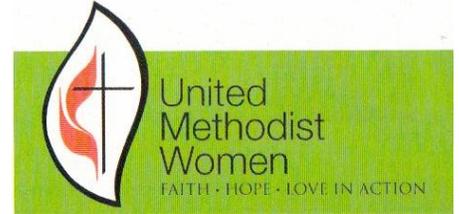


# Capital Comments

Keeping Capital District United Methodist Women Informed



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are! 2015!

I am reading my January issue of *response*, the magazine of women in mission. It is the official magazine of United Methodist Women, and its goals are to educate for mission, to interpret the Purpose and to strengthen our organization. I hope every unit has a subscription and is using something from it each month. I love reading it and look forward to each new issue arriving in my mailbox.

This issue introduces "Beginning the Anniversary Journey" (by Sandy Wilder, pg 41): "United Methodist Women members begin to celebrate 150 years in mission and secure future mission through the Legacy Fund." The actual celebration will be in 2019, remembering our founding on March 23, 1869. We will be thinking, reading, hearing, and learning so much about our rich heritage, how things have changed along the way, and look forward to the future. Keep reading *response*!

During 2015 a lot of changes (as in redistricting involving 460 congregations) are taking place for the Wisconsin Conference UMC Church and Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women. Capital District will basically be split between the South East and South West Districts. This will be a real challenge for our leadership. We do have until our Annual Gathering to have our transition plans ready for voting, with implementation to take place in January 2016.

During this year Capital District UMW will continue with our scheduled events, the **Spiritual Growth Retreat, May 2 at New Horizon UMC, Orfordville** (flier in this issue) and our Capital District UMW **Annual Gathering, September 26 at Bethany UMC, Madison**. I do hope to see you all at these events and throughout the year at other UMW events. Our district team will be available to answer questions, visiting your unit as your "district sister" and providing help with programming (sister assignments are in this issue, and so is the officer list).

Let's remember, now in 2015, United Methodist Women (and its predecessor organizations) have been in mission

## Spiritual Growth Retreat



**Saturday, May 2, 2015**  
 New Horizon UMC  
 Orfordville, WI  
 8:30 am coffee & registration  
 to 3:00 pm sending forth  
 See pages 7 & 8

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

nearly 150 years and have continued to be women of faith, hope, love in action through many challenges, changes, and hardships. Yet we remain in mission reaching out to the needs of women, children and youth as well as nurturing one another.

Dayle McGarvie, President  
Capital District United Methodist Women

608-752-1173  
dmc10s@charter.net

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH ~ HOW IS IT WITH YOUR SOUL?

### JANUARY: A NEW YEAR AND TIME FOR HOPE

UMW sisters,  
I hope you have  
a happy 2015.

We use the  
word *hope* in a lot  
of situations. When you think about it there are really  
only three kinds of hope.

There's the kind that can  
never happen. Like Charlie  
Brown and Linus, we can wait in  
the pumpkin patch every Hallow-  
een, but the "Great Pumpkin" isn't  
going to show up - it's fiction.

The second kind of hope may or may not come  
to pass - like I hope I can go to Alaska someday, or I  
hope you enjoy the Spring Spiritual Growth Retreat  
with Michele Hopp, our Conference Spiritual Growth  
Coordinator.

The third kind of hope is a reality. If I said, "I  
hope that the sun will rise tomorrow," there isn't much  
of a chance that the sun will stay down.

*May the God of hope fill you with all  
joy and peace in faith so that you  
overflow with hope by the power of  
the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13*



The Christian says, "I hope in the  
return of the Lord." That's not the  
first kind of hope, of not having a  
prayer of coming to pass. It's not the  
second kind of hope, which may or  
may not occur. It's the third kind of  
hope that is sure, it's final, it's fixed.  
It's reality. It is coming.

Many Christians have misun-  
derstood the word *hope*, believing  
that it denotes wishful thinking.  
Nothing can be further from the truth!  
As soon as Jesus became our Savior,  
heaven became our ultimate  
destination, because we know what  
we have waiting for us in the future.

