



## Mission Education and Interpretation:

Thank you all for those who attended our Mission Study at Wilkesboro UMC. Our study leader was Sarah Ogletree and she blessed us with an excellent study. I personally learned so much about climate justice. I pray what (we) learned at our mission study (we) are putting it too practice! I had hoped for more of our youth to attend, but we did have one entry, for our poster contest (above)! Preston and Alex Williams, ages 11 and 13, from Elkin Valley charge, Piney Grove/Wesley Chapel UMC, received a recyclable bag, water bottle, and t-shirt from Sarah Ogletree for their entry.

Thank you all for the items collected at our (Prayer Breakfast) that went to the Bethlehem Center in Winston-Salem. They were very grateful! Also the items collected for the hands-on-projects at our Mission Study were appreciated by UMCOR.

It's such a blessing to help others; that's what God has called us to do...

Just a reminder - are you making plans to attend Mission u this year?

Let us find ways we can encourage our younger ladies to be a part of our United Methodist Women.

Hope your summer will be a time of blessings! Call on me anytime!

Blessing to you all, Roberta Walker, MEI



## President's Message:

Greetings,

I hope everyone is making plans to join us at all the special events coming up. There is Spiritual Growth at the Lake, Mission u at Pfeiffer, District Annual Meeting at Grace Chapel UMC, and Annual Celebration at the Lake. If you do not have these events on your calendar please do so now. You will be blessed in many ways.

We are also looking for members to join our district team. If you would like more information please contact me or Kim Smith; we would love to talk with you. You learn so much more by being on the District teams and finding ways you can be of service.

Peace, Lorraine



## Vice-President:

Blessings to each of you this spring. I hope that all of our UMW groups are experiencing new growth in our spiritual lives and in your lives of service. Recently when I was in a local church celebrating United Methodist Women's Sunday I was so excited to see all the activities that this unit was doing this year. They shared quite a long, impressive list for the congregation. Whether it was a study of human trafficking they had completed, to providing birthing kits to be sent around the world for new mothers, it was evident that these women had been hard at work sharing the love and grace of Christ and being involved in service that really is making a difference. I am sure that your units have been involved in similar activities. We want to celebrate these events and activities at our annual meeting in August. Please have someone in your unit take some pictures with their phone or camera and text or email them to me so that they can be included in our program. You can text them to me at [336-247-1323](tel:336-247-1323) or email them to me at [drsallen421@yahoo.com](mailto:drsallen421@yahoo.com).

Thanks for all you do.  
Susan Allen, Vice-President

## Communications:

Just a reminder: if you are receiving this newsletter by mail, and would prefer to receive it by email or by email and prefer mail, please let me know. It is important that the District and Conference news gets to each unit so your UMW can know what's happening and participate in the various events. Attending district and conference events also counts toward completion of several Mission Today criteria; the updated Mission Today criteria is included on pages 9 and 10 of this newsletter. Participation Also, as Susan mentioned in her Vice-President article, please share pictures or write-ups of things going on in your unit – we definitely want to celebrate those at our annual meeting in August, but also would like to publish some of your successes and photos in our quarterly newsletter when space permits. (My email is [j.kay.tay@gmail.com](mailto:j.kay.tay@gmail.com))

Please take note of the updated Mission Today criteria on pages 9 and 10 of this newsletter. Below is the closing prayer Sarah Ogletree used at our mission study; I felt it was powerful and wanted to share it in our newsletter.

Blessings, Jan Taylor

# Prayer for Courage



O Lord, open our eyes that we may see the needs of others; open our ears that we may hear their cries; open our hearts so that they need not be without our support and encouragement; let us not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong; nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show us where love and hope and faith are needed, and use us to bring them to those places. And so, open our eyes and our ears, that we may this coming day, be able to do some work of peace for thee. Amen.

## Nominations:

Hello United Methodist Women,

If you've ever had the opportunity to attend a district or conference event, you know what a blessing you receive. These events are both spiritual and informative and you always leave feeling empowered to do all that you possibly can to make the world a better place for women, youth, and children. I have been blessed to serve on the district team that plans these events and, even though it's a lot of work, it's a great feeling to know that you have a hand in something that touches so many others. It's that time of year when we are getting our team together for next year and we have some openings. If you would like to be a part of a group that is committed to changing the world, please let me or any team member know and we'll be happy to talk with you and answer any questions you might have. I'm looking forward to seeing you at our District Annual Meeting on August 27 at Grace Chapel.

