

Mission Matters

South West District UMW Newsletter January 2018

President's Message

UMW Sisters,

For the last several years at my church, Lodi UMC, we have started each year using Charles Wesley's Covenant service. It is always a challenging liturgy and contains an opportunity for each person to sign a renewed covenant to be a true servant of Christ. It contains that famous covenant prayer:

Lord, make me what you will.

I put myself fully into your hands; put me to doing, put me to suffering,

let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, let me be full, let me empty

let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and with a willing heart give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

In this year there will be many opportunities for you and I, for your unit and our district, our conference and national organization to be servants of Christ in order to fulfill our PURPOSE as United Methodist Women. It may be that your opportunities are to go deeper into a mission, an educational topic or relationship you already have established. It is also possible that God will call you into a new place or type of service. I hope that you will prayerfully seek those places where Christ is coming to meet you in new and transforming ways. Sometimes this means you must step back from something you are already doing or take a mentoring role to let someone else grow into that position. Sometimes this means that you need to seek out opportunities to use the resources you have (financial, experiential, spiritual, etc.) in new ways to participate in mission and witness or perhaps it is to find others with those resources and invite them to join you in using them faithfully in service to others. From my own experience I know that taking this prayer seriously can lead you to places and roles you might not have chosen on your own. Yet, I also know that if you step out to answer that call in faith God is there to meet you, to affirm you and to challenge you, and to give you far more blessings and gifts in return than you could ever have imagined.

Where might God's covenant lead you in 2018? Will it take you to Assembly at Columbus OH? Will it take you to a District or Conference event? Will it take you to Mission u? Will it take you to a National Mission Institution or other mission site? Will it take you to a stranger? Will it take you to an outcast? Will it take you to a struggling friend? Will it take you to prayer? Wherever you go, I pray you will be touched by the mighty love and power of the one who is both Lord and servant of all, Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

Laura Pfeffer

South West District President

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2018 South West District Sister Units

Arlington	Gloria Carter
Avoca	Julie Mieke/Mary Lainberger
Baraboo Emmanuel	Pat Gallus
Baraboo First	Martha Boyer/Donna Fae Kruse
Benton	Carol Lange/Becky Yager
Bloom City	Julie Mieke/Mary Lainberger
Blue River	Martha Boyer/Donna Fae Kruse
Boaz	Julie Mieke/Mary Lainberger
Brodhead	Judy Loveless
Cobb	Charlene Mingst
Columbus	Cindy Morse
Cuba City	Carol Lange/Becky Yager
Darlington	Carol Lange/Becky Yager
Davis Corners	Kathy Radcliff
Dells-Delton	Kay Putman
Dodgeville	Laura Pfeffer
Fall River	Eileen Bennett
Fayette	Mary Friederich
Fennimore	Charlene Mingst
Hazel Green	Carol Lange/Becky Yager
LaFarge	Julie Mieke/Mary Lainberger
Lancaster	Carol Lange/Becky Yager
Liberty Pole	Pat Gallus
Linden	Charlene Mingst
Livingston	Charlene Mingst
Lodi	Gloria Carter
Madison-Asbury	Kathy Maldegan
Madison-Bashford	Judy Loveless

Madison-Bethany	Kathy Maldegen
Madison-First	Karen Mayeshiba/Lisa King
Madison-Sherman Ave	Kathy Maldegen
Madison-Wellspring	Kay Putman
Mazomanie-Midland	Kay Putman
Merrimac	Eileen Bennett
Monona	Karen Mayeshiba/Lisa King
Montfort	Charlene Mingst
North Windsor	Cindy Morse
Portage	Eileen Bennett
Platteville	Carol Lange/Becky Yager
Prairie du Chien	Judy Loveless
Prairie du Sac/Concordia	Kay Putman
Ridgeway Grace	Laura Pfeffer
Sandusky	Martha Boyer/Donna Fae Kruse
Soldiers Grove	Gloria Carter
Stitzer	Carol Lange/Becky Yager
Stoughton	Cindy Morse
Viola	Pat Gallus
Viroqua	Julie Mieke/Mary Lainberger
Waunakee-Crossroads	Gloria Carter
Whig	Carol Lange/Becky Yager
Willow Valley	Pat Gallus

Carol Lange SW District Northcott Representative



Well, I'm back again, but this time as the Northcott Representative for the District. Right now it's exciting to think about the possibilities that exist and ways we can support the Neighborhood House.

