

# *The Mission Echo*



**MARCH 2018**

## **2018 Dates to Remember**

Spiritual Growth Retreat

Lake Junaluska, NC

April 27-28, 2018

UMW National Assembly

Columbus, Ohio

May 18-20, 2018

Come Together, Be Together

Woodland UMC, Rock Hill

June 23, 2018

Mission u

Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg

July 26-28, 2018

SCCUMW Annual Meeting

Central UMC, Florence

October 26-27, 2018

Killingsworth Gala

Seawells, Columbia

Nov. 8, 2018

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# President

Marlene Spencer

Greetings UMW Sisters,

What a blessed year 2017 was in serving as your Conference President. The dedicated conference team certainly did an awesome job in planning and carrying out our many events. 2017 offered the South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women great opportunities to experience missions in special ways. Thank you for your generous gifts of time and money in supporting the many missions. As we have discussed many times, our challenge is still greater than ever before to expand our membership and growth in a way that we will be able to reach out and meet the needs of women, children and youth. I encourage you to continue to show your love to those persons you see who are hurting in some way. We have no idea what a gift of a warm smile or a gesture of kindness means to others. These offerings of Christian love are very contagious and no doubt others who are not a part of United Methodist Women will be more likely to say, “What a great organization! I want to be a part of it.”

This past November, seven ladies from our conference leadership team attended Leadership Development Days (LDD) in Tempe, Arizona. It was very inspiring to spend time with over 250 UMW leaders from around the United States. We have so many opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world and the world needs our courage now more than ever! We learned at LDD that it’s time to listen . . . wait . . . and act.

For almost 150 years, United Methodist Women have courageously listened . . . waited . . . and acted to get the vote for women, to clear the path for women to become clergy, and now to work for justice for our LGBTQ sisters and brothers and all others who live in the margins. I know we are all not in agreement on many of the issues of the church. But can we agree to disagree in a respectful and loving way? Can we be in conversation and really listen? Can we find “A Way Forward” to be the light that Jesus asked us to be in a dark world? There is so much information on this topic and I encourage all of us to be in the conversation when we are invited.

The UMW National Assembly is in Columbus, Ohio May 18-20, 2018. Invite a friend and be part of the gathering of 8,000 United Methodist Women in one place at one time embracing the “Power of Bold!” For the most current information on Assembly visit: <https://umwassembly.org/>. And, if you haven’t already, be sure to go online and register.

We are excited to again offer our SCCUMW Presidential Scholarship to deserving young women pursuing degrees in higher education. The application deadline is March 1 and can be found on the conference website: [www.umcsc.org/umw](http://www.umcsc.org/umw).

Again, I extend my appreciation to each of you for your continued support of our missions through your many gifts. When we look around us and see so many needs, it is gratifying that we can say we are a mission organization that seeks to serve and save women, children and youth. May God continue to bless you and know that whatever you do, whether it be large or small, it touches a life and a soul in some part of our world.

Blessings,  
Marlene



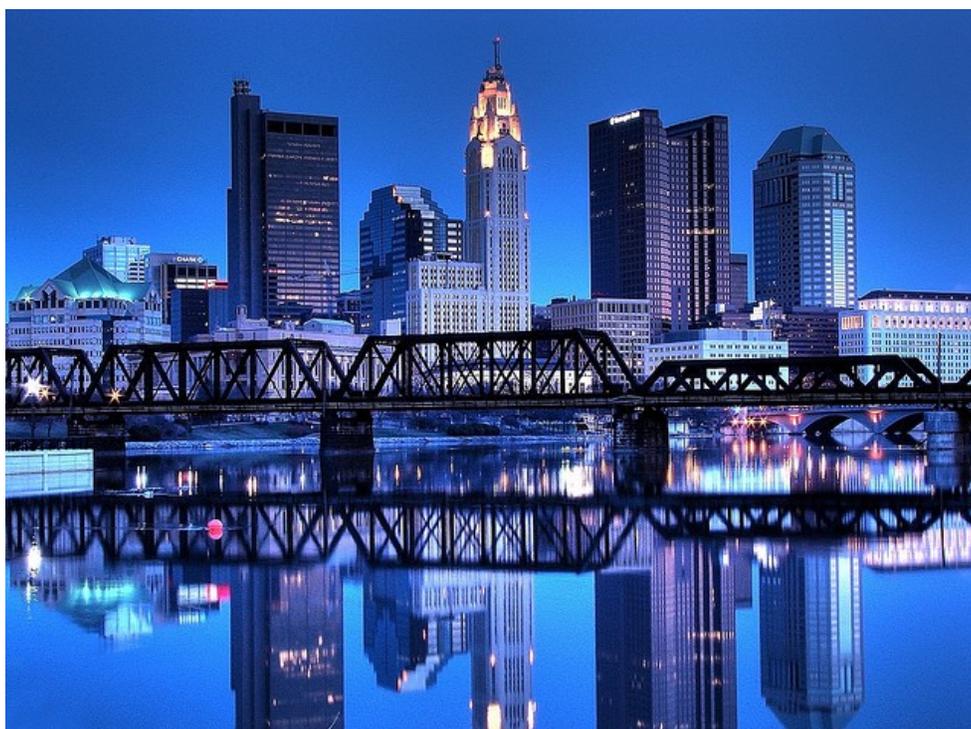
**“The Power of Bold” will be the theme of the 19<sup>th</sup> quadrennial Assembly of United Methodist women in Columbus, Ohio, May 18-20, 2018.**

**This Assembly is particularly momentous in that it marks both the official celebration of the organization’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and a return to the location of the first Assembly in 1942. Throughout the action filled weekend, participants will revisit the journey of Mary who boldly risked safety and security to answer yes to God’s call to service, and likewise affirm their own commitment to mission with women, children and youth as united Methodist women in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.**

**Registration closes April 9, 2019.**

**For more information click on this link: <https://umwassembly.org/news/>**

**NEED HELP? Contact Jan Fleming at 864-921-2354**



## **Assembly 2018 The Power of Bold**

We still have hotel **rooms available** in our block of rooms at the following hotel:

**Crowne Plaza**  
**33 E. Nationwide Blvd**  
**Columbus, Ohio 43215**

Cost: \$158.00 per night + 17% tax 2 beds Queen size  
Reserved for Thurs 5/17, Fri 5/18, Sat 5/19

The number to call: 800-338-4462 Confirmation: SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Rate is good until: April 18, 2018- after that date no guarantee on the rate or availability of rooms

Overnight valet parking reduced to \$20.00 per vehicle per night

**Early registration closed on 11/30/17.** On 12/1/2017 the registration rate will be \$330.00. If you do a paper registration the cost is \$330.00 no reduction in price.