Peace and Blessings,

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## Treasurer:

We have had two great District events so far this year. These events help us remember that we are living our Purpose of United Methodist Women. Our giving reflects that purpose and our commitment to UMW.

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. A few years ago a new Fund was established that offers us an opportunity to give over and above our pledge and other gifts to Undesignated Giving.

The Legacy Fund is a permanent endowment fund that will help carry UMW mission work into the future. United Methodist Women is preparing to celebrate its 150th anniversary by strengthening and passing on its mission inheritance with the Legacy Fund. The forward-looking permanent endowment will provide a firm foundation for generations of United Methodist Women to come as they engage in mission with the women, children, and youth of their day.

The Legacy Fund's income will ensure a regular source of support for the core expenses of being in mission. It will undergird United Methodist Women grants, scholarships, mission personnel, membership nurture, and leadership development.



Every member of United Methodist Women is invited to contribute to the Legacy Fund. **Any amount is welcome.** Consider commemorating the year United Methodist Women foremothers first organized for mission with gifts in increments of 1869: \$18.69, \$186.90, \$1,869, etc. Or you may want to honor United Methodist Women's years of service with gifts in increments of 150: \$15, \$150, \$1,500, etc. Members are also invited to name the Legacy Fund in their will.

Gifts to the Legacy can be made in several ways:

**By mail:** make checks payable to United Methodist Women, 475 Riverside Drive, Treasurer's Office, New York, New York 10115 (write Legacy Fund in the Memo Section)

**Online:** [unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund)

**By phone:** 800-278-7771 (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. [EST])

**Or you may send check to App District UMW Treasurer** and I will send money to UMW for you.

As always please contact me if I can help you in any way.

Pratt Davis

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## Social Action:

Greetings, My Fellow UMW!

John Wesley often preached about works of piety and mercy as inseparable. Charity is a gift, but social action helps change systems that keep people oppressed and dispossessed. As United Methodist Women, we believe that these are inseparable.

For over 147 years, children, youth, and family advocacy, racial justice, public policy, and global policy are the foci of United Methodist Women's advocacy and part of their mission call. Their advocacy helps improve and empower the lives of women, children, and youth, nationally and internationally.

### Justice Today 2017:



Each local unit is encouraged to become a Justice Today unit. Criteria for Justice Today provide new and innovative ways for local units to implement the Charter for Racial Justice. There are three different levels of participation which enables the local unit to be as involved as they would like. Please see the criteria at <http://wnccumw.org/social-action/> and make plans how your local unit can become a Justice Today unit. Recognition will be given to those units who achieve Bronze, Silver, or Gold status during 2017 at the 2018 Conference and District Annual Meetings.

### United Methodist Women Action Network:

The United Methodist Women's Social Action Network is a tool to assist members of the organization of United Methodist Women in being informed and prepared to act on public policy issues affecting women, children and youth. Sign up today, at <http://wnccumw.org/social-action/>

### Working for Justice through Service & Advocacy:

The United Methodist Women website Social Action pages have brief information about the various areas of emphasis within the section of Christian Social Responsibility. These include: Domestic Violence, Economic Justice, Climate Justice, Global Justice/Peace, Health Care, Human Trafficking, Immigration Justice, Peace Building, Racial Justice, and Women's Rights.

Visit the National UMW Advocacy Pages at <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/service-advocacy>.

Sign up for action alerts at: <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/members-leaders/action/alerts>.

### Participate in YOUR Government!

Who represents you in the United States Congress, and the North Carolina General Assembly? Very often, Action Alerts or other social action articles will encourage you to write your representatives to express your opinion about important issues that affect the lives of women, children and youth. Use these helpful links to find out who your representatives are in the United States Congress and the North Carolina General Assembly:

U.S. House of Representatives (Enter zip code at top left...Find your Representative) <http://www.house.gov/>

U.S. Senate (Top right...Find your Senators) <https://www.senate.gov/>

North Carolina General Assembly (On the menu...Who Represents Me?) <http://www.ncleg.net/>

### Our Social Creed - from ¶ 166 The Book of Discipline

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends. We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind. We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family. We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons. We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of

themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress. We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world. We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.*

Margaret Mead

1901-1978, American Cultural Anthropologist

Sources:

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

<http://wnccumw.org/social-action/>

Peace and Blessings,

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**Priorities for Social Action for 2017**

