



Airwaves

United Methodist Women
The Greenville District

President: Juanita Bowens

Editor: Caron Cooper

"For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person proves Christ proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." *Romans 5.6-8*



From the President's Pen

Hi Ladies on January 8 was our officer's training at Sharon United Methodist Church. We do thank the United Methodist Women for their hospitality. We had (60) attendees.

February 23 Greenville District United Methodist Women attended Advocacy Day. (23) attendees. Education was the focus point, great fellowship.

Day Apart April 2, 2011 (Saturday)
Pleasant Ridge Camp And Retreat Center
4232 Highway 11
Marietta, SC

Registration deadline March 23, 2011
Cost \$15.00 per person which includes lunch.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Robin Dease, pastor John Wesley United Methodist Church.
The Theme: "Finding Peace Among Us".

We are making plans to attend Spiritual Growth Retreat Lake Junaluska April 29-30 and 30-May 1, please come and fellowship with ladies from everywhere. Rekindle our spirit.

All presidents please encourage your unit to attend the District and Conference events and reaching your goals for this year.

1. Mission today
 2. Diamond Unit
 3. Unit of the year
 4. Five star/gold
 5. Reading program
- School of Christian Mission July 21-24,
Youth event August 13, 2011 more information will follow.

We have so much to do but when we put God first we can do anything.

Peace,
Juanita B. Bowens,
Greenville District President

Calendar of Events

- Mar 20 Greenville District UMW Executive Meeting, Piedmont, UMC 2:00 p.m.
- Apr 2 Day Apart, Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center, 4232 Hwy. 11
- Apr 29-May 1 Lake Junaluska Spiritual Growth Retreat, Session 1 and Session 2
- May 17 Mission Day Celebration, Treholm Rd UMC, Columbia, SC
- May 21-27 Mission Trip, Sager Brown
- Jun 4 Come Together Be Together- Francis Burns UMC 9:30 am
- Jun 5 Greenville District Executive meeting, Faith, UMC 3:00 p.m.
- Jul 21-24 Conference School of Christian Mission, Sptg. Meth. College
- Aug 28 Greenville District UMW Executive Meeting
- Sept 17 Greenville District 38th Annual Meeting John Wesley United Methodist Church
- Nov 12 Greenville District Executive meeting, Liberty Hill, UMC 3:00 p.m.

At A Glance:

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District Officers

Check out the updated UMW Conference Website. Find past issues of the Airwaves, current issues of the Mission Echo, news from around the state, forms, pictures and much more. Follow this link:

<http://www.umcsc.org/umw/> Click on Districts, click on Greenville.

Email your local unit news or pictures to caroncooper_37@hotmail.com if you would like to have them published on the Greenville District page.

South Carolina Nission Projects
Emphasis Months.

February:

Wallace Family Life Center,
Bennettsville

April:

Columbia Bethlehem Center

July:

Rural Mission Inc., John's Island

September:

Killingsworth, Columbia

November:

Bethlehem Community Center,
Spartanburg

**DAY APART REGISTRATION FORM
PLEASANT RIDGE CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER
4232 HIGHWAY 11
MARIETTA, SC**

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2011

COST: \$15.00 PER PERSON WHICH INCLUDES LUNCH

To register for program, please fill out the form below and mail it to:

Susan Smith 110 Shady Creek Court, Greer, SC 29650

Check made out to *Greenville UM Women*

DEADLINE IS: WEDNESDAY - MARCH 23, 2010

NAME OF CHURCH: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ **PHONE:** _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____ **@ \$15.00 = \$** _____ **total check enclosed.**

Please list names of attendees:

1 _____ 13 _____

2 _____ 14 _____

3 _____ 15 _____

4 _____ 16 _____

5 _____ 17 _____

6 _____ 18 _____

7 _____ 19 _____

8 _____ 20 _____

9 _____ 21 _____

10 _____ 22 _____

11 _____ 23 _____

12 _____ 24 _____



Registration Form
2011 SC Conference UMW School of Christian Mission

Registration from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 21, 2011 in Camak Lobby

Please Type or Print Clearly

Name _____ Roommate _____

Street _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____

District _____ Church _____

IF YOU REQUEST A SPECIFIC ROOMMATE, FORMS MUST BE MAILED TOGETHER.

