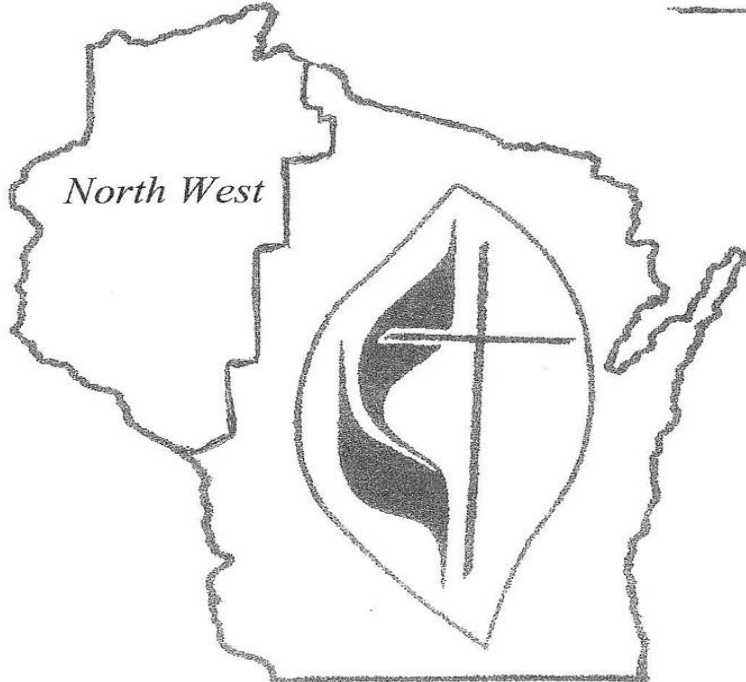


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North West District  
United Methodist Women

Newsletter

# The WEAVER



March 2021



*A Message from our North West District Superintendent.....  
...Rev. Barbara Certa -Werner*

This morning I signed up for Mission U virtual training in April 2021. I will be trained and later teaching the course on Finding Peace in an Anxious World. This topic is fitting for the time in which we live, with: a global pandemic, racial injustice, postponement of both General Conference (2020) and Jurisdictional Conference, and, the myriad of personal crisis. I am looking forward to the time of training and more importantly, my time spent with Mission U participants!

As I prepare myself for the training through reading and resourcing, I am reminded that we too must be preparing. We have spent the better part of a year in a standstill, with perhaps little or no movement towards our mission and purpose as United Methodist Women. This is our time; we must prepare for our future now.

I plan as if I am hosting a wedding celebration. While I could throw something together quickly, my haste may exclude people, details, or make the event less meaningful. If, however, I begin now, making sure that I strive for a good end result, I can work backwards ensuring that guests are welcomed, details are attended to, and that people walk away from the event, celebrating!

Likewise, the North West District UMW has been planning and working on an event for us to safely gather. They have attended to the details, ensuring that our time spent will be spiritually enriching and meaningful. Our District is moving forward with purpose so that we may fully live out our mission as the United Methodist Women.

May God bless our work together.  
Blessings.  
Rev. Barb Certa-Werner

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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.



*A Message from our Northwest District President .....  
Liz Dempsey*

“Peace”

The book “Finding Peace in an Anxious World”, which is one of the focuses of our May 1<sup>st</sup> virtual Spring Day of Enrichment, begins the last chapter reminding us of the scene of Jesus entry into the room where the disciples are anxiously huddled together following his death on the cross and subsequently finding the tomb empty. And what are his first words to them? “Peace be with you.” As the book points out, Jesus knew they needed to feel peace before they could move on to next steps in their world in which they had experienced fear for what **they** would next face. **They were anxious.** Clearly, they were in a time and place of great anxiety and for some of them a death on the cross they had not expected.

And so are we not also finding ourselves in a time warp of sorts?

When will we get our vaccination?

When will we open our churches if they have been silent?