The website tells us that it is a charity in Milwaukee that provides food, clothing and shelter for the needy and hosts programs for the community and for youth. It also indicates that it has been in existence for 53 years. Do you hear any bells going off?

I know that many of you have visited there, but have you thought about the possibility of women of the District spending a day working there? I wrote to the mission and asked for a list of current needs and for ways that we can serve the mission better. After I get my feet on the ground and learn more, I would be happy to come to units to share the Northcott story. I will keep you posted.

150th Anniversary of United Methodist Women

Legacy150 #umw150

On *March 23, 1869*, eight women gathered at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, and organized the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, what would become United Methodist Women. Those women raised money to send a doctor, Clara Swain, and a teacher, Isabella Thoburn, to India as missionaries to serve the women of that nation.

Celebrate the dedication and foresight of our foremothers in mission as we lead up to our 150th anniversary in 2019.

March 23, 2018 has been designated as "Day of Giving". This day earmarked for giving to the Legacy Fund, will be matched dollar for every dollar given.

Gifts to the Legacy Fund can be made in several ways:

Online at unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund

By phone: 800-278-7771

(8 am-6pm EST, M-F)

Text Legacy150 to 41444

By check: note "*Legacy Fund*" in memo and mail to:

United Methodist Women: Treasurer's Office

15th Floor

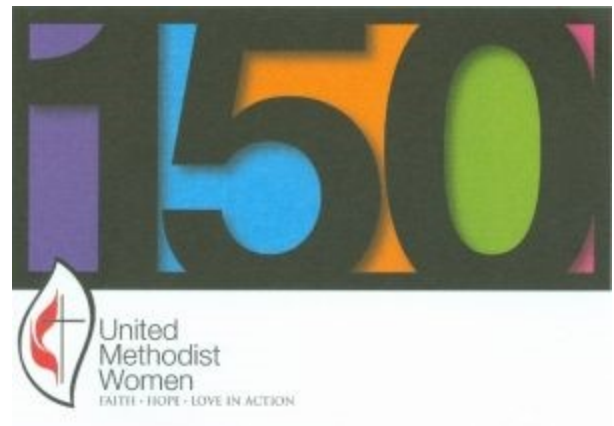
475 Riverside Drive

New York, NY 10115.

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Program Advisory Group

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Stand up and Let our Units be Counted: Membership Census 2017

Last year South West District was the only district in Wisconsin UMW to have 100% of our units reporting their membership numbers during the census count. Congratulations, I know that we can do this again! Just as it was last year, the counting form is online through the National United Methodist Women's website www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2017. Every unit and district member must fill out this form before **March 30, 2018**. Please fill it out only once per unit with your total unit membership count at the beginning of 2017 as well as how many members you gained and lost in 2017 (please do not report for a circle).

Remember to count as members women who have indicated that they wish to be considered members of United Methodist Women (not every woman in your church). Also remember that there is no age limit (you are never too old or too young), no requirement to pay or be present at meetings, and no requirement that you be a member of the United Methodist Church to be considered a member of United Methodist Women. Any woman who wishes to engage in our PURPOSE is welcome as a member!

There are optional questions on the form about your use of social media and hashtags, your desire to see your district/conference provide you with resources or opportunities, etc. and an opportunity to commit to send at least one person to Assembly in 2018. This may make the form seem confusing or difficult to navigate. If you have questions about the form, there is an instructional video https://youtu.be/-D7_d5YGd98 or you can contact your sister unit district officer for help. If you do not have easy access to a computer, please reach out to the district team. We can fill out this form on your behalf. When we say that United Methodist Women is the largest denominational faith organization for women, we can only make that claim because you stand up to be counted!

Laura Pfeffer South West District President pfeffer.umw@gmail.com, 608-698-7508 (cell)

Mission Today

Mission Today Unit Reports were turned in by 22 units Tasks for 2017, out of a total of 58 units in Southwest District. Fifteen of those units successfully met the criteria for Mission Today, and seven others did not qualify but showed evidence of working toward the remaining criteria.