For Information & FAQ on Assembly go to:



**BUS TRANSPORTATION  
COLUMBUS, OHIO  
MAY 17-20, 2018**

We will have a chartered bus for transportation leaving from Columbia College, Columbia and other locations on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and returning on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost per person is \$125.00. Anyone desiring to ride the bus should mail their check, made payable to SCCUMW, to Mary Agnes Jenkins. The deadline for the bus transportation is May 7, 2018. A detailed scheduled will be sent after this date.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBERR \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell)

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Return to:

Mary A. Jenkins

P.O. Box 1938

Orangeburg, SC 29116

803-536-5029 or 803-614-7630



## Vice President

Cathy Ford

Let's get started and reserve some important dates in 2018 when we will come together to fulfill our United Methodist Women purpose.

Our 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be held on October 26-27 at Central United Methodist Church in Florence. Registration will begin Friday afternoon followed by our opening session and Bible study, workshops, and dinner. The evening will include our communion service and other inspirational activities. We reconvene on Saturday with business sessions, keynote speaker and the election and installation of officers. The Limitless Team will organize another collection of items to be donated to a ministry in the host district of Florence. More details will be shared as those plans are finalized. The Program Committee and United Methodist Women of Central United Methodist Church and Florence District are looking forward to hosting you at this event. It will be a wonderful time for all!

Our 2018 Officer Training will take place at Grace United Methodist Church in Columbia on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration will open at 8:30 am. A program and speaker will start our day together in the sanctuary. District Officers will then proceed to training sessions for their specific offices, led by their conference officer. This is a great time to get organized, learn about responsibilities and duties, ask questions as well as meet other district counterparts.

Your conference officers joyfully work hard to plan and implement meaningful activities throughout the year. Events are planned to enlighten your political awareness, enrich your spirituality, expand your fellowships and deepen your knowledge and education. Be sure to take advantage of these wonderful opportunities by participating fully. At every event you will experience firsthand the love and dedication of United Methodist Women as "a community of women whose purpose is to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ". I look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Peace,  
Cathy Ford

Proverbs 27:19 As water reflects the face, so the heart reflects the person. CSB



## Legacy Fund Update

In 2018 commit to wear **your 150 Legacy Pin** and notice others who wear one too! Everyone who makes a donation to The Legacy Fund while visiting our display table will be honored with a pin. Look for us at every SCCUMW event.

Our Legacy Fund continues to grow. We ended 2017 with \$19.6 million dollars reported in the Legacy Fund. Thanks to the generosity of our many faithful members and supporters the permanent endowment fund is on its way to meeting the \$60 million dollar goal set for 2019.

We are part of the South East Jurisdiction. It is reported that the South East Jurisdiction has contributed \$650,554.97 to the Legacy Fund as of 12-31-17. That is the largest donation amount from any of the five jurisdictions. Our South Carolina contributions total \$23,551.25 **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

I invite you to continue our legacy of generous donations. We will celebrate the **Fourth Annual Day of Giving on March 23<sup>rd</sup>**. “Generous donors have committed funds to leverage and grow the gifts received on Day of Giving.” You may donate online, by phone call or postal mail during that time. Visit [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org) to learn more.

Our display at the Adult Retreat in Charleston on February 6-8 distributed giving envelopes and 150 pins. This new opportunity for participation helped spread information about Legacy Fund to men and women outside of SCCUMW. All are welcome to support the fund and honor their loved ones through a donation. Thank you Legacy Team member Judy Roumillat for hosting this table display.

Are you looking for a meaningful Mother’s Day gift? A beautiful 150 pendant and necklace chain with the colorful 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo in soft enamel is available for \$50. A new 150<sup>th</sup>-anniversary Special Mission Recognition Pin, with 22 karat gold plating is aptly priced at \$150. **All proceeds go to support the Legacy Fund.** Order both pieces of jewelry at the online store [www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org). Order by calling the Mission Resource Center at #1-800-305-9857.

The year 2019 will be here soon! We are getting closer to our official 150th year of being in mission together. At Assembly 2018 a celebration will happen as UMW members from around the world are together in one place.

Please continue to pray for The Legacy Fund, especially on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month, a mini version date of our 150 years in mission number. Your prayers and gifts make this campaign a growing and lasting success for our future generations. Thanks be to God.

SCCUMW Legacy Fund Liaison,  
Cathy Ford

UMW display at the recent UMC Adult Retreat in North Charleston . Pictured are Flo Johnson, Clarise Blakeney, and Judy Roumitllat..



# Membership Nurture & Outreach

Gladys Lemon

This time of year is very important to our conference because we begin to get a realistic picture of our membership. District MN&O's are in the process of promoting the on-line census among our local units. The process began in January and will end March 31<sup>st</sup>. We have not had any initial reports thus far from the national office, but we are determined to improve on our numbers from last year. Please make every effort to include your local unit's membership numbers at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org).

