

Capital Comments

SUMMER, 2013

Keeping Capital District United Methodist Women Informed



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Capital District United Methodist Women:

It's time to start making plans to attend Mission u (formerly School of Christian Mission) this summer. I want to encourage you to attend either the four-day school or the overview day. The four-day school is Monday, July 22 through Thursday, July 25, and the overview day is Friday, July 26. We will be at the Westwood Conference Center in Wausau again this year. You do not need to make hotel reservations; this year they are included with your registration. A registration form is included in this newsletter. Make as many copies of the form as you need. If you have never attended before, I hope you will consider it this year. It is a great opportunity to meet women from all over the state.

In honor of the 5th anniversary of the Hmong House of Good News, there will be a celebration on Tuesday night of Mission u. In order to help Hmong House, money will be collected.

Have you scheduled your visit with your sister yet? It is important for us as district officers to visit your unit. We want to get to know you and share ideas. If you have any questions or need information don't hesitate to contact me or your sister. We will help you find the answers.

Put September 28 on your calendar and plan to join us in Delavan for the District Annual Gathering. The Conference Annual Gathering is October 18 and 19 at Asbury in Madison. More specific details for both of these events will be in the next newsletter.

The next UMW Assembly is April 25-27, 2014 in Louisville, Kentucky. More information will be available this fall.

Blessings,

Linda Whitelock

Capital District President



4-day Mission u
Monday—Thursday
July 22-July 25, 2013
Overview Day, Friday, July 26
(See flyer pages 7-10)
In Wausau, Wisconsin

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - AT THE HEART OF OUR CHURCH

SAVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Go ahead and write it down right now.

September 28, 2013 at Delavan UMC
CAPITAL DISTRICT ANNUAL GATHERING.

United Methodist Women –
At the Heart of Our Church

Check-in starts at 8:30am.

Registrations are due the week before.

I'm still in the process of setting up workshops, and there will also be training for unit officers. As always there will be lunch, singing, memorial remembrance, pledge service, installing new district officers (please say "yes" if called to serve), new books, new friends and old buddies. It should be a fine day no matter what the weather is like.

This year I've been very busy preparing for the annual gathering. In my quest to find interesting workshops to bring to the gathering, I have been going to numerous events. There are many speakers, many ideas and many people of faith all over this state working hard toward sustaining just and compassionate communities.

I went to "People of Faith United for Justice," a legislative advocacy day at the capitol sponsored by the Wisconsin Council of Churches. The Rev. Bryan Massingale, Professor of Theology at Marquette University in Milwaukee, gave a stirring speech about the importance of faith expressed through our concern for justice. One point he made is that human dignity cannot be won or lost. We have it as a child of God; the dignity that we share as human beings is an imprint of the sacred on us, no exceptions. Going to these events and thinking about what other people experience helps me to remember the Lord's sacred imprint.

I have also started going to Church Women United meetings in Madison. This is a sister organization that UMW units support through fair share and least coin giving. At CWU events, speakers teach about different topics and have given me a chance to meet other women of faith from other churches who have similar concerns about our community.

If possible, all units should have a "key woman" who participates in the closest local unit of this organization, a woman who goes to the events and brings back what they learn to their own UMW unit and congregation.

The connections I make through UMW puts me in the heart of the community so that I can bring that heart to you at the district gathering and to my church community as part of on-going mission and educational outreach for all.

Yours in Christ, Karen Mayeshiba

Capital District Vice-President



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SOCIAL ACTION: *BUILDING SOLID FRIENDSHIPS

[Proverbs 17:17 "A friend loves at all times, and kinsfolk are born to share adversity."](#)

Friendships are among our most valuable assets. Acquiring quality companions – those who will laugh with us in good times and stand by us during trials – requires shared commitment and an investment of time and energy.

Healthy relationships thrive on...

Transparency. We must be honest with friends and encourage them to be truthful in return. To preserve a strong bond, we can't hide hurts or feelings of rejection they may have caused. Transparency that is tied to accountability can also help make each individual a better person. A solid relationship allows each party to gently point out errors in the other's life and offer loving correction.

