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NORTHERN PIEDMONT DISTRICT United Methodist Women QUARTERLY NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Great News! The Western North Carolina UMW is #1 for the 13th year in a row. I know that we did not meet our pledge, but we are still #1 in the Nation. You helped "Make It Happen"! Northern Piedmont was #2 in the Mission Studies for 2013. Great Job!

As we wind down 2014 there is still a lot to do to make the Northern Piedmont a success.

Has your unit had a district or conference officer visit your unit or have you hosted a UMW Sunday?

Have you made and met your pledge for 2014?

Did you hold a mission walk for Mission Giving?

Have you purchased SMR pins or Mission Cards?

Have you had a Happy 145th Birthday for your unit?

If you answered no to any of the above, guess what?? You still have time!! December 1 is our deadline for mission giving for this year. If you need any help or would like a district officer to attend a local event, please contact any officer. Our contact information is listed on page 7.

Officer's Training is scheduled for October 26 from 3 -5 pm. This training will be held at Fair Grove UMC in Reidsville, NC. We will be distributing our end of year reports at this meeting. All reports are due back on December 15. This is where we gather information for the accomplishments for the year in your units.

I do regret that we will not be able to hold the Human Trafficking Day as we had planned and hoped for. It will happen in the spring of 2015, so be on the lookout for the scheduled date and time.

As this is my final year as your president, I would like to thank each of you for your dedication to the UMW Purpose. You have made the year special by working hard and achieving many goals. I am excited for the team that will be leading us this coming year. Please give Lynn Alexander and her team the love, support and prayers that I have felt for the past 2 years. I will still be around and hope to see you at the upcoming events.

Love in Christ,

Jill Joyner

Northern Piedmont District UMW President

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OUR PURPOSE

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.



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A WORD FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Greetings my sisters in Christ!

Boy this summer has flown by. Our District Annual meeting on September 20 at Muir's Chapel was wonderful! Our theme this year was "We Made it Happen!" and we enjoyed a great message from Conference President, Tonya Lanier. It was great to see everyone celebrating what we accomplished in 2013!

We will be holding Officer's Training on October 26 from 3 -5 pm. The training will be held at Fair Grove UMC in Reidsville, NC. If you are an new officer in your Unit or have been at it a while, please make plans to attend. I promise you will learn something new! It is important that someone from each unit attend this training.

I am excited to see what this year has brought us and what blessings we have made happen through our programs and mission giving. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Blessings,
Lynn Alexander
Northern Piedmont District UMW Vice President

THE TREASURER'S CENTS...

This is the last year of being your District Treasurer and I have enjoyed every minute of it. The best thing about being an officer is that you have the opportunity to meet so many people and have so many happy memories. There is work involved – yes – but so many good times.

I would like this year to end with all of our units giving to our "Undesignated Gifts" which are the 5 Channels of Giving. This includes the Pledge to Mission, the Special Membership Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offerings. A \$5 donation to each of these is fine. Our "Undesignated Gifts" are given to emergency situations in our country and around the world. Situations like tornadoes, hurricanes, fires, etc. More than seventy percent of Undesignated Mission Giving funds goes to programs and projects supporting women, children and youth.

Officer's Training is planned for October 26 at Fairgrove UMC. I would like to see all of our Local Unit Treasurers there to meet our new District Treasurer and to learn and discuss more about the work we do as United Methodist Women. There is a lot of information that needs to be shared with our local units and YOU are the ones to let them know about it. The Prayer Calendar and "Response" Magazine are two great resources for details about UMW money and how it is dispersed.

Let's all sign up for "UBUNTU DAY OF SERVICE" on October 18th from 9 am - 3 pm. We will be going to Brooks-Howell, Pfeiffer University, Bethlehem Center in Winston-Salem and Bennett College in Greensboro. Look for more information in this newsletter.