The conference Fun Day, otherwise known as “**Come Together Be Together**”, will be held this year at Woodland UMC in Rock Hill. This year's date will be June 23<sup>rd</sup> to accommodate the Assembly in May. Presently we have ten workshops, including several different ones including Hands-only CPR, Gardening and Bee Keeping, Pet Therapy and Personal Safety, just to name a few. We will also make another attempt at holding a workshop on Protestant Prayer Beads. Our theme is “*Neighbors Together in Prayer.*” The keynote speaker will be Khia Shaw from the National Office of UMW. She is from the Office of Membership which helps promote the annual census count. Make plans now to be with your sisters in Rock Hill, where we are expecting a blessing and a good time. This year's color will be any shade of purple, so begin planning now. Try to consider sponsoring young ladies to attend this event. All ages and stages of United Methodist Women are welcome! The registration form for this event is located elsewhere in this edition of the Mission Echo along with a brief description of the workshops.

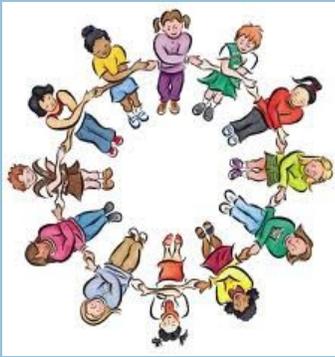
The **Limitless** mission collection for that day will focus on the needs of the after school programs in the Rock Hill District. You have been awesome in responding to the needs of women, children and youth and we appreciate your support of this effort as well. Needless to say, we also will continue to collect gift cards for our five mission projects.

“Come Together Be Together”

Mission Collection Items for After School Projects



Gift Cards, Paper Towels, Bathroom Tissue, Kleenex, Ajax Spray Cleaner, Wipes, Liquid Hand Soap, Hand Sanitizer.



Snacks: Pudding Cups, Fruit Cups, Microwave Popcorn, Cheezit, Graham Crackers, Pencils, Composition Books.



## “Come Together Be Together”

Saturday June 23, 2018

“Fun for all Ages and Stages of United Methodist Women”

Woodland United Methodist Church  
801 N. Cherry Road, Rock Hill, SC 29732



Event Theme: “Neighbors Together in Prayer”

9:00 – 9:50 Registration

9:55 – 10:05 Centering with Music

10:05 – 11:00 Greeting/Music/Speaker

11:15 – 12:30 Workshops

12:40 – 2:00 Lunch/Sending Forth

Registration of \$20.00 postmarked by June 8, 2018. Fee includes lunch and materials.

Request for special dietary needs or child care must be received by June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Registration fee is \$25.00 postmarked after June 8<sup>th</sup>. Final postmark deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Checks postmarked later than June 15<sup>th</sup> will be returned.

**With regrets, no on-site registration will be available.**

Come with your smiles, unique hats and **purple** accessories to enjoy beautiful Rock Hill. Donations of certain items will be collected for after school programs in the Rock Hill district. please see **Mission Echo** for specifics! If you bring items, Limitless will do the organizing and separating!

Cut here and return bottom portion with check made payable to SCCUMW

Mail to Gladys Lemon: 304 Scotch Range Road, Summerville, SC 29483

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Limitless age (14-30) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Care: Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

(Participants must bring a bag lunch for any child attending)

**Please select first, second and third choice for your fun workshop!**

Bible Study \_\_\_\_\_ Hands-only CPR \_\_\_\_\_ Protestant Prayer Beads \_\_\_\_\_

Gardening/Bee Keeping \_\_\_\_\_

Pet Therapy \_\_\_\_\_ Get Moving! \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer Squares \_\_\_\_\_ Wills & Estate Planning \_\_\_\_\_

Health & Wellness \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Safety \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember: Gift cards from BI-LO or Wal-Mart are always welcome for our five Mission Projects!**

## **“Come Together Be Together” Workshop Descriptions**

**Bible Study** – Come, learn and understand the Word together in prayer!

**Hands Only CPR** – a safe, effective way to come to the aid of someone in distress until more advanced help arrives.

**Protestant Prayer Beads** – Make your own prayer beads and prepare to fill your mind with blessed thoughts.

**Gardening/Bee Keeping** – Learn from a Master Gardener with helpful tips for the gardener and bee keeper.

**Pet Therapy** – Come meet a Pet Therapy dog and trainer!

**Get Moving** – Discover tips to increasing your physical activity wherever you are!

**Prayer Squares** – Learn how to make your own prayer squares for a new ministry.

**Wills/Estate Planning** – Acquire resources you may need to assist with estate planning.

**Health & Wellness** – Ask a professional about health & wellness concerns.

**Personal Safety** – Enhance your safety awareness by following a few simple guidelines.

# Spiritual Growth

Carron Cooper



This year during our Spiritual Growth Retreat we will have a meditation room in the Susan Todd room overlooking the lake available for you. This will be an area designed especially to calm your mind, release your worries and prepare yourself to receive God's blessings.

The Bible is filled with many references to meditation. We mediate for clarification of the Word, to hear and feel God and to receive His divine direction for our lives.

Angie Coutts is a yoga teacher and intuitive counselor out of Upstate, South Carolina. Her focus is on healing deep traumas, and cultivating inner peace through mindfulness, focused breathing, yoga, and meditation.

"The only barrier between God and myself is me, but I've developed tools to quiet my mind and heart so that I can better hear His wisdom. My yoga practice and the other practices I've adopted have strengthened my own relationship with the divine so greatly that I've dedicated my entire life to bringing these practices to others."

The meditation room and Angie will be available during non-session times. There will be a program after the evening session and an early morning session by Angie in the Meditation room (2nd floor Harrell center).

Caron Cooper

SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Coordinator

## Psalm 119:15

**I meditate on your precepts and have respect unto thy your ways.**





## 2018 Spiritual Growth Retreat Registration Form

South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

**April 27-28, 2018**

SPEAKER: Rev. Fran Elrod

THEME: "It's ALL About Grace"

NAME (print name as you wish it to appear on name tag) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

Check all of the following that apply:

First time

Under 40

NOT staying at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center

Registration deadline is **April 15, 2018. Registration FEE is \$10**

**Registration FEE is \$20** if commuting (not staying at Lake Junaluska Conference Center)

Registrations postmarked **April 16 or later - FEE is \$15**

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CUT HERE AND RETURN TOP PORTION TO REGISTRAR LISTED BELOW

Send Registration along with fee (**payable to SCCUMW**) to: *Susan Smith 110 Shady Creek Court, Greer, SC 29650*. For questions, contact Susan at 864-270-0598.