Would you like your confirmation letter emailed or mailed? _____
(if email, please print clearly your email address above)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 30, 2011

Registration without remittance will not be processed.

Make checks payable to SCCUMW

Registrations that are postmarked after JUNE 30, 2011 must include a \$10 late fee and must be received by the Registrar NO LATER THAN JULY 5, 2011. ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 5, 2011.

Check all that apply.

- Under 40
- Attending for First Time
- Resident Student - \$155
- Day Student - \$100
- Arriving Wednesday – Additional \$50

- Conference Officer
- District Officer
- Clergy Active Retired
- Missionary Active Retired

SPECIAL NEEDS: (Please check all that apply)

- 1. First Floor Room (No Stairs)
- 2. Easy Access to Bathroom
- 3. Other (Please Specify) _____

(If you have a physical condition that requires our consideration, please specify above and mail as soon as possible. The rooms are limited and it is essential that we are able to plan for you in advance.)

In case of emergency, please contact _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

Please select two of the following courses by indicating "1" for first choice and "2" for second choice:

Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Reconciliation Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity Haiti

Classes are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Every attempt will be made to place participants in the class of their first choice.

Are you interested in participating in a plenary or opening session? Yes No

If your answer is yes, please call Alfa Tisdale, Assistant Dean at 803-754-9417.

Mail completed form with payment by June 30, 2011 :

Sandra Love
SC School of Christian Mission
107 Hexham Circle
Irmo, SC 29063
(803) 781-0986

You will receive a confirmation letter on or before July 15, 2011.

Overview of the School of Christian Mission Studies

JOY TO THE WORLD: MISSION IN THE AGE OF GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY

Dana Robert writes, "*Joy to the World* is a shout of celebration, penned by the great hymn writer Isaac Watts in 1819. Although it is a beloved Christmas carol, its message does not stop at Christmas Day. Its deeper message is not about the birth of a baby, but about fundamental changes brought into the world by the coming of Jesus Christ. Jesus came to bring "abundant life" in place of human limitations, brokenness and death (John 10:10)...The title of this mission study reflects the conviction that for United Methodists, mission and evangelism flow from the joyous gratitude for the Good News of Jesus Christ."

The study explores the theology of mission and evangelism in the twenty-first century context of Christianity as a world-wide religion. The study invites us to look at why we are involved in mission and how we proclaim the Good News in Jesus Christ. What are the biblical mandates for mission? Does Christ call each of us to be his evangelist? The study sets the biblical and historical context for the reality that Christianity is now the largest world religion and explores the theological foundations for Christian mission, drawing upon the New Testament model of Jesus Christ and on Methodist history as sources for United Methodist understandings of mission and evangelism.

We are fortunate to have two wonderful teachers leading this study. They are Angela Ford-Nelson and Rev. Robin Dease.

HAITI

It is nearly impossible to convey the full scope of Haiti's culture and history in one study, and so Rev. Dr. Jacques E. Pierre freely admits that this mission study "does not assume it captures every aspect of Haiti and its people's daily realities, their rich and vivacious culture, nor their long history of struggles." What it does offer is an overview of the cultures that shaped Haiti's past and the ongoing legacy of colonialism, along with glimpses into the heart and soul of Haiti's people through pictures and Creole adages. The mission study also includes the impact of the devastating January 12th earthquake in 2010.

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that one month of the New Year is behind us, but we have eleven more to look forward to. Many of us have already filled our calendars with dates to remember. Well, I have one more for you – July 21-24 – School of Christian Mission. The school will once again be held at Spartanburg Methodist College. Many of you have asked that the schedule be changed so that we finish on Saturday evening. Believe me, we have worked on this, but we must follow the guidelines set by Women's Division. The goal is that all conference schools offer all participants equal and similar experiences. More is required of a school than just classes, and we want our South Carolina Conference School to be one of the best. Ending on Saturday would require beginning on Wednesday; something that we feel would be a hardship on those who have jobs.