Time and talk. Genuine friendship takes time to develop. We must be willing to put aside other obligations and give priority to being in each other's company. And when we're together, we should devote a generous portion of our time to talking – speaking about our thoughts and desires and also asking questions to prompt our companion to open up. This type of conversation allows a glimpse into the other person's heart and mind.

Thanks. Everyone likes to feel appreciated. Expressing gratitude when friends are helpful lets them know we're thankful to have them in our life. What's more, we affirm our love when we communicate how much we enjoy a certain aspect of their personality or remember an occasion that is special to them.

Being a good friend is a way to serve God. He designed us to be in relationship with others, so we should give our best to every companion He's placed in our life.

*Excerpts from: Dr. Charles Stanley, In Touch Ministries 2013

(This column is dedicated to our United Methodist Women's group. This organization is a fine example of genuine friendships and what we are as we meet and work and plan with our sisters in Christ. Social action growth and changes will happen when loving friends together serve others in Christ.)

Elaine Frietsch
Social Action



Assembly 2014
Louisville, Ky.

April 25-27
2014

Come expecting to celebrate our Wesleyan heritage and to shape our future together.

Come expecting to talk about challenging and complex issues in a real way.

Will you accept the call?
Will you make it happen?
Will you come to Assembly 2014?

Come expecting powerful worship,
dynamic speakers and amazing music.

- worship
- speakers
- workshops
- service
- networking
- Bible study
- and much more!



SPIRITUAL GROWTH: LECTIO DIVINA “LITE”

SPRING IS HERE.....NO, REALLY!

I'm just coming off of a spiritual 'high' from attending last month's spiritual growth retreat. A big thank you goes out to the Lodi UMW unit who hosted it. We are always so grateful to have Barbara Dick as a facilitator. She weaves reflection, drama, music and prayer to help us grow in our spiritual lives.

Speaking of prayer...Barbara taught us about “Lectio Divina,” a way to study and pray about a passage in Scripture. The exercise asks you to take a Bible passage, for example Psalm 46:10

-“Be still and know that I am God”- and then try the following:

1. Feel it—pay attention to the feelings it evokes in you;
2. Imagine it—close your eyes and try to see a picture it presents to you;
3. Think about it—what does this passage mean to you today?

And finally,

4. Meditate it—try to focus your attention on God and listen for what the passage is telling you. Accept the gift you have given yourself of quiet time with God.

Now, back to Spring. It seems this year it was a long time coming, but perhaps that will help us be more appreciative of her beauty. The weather can be so uncertain - but our faith anchors us with hope for the future.

Let me leave you
with a little prayer
I've read recently:

*Give us
Enough lightning and storms
To shake up our soil
Enough wind to keep us spirited
Enough death to bring us life
And enough goodness
To help us remember who we are*

God Bless You,

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Macrina Wiederkehr

FROM YOUR TREASURER—FAITHFULNESS TO GOD'S MISSION

Thank you to all of the units who have been sending in their pledge dollars. We have collected \$15,160 toward our \$68,000 commitment for this year.

For units who would like to award Special Mission Recognition pins, I would urge you to allow as much time as possible prior to the date you would like to make the presentations. This year it appears that pins are coming more quickly, but we don't want you to be disappointed if it takes longer than you anticipated. I would recommend sending requests at least 8 weeks in advance of your presentation date.

Totals of unit giving have been sent out. If you have any questions, please let me know. This is very important for the awarding of the Five-Star certificates at the Annual Gathering in the fall.

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EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION—DO A CHECK UP!

Do a Mission Today Six Month Checkup

We will soon be half way through 2013. Amazing how fast the year is going. Now would be a good time to pull out your Mission Today list to check how your local UMW is doing. Of the first seven criteria on the list, your group must complete at least four to qualify.

Number one on the list is **“use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting.”** This can easily be tied to number 11, **“Members will write or email to five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar each year.”** Why not have the person who is sharing the Prayer Calendar for the month copy off the name and address (regular or email) of some of the persons listed for that month to distribute to the women present and encourage several to write a note of encouragement to a person serving in mission. (Note: This idea comes from Brodhead United Methodist Women.) Writing to and praying for these individuals give us a special connection with the work our missionaries are doing.

