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District Officer Trainer is Coming!



November 12, 2012 at Fairview UMC
3200 Chapel Hill Road
Columbia, MO

If you will be a new officer next year, then this training is for you. All treasurers are requested to come Friday night at 7 p.m. and Saturday for training. All other officers need to be at the church on Saturday at 10 a.m. Please bring a sack lunch for Saturday. Beverages and cookies will be provided. If you have questions please contact your District President.

♪ Mabel's Muse ♪

As I write this article I am preparing for our Annual Meeting in Blue Springs but realize that when you read it we will have already met. So, in my prayers and concerns for the meeting I will ask that what we are preparing to do will make the work and workshops of the meeting ones that will be inspiring and eventful for all concerned. (A lot of words to say very little.)

For our District Officers, I look forward to our time together in Columbia in November as we learn together to prepare each officer to do the best job to carry out the PURPOSE of

United Methodist Women. What is learned will be shared with local officers in our District training events. When we each do the tasks that are what we are all about we can only be successful.

May God give us the strength and the knowledge to work for His kingdom and especially work in the lives of women, children and youth.

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Annual Meeting Blue Springs 2011

Annual meeting has come and gone and a fine time was had by all. Here are a few pictures and mementos from Annual Meeting. 210 ladies and men attended Annual Meeting; and the offering was \$1383.40 to help with Missions. We hope to see you next year on September 28-29, 2012 at Arlington UMC in Bridgeton. Please mark your calendars now as Harriet Jane Olson is coming and should be a wonderful event.



South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting United Methodist Women

Women Responding to God's Love and Grace
June 22-24, 2012 Abilene, Texas

Luke 1:46-48

Please attend the Quadrennial Meeting. It will be a terrific meeting to fellowship with fellow UMW ladies and to learn about God. We will also elect Women's Division Staff and Jurisdiction staff at this event.

More information can be found on the website
www.gbgn-umc.org/scjurisdictionumw

If you would like the paper version of the registration form then contact Katie Willis at 636-745-2272 or mrskatiebugs78@centurylink.net

2011 District Woman of the Year in Mission

Gateway Central
Gateway Regional
Heartland Central
Heartland North
Heartland South
Ozark South
Pony Express
Southeast
Southwest
Mark Twain
Mid-State
Ozark North

Jo Hawthorne
Edna Gentry
Marilyn Heneger
Pat Deitrick
Annete Erickson
Audrey Kelly
Betty Elton
Mildred Mason
Rena Crisp
Cindy Foster
Daisy Bautista
Sandy Russell



MO Conference UMW is seeking a Language Coordinator

If you know of anyone that is interested in being a language coordinator for the MO Conference UMW, please contact Mabel Unser at 314-291-0619. The person must be fluent in Spanish and/or Korean to help translate for other ladies and to broaden our horizon on getting new ladies to attend our events.



Help Spread God's Mission ~Carolyn Celestine

Mission Giving—A Gift of God's Grace

Giving is a way we express our faith. Giving is a privilege—A gift of God's grace. And by God's grace, we become participants in God's Mission. It is a way of affirming the wholeness of the gospel. Giving to mission is our commitment to proclaiming the gospel in its many forms.

We pledged \$420,000 for mission for 2011. As of September 30th only \$240,344 has been collected. We now have only three months to honor our pledge for projects that Mission Giving supports. With God's grace, I am sure we will succeed.

Peace

National UMW Seminar Proves to be Challenging! ~Stephanie Greiner and Alexis Robinson

Stephanie Greiner and Alexis Robinson from the Gateway Central Region joined more than 250 United Methodist Women members from around the country for four days of training and action for justice in Birmingham, Ala.

National Seminar is a social justice leadership development event held every four years where United Methodist Women members renew their commitment to know God and to join in the local and global mission of justice and advocacy. Participation in the National Seminar included United Methodist Women elected leaders, selected jurisdictional representatives, and those chosen by an open application process.

Throughout the event, participants engaged in bible study, workshops, worship, field trips and actions to develop a critical analysis of the national and global issues that affect women, children and youth. Using the theme and practice of reconciliation, participants envisioned a new kingdom on earth related to immigration, climate change, domestic violence and human trafficking.

"Having participated in this event has left me with a new mission to make a difference in my community. I want to see change and I know that I can now make an impact," Ms. Greiner said.