Our goal this year is to have at least one representative from every unit in the state. What a great thing that would be for our conference!! At the school you learn so much about God, about people in other parts of our country and world, and about what we can do to bring God's love into the hearts of all people. Scripture tells us that when we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit the sick and imprisoned, we do it for Jesus. School of Christian Mission helps you identify ways in which you can do these things. I challenge every unit in the state to

Central to Rev. Dr. Pierre's thesis is his insistence that mission must be aligned with the concept of partnership. He states, "The primary purpose of this endeavor is to encourage ongoing exchanges of cultural understanding, mutual respect, and mission partnership between the people of The United Methodist Church and people of God in Haiti."

We will offer three classes in this study. They will be led by Rebecca Rochester, Susan H. Brooks, and Gay Winter, Ph.D. You are in for a treat with these three.

COMING OUT ON THE SIDE OF GRACE: FORGIVENESS & RECONCILIATION

This study deals with the theme of how individuals, families, and communities are called to a life-long journey of practicing forgiveness, justice, and reconciliation in our relational lives. In a series of Bible studies, the book enables the participants to understand how systems and structures violate people's lives and how these structures can be transformed to be more just and more conducive to human and cosmic well being. The study aims to bring about personal and social transformation.

The study is divided into three major parts. The first part explores Jacob's journey in Genesis, the imperative of the Great Commandment in Matthew, and the call to the ministry of reconciliation in 2 Corinthians. In the second section, participants are led through key guide posts in the journey focusing on passages in John, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and 1 Samuel. The third section deals with reconciliation in the context of interfaith and mission understandings in Acts.

There will be five classes in this study. They will be led by June Willson, Edd Cunningham, Rev. Ken Nelson, Rev. Connie Barnes, and Rev. Maurice Nason, Jr.

I am pleased to tell you that all three study books are now available at the Resource Center. You don't have to wait until the last minute to get your books, so you can come to the school in July fully prepared to enjoy every minute of your class.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

sponsor one person who will come back and share with the unit all that she has learned.

The three courses this year are Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity, Haiti, and Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Reconciliation. Ten people have graciously accepted the invitation to be study leaders, so now we just need you.

We have something new this year. We will have a one day event for girls ages 12-17 as we have in the past, but this year we will hold three events on the same day in three locations. The study will be Reconciliation. Zone One will encompass the Anderson, Spartanburg, Greenville, and Rock Hill Districts. Zone Two will be Columbia, Florence, Hartsville, and Greenwood Districts; and Zone Three will be Charleston, Marion, Orangeburg, and Walterboro Districts. The hope is that by offering the event closer to the homes of the girls our attendance will improve. Also, if the girls don't have to travel so far, more can be accomplished during the day. The Youth Event is Sat., Aug. 13, not Aug. 14

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! LET'S MAKE IT A GREAT YEAR FOR OUR LORD!!

Jenny Rawlings, Dean of School of Christian Mission

**CAROLINA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S
SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION
Spartanburg Methodist College
Spartanburg, South Carolina
July 22-25, 2010**

GREENVILLE DISTRICT'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____ Church _____

The Scholarships offered are as follows: (Please check one):

Under 40 (First Timer) Over 40 (First Timer)

Why you would like to receive a scholarship:

Describe your participation in UMW and the local church:

Please return completed application to:

Juanita Bowens, 601 New Dunham Bridge Road, Greenville, SC 29611
Phone: 864-295-5956 e-mail: jbowensc@aol.com

Deadline: May 15, 2010



**BETHLEHEM CENTER**

Dear UMW Leader:

The Bethlehem Center is planning **An Evening Of Celebration**. You might ask why? Established in 1930, the Bethlehem Center is celebrating 81 years of service in Spartanburg County as a mission project related to the United Methodist Church. The Bethlehem Center's **Evening Of Celebration** will be held at the Spartanburg Marriott on Friday, May 20, 2011 at 6:00PM. Kathleen Swinney will be our quest speaker for this special occasion and a silent auction will also be featured. Mrs. Swinney is the wife of Dabo Swinney, the Head Football Coach at Clemson University.

