

President's Message:

Greetings UMW Sisters!

We have been busy making final plans for this year's events and they are going to be great!!! You do not want to miss any of the District or Conference events. See all of the dates and locations in this newsletter.

For those of you on Facebook I know you have seen all of the pictures of different units with umbrellas. The following is an excerpt from an email to the UMW National Office because of these pictures:

Excerpt: "I have seen your Facebook and Tweets about human trafficking ... it made me wonder ... what good does that actually do, how does it help the person caught in that nightmare? Today at work, my co-worker received a call from someone who had a woman there who just left that situation. The guy called us; he had no idea how to help. Neither did my co-worker. Guess what? I remembered all of those posts, and Googled the United Methodist Women website. And I found answers. Publicity helps, and having the resources as well provided so much more help and hope than I ever thought. Thank you so much for your campaign. Without the posts, I would have struggled long and hard looking for resources to help! God bless."

We never know what will take place because of a post or picture. For more information on human trafficking, domestic violence and other issues that the UMW are working to help women, children and youth in all these situations, please see our website.



District Presidents
and Conference
President Tonya
Lanier opening
umbrellas to
intercept human
trafficking!

Vice-President's Message:

Hope everyone has survived the winter weather and are looking forward to spring. For United Methodist Women this is always a busy season, as it is for our churches. United Methodist Women play such an important part in the mission and outreach of our churches. February 21st was the joint worship service for Caldwell United held at Colliers UMC. Dr. Carl Arrington, District Superintendent of Appalachian District, spoke on the Transfiguration and how the disciples were changed by that experience and of how they went “down the mountain” and began to get to work for the “Kingdom of God”.

Then, the United Methodist Women of the District did “get to work for the Kingdom of God.” Lorraine Burns, President of Appalachian District UMW, organized the “hands on” mission for the homeless. Responding to the needs of the homeless in Caldwell County, the churches shared items they had brought for “Homeless Care Packages”. The packets were then assembled on site following the worship in the Sanctuary. Two inspirational videos were shared that illustrated how our local churches were responding to families who had experienced personal tragedies and how lives were being changed through modeling the “love of Jesus”. The overwhelming support that individuals and churches bring together was truly making a difference. What a great way to put the message for that afternoon into action. That is the call for each of us as United Methodist Women: put our faith into action. As John Wesley said, “in all the ways that we can for all the people that we can”; what better time than spring is there to do just that.

Susan Allen

Secretary:

At a Loss for Words

Do you sometimes feel like you repeat the same words over and over when taking minutes? Well, I certainly do. It's not our job as the Secretary to be crafty or eloquent with our words, but it is sometimes nice to add a little variety. Here are 50 handy words that you may want to consider to freshen up your minutes. (Borrowed from Practically Perfect PA)

Acknowledged	Declared	Maintained	Reviewing
Agreed On	Described	Mentioned	Said
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Asserted	Explained	Presented	Stressed
Assured	Expressed	Promised	Suggested
Believed	Guaranteed	Proposed	Summarized
Brought up	Identified	Recommended	Understood
Complained	Implemented	Remarked	Worked on
Confirmed	Informed	Reported	
Decided	Listed	Requested	

Caroline Hart

Treasurer:

Let us remember our Purpose as we are looking forward to another great year as United Methodist Women. Our recent and upcoming events for the year: District Prayer Breakfast in March; District Mission Study in April; and Conference events, Spiritual Growth Retreat and Mission U, all remind us that we are living our Purpose of United Methodist Women. We are indeed a community of women who share a support of mission in Global ministries. As Treasurers, we can help educate our local unit members by reminding them throughout the year of the importance of the Five Channels of Undesignated Giving.

I thought it might be helpful if I included in this year's newsletter articles a little refresher information about each of the Five Channels. Remember that Undesignated Giving is so important because these monies: Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering allow the staff in our National Office of UMW to make decisions about which are the most critical areas in our ongoing programs that need our help. In this article I will tell a little about Gift to Mission.

Gift to Mission honors someone in her or his name with an undesignated gift of at least \$5.00. There are two ways to make a Gift to Mission. First, you may make a Gift to Mission by simply indicating an amount on Line 3, Gift to Mission, of the Remittance Form sent to me at the end of each mission quarter. Second, you may purchase Gift to Mission Cards that you order from me, your District Treasurer.

