you at Mission U, where we can journey through these books together. If you hadn't considered attending Mission U, I hope you'll give it some thought, and then join me and your other UMW sisters in these studies! If you aren't able to attend, I'd like to encourage you to read the books, as I'm finding them interesting, informative and engaging.

Even though it's still spring, and I'm working on my summer reading, I'm already thinking about the fall! Our district annual meeting in Whitewater will be here before we know it, followed a few weeks later by our conference annual meeting in Waukesha. I'm excited that the conference gathering will be held in our district in 2017 and 2018. Hopefully, the proximity will enable many of us to attend!

It might be hard to believe, but I'm looking even further ahead, too, to Assembly 2018. Assembly is held once per quadrennium, and next May 18th-20th it will be in Columbus, Ohio, the site of the first Assembly in 1942. The theme will be "The Power of Bold", so be prepared to hear more about being BOLD in the next several months. More information about Assembly, including registration and transportation, will be coming as it's determined, but if you're eager to learn more now, preliminary information is available on the UMW website www.unitedmethodistwomen.org.

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NOMINATIONS

Hello UMW Sisters of the S.E. District.

Spring has sprung and the nominations committee has sprung into action to fill the slate of officers for 2018. We still have slots to fill including recording secretary, Spiritual Growth, Social action and Nominating Committee. We have gotten some names and are in the process of contacting them. We can always use more names. It is good to have a back-up list that can also be used as a starting point next year. In others words, don't be bashful. We hope to have the slate in place by July. It needs to be published in the fall newsletter. Have a great rest of spring and a fun safe summer.

Blessings to all

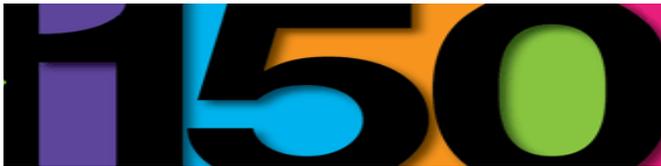
Mary Garvens

2167 S. 50th St

West Allis, WI 53219

414-327-5305

Co-Chair Nominations



On March 23, 1869, eight women gathered at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, and organized the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, what would become United Methodist Women. Those women raised money to send a doctor, Clara Swain, and a teacher, Isabella Thoburn, to India as missionaries to serve the women of that nation.

Celebrate the dedication and foresight of our foremothers in mission as we lead up to our 150th anniversary in 2019.

Gifts to the Legacy Fund can be made in several ways:

Online at unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund

By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 am -6pm EST, M-F)

Text Legacy150 to 41444

By check: note "Legacy Fund" in memo and mail to: United Methodist Women: Treasurer's Office 475 Riverside Drive New York, NY 10115.

Wisconsin UMW Mission Seminar Experience - Aug. 5-12, 2017

August 5, a group of United Methodist Women will be in New York and Washington D.C. to learn from the Board of Church and Society as well as staff from National UMW. They will be learning about social justice issues and government as well as participating in seminar studies on Climate Justice and Income Equality. These ladies have made their initial deposit for their reservation but still need to raise additional funds for the trip. If you would like to contribute to them please contact Betty Henderson at 300 Jennifer Lane, Brookfield, WI 53045, bettyhenderson@gmail.com, 262-391-8868,

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

WOW! It's Spring! I guess that the reality of spring depends on the day, but I do appreciate the sunshine and hearing the birds. I hope that you are in the UMW groove!

I would like to ask that you think about all of the opportunities we have to support our organization financially! We have the 5 Channels of Mission Giving:

- ❖ Pledge to Mission
- ❖ Special Mission Recognition
- ❖ Gift to Mission (Cards that are \$5 each)
- ❖ Gift in Memory
- ❖ World Thank Offering

We are also encouraged to support the Legacy Fund to insure the availability of funds in an uncertain future. Then we have Supplementary Giving:

- ❖ Designated Gifts which can be directed to any program or project that receives UMW funding.
- ❖ Call to Prayer and Self Denial
- ❖ A brighter Future for Children and Youth
- ❖ The Magazine Fund providing copies of Response Magazine to missionaries and retired deaconesses and missionaries.
- ❖ The Assembly Offering

As you review your unit's disbursements, you can be proud that we MAKE MISSION HAPPEN!! If you have questions, contact me.

Thanks, Dodie Smith 262-551-8669

GREETINGS FROM YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT, MARIE GARNHART

Greetings to all!