Join the Celebration and excitement as one of the United Methodist Women's South Carolina Conference Mission Projects celebrates 81 years of service. Encourage your membership to buy tickets and attend the dinner. Reserved seating for eight is available upon request. Tickets are available now and the cost is \$50.00 per person.

We are also seeking your help to encourage the minister(s) associated with your church to attend the dinner and support the Bethlehem Center. A special sponsorship level of \$250.00 will be made available to only UMW groups. With this level of sponsorship two tickets will be provided for your minister and a guest. A quick fundraiser in the various circles and Sunday school classes within your church could quickly raise the sponsorship.

Celebrate with us and plan on having a wonderful evening. We look forward to seeing you there! In closing, please call 864 582-7158 with any questions regarding this event and your sponsorship.

Sincerely,

Paula V. Wiggs
Paula V. Wiggs
Executive Director

Donna Fritz
Donna Fritz
Board President

**CELEBRATE THE
81ST ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
FOR THE
BETHLEHEM CENTER-SPARTANBURG**

MAY 20, 2011 6:00PM

**Spartanburg Marriott At Renaissance Park
299 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306**

**Speaker: Kathleen Swinney
(Wife of Dabo Swinney, Head Football Coach At Clemson University)**

**(DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM) COST: \$50.00
(\$19.00 IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE)**

**TICKETS BY MAIL BEFORE MAY 11, 2011
Bethlehem Center
PO Box 3501
Spartanburg, SC 29304**

**TICKETS IN PERSON
Bethlehem Center, 397 Highland Avenue
Spartanburg, SC 29306
(Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM)**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL
Faye Philson or Paula Wiggs at 864 582-7158**



Treasurer, Susan Smith and Sec. Of Program Recourses, Elinda Downs Officers Training, Sharon UMC 2011



President Juanita Bowens, Vice President Kathy Vaughn, Officers Training, Sharon UMC 2011



Officers Training, Sharon UMC 2011



Meeting by Lake, Lake Junaluska, 2010



Feel the Spirit, Lake Junaluska, 2010



The beauty of Lake Junaluska, 2010

Great Advice for Daily Living

1. Wake Up !! Decide to have a good day. "Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" Psalms 118:24
2. Dress Up !! The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart." I Samuel 16:7
3. Shut Up!! Say nice things and learn to listen.. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. "He who guards his lips guards his soul." Proverbs 13:3
4. Stand Up!!..... For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything.. "Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good..." Galatians 6:9-10
5. Look Up !!... To the Lord. "I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13
6. Reach Up !!... For something higher. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, And He will direct your path." Proverbs 3:5-6
7. Lift Up !!... Your Prayers. "Do not worry about anything; Instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING." Philippians 4:6

Important Websites:

www.greenvilleumc.org and click on United Methodist Women (AIRWAVES)
www.umcsc.net/umw (The Mission Echo web)
www.umcsc.org (SC Conference UMC)
<http://gbgm-umc.org/UMW> (General Board of Global Ministries/UMW)
<http://gbgm-umc.org/Response/> (Response Magazine on the web)
www.missionresourcecenter.org for the E-store, or call 1-800-305-9857, or mail to: Mission Resource Center, 1221 Profit Drive, Dallas, TX 75247-3191
<http://www.umc.org> (The United Methodist Church also UMCOR)

*April is Special Emphasis
Month for
Killingsworth, Columbia*

The Columbia Bethlehem Community Center (CBCC) provides diverse educational and enrichment experiences that engage and empower children and families of the Edgewood and Waverly Communities by: **Developing new and exciting educational and cultural initiatives for children and families**