**\*\*\*\*\* YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATION\*\*\*\*\***

Call 800-222-4930 for hotel reservations

\*\*The Room Rate covers all guests sleeping room costs per night, including service fees but is exclusive of applicable sales/room tax, currently eleven percent (11%). Housekeeping gratuities will be at guest discretion.

### **RATES Single Double Triple Quad**

The Terrace \$121 \$60.50 \$50.33 \$40.25

Lambuth Inn \$97 \$48.50 \$36 \$29.25

Lakeside Lodge \$75 \$43 \$33 \$27

Junaluska Apartments \$75 \$44 \$34 \$27.50

**FRIDAY**

**APRIL 27**

Registration in Bethea

Welcome Center from

**1pm-4pm**

**After 4pm,**

Registration in Stuart

Auditorium

**DIRECTIONS**

*Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center*

*91 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745*

- From I-40, take exit 27 onto US 19-23.
- Drive 3-4 miles. DO NOT take exit 104 -- it is easy to get lost.
- Take exit 103 and drive about 1 mile until you see Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center front entrance gates on the right.
- Bear right and follow the main road to the Bethea Welcome Center.

*Visit [www.lakejunaluska.com/directions/](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/directions/) for more info*





### **Getting to know our 2018 Spiritual Growth Retreat leader, Rev. Fran M. Elrod**

Rev. Elrod is an Ordained Elder in the SC Annual Conference, having served Calhoun Falls UMC, Trinity UMC – Honea Path, St. John’s UMC – Anderson, and currently serving Wesley UMC in Hartsville. In addition, Rev. Elrod served in an Extension Ministry appointment as the Oncology Counselor and End of Life Counselor at AnMed Health in Anderson, SC.

A native of Columbia, SC, Rev. Elrod graduated Summa Cum Laude from Columbia College with a B.A. Degree in Christian Education, and earned her M.Div. from Erskine Theological Seminary while serving her first appointment. Ministry is her first passion, but second career. In her first profession she worked in accounting and finance.

Rev. Elrod has served as a member of several conference boards and agencies throughout her ministry vocation, and is currently serving as the Chair of the SC Board of Ordained Ministry. She is passionate about leadership development, both for clergy and laity, and enjoys watching people “grow” in knowledge and experience as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

In the community, Rev. Elrod is currently serving on the Board of Directors for Darlington County Free Medical Clinic, Ethics Committee at Carolina Pines Medical Center, Chaplaincy Board at Carolina Pines Medical Center, Darlington County School District Superintendent’s Cabinet and has recently rejoined Rotary Club. She is also a former member of the Board of Directors for Darlington County Habitat for Humanity.

Rev. Elrod and her husband Larry have three children, and four grandchildren. She enjoys reading, contemplative study, kayaking, playing the piano, and playing with her "grand's".

**Dean Mission u  
Jean Doscher**

**Mission u 2018**

**July 26-28, 2018**

**Searching For Our Faith Response**

The entire Mission u team is excited about this year’s event. We will be at Spartanburg Methodist College again.

Our studies sound very interesting. Our Spiritual Growth Study is “Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living.” We will all take this course.

The geographic study is: “The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States.” This is an encore presentation of last year’s course.

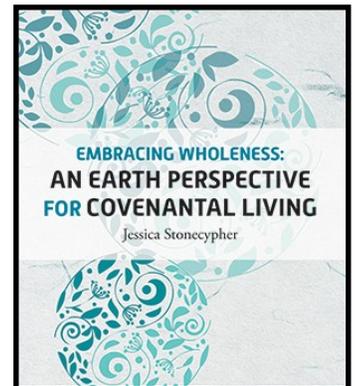
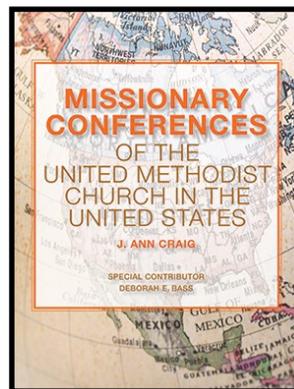
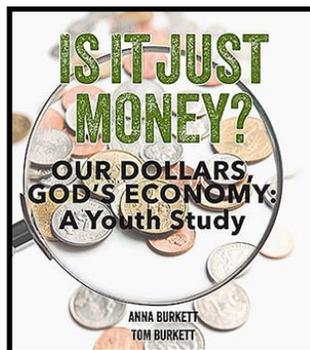
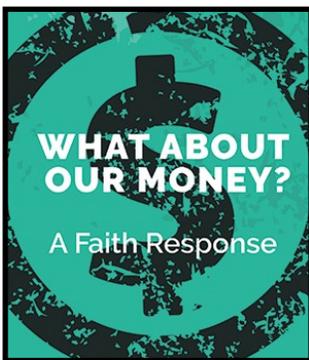
The social action course is: “What About Our Money: A Faith Response.”

The youth will join us on campus again and their study is: “Is It Just Money? Our Dollars, God’s Economy.”

I hope that you will make plans to join us.

Jean Doscher

Dean, Mission u



**2018 SC Conference UMW Mission u**  
**Thursday, July 26-Saturday, July 28, 2018**  
**Spartanburg Methodist College**  
**Theme: Searching For Our Faith Response”**

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**Important**

**General Information**

**Please Read carefully**

**Youth /Chaperone Covenant and Consent forms:** Youth participants must complete a registration form, covenant, and parental consent form, information, and covenant forms for adult chaperones. These forms must be mailed together. Registration is incomplete until all forms are received by the registrar. Forms are located on the web at: [umcsc.org/umw](http://umcsc.org/umw) or may be secured from the registrar.