As we pass from a beautiful spring into summer, Wisconsin seems like the right place to be.

First of all I want to thank the Oconomowoc Good Shepherd UMC for hosting our Spring Enrichment Event. It was a good location for us, and I know it was a lot of work for them, especially since they do not have an active unit. Their efforts are greatly appreciated. I hope that those of you who attended found it informative, inspiring, and enjoyable. It is always good to connect with other United Methodist Women of our district in a shared experience.

So I also thank all of you who made that effort to attend the event. In our expanded district I realize that getting to the site is sometimes a challenge.

Our next event the Annual Gathering on Oct. 7th will be in Whitewater a more southern location. We are trying to be fair to both the upper and the lower half of our large district. The flyer for that event will appear in the fall newsletter.

And then there is the Wisconsin Annual Gathering, Oct. 20-21. That flyer will also be in the fall newsletter. But save the dates now.

Finding appropriate sites is always difficult. If you feel that your church could possibly be a future event site for the district, please contact me, and we can talk about it..

Also, here's a "heads up" for 2018. The Quadrennial UMW Assembly will be in Columbus, Ohio May 18-20, 2018 and early registration for that event is Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2017. More info will be in the fall newsletter.

Have a great summer!
Marie Garnhart, Vice President

SAVE THE DATES.....

South east
Annual
Gathering
October 7th
Whitewater

Wisconsin Annual
Gathering
October 20-21
Waukesha 1st UMC
"A Call to Community"

Quadrennial
UMW Assembly
May 18-20,
2018
Columbus, Ohio

At our South East District Annual Fall Gathering, there will be a memorial celebration for all of our UMW women who have been called into heaven this past year between October 2016 and August 2017. Please help us remember them by submitting the form below (make copies if necessary) for each woman we need to remember (or by sending an email) to the Membership Nurture and Outreach Co-Coordinator. **Kemi Baiyewu**, 4121 24th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53140 <ajamukemi@yahoo.com>. Please send their names by August 15.

In Memoriam from _____ (unit name)

Name: _____ Additional information: _____



Introducing our New SE District Treasurer

Linda Sather joined the First United Methodist Church of West Allis in 1974 along with her mother and youngest brother. She is active in the choir since she learned to talk and music is still a big part of her life.

Linda is currently the Treasurer of First Church's Scholarship and Endowment Fund and is on the church's audit committee as well.

Linda graduated college in 1982 with a BS in Accounting and passed the CPA exam the same year. She has been working in manufacturing since graduating as a Cost accountant. Linda is retiring this summer and is glad for the opportunity to keep active in accounting with the UMW. She is looking forward to learning more about the UMW and helping whenever possible.

Linda has been married to Jim since 1981. Jim has one daughter and they have 2 adult grandchildren. Jim is a retired graphic artist.

She can be reached at jlsbluehouse@yahoo.com
6529 W. Fremont Pl., Milwaukee, WI, 53219,
home phone 414-321-3367, 414-322-2126 (mobile)

Spiritual Growth

"You have made known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalm 16:11

Dear UMW sisters of South East District:

Ah, Spring has arrived and with the warmer weather we find ourselves even more busy with family, gardens, spring cleaning and....work that the Lord has given us. When I have a lot to do, I can become over-stressed and unhappy in my work. But this is the time when the Lord whispers in my ear, "Stop. I can change your circumstances. I can change the way you feel about certain things. All you have to do is give Me one thing." I ask, "What is that one thing Lord?". He replies, "Be in My presence." Time is the one thing that none of us seems to have. But it is the one thing God requires of us if we are to walk closely with Him. Two of the spiritual practices from the UMW reading program book, "Fully Awake and Truly Alive" address Solitude and Meditation. These as well as the other practices are meant to nurture our soul. So, set aside some time today for just you and God. Enjoy His presence and fellowship as you would with your very best friend. I hope to see you at Mission U in July. May God bless you and keep you. AMEN

Linda J Whitelock

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Living our Vision

United Methodist Women is turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

We are faith, hope and love in action

FAITH

Thousands of women participate in our reading programs and educational opportunities annually to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action.

HOPE

Our national mission institutions empower women, care for children, educate and equip youth, care for the neglected, advocate for social justice issues, create economic opportunities and strengthen neighborhoods.

LOVE

Our members give out of their love for the world and provide financial support for national mission institutions, higher education scholarships for international students, and 121 programs taking place in 110 countries.

