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THE PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 23
Day Apart
Joshua UMC
3097 Old Hwy 52
Moncks Corner

MAY 3-5
Conference
Spiritual Growth
Retreat
Lake Junaluska,
NC

From the President's Desk



Happy New Year to everyone!

After ending a very busy and eventful year, we are well on the way in 2013 with a full agenda. Our officers shared their training with the local officers during Officer Training at Cokesbury UMC on January 26. We had an excellent attendance and the "feedback" was positive. Thanks to Renee' and the Program Committee for a good start into a new

year. Of course, we are always grateful to our host unit. Hats off to Robbie Fulmer and all of Cokesbury for hosting us well. We were well fed and cared for.

Our calendar of events were given to all leaders. I am expecting you to attend all District and Conference events. Remember: when you go—you grow! And also, please remember that I expect the Charleston District to be "second to none."

God has been good to all of us—granting grace and mercy to us to move into another year—still able to share and care for each other and to our mission projects and to all in need. We are richer because of His blessings!

As we move along in this year, please put away that extra dollar that we are asked to share with our five mission projects.

A great big "thank you" is extended to Debbie Russell from the district who has resigned from Secretary of Program Resource. Her family is faced with health issues and she finds it impossible to continue in this office. However, she has pledged her support to her successor Oleather Smith who was present and installed during our Executive meeting. She performed well at officer training and really "hit the road unning. Thanks and welcome Oleather!

January has been full of meetings at the Methodist Center with new year orientation and Conference Executive committee meetings. I extend my heartfelt thanks to a hard working Executive Committee, local officers and dedicated members for the successful reports that I make to the Conference. Thanks ultimately to a good and merciful God who makes all things possible.

I look forward to seeing you all at Advocacy Day in Columbia and at our Spiritual Growth Retreat at St. Simon.

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IT'S ALL ABOUT MISSIONS PART 2

"Inasmuch as you have done it to the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto Me."

-Matthew 25:40

We are asking you give a second mile gift of \$1 per member in 2013 to be divided among our five missions.

How easy is that?

Think of the impact if each of the 14,000 UMW members in SC give only \$1. This will be divided among our missions and each mission could potentially receive \$2800 as a special gift in 2013. Just think what they could do with that money!

You, of course, could give more.

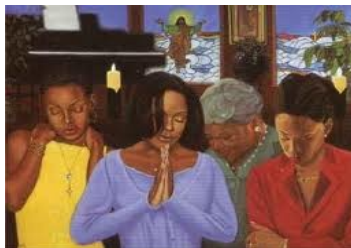
Look for forms in the Mission Echo and speak to your local and district treasurers.

ST. SIMONS 2013

The Charleston District UMW 2013 Spiritual Growth Retreat at St. Simon's Island was a wonderful success this year. One hundred forty-three women braved the torrential rains in order to arrive safely, but in the end, it was worth it for all of us. Our speaker, Laura Canine from Trinity UMC in Fountain Inn, SC, treated us with a wonderful message on "Resting in God's Embrace" and being kind to yourself amid all the stresses in the lives of women. We had a number of ladies from outside of our District who joined us for the retreat this year. It was great to show them how the ladies of the Charleston District fellowship so wonderfully with each other. Two skits, "Keeping Up With Granny" and "No News" were performed as Saturday night entertainment.. "It is difficult to say which one produced more laughter! All ladies attending the retreat enjoyed both skits and the room erupted in hilarious laughter quite often.

We were tested with questions from the Bible, questions about St. Simon's Island, and questions about the Charleston District UMW. Those who answered questions correctly were rewarded with small gifts. The rain finally ended and Sunday dawned with bright sunshine for our day of worship together and the end to the retreat for another year. My thanks go out to every lady who helped with this retreat in any way. As we all know, it cannot be done by one person... it takes an entire District of ladies who are willing to help!

The United Methodist Women Unit of Wesley UMC Ladson will sponsor its annual Women's Day Program on Sunday, March 17, 2013 at 4:00 PM. Minister Patricia Miller of Royal Missionary Baptist Church will be our guest speaker. We cordially invite all UMW units to join us as we learn about "Virtuous, Powerful and Strong Women of God."



Virtuous Woman so strong and true
 Hold your head up high the world is not against you.
 You are strong, intelligent, beautiful and divine.
 Men will honor, respect your heart and your mind.
 Take some time to yourself,
 Learn to love you first- both inside and out
 You are not inferior to any man
 Remember you are a queen
 Stand up for your rights, your hopes and your dreams
 Stop belittling yourself;
 you are more than your looks or your hair
 Everyday that you get up face the world without fear
 For although you are a wife, friend and a mother
 You are God's child and I promise that he will love
 you like no other
 So anytime you feel like
 the world is on your shoulders
 Remember you have the strength of a soldier
 Do not get sad or frustrated
 Look in that mirror
 And say with veneration
 I am a virtuous woman, strong and true
 Guide my steps today God,
 for my work is through you.