**Registration:** Thursday afternoon from 1:00 till 4:00pm and 6-6:45pm in **Ellis Hall Atrium**

**First Timer’s and Clergy Orientation:** Thursday, 3:00-3:45pm in **Ellis Hall**

**Opening Plenary:** Thursday, 4pm

**Offering:** An offering for our 5 missions will be received during the closing plenary on Saturday afternoon.

**Housing:** Resident participants will be housed in college dormitories. Bring bed and bath linens, bath mat, soap, warm blanket or spread for a single bed, pillow, coat hangers, comfortable clothes and walking shoes, hat, flashlight, raingear, Bible, **water bottle**, pens, notebook, trashbags, jacket or sweater, and other items necessary for your comfort away from home. Classrooms and dormitoiries may be cold bring appropriate linens and clothing!

**There is an additional cost of \$50 if you come on Wednesday evening. There is a late fee of \$10 each for registration forms not postmarked by June 30, 2018**

**Refund policy:** Requests must be submitted to the registrar via email before July 1, 2018. **Remember that registrations are transferrable if you need to cancel. NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 1, 2018**

**Keys:** There is a **\$10** deposit at registration for keys and it is refunded at checkout. **THERE WILL BE A \$100 CHARGE FOR LOST KEYS-NO EXCEPTIONS**

## 2018 Mission u Registration Form

July 26-28, Spartanburg Methodist College  
Theme: "Searching For Our Faith Response"

Please print clearly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suitemates: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City and zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide email if you wish for confirmation to be sent electronically:

\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Please Check All That Apply\*\*\*

Under 40  Youth  Attending first time  Conference Officer  District Officer

Clergy  Missionary  Deaconess  Day participant  youth chaperone

Limitless (18-30)  Coming on Wednesday

**Special needs: Please help us address and meet your needs by listing them on the back of this form. If you have a physical condition that requires our consideration for classroom, dorm, or campus please indicate. Also, please list any dietary needs or restrictions. Hearing loss is a limitation and we can seat you close to the study leader.**

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

All adult participants will take the Spiritual Growth study "Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living" and will also take either of the following courses. Therefore, you will need to purchase a book for each class. Please indicate your choice below: (registrations received by June 15 will guarantee your first choice of study.)

Geographic Study: Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States

Issue Study: "What About Our Money: A Faith Response.

Please indicate if you took Missionary Conferences last year. \_\_\_\_\_

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**For Youth and Limitless Ladies only: Youth Study: "Is It Just Money? Our Dollars, God's Economy" \_\_\_\_\_**

Age \_\_\_\_\_ date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ grade entering in the fall

Name of Chaperone: \_\_\_\_\_ cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth registration, Chaperone registration, and additional required forms must be mailed together.**

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Are you interested in participating in a plenary?  yes Would you like to drive a golf cart? \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form with check made payable to SCCUMW to: Elizabeth Duncan, SCCUMW Mission u, 45 Foreman Hill Rd, Bluffton, SC 29910

Adult resident: \$ 145 \* Day Student: \$85.00 \* Youth resident: \$100.00 Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Registration deadline is June 30, 2018\*\***

**\*\*All suitemate forms must be mailed together\*\***

**\*\*Please read general Information Sheet for more details about this event\*\***

Please read carefully. Required Registration for Teen Women SCCUMW Mission u 2017

To complete registration **ALL** of the following must be signed, dated and **mailed together** to:  
Elizabeth Duncan, SCCUMW Mission U Registrar, 45 Foreman Hill Rd., Bluffton, SC 29910  
Phone # 828-808-6478 for information

1. Mission u Registration Form
2. YOUTH COVENANT
3. PARENTAL CONSENT AND MEDICAL RELEASE FORM
4. COVENANT FOR ADULT CHAPERONES WITH TEEN WOMEN
5. GUIDELINES FOR ADULT CHAPERONES Must be signed by teen women and chaperone
6. Youth and Chaperone Signature page

**COVENANT AND PARENTAL CONSENT FORM FOR TEEN WOMEN AT  
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SPONSORED Mission u 2017 Event**

**YOUTH COVENANT**

As a participant in the South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women sponsored Mission u 2018, I (Print Your Name) \_\_\_\_\_ take seriously my responsibility and affirm my commitment for the well-being and safety of myself and others. I agree to remain on the site of the event or meeting unless I have been granted permission to leave by my adult chaperone or appropriate United Methodist Women Mission u officer or study leader. I will attend all scheduled activities, sessions, and meals. I will observe published curfews by being in my room, being quiet, and not disturbing others. I understand that anything considered illegal for minors (persons under 18) under civil law and criminal law applies to this event or meeting as well. Therefore, I will obey all laws. I will not use tobacco, illegal substances, or alcohol, nor will I possess any firearms, weapons, or fireworks. I will respect the equipment and property of others and care for the facility which we share. Any damage to the facility will be the sole responsibility of the person or persons who cause the damage and the parent or legal guardian of each person responsible. I have read and will follow the guidelines for this event.

This covenant is made between each teen woman and the entire group. I understand that if I break the covenant, and if the brokenness cannot be reconciled, that my parent or legal guardian will be contacted and my participation in the event or meeting may be terminated.

Initials of Teen Woman Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please read carefully. Required Registration for Teen Women SCCUMW Mission u 2017

### PARENTAL CONSENT

I (Print Your Name) \_\_\_\_\_ give my permission for my daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the United Methodist Women South Carolina Conference Mission u 2017 to be held July 26-28, 2018, at Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC. I am aware of the purpose of this event or meeting and understand the scope and nature of the programs and activities my daughter will participate in during the event or meeting include activities on site and possible off site. I have read the covenant, which my daughter has signed, and I understand the responsibilities she has agreed to. I will support her in fulfilling this covenant.

I designate \_\_\_\_\_ to be the chaperone for my daughter during the United Methodist Women South Carolina Conference sponsored Mission u event to be held July 26-28, 2018 at Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC. I have read and understand the United Methodist Women South Carolina Conference policies and procedures for adult chaperones below.

#### Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (If different from Chaperone)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ optional number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

All participants are required to provide medical and insurance information as well as parental consent for necessary treatment in the event of illness or injury.