Individuals, as well as your local unit, may order these cards by completing a Gift to Mission Order Form and sending \$5.00 for each card. You can also send me an email or include a note with your remittance form indicating what cards you want, but you must send \$5.00 per card at the time you make the order.

Cards may be purchased singly or in packs for these nine types: New Baby (10 Pk), Congratulations (10 Pk), Peace (10 Pk), In the Service of Christ (10 Pk), On Your Special Day (10 Pk), Thank You (10 Pk), Thinking of You (10 Pk), Happy Birthday Variety Pak (5 Pk), Christmas Variety Pak (5 Pk). Order Forms are in printable version on the wncumw.org website at Mission Giving, Forms for Local Unit Treasurers. I also will have a supply of cards for sale and order forms at each of our district events.

I look forward to seeing you at the Prayer Breakfast and the Mission Study. As always, please contact me if I can help you in any way

Pratt Davis, 336-657-3312

dudavis@skybest.com



Mission Education and Interpretation:

MISSION STUDY - Please see the flyer included in this newsletter regarding our District Mission Study on Latin America: *People and Faith*. I urge everyone to come and bring your children. Older children and youth may attend the study along with everyone else; however, if you have young children who need child care, that will be available on request per pre-registration. The study promises to be a fun-filled learning experience led by Rev. Dana McKim and Kim Eller (formerly Keyse). Rev. McKim serves as minister to Pfeiffer University and has led many Mission u sessions. Ms. Eller has served in numerous UMW positions and has also led many Mission u sessions.

Mission Today - Is your unit working toward becoming a "Mission Today" unit in 2016? I hope and pray that you are. It has been a joy to read your 2015 reports and I praise God for all the great UMW work that takes place across our Appalachian District. Refer to "Mission Today" criteria on the Conference UMW website: www.wnccumw.org. Click on "Mission Resources" at the top right of the home page and scroll down and click "Mission Today." If you do not use the computer, contact me and I will mail a copy to you. Be reminded that one item on the "Mission Today" list, #2, states that members will correspond with five persons listed in the **Prayer Calendar** at least once a year. To assist you with this, each week I list the names and contact information from the Prayer Calendar on our Appalachian District Facebook page which you may find by typing "Appalachian District UMW." Nancy posts these on our webpage as well: www.appumw.com. We post them a week in advance for those of you who prefer to send cards rather than e-mail.

Hands-On - A tremendous "THANK YOU" to all of you who brought supplies for Bethlehem Center to the Prayer Breakfast! Please bring Health Kits and Sewing Kits to the Mission Study. I have been told by some units that they sometimes take kits directly to the Mission Response Center. If you take kits to the MRC, please send me a report of the number and type that you took so that UMW can get credit for making those kits. Participating in Hands-On mission projects satisfies #22 on your Mission Today checklist. You may go to the following website to get information about the requested kits: www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies. Remember to include \$1.00 for shipping for kits and add another \$1.00 to health kits for toothpaste.

Mission u - I encourage you to attend Mission u at Pfeiffer University July 21-24. Passionate about mission? Love to learn? Want to engage with others who are? Then Mission u is right for you! Mission u study topics for 2016 include: The Bible and Human Sexuality; Latin America: People and Faith; and Climate Justice. Mission u is an opportunity like no other you will ever experience! There is also a Mission u Youth Camp for high school students and recent graduates. Registration for both adults and youth opens May 1 and closes July 1. There is no on-site registration. You may download information and registration forms from our Conference website: wmccumw.org.

It is my desire to help you in any way that I can, so feel free to call on me at any time.

Love, Joy, Trust, Peace, Hope,
Linda Greer



Nominations:

The coming of spring brings a surge of energy and enthusiasm for the plans we have made for 2016!

Nominations Committee is in prayer for a Mission Coordinator for Membership, Nurture and Outreach (MNO). The committee is searching for someone who is dedicated to the Purpose of UMW; giving hands up to marginalized women, youth and children around the world. The MNO helps organize membership events that attract women of all ages to UMW and provides opportunities for growth in the local units.

The Mission u at Pfeiffer University, July 21-24, offers classes to learn about the Missions of UMW and be in Fellowship with UMW Sisters from the WNCC.

When you receive a phone call from nominations, be ready to say yes to serve!