Number seven on the list, **“implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies,”** is one that very few of our local UMWs complete. Yet it is one which your Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Charter for Racial Justice sub-committee has worked hard on. The women on the committee have created two programs and are now working on a third for 2013. All can easily be used by local units. The 2012 program focuses specifically on issues of race in Wisconsin and takes 30 to 35 minutes. Using one of these programs will complete criteria number 7 on your Mission Today list. To find a copy of the first two programs go online to wisconsinumw.org. Once there, click on Mission Updates and then Social Action Updates. Download and print the program.

Be sure to read Stacy Ganzer’s persuasive article at that site, **“Why We have a Charter for Racial Justice Program Geared for Wisconsin.”** If you don’t have access to email, I will be glad to send a hard copy of the program to anyone who requests it.

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WISCONSIN CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE – 2013

- 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 2013 and after
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 INFORMATION

Some of Nancy's recommendations for summer reading are: Rubble Nation (EM - Haiti after earthquake in beautiful photos and clear text; a bonus book); Do It Anyway (LD – profiles of 8 young activists); Mind On The Run (NC – one family's ordeal with bipolar mental illness); Get Up, Stand Up (SA – a how-to wrest power from corporate hierarchy and put it back in the hands of we, the people); Morning Coffee With James (SG – start the day with this devotional that includes the full text of the verses for each day).



The 2013 UMW Reading Program concludes with these last few summer months (June – August).

Grab a favorite spot outside and read to the sounds of birds chirping in the trees. 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 (2009-2013). 2013 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. (the number printed in our district directory is incorrect), Janesville, WI 53545. My email is nanoram@att.net and my phone is 608-757-0394, should you have any questions. Have a wonderful summer!

Nancy Ramirez
Secretary of Program Resources

HMONG HOUSE OF GOOD NEWS CELEBRATES 5TH ANNIVERSARY!

We will be celebrating on Tuesday evening at Mission u with a fashion show given by the Hmong, etc. We will announce how much money we have collected during Mission u.

We are asking for money contributions to help cover expenses that they incur. I have included some suggestions based on what it costs to run the Hmong House of Good News. You can put your money into any one of these categories:

	COOK: Provides nutritious Hmong breakfasts and lunches three days per week = \$7500 yearly, or \$150 weekly, or \$50 per day.	
	FOOD: (Includes cleaning supplies and utensils) = \$5 per day for lunch and dinner combined, based on 10 in attendance.	
	DIRECTOR: Must speak Hmong. Plans and oversees daily activities, arranges transportation, seeks new participants, interacts with elders' families, speaks at churches and units, assists with fund raisers, and much more = \$25,000 per year or \$500 per week.	
	RENT: Space at Central UMC, including office = \$6,250 yearly, \$125 weekly, or \$42 per day (open 3 days/week).	
	TRANSPORTATION: For elders who need it and who qualify for government "rates" = \$4 one way or \$8 per day per person, \$24 per week for one person.	
		

These are just five ways to help. There are many other expenses not mentioned. Please come to Mission u willing to help with giving to any one of these.

We will have five Hmong house boxes to receive your money for these areas, to aid in understanding the expenses related to running Hmong House. However, the total amount collected will be put together and given to them to help cover all their expenses.

Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women



MISSION U:

LEARNING TOGETHER
FOR THE TRANSFORMATION
OF THE WORLD

NEW NAME—CONTINUED LIFE-CHANGING LEARNING

Mission u: Monday-Thursday, July 22-25, 2013
Overview Day: Friday, July 26, 2013

2013 Mission Studies

Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly (2013)

This study offers tools to deepen spiritual identity, engagement in community and involvement in mission, looking at the sacramental understandings of baptism and communion and lifting up models of response to God's call. Stories of call and response are shared from a wide array of persons from different walks of life. Spanish and Korean versions will be available in May.

Roma of Europe (2013-2014)

This study 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.

Poverty (2012-2013)

Our Christian faith invites us to become agents of God's compassion and healing in a wounded world. Poverty is a human rights issue with grave impact on women and children. This mission study on poverty is designed to help participants recognize and claim for themselves the connections between Scripture, church tradition, compassion for the poor, social outreach and social justice.

