

# Capital Comments

SUMMER, 2014

Keeping Capital District United Methodist Women Informed



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Capital District United Methodist Women:

Greetings as I return from ASSEMBLY 2014!

All the planning, preparation, anticipation, excitement (early registration, signing up for bus and hotel, reading about it in Response and packing), yes, it was worth it!

United Methodist Women Assembly 2014 "will you MAKE IT HAPPEN?" was all I was hoping it would be and more.

Spirit-filled singing, music, worship, meeting women from many places, workshops I attended - about "Faithful Living in a Climate-Challenged World" and "Behind the Kitchen Door: Restaurant Workers Organizing for Dignity and Justice" - all reminding me how special our organization, United Methodist Women, is.

The highlight for me was our keynote speaker, Hillary Rodham Clinton. She recalled her faith journey being raised in the United Methodist Church, and she challenged us, "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 "having hope, faith and love in action was exactly what we are called to do."

I truly hope that each and every one of you will have the opportunity at some time in the future to attend an Assembly. There is no better way to witness what United Methodist Women is all about. Some Units put aside monies each year toward scholarships to help members with expenses. This year Wisconsin Conference UMW furnished the buses. View some of the speeches, music, consecration of twenty-six Deaconesses (one of them being Judy Vasby, past Wisconsin Conference UMW president) and so much more at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)

Now, to remind you all, **Mission u 2014** is coming! 4-day July 28-31 and Overview Day August 1. Studies: How Is It With Your Soul?, The Roma of Europe, The Church and People with Disabilities. Lots more information about Mission u is in this newsletter. Hope to see you there.

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4-day Mission u  
Monday—Thursday  
July 28th-July 31st, 2014  
Overview Day, Friday, August 1st  
(See flyer pages 7-10)  
In Wausau, Wisconsin

## MAKE IT HAPPEN: OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL!

### Make It Happen: Opportunity for All! is coming to Janesville – Cargill UMC on Saturday, September 27, 2014!

Registration forms in the next Capital Comments. Packet pick-up starts at 8:15am

I have just come back from the United Methodist Women's Assembly in Louisville, KY. It was amazing to see all of us women (6,000 plus a few men) gathered for mission.

I was lucky enough to run into a youth I met at Mission u (she is from northern Wisconsin). She was so energized about mission and is excited about high school, and preparing for college and living!

Hillary Clinton was the keynote speaker and gave a thoughtful speech about her United Methodist upbringing and how it taught her about the world beyond her sheltered experience of growing up in a suburb of Chicago.

Through our mission work, educational outreach and because we work together, our churches touch the world in so many ways.

**"Make It Happen"** was our theme at Assembly and we can make it happen here. **"Make It Happen: Opportunity For All"** is our theme for this year's Capital District annual gathering. So much of our unit work is about making sure that when women, children and youth feel that doors are closed to them, they will see that we can help them find a window of opportunity to live a full and productive life.

We have invited Tammy DeGarmo, the director of Project 16:49, to give our keynote address. This is a local nonprofit

organization that was created to help homeless teens, who live on their own, stay in school, graduate and become self-sufficient adults.

Northcott Neighborhood House will also be there to update us on what is happening in Milwaukee, and we will be collecting materials as our in-gathering for this UMW-founded mission.

Workshops will include a Book Talk as well as a Mission Study from Mission u. Training will also be part of this event and we are working to make it a blessing for our local units.

This event is a great opportunity for anyone interested in learning more about mission and our great United Methodist denomination.  
Invite them ALL.

Yours in Christ,  
Karen Mayeshiba  
Capital District Vice-President



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### REMINDER

Keep collecting Milk Moola caps and Moola slips, etc., found at Kwik Trip gas stations, and get them to Judy Vasby or district or conference officers by **December 1, 2014.**

<http://www.hmonghouse.org>

**THEY ARE THE FUTURE, THEY ARE THE WORLD;  
WHO ARE THEY?**

**SOCIAL  
ACTION**

*(Quote from: John Wesley, Sermon of 1872, "Our Family Religion.")*

*"Next to your wife are your children; immortal spirits whom God hath, for a time, entrusted to your care, that you may train them up in all holiness, and fit them for the enjoyment of God in eternity. This is a glorious and important trust; seeing one soul is of more value than all the world beside. Every child, therefore, you are to watch over with the utmost care, that, when you are called to give an account of each to the Father of Spirits, you may give your accounts with joy and not with grief."*

In today's world, we see homes that are broken and children that are rebellious. Parents make mistakes just like everyone else, and kids are accustomed to taking from their parents. Believers should instruct children to show respect and honor to their parents, to avoid discipline. Today we see children of all ages rebelling, but they often seem to escape discipline. The results are either that they don't need to accept responsibility for their actions, or are permitted to neglect the greater good in favor of personal goals. And, unfortunately, many parents today are afraid to discipline their children for fear they will lose love and affection from them.

