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~ President's Message ~



This summer at the Mission U, we were introduced to several UMW History Animated Shorts video clips. If you haven't seen them yet, they are fantastic. Go to youtube.com/umwomen, click on videos, and watch these short video clips and share them with your unit. There are three and they are about 2 minutes each. While you are at youtube videos, check out some of the other videos on Assembly and Deaconesses and Home Missioners.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLpGfWarb-c&list=UUSQoxOTCUydTyTAjcLbmVAQ>
{True Story of Courageous Women}

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UL-iXCJuaYU&index=11&list=UUSQoxOTCUydTyTAjcLbmVAQ>
{League of Extraordinary Women}

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17WZerGyOrM&index=12&list=UUSQoxOTCUydTyTAjcLbmVAQ>
{Amazing Adventures of Alma Mathews}

My favorite is "The League of Extraordinary Methodist Women." We've all heard about "the dark and stormy night" when 8 women gathered and resolved to send some women missionaries to India. During the time frame of the video, there was just one mission project--send a woman doctor to India to care for the women there who could not be seen by the male dominated medical doctors. Those 8 women reached out to others, shared the story of need, and by being organized for mission that one project was accomplished!

Now, because of these 8 extraordinary women, there are some 300 mission programs here in the US and around the world. Those 8 women showed us how to do it and this video clip reminds us how the vision of just 8 women changed the lives of so many.

Can you share these stories with the women of your unit? Can you share that these women raised a tremendous amount of money in order to make just one mission project happen? (Where have we heard, "Make It Happen" before?)

These 300 plus projects are made possible by each one of us when we give to the Pledge to Mission in our local unit. Share these stories of our past and give thanks for their courage, and be reminded together we can change women's lives by our pledge to Mission.

Thank God for these extraordinary women who showed us how working together on a problem, can result in great things being accomplished.

Blessings,

Dixie Jacky, Conference President

Vice President's Message

Lynda Montgomery

You're invited to the United Methodist Annual Meeting at Eugene, Oregon Oct. 25, 2014.

We have a very special meeting planned for all. If you follow the journey of United Methodist Women you'll see that the world is a better place because of the paths we've taken, improving schools, hospitals, community centers, and women's residences have been built for those who needed them. United Methodist Women have advocated for child labor laws, rights of women, and affirmative action, racial justice, and peace with justice. Though it all, United Methodist Women under girded their work with prayer and educated themselves and others for Christ's mission in the world. Once again we are going to step out of our comfort zones and continue our journey as we have some very special guests- John Pitney, Mark Bateman and Sandy Wilder. The theme this year is **Faith and Finance: Making it Work**. You may want to read Leviticus 25 before coming. Our local mission this year is helping the Cesar Chavez Backpack Program with food items.

The following **canned** goods would be a great contribution to the program:

- **Cans of meat: tuna, chicken, beef stew.**
- **Cans of beans: black, pinto, kidney, refried and etc.**
- **Cans of soup**
- **Cans of vegetables: green beans, corn, peas and etc.**
- **Cans of fruit: peaches, pears, pineapple and etc.**

Please: no home canned or fresh food items. Bring canned items to Eugene First United Methodist Church.

Lynda Montgomery, Vice President



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2014 Calendar of Events

September

20	Sage District Annual Meeting at Payette, Idaho
27	Cascadia District Annual Meeting, Seaside UMC.
27	Crater Lake District Annual Meeting, Medford First UMC, Medford, OR

October

4	Columbia District Annual Meeting, Pine Grove/Odell UMC
4	Cascadia District Annual Meeting, Jason Lee, Salem, OR
11	Columbia District Annual Meeting (With Election of Officers), Trinity UMC
24	District Leadership Training Event, Eugene First UMC, Eugene, OR
25	Oregon-Idaho Conference Annual Meeting, Eugene First UMC, Eugene OR
25-26	Executive Team Meeting, Eugene, OR

November

22-23	Leadership Development Days, Tempe, Arizona.
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2015

January 30 – February 1 (tent.)	Executive Team Meeting, Location TBA
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2016

April 22-24	Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT
May 10-20	General Conference, Portland, Oregon (tent.)