When will we feel peace in our various locations?

And some of us have found peace in more solitude –not rushing here and there – no appointments barking at our heels – more time spent with our family – has there been peace in some of this for us? I recently was in a group where one said, “I don’t know if I’ll adjust to the reversal of some of this? I have enjoyed not going out for a meal, rather enjoyed getting a meal on the table and the peace of just being together.” Jesus made very clear for us in the Sermon on the Mount Beatitudes how to best manage our lives amongst people. The second to the last Beatitude tells us “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.”

So, how, when we experience the last gasp of the breath of Covid, will we rise to be the peacemaker Christ emulated for us? It was His expectation of His disciples in this upper room and the beatitudes made it clear to us that we will be blessed as peacemakers. These are times when we must make a clear pathway as a peacemaker. Therefore, let us as United Methodist Women provide a breath of peace for those surrounding us and for those who need us in mission and in our daily living for ourselves.

Liz Dempsey

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*From the desk of our Treasurer.....Annette Pederson*

Spring is Coming! I am so glad to see the snow melting. 2020 is finally over and we’re headed into a promising 2021.

2020 was a challenging year. Despite the hardship on units, due to the decreased ability to meet and have money raising opportunities.....We did contribute! I was, in fact, surprised with how well we did! Our great North West District paid 79 percent of our pledge!! And I am encouraged that in 2021 will be better.

Keep giving as you can, keep mission as your unit’s emphasis and stay optimistic. We can do this together!

God’s Blessings  
Annette Pederson



*From the reading corner of our Program Resource Coordinator...  
.....Cheri Bingham*

Greetings to my sisters in the North West District!

As I wrote to you one year ago, in February 2020, we were starting to hear more & more about the new virus that was about to totally disrupt our world. How a year has changed us—our world, our families, our churches and our communities. So much of this saddens but also encourages me. My faith in God has not wavered and I pray that yours has not! Not meeting as a community of faith at our church “building” has reminded us that the church is NOT a building, the church is God’s people! We are the church!! We have had to adjust to meeting virtually – but this has shown us things that needed to be changed in order for the church to be more inclusive of those unable to attend in-person worship. As I now am recovering from ankle surgery, I am thankful for the ability to worship and study with my church family through the help of Facebook and Zoom. We still need to work on making those resources more accessible to all church members!

I’ve had lots of time to read and hope that each of you have also taken this time away to read and study the UMW Resources, both in the Reading Program and in the Response Magazine. In our NW District 38 individuals (from 11 of our units) turned in reading reports. This is down from past years. Part of this may be due to decreasing membership and the decreasing number of UMW units in our district, and part may be due to decreased access to books while sequestered at home. I would continue to encourage all UMW members to take part in this program. The books are chosen from such a wide variety of subjects, and all can add to our knowledge base in Leadership Development, Social Action, Spiritual Growth, Nurturing for Community and Education for Mission. This year, and in 2022, books from the 2017 through 2021/2022 lists may be used. Regular reading of the Response Magazine is also needed. Information about the program and information about the books on the 2021-2022 list are included in the November-December issue of the Response Magazine (pages 28-35). Further information is available at the UMW website ([www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)) under the “Reading Program” header. You may access the book lists from 2017 to 2021/2022 by going to the online catalog.

We may not be meeting in person for our Spring Day of Enrichment this year, but please pray that we can gather once again this fall! In the meantime, call me if you have questions regarding books, book lists, reports, how to order the Response Magazine, etc., at [608-712-7820](tel:608-712-7820). Feel free to leave a message with your name and number & I will do my best to get back to you quickly.

Your Sister-in Christ,  
Cheri Bingham

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The following units have received the 5 Star Award for 2020. Remember, units receive this award by giving financially in all 5 areas of mission giving.....