All children are called to love their parents simply because the Lord has placed them in their lives. They are to obey God by offering their parents care and respect. Surrendering their life to Jesus Christ is the greatest gift a child can give a godly parent. Also, talking with the Lord about their parents in prayer, both privately and in their presence. And as they grow older, children or grandchildren should put their religion into practice by caring for their own family, for this is pleasing to God.

Parents should specifically teach their children to:  
Read the Bible. Pray.  
Trust God for all needs.  
Obey God.  
Be forgiving.  
Do the right thing.  
Be persistent.  
Have a servant spirit.  
Complete tasks.  
And love unconditionally.

Maybe you feel that as a parent you aren't so bad, and compared to others you're a pretty good person. Are you helping your children be all that God created them to be, or are you struggling within yourself by a weak spiritual life? You have an amazing invitation from God to shape your children's lives in a way that will honor Him. Our heavenly Father is faithfully waiting to guide you by becoming the godly example you were created to be in loving and training your children.

Will you still make mistakes? Yes. But God can change you; just surrender your life to Him.

And yes! This is also your future and your world; these are your children and your grandchildren. That's who they are! They are your greatest gift from your heavenly Father...Amen

For further study, read Ephesians 6:1-4, Deuteronomy 5:16, Matthew 18:2-6  
Excerpts from: John Wesley - complete Sermon of 1872, "Our Family Religion." and Dr. Charles Stanley, In Touch Ministries

Elaine Talles Frietsch Social Action

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

### HOW IS IT WITH YOUR SOUL?

That is quite a profound question, isn't it? The first time I heard this was in the church narthex. A young gentleman whom I did not know well asked me that out of the blue. I knew if I were to answer his question sincerely I needed time to meditate on it for a while. I said, "Let me get back to you on that in a little bit. Meanwhile, pray for me, ok?" Since that day, he and I have had some conversations on that very topic, and we have been supporting each other with prayers.



I look forward to seeing you at Mission u. By the way, ... "How is it with YOUR soul?"

That is also the title to the spiritual study at this summer's Mission u in July. I am excited about this issue as I feel I have to ask myself that very question often. So I look forward to learning more about how I can say... "It is well with my soul." As United Methodist Women we are so blessed to have Mission u where we can have a spiritual study along with our other mission studies so we may follow God's commandments to love God with all our hearts, and minds, and souls and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

God Bless You,  
Linda J. Whitelock  
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## FROM YOUR TREASURER—GIVING MAKES MISSION POSSIBLE

*"...their joy was so great that they were extremely generous in their giving..."*  
2 Corinthians 8:2



Do you know anyone who is graduating? Is someone you know celebrating a special occasion?

Gift to mission cards are a good way to honor a special person or let someone know you are thinking of them. These cards are sold for \$5.00 each, and the proceeds go to support United Methodist Women mission projects. When you purchase these cards, your unit receives credit toward the five-star award given at the end of the year. You can purchase cards at any district event. You can also send your order to me, and I will send the cards to you.

The available cards are:

Congratulations	In The Service of Christ
Thank You	Thinking of You
Baby	Happy Birthday
Peace	Merry Christmas
Special Day	

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## EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION—RACIAL JUSTICE

### Why We Need to Implement our Charter for Racial Justice

Wisconsin is the worst state in the U.S. for black children. Are you shocked to learn this? Out of all 50 states Wisconsin got the lowest average on 12 different factors in a recent national study. This study, done by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, a 66-year-old charitable organization, concentrated on family issues and well-being.

The study, "Race for Results: Building a Path to Opportunity for All Children," scored Wisconsin lowest of all states when it comes to racial disparities for our black children. White children of Wisconsin, on the other hand, ranked tenth.