Biblical passages remind Christians of their responsibility for poverty. The Wesleyan movement embraced this concern by creating community centers where people could access education, medical care or employment, and members of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations have continued this heritage and responded to the poor where they exist.

Young People (Teens ages 13-17 and Young Adults ages 18-26)

Middle school through college age young men and women will enjoy special programming, including the opportunity to join in mission studies; share in meaningful worship, recreation, team building and volunteering; and building friendships that last a lifetime.

YoMiCa (Youth Mission Camp—Grades 3-8)

Located at the United Methodist's beautiful Pine Lake Camp, this is an exciting event that also teaches about mission. The students will participate in typical camp activities, like swimming, arts and crafts, games and getting in touch with nature. In addition, the camp mirrors the adult classes by learning about mission. YoMiCa begins Sunday at 3:00 pm and culminates in a Friday afternoon presentation at 2:30 pm (July 21-26). Call Camp office with questions: 608-837-3388. See <http://www.wiumcamps.org/documents/MiddleSchoolCatalog2010.pdf> for more information and registration. Leaders: Tim and Kara Finley.

Westwood Conference Center • Wausau, WI

Who?
 The Wisconsin Mission u is for everyone: women, men, youth, young adults, laity, clergy- *You!*



What?
 The Wisconsin 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.

*****LOCATION*****
 Westwood Conference Center—Wausau
 1800 Westwood Center Blvd.
 Wausau, WI 54401
 Exit I-39/29/51 at Exit 193 (Bridge St.)
 715-847-9200
 See larger map on page 10

When?
Mission u:
 Monday-Thursday, July 22-July 25, 2013
 Friday, July 26, 2013
YoMiCa:
 Sunday-Friday, July 21-July 26

Why?
 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!

How?
 Register using the registration pages. Please fill in all the boxes. You may make as many copies of the registration form as needed. OR email your registration and save a stamp. OR go to www.wisconsinumw.org to register online.

Questions?
 Contact the Registrar:
Arlene Trull
 715-359-7756
 email: aetrull@gmail.com

Wisconsin Conference Mission u

Four-Day Mission u

Monday, July 22–Thursday July 25

Registration 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Monday, July 22
 Opening Plenary 10:30 a.m. Monday
 Sending Forth 12:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26

Meals: Four-Day student meals begin with lunch on Monday the July 22 and end with breakfast (at the hotel) on Thursday, July 26.

Cost: Four-Day Students— registration (includes meals, hotel room for two and materials.)

-**\$310.00** (\$360.00 if received after June 24th) **double room.**

-**\$425.00** (\$485.00 if received after June 24th) **single room.**

Commuter: Registration: **\$175.00** includes meals (\$225.00 if received after June 24th)

Advanced registration is **REQUIRED**. No registrations will be accepted after **July 8th**. *Transferable but not refundable.*

To register, use form on page 9

Child Care: Please contact the Registrar for information on child care.

Don't forget to order your study books when registering and pay when you pick them up at Mission u. See page 9

Overview Day

Friday, July 26th

Registration 8:15 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Opening Plenary 9:00 a.m.

Overview of all three mission studies.

Special tables at lunch for young people.

Study books and reading materials available for purchase.

Mission offering taken.

Sending Forth: 3:30 p.m.

Cost: Overview Day student **\$42.00** (\$50.00 after June 24th)

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

Advanced registration is encouraged and is transferable but not refundable. To register, use registration form on page 10. Each person needs a separate form—photocopy as needed.

Mission u 2013 (4-day) Registration

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

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ Zip _____

District _____ Local Church/City _____ Roommate: _____

Registration type (check only one): Adult Registration Teen (13-17) Young Adult (18-26)

Studies (Adults choose one or two studies; Teens and Young Adults choose only one class)

_____ Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly _____ Roma of Europe _____ Poverty

Check any/all that apply:

- Requesting handicap accessibility.
- Requesting a scholarship.
- I am laity requesting Advanced Layspeaking/Layservant credit.
- I am a pastor and wish to receive Continuing Ed. Credits (CEU).
- I am a First Timer.
- I am a commuter (paying the commuter fee from page 8).
- I would like a single room (paying the single room fee from page 8)
- I am requesting child care and have talked to the Registrar already.
- Special Dietary Needs _____

Total Payment (see page 8): \$ _____

Send full payment by June 24 to:

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

Make Checks Payable to: **Mission u**

If you need a payment plan, please contact our Registrar and make arrangements. We will gladly work a schedule out with you.