Climate Justice

Maternal & Child Health

Criminalization of Communities of Color & Mass Incarceration

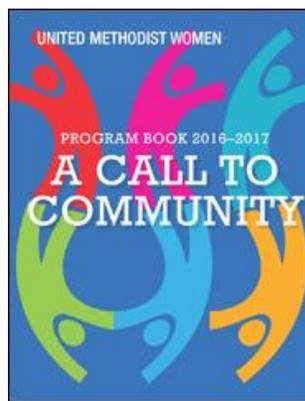
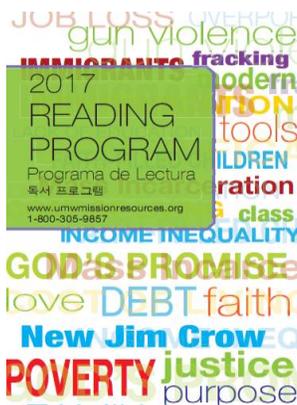
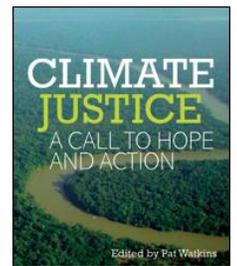
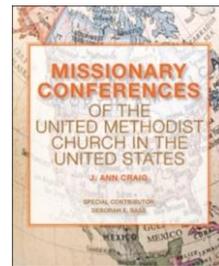
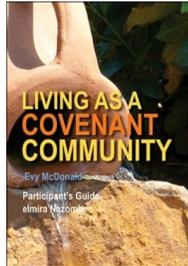
Economic Inequality

## Program Resources:

UMW Sisters, we made it to summer! Yahoo! I hope your plans include kicking back and reading. I am looking forward to reading the Mission U study books at the beach!

In the back of the 2017 Reading Program Catalog are books on sale from the 2012-2015 reading list. This is an excellent time to start a library of UMW books for your unit and church!

UMW members who participated in the 2016 Reading Program will be recognized at the Annual Meeting Aug 27 at Grace Chapel UMC. There will be many resources available for your unit to purchase including Handbooks, Program Books, Response Magazines, pledge cards, etc. These resources help you understand and carry out the Purpose of UMW.



See you at the Annual Meeting Aug. 27!

God's Blessings as you read, pray and act!

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## Spiritual Growth:



### Spiritual Growth, Keeping it Lit.....

“Spiritual growth is an act of engagement. It is not static or stagnant; it moves, is pushed against, molded and shaped in our hands and hearts! The revolution in the world begins with a revolution within us.” (Alisha L Gordon)

As we enter into the third quarter, let us remember that Spiritual Growth is a daily challenge. We must be the cinder that lights the fire in our unit for growth spiritually. As we meet, let us share the power of prayer with our fellow UMW. Let us remember to share the Prayer Calendar at each meeting and lift up our missionaries and staff, deaconesses and leaders.



Make plans now to have a UMW Sunday, a Children’s Sabbath, and participate in an Ubuntu event. Mark your calendar to remind you to attend the District and Conference fall meetings listed in this newsletter.

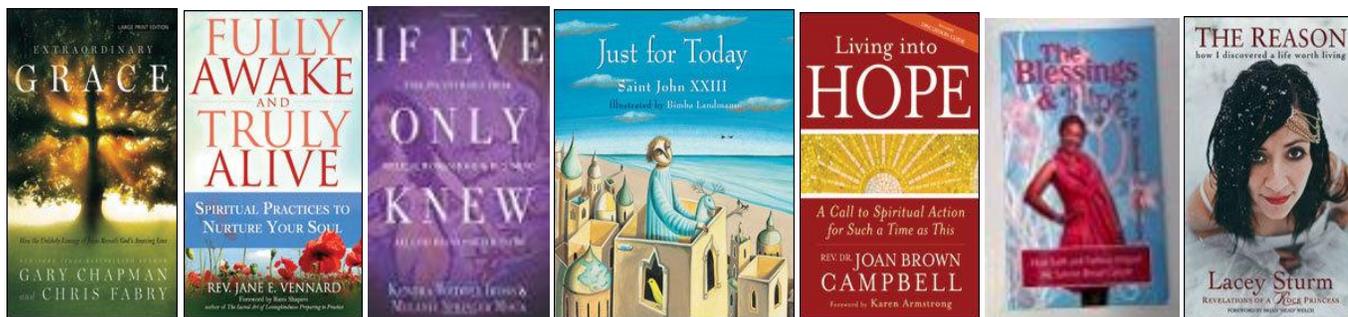
May I suggest the following books from our Reading Program to help with your personal Spiritual Growth:

- *2017 - Extraordinary Grace—How the Unlikely Lineage of Jesus Reveals God’s Amazing Love*
- *2017 - Fully Awake and Truly Alive—Spiritual Practices to Nurture Your Soul*
- *2017 - If Eve Only Knew—Freeing Yourself from Biblical Womanhood & Becoming All God Means for You to Be*
- *2017 - Just for Today*
- *2017 - Living into Hope—A Call to Spiritual Action for Such a Time as This*
- *2017 - The Blessings & Bling—How Faith and Fashion Helped Me Survive Breast Cancer*
- *2017 - The Reason—How I Discovered a Life Worth Living*

Remember the words above by Alisha L. Gordon, “The revolution in the world begins with a revolution within us.”

Peace and blessings,

Sherry



# “Community: A Call to Celebrating!”

## Appalachian District Annual Meeting

Sunday, August 27th

Registration~2:30 pm Meeting~3:00 pm

Hands on Mission Project:



**School Kits** {1 pr blunt scissors, 3 pads of paper (spiral/top-bound/150 loose sheets-NO composition books), 1 pencil sharpener, 1 30cm ruler, 6 unsharpened pencils, 1 two-inch+ eraser, 1 24-ct box of crayons, 14”x16” cloth bag (per UMCOR instructions), \$1 in envelope on outside for shipping.}  
**OR Layette Kits.** See UMCOR.org website for more details/specifics.

### Location:

Grace Chapel  
4336 Grace Chapel Rd  
Granite Falls, NC 28630

**Share and celebrate your successes  
from 2016....  
Send pictures to Susan Allen to share  
your mission work, projects, events,  
and activities with other UMW units.**

### Directions to Grace Chapel:

#### From Boone and West:

Follow US 321 South past Granite Falls. After passing the Wal-Mart store on your left, go to the second traffic light and turn left onto Grace Chapel Road. Go 5.4 miles and Grace Chapel UMC will be on your right.

#### From Wilkesboro, Sparta and North:

Follow Hwy 18 South through Wilkesboro and into Lenoir. From Lenoir take Highway 321 South past Granite Falls. After passing the Wal-Mart store on your left, go to the second traffic light and turn left onto Grace Chapel Road. Go 5.4 miles and Grace Chapel UMC will be on your right.

#### From Statesville:

Take I-40 West toward Hickory. Take exit 123B-A and take the ramp right to US-321 North, toward Hickory/Lenoir. In approximately 4.7 miles, turn right onto Grace Chapel Road. Go 5.4 miles and Grace Chapel UMC will be on your right.

#### From Elkin, Ronda, Roaring River and West:

Take 421 West to Wilkesboro; take Hwy 16/18 exit toward Taylorsville and follow Hwy 18 South into Lenoir. Follow Wilkesboro, Sparta and North directions to Grace Chapel.





## **Mission Today** **United Methodist Women** **Western North Carolina Conference**

### **MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** **Become a Mission Today Unit!!**

#### **The purpose of promoting a Mission Today Unit is to:**

Engage United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action. Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so the United Methodist Women understand where their money goes. Encourage the use of mission resources through United Methodist Women. Expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

#### **What is a Unit?**

A unit is any organized group of United Methodist Women within a church or district. Some units are composed of several circles, which periodically get together for a unit meeting.

#### **How Do We Become a Mission Today Unit?**

In order to be recognized as a Mission Today Unit, UMW groups must complete a minimum of twelve of the following criteria, including seven of those marked with an asterisk (\*). **#1 of the Criteria is not optional. You must complete this one to become a Mission Today Unit!** Activities conducted between January 1-December 31, 2017, will be recognized at annual meetings in 2018. This is an ongoing program, so strive to become a Mission Today Unit!