The following units qualified as Mission Today Units: Columbus, Lodi, Bethany, Fall River, Madison First, Platteville, Prairie Du Chien, Baraboo First, Asbury, Arlington, LaFarge, Brodhead, Madison Wellspring, Cuba City, and Grace Ridgeway. The following units submitted reports, but did not qualify this year: Sandusky, Dodgeville, Viroqua (Liberty Pole), Stoughton, Linden, Lancaster, and Whig.

Many of the units commented that the Mission Today tasks were helpful in planning their events and programs for the year. This was the most common new criterion reported by units.

Here are some of the other comments submitted by the units:

We are a unit of five members and hoping to find a meeting time good for everyone starting next year. Our plans for last fall weren't carried out.

I have had concerns about this process. I think it would be helpful if we could design challenging goals that might be more appropriate for our individual units. If we are to grow and expand in these areas, we need new challenges which can meet the needs of our units and faith communities.

Our "unit" is remnants of 2 circles. Members are long term friends, most are 80+ years old!

We use criteria for mission-giving of local, state, national and international areas to help diversify the areas we give mission funds to.

Highlight this year was the cluster meetings in Platteville: good attendance, mission themes, and fellowship. "Why isn't the UMW a valued part of the United Methodist Church organization?"

Many units reported events and programs that other units might be interested in trying:

We always use World Thank program and Least Coin. Feb 11 is UMW Sunday with member preaching and all wearing red. We will use "helps" provided at cluster meetings.

Five Madison UMW units worked together to offer a Climate Justice study based on the Mission U study.

We incorporate mission projects that can involve the general congregation and friends: i.e. manufacturers' coupons send to a military base in Okinawa, shoe parts for children in Uganda, special prayer card plaque for families with newborns, refresh and restock church kitchen.

Using 2017-18 UMW Program book. Really like this! Useful!

*Interfaith brunch with Muslim women. (Featured in October 2017 **response** magazine!)*

*Organized group subscriptions for the **New World Outlook**, and have 12 subscribers. Also promote subscriptions to **response** magazine.*

Organized "Mission Tour" to Holy Wisdom Monastery, invited other units from Madison.

Presentations by Faith Bauman on General Board of Global Ministries.

Unit Sharing

Carol Lange

Unit sharing seems to be a popular event at District meetings because women enjoy hearing the many wonderful projects that are carried out by units in in SW District. When we met in Portage for the Day of Enrichment Program, we had opportunities to share ideas, learn from each other and discern if the projects would fit into "my unit."

Since I wanted to give everybody a chance to participate and ask questions, we were organized into groups to discuss activities. Each group had a recorder who jotted down the ideas. Normally, only the attendees hear these gems, but they aren't passed on to all of the units. So, I decided to collect the cards, and summarize the ideas for you. If you want to know more about a particular project, email or call me, and I will assist you in gaining more information about the activity. I would appreciate your feed back about this endeavor.

These were listed:

- Ladies night program, other churches and the community are invited, UMW provides a finger food supper, there is singing and a game of matching hymns to occupations.
 - Cookie pack, a bag or box for fruit and cookies is distributed in the community to people of all faiths.
 - Took a fieldtrip to the oldest EUB churches in WI, visited three houses of worship of other faiths: Unitarian, Islamic and Greek Orthodox.
 - Red Bag, provides bags of food to families during the Christmas and Easter holidays.
 - Working with the Pregnancy Resource Center, have a baby bottle ministry, and a baby shower gathering items for Baby and send to the center.
 - Have a Communion Brunch and invite other UMW units.
 - Visit nursing homes during St. Patrick's Day.
 - Bazaar and luncheon, everyone in the church donates items, there is a silent auction, crafts and produce are sold, homemade soup is a popular item, UMW goes to a brunch after a church service in December, has a Mother/Daughter Banquet.
 - UMW has a crafters group, Book Browsers club shares ideas about books, salad luncheon that includes a program, a wedding dress fashion show, support a domestic abuse center.
 - Make prayer blankets and baby blankets, rummage/bake sale to earn money for pledge, support Northcott, Harbor House, local ministries and food pantry.
 - Raise money for UMCOR, make red bags for latchkey children to take home from school, work with local schools once a month.
 - Collect toiletries and other products that food stamps can't buy, place items in a box.
 - Cookbook sells for \$2.00 with recipes from Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Potluck.
 - Sell cookbooks from Taste of Home for \$10.00.
 - Have a Christmas Fair and sell crafts, homemade foods, cookies and candy, and have a lunch featuring barbeque sandwiches, turkey and dressing sandwiches, homemade salads and homemade desserts.
 - Have a pasty sale to make money for Sole Hope.
 - Project Patricia makes menstrual pads for women in Africa.
 - Host a birthday party at the Good Samaritan Home.
 - Collect money at Christmas instead of gifts for needy people.
 - Host an after school program.
 - Mission trips to Porchlight, Domestic Abuse Center and Holy Wisdom Monastery.
 - Presentations for unit each month, including the summer months, want to know more about what is new in resources and mission studies from Mission U. Racial Justice Program engages younger people, show videos on what United Methodist Women does, bake cookies in shape of hands and feet as a fundraiser for Sole Hope (shoes for Uganda).
 - A fundraiser for UMW featuring homemade soup and homemade pies served with an abundance of fellowship!
- UMW units have been busy doing good in the community and in the world, spreading the gospel through act of kindness and love. Best wishes to you as you continue to be a beacon of light in the world.