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|---------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Bloomer UMW         | Canton UMW       | Lake Street UMW – Eau Claire |
| Holcombe UMW        | Jim Falls UMW    | Knapp UMW                    |
| New Centerville UMW | Superior UMW     | Rice Lake UMW                |
| Pleasant Valley UMW | Prairie Farm UMW |                              |



*A note from our Secretary.....Bev Maser*

Dear Sisters in Christ,

It has taken COURAGE to work through all phases of life this past year! So NOW...we strive to continue to ENCOURAGE one another in fulfilling God’s work in our homes, churches, communities, nation and the world!

That is a big order!! However, as United Methodist Women, we know we CAN make a BIG difference for all. Through our Mission Outreach, we have continued to do amazing things and that is ENCOURAGEMENT to each one of us. Reaching out to our neighbors, our circle of friends and on to those we do not know is brought to us by the words of Paul to the Romans, 1:12-13...**”for I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established—that is, that I may be encourage together with you by the mutual faith of you and me.’**

Yes... a big order, however, WE CAN DO IT!!!!!!.....keep in touch, encourage, reach out to others and tell the Good News of God’s guidance as we continue to do His work!

God Bless you as you share God’s love and care with your Sisters in Christ and new younger women to know the great mission carried out by United Methodist Women.

In God’s love and care,

Bev Maser



*An Update from our Membership, Nurture & Outreach  
Coordinator....Barbara Bender*

Hello North West District Women,

Since our last edition (August 2020), we have seen the largest number of COVID deaths and hospitalizations, but thankfully, it is now declining – still too many. We are all affected by it physically, socially, etc., but we need to carry on.

I’ve gotten the Census Survey information out and am now hoping all UMW Presidents get their unit’s information to New York. Last year, our North West District was the only district in WI with 100%. Two districts, SW and NE, received 90% and above. There were 191 units listed, but only 165 reported. We have 4,224 members including district members. Membership is declining. Our outreach and nurturing are more important than ever. Hopefully, we can soon get back to some “normalcy” so we can continue our mission work. So many women, children, and youth benefit from our worldwide programs. Pray for guidance from above.

God’s Blessings,  
Barbara Bender

*Remembering*.....Due to the pandemic, we did not have the Fall Gathering in 2020, so no memorial service was held. The following are those who would have been honored having passed from September 1, 2019 thru August 31, 2020. If for some reason, a name was not sent, feel free to add to the list that will come September 2021. These women are remembered for their years of service and dedication to United Methodist Women.

**Barron**

Gladyce Wagenback

**Prairie Farm**

Margaret O’Flanagan

**Chippewa Falls - Trinity**

Marge Roycroft

**Clear Lake**

Grace Moore

**Superior Faith**

Mandie Kruse

**Downing**

Erleen Schmidt

**Eau Claire – Lake Street**

Kathi Jewell

**Glenwood City**

Paula De Witt

**New Centerville**

Geri Nelson

**Cumberland**

Helen Johnson, Deb Nugent, Marcy Knowlton, Corrinne Miller, Elaine Mc Claine & Lois Mork

**Rice Lake**

Sally Deutschch

Laura Rettenmund

**New Richmond**

Mary Sather

Sandy Green

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*A message from our Spiritual Growth Coordinator...Jean Kissack*

**Finding Clarity in Times of Stress**

There are ways to clarify one’s thoughts when you are having difficulty thinking clearly. One way is to get out a piece of paper or a journal to write in rather than keep this all in your head. If you are too stressed to write, try going for a walk, listen to music, or other relaxing activities, then come back to this process when your head is clearer.

If you remember that over two years ago, I put a THINKING process on a card and handed it out at UMW meetings. At that time, it was a quote written by Amy Carmichael about THINKing before you speak. Now the same words are used to help clarify one’s thinking...