#### **CRITERIA:**

- \*1. The Unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission. (Must be completed.)**
- \*2. The unit will use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting or circle meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission and our mission work with women, children and youth. A new Prayer Calendar is printed each year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- \*3. The unit will use at least two programs from the Program Book during the year. A new Program Book is printed every year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- \*4. The unit or circle will conduct or participate in at least one mission study each year. Contact your district or conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation to learn what the studies are for each year. (If members of your unit attend the conference Mission or your District Mission Study and your unit takes an action growing out of the study, Gift to Mission, ministry related to the study, etc., your unit will meet this criteria.)
- \*5. The unit will have at least two members subscribing to *response* (1 member subscribing with units less than 15 members; Local unit subscription may count as one.) Order information is printed at bottom of page 2. \$24.00 for a one year print subscription (includes digital subscription); \$20 for a one year digital only subscription.
- \*6. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least two ways during the year. Possibilities are:
  - a. Have members read and discuss books and articles about other races and cultures;
  - b. Sponsor or attend an interethnic event between two or more units;
  - c. Intentionally recruit women of other ethnic groups to be members and officers of the unit;
  - d. Use the "Resources for Racial Justice: Tools for UMW Leaders" handbook. (Available on our conference website on the "Downloads Available" page, and on the "Mission Today" page.)
  - e. Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low-income programs, civil rights, etc.
- \*7. The unit will become a member of the Western North Carolina UMW Justice Today. See link to info on Justice Today at our conference website, [www.wnccumw.org/social-action](http://www.wnccumw.org/social-action). Scroll down to "Justice Today 2017."
- \*8. The unit will add at least two new members (one member for units with less than 15 members) to its roll.

- \*9. The unit will have one program from the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church 2017-2020.
- \*10. The unit will contribute to all Five Channels of Mission Giving.
- \*11. The UMW Purpose will be recited at each general and/or circle meeting.
- \*12. The unit will contribute \$186.90 or more to the Legacy Fund.
- 13. At least one member of the unit will attend Mission u and report back to the unit on classes and events they experienced.
- 14. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend the district or conference annual meeting and report back to the unit about the event and what they experienced.
- 15. The unit will have at least one person joining the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information at least three (3) times a year. (To join, contact the United Methodist Women Washington Office, 100 Maryland Avenue NE, Room 100, Washington, DC 20002. Phone #: 202-488-5660. Email: [csad@unitedmethodistwomen.com](mailto:csad@unitedmethodistwomen.com) (Attach to Mission Today report the action that was taken and to which issue.)
- 16. Members will correspond with five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar at least once a year.
- 17. The unit will co-sponsor, with the local church, a Children's Sabbath. (This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children.) The United Methodist Women National Office and the Council of Bishops support this effort. Children's Sabbath materials are on our website.
- 18. Each unit or circle meeting will include a "response Moment" where an item from *response* magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
- 19. The unit will sponsor one teen member (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman member (ages 18 to 39) to at least one conference event during the year.
- 20. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend a district Prayer Breakfast, district Day Apart, conference Spiritual Growth Retreat, or any other special district or conference event other than Ubuntu Day.
- 21. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will participate in an Ubuntu Day Event.
- 22. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will complete Plan 1 of the Reading Program and give a report to the unit on one of the books read.
- 23. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year and/or for their United Methodist Women's Sunday. This Qualifies as a Local Unit Visit (LUV).
- 24. The unit will add one new teen (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman (ages 18 to 39) circle during the year, or one new teen member (ages 12 to 17) or one new young woman member (ages 18 to 39) during the year.
- 25. Each unit will be responsible for supporting at least one local mission project and participate in one Conference Hands-on Mission Project during the year. The local project should be listed on your Mission Today report.
- 26. 100% of the unit's active members will make a gift of at least \$18.69 to the Legacy Fund.

### **Be a Mission Today Unit!**

#### **Mission Resource Center**

Website: [www.missionresourcecenter.org](http://www.missionresourcecenter.org)

UMW Mission Resources, 1650 Bluegrass Lakes Parkway, Alpharetta, GA 30004;  
Phone: 1-800-305-9857 (toll-free); Fax: (770)280-0061; e-mail: [cs@umwmissionresources.org](mailto:cs@umwmissionresources.org)

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July 13-16, 2017

\*\*\*Register by June 27\*\*\*

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Misenheimer, NC 28109

**“In Covenant with All Creation”**



What does it mean to be in covenant with God? With our neighbors? With our planet? Join us at Mission u to learn about our covenant relationships and responsibilities with all of God’s creation.

**Workshop for Leaders of Children: “Joined and Held Together—Children’s Study on Missionary Conferences”**

Leader: Sandy Hieronymus  
Session Time: 4:15 pm Friday or Saturday

**Full-Time Youth Camp: “In Mission Together—Youth Study on Missionary Conferences”**

Leaders: Sherry Sink and Renee Hayes  
“This study focuses on the three U.S. missionary conferences of The United Methodist Church: Alaska United Methodist Conference, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, and Red Bird Missionary Conference. It also offers opportunities for youth who are interested in relationship-building and hands-on mission.”