**Killingsworth
Needs List**

Alarm clocks and umbrellas (19), Paper products: toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex and dinner napkins, Cleaning Supplies: Pine Sol, Bleach, Murphy's Oil Soap and Windex, Cotton or rayon string mops, brooms, Lysol spray disinfectant, Laundry detergent and dishwasher detergent, Tall kitchen trash bags (13 and 30 gallon), Quarters: one roll of quarters will wash and dry five loads, Personal products: Polident & denture adhesive, maxi pads and tampons, Over the counter medicines: Tylenol, Aleve, Ibuprofen, anti-diarrhea medicine, laxatives, and Tums; Cold and flu medicine, throat sprays and lozenges, Mucinex and Mucinex DM, Benadryl, Loratidine, Disposable thermometers, Iodine, Bactine, Neosporin, Visine, OTC cold medicines designated for high blood pressure, Band-Aids, Ace Bandages for ankles and knees, \$20 Wal-Mart, K-Mart or Dollar General gift cards (for purchase of undergarments and work clothes), Office Supplies: Postage stamps (Forever), Multi-use copy paper, dry erase dark colors.

**Reverend Diane Moseley,
Executive Director, 771-6359**

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receiving
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<http://www.umcsc.org/umw/Greenvillenewsletters.html>

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above to access
Airwaves online)**

**Or Contact me
by Email:**

caroncooper_37@hotmail.com

Caron Cooper,
Communications
Coordinator, Greenville
District

Secretary Of Program Resources

Grace and peace to all my sisters in Christ. It was good seeing so many of you at the Greenville District Officers' Training in Greer, SC. The book sale this year was great. I see more churches are getting involved in the 2011 Reading Program and this is a good thing. I will continue to order books that are on the Reading Program. If you have a special request, please let me know before I place an order. I will order books again for our Greenville District United Methodist Day Apart on April 2, 2011 at Greenville Recreation Center, Pleasant Ridge. This order will go out four to six weeks before we meet. Please call me if you would like to place a special order. 864) 243-6010

God Bless and I am looking forward to seeing all of you at Day Apart.

Elinda Downs, Secretary of Program Resources

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6

Membership Nurture-Outreach Coordinator

I would like to thank the following churches for being prompt with their 2010 Membership count in God's household, Ephesians 2:19,20. The following churches participated.

ALDERGATE, AUGUSTA ROAD, BETHEL BETHELHEM, BUNCOMBE STREET, FAITH, GREENPOND, HOPEWELL, JOHN WESLEY, LAURAL CREEK, LEE ROADS, LIBERTY HILL, MEMORIAL, MINUS CHAPEL, NORTHGREEN, NORTH SIDE, PIEDMONT, SHARON, SIMPSONVILLE, SAINT MARK, SAINT MATTHEW

The 2010 Total Units are 21, and Total Membership count is 825 active members.

Blessings to all,
Mary Blue, MNO

Thank You From Bill Andress

Dear Jenny and Rebecca,

I really do not know to whom I should send the attached and trust that you will get it to the right person/people. To be totally honest, I have been bowled over by the generosity of the UMW ladies. We now have the funds and material to fully implement our program in Pibor and move to the next village. That is a success to celebrate.

Just this month, one lady and her sister sent me \$4,000! Another sent me \$500! This allows a significant addition to the medical services that we can provide. The \$500 allows us to purchase testing supplies. That will make a huge improvement in the quality of the medical service we provide on our February visit. We have been treating based only on physicians' physical exams. These test kits will allow much more accurate diagnosis and better treatment.

I estimate that 8 women will have leaking vaginal fistulas repaired. This will allow her and her children to rejoin their villages. While they leak, they are banned from the villages. Assuming that each woman has 3 children, this will be an amazing life enhancement for about 24 people.

While I know that the SOCM will shift its foreign focus this year, I hope that Trinity and the SC UMW will be able to continue working together in some significant way on behalf of the Sudanese people.

As you speak to the UMW ladies, please let them know of my deep appreciation for the positive impact of their prayers and gifts.