Blessings for 2015

Linda Whitelock  
Spiritual Growth Coordinator

## NORTHCOTT NBHD HOUSE—NORTHSIDE HOUSING INITIATIVE

Tony Kearney, Project Director, brought good news as he walked into a classroom filled with 24 African American men learning construction at Northcott Neighborhood House. **Every young man had passed the state lead abatement worker test.**

Northcott continues to partner with Gorman & Co. from Oregon, WI on the housing restoration effort called **Northside Housing Initiative**. The project featured construction of 40 rent-to-own single family homes and the rehabilitation of numerous existing duplexes where previously there had been numerous foreclosures and blighted land and properties.

**Gorman now depends greatly on  
Northcott students for the next project  
phase, the acquisition and rehabilita-  
tion of 105 single family homes into  
affordable rental units.**

Kearney says hiring and training local unemployed individuals is the key. "We have to take a chance. A convicted felon is less likely to recidivate if he has a job." Gorman continues to lose workers who graduate to third-party contractors. But that's a good problem to have since the ultimate goal is to find sustainable employment for the students. **Currently, there is a sizeable wait-  
ing list to get into the classrooms at Northcott.** (*Information taken from the Milwaukee Courier*)

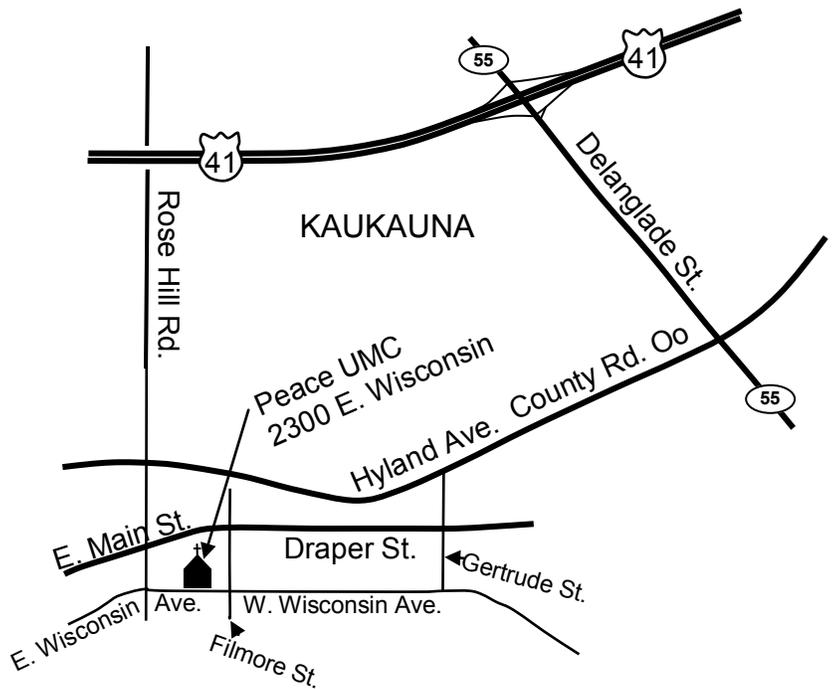
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## MISSION ACTION DAY MAP

Driving directions to Peace UMC,  
2300 E. Wisconsin Ave. Kaukauna

From US Hwy 41 going through  
Kaukauna, exit south on Hwy 55  
(Delanglade St.). Turn right (west) on  
County Rd. Oo (Hyland Ave.), and  
then left (south) on Gertrude St.  
Turn right (west) on Wisconsin Ave.  
The church is on the right.

From the Madison area, take Hwy  
151 north to Hwy 41 north.  
From Janesville area, take Hwy 26  
north to Hwy 151 or to Hwy 41 north.



## FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT ~ PLANNING FOR THE LAST...

**Our Capital District Annual Gathering** on Saturday, September 26, at Bethany UMC in Madison will be our last annual gathering as Capital District.

It's time for me to start planning for Capital District's last Annual Gathering. At this time I am going to different social justice events in order to think about what issues to present at our meeting at Bethany UMC in Madison.

