



# President's Message

Carol Lange

Dear Friends,

Each year the Montfort unit has a marvelous salad luncheon as a fundraiser for UMW. The display of salad is magnificent, the entertainment is refreshing and the conversation is light and happy. Our Joy Bickford is always bustling around and making sure everything is in order and running smoothly, as only our Joy can do.

It is always a delightful occasion for me, but this year it added a reflective component also. It provided a wonderful renewal of precious friendships that I've made during my nine years as an active leader in Coulee/South West District. It was a privilege to visit with Julie Oliver who was the president of Coulee District when I came on board as a novice anticipating the challenges ahead. I thank God for the wonderful experiences and friendships that evolved through the years.

And, yes, you all are part of that. I came to UW-Platteville in 1994, a stranger in this beautiful place we call Wisconsin. You took me into your hearts and into your lives, and you helped me to grow in my faith, my commitment to mission, and my determination to serve God in whatever capacity and challenges God calls me to do. All of you have made a difference in my life, and it is a privilege to call you my friends and my sisters in faith.

Through this, I am reminded that God does provide for our every need. We need the friends, encouragement, and community to grow and become the unique individuals God calls us to be. We can say with assurance that through Jesus, the Christ, we are given the abundant life!

I'm looking forward to meeting and greeting you again at future unit, district and conference UMW events. My best wishes to you always.

In Peace and Hope, Carol Lange

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As we begin evaluating our Mission Today tasks for 2017 and planning our activities for 2018, I would like to pass on the following message from our WI Conference E & I coordinator, Betty Henderson:

**CONGRATULATIONS to the SOUTHWEST DISTRICT!  
10% of your units qualified for MISSION TODAY STATUS!**

**Arlington**

**Grace Ridgeway**

**Baraboo First**

**La Farge**

**Bethany**

**Lodi**

**Dodgeville**

**Monona**

**Fall River**

**Platteville**

The most important measure of the strength of a District is the number of its Mission Today Units. 10 of the Units in the District qualified as Mission Today. This is very strong. Congratulations to the Units and the District.

**Mission Today forms are due to me by Dec 1. Thank you!**

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**Vice President’s Report for South West District 2017**

My term as your District Vice President began in January. At the district level, I attended team meetings & district events. At the conference level, I met with district VPs & our conference VP to plan the conference annual gathering, and attended conference events. I began connecting with my sister units.

My biggest responsibility was to coordinate the district annual gathering. This was my first experience in coordinating an event like this, and I learned a lot. My thanks go to Fennimore UMW, especially unit president, Kim Cathman, for their wonderful hospitality and organization. I was blessed with amazing presenters – Rev. Wesley White (keynote), Gloria Carter & Marge Lyford (UMW Seminar), and Faith Bauman & Joanne Lee (Faith Communities & the Health of Our LGBTQ Youth). The district leadership team was extremely supportive in ways too numerous to list here.

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## Mission Seminar Experience

The Mission Seminar Experience was organized by Betty Henderson, Conference Education & Interpretation coordinator. Twenty-three women from our conference attended workshops in Washington, D.C. and New York City from August 12-19. Our topics included Environmental Justice and Income Inequality. The trip was very informative, inspiring, and enjoyable. Highlights included a visit to Senator Tammy Baldwin's office to speak with her staff, a tour of John Street United Methodist Church in New York (the first Methodist congregation in the United States), and a trip to the FDR Four Freedoms Memorial Park on Roosevelt Island in New York City.

Here are some helpful links to resources that we learned about during our trip:

[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)

[www.umcjustice.org](http://www.umcjustice.org)

[csadc@unitedmethodistwomen.org](mailto:csadc@unitedmethodistwomen.org) (United Methodist Women's Action Network)

[www.ipldmv.org@interfaithpower](http://www.ipldmv.org@interfaithpower) (Interfaith Power and Light)

[www.ucusa.org](http://www.ucusa.org) (Union of Concerned Scientists)

[www.nrdc.org](http://www.nrdc.org) (Natural Resources Defense Council)

[www.ejnet.org](http://www.ejnet.org) (Environmental Justice Network)

<http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/economic-inequality>

<http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/the-fight-for-15-and-the-numbers-in-between>

White House Comment Line: (202) 456-1111

US Senate & House Comment Line: ((202) 224-3121



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Your evaluations were very helpful and will help shape our district and conference annual gatherings as we plan for 2018. I invite you to submit your ideas and requests for speakers and workshop topics to me or other members of our district leadership team in advance of our January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