Anna Bottoms

Communications:

We are still missing many unit officer lists for 2016; please send these to me at j.kay.tay@gmail.com as soon as possible. These lists are used by the District UMW team to correspond with units regarding district and conference events/issues, send the District newsletter to all unit officers, and for your Nurturing Partner to touch base with you and offer any assistance. If you have any pictures from your UMW unit events to share, we would love to share these in future newsletters or on our District website. Last, but not least, please take note of the several event and information flyers, such as the below UBUNTU flyer, included in this newsletter.

Jan Taylor

UBUNTU 2016

Humanity toward others – Human kindness – I am human because you are human

Saturday, October 15th • 9:00am - 2:00pm

A day of hands-on mission at one of our five National Mission Institutions

Bennett College, Greensboro
Bethlehem Center, Charlotte
Bethlehem Center, Winston Salem
Brooks-Howell Home, Asheville
Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer

Register online July 1st through October 1st at www.wnccumw.org

Need more information? Visit wnccumw.org or contact your Nurturing Partner or Jatana Royster, Conference Coordinator for Membership Nurture & Outreach (jatanaroyster@gmail.com)

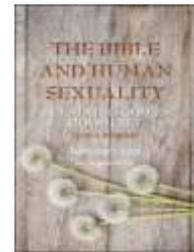
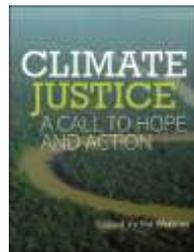
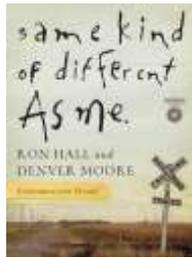
Program Resources

Everyone I know (and many that I do not) loves what I refer to as ‘the oldies’. We like the popular music from our high school and college days, we like the movies that we grew up with, we like singing the older hymns in church. And it occurred to me that the older books are just as relevant now as when they first appeared on the UMW Reading Program list. So I would like to take a break from the new and exciting books for 2016 and remind you that books from 2011 through 2016 are accepted for completion of the Reading Plans. Let me tell you about two of these older books that I just finished.

The first book is from 2011 titled *Same Kind of Different As Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore. This is a heartwarming and heartbreaking story of an unlikely friendship that develops between a wealthy Texas art dealer (Hall) and a homeless black man (Moore) from Louisiana who left behind a life of poverty as a sharecropper. The wife of the art dealer shares a focal part of the book. This is a must read to come to understand the concept of ‘catch and release’ friendship.

The next book that I recommend is from 2014 titled *Awake* by Noel Brewer Yeatts. Noel is Vice-President of World Help. In the book, she writes that “World Help exists to provide help for today and hope for tomorrow in impoverished communities around the world”. Noel includes many stories of her personal journey to help babies, children and women who live in extreme conditions in poor countries around the world. At the end of the book, Noel offers a list of suggestions of how one person can be a small part of getting involved to become a compassionate Christian as Jesus meant for us to be.

One last thought about ‘the oldies’. Mission U has been a part of the UMW since before I became a member. I love the mission and geographical studies that we have done in the past. I am excited about this year’s studies: *The Bible and Human Sexuality* and *Climate Justice*, these two books for this year are now available. Look for them at District and Conference events.



One last piece of news that was highlighted at last year’s Leadership Development regarding the Reading Plans is that youth and children’s books are accepted as part of the plan requirements. So, pick up a book for the young people of your church, help them read it and get credit for it. Share your love of reading with our children. *‘Blessed to be a Blessing’*,
Beverlee Scott

Historian

I’m sure the women in 1869 could never imagine the mission that they began would endure for 150 years in 2019. We need to insure that the United Methodist Women and the missions for women, children, and youth remain strong for many, many years to come. Your gift of \$18.69 per year will help to insure that legacy. That’s only \$1.55 cent per month or .36 cent per week. Will you join your UMW sisters in making your contribution to the Legacy Fund so together we make Missions possible?

Help keep your rich history of your UMW unit alive by documenting what you do in your church and your missions. Remember to take pictures/keep good records so others will know and never forget your unit’s legacy.