My own life experiences are also giving me ideas for this year's event. As many know, my father-in-law died in January. He was admitted into the hospital with kidney failure before Christmas and after a few dialysis treatments lost his appetite and was uninterested in eating. Instead of sending him to a nursing home that would continue the

dialysis treatments, we decided, with the help of hospice, to take him home, where we used this last week to make sure his family could spend time with him. We watched "Doc Who" and "Upstairs, Downstairs" and helped him in any way that would give him comfort. The nursing team did a great job keeping us informed during the week. When he died, his sons, daughter and a few grandchildren were there making sure that he was comfortable. Many thanks to hospice care for the family time they gave us.

Yours in Jesus Christ,  
Karen Mayeshiba, Vice President

## NORTHCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE, continued

Please continue to support Northcott and all of its varied programs. Food donations as well as clothing and office supplies are always welcome. Campbell's labels can be sent directly to Northcott (2460 N. 6th St., Milwaukee, WI 53212) or brought to any District gathering, and I will see that they get to the right place!

Barb Taylor  
Northcott Rep.

For more information, check out the Northcott Website:  
[www.northcotthouse.org](http://www.northcotthouse.org) or call 414.372.3770

**Labels for Northcott must include the UPC Code to be counted. (See sample below.)**





# Mission Action Day

**Saturday, April 11, 2015**

Peace United Methodist Church  
2300 E. Wisconsin Ave.  
Kaukauna, WI 54130

## Homelessness

- Chris Lashock, Client Services Coordinator for Homeless Connections will speak on the face of homelessness, who are the homeless, and homeless families with children

## Ubuntu Service Project

- Assemble travel courier packs for Homeless Connections.
- Attendees are encouraged to donate an item for Homeless Connections
- Recommended donations are: canned goods- vegetables, fruits, soups; granola bars; infant socks- 0-24 months; body wash; travel soap dishes, women’s and men’s underwear and socks. For additional items on the wish list go to: <http://homelessconnections.net/donating-homeless-connections/>

Registration: 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.



Sending forth: 2:30 p.m.

*Registration is transferrable, not refundable.*

### 2015 MISSION ACTION DAY REGISTRATION FORM

**Deadline for Registration: Friday, March 20, 2015- \$12 registration fee**

*Late registration-\$15- March 21-28, after March 28- fee remains \$15 lunch on your own*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Child Care needed for \_\_\_\_\_ child(ren), Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (I also understand that I am responsible for providing a sack lunch for each child or paying the registration fee of \$12.00 for each child in order to cover their lunch.)

Dietary or other considerations \_\_\_\_\_

Send form and **registration fee** to:

**Shirley Carpenter, 2711 North Biron Drive, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494-8804**

Make checks payable to: Wisconsin Conference UMW

## **SOCIAL ACTION ~ ARGUMENTS FOR THE DREAM ACT**

Excerpts from Dan Moffett's view articles (Immigration Issues Expert)

Supporters of DREAM Act legislation that would give legal status to thousands of children of illegal immigrants make their case on social, moral and economic grounds.

Versions of the DREAM Act have been debated in Washington and state capitals for much of the last decade. All of them have at their core a belief that the country can't continue to ignore some 1.7 million young immigrants who came here as children and have no legal national identity.

**Here are some of the main reasons supporters believe that these undocumented immigrants should get a reprieve from the federal government:**

**These young immigrants were brought here at a young age by their parents**

and had no say in the matter.

**The country has already made a substantial investment in many of these young immigrants.**

Most of them have attended public schools and have earned high school diplomas in the public system. The government could get a return from these investments by allowing them to contribute to the U.S. economy and society. Many have completed high school but cannot attend college because of their undocumented status.

**Most are as American as the native-born citizens.**

They speak English, understand American life and culture, and tend to be highly motivated and prepared to accept the responsibilities of U.S. citizenship.