### Why do Wisconsin black children have so many fewer educational and economic opportunities?

As United Methodist Women an important part of our purpose is to work on behalf of all children. Almost every local UMW unit has a copy of our Charter for Racial Justice. Are you considering this document as you work on programs for the coming year? Our Mission Today list asks us to "implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least one way during the year."

For the past three years Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women have developed original, thoughtful programs dealing with issues of race. One of these programs might be a good starting place for your local unit.

They can be downloaded from our wisconsinumw.org website. Just go to the website and click "Charter for Racial Justice." Though these programs represent the culmination of many hours of development, they remain an underused resource in our Capital District.

Among our local units, "implementing the Charter for Racial Justice" was one of the least checked criteria for 2013.

If you don't have access to a computer, I will be happy to send you copies of the three programs and a copy of our Charter for Racial Justice. See my address below.

Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church wrote and adopted this Charter in 1978. In 1980 the Charter was adopted by the whole denomination. As is so often the case, our United Methodist Women led the way. Now we need to lead the way to make Wisconsin a healthy place for all of our children.

Marilyn Eyster  
Capital District Mission Coordinator  
for Education & Interpretation  
122 East Cox Road, Edgerton, WI  
608 868-3585

## WISCONSIN CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Who: For all units/local organizations/circles in Wisconsin Conference

What: A program geared to Wisconsin about issues of race. Duration 30-45 minutes.

Where: At any place that United Methodist Women meet

When: Any time in 2014 and after (There is a new program each year since 2011.)

Why: \*To become aware of what is happening in our own communities

\*To become more aware of people hurting around us

\*To be able to live peacefully in our neighborhoods, both local and extended

\*To get credit for #7 on the Mission Today activities list

How: By using this prepared program in your local unit/organization/circle (see above for how to get it)

## PROGRAM RESOURCES—READING PROGRAM BOOK TIPS

Some of Nancy's recommendations for summer reading: Growing Up Muslim by Sambul Ali-Karamali. It provides essential information about Islam in the everyday context of Muslim life in America, encouraging tolerance and acceptance. It is a youth book, 2014 Education for Mission.

If women's struggle for equality in this world is on your mind, then Grace and Grit by Lilly Ledbetter is a must-read. A 2014 Leadership Development book, Mrs. Ledbetter tells about the daily discrimination and harassment she experienced as one of the first women hired at management level at Goodyear and her long fight for equal rights in the workplace, a truly inspirational story.

If you enjoy a bit of humor with your daily dose of nonfiction reading, the Nurturing for Community book, Small Things With Great Love, will fit the bill. With a list of resources, a study guide and a six-week "Adventure Challenge," as well as lots of stories and hilarity from author Margot Starbuck's own life, this book will open your eyes to the people around you and the huge impact you can have on them through daily, small acts of love.

If your list goal requires two more books and you only have time for one, then bonus book Finding Higher Ground will help you achieve it. This Social Action book by Amy Seidl talks about the ability of many of God's creatures, including humans, to adapt to changing conditions on our planet in the Age of Warming and how they are doing it. Reading this book is like watching a nature program on PBS, very informative, practical (offering tips for us humans on adapting) and fascinating.

As you read, be sure to keep track of the titles, their categories (5 different ones) and the year the book appeared on a UMW Reading List (2010-2014). Adult Mission u books count as one book in any category. All secretaries of program resources in the units of the Capital District will need to get their member participants' lists to me by September 6. Please send them to me at 95 South Ringold St., Janesville, WI 53545 or by email to [nano-ram@att.net](mailto:nano-ram@att.net). My phone is 608-757-0394, should you have any questions. Have a wonderful summer!

Nancy Ramirez  
Secretary of  
Program Resources



## LETTERS FROM AFRICA ELI—JULIA MAYESHIBA

Many Africa ELI students have sent letters in reply to the letters our students wrote to be taken to Africa ELI last year. This is an excerpt from one of them. I have been scanning them, and saving them in a file in PDF format. If you would like to have a copy of this file, send me an email requesting it, and I will send it to you. My email address is [jmayeshiba@yahoo.com](mailto:jmayeshiba@yahoo.com). Many thanks to all who helped with this project.

Hi Ella,  
My name is Charity Tabu. I live in yei in a certain orphanage called Harvesters. Have you ever heard of this orphaaage?  
I'm in high school (secondary level) and this is my last year.  
My favourite colour is pinks and butterflies are my favourite insects.