Love and Prayers to all of you,
Sara Kauzlick
Northern Piedmont District UMW Treasurer

HOT LIST FROM PROGRAM RESOURCES

Another year has gone and I want to thank you all for your making our transitions as smooth as possible. I look forward to serving another two years! If you have any questions, please feel free to ask and as always, keep reading!!

Kelli Smith
Northern Piedmont District UMW Secretary of Program Resources



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WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

United Methodist Women

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The scholarship program is made possible in part by contributions from individual United Methodist Women and local units in the Western North Carolina Conference. There are also several endowed & named scholarship funds that have been established as a result of generous gifts to the scholarship program through the years. The most recently endowed scholarship fund was established by a donor in 2001 to honor the memory and the commitment to education of Ernest R. Ellis and Lithie Phillips Ellis. Other endowed funds include: Fannie Mit Case Scholarship Fund, Carrie Forbis Ferguson Scholarship Fund, Ronda Robbins Memorial Scholarship Fund, Ethelyne Shelley Scholarship Fund, Weaver Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the Herbin-Motley Scholarship Fund. All scholarship funds are administered by the Scholarship Committee of the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women.



If you are interested in making a contribution to the scholarship funds, or in establishing an endowed scholarship fund, contact Sherry Sink, Scholarship Chairperson, for more information.

The Scholarship Program assists members of the United Methodist Church who live within the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church pursue an academic course leading to a church-related vocation other than ordained ministry. Scholarships have been helping deserving students called to be spiritual leaders in the United Methodist Church since the 1940s. Recipients must attend one of these five colleges or universities:

• Bennett College • Brevard College •
• Greensboro College • High Point University •
• Pfeiffer University •

REQUIREMENTS

1. All applicants must apply in writing to the Chair of the Scholarship Committee.
2. All applicants must be members of the United Methodist Church and reside within the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference. Scholarship recipients shall pursue an academic course in one of the five United Methodist-supported colleges or universities in the Western North Carolina Conference.
3. All applicants must have references from the following people: The applicant's pastor, a faculty member of the school last attended, a peer group person, and a business or professional person who knows the applicant through some experience outside the church. Forms will be provided.
4. All applicants recently graduated must supply a transcript of their high school record. In the case of a second-career applicant who has not been in school recently, a transcript will not be required.
5. All applicants must complete a confidential report of family/individual income and financial obligations. A form will be provided.
6. All applicants are to be interviewed each year by the Scholarship Committee, or be interviewed by a person selected by the Chair of the Scholarship Committee, prior to granting scholarships. Interviews will be held in the spring.
7. No applicant will be considered until all requirements are met. A small, non-returnable picture attached to the application will be helpful to the Scholarship Committee. All applications are due by March 1 each year.

Additional information and application forms may be obtained from:

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

March 1, 2015

GROWING IN THE SPIRIT

Lake Junaluska again provided a backdrop for our celebration of 145 years of missions. Lots of friends, new and old, shared memories and plans as we to strive to continue to make it happen. Thanks to the all involved in making it a reality. We missed those who could not make it and pray that you are able to attend the next event.

I hope each unit is continuing to use the prayer calendar, read books on the reading program and Response magazine.

As we move into a busy season of fall and winter activities, please keep God in the lead and all will be blessed.

Margaret Hardy

Northern Piedmont District UMW Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth

NOTEWORTHY NEWS FROM YOUR SECRETARY

Greetings Secretaries!

As I prepared for an Installation of Officers for a unit, I was impressed by a prayer which has been used before:

"We lift these women up as new and renewed persons for the service to God in this unit of United Methodist Women, believing that their calling is a celebration of the unique gifts they bring to each position and is an expression by all of us of our belief in them."

This awesome responsibility we have as United Methodist Women is such a celebration of what God has done for us. Serve with joy and thanksgiving.

See you at Officers' Training in October!