Peace of Christ to you,

Beverly Curtis, Appalachian District UMW Historian

Membership – Nurture – Outreach:

You should have already been contacted by your Nurturing Partner/district officer, but if you need help, don't hesitate to contact her. By inviting a district or conference officer to your unit gathering through August 24, 2016, your unit will be entered for a chance to win a "CPR Feel the LUV" care package, which includes a program book, a prayer calendar, a reading program book, a Response magazine, and a few other surprises. Our joy is to be of service to you. If you are having a special event or regular local unit meeting and would like one of the district officers to attend, just let your Nurturing Partner know and we will have someone there. If you need a special program, our team is standing by ready with programs like:

- Call to Prayer and Self Denial
- Justice Today
- Mission Today
- Officer Installation
- Pledge Services
- Reading Program
- World Thank Offering

Invite a potential new member to join you for conference or district events or your local unit meeting. You may have to ask several times before they say "Yes"; don't give up. The Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska is coming up June 10-11. Are you registered? Are you bringing a friend to Mission U at Pfeiffer University, July 21-24? You and your friends can come for just one day if you can't get away for the whole four days.

Help a new guest understand our purpose is to know God through fellowship, spiritual growth, and missions to women, children and youth. Be sure to take care of your current members. Call someone that was absent or send them a Gift to Mission card. Does anyone need a ride to the next event? Is your "Walk for Mission" on the calendar yet? Is your unit making any of the UMCOR kits? Have a day of service, also known as Ubuntu. Our conference Ubuntu Day of Service is Oct. 15th, serving several locations across our conference and more information will be available at a later date online, www.wnccumw.org.

Reaching out and getting involved keeps your local unit healthy and creates relationship and community. We'll be looking for you at your local unit and the District Mission Study on April 30th. For 2016 we want to visit all of you, so remember we are just an email or phone call away.

Feel the...



We offer to share our passion for:

- **United Methodist Women**
- **Our Purpose**
- **Reading Program**
- **Social Action**
- **Mission Giving**
- **ANYTHING Your Unit would like us to share...LUV!**

... From United Methodist Women

Invite a District or Conference Officer to your unit gathering starting January 1, 2016 through August 24, 2016. You will then be entered for a chance to win a C.P.R. "Feel the LUV" care package, which includes:

- **Program Book**
- **Copy of Response Magazine**
- **Prayer Calendar**
- **Reading Program Book**
- **A Few Other Surprises**

Committed to Purposeful Renewal



Spiritual Growth:

Spring! Yes, the renewal of green, and flowers, and such is here! God is Good and His Mercy Abounds! May we all feel the joy of springtime! As we contemplate the beauty around us, let us fill ourselves with hope and expectations for the coming Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska on June 10-11! The Rev. Holly Adams will lead us as we join together and *Grow in Blessedness*! Pray for our time away, that it will be a healing and a renewing of the soul. It is always a joy to be together. Make your room reservation now! Bring a friend with you or your whole unit. Go on line and register today! Come and receive the blessing that awaits. Be sure and check out the information on-line and in the newsletter for registering. As we prepare for this special time, take time to read one of the Spiritual Growth books from the Reading List. *Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God* or *Cured But Not Healed: How to Experience a Deeper Faith on Your Journey with God* may be just the “Read you Need” before going to the Lake on June 10.



I love the song by Laura Story “Blessings”. You can find it on YouTube. The lyrics say “What if your blessings come through raindrops, What if your healing comes through tears....What if trials of this life...Are your mercies in disguise.” What if? Praying that all who read this will feel God’s Presence each and every day!

Blessings, my Sisters in Christ,
Sherry

Social Action

The year was 1869 and one of the first acts of the newly founded Methodist Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society was to raise funds to send Dr. Clara Swain to India. Dr. Swain was the "first fully accredited woman physician ever sent out by any missionary society into any part of the non-Christian world." There was a dire need for women doctors because a male doctor was forbidden to treat women; therefore, women were unable to obtain the healthcare they needed. The forerunner of the United Methodist Women responded to a need and a new mission was born. 147 years later there are still healthcare needs that aren’t being met and the United Methodist Women are continuing to respond.

Every year 300,000 women die during pregnancy or in childbirth. While the vast majority of these deaths occur in developing countries, the US ranks highest in maternal mortality rates of any industrialized nation. 650 women die annually in the US due to complications from a pregnancy or childbirth. It is estimated that 90% of these deaths could be prevented if women had access to proper healthcare. The numbers are even worse for the poor and for those with low incomes or who live in rural areas, “a 2013 report by the New York Women's Foundation found that black women in New York City have worse maternal mortality rates than women in either Syria or Iraq, with 79 deaths per 100,000 live births, compared to 10 per 100,000 live births for white women.