My goals as Vice Pres. for 2018 are to be more organized in preparing next year's annual gathering, strengthen connections with my sister units, promote participation by younger women in Limitless, and encourage local members to consider accepting leadership opportunities at the district level. UMW develops leaders by taking ordinary women, providing them with training, resources, and wonderful teammates, and giving them opportunities to practice leadership skills in a supportive environment. I know this to be true, because it happened to me. Becoming involved in district leadership has been a wonderful experience. I look forward to two more years of continuous learning and growth.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## ALL ROADS LEAD TO PORTAGE UMC FOR THE DAY OF ENRICHMENT

ON NOVEMBER 11

When it comes to November many people have visions of turkey, dressing and pumpkin pie, but to the Women of South West District UMW our thoughts turn to the Day of Enrichment. This special day rounds out our busy year of events, and, to a degree, the program is lighter and has more participation from the members of our organization. We purposely plan to have our events in locations in our District that will give an opportunity to attend at least one event that is nearby.

We think we have an exciting program this year. The theme for 2017-2018 UMW program is Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor. As we planned, we incorporated the theme into our program. Now let us tell you about it.

Yes, we will begin with some singing at 9:15, and continue the worship experience through devotions. The meditation will be based on Matthew 13:1-9. "The persistence of the Sowers and the Readiness of the soil." It describes a true account of a woman's encounter with God and her neighbors as she grows in faith.

You won't want to miss our keynote speaker, Sandy Brewer, as she acquaints us with her spiritual journey of faith and encounters with God and neighbors. For those of you who don't know this, Sandy was one of the first women who entered the active military. She will skillfully weave those experiences into her presentation.

Later in the morning, we will be introduced to books from our reading course. Several women will present short "book reports" to describe interesting books for us to read this year. Cindy Morse will be there to sell these books to units. By, the way, when you're purchasing the books, don't forget to browse through the program book. You will be amazed at some of the features added to the program this year.

After lunch, we will have time for unit sharing. This seems to be a favorite time for many of you, so come with your ideas to share. We will end with a communion service.

Our mission project for this event is The Pregnancy Resource Center in Portage. Sheril Lannoye, president of the Portage UMW, shared this interesting information with me. This is a regular non-profit project of the Portage UMW, and your monetary gifts will be used by the Center to purchase baby bottles, diapers and other babies' needs. The project was initiated over 25 years ago by concerned citizens as a mission to support mothers during pregnancy. We plan to have some handouts or brochures for you on the Day of Enrichment so you will know more about this truly beneficial mission.

Yes, we will have a few displays and materials for you to take with you. We hope to send you on your way home around 2:00 PM. The daylight is shorter and some of us travel.

Committee: Judy Loveless, Gloria Carter, and Carol Lange. See you in Portage!



Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor

Attend the Day of Enrichment

At Portage UMC, 1804 New Piney Road, Portage, Wisconsin

On November 11, 2017

Registration begins at 8:30 AM. Congregational singing begins at 9:15 AM.

The program begins at 9:30 AM.

Bring monetary donations for the special mission project, baby bottles and

Needs for babies' care (Pregnancy Resource Center).

Directions to Portage UMC: From I 39, Exit to Highway 51. Turn right and continue on HWY 51. The church will be on the right side of the roadway.

Detach and send

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Registration Form: (Please complete one registration form for each person attending this event.)

Your registration fee of \$15.00 includes morning refreshments, luncheon and all materials used for preparation of this event.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print)

Street/PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

UMW Unit or Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

List any special dietary or mobility needs:

Do you need child care?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_, I need child care. List number and age(s) of the child(ren)

NO \_\_\_\_\_, I do not need child care.

(We will provide child care, but because of dietary needs and food choices we request that parents bring lunch for their children.)

Please send the registration form and the fee of \$15.00 to:

**Corrine Robson, 215 W Mullet Street, Apartment 111, Portage, Wisconsin 53901 by November 3, 2017.**

## 2018 South West District UMW Officers

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*Calendar*

- Oct. 20-21 Conference Annual Gathering at Waukesha: First UMC
- Nov. 11 Day of Enrichment at Portage UMC
- Nov. 16-18 Water Summit: Why Water Matters at Minneapolis, MN
- Oct. 20-21 Limitless Girl's Night Out at Waukesha UMC
- Dec. 1 Mission Tasks due to Eileen Bennett
- Dec. 10 Pledges due to Lisa King
- Jan. 6 Team meeting at Madison First UMC
- April 28, 2018 Spring retreat at Prairie du Chien UMC

*Assembly*

The 2018 Assembly will be held in Columbus, Ohio on May 18-20, 2018. The theme is "The Power of Bold". Mark your calendar! The early registration deadline is Nov. 30, 2017. You don't want to miss out! Bus and hotel information are available.

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