Greetings and Happy New Year from Dodgeville!

Charlene Mingst South West District Social Action Coordinator

As I begin another year as District Social Action Coordinator, I want you to know that it is my hope and intention to bring you information that will inform you and that will help all of our units to understand and appreciate the many, many ways United Methodist Women members are working to alleviate the suffering of women, children, youth, and families all over the world. As we quickly approach the 150th anniversary celebration let's work even harder to put our purpose into action in our local churches and communities to ensure that this legacy will continue for generations to come.

As is my habit, let me remind you that we have all the resources we need at our fingertips at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org. If you haven't explored this resource yet, or don't have a computer available please ask a member of your congregation to help. Most materials can be printed for you to share. Another great resource is our Response magazine. I would like to urge you to order a subscription for yourself or maybe, the church could order it for your unit. Every issue is full of articles and information that can be shared during your unit or circle meetings.

"Standing in the Red Zone" is the theme of United Methodist Women's 2018 Intercept Human Trafficking action. This year marks the end of UMW's anti-human trafficking initiative, as the organization is moving into the 2018 mission priorities of climate justice, economic inequality, maternal and child health and mass incarceration/criminalization of communities of color. Look for ways to bring attention to this issue at www.csadc@unitedmethodistwomen.org.

A list of articles on economic inequality can be found at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/economic-inequality/articles. There is a Bible study available on this topic written by Janet Wolf with the title "A Fresh Wind Blowing" that could be used as a program in your unit or circles.

If you have been following the news you have probably heard that the Children's Health Insurance Plan also known as CHIP is in serious jeopardy of being eliminated entirely. According to a recent 'Action Alert' this program "has provided health care coverage for more than 9 million children in working class and low-income families; their health care depends on the program". Please contact your congressional representatives and urge them to vote to continue to fund the CHIP program now.

Let me urge you to make plans to attend the conference Mission Action Day to be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the Mauston United Methodist Church. (A registration form appears on another page of this newsletter). Registration is due on Friday, March 9. The themes of "Health Care policy, Income Inequality, and Racial Justice will be explored. Quoting from the registration page the program will focus on: "How do people of faith deal with health care insurance and related issues of income disparities related to race. How are faith communities involved".

Before I conclude let me say thank you for all you do for United Methodist Women and its' mission of "turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world". Even though we can't do everything—we can do something!!

Have a wonderful and productive 2018!!

Water Summit in Review: Why Water Really Matters

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Stories, songs and ceremony joined to celebrate both Christian and Native American traditions celebrating the sacredness of water at the Water Summit “Why Water Matters” hosted by the North Central Jurisdiction Commission on Native Americans (CONAM). Over 90 participants gathered at Minneapolis, MN on November 16-18, 2017 in order to examine threats to water and ways to organize to support and efforts to protect water access and prevent water pollution. Many participants had been part of protests against oil pipelines such as Standing Rock. Others had experienced the lack of safe water at Flint, MI. Still others saw threats to their local waters from industrial or agricultural sources or over pumping. In addition to these stories, there were stories of hope in wetland restoration projects and sustainable agriculture projects. There were also the brave examples of the Native women who as “Water Walkers” have spent weeks carrying water in a sacred walk around bodies of water including all the Great Lakes.