**The DREAM Act could transform this lost generation of young people into U.S. taxpayers.**

**Bringing these young immigrants out of the shadows would enhance national security.**

National security is strengthened when everyone in the country lives openly and contributes to society. To take advantage of the DREAM Act, young immigrants would be required to pass background checks and give their addresses and contact information to the government.

**Many of the eligible young immigrants are willing to give public service to the country**

either through the U.S. military or non-profit enterprises. The DREAM Act could be the catalyst for a wave of service and social activism across the country.

**The DREAM Act is in keeping with the U.S. heritage as a nation that treats immigrants fairly**

and makes special efforts to reach out to young people. The American tradition as a sanctuary for exiles dictates that we allow these innocent immigrants a chance to move on with their lives and not cast them as refugees without a homeland

Elaine Talles Frietsch

Mission Coordinator for Social Action

**FOR MORE DETAILS AND AN OPEN DISCUSSION....**

Please join us on March 12th at First United Methodist Church in Whitewater for supper and an in-depth presentation by Professor Annie Stinson of UW-Whitewater about the current status of the Dream Act and Deferred Action programs.

Call Elaine Frietsch, [262-308-8752](tel:262-308-8752), Social Action Coordinator, for further information.

## **YOUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE GIVES THANKS**

Dear Sisters in Christ;

The Capital District Executive Team has an awesome group of members for 2015. Check out the slate of officers in this issue which includes their address, phone # and email address. We give thanks to these women for saying "Yes, I will with God's help."

We are currently seeking a Youth Representative for this year, 2015. If you know a young woman who may be interested, please let Dayle or a person on the Nominations Committee know.

Remember, God is always with us.

Mary Lainberger, Chair of Nominations

## INTRODUCING OUR RETREAT LEADER ~ MICHELE HOPP

Michele Hopp is the Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator for the Wisconsin Conference of United Methodist Women. She is a lay servant in her home church, Merrimac United Methodist Church, where she enjoys being in the praise band, teaching Sunday School, teaching women's spiritual growth groups, and occasionally preaching.

For the past few years, Michele has been on her own spiritual growth quest. She wants to share what she has learned with other women so that they can experience greater faith and peace.

## TREASURER ~ GIVING MAKES MISSION POSSIBLE!

*"...their joy was so great that they were extremely generous in their giving..."*

2 Corinthians 8:2

In 2014 the Capital District paid \$61,353 of our \$65,000 pledge. This was 94% of the pledge. While we fell short of our goal, many of you sent more money than you pledged. Keep up the good work! I believe we will be able to pay all of our \$62,000 pledge for 2015.

There are several that have not sent in pledges for 2015 yet. It is not too late! Please send or email your pledges to me as soon as possible. Remember to use all five channels of giving: Pledge to Mission, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, Special Mission Recognition and World Thank Offering.

Treasurers, please remember to make your checks payable to "Capital District UMW" and send them with a remittance form to me at

the address given on page 15. You can find the remittance form on the National UMW website using this link: <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/finance>. It is also in the handbook. If you are unable to get the forms from the website or if you have any questions on completing the form, please contact me.

I would enjoy doing a program "Where the Money Goes" for your unit to help you better understand what happens with your mission dollars. Please let me know if you are interested.

Linda K Whitelock  
Capital District  
Treasurer



## PROGRAM RESOURCES ~ KEEP ON READING!

For those who need a good Education for Mission or a Social Action book to include on their reading list, I can recommend both CHASING CHAOS by Jessica Alexander (EM) and AMERICANAH by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (SA).

The former is an honest and irreverent memoir by the author of her life as an aid worker in Darfur, Sierra Leone and Haiti. We hear about everything from parties and romances to burnouts and self-doubt as she struggles to do good in places that have long endured suffering.

AMERICANAH is a novel about a young Nigerian woman who must emigrate from her native Nigeria to the United States to finish her college education. But culture shock, hardships and racism leave her with "cement in her soul." Astonished at the labyrinth of racial structures that confront her, Ifemelu launches an audacious and instantly popular blog that explores what she calls Racial Disorder Syndrome.