The **THINK** Technique:

- True?** – Is this thought 100% true? If not, what are the facts, and what is opinion?
- Helpful?** – Is paying attention to the thought useful to me or others?
- Inspiring?** – Does the thought inspire me or does it have the opposite effect?
- Necessary?** – Is it important for me to focus on the thought? Is it necessary to act on it?
- Kind?** – Is the thought kind? If not, what would be a kinder thought?

The above technique is a thought challenging process from the book “The Coronavirus Anxiety Workbook”. It suggests we write a diary of our thinking process to help clarify what is true for us. It can be helpful in finding out where our stressful thoughts come from and become aware of our inner dialogue.

For more helpful ideas to help manage everyday stress, be sure to attend the May 1<sup>st</sup> Spring Day of Enrichment (registration information is on page 13 of this newsletter) See you at the ZOOM gathering, Jean Kissack



*Thoughts from our Education and Interpretation Coordinator.....*  
*.....Liz Dempsey*

In preparation for the May 1<sup>st</sup> Virtual Spring Day of Enrichment, I am choosing to provide 3 ways to get more out of Bible passages you are reading. I advocate reading small bites at a time and recording thoughts, information, etc. as you are reading. Bless and get more out of your reading.....

**Lectio Divina**

As you are reading a passage do the following: reading the passage once again with each question:

1. What word stands out for you?
2. Feelings you have?
3. What senses are involved?
4. What does this say about God?
5. What does it say about us?
6. What is our relationship with God in this passage?
7. What pictures form in your mind?

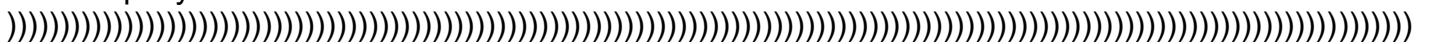
**Mind Mapping**

For those who like doodling or picturing things that you are reading, determine what the main idea of what you are reading is and then narrow the main point down to one word. Draw a circle and enter the main point inside the circle. From that point draw lines away from that central idea indicating the points made regarding that topic. This is useful for those who are presenting information about that scriptural passage or story and don't particularly like to write full sentences.

**Journaling**

Journaling is a way of capturing key thoughts and ideas that your reading provoked. Feelings recorded as you are reading provide a more lasting understanding of scripture that you are reading. Journaling is like keeping a diary of daily reading. I use my UMW Prayer Calendar in this way.

Liz Dempsey



**2020 Mission Today - North West District Units**

During a very difficult period these units managed to complete Mission Tasks  
Thank you and Congratulations.....

- Barron UMW
- Canton UMW
- Chippewa Falls – Trinity UMW

- Clear Lake UMW
- Exeland First UMW
- Grantsburg Central United UMW
- Holcombe UMW
- Knapp UMW
- New Centerville UMW
- Osceola UMW
- Prairie Farm Faith UMW



- Rice Lake Faith UMW
- Superior Faith UMW



*A message from our Social Action Coordinator.....  
Laura Ida*

Hello Sisters of Faith! I continue to pray that you are well in body, mind and spirit as we travel through this pandemic. Certainly, this season offers us challenges, but also offers us opportunities to be involved in Social Action by increasing our understanding of the mission priorities for the new quadrennium.

Instead of the usual 4 areas of priorities, United Methodist Women have identified two mission priorities for the 2021 – 2024 Quadrennium.

**1) Climate Justice with focus on Just Energy for All**  
and

**2) Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration, - with particular focus on Interrupting the School-to Prison Pipeline campaigns.**

Have you read [Pushout](#) from the UMW reading program? Now would be a great time to read it or review it in preparing for these mission priorities. United Methodist Women members can interrupt this pipeline. As United Methodist Women we will continue to grow our leadership skills working as school-to-prison pipeline interrupters to build a better future for children and youth by educating ourselves, starting or joining local efforts, talking to key decision makers and supporting young leaders in our communities. We can learn more about this and join the campaign at [unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjustice](https://unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjustice)

United Methodist Women can advance just energy for all both by public witness and personal change. As women of faith called to care for and seek the healing of all of God's creation, we can work with government and company leaders to pass and implement policies that advance renewable energy and incorporate a just and equitable transition. We can put our faith into action by examining our own energy sources and how they are impacting our communities, learn from and partnering with frontline communities most impacted, and pressing for concrete change at the national and local levels. We can also work to change our own energy source to renewable energy.