Please order a study book for me. (Place number of books requested on the blank. Pay at the event.)

_____ *Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly*
_____ *Poverty*
_____ *Roma of Europe*



Young Women doing crafts—2012

Scholarships: (contact Registrar for more information)

- + Available for first time attendees of Mission u.
- + Available for Young People.
- + Clergy Scholarships available for newly ordained pastors.
- + Continuing Education Credits available for pastors.
- + Advanced Layspeaking/Layservant Credits available for laity.



2013 Dean, Julie Miebe, and Assistant Dean, Dee Klawitter.

Other Information:

- *Air-conditioned meeting rooms at the Westwood Conference Center and in the hotel rooms.
- *Handicap accessible meeting rooms.
- *Hotel accommodations are included in your registration fee.
- *Shuttle service between the Fairfield Inn & Suites and the Westwood Conference Center.
- *More information on mission projects, as well as a learning center with puzzles & crafts.
- *Choice Time activities.

Overview Day (Friday) 2013 Registration

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

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ Zip _____

District _____ Local Church/City _____

Overview Day includes worship, an overview of all three mission studies, an offering taken for Mission Giving, lunch and closing communion. Lunch will be provided in a room conveniently located at the Conference Center. Displays, Program Resources and the Learning Center will also be available.

Registration type (check only one):

Adult Registration Teen (13-17) Young Adult (18-26)

Special Dietary/Physical Needs _____

Total (from page 8): \$ _____

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

Send full payment by June 24 to:

Arlene Trull
305 Becker Street
Rothschild, WI 54474
715-359-7756
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Make Checks Payable to: Mission u

Westwood Conference Center

1800 Westwood Center Blvd.
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Driving from the NORTH on US 51/I-39

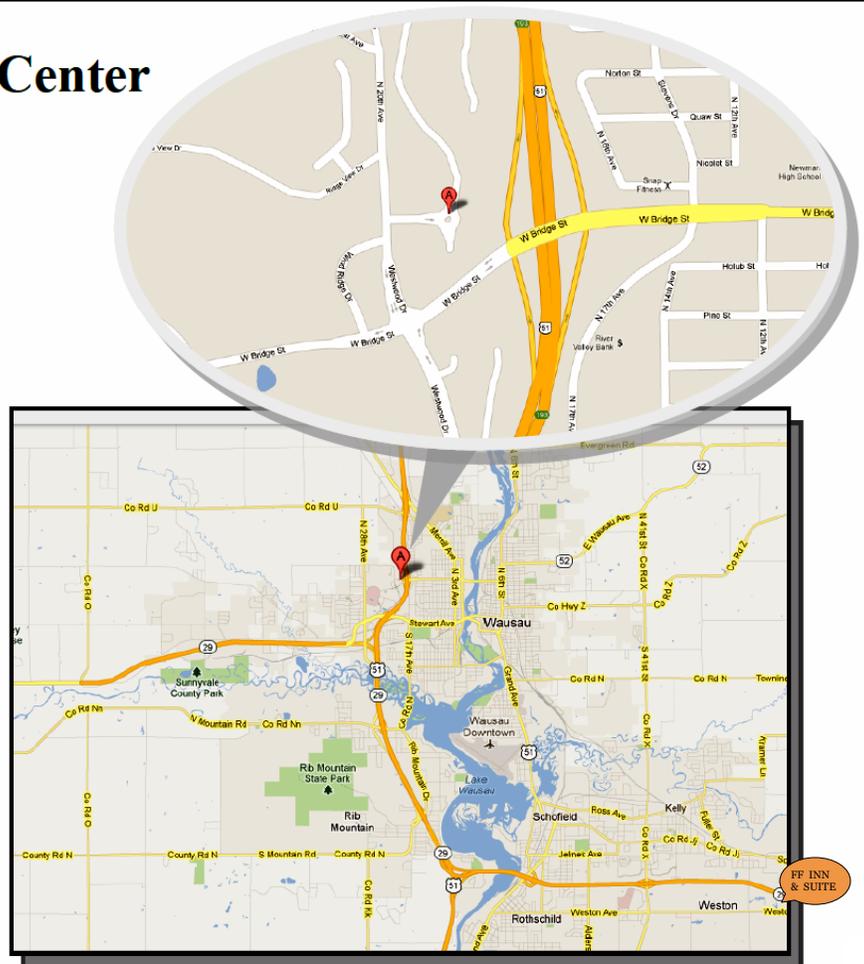
- Take Exit 193 (Bridge Street).
- Turn right at Bridge Street (0.3 mi).
- Turn right at Westwood Drive (0.1 mi).
- Turn right at Westwood Center Boulevard, follow and take right off of roundabout to continue onto Westwood Center Boulevard (427 ft). Visitor parking is on your left.