One of my favorite Bible passages is Micah 6:8 ***“He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”*** When we read this passage, the distinction between justice and kindness might not seem important, but it is.

One of the things that we learn as mission coordinators for social action is the difference between acts of kindness or mercy and acts of justice. When we engage in actions of mercy, we are trying to mitigate the damage done by systems that treat people unfairly. We can donate food for the hungry and school supplies or clothing for children whose parents cannot afford to provide these things for their children. These acts of kindness can temporarily fill needs, but the systems that leave some living in poverty remain unchanged. When we engage in acts of justice, we work to change the systems in our society that distribute resources in a way that results in some members being very wealthy and others impoverished.

As we enter the fall season, we approach a time of year when we are able to impact the governmental leadership and some of the laws that determine how just our society will be. Methodist women were among those who worked and suffered to secure voting rights for women. They saw voting as essential to promoting civil rights, workers’ rights and peace. We can honor the sacrifices made by these women by becoming informed about candidates and issues appearing on our ballots in November and then casting our votes with the intent of creating a more just society.

Your local United Methodist Women organization can host a discussion of ballot initiatives, hold voter registration drives and provide transportation assistance so people can cast their ballots. Any of these activities is a way to seek justice and walk humbly with our God.

Paula Sadler, Mission Coordinator for Social Action



Judi Hanson

We are talking membership....

We are always looking for ideas on how to share our mission with other women and attract new members. I would like to collect your ideas that were successful or even those that didn't work for your unit. It might not have been a good fit for your situation, but might be successful for someone else. Just email me the idea at: hansonjudy@hotmail.com or call [541.226.8800](tel:541.226.8800).

Sometimes we get bogged down worrying about decreasing memberships. In the July/August response magazine, Yvette Kim Richards, President of UMW said this: "We lament that it is hard to get people to come to a meeting or district event. I say, stop worrying. Be encouraged. Let's move forward as Bold, Edgy, Loving, Giving, Compassionate and Unreasonable United Methodist Women. Continue to do the work we've been called to do and plant seeds of mission at every opportunity!"

Blessings,

Judi Hanson, Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator



I NO LONGER PRAY FOR PEACE

On the edge of war, one foot already in,
I no longer pray for peace:
I pray for miracles.

I pray that stone hearts will turn
to tenderheartedness,
and evil intentions will turn
to mercifulness,
and all the soldiers already deployed
will be snatched out of harm's way,
and the whole world will be
astounded onto its knees.

I pray that all the "God talk"
will take bones,
and stand up and shed
its cloak of faithlessness,
and walk again in its powerful truth.

I pray that the whole world might
sit down together and share
its bread and its wine.

Some say there is no hope,
but then I've always applauded the holy fools
who never seem to give up on
the scandalousness of our faith:
that we are loved by God.....
that we can truly love one another.

I no longer pray for peace:
I pray for miracles.

Ann Weems

Shirley Manning Knepp, Deaconess, Spiritual Growth Coordinator



The Reader's Corner

Roz Collins

First, let me answer your silent question. **Yes**, the 2015 Reading Program books will be available for sale at our Conference Annual meeting in Eugene. In fact, you may find them available at your District meeting, too. (I thought you'd like that.)

Have you read any good books lately—in addition to the “Good Book”? We are always looking for new titles to include in the UMW Reading Program. Our best resource for finding new books comes from the very women who love to read. We are looking for books that would fall into one of the five categories of the program: Leadership Development, Spiritual Growth, Nurturing for Community, Education in Mission and Social Action. Books that have been published within the past year or so are best. If you have a title to recommend, please send the following information to my attention: Title, author, publishing date, ISBN number (if known) and the category you would choose for the book. A brief recap about the book is helpful, too.

There's another way you can help us find new titles for the Reading Program. How would you like to be part of the screening group that reads suggested titles and then gives recommendations about each book? If selected, you would be asked to read 4-8 books a year in advance of creating an upcoming reading list. If you would like more information about becoming a volunteer reader, please contact me.