There's an opportunity to be equipped and connect with other United Methodist Women members through online and in person Just Energy for All trainings and events. You can learn more and join the campaign at [unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate-justice](https://unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate-justice).

Please join me, in taking at least one small step in preparing ourselves for social action by learning more about these two priorities. What can each of us do during this time to Love Our Neighbor in visible, meaningful ways in the areas of Just Energy and Racial Justice?

Yours in Social Action, Laura Ida



# MISSION ACTION DAY

## APRIL 10, 2021 (9:00 to NOON)

### MATERNAL HEALTH AND RACIAL EQUITY



**Theme: Racial Equity in the Wisconsin Health Care System**  
**Speaker: Dr. Kathy D. Hartke**  
**(Co-Chair Wisconsin Maternal Mortality Review Team)**



Marti Gobel

**Theme: Being Black in Wisconsin**  
**Speaker: Marti Gobel**  
**(Mother, Teaching Artist, Adjunct Professor. Director and Actor)**

Registration Form: Please use a separate form for each person attending. If you have questions please contact: Josie Gobel, 920-988-0705 or email [josiegobel@charter.net](mailto:josiegobel@charter.net)

**REGISTER BY: March 27, 2021.** Zoom link and additional info will be sent April 5, 2021.

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of your church (if any)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW WILL YOU BE JOINING THIS MEETING? (There are 3 options)**

By a phone \_\_\_ OR with a Smart phone/ computer \_\_\_ OR with a group host \_\_\_

**IF YOU PLAN TO JOIN WITH A 'HOST' WHO IS THAT HOST?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration: (optional: suggested \$10.00)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**additional donation to Harbor House (optional)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: Wisconsin Conference UMW. Mail registration form and**

**payment to: Josie Gobel, 309 W Johnson St. Apt. 930, Madison WI 53703**

**(Money collected above expenses will be sent to Harbor House – Crisis Shelters.)**

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS MISSION ACTION DAY – OUR AIM IS TO PREPARE YOU TO TAKE ACTION!**

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**WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW**  
**MISSION TODAY**  
**Mission Tasks for 2021**  
**“Preserve the LEGACY”**

To become a Mission Today organization, please complete two (2) criteria from each category. Our challenge is to try at least (1) new criteria during the year. Complete the report form which will be in your September North West District Conference packet at the Fall Gathering of 2021.

*United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God.....*

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1. Plan programs that encourage spiritual growth. (Program Book, **response** magazine)
2. Create prayer partners with other church groups. (Prayer chains, World Day of Prayer)
3. Pray using the Prayer Calendar at meetings.
4. Organize the spiritual growth study from Mission u, possibly several evenings/weeks.

*to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;*

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1. Take advantage of opportunities thru UMW such as Mission u, Spiritual Growth Retreats, Annual Gatherings, Mission Action Day.
2. Set aside a time to go over the year’s plans using Mission Today Mission Tasks.
3. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice.
4. Present a mission study from Mission u, inviting church members.

*to develop a creative, supportive fellowship;*

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1. Honor the organization’s leaders and member’s contributions with Special Mission Recognition pins. Don’t forget community leaders.
2. Encourage everyone to visit or invite visitors to/from other local UMW organizations.
3. Publicize your events using newsletters, bulletin boards, Sunday bulletins, social media, phone calls, etc.
4. Plan a year-end program to give thanks and celebrate your accomplishments.
5. Celebrate with, visit those unable to attend or in rest homes, etc.

