

Mission Voice

of the MO Conference
United Methodist Women



Joplin Tornado has Dramatically Changed our Lives!

When a EF5 tornado hit Joplin on May 22, 2011 around 6 p.m. Delyce Triplett had just left for a family member’s graduation. Her whole house was demolished and is being helped by UMW and the MO Conference with, for instance, the hygiene kits and flood buckets that are assisting many women, youth and children. Besides DeLyce, several United Methodist churches were damaged as well as the

District Superintendent Office. Please continue helping these courageous people as they help rebuild their community. The MO Conference website as lot’s of information on how to help people by donating various kits to monetary donations. They even have the many updates that have occurred since the Tornado. Most of this info in this article and this newsletter is from Net News and the MO Con-

ference website. The website is constantly being updated as well. The website is: www.moumethodist.org



Special points of interest:

- > Flood Buckets
- > Hygiene kits for Women
- > Help Joplin in various ways.
- > Changes to the Women’s Division and UMW

Help Joplin Recover

You can help your fellow United Methodist Women and families by making disaster buckets and by making hygiene packs. The Mid State District UMW is collecting packs to make at a Mission team meeting and will have an ingathering for their retreat on June 11 . As Shirley Link says best people helping people that is what UMW is.

Please make sure to watch for info on the conference website and info on the list serv as well as on Facebook.

You can give donations to your church or MO Conference office with the memo stating #7465 on it to indicate Joplin Disaster relief.

Some other ways you can help are listed below:

Convoy of Hope: www.convoyofhope.org or 417-823-8998
 Ozarks Red Cross: www.redcross-ozarks.org, 417-832-9500 or info@redcross-ozarks.org
 Salvation Army: www.salvationarmyusa.org or 1-800-SAL-ARMY (1-800-725-2769)

You can also see other articles listed in this edition of the Mission Voice to help Joplin, MO.

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Support the UMW at the Annual conference ~Sung-ok Lee

Many of you are delegates or are connected to Annual Conference meetings. As part of the purpose of United Methodist Women, we need "...a creative, supportive fellowship of women who will help to expand concepts of mission..." We need your help in collecting information about legislative issues coming to Annual Conferences. Here is how you can support us:

- 1) If you are a delegate, prepare for your sessions and do speak out on issues important to United Methodist Women. Remember that we put "faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth." That is our history and it is what we strive to do **today**.
- 2) Pay attention to the issues being addressed by your annual conference.
 - ü Do any have to do with United Methodist Women and its structure

- specifically?
- ü Do any speak to the Deaconess/ HM community and the language in the Book of Discipline related to them?
 - ü Do any speak to the concerns represented by the four General Conference resolutions which were just approved at a recent Board of Directors meeting – immigration, Afghanistan, Climate Change or Speaking Out Against Hate and For Compassion? [See attached texts]
 - ü Are there recommendations that relate to peace efforts, reproductive health issues, human trafficking, domestic violence, economic injustice or public education?
 - ü Is racism addressed in any way?
 - ü How are women addressed and/or treated during the sessions?
- 3) When issues are discussed, keep track of what arguments are made both for and against the recommendation. What points were made on both sides? Was there something said that seemed to sway the vote? Make notes on these things and send them to the Office of Christian Social Action at

SLee@unitedmethodistwomen.org (preferably by **August 1st**, but thereafter as well). This information will help us provide relevant talking points to delegates for the upcoming General Conference in 2012.

Remember, that you can be a catalyst for change as we prepare. If you are not attending your Annual Conference but know someone who is, share this information with him/her. The more eyes and ears we have engaged, the more information we can gather and the more help we can provide for the 2012 delegates.

Another way we can help Joplin is by visiting the Durham UMC's 200 mile Yard Sale on Saturday, June 11, 2011. Come and enjoy the fun!

People helping people is what UMW is All about.

UMW helping Children and Youth

A member of Heartland South at the local unit level, Betty Robey, suggested that UMW do something for the children that have lost so much. They have decided to collect Beanie babies to distribute to the kids. Their local bank is the drop off location.

They are also creating Fun Kits for children to help them through this terrible tragedy.