God Bless,

Janet Bledsoe

Northern Piedmont District UMW Secretary

2014 UBUNTU DAY OF SERVICE

WHAT: Volunteering at National Mission Institutions in our conference

WHEN: Saturday, October 18 • 9 am - 3 pm

WHERE: Bethlehem Center (Charlotte or Winston-Salem), Brooks-Howell Home, Pfeiffer University and Bennett College

WHY: United Methodist Women...turning faith, hope and love INTO ACTION on behalf of women, children and youth around the world!

DETAILS: Be at your volunteer site at 9 am. Bring your lunch (except at Pfeiffer University and Bennett College)...drinks will be provided. Hands-On Mission collections at each site.

REGISTRATION: There is no registration fee. We just need you to register so that we can know how many people to expect at each volunteer site, and can make final plans for what we will be doing. **Registration deadline is October 1.**

Brooks Howell Home

Asheville



Projects: Landscaping, cleaning, etc.

Hands on Project: Gift cards from Home Depot or Lowes (will be used for needed repair items)

AND THE NOMINATION GOES TO...

The Committee on Nominations would like to welcome our newest slate of officers as voted in during our annual meeting. Thank you all for your willingness to serve. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the outgoing officers for their dedication and hard work.

Etta Marcellus
Chairperson, Northern Piedmont District UMW Committee on Nominations

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What does UBUNTU mean?

Humanity toward others / I am...because We are / Simply...human kindness.



Bethlehem Center
Charlotte

Project: Cut out 1000 stars and write names of children on each star

Hands on Project: Napkins, plastic forks and spoons, Kleenex and two pocket folders



Bennett College
Greensboro

Project: Landscaping, classroom projects, etc.

Hands on Project:
To be determined



Pfeiffer University
Misenheimer

Projects: Beautification/landscaping and clerical projects

Hands on Project: School supplies to benefit Pfeiffer student ministries, clubs and organizations on campus as well as extras for Richfield Elementary which Pfeiffer supports



Bethlehem Center
Winston Salem

Project: Cleaning, yard work, etc.

Hands on Project: Paper towels, Clorox liquid, disinfectant spray, liquid laundry detergent, Play-Doh, crayons, markers, glue sticks

TAKING A STAND FOR SOCIAL ACTION

My UMW Sisters,

Unfortunately, the Human Trafficking Seminar we were planning for October has been postponed to a later date. We realized that it came in conflict with the UMW Ubuntu Day of Service and we would not want anyone to have to choose between the two great events. The new date will be decided at a later time.

Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers and sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God who they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. 1 John 4:20-21

The UMW has many areas of emphasis. Most of the time we focus on Human Trafficking and sometime domestic violence, but rarely do we like to talk about immigration. This can be a very controversial topic. It can be debated on many levels, and no matter what your view may be, there is immigration throughout the entire Bible. Jesus himself was an immigrant. The United Methodist Church has a policy that says "The United Methodist Church commits to engage in strong, coordinated advocacy on migration issues and on behalf of actions that overcome poverty, war and other causes leading to the displacement and marginalization of people" (Resolution 6028, Global Migration and the Quest for Justice,"The Book of Resolutions). How will you and your local unit help enforce this policy and how can we as a district put this into action?

September is a busy month in the Social Action area! One of the most significant dates is September 21st. On this day, we have been invited and encouraged to observe this day as the International Day of Peace. We have been encouraged to observe this day on a local, district, national and international level. Take a few minutes to pray and reflect on the war and unrest in our world. Pray for peace and for those men, women, and children who struggle everyday without peace in their lives.

Molly Welch
 Northern Piedmont District UMW Mission Coordinator for Social Action

MISSION: EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION

Get ready, get ready for our next mission study in 2015 focusing on disabilities in the church. We are still working on finalizing the details. More information to come in early 2015. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 336-509-8555.

Angela Webster
 Northern Piedmont District UMW Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation



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- October 18 WNCU Ubuntu Day of Service
 Various locations across
 our conference
- October 26 District Officers Training
 Fair Grove UMC, Reidsville
- December 1 Deadline for 2014 Mission Giving
- December 15 Deadline for Annual Reports

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