OK, what else can I share? Well, it is time for you to renew (or start a new) subscription to the 2015 UMW Sampler Mailing. As many of us learned this year, subscriptions are not automatically renewed. You must sign up each year. Subscribing to the sampler allows you to order five key resources just once a year and receive them as they become available! (And you save money while you are at it!) The Sampler is \$40 **and includes free shipping**. To get the 2015 Sampler, you must order by April 1, 2015. (Not kidding; April 1st.) The 2015 Sampler subscription will include the following:

- New 2015 Geographic study text on Latin America for Mission u
- New 2015 Spiritual growth study for Mission u
- 2015-2016 Program Book
- 2016 Prayer Calendar
- 2016 Date Book

Roz Collins, Conference Secretary of Program Resources (SPR)

Education & Interpretation

Genie Regele

It is once again the season when we make our Pledge to Mission. As each of you goes over in your minds just what it is you want to accomplish, you might consider response magazine or the Prayer Calendar as elegant resources for further information on projects or persons. Let us go the extra mile and accomplish success. This is the last newsletter you will be hearing from me, so once again I wish you "May God lift you up on Eagle's wings and hold you in the palm of God's hand."

Genie Regele, Education & Interpretation Coordinator

Nominations

Karen Morray

Your Conference Nominating Team is pleased to present to you the slate of nominations to be voted on at our Annual Meeting in October. These women have said “yes!” when asked to serve as your officers, guides, inspiration, representatives, and mentors. When elected, we are confident that the experience will be for them, as it has been for us, one of fellowship, learning, growing, and renewal of faith and fortitude!

For the Office of:	Nominations are:	For the Term:
Vice President	Lynda Montgomery Pocatello UMC, Sage District	October 2014-October 2016
Treasurer	Sandy Flaherty Newberg UMC, Cascadia District	“
Education and Interpretation	JoAnn English Eugene First UMC, Crater Lake District	“
Membership Nurture and Outreach	Judi Hanson Portland Christ UMC, Columbia District	“
Communications	Sherry Yang Klamath Falls UMC, Crater Lake District (lives in Cascadia District)	“
Nominations Team	Chris Mitchell Klamath Falls UMC, Crater Lake District	October 2014-October 2018
Nominations Team	Kay Gooding Tualatin UMC, Cascadia District	“

Continuing on in their current terms of office are:

President	Dixie Jacky
Secretary	Jeannie Boese
Spiritual Growth	Shirley Knepp
Social Action	Paula Sadler
Program Resources	Roz Collins
Nominations Chair	Karen Morray
Nominations Team	Joyce Richmond
Nominations Team	Turella Woods
Nominations Team	Janice Stevens
Nominations Team	Sue Andersen

I look forward to seeing you at the District Leadership Training Event (D’LTE) the day before Annual Meeting. Bring your most puzzling questions to the training, and we’ll see who can answer them!

Blessings,

Karen Morray, Chair of Nominations

Greetings Ladies,

I am using an old newsletter article that was sent to me by Lynda Montgomery. This article was written when she was Education and Interpretation. So often, we as United Methodist Women do not understand why giving toward our Pledge to Mission and giving to our local church are not one in the same. This article addresses those questions.

Sandy Flaherty, Treasurer



Treasurer

Sandy Flaherty

Keeping the Channels Straight

I know one of the hardest things for us to understand is the separation between channels of Mission Giving for United Methodist Women and the Mission Giving for the local church.

I hope the following clarifies this distinction:

“The mission agency of the church, the General Board of Global Ministries, has four major sources of funds for its programs: World Service funds, Advance Specials, Special Day Offerings through the United Methodist Church and Pledges to Mission from United Methodist Women, which includes money from all channels of Mission Giving. “

“As individual local church members, women contribute to World Service through their local church tithes and offerings. These funds help support all of the general program agencies of The United Methodist Church. The General Board of Global Ministries receives a percentage of World Service apportionments.”

“As members of United Methodist Women, women contribute Pledge to Mission and other Mission Giving funds. These funds are used for mission through the Women’s National.”