### ON THE WEB

Check out



UMW Mission Resource Center:

[www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org)

Call toll free: 1-800-305-9857

Fax: 1-770-280-0061

Our resource center needs a minimum of 4 weeks lead time for orders, so please get your requests to me by March 2nd for materials you want at the Spiritual Growth retreat.

Consult the online catalogue at <http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umw/programs/readingprogram> for Reading Program books, and let me know.

Nancy Noble Ramirez,  
Program Resources

# CAPITAL DISTRICT UMW SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

## How Is It With Your Soul?

**Saturday, May 2, 2015**  
New Horizon UMC, Orfordville  
**8:30 am registration & coffee**  
**to 3:00 pm sending forth**  
Program Resources will be available  
Requests? Ask Nancy Ramirez before  
March 2. Ph: 608-757-0394  
Email: nanoram49@gmail.com

Free childcare available  
if requested with paid  
registration  
(bring brown bag lunch for  
your little one - or reserve a  
lunch for \$7)

Questions? Ask  
Linda J. Whitelock  
608.754.1021  
lthompson207@msn.com

Led by

**Michele Hopp**

Wisconsin Conference Spiritual Growth  
Mission Coordinator

**\$15 in advance**  
(includes welcome snacks and lunch)  
**(\$17 at the door)**

**Registrar: Ruth Coker**  
**P.O Box 203**  
**Footville, WI 53537**  
**Phone: 608-728-0925**

**Make checks payable to**  
**Capital District UMW**

**Register by April 24, 2015**

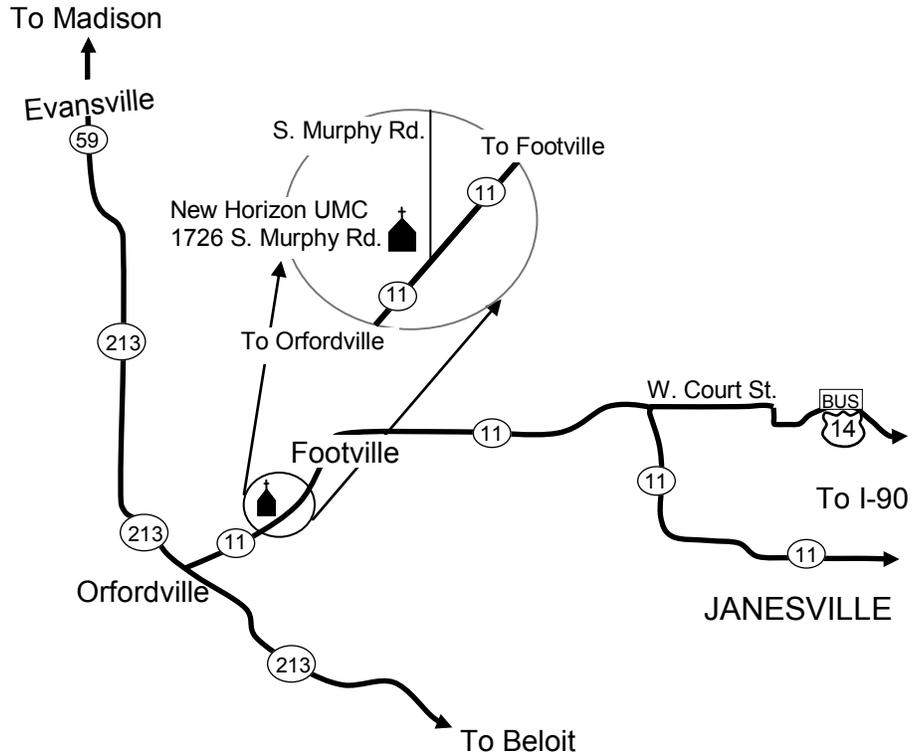
**CAPITAL DISTRICT SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT - MAP**  
 Saturday, May 2, 2015 at New Horizon UMC, 1726 S. Murphy Rd., Orfordville  
 8:30 am registration & coffee to 3:00 pm sending forth

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:**

From the Madison area: Take Hwy 14 south to Hwy 59 south, then go through Evansville to Hwy 213 south. At Orfordville, take Hwy 11 east and turn left on Murphy Rd. The church is on the left.