SECRETARY of PROGRAM RESOURCES

Hello ladies, I'm Oleather Smith and I assumed this position in January. It was wonderful meeting everyone at the District Officers Training. Only a few units were represented at Program Resources training. I encourage more units to be a part of the reading program. Please feel free to call me at 843-860-0753 or email me at soleather@yahoo.com. Be an avid reader.

The Reading Program

The purpose of the Reading Program is to encourage United Methodist Women to:



- Expand understanding of and participation in God's ministries
 - Increase sensitivity in all human beings – their needs, interests, and concerns
 - Encourage critical thinking about issues facing humanity today
 - Grow in understanding of scripture as it relates to Christian faith in contemporary life
 - Enhance self-knowledge and act from that knowledge
- Strengthen involvement in local and global Christian mission

New Information



NEW! UMW Mission Resources website and resource center:
PBD Worldwide in Duluth, GA, now UMW Mission Resources
They are accepting orders at: www.umwmissionresources.org

Call toll free: 1-800-305-9857; Fax: 1-770-280-0061
Mailing address: P.O. Box 742349, Atlanta, GA 30374-2349

TIMELINE

The 2013 Reading Program starts September 1, 2012 and ends on August 31, 2013.

UMWOnline

The Reading Program group on UMWOnline is a place to discuss books, share insights and make the most of this program. You'll find book reviews, recommendations and event announcements. There are several other groups at this website concerned with UMW issues.

reading.umwonline.net



2013 CHARLESTON DISTRICT UMW CALENDAR

| | | | |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| January 25 | Executive Board Meeting | Cokesbury UMC 4990 Dorchester Road Charleston | 6:30 PM |
| January 26 | Officer Training | Cokesbury UMC 4990 Dorchester Road Charleston | 9:00 AM |
| February 19 | Legislative Day | Epworth Children's Home | Columbia |
| February 23-24 | District Spiritual Retreat | St. Simons, Georgia | |
| March 23 | District Day Apart | Joshua UMC 3097 Old Hwy 52, Moncks Corner | 9:00 AM |
| April 20 | Executive Board Meeting | Wesley John's Island 2718 River Road Johns Island | 10:00 AM |
| May 3-5 | Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat | Lake Junaluska, NC | |
| May 18 | Conference Come Together, Be Together | Edisto Fork UMC Highway 301 Orangeburg | |
| July 20 | Executive Board Meeting | St. Mark UMC 413 Geddes Avenue Charleston | 10:00 AM |
| July 25-28 | Mission U | Spartanburg Methodist College | |
| August 10 | District Youth Event | TBA | |
| September 8 | District Mini Mission U | Wesley Hollywood 510 Baptist Hill Road | 3:00-5:00 PM |
| September 21 | District Annual Meeting | Knightsville UMC 1505 Central Avenue Summerville | 9:00 AM |
| October 12 | Executive Board Meeting | Mt. Carmel UMC 95 Cooper Street Charleston | 10:00 AM |
| October 25-26 | Conference Annual Meeting | Spartanburg, SC | |
| November 9 | Conference Officer Training | Columbia, SC | |

South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women
Membership Nurture and Outreach

"Come Together, Be Together"

Saturday, May 18, 2013

"Fun for all Ages and Stages of United Methodist Women"

Edisto Fork United Methodist Church

356 Lariot Road (off Hwy 301), Orangeburg, SC 29116 #803-531-1283



Event Theme: *"Living the Heart of God"*

9:00 – 9:50 Registration

9:55 – 10:05 Gathering and Music

10:05 – 11:00 Greeting/Music/Speaker

11:15 – 12:30 Workshops

12:40 – 2:00 Lunch/Sending Forth

Registration of \$12.00 postmarked by **April 24, 2013**. Fee includes lunch and materials.

Request for special dietary needs or child care must be received by April 24th.

Registration fee is \$15 postmarked after April 24th. **Final postmark deadline is May 8th**.

Checks postmarked later than May 8th will be returned.

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

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

Mail to: Cathy Ford - 702 Woodfield Drive, Anderson SC 29621

Name: _____

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 your first, second and third choices for a fun workshop!

Caring for Roses _____ Chair Exercises _____

Daisies Among Weeds/Bible study _____ Floral Arrangements+Centerpieces _____

It's Meal Time. Help! _____ Road to Becoming a Deaconess _____

Women and Heart Disease _____ Youth Events+Limitless Team _____

Dress in Red! Wear heart shaped jewelry! Pin a heart to your sleeve! Invite and register a friend!
See you soon!

2013 SC Conference UMW Mission u (formerly called School of Christian Mission)
Theme: "Learning Together for the Transformation of the World"
Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC
Option 1 Thursday, July 25- Sunday, 28, 2013
Option 2 Friday, July 26- Saturday, July 27, 2013

Dean: Alfa Tisdale **Assistant Dean: Rebecca Rochester** **Registrar: Jean Doscher**
 (803)-754-9417 (864) 466-6981 (843)-870-3717
alfatisdale@earthlink.net billsauto4u@aol.com doscherj@comcast.net

IMPORTANT - GENERAL INFORMATION - (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

Registration: Thursday afternoon from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. & 9-9:30p.m. – Camak Auditorium Lobby

First Session: Thursday evening at 6:45 p.m. – Camak Auditorium

First Class: Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m.