The unusual opportunity to take part in Native traditions was an especially exciting time for me. The pipe ceremonies shared by the traditional pipe carrier Lionel Little Eagle Pinn was a unique opportunity for me. I was grateful for the opportunity to participate in this sacred ceremony. The smudging and sacred pipe gave a particularly physical sense of the sacred which I found profoundly spiritual. The Water Walker had brought water from a sacred walk for us to drink as we celebrat-

ed the connection between women and water in the Native tradition. We also experienced the generosity of the potlatch tradition as each person was asked to choose a gift from blanket heaped with various items. We also were blessed with gifts of a Native flute player and a traditional story teller. This was an openness of sharing between our cultures that I have never before experienced and I felt privileged to have been part of this.

The real work of the summit was to give the participants an opportunity to meet with others from their geographic area to consider what local water advocacy might look like in their context. Wisconsin was well represented with With some preliminary work to understand the needs and possibilities for local advocacy, this summit is only an initial part of creating a framework for networking to build a framework of understanding particularly between Native Americans and people of faith around the issue of water. As the groups spread the information back in their own conferences and gather more allies, this starting point will build into a platform for standing together to declare that clean water is a sacred right for all people. With more to come, there will be more to share, but this was an extraordinary opportunity to begin to stand boldly because water DOES matter.

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OFFICERS NEEDED

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee would like to thank all those who gave prayerful thought to becoming a part of our Mission Team. Especially those who said “yes”. We ask that you give consideration to filling the openings available. We are serving to learn and learning to serve. Thank you.

POSITIONS STILL OPEN INCLUDE: Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Young Women’s Coordinator Secretary

Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator

Kay Putman 215 Water St. #205 Lodi, WI 53555 608-592-2294





Mission Action Day

Saturday, April 7, 2018

Mauston United Methodist Church
420 Suszycki Drive
Mauston, WI 53948

Themes: Health Care policy and Income inequality and racial justice

Program to focus on: How do people of faith deal with health care insurance and related issues of income disparities related to race. How are faith communities involved.

Registration: 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.



Sending forth: 2:30 p.m.

Registration is transferrable, not refundable.

2018 MISSION ACTION DAY REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline for Registration: Friday, March 9, 2018- \$12 registration fee

Late registration-\$15- March 10-17, after March 17- fee remains \$15 lunch on your own

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/ZIP Code _____

District _____ Church _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Child Care needed for _____ child(ren), Age(s) _____ (I also understand that I am responsible for providing a sack lunch for each child or paying the registration fee of \$12.00 for each child in order to cover their lunch.)

Dietary or other considerations _____

Send form and **registration fee** to:

Janet Brockman, W6943 North Road, Mauston, WI 53948

Make checks payable to: Wisconsin Conference UMW

Driving Directions to Mauston UMC, Mauston

For Mission Action Day, Saturday, April 7, 2018

- **FROM STEVENS POINT/WAUSAU AREA (NORTHWEST):** Take 39/51 south to Hwy 82 west to Mauston. Turn Left on N. Union Street (Hwy 82 and County G), Turn right onto east State Street (Hwy, 12). Turn left onto Division. Turn right onto Milwaukee Street. Turn right onto Suszycki Dr. Parking lot is on left side of street.
- **FROM MADISON AREA (SOUTHWEST):** Take 94/90/39 North. Stay on 90/94 to exit 69 (Mauston). Turn left onto Hwy. 82. Turn Left on N. Union Street (Hwy 82 and County G), Turn right onto east State Street (Hwy, 12). Turn left onto Division. Turn right onto Milwaukee Street. Turn right onto Suszycki Dr. Parking lot is on left side of street.
- **FROM MILWAUKEE AREA (SOUTH):** Take Hwy 94 towards Madison. Take 90/94/39 north. Stay on 90/94 to exit 69 (Mauston). Turn left onto Hwy. 82. Turn Left on N. Union Street (Hwy 82 and County G), Turn right onto east State Street (Hwy, 12). Turn left onto Division. Turn right onto Milwaukee Street. Turn right onto Suszycki Dr. Parking lot is on left side of street.
- **FROM GREEN BAY AREA (NORTH):** Take Hwy 41 south to Hwy 44 towards Ripon. Turn right onto Hwy. 23. Go straight on Hwy 82 towards Oxford and continue to Mauston. Turn Left on N. Union Street (Hwy 82 and County G), Turn right onto east State Street (Hwy, 12). Turn left onto Division. Turn right onto Milwaukee Street. Turn right onto Suszycki Dr. Parking lot is on left side of street.
- **FROM LA CROSSE AREA (WEST):** Take 90 east to 90/94 east towards Madison. Stay on 90/94 to exit 69 (Mauston). Turn right onto Hwy. 82. Turn Left on N. Union Street (Hwy 82 and County G), Turn right onto east State Street (Hwy, 12). Turn left onto Division. Turn right onto Milwaukee Street. Turn right onto Suszycki Dr. Parking lot is on left side of street.



South West District UMW Spring Retreat

April 28th at Prairie du Chien UMC

625 S. Dousman St, Prairie du Chien

Registration 9:30AM. Retreat begins 10:00AM.

Finding Balance:

Loving God with Heart and Soul.

Mind and Strength

You are invited to explore how busy, capable and faithful women come to terms with balancing faith and family. Learn how devotion to God and duty to others can lie in harmony.

Ingathering: We are collecting non-perishable items for the local food pantry

Registration Form – Deadline April 14, 2018

Send form and \$15.00 (make checks out to South West District UMW) to:

Martha Boyer

4638 Cty Hwy Z, Dodgeville, WI 53533

Phone: 608-935-5790, 608-574-5236(cell), email: marta@mhtc.net

Name: _____ Church/Unit: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Child care needed for: _____ child(ren). Ages: _____ (please bring a lunch for your child/ren)

Dietary Needs: _____ (we will do our best to accommodate diets, but cannot guarantee this)

I wish to request a scholarship of \$25 to help offset the cost of elder/dependent care: _____

2018 SOUTH WEST DISTRICT ANNUAL GATHERING: SACRED SPACES

Bethany UMC, Madison
Saturday, September 22, 2018

We are happy to announce that Rev. Linda Vance will be our keynote speaker for 2018's annual gathering. Linda has a long-time interest in the topic of Sacred Spaces. She led 2 sections of our spiritual growth study, Living as a Covenant Community, at last summer's Mission U. We look forward to hearing from her again.

We will also report on the 2018 Assembly, for those who were unable to attend.

Your evaluations will guide planning for this year's annual gathering. Now that our district is so large, many women drive a long way to attend, and face a long drive home afterwards. Some requested that we streamline the attendance roll call, business meeting, and installation of officers, in order to shorten the day.

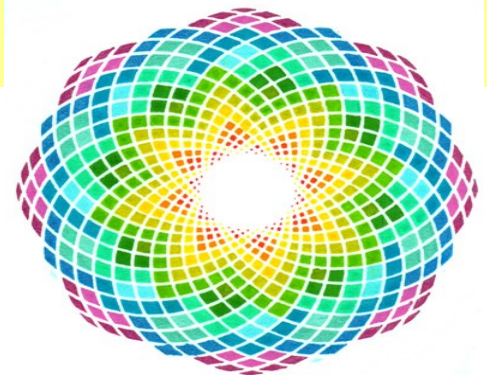
Ideas for future breakout sessions included unit sharing time (projects, challenges), Reading Program overview, and another look at LGBTQ issues in our denomination. The district leadership team discussed unit records at its January meeting: what records do units keep, and for how long? This could be a workshop topic, or a training session for archivists or historians.

On January 30th, all district vice presidents will meet via conference call with our Conference UMW Vice President, Ruby Dow, to begin planning the conference annual gathering. As your district VP, it's my job to bring your ideas to this meeting. What keynote speaker would you like to hear? What topics need to be addressed most urgently for the good of our state? Please call or email me with your thoughts or ideas for the Conference Annual Gathering by January 29th. Suggestions for our district annual gathering are also welcome.