From the east: Take Hwy 11 west and turn right on Murphy Rd. The church is on the left.

From the south: Take Hwy 213 north, turn onto Hwy 11 east at Orfordville, then turn left on Murphy Rd. The church is on the left.



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**SPRING RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM - DUE BY APRIL 24, 2015**

Please Print

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
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REGISTRATION  
 PER PERSON: \$15.00  
 LUNCH FOR  
 DEPENDENT: \$ 7.00

CHURCH/UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

**Put any additional names on a separate sheet of paper.**

TOTAL  
 ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU NEED CHILD CARE? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_  
 (No registration fee, but bring sack lunch for child  
 or reserve a lunch for \$7.00)

SEND FORM AND MONEY TO REGISTRAR:

**Ruth Coker**  
**P.O Box 203**  
**Footville, WI 53537**  
**Phone: (608) 728-0925**

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:  
**Capital District UMW**

## MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH ~ 2014 FORM?

LOCAL MEMBERSHIP CENSUS 2014—DUE DATE—FEBRUARY 25, 2015

**FORMS:** At our Capital District Annual Gathering in late September, we distributed President's packets to all of our active units. If your unit was not represented at the Gathering, your packet was mailed to your President. Each packet contained a form for the 2014 census and an example for filling it in. The due date on the form was January 30, 2015. We were given a new due date of February 25, 2015 late last year. Thank you very much to all 10 units who have returned their forms already. An additional 17 reports are due by February 25<sup>th</sup>. I am confident I will receive those forms so we can reach our 100% reporting goal. Please send them in as soon as possible.

**BEGINNING NUMBER:** Did you remember to begin your 2014 count with the same number that you ended with in 2013? If you did, that's fantastic and the right way to do it! Even better yet, no one will bug you to check on your numbers. If you did not get your packet or forgot to keep a copy of last year's census, please contact me (Sue Plasterer) and I can provide the 2014 form and your beginning number. See my contact information on page 15.

**KEEPING TRACK OF MEMBERS:** How do you keep track of your membership? Do you keep a list on paper, in an electronic spreadsheet, in a program booklet, or some other way? Who has that responsibility? Do you work on it as a mission team? Do you have a Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator? Does your President do it? Do you have someone with computer skills create the record for you?

No matter how you keep track of the wonderful women in your unit, I'd suggest you update that list adding new members and subtracting those who have departed. Do this throughout the year so that the names on the list at the end of the year are the number you use on your Local Membership Census report form. Keep those records together and be sure your mission team/ leadership team knows who has them.

If you don't have an electronic record and would like one, have you ever thought of finding someone with computer skills who might help you create and maintain one? Ask around your church or friendship circle. You might be pleasantly surprised at who will step up to help.

## 2015 DISTRICT OFFICERS AND SISTER UNIT NURTURE & OUTREACH

Nurturing and reaching out to our twenty-eight active units and our inactive units is part of our mission goal. Each active unit is assigned an officer who is available to assist in multiple ways. As many of you know, our Wisconsin Conference UMC is being transformed into 5 Districts which officially start July 1, 2015. This year and 2016 will be transition years for United Methodist Women and our churches. As I write this, it is my understanding that we will live out 2015 as the Capital District with our current set of officers while working on a plan for the transition taking place in January 2016.

This year, getting to know your sister officer could be helpful in more ways than in previous years. As in the past, she is eager to meet and get to know you. She will continue to provide programs, install officers, and answer your UMW questions among other things. We will do our very best to provide accurate and timely answers to you. (Unit-sister chart, pg. 10.)

Our first District officer team meeting will be February 7. We hope to have more information for you after that. We will all be working together to live out our PURPOSE through Faith, Hope and Love in action.