On Tuesday, August 16th, Alexis and Stephanie were able to participate and lead a series of actions around the Birmingham area. Stephanie gathered with other faith leaders and National Seminar participants at the First United Methodist Church in Birmingham and engaged in a prayer vigil for immigrant rights in Alabama,

lifting up the responsibility of the Church to welcome and serve all of God's people. Alexis, with a coalition of other organizations, rallied with the theme "Invest in Alabama's Future-Sustain our State" by assuring healthy clean water and air and real public transit. At the rally in Linn Park in Birmingham, she worked with these different groups to call for actionable, implementable (1) water, (2) air and (3) transit policies.

"Being a part of an action made the issue come alive. Having the experience to march and gather to pray for immigrant rights showed how the religious community of Birmingham is coming together to make change in their city," Ms. Greiner said.

Alexis and Stephanie both presented at the UMW Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 24th to share a little about their experiences at National Seminar. Their passion and call to act was apparent and their excitement for UMW was infectious. They both are willing to visit with your Unit or District to help spread the word about these issues or to present on the area of reconciliation and brokenness. If you are interested in contacting either Stephanie or Alexis; their information is below:

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Showed Up and Showed Out!

~Yvette Richards

Thank you, Gracias, Danke,    nk, Merci.

Missouri Conference United Methodist Women, you truly exemplify the gift of giving and caring. The devastation that hit Joplin, MO, was far reaching and painful. In spite of all that was going on, Joplin UMW ladies fell into action. Edith Triplett responds to my call to put Faith, Hope and Love into Action in helping the community. After talking with Vice President Paula Ackerson, who was housing neighbors from the devastation, she answered the phone and was ready for action. Reviewing the needs with Conference President Mabel Unser, who was in full support of our plans for personal hygiene relief kits with feminine products included. In amazement the UMW units organized all over the country and provided personal hygiene kits in abundance. We received calls from Texas to New York and From Colorado to West Virginia just to name a few. The Missouri Conference units came and distributed the kits in person, along with family, friends and youth groups. This was an extraordinary effort by all. We are called the, "Show me State," for a reason. You Showed up and Showed out! Congratulations, you lived our founder's famous quote:

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can."

By John Wesley

Missouri Conference United Methodist Women.... You did That!

Thank to you all! Due to all your work, the Central Conference women will receive personal hygiene kits as a welcome gift at the Women's Orientation (sponsored by Women's Division and General Commission on the Status and Role of Women) for General Conference in Tampa, FL. This will be a tremendous help for the ladies, as the heat and food of our culture is difficult for their system to process. This recommendation came for the Central Conference Translator, Betty Kiboko, who has purchased this item in the past. It was supported by Bishop Joaquina Nhanala. It is with great pride that I represent you as a committee member on the Women's Orientation planning team.

May God Continue to Bless and Guide you in your works through Faith, Hope, and Love in Action.

Read All About It!

~Linda Page

NEW from Mission Resource Center!

The "Back to School" Special includes the UMW Bible (NRSV), a 2011 Prayer Calendar, a recent issue of Response magazine, and a UMW bookmark. This is a \$36.70 value for only **\$15.00!** Order from the Mission Resource Center at www.missionresourcecenter.org, or call 1-800-305-9857.

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only \$35.00!

Here's what you get throughout the year:

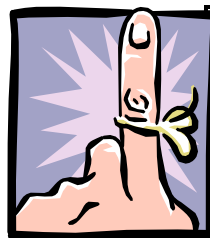
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- *Program Book
- *Mission Study Book
- *Spiritual Growth Study Book
- *Date Book

*Additional **new** resources from Women's Division at intervals during the year

Order from the Mission Resource Center at www.missionresourcecenter.org, or call 1-800-305-9857. The stock number for renewing your subscription is #6012. For a new subscription, order stock #6011.

New Program Book for 2011-12: "Walk With Wholeness"

The programs are organized to work with the United Methodist Women's calendar, beginning in Sept. 2011 and continuing each month through August 2012. Your group can use the program for each month, or pick and choose the ones you're most interested in.



Don't Forget!

November 10 Deadline: Mission Voice
Articles
December 31 Mission Today, Reading
Program and Mai Gray due!

Missouri Conference 2012 Legislative Event
March 6-7, 2012
Dortha Mae Olsen Award Application Form
DEADLINE TO APPLY – JANUARY 1, 2012

• This award honors Dortha Mae Olsen, past President of the former Missouri West Conference, for her years of service to the UMW Mission Team, Dortha Mae has a special commitment to social justice issues and is a strong supporter of the Mission of United Methodist Women.