Lastly, I want to address the long distances some of us must travel to attend this year's district annual gathering. Madison is not as centrally located as Fennimore was last year. How many of us in the Madison area would be willing to provide overnight accommodations for UMW sisters who hail from the western part of our district, over by the Mississippi River? I know I would - I love getting to see UMW sisters & make new friends. How many UMW sisters could attend this year's annual gathering if you didn't have to get up so early in the morning just to get there? Please discuss this in your local units, whether you are near Madison & could host, or are farther out & would be open to arriving the night before. If there is sufficient interest, I can create a space on the registration form for you to indicate your interest in being a hostess or guest in the Madison area for September 21-22, 2018.

Kathlyn S. Maldegen
South West District UMW
Vice President
Cell: (608) 288-9102

SACRED SPACES



Crimson & Sky

Why Mission u?

Engaging Studies

The 2018 studies are:

- *Seeking Health and Wholeness*
- *What About Our Money? A Faith Response*
- *Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church*

Worry-free Accommodations

The event takes place at the Hotel Mead & Conference Center in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

- Air Conditioned rooms, plenary and classrooms.
- Meals served in the main dining area.
- Indoor pool and whirlpool.
- Outdoor sitting area.
- Elevators for convenient accessibility.
- Child care provided.

Fellowship, Worship & Fun!

- Plenaries and worship take place in the main ballroom.
- Crafts, puzzles and resources are available.
- A variety of displays are just outside the main ballroom.
- Videos are shown nightly.
- District gatherings take place during one evening.
- One evening is also set aside for a guest speaker.
- Communion is served the final day of the event.

Join us!

4-Day Mission u

Monday, July 23, 2018 to Thursday, July 26, 2018

Or

Friday, July 27, 2018 for Overview Day

Keep Checking Mission u information on the WI Conference web site: <http://>

Mission u 2018 at Hotel Mead, Wisconsin Rapids

4 Day School ~ Monday – Thursday, July 23 – 26 ☞ Overview Day ~ Friday, July 27, 2018

- 2018 Studies:**
- ◇ *Seeking Health and Wholeness*
 - ◇ *What About Our Money? A Faith Response*
 - ◇ *Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church*
- Youth Study** ◇ *Is It Just Money? Our Dollars, God's Economy*

Mission u is an opportunity to have a time of extended instruction in two of the three mission studies that are offered each year. These studies focus on our denomination in mission as a connectional church as Methodists. We also study the Bible and learn about the Wesleyan tradition that we embody. Teen women have the opportunity to be the Mission u experience in a program tailored to their needs.

This is a place for all church members and church staff as well as United Methodist Women to gather and grow in our Methodist traditions and faith. These studies are also intended to be brought back to our home church to share and discuss.

Pastors and Laity can receive credit toward continuing education at the Four Day School event.

www.wisconsinumw.org/mission-u.html

Women's Retreat at Lake Lucerne Camp Come Walk in God's Light ~ April 27 – Apr. 29,

Join us for the Women's Retreat **April 27 - 29, 2018** at Lake Lucerne Camp and Retreat Center ***Come Walk in God's Light*** as we participate in workshops such as Jewelry Making, Gardening, Bible Study, Cooking, Flower Arranging, Watercolor Painting, Stamping, Mindful Movement, Aromatherapy and more. There will be devotions, worship and social time too. The cost is \$160 for 2 night's lodging, 5 meals and all materials. A \$60 deposit must accompany your registration form, **registration deadline and final payment is due April 1, 2018**. Registration is limited to 60 participants and spots fill quickly so register soon. Registration materials can be found at www.wiumcamps.org/retreats. Questions contact Retreat Leader, Bonnie Clement at bonnieclement05@gmail.com.

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.. Psalm 119:105



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2018-19
Annual
Sampler

Offer ends April 2018

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- March 17 Team meeting at Prairie du Chien
 - March 23 Legacy Fund Day of Giving
 - March 30 Membership census online deadline
 - April 7 Mission Action Day
 - April 7 Mission Matters articles due
 - April 21 Conference meeting
 - April 28 Spiritual Growth Retreat Prairie du Chien
 - July 23-26 Mission U 2018
 - July 27 Mission U overview day
 - Sept. 22 Annual Gathering
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