“United Methodist Women’s funds should not be given to the local church to help with its apportionment for World Service. You have already Contributed to World Service appeals through their local church tithes and offerings.”

“CHURCH MEMBERS contribute second-mile mission gifts through the Advanced Special channel. UNITED METHODIST WOMEN members contribute second-mile mission gifts through Supplementary Giving opportunities. Both of these channels must be kept separate. The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2008 specifically prohibits Advance Special giving from being promoted within United Methodist Women. “

The United Methodist Women PURPOSE has evolved out of a history of more than a century with our primary concern being MISSIONS. We have made a difference in the lives of millions of women, children and youth all over the world with our generosity. Lets keep it up.

Lynda Montgomery, Education and Interpretation.

“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.” 2 Corinthians 3:18

I bet some of you are wondering what this quote from the bible has to do with Mission u. The Lord is constantly changing us and there are going to be some changes to Mission u this year too. We are looking for a new venue to host Mission u in Oregon for next year, to better meet the needs of our participants. With this change it is possible that the event will happen in August, so stay tuned for exact dates to be announced later this fall. The Mission u site committee has been looking at the budget and recent costs for Mission u and have realized that we have been undercharging for the last several years. There may be a cost increase next year. Please start thinking about attending Mission u next summer.

The themes for Mission u 2015 are Latin America, finding joy in Christian living and the repeat class of The Church and People with Disabilities. The titles for the two new studies have not been released yet. What does the future hold? A Latin America Dance Party?!!!! A hands-on mission project! Do you know of a great teacher/leader who could teach the spiritual growth study or the Latin America study? Do you play a guitar or other instrument and would like to possibly help play music for Mission u? Please contact Carol Usher at carol.usher.RN@gmail.com. If any unit or district would like me to speak about Mission u, I am willing to Skype or possibly create an online video that you can use. We are a far-flung conference and my home in Klamath Falls is far from most of you, but we can use technology to keep in contact. Just let me know!

Carol Usher, Dean, Mission u 2015

Proposed Changes to Conference Standing Rules



Proposed changes to the Conference Standing Rules for 2014 are available on our Conference website in two formats. The entire Standing Rules with proposed changes are available as well as a listing of just the changes. If you need a hard copy of either, you may request them from Jeannie Boese, Conference Secretary, at [541-273-9579](tel:541-273-9579) or jboeseumw@charter.net. The short copy with just the changes will also include explanations of those changes. The web address is: <http://www.umo.org/umw>. Scroll down to just below the newsletter link. Proposed changes will be voted on at our October 25 Conference Annual Meeting at Eugene First United Methodist Church.

Jeannie Boese

Conference Secretary

Chair of the Standing Rules Committee

Faith and Finance: Making It Work

Oregon/Idaho UMW Annual Meeting

October 25, 2014

8am to 3pm

Registration begins at 8am, singing at 8:40am

Eugene First United Methodist Church
1376 Olive St., Eugene, Oregon

Send completed form by **October 11** along with \$14.00 registration fee to:
Leone McGuire, 5526 Tribute Way Eugene, Oregon 97405

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Phone _____

Church and Unit _____

Food Allergies _____

*Childcare will be provided-bring a sack lunch for each child
Registration by Oct 11—Please give number of children & ages*



**Feeding the
Community**

Mission Project: Don't forget to bring items for the Cesar Chavez Backpack program:

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- Cans of beans: black, pinto, kidney, refried and etc.
- Cans of soup
- Cans of vegetables: green beans, corn, peas and etc.
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PURPOSE

The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose *purpose* is:

- ◆ to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;
- ◆ to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and
- ◆ to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church



BE SURE TO SAVE THE DATE
Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting

A Fresh Wind Blowing



Western Jurisdiction UMW Meeting
April 22-24, 2016 - Salt Lake City

The Western Jurisdiction Leadership Team invite you to save the date and join in worship in Salt Lake City. Hope to see you there!



Have you been to our website lately? The website has a lot of information that you may find useful and enjoyable.

Would you like to contribute to our website? You can write a story about your UMW experience. Send them to jboeseumw@charter.net. How can we make it more user friendly...Let me know.



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