If you can think of anything else, then please contact Katie Willis or Terri Mayeaux so we can post on Facebook or the website. Even better is having you post on Facebook

Love conquers all!



Emergency Flood Buckets

- 1 5 Gal Bucket
- 1 dry laundry detergent
- 1 roll heavy-duty trash bags
- 1 bottle of Lysol
- 1 bottle of Dawn
- Clothesline 2-50 ft or 100 ft
- 50 clothespins
- 1 scrub brush
- 1 pair of work gloves
- 2 pairs of latex gloves
- 7 sponges
- 5 scouring pads
- 18 cleaning towels (easy wipes).
- 5 dust masks
- 1 bottle of insect repellent (not aerosol).

sure lids are tight. Put all items in the plastic bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Seal with packing tape.

Value is \$56.00 with shipping around \$3.00

More info at:

<http://www.umocm.com/page23/page26/page26.html>

Please purchase all in plastic bottles. Send only new, unopened materials. Make

Help us Help other Women in Need!



It's Official!

Edith has returned from the meeting with UMCOR and Creative Ministries. They are excited and pleased with the efforts of the United Methodist Women.

We are asking Missouri Conference UMW to mail your Relief kits to:

Edith Triplett
C/O MO UMW Relief Kits
2630 Windsor St
Joplin, MO 64801

We will ask that you add items for women feminine hygiene products.

PERSONAL HYGIENE PACK:

- 1 fluoride toothpaste, 6 oz. or more
- 1 washcloth
- 1 toothbrush in original, unopened pkg.
- 1 bath-size bar of soap
- 1 deodorant
- 1 bottle skin lotion (11-14 oz.)
- 1 hand towel
- 1 bottle shampoo (11-14 oz.)
- 2 disposable razors
- 1 comb or brush

AND

Packages of Feminine Products- Tampons (all sizes) and Always Products.



Tighten lids and place all items in a large (2-gallon) zip lock bag. (2 or 2.5 gallon bags have been found at full line grocery stores and Target.) Place zip locks in boxes labeled "**Personal Hygiene Pack.**" Please also mark the quantity on the outside of each box.

Let's put inside each zip lock bag an **encouraging note** and a **card** that says:
MO Conference UMW— your unit's District

If you have any questions, please call us at the numbers listed below.
Thanks.

Edith Triplett 417-781-8147 (home number)
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Missouri Conference UMW Relief Kits Coordinators

Proposed Changes for Women's Division:

Proposed changes:

- The Women's Division will structurally separate from General Board of Global Ministries.
- The title of "Women's Division" will become "United Methodist Women."
- The board of directors will reduce its size from 50 to 25 members, with the task of fiduciary management.
- A Program Advisory Group, composed of 70-80 members, will recommend programmatic policies to the Board of Directors.
- The term "unit" will be replaced with "local organization of United Methodist Women."
- Fewer officers will be required.

What's staying the same:

- The PURPOSE.
- The focus of United Methodist Women for women, children & youth.
- The priority of social justice and advocacy work.
- The streams and processes of funding United Methodist Women mission.

The main advantage: More flexibility.

The proposed reorganizing of the Women's Division Board of

Directors and United Methodist Women leadership teams independently from GBGM means more flexibility to **grow in mission** with women, children and youth around the world.

More flexibility...

Enables mission teams at all levels to **organize how they best see fit** to fulfill the Purpose and do the work according to their community's, church's, and members' needs.

Enables your mission team to **remain the same** if your organizational structure is working for you.

Enables the Women's Division to **advocate more strategically** on behalf of women, children and youth within The United Methodist Church by moving from a division to an agency.

Enables the Women's Division to **broaden its priorities across the church** by working directly with other agencies through the General Secretaries' **Table**.

Enables United Methodist Women members from every Annual Conference **representation** on the Board of Directors and Program Advisory Group and thus **fuller participation** in the organization.

Keep in mind, these are proposals to be brought to General Conference in 2012, and we do not know what will result from the voting. Any changes will not be implemented officially until January 2013; however, the Women's Division will prepare for implementation following General Conference.

Thank you for all you do for United Methodist Women as we put faith, hope and love into action for women, children and youth around the world.

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