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Physician's Name and Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Carrier Name and Plan # \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of last tetanus booster \_\_\_\_\_

1. Does the participant have allergies to Insect Sting, Food, Drug, etc?  
NONE \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ (If yes, please put details on back.)
2. Is the participant under the care of a physician for a medical problem?  
No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (If yes, please give necessary details on back.)
3. Is the participant taking any medication prescribed by a physician?  
No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (If yes, please list the medications on the back along with detailed information an attending physician needs to be aware of.)

I give my permission for such diagnostic and therapeutic procedures as may be deemed necessary for the participant by qualified medical care providers, hospitals or physicians while the participant is in route to or from or in attendance at the United Methodist Women South Carolina Conference Mission u 2017 event to be held July 27-29, 2017 at Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC.

Initials of Parent or Legal guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Participant \_\_\_\_\_  
Home/cell # \_\_\_\_\_ optional number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**COVENANT FOR ADULT CHAPERONES WITH TEEN WOMEN**

As a designated adult chaperone with teen women at the United Methodist South Carolina Conference Mission u 2018 to be held July 26-28, 2018 at Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC, I (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_ hereby accept the responsibilities outlined in

this covenant and affirm my compliance with all United Methodist Women South Carolina Conference policies and procedures related to reducing the risk of sexual abuse, ensuring the safety of teen women participants, and administering appropriate disciplinary action when necessary.

I acknowledge that I have not been convicted of any illegal conduct involving a minor, specifically, but not limited to child abuse (either sexual abuse, physical abuse, or emotional abuse).

I acknowledge and agree to be the designated adult chaperone for the following teen woman/women {list names of all, not to exceed 8 as per chaperone}

\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that it is my responsibility as the adult chaperone for these teen women to provide 24-hour supervision during the United Methodist Women sponsored event; however, I am not required to attend the study with the teen woman. Should I become unable to perform my responsibilities, I agree to contact the designated United Methodist Women Mission u officer or study leader and remain with the teen women for whom I am responsible until an alternate chaperone can be designated.

I agree to do everything possible to ensure the full participation of these teen women in the event and their fulfillment of the covenant they have individually signed and collectively agreed to uphold.

Furthermore, I personally agree to uphold the standards set forth in the covenant for teen women participants, abide by all restrictions placed on them, and serve as an exemplary role model at all times during the event or meeting.

I agree to participate in the orientation for adult leaders and chaperones with teen women at the United Methodist Women sponsored event or meeting. I have read, understand and will follow the "two-Adult Rule," the guidelines for mentoring, consultation with a teen woman, and all covenant disciplinary rules.

Initials of adult Chaperone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number to be used on campus \_\_\_\_\_

**GUIDELINES FOR ADULT CHAPERONES AT S.C. CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN EVENTS** I (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_ agree to comply with the

"Two Adult Rule" at all times so that no adult is ever alone with teen women. When providing one-on-one mentoring or consultation with a teen woman, I will keep the door of the room open at all times and remain in plain view of others. I agree to report any suspected child abuse or inappropriate behavior between an adult and minor to the designated United Methodist Women Executive Officer.

When it becomes necessary to take disciplinary action for minor violations of the covenant, I agree to use non-physical forms of discipline and employ mediation techniques whenever possible. In so doing, I

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agree to reserve judgment until all the facts have been obtained and the teen woman committing the violation has been given the opportunity to explain her conduct. Any minor violations of the covenant shall be resolved as promptly and amicably as possible. Responsibility for maintaining the covenant rests with each teen woman and the entire group (that is, the adult chaperone and the teen women she is designated to supervise). Every effort should be made for mediation, reconciliation and empowerment within the group to resolve the situation and to negotiate the consequences for minor violations of the covenant. The adult chaperone shall facilitate the mediation and allow the entire group to participate in repairing the brokenness of the covenant.

**MINOR VIOLATIONS OF THE COVENANT ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Excessive noise or disruptive behavior.
2. Disrespect for another's person or property.
3. Late for curfew (not in her room when curfew begins).
4. Breaking curfew (leaving her room after curfew begins).
5. Late to scheduled activities, sessions or meals.
6. Uncooperative attitude.

In the case of major violations of the covenant or civil or criminal violations of the law, the adult chaperone shall immediately intervene without consulting with the rest of the group. The parent or guardian shall be notified promptly. Major violations of the covenant are not immediate grounds for termination of participation and should be decided between the adult chaperone, teen woman, and parent or guardian. Civil or criminal violations of the law are immediate grounds for termination of participation. In the case of termination of participation, the adult chaperone shall notify the designated United Methodist Women National Office executive staff member immediately and inform her of the circumstances.

**MAJOR VIOLATIONS OF THE COVENANT ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Repeated minor violations (more than three of the same or different).
2. Damaging, defacing, or destroying property.
3. Leaving the site without permission.
4. Skipping scheduled activities, sessions or meals.
5. Violent or abusive behavior or language toward another.
6. Endangering one's own or another's safety.

**GROUND FOR IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF PARTICIPATION ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Any civil or criminal violation of the law.
2. Use of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal substances.
3. Possession of firearms, weapons, or fireworks.

In the event that another adult leader or chaperone witnesses a violation, she shall immediately refer the matter to the designated adult chaperone for the teen woman involved. The designated adult chaperone shall take the necessary steps to ensure proper handling of the situation as outlined above.

Chaperone Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Teen Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Youth and Adult Chaperone Signature Page

Adult Chaperone

I certify that the information is correct and that my initials on the preceding pages indicate that I have read them and agree to comply.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (if different from Chaperone)

I certify that the information is correct and that my initials on the preceding pages indicate that I have read them and agree to comply.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth

I certify that the information is correct and that my initials on the preceding pages indicate that I have read them and agree to comply.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Nominations Chair

## Judy Roumillat

### WE'RE FISHING FOR NOMINEES

The Conference Committee on Nominations met at the Methodist center on February 3 to consider nominations for the 2018 slate of officers. We use a variety of methods to try to identify persons to serve our organization. We look at district leaders, former conference leaders, suggestions from other leaders and we pray that the right person's name will be revealed to us. One method has not been successful so far. We have asked at every event and in each newsletter for suggestions from you, the membership. The response has been very poor.