Julia Mayeshiba, Young Women's Coordinator

# 2014 Wisconsin Mission u

Westwood Conference Center, Wausau, WI



# Mission u

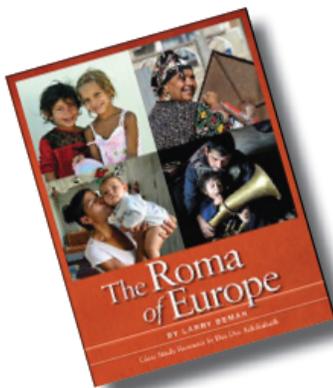
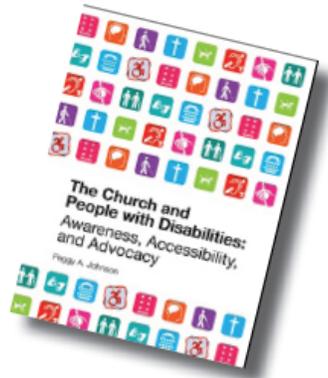
*Celebrate All God's Children*

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)



# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Roma of Europe*

\_\_\_\_\_ *The Church and People With Disabilities*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Teen Study (Disabilities and Our Response)*

## Four-Day Mission u

**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.



2013 young women and their mentors.



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

# 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): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

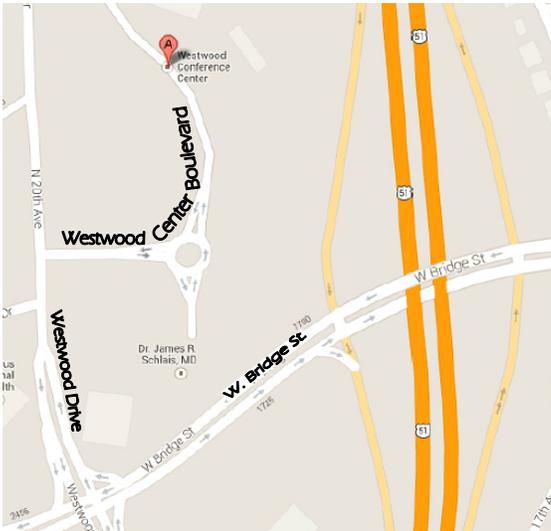
**Send full payment and registration by June 30th to:**

Arlene Trull  
305 Becker Street  
Rothschild, WI 54474

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

Make checks payable to **Mission u**

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



### Conference Center Driving Directions

Coming on US 51/I-39: Take Exit 193 (Bridge Street)

Turn west on Bridge Street (0.3 mi.) [if you were on 51-North, turn left; if you were on 51-South, turn right].

\*Turn right at Westwood Drive (0.1 mi.)

Turn right at Westwood Center Boulevard, go almost all around the roundabout, then take right to stay on Boulevard (427 ft.).

Visitor parking is way past the main entrance, in the back.

Coming on WI-29: Merge with US 51/I-39 North.

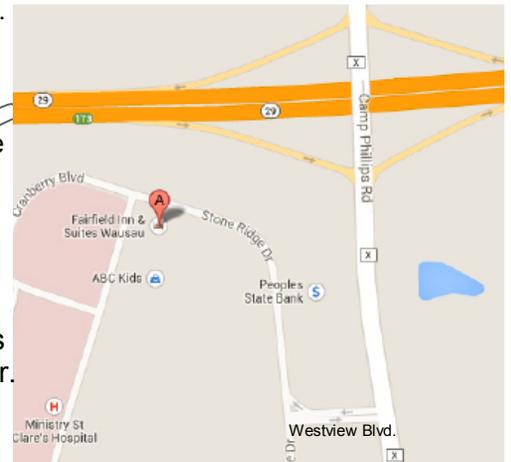
Take Exit 193 (Bridge Street), turn left, follow above directions\*.

**Fairfield Driving Directions:** Coming on US WI-29: Take Exit 173 (County Road X/Camp Phillips Rd.) Turn south. [right from 29-East, left from 29-West] Turn right onto Westview Blvd.

Turn right onto Stone Ridge Dr.

Fairfield Inn will be on the left.

Coming on US 51/I-39: Take the WI-29 East interchange (toward Green Bay). Follow the above directions.