Driving from the SOUTH on US 51/I-39

- Take Exit 193 (Bridge Street).
- Turn left at Bridge Street (0.3 mi).
- Turn right at Westwood Drive (0.1 mi).
- Turn right at Westwood Center Boulevard, follow and take right off of roundabout to continue onto Westwood Center Boulevard (427 ft). Visitor parking is on your left.

Driving from the EAST or WEST on US 29

- Merge with US 51/I-39 North.
- Take Exit 193 (Bridge Street).
- Turn left at Bridge Street (0.3 mi).
- Turn right at Westwood Drive (0.1 mi).
- Turn right at Westwood Center Boulevard, follow and take right off of roundabout to continue onto Westwood Center Boulevard (427 ft). Visitor parking is on your left.



INFORMATION ON LODGING AT MISSION u

The lodging included with your registration is at the Fairfield Inn & Suites in Weston, WI, and includes a hot breakfast each day. There will be a shuttle service to and from the Conference Center at no extra charge. Fairfield Inn & Suites is at 7100 Stone Ridge Drive in Weston, WI. The phone number is [715-241-8400](tel:715-241-8400).

Reminder: Advance registration is REQUIRED. **July 8 is the absolute deadline** for registration. Register by June 24 for the best price.

MEMBERSHIP NURTURE & OUTREACH—ONLY 5 UNITS TO GO!

A BIG THANK YOU to all units who sent in their 2012 Local Membership Census Forms. The District Team and I have been working to get 100% reporting from our units. Only 5 yet need to respond and we will reach our goal. If you have questions about filling in your form or your unit has not yet reported, please contact me. Hopefully by the time Capital Comments goes to press, we will have heard from all 31 active units. Thank you for making the UMW Purpose come alive for the members of your unit. May Faith, Hope and Love guide your work.

Sue Plasterer, Membership Nurture and Outreach Mission Coordinator
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NOTES FROM NOMINATING

This year we are looking to fill two extremely important
Capital District Executive Team offices:

President (Term 2014-2015 with continuation option 2016-2017)
and **Treasurer** (completing term 2014-2015).

The President of the district must be a member of the United Methodist Church. The president leads the district team in developing events, experiences and a program of local unit visitations to promote the UMW PURPOSE. She leads the regular and special district meetings.

If you or someone you know can fulfill these duties, please contact me or any member of the District Nominations Committee.

The Treasurer is responsible for handling all the funds, keeping the books of the district unit and interpreting where the money of the organization of UMW goes. She channels funds from the local UMW units to the Conference treasurer. She is bonded through the UMW Women's Division.

If you or someone you know can fulfill these duties, please contact me or any member of the District Nominations Committee.

In addition, we need to fill one or two positions on the Nominations Committee.

CAPITAL DISTRICT NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:
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Nancy Hansen-Bennett (608-752-9149)
Kathy Matteson (608-755-0069)

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Chair of Nominating Committee
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NORTHCOTT HOUSE CELEBRATES 52 YEARS!

Northcott Neighborhood House celebrated their 52nd anniversary with a dinner, silent auction and program on April 28th at the **Harley Davidson Museum "The Garage Hall."**

A large crowd gathered on that beautiful Sunday afternoon to sing together, see various senior citizens, volunteers and employees receive special awards, and hear keynote speaker, author and playwright **Sheila Payton**.