Contact information for all District Officers and also for Conference Officers residing in the Capital District can be found in this newsletter on page 15. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

In mission together,

Sue Plasterer

Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator

## LOOK FOR YOUR UNIT, AND FIND YOUR SISTER DISTRICT OFFICER

| 2015 Capital District Sister Active Unit Assignments |                        |                          |                   |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Local Unit   | Sister                 | Local Unit               | Sister            |
| Arlington  | Judy Loveless          | Madison: First           | Sue Plasterer     |
| Beloit: River of Life                                | Elaine Talles Frietsch | Madison: Sherman Avenue  | Mary Lainberger   |
| Briggsville  | Dayle McGarvie         | Madison: Wellspring      | Sandy Brewer      |
| Brodhead   | Ruth Watt              | Milton                   | Linda J Whitelock |
| Cambridge/Willerup                                   | Mary Anne Gerlach      | Monona                   | Dayle McGarvie    |
| Darien/Allens Grove                                  | Barb Taylor            | North Windsor            | Mary Lainberger   |
| Delavan  | Linda J Whitelock      | Orfordville: New Horizon | Marilyn Eyster    |
| Edgerton   | Marilyn Eyster         | Pardeeville              | Linda K Whitelock |
| Janesville: Cargill                                  | Jane DeSoto            | Portage                  | Linda K Whitelock |
| Janesville: Mt. Zion                                 | Ginger Katzman         | Sharon                   | Nancy Ramirez     |
| Lodi   | Karen Mayeshiba        | Stoughton                | Mary Anne Gerlach |
| Madison: Asbury                                      | Sue Plasterer          | Waunakee Crossroads      | Marge Lyford      |
| Madison: Bashford                                    | Judy Loveless          | Whitewater/LaGrange      | Nancy Ramirez     |
| Madison: Bethany                                     | Anne Scott             |                          |                   |

### EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION - THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE

#### The Challenge of Change and Mission Today

Change is good in the sense that we can no longer just automatically do what we have always done. We must now stop and think about our choices. Change challenges us to come up with new solutions.

This is our first year with our new list, so I will be very interested in your feedback about how it works for your UMW.

The new 2015 Mission Today list looks a lot different from the list we have used in the past. It is based on our PURPOSE and divided into four parts: Faith, Hope, Love, and In Action. Each part lists four criteria. You are being asked to choose and complete at least two tasks from each part to become a "Mission Today" Unit.

Some of the very specific criteria from the old list have been eliminated. You will find this list more general and open to interpretation. Just as each United Methodist Woman is unique, each UMW unit can be creative in the ways it finds to interpret and complete the tasks chosen as the goals for the year.

What remains the same is the reality that striving to complete these tasks will help your unit grow as United Methodist Women in new and exciting ways. It can be an excellent guide to help you carry out your programs for the coming year.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about this new list.

Blessings in your new challenges,

Marilyn Eyster      Education and Interpretation

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**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.

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

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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.

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“The Hmong House of Good News closed at the end of 2014 due to lack of funding support and participation from the Hmong community. We are grateful for all the wonderful support--all kinds of support--from our wonderful UMW units and UM churches across the whole WI Conference. Thank you!”

Kady Herr-Yang

## UMW Women Huddle to Focus Attention on Human Trafficking

These photos, along with other photos of groups of United Methodist Women across the U.S., are posted on social media and shared in print media. Symbolically we are now part of a circle of protection and prevention to intercept human trafficking.



Cargill UMW huddle



Milton UMW huddle

January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

Judy Vasby, our former conference president and recently consecrated Deaconess, is now coordinating our Milk Moola contributions, which will now go to Harbor House Crisis Shelter in Superior, WI. Harbor House provides emergency shelter for women and children along with other assistance. Rev. Barbara Certa Werner is the director.

Judy Vasby, 281 Neli Ct., Deerfield, WI 53531  
Cell: 608.576.0173 vasby.umw@gmail.com

## Reading Program Summary

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.

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.