In His Service,
Bill

SPOTLIGHT ON UNITS:

John Wesley United Methodist Women Unit Mission project: Sudan

At the 2010 Christian School of Mission, the United Methodist Women of the South Carolina Conference agreed to send an offering to the women of Sudan in an effort to assist the women in providing for their families.

After studying about the difficult living conditions many families must endure due to many years of war, John Wesley's unit of the United Methodist Women in Greenville was inspired to help. Also, we discovered that the Sudanese women have the responsibility of preparing the meals. They gather together to *grind* grain to make

bread. This task requires a great deal of time because they grind the grain by hand.

We decided that the best way to provide immediate help is through purchasing grinding mills. After prayerful consideration, we purchased four grinding mills.

In addition to grinding mills, we also purchased a sewing machine at the cost of \$200. The women will be taught how to use the sewing machine and upon completion of the class, they will be given

the sewing machine.

The United Methodist Women of John Wesley has sent \$520.00 to our State Treasurer indicating how these funds are to be used. The State Treasurer will forward our gift to the United Methodist Commission on Relief (UMCOR), the agency which responds to disasters around the world. 100% of all money sent to UMCOR goes to designated crises and disasters.

Below are pictures of the kinds of mills and sewing machines we are sending to Sudan.



D. Johnson

“Being a United Methodist Woman is a lot like having a bank account. If you never put anything in you will never get anything out!”

Linda DuRant, President United Methodist Women

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION: GOING GREEN

My mom recycles everything. I've come to the point that I feel guilty if I do not recycle. But why as United Methodist Women should we be concerned about **Going Green**? Why should we be inconvenienced by separating our plastic, paper and glass and taking them to recycling centers? The answer is obvious; we are guardians of the Earth. Did you know that?

- 3 million people are killed each year by outdoor air pollution that is attributed to vehicle and industrial emissions.
- 1% of landfill space is taken up by disposable diapers (they take 500 years to decompose).
- 850 million trees are consumed each year just by Americans' paper use.
- 40,000 children die each day from preventable diseases (due to pollution and lack of medicine from the depletion of natural resources).
- 50 to 100 plant and animal species become extinct each year because we destroy their habitats.

These facts are alarming, but many of you may believe that this may have nothing to do with **Going Green**. You may feel that Global Warming is Earth going through a natural cycle of change as many scientists believe. Regardless of where you stand on these issues, our actions have an effect on our planet. Recycling may not come natural to us, as we live in a throw-away society, but it is possible that recycling can become a habit.

Now back to the United Methodist Women's role in **Going Green**. Think of the money we can save by not having to print out our newsletters, locally, statewide and nationally. These extra funds can be used for what the United Methodist Women stand for: women, youth, children and mission work. In looking back over the history of the United Methodist Women, we find women who took initiative to make a difference, using their strength of numbers to make changes that bettered the population.

Here is our opportunity to again use our numbers to take a stand for our surroundings.

Many of you will resist this change, because "I don't have access to a computer" or "I do not know anything about a computer." But I think you all know someone who does. A family member, a church friend, your pastor, and the library are all avenues to the internet. In our last Communication Committee meeting in Columbia, we discussed providing classes on navigating the internet. Let your District Presidents know if you are interested in attending such a class.

My fellow United Methodist Women, all the information you need concerning the National, State and Local United Methodist Women, Global Warming, **Going Green** and finding cheap gas is out there on the internet waiting for you to explore. Let South Carolina United Methodist Women be one of the first Conferences to set an example that we are concerned about our impact on the environment and that we are willing to make a small sacrifice for Global Health. **Caron Cooper**

Leviticus 25:23-24 - *The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you are but aliens and my tenants. Throughout the country that you hold as a possession, you must provide for the redemption of the land.* (NIV) (Check out this site for ways you can **GO GREEN**: <http://www.rainforestalliance.org/about/approach>)

Spiritual Growth Retreat
 “Worshiping God in the Mist of it All”
Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center,
Lake Junaluska, NC

It will soon be time for us to gather by the lakeshore at beautiful Lake Junaluska in the mountains of North Carolina. The dates are April 29-30, 2011 (Session I) and April 30-May 1, 2011 (Session II).