**WESTWOOD CONFERENCE CENTER**  
1800 Westwood Center Boulevard  
Wausau, WI 54401  
(715) 847-9200

**Fairfield Inn & Suites**  
7100 Stone Ridge Dr.  
Weston, WI  
(715) 241-8400

# Support for Northcott Neighborhood House



## OUR 2014 MISSION PROJECT at MISSION u. See details below.

Northcott Neighborhood House contact info:  
2460 North 6th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212  
414.372.3770      www.northcotthouse.org

### NORTHCOTT HOUSE CELEBRATES 53 YEARS!

On Sunday, May 4, Northcott held its 53rd Annual Meeting and Dinner at the Harley Davidson Museum in Milwaukee. A number of UMW members from several districts, as well as Northcott staff, clergy and other supporters were in attendance – several hundred in all! It was quite an inspiring event. A special 40-year award was presented to **Frances Martin** who provided leadership for the Head Start program.

This year's theme was **Northcott: Surviving and Thriving as a Non-Profit**. Keynote speaker, **Dr. Joan Prince**, Vice Chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, spoke of the many ways that Northcott supports children, youth and their families. She spoke of people for whom life isn't easy, no matter how hard they try. But Northcott is there to provide not only for physical needs but to act as a moral compass.

Labels for Northcott **must include the UPC Code to be counted**. Include the LABELS FOR EDUCATION symbol, also. (See sample below.)



She also pointed out that if the original board had decided not to take a chance on establishing Northcott in the inner city, the hopes and dreams of many people would never have been realized. Northcott continues to survive despite the hardships it faces, and it thrives because of the positive leadership and caring attitude and support of so many people.

Dr. Prince grew up in a neighborhood not far from where Northcott is now located. So those in attendance were particularly pleased to learn that UW-Milwaukee will be initiating a project to connect Northcott "kids" with their peers, not only from across the country but around the globe. This type of exposure will undoubtedly lead to opportunities and employment – experiences which many of the "kids" never dreamed possible.

This year, **Mission u** has designated Northcott as its special mission project. Each UMW unit is asked to collect money and bring it to Mission u to help support Northcott's many projects and programs. Or, if you wish, contributions can be sent directly to the Capital District treasurer, Linda K. Whitelock, or to me, and I will see that it gets to the right place!

Blessings to all,  
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Whitewater, WI 53190  
262.495.8625  
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## MEMBERSHIP NURTURE & OUTREACH—MATCHING NUMBER?

### 2013 Local Membership Census Form Update

Things I have learned on the way to getting our 100% count 100% correct... I'm almost finished with the membership number counting part of my role. I've been counting and counting and checking and checking to make sure our membership numbers for 2013 are correct.

As I write this I am working with 5 units to reconcile their beginning numbers for 2013 with their ending numbers for 2012. Did you know the numbers are supposed to match???? Well, I didn't. Duh!!! It was a big learning for me but really wasn't a new thing.

It has always been and ever will be the case. I also learned that reminding units about their ending numbers is the right and helpful thing to do before beginning a new count.

One other learning is to make sure units get their forms and instructions delivered to the person in the unit who knows the numbers. So what am I going to do with all of this knowledge? I will put together the information so our membership counting process goes smoothly for 2014. Watch for your copy of the Fall Newsletter. I plan to have the information there to guide our 2014 count.

Has your unit been visited by your district officer sister? If you've not invited her yet or she has not contacted you to set up a visit, please contact her. We are here to get to know you and share our love of UMW with you. If your unit needs assistance with programs or an added spark of the spirit, we will do whatever we can to provide it.

Our 2014 sister assignments were listed in the Spring Capital Comments. The Newsletter can be found online at our Wisconsin Conference UMW website. The URL is <http://www.wisconsinumw.org/capital-comments.html> If you can't find your sister there, please contact me and I'll get you in touch with her.

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## NOTES FROM NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The slate of Capital District UMW officers for 2015-16 is complete except for one seat on the nominations committee. Send your name or someone who agrees to be nominated to Judy Loveless before June 20, 2014. Thank you!