Our Wisconsin Conference UMC website has lots of information about our missionaries: visit [www.wisconsinumc.org/ministries/outreach&service/missionary work/](http://www.wisconsinumc.org/ministries/outreach&service/missionary%20work/) Then choose Lubumbashi for the Gablers; Zambia for Paul Webster; and Senegal for David Makobo & the Gibsons. Below are some excerpts from those pages:

Christian books are in great demand in DCR, and **Rachel Gabler** has worked tirelessly to print a book (“My Drama My Life”) and a pamphlet to accompany it. She wants to distribute it widely, selling to churches that have money, but free to those who don’t. Donations for Lubumbashi and Rachel’s efforts can be designated for Leadership Resource Development: **Advance #3021537**.

**Paul Webster** is thankful for \$12,000 in additional funds through Giving Tuesday this year, after last year’s failure to gain any funding. He is also thankful for a productive visit from Area Secretary Mande, who toured Mujila Falls and fully understood the need for additional missionaries to do farm management and special projects. Use **Advance #15016A** for Mujila Falls Ag. Centre donations.

**David Makobo** in Senegal reports being slowed down by the rainy season, but he is optimistic for a harvest of different crops. He gave local farmers small loans for a pig barn construction and vegetable seed purchases. He enjoys visiting farmers in their fields, where they are comforted and he is encouraged. Use **Advance #14517A** to support his program. (Think young Paul Webster!)

# Are you longing to go back to school?

## Heil Funds can help you!

The **Mabel Heil Scholarships** are a result of funds from the will of Sarah Mabel Heil, a woman from Cuba City, Wisconsin. The first scholarships were granted in 1981. Since then, more than 240 women have received help with their education.

Contact person:  
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N2101 Cleghorn Rd.  
Waupaca, WI 54981

715.258.0973  
pottshe@yahoo.com



An application form is on the back of this page.

### Instructions:

1. Be a female member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women.
2. Submit a written answer to the question, "In what ways do I consider myself a worthy student?"
3. Send a completed application to the contact person by May 1 or October 1.
4. Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person by either the president of the local UMW or by a pastor of the church.
5. Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person by a church member who is not a member of your household and is not a relative.

### Rules:

- A. Any member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women working to improve her education may apply.
- B. All letters must be written (preferably typed) on one side of an 8 1/2 X 11 sheet of white paper, using black ink.
- C. All applications are photocopied for the committee members.
- D. Scholarships are awarded one semester at a time. To be considered again DURING a one-year period, you must send a letter asking to be considered. AFTER one year, you will need to fill out another form and secure new recommendations.
- E. If, in any given year, there is an increase of applications, these priorities will be followed: Women responsible for others will be favored. Women preparing to return to the employment field will be favored.
- F. The schedule is: **First semester** Apply by May 1, Notified by June 1, Check given August 15. **Second semester** Apply by October 1, Notified by November 1, Check given by December 1.
- G. Application and two (2) letters of recommendation MUST be postmarked no later than May 1 and October 1 to be considered.

**Mabel Heil Scholarship Application  
Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women**

Please Print

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Local Church:**

a. Name & City \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ UMW President \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of United Methodist Women? \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Activities:**

b. In United Methodist Women \_\_\_\_\_

In your local church \_\_\_\_\_

In the community \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Education: (Give year of graduation) High School \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_**

School You will be attending \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted as a student? yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Present (post high school) status:

Freshman \_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_ Graduate \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

Course of Study \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Family Status** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Please answer the following using an additional sheet:**

**IN WHAT WAY DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A WORTHY STUDENT?**

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**Wisconsin Conference MISSION ACTION DAY**  
**Homelessness, and an Ubuntu service project**  
April 11, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
at Peace UMC, Kaukauna, WI

**Capital District Spiritual Growth Retreat**  
May 2, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
at New Horizon UMC, Orfordville, WI

**Mission u (School of Christian Mission)**  
July 20-23, Monday-Thursday, Four-Day School  
July 24, Friday, Overview Day  
at the Westwood Convention Center, Wausau, WI

**Capital District Annual Gathering**  
September 26, Saturday, at Bethany UMC, Madison, WI

**Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering**  
October 23 & 24, Friday-Saturday  
at Lake Street UMC, Eau Claire, WI