Our leader will be Angella Current Felder of Nashville, TN. Recently retired, she served as the Executive Director of the Office of Loans and Scholarships for the United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministry from 1985 to 2010. She is a graduate of Morgan State College and the University of Michigan’s School of Social Work. Having a long history in Methodism, Angella is the daughter of retired California-Nevada Conference Bishop Leontine T. C. Kelly and the late Rev. Gloster Current, who was a former deputy director of the NAACP and retired clergyperson in the New York Annual Conference. She is the author of “Breaking Barriers: An African American Family and the Methodist Story” available at Cokesbury bookstores. She is the widow of the late Reverend Dr. Robert E. Felder who served in the Texas, Southwest Texas, Arkansas Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church, and as Assistant Pastor at Clark Memorial United Methodist Church in Nashville, TN. She is an active member of Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church in Nashville, TN. Angella has a long history of community service work, including the Tennessee Conference Episcopal Committee and serving as a trustee of Bennett College for Women, Greensboro, NC. She is a former member of the Tennessee Conference Wesley

Foundation Board, and has served as a consultant for the Kelly Miller Smith Institute for African-American Church Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Earlier employment opportunities included: Legislative Secretary, Senator Charles Mathias, Washington, DC; Instructor/Administrative Assistant, North City Congress, Police Community Relations Program, Philadelphia, PA; and Program Director, Ann Arbor Community Center, Ann Arbor, MI. The Song Leader will be Rev. Kerrie Ann Plump, Beulah United Methodist Church/Oak Grove United Methodist Church, Blythewood, South Carolina; the Musician will be Rev. Ann Holt, Burnsville, North Carolina and the Sing Language Interpreter will be Joann Fulton, Kingstree, SC.

When you arrive at Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center (via I-40 exit 27 onto US 19-23—take exit 103), and enter the front entrance to the right. The Bethea Welcome Center will be on your left. You will check in here for your lodging and you will also register for the retreat and receive your program book (1:30 pm to 5:00 pm).

The Friday and Saturday sessions begin at 3:45 pm with singing in the Stuart Auditorium, and the program starts at 4:15 pm. You are invited to come and fellowship and worship with your United Methodist Women sisters. Come with an open mind and an open heart for a spirit-filled, inspiring experience as we learn ways to be better servants for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Blessings and Safe Travel,
Ann Efir, Retreat Chair

Sudanese Update

Dear Sudanese Friends and Friends of the Sudanese people.

Some thoughts about post-referendum Sudan:

In the south, there are many factors which will make it very difficult to succeed as an independent nation. Among these are: a history of conflict and corruption, landlocked, a few unfriendly neighbors, and precious little experience in self-governance. They will need our continuing support and encouragement.

In the north, horrific violence continues in Darfur; the Nubian people of the far north are on the verge of rebellion because of the appropriation of their land to build dams; in northern Sudan areas near the southern border are many people of African culture who are dissatisfied with their marginalization; and, the eastern Beja people are simmering. All of this is driven by the greed of a small but powerful group who enrich themselves at the expense of the people. A significant civil war in the north among northern Sudanese certainly is possible. Remembering that they still are ruled by a President indicted by the International Criminal court for genocide and crimes against humanity, we must keep up the political and economic pressure for change.

Despite these impediments, I am optimistic. Regional events in Africa and the Middle East may work in the people’s favor. Overriding everything is my firm belief in the people of Sudan. Muslims and Christians are not mutually antagonistic except when the government creates divisiveness. Both have suffered and endured...especially in the South. Sudanese Christians are visibly spiritual, have great hope, and believe God is on their side. The remaining obstacles are significant, but less formidable than those they already have conquered.

Let us continue to pray fervently, act wisely and give generously so that all people of Sudan may have peace, justice, freedom and an opportunity to prosper.

In His Service, **Bill**

GREENVILLE DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2010-2011

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The organized unit of 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.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1.3*



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