147 years ago a group of women made a choice to take a stand concerning the healthcare of women worldwide and the United Methodist Women are continuing with their legacy by advocating for accessible, quality healthcare for all women and children. Our mission giving helps to build hospitals and train healthcare workers. It also helps to fund community centers that provide maternal health services such as counseling, pre-natal and postpartum care as well as baby supplies. This is just one example of how the United Methodist Women are once again leading the fight for women, youth, and children. If you would like more information or would be interested in a program on maternal and child health, please feel free to contact me or any district officer and we’ll assist you in any way we can.

Sources: <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/>

Peace to you, Kim Smith



Appalachian District
United Methodist Women
 MISSION STUDY 2016



Broad Street United Methodist Church
315 West Broad Street
Statesville, NC 2867
Saturday, April 30, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (includes lunch)

Latin America: Blessings without Borders
People and Faith
Led by Rev. Dana McKim and Kim Eller (formerly Kim Keyse)
Older Children and Youth are Welcome to participate in the Study!
Child care for young children is available upon request.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
 Cost: \$6 per adult (includes lunch) There is no cost for Children and Youth.

This personal, theological, informative, and inspirational study will be helpful in learning about Latin America, its people, and faith.
 Attendance at this study will fulfill requirements for Mission Today Criteria #4.

Advance Registration is Required - Please use the registration form at the bottom. Deadline is April 15, 2016. If childcare is needed, please contact Linda Greer (704-585-6263 or 828-244-2251 or jacklindagreer@bellsouth.net) by April 15.

Directions to Broad Street United Methodist Church

From Boone and Wilkes Co. - From US 421 By-Pass, Travel toward Wilkesboro to Bus exit, EXIT 282, toward Statesville/N Wilkesboro. Merge onto NC-115 toward Statesville. Then travel 29.43 miles. Keep left at the fork to go on N Center St/NC-115. Then 1.60 miles. Turn right onto W Broad St. Church is on left.

From Lenoir and Taylorsville - Turn onto Taylorsville Rd SE/US-64 E/NC-90. Continue to follow US-64. Turn left onto W Front St/US-64 E/NC-90. Then 1.74 miles. Turn left onto W End Ave/NC-90. Then 0.72 miles. Turn right onto N Mulberry St. Take the 1st left onto W Broad St. Then 0.06 miles. Church is on the right.

From I-77 North - Travel South and Take the E Broad St exit, EXIT 50, toward Downtown. Then 0.25 miles. Turn right onto E Broad St. Then 1.67 miles. Church is on the left.

From I-40 - Take exit 150 and turn onto 115 toward Statesville. Then 3.5 miles. Turn right onto W Broad St. Then 0.20 miles. Church is on the left.

Street Parking is Available on Broad Street; Main Parking Lot is Behind Church on Walnut Street.



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Our Love Offering will be a Gift to Mission
in Honor of our Missionaries serving in Latin America

Hands-On Mission Projects: UMCOR Sewing Kits and Health Kits

Registration for Appalachian District Mission Study 2016

Name of Unit _____

Attending _____ X \$6.00 = \$ _____ (Check enclosed) Make checks payable to Appalachian District UMW
 Mail form with check to:

Pratt Davis, Appalachian District Treasurer
 3945 Fox Ridge Road, Sparta, NC 28675

Due by Friday, April 15, 2016



WNCC Domestic Violence Training

Men, Women, Youth and Youth Leaders,
Laity and Clergy
are invited to participate in an awareness-raising,
advocacy event.

Sponsored by Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women, Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Men, and the United Methodist Women National Office. Training will be led by FaithTrust Institute.

Saturday, April 23, 2016

9:30 Gathering with coffee/juice

**Training to begin @ 10:00 am, ending around 5:00
with a working lunch**

Aldersgate UMC

1207 W Dixon Blvd, Shelby, NC 28152

'The need is great, and the workers are few.'
(Matt. 9:37, paraphrased)

Please contact Renee Hayes at
renee.hayes1956@gmail.com with questions.

\$25 covers the cost of all materials.

(Scholarships may be available.)

We are grateful to Aldersgate United Methodist Women for
providing our lunch!

Name: _____

District: _____

Church: _____

UMM _____ UMW _____ UMY/worker _____

Other group/agency affiliation _____
(specify: _____)

Contact information:

email _____

address _____

phone _____

Other team members? _____

If you are registering as an individual, please indicate if you are willing to serve on a team in your district. Yes _____ No _____

Churches/districts/missional networks are encouraged to provide sponsorships, especially for participants who may have difficulty covering the cost of this event.

