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Cooperative School of Christian Mission

July 28-31

Fayette, MO

All Things Made New

Excitement is in the air! The School is coming, the School is coming!!

The Missouri Cooperative School of Christian Mission is right around the corner. The four day Mission School, which includes the three day Mission Event, will be held at Central Methodist University in Fayette, July 28th – July 31, 2011. The Conference UMW and the Creative Ministries Team are looking forward to sharing with you the fruits of our many months of planning. Under the overall theme, “All Things Made New”, the three mission studies will be led by top notch Study Leaders, who are pictured and profiled elsewhere in this issue. All adult and youth participants will enroll in the spiritual growth study, “Coming out on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness and Reconciliation”. Expect to be informed, moved, and touched in special ways. Forgiving from a distance is sometimes easy.

But in reconciliation, as modeled by Jesus Christ, we are called to extend to others in relationship with us the grace that God has so freely given us.

The second study will be a choice between the repeat study, “Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity” and the new geographical study, “Haiti”, with its glimpses into the heart and soul of Haiti’s people. The mission study for children ages 6 - 12, “Krik, Krak: The Story of Haiti”, will introduce the students to Haiti and Haitians as fellow children of God, and will reinforce that only when we work and live together as true neighbors can we create the just world that Jesus envisioned.

Our excellent music team, song leader Sara

Keith, and pianist Dorothy Heyward, will provide a variety of music for our enjoyment. And of course, the choir is naturally fantastic as it is made up of volunteer participants. Look for scheduled practice times at registration. The schedule will also let participants know when and where for viewing audio visuals and for browsing and purchasing in the new program resources location. And don’t forget to visit the Meditation Room and also the labyrinth.

For Hands on Mission, we will be sewing again this year. Also this year, there will be a Mission Fair with an opportunity to meet persons in mission in Missouri, and to learn more about the work of some of our mission agencies. An offering will be collected during the CMT and UMW Mission Update on Saturday. This offering is a shared giving opportunity, and will be given to help with various Missions. Ribbon corsages will also be available both at registration and at other times near the dining area.

What’s new this year? An Internet Café, reminiscent of last year’s Assembly, will be conducted by conference technical advisor, Terri Mayeaux, who oversees and maintains the conference UMW website. The Internet Café promises to provide an opportunity for hesitant (and experienced) internet users to navigate the computer technology for information contained on the UMW and Mission School web sites. If you would like to check your e-mail while at school, then please find out how to access your email from outside your home. Sign up sheets will be available at registration.

For two years at Mission School, we have enjoyed liturgical dance performances by Brenda Smith-Keene at either plenary or vespers. This year, you are invited to participate in a praise dance workshop led by Brenda for anyone interested in learning this beautiful worship form. As always, the meals served in the Student Union cafeteria will be plentiful, with a variety of choices.