**Spiritual Growth Study: Living as a Covenant Community**

Full-Time Leader: Dr. Patty Meyers  
Overview Leader: Ann Aldridge  
“This study examines major covenants throughout the Bible and what they reveal about God’s character and love for us.”

**Geographic Study: Missionary Conferences of the US**

Full-Time Leaders: Barbara Campbell, Rev. Becky Hall, Betty Letzig, Connie Locklear, Patricia Pemberton, and Daphne Strickland.  
Overview Leader: Rev. Mike Feely  
“This study gives an overview of the three missionary conferences in The United Methodist Church, the contexts out of which they grew and their current engagements.”

**Issue Study: Climate Justice—A Call to Hope and Action**

Full-Time Leader: Sandra Williamson  
“This study examines climate change and justice concerns raised by the drivers of the problem and the communities affected by it. Learn what we can do to positively impact the environment.”

**Put the ‘u’ in Mission u!**

Who should attend?

Local Unit officers and members of UMW, District and Conference UMW Officers, District Chairpersons of Mission Engagement, Clergy, interested men, women, and youth; in short—  
**YOU!**

**Registration is open May 1-June 27.**

**All Registrations must be RECEIVED no later than JUNE 27, 2017.**

**NO ONSITE REGISTRATION**

Check-in for Full-Time Studies:  
Thursday, July 13, 2:00-6:00 PM  
First session begins at 6:30 PM

One-Day Overview Studies:  
Friday and Saturday.  
Check-in is 8:00 AM-8:45 AM  
with class beginning at 9:00 AM.

**Registration Fees**

**Full-Time Youth Camp: \$150.00**

**Full-Time Adult Students:**

**Resident Students** (Resident cost includes meals from Thursday dinner through Sunday breakfast):

New Hall: (Private room with a private bathroom): \$190.00\*

\*New Hall availability is based on postmark of registration form and limited to number of rooms made available by Pfeiffer.

Other dorms are single or double occupancy with community bathrooms.

Resident Double: \$160.00  
Resident Single: \$175.00

**Non-Resident Students:**

Non-Resident/No meals: \$50.00  
Non-Resident with 4 Meals: \$90.00  
(Lunch and Dinner, Friday and Saturday)

**Overview Students:**

One-Day Overview without Lunch: \$30.00  
One-Day Overview with Lunch: \$40.00  
(One-Day Overview Students will choose one study and will have 6 hours of session time in that study. You will not get both studies unless you come both days; you are welcome to do so.)

**Additional information may be found at:**  
[www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org)

Mission u Policies and Information

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** If you have any physical conditions that require consideration in room or classroom assignment, please explain on registration form or on a separate sheet of paper stapled to your form.

**Child care is not available.**

**REFUNDS:** There will be no refunds without at least 7 days' notice. (\$50.00 of Resident Fee is not refundable.)

**HOUSING:** Bring bed linens (including blanket and pillow), towels, clothes hangers, toiletries, bathrobe, and any other items you feel necessary for your comfort away from home. (Wireless internet is available all over campus.)

**CLASSES:** Full-Time students take two studies: Living as a Covenant Community and **either** Missionary Conferences **or** Climate Justice. Bring Bibles, pencils, paper, etc. Study books are available from the Mission Resource Center and at all Conference events prior to the school. A **limited** number will be available in the Resource Room during the school. Participants are **strongly** encouraged to purchase and read the texts before arriving at Mission u.

**CEU's and Advanced Lay Servant Certifications:** Continuing Education Units and Advanced Lay Servant Certifications are available if requirements are met.

**YOUTH CAMP:** limited to 20 participants and will last the full time of Mission u. For youth participants, there are covenant and consent forms that must be completed and accompany the basic registration form. Those forms are available from the Mission u officers, District Presidents, and our Conference website at [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org). There will be a youth curfew in effect at 11:30 p.m. each evening.

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**Hands-On Mission Project: School Kits**

- 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip)
  - 2 pads (or loose leaf) of 8 1/2" x 11" ruled paper
  - 1 30-centimeter ruler
  - 1 hand held pencil sharpener
  - 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
  - 1 eraser, 2 1/2"
  - 12 sheets construction paper (varied colors)
  - 1 box of 24 crayons (**only** this size)
- Place items in cloth school kit bag (instructions online at <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/School>).
- (Please make check payable to UMCOR Sager Brown for at least \$1.00 per kit for shipping.)