ACTION

United Methodist Women members' voices are heard around the world as they call for justice on issues such as immigration, human trafficking, domestic violence, health care and the environment.

MISSION U—DON'T MISS IT— REGISTER TODAY!!

In less than three months we will be gathering at the Mead Hotel in Wisconsin Rapids for our Wisconsin Conference Mission U. I hope that you are planning to join us for either the four-day session (July 24-27) or the Overview Day (July 28).

Mission U is a great opportunity for learning about the issues that are impacting us in our world today. It also provides the chance to gather with old and new friends, speak in person with those working in missions here in the USA and in other countries and eat and sleep in very comfortable surroundings.

This year our topics include CLIMATE JUSTICE: A CALL TO HOPE AND ACTION, led by our Conference President Laura Pfeffer; LIVING AS A COVENANT COMMUNITY, a study of the five covenants of Care and Grace, Redemption and Safety, Blessing, Guidance and Law, and Eternal Rule and the Everlasting Covenant, led by Assistant to the Bishop Dan Dick, Barbara Dick and Rev. Linda Vance; and MISSIONARY CONFERENCES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, which includes the Alaska Mission and Conference, Appalachia and the Red Bird Conference and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, and will be led by Rev. Rob Odum and "Mission Billie" LaBumbard.

We are also looking forward to the opportunity to visit with Anita Henderlight who works with Africa ELI in Sudan. She will be able to give us updates on the volatile situation there.

Please plan to bring personal care items for the Mission Offering for United Methodist Children's Services this year. They have especially requested the following: toilet paper, deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, sanitary napkins, new socks for men, women and children, and cash donations. George Leuterman, the new director at UMCS, will be with us to update us and receive the items.

United Methodist Children's Services

United Methodist Children's Services (UMCS) was organized in 1962 and has been serving women, children and families for decades. The organization includes a state licensed childcare center with a capacity of 60 children, which serves children from their Transitional Living Program as well as the surrounding community. The Transitional Living Program provides safe, affordable housing, on-site social services and childcare, with a comprehensive program designed to enable low-income, single parent families to become economically self-sufficient. The organization also distributes emergency food resources and clothing to low-income individuals and families through the Family Resource Center.

What are the Best Non-Perishable Food items to Donate?

What [food banks need most is cash](#), but when you're asked to bring in a non-perishable item, food is in order.

Food banks say the focus should be on "on whole, unprocessed or minimally processed foods" to help people create healthy meals. Instead of donating foods that are high in salt, sugar and highly processed grains, bring foods that are high in protein, healthy fats and whole grains instead.

1. canned beans
2. dry beans
3. peanut butter, or other nut butters
4. rolled oats
5. canned fruit in juice, not in light or heavy syrup
6. canned vegetables, with no or low-sodium
7. low-sodium soups
8. canned tuna in water
9. canned chicken
10. brown rice
11. quinoa
12. nuts, unsalted
13. seeds, unsalted
14. shelf stable milk and milk substitutes
15. whole grain pasta
16. low-sodium pasta sauce
17. popcorn kernels (not microwave popcorn)
18. canned stews
19. unsweetened apple sauce
20. whole grain, low-sugar cold cereals
21. olive or canola oil
22. canned tomatoes
23. dried fruits, no sugar added
24. honey
25. chicken, beef and vegetable broths and stock

2017 WISCONSIN MISSION U

Join Us for an Inspiring Four Days!

It's time for you to make your plans for attending Mission U this year. If you've gone before, you 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 can 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 24th – 27th • Overview Day: Friday, July 28th

Our Mission Studies this Year (Choose Two):

Spiritual Growth Study *Living as a Covenant Community*
Study Leaders: Barbara Dick, Rev Dan Dick, Rev. Linda Vance

Geographic Study *Missionary Conferences of the U.S.*
Study Leaders: Billie LaBumbard, Rev. Rob Odum

Issue Study *Climate Justice*

Study Leader: Laura Pfeffer

Youth Study *In Mission Together*

Missionary Conferences



Expect Great Things at Mission u

Four-Day: Monday, July 24th—Thursday, July 27th

Registration: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Monday

Opening Plenary: 10:00 a.m. Monday

Sending Forth: Noon Thursday

Meals: Four-day student meals begin with lunch Monday and end with breakfast Thursday.

Cost: \$350.00 Double Room
\$465.00 Single Room

Four-Day registration includes meals, hotel room
And materials other than study books.