Please email questions to renee.hayes1956@gmail.com or phone (336)434-3582

or mail registration to:

[Nancy Reigel](#)
[375 Troy Norris Road](#)
[Boone, NC 28607](#)

[Please make checks payable to: WNCC UMW](#)

SAVE
THE DATE!
MARCH 23

2nd Annual
UNITED
METHODIST
WOMEN
DAY OF
GIVING

Join United Methodist Women members around the country on **March 23** for the Second Annual Day of Giving to The **Legacy Fund**, part of our five-year 150th anniversary celebration!

The **Legacy Fund** is a permanent endowment to support the work of future generations of United Methodist Women.

It's easy to give!

- Online at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund.
- By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 am-6pm EST, Monday-Friday).
- Text Legacy150 to 41444.
- By check to:
Office of the Treasurer,
United Methodist Women,
475 Riverside Drive,
New York, NY 10115.

Write "**The Legacy Fund**" in the memo section.



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Women
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THE LEGACY FUND

Celebrate United Methodist Women! 150 Years and Counting...



United Methodist Women has a rich legacy as a mission movement since 1869, and we are building for the next 150 years of service in God's mission on behalf of women, children and youth in communities down the street and around the world.

Make your Legacy Fund gift today!

Please retain for your records
**Western North Carolina Conference
United Methodist Women**



My Legacy Fund gift:

Every member is encouraged to make a gift to The Legacy Fund of at least \$18.69 per year, over and above her Pledge to Mission, for five years (2015-2019).

- \$1,869 \$500 \$300 \$200 \$50 \$18.69 Other _____
 monthly annually beginning _____ 20__ (month/year)

*Turning Faith, Hope and Love into Action since 1869.
All donations tax-deductible. Give your Legacy Fund commitment form and your gift to your local United Methodist Women treasurer.*

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Yes! I want to celebrate United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary and help ensure we continue to put faith, hope and love into action for another 150 years.

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

My Legacy Fund gift:

- \$1,869 \$500 \$300 \$200 \$50 \$18.69 Other _____
 enclosed monthly annually beginning _____ 20__

In honor / memory of _____

Please contact me about including United Methodist Women in my **estate planning**.

Please contact me about the **major gift program**.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Conference: *Western North Carolina Conference* District: _____

Give your Legacy Fund commitment form and your gift to your local United Methodist Women treasurer.

Frequently Asked Questions about The Legacy Fund / 150th Anniversary Celebration:



Our Western North Carolina Every Member Legacy Fund Goal:

That every member of
United Methodist Women
make a gift to
The Legacy Fund
of at least
\$18.69 per year,
over and above
her Pledge to Mission,
for five years
(2015-2019).

What is The Legacy Fund?

- A key element of the 150th Anniversary celebration in 2019.
- A designated fund (endowment) of the national office of United Methodist Women. (Only interest can be expended.)

What is the purpose of The Legacy Fund?

- To assure the continuation of ministries with women, children and youth, worldwide, into the next 150 years.
- To enable United Methodist Women to respond more adequately to new and emerging needs.
- To minimize the risk of severe budget fluctuation in years of recession, regional financial crisis, or change in giving by the membership.

How will the funds be used?

- The total program of United Methodist Women is mission. Interest from The Legacy Fund will be added to Mission Giving funds to formulate the national budget of United Methodist Women. (Mission Giving is the largest source of that budget which includes grants to National Mission Institutions such as the Bethlehem Centers in Charlotte and Winston-Salem, international programs and projects, program resource production, training, and more.)

Why should I give to The Legacy Fund?

- The Legacy Fund is OUR special anniversary gift to future United Methodist Women members and ministries.
- To “pass on” the legacy we have inherited. “To stake out our legacy for future generations.” (January 2015 response, page 3). Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, India, is an outgrowth of the work of the first missionary of our organization. The College motto is: “We Receive to Give.”
- Because we believe in the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and want our daughters, granddaughters, nieces and friends to share our sense of meaningful “sisterhood.”
- To be part of the joyous celebration in 2019 culminating 150 years of ministry.

How does the money get to the National Office?

- Gifts are given to the local treasurer who sends the Legacy Fund money and commitment cards to the District treasurer following regular procedures. There is a line on the local treasurer Remittance form for The Legacy Fund.

Does a Legacy Fund gift count for the individual or Unit Pledge to Mission Giving?