• **Award Rules and Regulations:**

- This award shall be given to a person who has never attended the Legislative Event
- This award shall be for registration, food, lodging, and travel
- Membership in UMW is **not** required
- Applicant should send a brief bio along with her answers to the following questions:

1. How have you been involved in a social action issue?

2. Do you believe United Methodist Women should be involved in politics? Why or why not?

Name _____
 Address: _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Phone: _____ E-Mail _____
 Local Church or Affiliation group _____
 UMW District(not required) _____

Please attach an additional page with your biography

Send Application Form to:

Theresa Dixon, 3026 Campbell St., Kansas City,
 MO 64106 tmw1106@yahoo.com

MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 1, 2012
 Award winners will be notified by January 13th

Missouri Conference 2012 Legislative Event
March 6-7, 2012
Application Form for Committee Award

Nine awards are available for the 2012 Legislative Event. Each award will include lodging (two to a room), registration, fee and event meals. These awards are to encourage first time attendance and/or for those who have exhibited by their actions a commitment to social justice. Since other similar awards are offered by Districts/Church Groups, please fully complete this form to prevent duplication of awards. **The committee's intent is to have as many women as possible attend the Event.**

Name: _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Phone: _____ E-Mail _____
 Local Church _____ District _____

The following questions are meant to help the awards committee get acquainted with you. Use the back if necessary.

1. Give a short history of your involvement with UMW:

2. Give a brief explanation of your involvement in social issues:

Will you attend the Event if you **do not** receive an award? _____

Send Application Form to:

Shirley Link, 13001 Country Road 4029, Holts Summit,
 MO 64053 dslmk@ktis.net

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Crying for Justice!

- Domestic Abuse
- Taxation
- Human Trafficking

Legislative Training Event
March 6-7, 2012
Capitol Plaza Hotel
Jeremiah 31:15-17, 31, 33-34

Update Your Information! ~Kathy Rolan

As this year is waning, please be thinking about your local unit listings as we will be printing a new directory for next year soon. If anyone has moved or has passed away it is vital that we change/update the directory information. There is a particular format that we need to follow, please follow those guidelines. If you need help in doing this then please feel free to contact me and I will help guide you through the process. These updates are due to me by November 1, 2011. This gives me the proper time to edit and enter them in my data base to be printed out into the format for printing.

Thanks for you promptness.

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2012 UMW MO Conference Calendar

March 6-7	Legislative Event	Jefferson City
March 30	Finance Meeting	Columbia
March 31	Program Meeting	
April 27-28	Spiritual Retreat	Jefferson City
June 8-11	Mission Walk	Springfield
June 22-24	South Central Jurisdiction Mtg	Abilene, TX
June 25-28	Regional School	Abilene, TX
July 26-29	CSOCM	Fayette
August 11	Mission Team Finance Mtg	Columbis
Sept 28-29	Annual Meeting	St. Louis
Nov 2-3	District Officer Training	Columbia

Talent Bank Forms help find New Talent ~Chris Hopkins

Acceptance Attitude
 Awareness Confidence Courage
 Empowerment Passion Pride Productive
 Relationships Self-Confidence Self Regard Spirit
 Worth

Are all descriptions you can use about
 Yourself when in service to UMW.

Talent banks are available for you to fill out
 So the Nominating Committee will know Where,
 Whom and When to ask you to serve!



Cooperative School of Christian Mission is a runaway success!

We had so much fun while at Cooperative School of Mission. Here are a few highlights from this years' Cooperative School. Velma Hull was unable to join us due to health concerns, but that did not stop her spirit from joining us as she sent a letter to us and included a cashiers check for \$1175.00 to be used for the Sudan wells that are being constructed as a mission project. As we remember from previous years, that Velma and her family do this by rolling change. In light of that spirit, some of the ladies of United Methodist Women, started collected change while at School of Mission this year. Way to go ladies!

This year we had 251 people registered with 53 first timers. The United Methodist Women collected \$1364.00 during our offering to help Mission. Edith Triplett and Paula Ackerson thanked everyone for all the donations that were received to help Joplin Tornado victims and to thank everyone for all the school supplies that were collected during the In-gathering this year.

Hands on Mission produced several hospital outfits for the Haitian Children. Several ladies helped out and enjoyed doing God's work. Jean DeHardt and Nadine Meyer really worked hard on all of these outfits and will continue to do them in their local units as well. Please join us next year for more fun. The dates next year are July 26-29 at Fayette at Central Methodist University.



Franklin Walker speaking about Global Connections Team.



Carol Smith, Linda Moore-Walker, and Nell Peevy's grandson talking about Mission.



Communion being shared among sisters.



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