Commuter Registration: \$205.00 includes meals

Overview Day: Friday, July 28th

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: \$65 Includes buffet break-
fast and lunch. If you wish
to arrive on Thursday
night, the cost for a single
room is \$115; the cost for
a double is \$70

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY JUNE 30TH. It is transferable, but not refundable.

Use the registration form (on back) to register for Four-Day Mission u.

Don't forget your study books!

You can order from umwmissionresources.org or reserve your books on the form for pickup and payment at Mission u.

Child and Adult Care:

The cost is \$25 per day for up to the first five people who apply. Please contact registrar for information.

Mission u Scholarships and Credits are Available

- First-time attendees
- Teen women
- Clergy who are newly ordained pastors
- Continuing Education Credits for pastors
- Lay Speaking/Lay Servant Credit

Mission u is an Inspirational Experience!

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



Mission u Registration Form

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

Please send this form and your registration fee – no later than June 30 – to Registrar Nancy Flath,

R2170 County Road Q, Ringle, WI 54471.

(You may also reach her at njudyflath@gmail.com or 715-446-3252.)

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

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

Registration Type: _____ Adult Four-Day _____ Adult Overview-Day
_____ Teen or Young Woman (During one session, you will meet with other young women and teens to learn about *In Mission Together: Missionary Conferences* and UMW.)

Choice: (Four-Day adults may choose one or two; teens and young women choose only one.
Adult Over view-Day attendees will learn about all three mission studies.)
_____ Living as a Covenant Community _____ Climate Justice _____ Missionary Conference of the U.S.

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Payment:

Four-Day Session – Commuter: \$205..... \$ _____
(Includes lunch & supper on Monday, 3 meals on Tuesday and Wednesday, and breakfast on Thursday)

Four-Day Session – Single: \$465 (Same as above, plus lodging) \$ _____

Four-Day Session – Double: \$350 (Same as above, plus lodging). \$ _____
Roommate: _____

Additional lodging Sunday night & Monday breakfast – Single: **\$115** \$ _____

Additional lodging Sunday night & Monday breakfast –Double:**\$70** \$ _____
Roommate _____

Additional lodging Thursday night & Friday breakfast – Single: **\$115** \$ _____

Additional lodging Thursday night & Friday breakfast – Double: **\$70**..... \$ _____
Roommate _____

Overview Day: \$65 (includes breakfast & lunch) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

- _____ I am requesting a scholarship.
- _____ I am requesting a new clergy scholarship.
- _____ I am requesting a CEU (for clergy).
- _____ I am requesting a lay servant/lay speaker credit.
- _____ I am attending Mission u for the first time.

- Please order the following book(s). I will pay for them at Mission U.
- _____ *Living as a Covenant Community*
 - _____ *Climate Justice*
 - _____ *Missionary Conference of the U.S.*

Hotel Mead and Conference Center

451 East Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin



Mission u is for YOU!

This is what you can expect:

- Air-conditioned meeting rooms, plenary room (and hotel room)
- Handicap accessible meeting rooms, plenary room (and hotel rooms)
- Hotel accommodations are included in your registration for Four-Day Mission u
- More information on mission projects and internet access in the Learning Center
- Personal choice activities throughout the week
- Learning, sharing growth

Our 2017 Mission Project is United Methodist Children's Services (UMCS). UMCS is an urban inner city ministry with a mission to serve low income and underserved people. It provides low income housing, a food pantry, clothing bank, senior stock box, Growing Tree child care center; and is a member of the Washington Park Partners Association. Needs of UMCS include cash donations toilet paper, deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, sanitary napkins, and new socks for men, women and children.

Directions

If coming from the north:

- Follow I-39 to Exit #153
- Exit on Co. B, turn right toward Plover
- Go straight on Hwy 54 to WI Rapids.
- Turn right on Baker Street
- Turn left on 8th Street
- Turn right on East Grand Street (There is a Shell station on the corner.)
- Soon, you will see Hotel Mead on the right.

If coming from the south:

- Follow I-39 north to Exit 136.
- Turn left on Highway 73 and follow 16 miles to Highway 13.
- Turn right and follow 13/73 approximately 6 miles into WI Rapids; continue on 8th Street.
- Turn left onto East Grand Street. (There is a Shell station on the corner.)
- Hotel Mead is on the right side of the street in less than half a mile.