*and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.*

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1. Encourage all members to participate in the Pledge for Mission; give reports on where the money goes.
2. Involve all members in fundraising (think outside the box).
3. Contribute to scholarships related to UMW programs such as Mission u. and seminar experience.
4. Partner with a mission institution such as Northcott, or United Methodist Children’s Services of Wisconsin.

*A "We Need YOU" message from our Chairperson of Nominations.....Mary Beede*



A huge thank you to all the district team officers who offered to remain in their position on the North West District Team another year allowing for us to transition into 2021 during this year of Covid – 19. It has not been easy for our district, the conference and our sister districts to accomplish the tasks set before us. **Thank You!**

A monthly publication sent to me from the United Methodist Conference officers is Catch the Vision. The Aug/Sept 2020 issue wrote "We Need You. We Really Need You". I am echoing this simple message to the North West District Units. Prayerfully consider for yourself or someone in your unit to serve on the Team. Call or email me with a name or names, including their phone and email information. Our committee will contact them to discuss a position we have open or will have ending 2021.

We adhere to follow the by-laws of the United Methodist Women and do all we can to follow these guidelines.

We will need you, Mary Beede

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**North West District 2020 Reading Program Participants**

**Barron**

Laurie Church	Plan I
Marilyn Gilbertson	Plan I
Deanna Keppen	Plan I
Jean Strang	Plan I
Kathee Yamada	Plan I

**Canton**

Arlene Ciulla	Plan I
Michele Halvorson	Plan I
Rose Snyder	Plan I

**Chippewa Falls – Trinity**

Ruth Olson	Plan I
Marion Strandberg	Plan I
Shirley Woodruff	Plan I

**Eau Claire – Lake Street**

Chris Draxler	Plan IV
Marty Fisher-Blakely	Plan I
Suzanne Heabler	Plan II
Julie Holzinger	Plan I
Rita Houser	Plan I
Bev Maser	Plan III
Pat Peterson	Plan I
Joyce Simpson	Plan I

**Holcombe**

Cheryl Bingham	Plan I
Elaine Sharp	Plan I
Karen Stimeling	Plan I

**Mondovi – Our Saviors**

Becky Davis	Plan II
Kristi Schultz	Plan III

**New Richmond**

Kay Peterson	Plan I
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**Pleasant Valley**

Hattie Chapek	Plan I
Arlene Green	Plan I
Annette Pederson	Plan III

**Rice Lake**

Lisa Mink	Plan I
Kathy Wagenbach	Plan I

**River Falls**

Janet Leonard	Plan II
Barb Wall	Plan IV

**Superior – Faith UMC**

Kristal Bennett	Plan I
Mary Manion Bick	Plan I
Joel Certa-Werner	Plan I
Carol Larson	Plan I
Peggy Van Valkenberg	Plan I
Lorraine Werner	Plan II

# VIRTUAL Spring Day of Enrichment



**Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**Starting at 10:00 am**

## **FOCUS #1: Finding PEACE in an Anxious World**

Our Northwest District Superintendent Rev Barbara Certa-Werner will highlight tactics and ideas from the UMW's book... Finding PEACE in an Anxious World. Barbara has been trained and prepared in presenting this book and she has the energy to engage us and bring to us useful ideas during this stressful time of covid.

## **FOCUS #2: Building our ARMOR against Anxiety**

Our own Billie La Bumbard will have us go through a variety of exercises, tools and activities that will provide each of us armor against anxiety. Nurse Billie has received training thru 'The Wellness Society' to help each of us to build practical tools to be resilience during difficult times. Also a part of this presentation is to look to scripture for spiritual tools to guard our soul. We ask each participant to bring to the virtual meeting your favorite scripture verse and a notebook & pen.