**ADULT REGISTRATION - 2017 WNCC UMW Mission u**

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date	_____
Reg #	_____
Ck #	_____
Amt	_____

**STUDENT TYPE:** *Please choose your student type / housing preference.*

- ( ) Resident - New Hall - \$190  
 ( ) Resident - Double Room - \$160      ( ) Resident - Single Room - \$175  
 ( ) Non-Resident without meals - \$50      ( ) Non-Resident with meals - \$90

- ( ) One Day Over-View without Lunch - \$30:      I will attend on \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday  
 ( ) One Day Over-View with Lunch - \$40:      I will attend on \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday

**STUDENT INFORMATION:** *Please PRINT CLEARLY and complete all information.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Timer? ( ) Yes  
 (Name for name tag)

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) F ( ) M

Age Level: ( ) 18 - 29      ( ) 30 - 39      ( ) 40 - 49      ( ) 50 - 59      ( ) 60 & over

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street or P. O. Box      City      State      ZIP

Telephone : ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ (Forms must be sent in together!)

Emergency contact: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Housing/Classroom Needs (*please be specific*): \_\_\_\_\_

**Resident & Non-Resident Full-Time Students, which Mission Study do you prefer?** Note: All full-time students participate in the Spiritual Growth Study and choose one class from the two listed below.

- ( ) Missionary Conferences in the US      or      ( ) Climate Justice

**One-Day Overview Students, which Mission Study do you prefer?**

- ( ) Living as a Covenant Community      or      ( ) Missionary Conferences in the US

**Workshop for Children’s Leaders (4:15 pm Friday or Saturday):** ( ) I plan to attend this.

**PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:** *Are you a ...* ( ) Conference Officer      ( ) District Officer  
 ( ) Local Unit Officer      ( ) Unit/Circle Member      ( ) Scholarship Recipient      ( ) Mission Personnel  
 ( ) Deaconess      ( ) Clergy      ( ) Study Leader

**PLEASE CHECK IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP AT Mission u as a:**

**Full-Time Students:** ( ) Golf Cart Driver      ( ) Class Hostess—Assist the study leader as needed  
 ( ) Class Tech Support      ( ) Class Secretary—Take roll in class

**Overview Students:** ( ) Class Secretary/Hostess (Take roll and assist study leader as needed)

**REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 27, 2017**

**Make check payable to:** United Methodist Women

**Mail check and registration form to:**

LaDonna Butts  
 865 Lake Lynn Rd  
 Concord 28025-9634



# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Western North Carolina Conference

## Annual Celebration Registration:

(Begins June 19, 2017)

- On-site registration at Lake Junaluska - \$25.00 per person
- **Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE!** Online advance registration, June 19, 2017 through September 24, 2017 is only \$15.00 per person! Use the online registration link on our website at [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org).
- **Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable.** If you pre-register and are unable to attend, your registration fee is not refundable, but someone else can attend in your 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 registration. Help other members of your local unit to register online — especially those who may not use a computer! Each registration session must have a unique email.
- **DO NOT** mail Annual Celebration registration fee money to Lake Junaluska. Contact us if you have a question about registration.

**What:** 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration  
*Celebrating 148 Years in Mission*

**When:** September 29-October 1, 2017  
Registration begins 2pm; Program 6:45pm

**Where:** Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium

### *Keynote Weekend Speaker:*

Shannon Priddy, President of National United Methodist Women

### *Mission Speaker:*

Cameron Kempson, Deaconess

*Music Leaders:* Carrie Wright & Rhonda Smith

*Hands-On Mission:* Gift in Memory/  
Gift to Mission Cards and UMCOR  
Health Kits

(1 hand towel-15"x25" or 17"x27", 1 washcloth, 1 comb-no pocket comb or pick, 1 metal nail file or clipper, 1 packaged adult toothbrush, 6 adhesive bandages-2/3" to 1", in gallon sealable plastic bag. \$1 shipping in envelope on outside of box. See UMCOR website for more details/packing directions.)

*Saturday Afternoon with a PURPOSE:*  
"Just Be: Taking Time for Self-Care and Sacred Space"-Cameron Kempson  
"A Look at Millennial UMW...the Age of Change"-Jalen Lawson

### *Other highlights:*

- myUMW Membership Card/Registration
- Hosting Missionaries for Lunch
- The Celebration Continues...-Saturday Night Entertainment
- UMW Choir on Sunday
- Inspiration Point, Rose Walk, Susanna Wesley Garden, Biblical Garden, Corneille Bryan Native Garden, 2.3-mile Lakeside Walking Trail

*Hostess District:* Smoky Mountain



Shannon Priddy

Complete information about  
Annual Celebration  
is available on our website:  
[www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org)  
Mark your calendar!