### CAPITAL DISTRICT NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

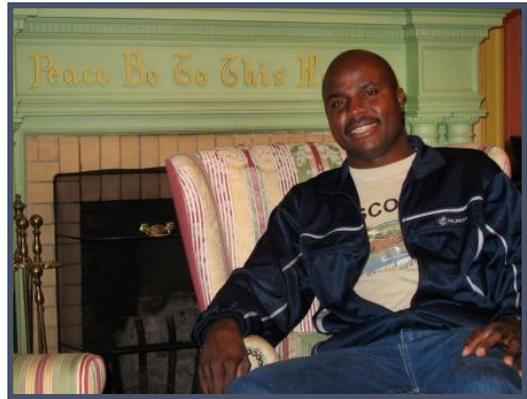
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# MISSIONARY NEWS

PAUL WEBSTER writes to inform us of the death of his colleague and best friend, TSHALA MWENGO



It is with great sadness and anguish that I have to announce to you the death of my colleague and best friend, Tshala Mwengo. He died after being involved in a terrible bus crash between Mwinilunga and Solwezi early in the morning of April 9<sup>th</sup>. He passed away in the hospital from complications of the numerous injuries at about 6:30 pm that day.

He leaves a wife, two children and many brothers, sisters, parents, uncles and aunts.

Tshala was just 18 when I first met him in D.R. where I first worked. He showed an incredible aptitude for agriculture as well as a deep commitment to Christ. My late wife, Roxanne, and I raised the funds to put him through a B.S. Degree in Agriculture from United Methodist Africa University in Zimbabwe. **He saved our project in Mwinilunga** by

running it for four years while I was with my dying wife in the U.S. He later was made a full Missionary with the GBGM and has been my Co-Director at Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre. His special interests were the poultry projects and the pine tree nursery and plantation, though his gifts took him to every corner of the project.

Tshala was also a gifted preacher who could inspire people to action. He will be sorely missed by our project.  
**Be praying for us and his family and friends.**



Paul praying with Tshala

I expect to be in the U.S. after May 10<sup>th</sup> and would like to visit your church. Please try to schedule through your District and Conference Missions Secretaries or Chairs.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Rev. Paul L. Webster

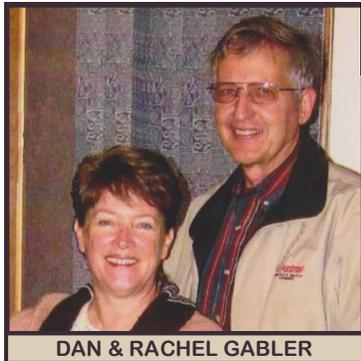
Tony Fuller, our Conference Secretary of Global Ministries, is currently developing a schedule for Paul's visit here in Wisconsin from June 22 to July 30. For more information, or to schedule a visit to your church, contact Tony. His email addresses are [senegaltony@gmail.com](mailto:senegaltony@gmail.com) or [fullersandra@att.net](mailto:fullersandra@att.net). Tony says Sunday mornings are already booked.

There are more pictures & information on our Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre Face Book Page: <https://www.facebook.com/MujilaFallsAgCentre>

**Remember that our Advance Special Number is: 15016A**

**MANY THANKS AND BLESSINGS TO ALL WHO HAVE PRAYED FOR OR MATERIALLY SUPPORTED MUJILA FALLS AGRICULTURE CENTRE.**

# MISSIONARY NEWS



## DAN & RACHEL GABLER IN LUBUMBASHI

Excerpts from Rachel's April email:

**“You are helping us by praying for us.”**

*II Corinthians 1:11 NLT*

I have just returned from holding a seminar twice in two different locations up in North Katanga. This has been in the planning stage for over a year now... the dates kept shifting and the places doubled.

I taught a seminar in Kamina and then...again in Malemba. Both times it was wonderful. I traveled...in the new Caravan. I was so thankful...I had a lot of books to get up there and it was big enough to carry them.

One batch of books was the Bible Story Book in Swahili, and I told the participants who received one free that they were my marketing team...

When the Apostle Paul wrote the message quoted above, he didn't have... email. He knew people were praying for him, and often he updated them after the fact. That is what I am doing now.

One real plus in doing it the way we had to organize it here compared to how I did it in Zambia is that I absolutely couldn't manage it or control it. It is hard, and I am learning how not to control...

But being forced to let go meant that the District Superintendents were able to step up and manage it. I'm never doing it any other way now!

Africans are so much more relaxed and pragmatic about upsets in schedules. It is one of the positive by-products of their worldview.