- No. This is a special additional gift to celebrate the 150th anniversary. In fact, it is critical that we sustain and even increase our Pledge to Mission Giving during this five year campaign; the needs have never been greater.

How do we give? Annually? All at once? What about non-cash gifts?

- Each person can determine her schedule of giving; any schedule is appropriate.
- Non-cash gifts of stock, property, life insurance, etc., can be given through the United Methodist Women National Office. Contact the Treasurer’s office at 212-870-3740.



How do I get a Legacy 150 pin?

- When you turn in a Commitment Card, you will receive a pin at your district annual meeting.

For more information visit:

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women - www.wnccumw.org/the-legacy-fund-150-years/
United Methodist Women National Office - www.unitymethodistwomen.org/give

United Methodist Women Appalachian District Stipend Application 2016

Each year the Appalachian District awards stipends for attendance at the following events:



for Mission u



for the North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting



for a teen girl to attend one of the above events

Each unit is encouraged to submit applications from your unit based on only two considerations:

A person who has never attended before

A person who is interested in learning more about United Methodist Women

Please encourage women in your unit to apply for one of these great opportunities to grow their faith! The recipients of the stipends will be chosen by the District Executive Committee by June 1, 2016.

This application is for: (check one)

- Mission u at Pfeiffer University July 21-24, 2016
- North Carolina Conference Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska September 9-11, 2016
- Teen Application for Mission u at Pfeiffer University July 21-24, 2016
- Teen Application for North Carolina Conference Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska September 9-11, 2016

Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone

Mobile Phone

Work Phone

E-mail Address

Local Church

Please share why you want to attend your chosen event and how you plan to use the knowledge you will gain:

Recommendation statement from a fellow United Methodist Woman:

Signature

Date

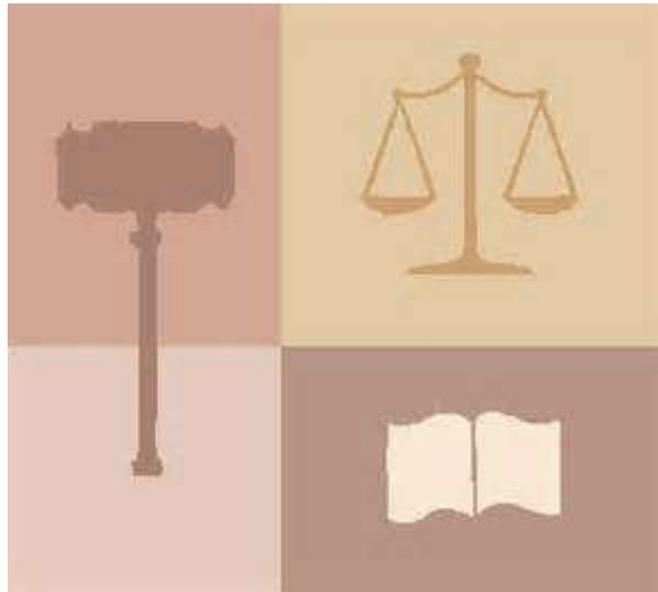
Return completed form to Lorraine Burns, PO Box 473, Granite Falls, NC or lorrainecburns@gmail.com.

UMW District Calendar

April 30, 2016	District Mission Study (see flyer in this issue)
August 28, 2016	District Annual Meeting
November 5, 2016	District Leadership and Membership Development

Conference Dates

April 23, 2016	Domestic Violence Training (see flyer in this issue)
June 10 – 11, 2016	Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska (see flyer in this issue)
July 21 – 24, 2016	Mission U, Pfeiffer University
Sept. 9 – 11, 2016	Annual Meeting, Lake Junaluska
October 15, 2016	WNCC UMW Ubuntu Day of Service (see flyer in this issue)



Parliamentary Principles

Courtesy & Justice for all
Consider 1 thing at a time
The Minority must be heard
The Majority must prevail

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Western North Carolina Conference

What: 2016 Spiritual Growth Retreat

When: June 10-11, 2016

Opening Session 6:45pm Friday / Ends Noon Saturday

Where: Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium

Theme: *Pray*

Leader: Rev. Holly Adams



Our 2016 Retreat Leader is **Rev. Holly Adams**, Pastor at Hudson United Methodist Church, in Hudson, North Carolina.

Music Leaders: Our music leaders are: Dr. Charlesetta Dawson - Song Leader, and Carolyn McLean Hill - Pianist.