### **Contact Persons:**

#### **Annual Celebration Program**

Julia Willis, Vice President  
jawillis1@aol.com  
336-685-4857

#### **Questions about Online Payments**

Nancy Reigel, Conference Treasurer  
nancy@reigelridge.com  
828-268-0637

#### **Questions & Assistance Online Registration**

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



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

**Reservations Phone #:**

1-800-222-4930 (Toll Free)

**Lake Junaluska  
Reservations:  
Housing Reservations  
Open June 19, 2017**

To book Lake Junaluska  
lodging for  
Annual Celebration (Group Code  
28810108118):

- **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.
- **Reservations can also be made online at [www.lakejunaluska.com](http://www.lakejunaluska.com):**
- **Click BOOK NOW (upper right)**
- **On GUEST & ROOMS screen, select # of adults, children & rooms**
- **Click ADD CODE**
- **Select GROUP ATTENDEE**
- **Key 28810108118**
- **Click ADD**



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**2017 Annual Celebration**

September 29-October 1, 2017 - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

**Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates**

**The Terrace or Lambuth Inn\***

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, elevator, free WI-FI)  
Rates are per person, per day, room & meals, before applicable taxes.

	The Terrace Room per night	Lambuth Inn Room per night		Weekend 5-Meal Package*
Single	\$110	\$97	+	\$59.85
Double	\$55	\$48.50	+	\$59.85
Triple	\$44	\$36	+	\$59.85
Quad	\$38	\$29.25	+	\$59.85

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

**NOTE: NO SUNDAY Lunch will be provided in this package!**

**Lakeside Lodge (meals optional)**

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, free WI-FI,  
three floors, no elevator)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals, before applicable taxes.

Single	\$72
Double	\$36
Triple	\$33
Quad	\$27

**NOTE: PHOTO ID and CREDIT CARD required for EACH PERSON at Check-In Payment by Credit Card or Cash....NO CHECKS!**

**Lake Junaluska Lodging Information:**

Event lodging reservation deposit is equal to the first night's lodging and is due at the time of reservation. Any rooms not reserved with a Lodging Reservations Deposit will be released into general availability 15 days prior to an event. Individual lodging reservations deposit refund policy: 30 days or more before an event receive a full refund minus \$15 processing fee; 14 days or less before an event will not receive a refund.

**EXPRESS CHECK-IN:** To expedite check-in time, pay room in full at time of reservation or when contacted via email in advance of meeting and make any roommate changes.

**CHECK IN TIME for all facilities is 4:00pm; check out is 11:00am. Photo ID and CREDIT CARD for each person for incidentals required at Check-In. For those who do not have a credit card, the Lake suggests purchasing prepaid credit card prior to arrival.**

**Meal Information:**

**NOTE: NO Sunday Lunch in this package!**

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 Terrace or Lambuth Inn. Guests staying in optional meal facilities may purchase a 3-meal package at the same cost of \$34.65 per person for each 3 consecutive meals, or \$59.85 per person for 5 consecutive meals or individual meals can be purchased: \$10.50 for breakfast, \$12.60 for lunch and \$14.70 for dinner. Children 6 through 11 years of age receive meals at half price, 5 years of age and under eat free. **A 5-meal package of \$59.85 per person will automatically be added for each person staying in The Terrace or Lambuth Inn (dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch & dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday).**

## UMW Appalachian District 2017 Calendar

August 27	District Annual Meeting (see flyer on page 8) Grace Chapel, Granite Falls NC
November 4	District Leadership and Membership Development First United Methodist, North Wilkesboro NC

## Western North Carolina Conference 2017 Dates

June 16 – 17	Spiritual Growth Retreat Lake Junaluska
July 13 – 16	Mission u (see flyer on page 11) Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer NC
Sep 29 – Oct 1	Annual Celebration (see flyer on page 14) Lake Junaluska
October 14	Ubuntu Day Various locations
October 21	Leader Development Day (District UMW) First Taylorsville UMC

## Membership – Nurture – Outreach:

Invite your Nurturing Partner or any Appalachian District or WNCC UMW Officer to your unit gathering by August 24, 2017 and be entered to win a C.P.R. “Feel the LUV” care package.

# 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 August 25, 2016 through August 24, 2017. 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

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