The Lord is working on me to get me to a more balanced attitude. Not, "I don't care, so what?" But,

"I do what I can do and leave the rest in God's hands."

My biggest concern was the session on "Christ and/or Culture." (I didn't call it that because nothing was in English and I didn't know how that would translate. It was just "African Worldview.")

It was the first time I would be teaching it on my own. Kasongo had always taught it, and when he died, individuals who he had mentored taught it. But this area is where Kasongo came from. Numerous individuals in both seminars had heard him teaching it. So I was not starting from scratch. And to be able to put his book in their hands in French was a thrill for them and for me.

So folks, thank you for "helping me with your prayers."

I have had a wonderful privilege.

In His hands,  
Rachel Gabler

Rachel Gabler is due to itinerate in Wisconsin from September 12 - October 21. Tony Fuller, our Conference Secretary of Global Ministries, will be developing a schedule for her visit. For more information, or to schedule a visit to your church, contact Tony. His email addresses are [senegaltony@gmail.com](mailto:senegaltony@gmail.com) or [fullersandra@att.net](mailto:fullersandra@att.net).

## ANITA HENDERLIGHT AND AFRICA ELI 2014 WISCONSIN TOUR

Our questions: Are you, your staff and our girls and boys in South Sudan safe and able to be in school? What is to be their future in the newest country in the world with fighting between the two biggest tribes--the Nuer and the Dinka and where political leaders from those tribes are exacerbating the trouble?

Within 24 hours of landing in the US from South Sudan, Anita Henderlight, Executive Director, Africa Education and Leadership Initiative, was on a plane to Wisconsin to tell us about what she, Africa ELI's staff and "our" girls and boys are experiencing.

Where Africa ELI is located in Yei, Central Equatoria, South Sudan, they are in the very southern most part of the country close to the Ugandan border. Consider that the closest fighting is in the capitol, Juba, one hundred miles away. It takes 7 hours to drive that distance by truck. Anita feels they are safe in Yei.

Her message? **"We carry on"**. Africa ELI continues educating secondary students (mostly high school age) for the future they are positive will come. As Anita said, "The fighting will stop". Students must be prepared to continue to build and lead their country when it does.



While in Wisconsin she gave 5 presentations: at Central UMC, Milwaukee for the Metro Districts, at Wausau First UMC for two worship services and one Heartland District event, at Bristol UMC in Metro South and at Whitewater First UMC in the Capital District. At all events people asked excellent questions and were very engaged in conversations. Wausau First UM church is sending a team to South Sudan in 2015 and made a 2 year pledge of support. She was very happy to see School of Christian Mission students from her classes in 2008-09. Some attended one of her events for the first time.

Thank you to everyone who hosted events, and fed, hosted and transported Anita. She reports you kept her well hydrated and caffeinated! She and the staff of Africa ELI are very grateful for your many ways of supporting and funding the education of South Sudanese students through Africa Education and Leadership Initiative. She looks forward to seeing you in Yei!

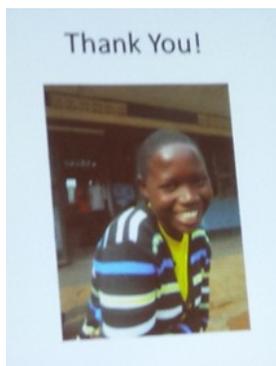
Ways we can help: Build a new girls dorm (for \$37,500) at the Yei campus. They need 98,000 more bricks to complete the project.

Consider sponsorships for school fees.

Go to <http://africaeli.org> for more information.

You can make donations online or by check. You can also write a check to your church, with Africa ELI #7951 ( the Wisconsin Conference UMC Mission #) written on the memo line, and drop it in your church's offering plate.

Photos: Africa ELI students say thanks: Harriet, in the photo on left; Nidal, with a letter being read aloud by Anita, above.



Report by Sue Plasterer

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## CAPITAL DISTRICT 2014 UMW EVENTS CALENDAR

### **Mission u (School of Christian Mission)**

July 28-31 Monday-Thursday,  
Four-Day School  
August 1 Friday, Overview Day  
at the Westwood Convention Center,  
Wausau, WI

### **Capital District Annual Gathering**

September 27 Saturday,  
at Cargill UMC, Janesville, WI

### **Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering**

October 17 & 18 Friday-Saturday  
at Madison-Asbury UMC, Madison, WI