West Allis First UMC received a special recognition award for their many years of support for Northcott.

We were all reminded that people who come to Northcott need hope, encouragement and a place where someone says, "You are not alone." Whatever the age, Northcott has a program to meet the needs of those who come through their doors.

Within the last year an Eagle Scout project has been completed at Northcott which greatly improved the courtyard area just off the entranceway. **Josh Holmes from Whitefish Bay UMC** gutted the area, sprayed weeds, took out stumps, removed organic material and poured cement. A picnic table was added, and now the area is beautiful and ready for everyone to enjoy.

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



Address: 2460 North 6th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53212-2756

Phone number: 414.372.3770

Website: www.northcotthouse.org

Northcott Neighbors is a new endeavor to help tell the story of Northcott and assist congregations in learning how they can be involved. Published quarterly, the email newsletter will highlight Northcott news and encourage all United Methodist agencies to join Northcott's crucial outreach ministries. Contact Jeff Edwards from Kenwood UMC at jeffedwards2@ameritech.net if you are willing to receive their emails and help share the information in newsletters, on Sunday mornings, etc.

Let's keep our congregations informed!

Barb Taylor, Capital District UMW Northcott Representative



for women
by women



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Methodist
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Just don't come expecting all the answers.
It's also about the questions.

www.assembly2014.org



DAN & RACHEL GABLER

MISSIONARY NEWS

DAN & RACHEL GABLER IN LUBUMBASHI

Excerpts from some of Rachel's emails:

March 8: We have changed our email from yahoo to gmail. The new address is: rdgabler@gmail.com. We will be phasing out the yahoo all together. Two of our three yahoo accounts we are sure have been hacked. We are told that gmail is more secure than yahoo. However, nothing is secure in this world. We need to scan every input into our minds and compare it with the Word of God. If it doesn't match up, we need to delete it. God's Word never has a virus or a Trojan or a worm.

May 8: Dan's retina in his right eye is detaching. He was able to see an ophthalmologist in Lubumbashi yesterday. Today we left to come to Kitwe, Zambia, and tomorrow will fly out of Zambia to go to Johannesburg. He should be operated on tomorrow afternoon. Amazing what cell phones and contacts in South Africa can do! Please pray for us.

PAUL WEBSTER AT MUJILA FALLS AGRICULTURE CENTRE

Excerpts from Paul's May 2013 E-mail bulletin

We have been called to be Christ's witnesses not just in Wisconsin or Minnesota or Michigan. We have been called to be witnesses



BANANA CATHEDRAL WITH BANANA CHANDELIERS

filled with the Holy Spirit and ready to pour it out on people everywhere. Our Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre is just such a place of "witness" to the power of the Holy Spirit. We are in the harvest season now and are harvesting everything from guavas and bananas to soybeans, black beans, peanuts and corn. This year is seeing the biggest harvest yet.



PAUL WEBSTER

It has taken 13 years to go from nothing to one of the largest farms in the North West Province. We are employing over 30 workers to bring in the bumper harvest. Each one of these people are using their wages to build houses, send their children to school, and purchase bicycles, cell phones, food, clothing, etc. Through the Holy Spirit, we have demonstrated how they can live "abundantly" through their own efforts. This is the freeing power of the Holy Spirit.



BEFORE THE CHICKENS COME, WE WILL STORE SOYBEANS.

I hope you will use the following link to get to 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.

UPDATE FROM JULIA MAYESHIBA OF LEGACY WOMEN

Hello! I hope you all are able to enjoy the warmer temperatures that come with spring. I know that I will be jealous of everyone outside enjoying the warmth as I head into final exam insanity for the next two weeks. After finals, I will be heading down to Socorro, New Mexico to serve as an undergraduate research assistant at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory's Very Large Array for three months. While I am excited to be going to New Mexico, I am a little bit sad that I will not be able to attend Mission u with the rest of the **LEGACY Women** team and young women throughout the state.

Mission u definitely has a special place in my heart. I have attended the four-day school for the past 5 years and

even served as one of the youth leaders last year.