## **FOCUS #3: Mission in Bolivia**

Pastor Anita Lang and her friend Wilson Saucedo will share stories of life in Bolivia, their joys, their struggles and their faith. Pastor Anita born in Angol, Chili, educated at university as a teacher, nurse and most recent a United Methodist minister. Anita's life experiences, prolific involvement in Hispanic UM Ministries and her years as a UM local pastor will be able to bring to us a wealth of information. Her friend, Wilson, who lives currently in Bolivia, will highlight ministries in place already in Bolivia and how we can choose to support them.

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Registration Form: Please use a separate form for each person attending. If you have any questions contact: Chris Draxler, 715 225-2983 or by e-mail [cldraxler@charter.net](mailto:cldraxler@charter.net)

Register by: April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Zoom link and additional info will be sent April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

HOW WILL YOU BE JOINING THIS MEETING? There are 3 options.

Option #1 by land line phone \_\_\_\_\_

Option #2 with a Smart phone/computer \_\_\_\_\_

Option #3 with a group host \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, who will be the host? \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: (optional: suggested \$5) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional donation to the Mission in Bolivia (optional) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to : Northwest District United Methodist Women. Mail registration form and payment to Chris Draxler, 2139 Walnut Ridge Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54701

**MABEL HEIL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Mabel Heil Scholarships are a result of funds from the will of Sarah Mabel Heil, a woman from Cuba City, Wisconsin. The first scholarships were granted in 1981. Since then more than 240 women have received help with their education.

**Instructions:**

1. Be a female member of Wisconsin United Methodist Women
2. Submit a written answer to the question, "In what way do I consider myself a worthy student?"
3. Send a completed application form to the contact person by May 1 for the Fall semester or October 1 for the Spring semester.
4. Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person by the president of the local United Methodist Women or the pastor of the church.
5. Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person by a church member who is not a member of your household and is not a relative.

**Guidelines:**

- Any member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women working to improve her education may apply.
- Please have all letter written (preferably typed) on one side of 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of white paper using black ink.
- All applications are photocopied for the committee members.
- Scholarships are awarded one semester at a time. To be considered again DURING a one-year period, you must send a letter asking to be considered. AFTER one year, you will need to fill out another form and secure new recommendations
- If in any given year there is an increase of applications, these priorities will be followed: Women responsible for others will be favored. Women preparing to return to the employment field will be favored.
- Application and two letters of recommendation must be postmarked no later than May 1 and October 1 to be considered.

**Schedule:**

1<sup>st</sup> semester: apply by May 1; notified by June 1; check sent by August 15  
2<sup>nd</sup> semester: Apply by October 1; notified by November 1; check sent by December 1.

**MABEL HEIL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Please print

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Local Church**

Name & City \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of United Methodist Women? \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Activities**

In United Methodist Women.....

\_\_\_\_\_

In your local church.....

\_\_\_\_\_

In your community.....

\_\_\_\_\_

**3. Education: (give year of graduation)**

High School \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

School you will be attending? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted as a student? \_\_\_\_\_

Present (post high school) status:

Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Course of study \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Family Satus**

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Please answer the following question using an additional sheet:

**IN WHAT WAY DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A WORTHY STUDENT?**

**Mail to:** Helen Robinson

N2101 Cleghorn Road, Waupaca, WI 54981

715 258-0973

pottsheyahoo.com



Additional Information on the Mission Focus in Bolivia:

Wilson Saucedo is the gentleman that Pastor Anita Lang is working with in Bolivia. Wilson will highlight the four missions that have been established in Bolivia according to the needs of the people.

The following are the missions that Wilson will highlight.....

1. The Women Methodist Federation is building the Tabitha House, which will provide shelter and training for women in need.
2. The National Christian Formation and Children's Ministry has a goal of reaching out to children throughout Bolivia.
3. Senior Adult Ministries in Bolivia will be construction a Nursing Home for orphan adults.
4. The final mission will provide motorcycles for servicing those communities in remote areas.

Wilson is one of Anita's associates working in Bolivia, and also serves as the Director of Promotions Office and Volunteer in Mission coordinator thru the Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia.

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