Resource Room: Thursday, 2 – 7 p.m., 9 - 9:30p.m.

First-Timers and Under 40's Orientation: Thursday, 4:00-5:00p.m. - Burgess Student Lounge.

Closing Worship: Sunday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – Camak Auditorium

Short Courses: A one-hour overview of each course will be presented Friday and Saturday afternoon to give participants an opportunity to preview all of the studies.

Offering: An offering will be received at the Friday evening session.

Housing: Resident students will be housed in college dormitories. Bring bed and bath linens, bath mat, soap, light blanket or spread for a single bed, pillow, coat hangers, alarm clock, comfortable clothes, walking shoes, hat, flashlight, umbrella, extension cord, reading lamp, Bible, pens, notebooks, trash bags, jacket or sweater, and other items necessary for your comfort away from home. **Dorm rooms may be cold-bring appropriate linens as needed.**

Option 1 cost: Resident student (\$160) – Includes 9 meals and 3 nights lodging. There will be an extra charge of \$50 if you arrive on Wednesday evening. **Day student (\$100)** – Includes 9 meals.

Option 2 cost Resident (\$80) includes 4 meals **Day (\$35)** includes 1 meal. **Additional night \$25 with no extra meals included. Please see the enclosed schedule to determine if the abbreviated session meets your needs.**

Refund Policy: Requests must be submitted to the Dean via email by June 30, 2013 for a 100% refund; 50% between July 9 - 12, 2013; **NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 12, 2013**

Keys: The key deposit is \$10 and is refundable at checkout.
THERE WILL BE A \$100.00 CHARGE FOR LOST KEYS- NO EXCEPTIONS!

Textbooks: You may purchase in advance by ordering toll free from the Mission Resource Center 1-800-305-9857 or by FAX 1-770-280-0061, or the Resource Room on campus, open during registration from 2:00-7:00 p.m. For information about each of the 2012 studies visit: www.gbgn-UMC.org/UMW

Craft Room: Please bring crafts to be sold in Judd Dormitory. Proceeds will be divided among the five Mission Projects.

Walking Problems? Don't Worry! Golf carts will be available to get you from place to place on campus. The drivers are fun, experienced, willing and ready!

Child Care will not be offered.

Emergency Numbers: College Switchboard 864-587-4000. Campus Security-864-587-4003.

ABSOLUTE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2013

OPTION 1 only on this form. Reproduce only on white paper

Registration Form

2013 SC Conference UMW Mission u (Formerly called School of Christian Mission)

Pick up registration packets 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 25, 2013 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, 2013

Registration without remittance will not be processed. Make checks payable to SCCUMW

Registrations that are postmarked after JUNE 30, 2013 must include a \$10 late fee and must be received by the Registrar NO LATER THAN JULY 5, 2012. ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 12, 2013.

Check all that apply.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attending for First Time | <input type="checkbox"/> District Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resident Student - \$160 | Clergy <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Retired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day Student - \$100 | Missionary <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Retired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arriving Wednesday - Additional \$50 | |

SPECIAL NEEDS: (Please check all that apply)

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

(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:

Spiritual Growth: Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly Social Issue: Poverty Geographic Study: The Roma of Europe

If you wish to be in a class with someone please indicate whom: _____

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 driving a golf cart? Yes NO

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

If your answer is yes to either questions, please call Rebecca Rochester, Assistant Dean at 864-466-6981 or email billsauto4u@aol.com.

Mail completed form with payment by June 30, 2012 to: Jean Doscher

SC School of Christian Mission
2432 Vistavia Road
North Charleston, SC 29406
(843) 870-3717

You will receive a confirmation letter on or before July 15, 2012.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE SEE GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE SCHOOL.

OPTION 2 (Friday, July 26 – Saturday, July 27) only on this form. Reproduce on any color BUT white

Registration Form

2013 SC Conference UMW Mission u (formerly called School of Christian Mission)

Pick up registration packets 9am to 10am, Friday, July 26, 2013 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.

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Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attending for First Time | <input type="checkbox"/> District Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resident Student \$80 | Clergy <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Retired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day Student - \$ 35 (1 meal included) | Missionary <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Retired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional night \$25, no extra meals included | |

SPECIAL NEEDS: (Please check all that apply)

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|--|--|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> First Floor Room (No Stairs) | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify) _____ |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Easy Access to Bathroom | _____ |

(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 indicate your first choice of the following courses with "1" for first choice and "2" for second choice:

***** Classes are limited to the first 30 for each class*****

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Growth: Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly | <input type="checkbox"/> Geographic: The Roma of Europe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Issue: Poverty | |

If you wish to be in a class with someone else, please indicate whom: _____

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