Pause at this moment and pray that God will give you the name of someone in your district, or somewhere else in the conference. Then fill in the blank below. If you don't know their district, just put their name. If you have more information, put it in. You don't have to approach them, we'll do that.

Send it to Judy Roumillat or any other member of the Committee on Nominations. Our contact information is listed elsewhere in every Mission Echo.

Thanks, Judy

Please give us the **name and district** of a possible nominee for each of the following offices.

President: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

V. Pres: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

M, N & O: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Social Action: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Com. On Nom: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## Treasurer Deborah Edwards

What an amazing adventure these last few months have been! I feel blessed to have the opportunity to serve as the SCCUMW Treasurer. I have learned so much and, yet, have so much to learn. I look forward to the remainder of the year.

**I am pleased to announce that the South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women were able to award two \$300 Scholarships to attend the 2018 United Methodist Women National Assembly. Our recipients are Estella Rickenbacker and Lavonne James. We are excited that both of these ladies will be first time attendees at Assembly. The Assembly theme is “The Power of Bold” and will be held May 18-20, 2018 in Columbus, Ohio. Congratulations Estella and Lavonne! We pray that while attending the Assembly you will be able to connect with thousands of women just like you who are passionate about real, every day change and that you will leave inspired to help women, children and youth.**

March 1, 2018 is the deadline for all application materials related to the SCCUMW Presidential Scholarship to be submitted to Deborah Edwards, Scholarship Committee Chairperson. The \$1000 scholarship is offered to future leaders of United Methodist Women to assist with higher educational needs. Last year, two Presidential Scholarships were awarded. The Scholarship Committee eagerly awaits the arrival of this year’s applications. Applications packets have been available from District Presidents, members of the Conference UMW Scholarship Committee, and on the conference website, [www.umcsc.org/umw](http://www.umcsc.org/umw). The Scholarship Committee is looking forward to the announcement of the 2018 Presidential Scholarship recipients. Donations to the SCCUMW Presidential Scholarship Fund can be sent to the Conference Treasurer.

Thank you for all you do to support women, children, and youth. It is my prayer that you will continue to give generously and that as a Conference, we will meet and exceed our 2018 Pledge to Mission.

Deborah



# Education & Interpretation

Eunice White

## Our Five Star Missions



**Columbia Bethlehem Community Center (CBCC)**

### Back to the Basics

On January 13<sup>th</sup> members of the executive board of director convened for the Columbia Bethlehem Community Center (CBCC) annual board retreat. During this convening, members were allowed to reflect on the success and challenges of 2017, in addition to discussing and outlining the focuses for 2018. As an organization, we realized that we needed to continue with the work ahead, in addition to shifting our focus and going back to the basics. For over seventy years the CBCC has prided itself on being a link to a better community. Often we can strive to reach so many goals that we become overwhelmed. Last year we successfully focused on health and literacy issues within our community. We were able to secure grant funding from *Dollar General National Literacy program*, which allowed us to host several week long camps that offered free food, STEM and literacy based activities. Through our partnership with Food Share we were able to serve seventy-one families fresh fruit and vegetable boxes.

With the New Year upon us we have determined that we will continue our mission while being a link to a better community. Being founded by women who focused on mothers and children wellbeing we too want to continue mission. In 2018 we are striving to offer year around fully funded afterschool, summer camp and out of school child care services for at least 20 participants. We are looking forward to continuing the second phase of our beautification project, by expanding our play area outside, updating our sign and creating parking spots. We will continue to strive to bring resources and opportunities to the community. Knowing that the work we do will never lead us to a final destination, but rather a continuous journey with a mission to serve as a link to a better community.



Bethlehem Center – Spartanburg

*Mission Statement*

***To support, strengthen, and inspire individuals, families and the community by fostering partnerships for the redevelopment of the Highland Community.***

The Bethlehem Center is alive and well. We are moving and shaking and great things are taking place at the Center as well as in the Highland Community.

Our profits from “Auction for a Cause” brought in over 7,000 much needed dollars for the Center and we are currently seeking gift baskets and auction items for this coming November.

Our After School Christmas party was an exciting time for our children. They enjoyed playing games where they could earn tickets that could be redeemed for prizes. They enjoyed a delicious meal provided by the Spartanburg Community College, fried chicken from Zackbys, and delicious desserts and gift bags provided by the Spartanburg District UMW.

The After School Program received the Program Excellence Award from the United Way, and, all of the programs in our United Way grant were funded for 2018. This amounts to \$50,000.00.

The Bethlehem Center was awarded the Martin Luther King, Jr., Humanitarian Award at the City of Spartanburg's Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday celebration.

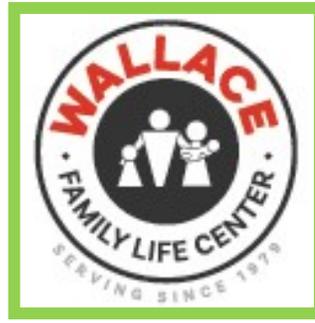
Sue Owens and Patrena Mims, Director of Bethlehem Center, will be attending Assembly and will attend a symposium/training session for National Mission Institutes.

The Center was recently recognized in a newspaper article for their gardening program. The children are taught how to plant, water, weed and harvest the crops. They work alongside senior citizens who help teach them about gardening. The gardening program has a theme of planting seeds for the future. The food is shared with the children as well as local groups such as Mobile Meals and the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen. Patrena was quoted as saying, “our mission is to give people and families the tools to live their best life possible – gardening is a great illustration of life – the power and process of sowing and reaping. The gardening program is a tool to plant seeds of good character, citizenship, higher thinking, and to be a forever learner.”