Program Resources by Val Holzman

Looking out the window, I see leaves unfurling and delicate blossoms bursting into their Spring beauty. This new life brings to mind the new excitement I feel over our reading program selections in 2017. *BOUNDLESS* by Bryan Bishop was fascinating, but the print was difficult for me as a low vision person to read. Betty Grypp, our church librarian and part of our book discussion group, downloaded it onto her Nook. What a delight that was for me. The new e-books put me off at first. Now I better understand why national has introduced some. They are less expensive. The public libraries do allow access to them too. I love page turning. Now this old dog has learned a new trick to enjoy reading.

Maybe you will too.

I hope you enjoyed the free book exchange at the Spring Enrichment Event . It will be done at the October 7 th Annual Fall Gathering too. Bring a book, take a book FREE!!!

Unit Secretaries of Program Resources, please mail or email this completed form to me NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2017. Make copies as needed if you did not pick some up at the April 29th event.

READING PROGRAM INFORMATION

THE BASICS

There are now five categories in the reading program, and all plans require reading books in each category to receive a certificate.

Plan 1 – read 5 books, 1 in each category

Plan 2 – read 10 books, 2 in each category

Plan 3 – read 15 books, 2 in each category

Plan 4 – read 20 books, 2 in each category

All plans require reading “*response*” magazine, and Plans 2-4 also require reading “New World Outlook” magazine. Also, read your bible.

THE DETAILS

The five categories are Education for Mission (EM), Nurturing for Community (NC), Spiritual Growth (SG), Social Action (SA), and Leadership Development (LD).

The extra books in plans 3 and 4 can be in whatever category you choose. Children’s books can be counted in Plans 3 and 4. Youth books count in all plans. Youth and children’s mission study books do not count in any of the reading plans.

TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE FOR COMPLETING A READING PLAN: Fill out a form like the one below (add more lines for plans 2, 3, and 4) and give your form to your unit **Program Resources Officer**, who will check that you have completed the information showing that you have met the plan’s requirements, and then she will send your report (along with other reader reports from your unit) to our South East District Program Resources **Valerie Holzman, 6425 W. Norwich #221, Greenfield, Wisconsin, 53220, vholzman@wi.rr.com**.

READING PROGRAM REPORT FORM—DUE SEPT. 1, 2017

UNIT NAME:		PLAN # ____
READER NAME:		PHONE _____
NAME OF BOOK	CATEGORY	LIST YEAR (2011 to 2016 only)

United Methodist Women 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 creative, supportive fellowship and To expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church

2017 Yearbook Corrections

Happy Spring! Please go through your yearbook and make the following corrections:

Page B:

The position of treasurer has now been filled. The new treasurer is Linda Sather. See pg 4 of this newsletter.

Margaret Miele-Collins is no long a Co-Secretary for Program Resources

E-mail for Dodie Smith should be smith.dorothy415@gmail.com

Marilyn Eyster is Class of 19 *NOT* 18 for Nominations Committee Co-Chair

Page C:

Phone number for Shirley Jackson should be 414-354-5258

Page 1:

Pastor for Brown Deer should be Ellen Rasmussen

Page 6:

E-mail for Dodie Smith should be smith.dorothy415@gmail.com

Page 12:

President for Racine First should be Marilyn Nelson NOT Jane Jarrett (information for Marilyn is listed under Secretary's position)

Secretary for Racine First is now Patti Walker, 8732 Shady Oak Trail, Racine, WI 53406, 262-456-4054

Pastor for Salem should be Bill Church until July when Paola Benecchi will fill the position

Page 14:

E-mail for West Allis First Church should be fumcwaoffice@fumcwa.org

Page 20:

Zip code for Betty Henderson should be 53045

Phone Number for Shirley Jackson should be 414-354-5258

Page 22:

E-mail for Dodie Smith should be smith.dorothy415@gmail.com

Debra Matthies should be removed as Mission Team member for Hartford First

Jane Henderson *rather* than Betty Henderson is Mission Team member assigned to Waukesha First

Please submit any further corrections to Jane Henderson @hendersj48@aol.com.

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SOUTH EAST DISTRICT 2017 UMW EVENTS CALENDAR

Mission u (formerly School of Christian Mission)

July 24-27, Monday-Thursday, Four-Day School
July 28, Friday, Overview Day
at Hotel Mead and Conference Center,
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

UMW Mission Seminar Experience

August 5-12

South East District Annual Fall Gathering

October 7, Saturday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
at Whitewater UMC

Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering

October 20-21, Friday-Saturday
at Waukesha First

Early Registration for UMW Quadrennial Assembly

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