Hands On Mission Project:

UMCOR Health Kits



Health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster.

Get details about making UMCOR Health Kits at: <http://goo.gl/77V1eb>



Complete information about the retreat is available on our website: www.wnccumw.org

**Mark your calendar!
Register ONLINE!
Join us at the lake!**

Contact Persons:

Retreat Information

Martha Efird,
Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth, mjefird@bellsouth.net
704-875-0065

Questions about Online Payments

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Conference Treasurer
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Questions about Online Registration

Lynne Gilbert
Webmaster
lgilbert.umw@gmail.com
336-207-3479

Retreat Registration: (Begins February 1, 2016)

- On-site registration at the retreat - \$25.00 per person
- **Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE!**
Online advance registration, February 1, 2016 through June 5, 2016 is only \$15.00 per person! Use the online registration link on our website at www.wnccumw.org.
- **Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable.** So, if someone registers for the retreat, and is unable to attend, their registration fee is not refundable, but it is ok for someone else to attend in their place.
- **Register yourself AND others!** Our online registration offers the opportunity for you to register up to 35 guests at the same time that you do your own retreat registration. Help other members of your local unit to register online — especially those who may not use a computer!
- **DO NOT** mail Spiritual Growth Retreat registration fee money to Lake Junaluska. Contact us if you have a question about registration.



Lake Junaluska
Conference & Retreat
Center, P. O. Box 67
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

Reservations Phone #:

1-800-222-4930 (Toll Free)
1-828-452-2881

**Lake Junaluska
Reservations:**

**Housing Reservations
Open February 1, 2016**

To book Lake Junaluska
lodging for the
Spiritual Growth Retreat:

- **Call the Lake Junaluska reservations department at 1-800-222-4930.** Then select 1 for the Reservations Department, and the next available agent will be glad to assist you. The Lake Junaluska reservations team is on duty from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. **Our group number is 7616.**
- **Reservations can also be made online at:**
<http://goo.gl/XzdHfj>



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2016 Spiritual Growth Retreat

June 10-11, 2016 - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates

The Terrace / Lambuth Inn

(Private baths, Free WIFI, heat, air conditioning, phone, elevator)

Rates are per person, per day, room & meals.

	Terrace Rooms	Lambuth Rooms	Meals* Both	Terrace Total	Lambuth Total
Single	\$110	\$97	\$33	\$143	\$130
Double	\$55	\$48.50	\$33	\$88	\$81.50
Triple	\$44	\$36	\$33	\$77	\$69
Quad	\$38	\$29.25	\$33	\$71	\$62.25

*Lake Junaluska operates The Terrace and the Lambuth Inn on an American Plan, and all meals are required with the room.

Lakeside Lodge

(Private baths, heat, air

conditioning, TV, phone, no elevator)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals.

Single	\$72
Double	\$43
Triple	\$33
Quad	\$27

Junaluska Apartments

Rates are per person, per day, no meals.

Single	\$72	Triple	\$33
Double	\$43	Quad	\$27

Apartments are furnished with linens and blankets. Type A, C, & D have kitchens with small refrigerators, counter top burner, microwave, and limited equipment and dishes.

Lake Junaluska Lodging Information:

Event lodging reservation deposit – Due 60 or more days prior to the event – Deposit amount is equal to the first nights lodging and is due at the time of reservation. Any rooms not reserved with a Lodging Reservations Deposit will be released into general availability 30 days prior to an event. Individual lodging reservations deposit refund policy: 30 days or more before an event receive a full refund minus a \$15 processing fee. 29 days or less before an event will not receive a refund. **CHECK IN TIME FOR 2016 for all facilities is 4:00pm; check out is 11:00am.**

Meal Information:

The room rate that shows on your confirmation letter is the room rate only, meals are an additional cost. Meals are optional for all facilities other than the The Terrace or the Lambuth Inn. Guests staying in optional meal facilities may purchase a 3 meal package at the same cost of \$33.00 per person for each 3 consecutive meals or individual meals can be purchased: \$10.00 for breakfast, \$12.00 for lunch and \$14.00 for dinner (tax not included). Children 6 through 11 years of age receive meals at half price, 5 years of age and under eat free. **Meal package of \$33.00 per person, per day will automatically be added for each person staying in the The Terrace or the Lambuth Inn (dinner on day of arrival, breakfast and lunch the next day).**