Last year the center had 735 applications for assistance with 1,676 individuals impacted. There were 700 requests for food and 89 requests for baby items. 375 receiving assistance were disabled, 33 were military/veterans and 615 had poverty level incomes. Our services to the community are just as vital today as they were when the Center was established.

Last, but not least, keep an eye out for another article featuring the Bethlehem Center in the United Methodist Women's Response magazine.

## Wallace Family Life Center News



Wallace Family Life Center sponsor two programs de-adults. Adult Education Program is held during the school 12:00 noon every Wednesday and serves a hot lunch for all second adult program is the arts and craft class that meet the first and third Tuesday of every month from 9:00am-12:00 noon. The class also is served a hot lunch.

signed especially for year from 9:00am-participates. The sec-

Wallace Family Life Center sponsor two programs for our children such as the After School Enrichment Program that offers tutorial assistance with homework, study skills, and opportunities for students to socialized in a different settings. We also provide a nutritious snack. The "Bridge to Success" Summer Reading Program is offered during June and July Monday - Friday from 8:30am - 3:00pm for students to work on basic educational skills, life skills, engage in activities involving music and go on field trips. The ages for both programs are Pre-K thru 6th grade.

Wallace Family Life Center food pantry helps over 30 family per month receive basic food supplies that allow them to have multiple nutritious meals, meals that might not have been possible if not for the center making them available.

Specifically, the "Adopt a Child" and "Adopt-a-Grandparent" fundraising campaigns will allow anyone to make a one-time tax-deductible donation to the WFLC, a 501 (c) (3) organization, in the amount of \$59.00 (Adopt-a-Child), or \$99.00 (Adopt-a-Grandparent).

All monies generated from "Adopt-a-Child" and "Adopt-a-Grandparent" will go to the general operating account of the center for the day to day activities of the Center, along with the specific variable costs for those programs for such things as meals, paper supplies, school supplies, etc.

The "Adopt-a-Child" and "Adopt-a-Grandparent" fundraising event is paramount to the ongoing success of the Center. The day to day operations of the Center have been seriously impacted because of declining revenue over the years of nearly \$45,000.00 in 2017 alone, and nearly 70,000.00 over the last four years. The "Adopt-a-Child" fundraising campaign is designed to help the day to day operations of the Center. Adopt-a-Child donations will only be used for general operating expenses such as electrical, water, programming, insurance and fuel costs to operate the bus, along with the program supplies necessary for those programs at the Center.

All employees of the WFLC are part-time employees. The center provides NO employee benefits – no paid days off, no sick leave, no health insurance, etc. for any employee. The donations we receive at the Center are utilized for providing services to those in need within the Wallace area and do not in any way benefit employees. Therefore, Center employees do not have full-time jobs with benefits. The WFLC is currently focused on improving the 30 plus year old facility located on Old Wire Road along with revamping the programs we provide to help all those within the community in an ever-changing world.

In 2016 and 2017 at the center we have: replaced five picnic tables, replaced four commodes, painted half of the inside of the building and put up fencing around the back and West side of the Center. We have also replaced much of the interior lighting and put in a new waterline to the Center, removing use of the old, inefficient well. We had a tree cut down and a NEW heavy-duty basketball goal and post will soon be installed. All this was done with VOLUNTEER help and by Center employees. The Center did not have to pay for any labor, just materials, saving the Center thousands of dollars. The basketball goal and picnic tables were provided through grant money we received at the Center.



*building love, faith and hope*

Rural Mission Incorporated - 2018

To Our Dear Beloved United Methodist Women:

We Praise God for each and every one of you and for the commitment you have made to God to **'feed his children'**. I have found over the years that **'feeding'** His children does not mean simply: their physical being; however, it is about the whole man. Our emphasis for serving is on women and children: what an awesome group in our human area of life.

We have found out over the nearly 50 years since Rural Mission has been serving.....is that the large area of support on all fronts comes from our women's group. I believe this assignment was given by God from the very beginning of history. Women will take on any number of challenges and work until the mission is done.

As I stated earlier, Rural Mission was chartered by the State of South Carolina in September of 1969 to provide human services to the people of the Sea Islands as well as to the migrant population. We give God thanks that our doors were never closed; although we have been very close to shutting down because of not having the resources to keep it operating.

We have been blessed to one of the highest level in 1971 with the purchase of a five-acre tract of waterfront property on the Bohicket Creek. Our neighbors on the other side of the river is part of the massive development which is growing by leaps and bound. This property was presented to us as good place to serve the community prior to all of this development. We will share more on our history at a later time.

As of now, we are still here and Pray that we will be able to retain and develop this property. We would like to see a new or rebuilt Spiritual Retreat Center which would serve people from across this country especially women and children. It is such a **'dream'** location; however, as always...the capitals which are needed.

We need your help in paying off a mortgage now so that we would not have any financial attachments with the bank. We would ask that as we work toward a capital campaign for **'debt removal'** that you would be supportive. I have no doubt that you will.

We need to focus in this manner: seek Board Members who can fill the seats that are now vacant. Find people who are skilled in specific areas who can offer themselves as a resources.. Graphic designer, writers, fund raisers, speakers and even office workers with skills.

In the meantime, we have to maintain the operation through immediate fund raising,

Secure emergency payments for needs of families: utility bills, food. Prescription drugs, coats for protection from the cold weather and other human needs. We would be available to come to you for your worship services or any special day/activity you are having. We need to be able to **'tell the story'**.

Finally, we have a group of Senior Citizens and few younger people around sixty years who meet together on Tuesdays. We call them our Prayer Warriors. We call them our **'foundation'** or solid rock. We know that Prayer is really carrying us daily.

We believe with God and the power of the United Methodist Women, we shall not **'fall'**.

We thank you for everything you have done for us in the past. Remember always to: keep us in your Prayers.

Lots of love from us to you!

Linda D. Gadson, Executive Director  
Miriam C. Green, Board Chair  
Mrs. Eartha D. Goodwin, Your Rep. From UMW



**WE CELEBRATE!**

**Killingsworth Home was featured on the cover of our national UMW magazine — Response!**