However, above all, Mission u is important to me because if I had to point to the one event that got me interested in UMW, it would be my first time attending Mission u. It was here that UMW became more than just an organization for the older ladies at my church. It was here that, for the first time, I really saw church exist outside of the building where I worshipped every Sunday. I spent four days at Mission u and had a blast. I met women and teens that I am still friends with today, I learned about important social issues, and I served the community we were in by working on a mission project.

My story is not unique. When I attended Regional School last year, I heard similar stories from many people in attendance. Even if one looks at the young women serving on the **LEGACY Women** committee, one will see that a majority of them got their start at Mission u. **If we want to grow our young membership and continue to nurture the future leaders of UMW, we need to send young women to Mission u.**

There are two things that you can do to help us get girls there: **First**, if your unit has extra funds to send young people to camp that are not being used, consider using that money to help send a young woman to Mission u. You can do this either through your own local church or by giving money to the District. **Second**, invite young women. If they say no, that is fine. Don't be discouraged. I myself declined two years in a row before I attended Mission u for the first time.

However, a friendly invitation to an event is almost always how active membership begins.

As many of you know, **LEGACY Women** has been collecting letters for Anita Henderlight to use to teach her students English in South Sudan. One thing I have learned from this experience is the importance of asking. In response to a simple email I sent to local presidents, Conference and District officers, my mailbox has been flooded with letters. I am absolutely floored by the extravagant abundance of your response. In the end, **LEGACY Women** collected over 250 letters from all around the state. **Thank you, thank you, thank you!** I cannot exaggerate my gratitude for all your support. This experience has been incredible for me. Wisconsin has once again shown itself to be a cut above the rest in supporting the leadership of its young people. Thank you! As always, if you have any questions or ideas for me, do not hesitate to call me at 608-228-2730 or email me at jmayeshiba@yahoo.com.

Julia Mayeshiba, Young Women's Coordinator

ANITA HENDERLIGHT AND AFRICA ELI 2013 WISCONSIN TOUR



Anita takes a break

She came. She preached. She gave presentations, talked with elementary and middle school students and led an all-day retreat. She shared stories of girls and boys in South Sudan as they work hard to complete a high school education.

Africa Education and Leadership Initiative (Africa ELI) schools have graduated over 100 girls since the first class of 18 entered in 2008. We all witnessed the passion and love that Anita Henderlight, Executive Director, Africa ELI, has for the work she feels God has led her to do. She is testament to the power of reading. In 2005 she read "They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky," and it changed her life. She is a testament to the power of good story telling. Can't you just see that young mother reading a bed time story to her child, or Betty Roba running towards her shouting, "Madam Anita, I am bridging the gap!"?

No matter how many times I heard her presentations I always learned something new and was inspired to do more to help educate girls and boys in a country I'll probably never visit.

Another Wisconsin whirlwind tour is over. Marilyn Eyster and I sent her home very tired, and she left us the same way. She had a few suggestions about how to make next year less strenuous!

If you'd be interested in having Anita come to your church or city, please let us know. If you have ideas about how your unit and church might support her work, share that, too. The dates for her 2014 Wisconsin Tour are not yet established, but most likely she will be with us in April or May. We will have more information available in the Fall Capital Comments. You can follow Anita and Africa ELI on FaceBook where she has posted photos of her 2013 Wisconsin Tour. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

Donations can be made directly and online, and also through your church. Africa ELI has a Wisconsin Conference fund number: Africa ELI - 7951. You can write a check to your church, write Africa ELI - 7951 on the memo line and put it in your church's offering plate. Your church will send the funds to The Wisconsin Conference, and from there they go to Africa ELI.



**Anita and her "Groupies",
Sue & Marilyn**

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CAPITAL DISTRICT 2013 UMW EVENTS CALENDAR

Mission u (School of Christian Mission)

July 22-25, Monday-Thursday,
Four-Day School

July 26, Friday, Overview Day
at the Westwood Convention Center,
Wausau, WI

Capital District Annual Gathering

September 28, Saturday,
at Delavan UMC, Delavan, WI

Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering

October 18 & 19, Friday-Saturday
at Madison Asbury UMC, Madison, WI