MISSION U
SPARTANBURG METHODIST COLLEGE
JULY 27-29, 2017

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – JUNE 30

NEWS WATCH...
- Mission u, Spartanburg Methodist College, July 27-29
- Columbia District Annual Meeting, Washington Street UMC September 16
- SC Conference Annual Meeting, Union UMC, Columbia, October 27-28
From The President’s Pen:

Time is moving too quickly for me. It is already June! It has been a very busy time for me over the past three months as I continue to learn and grow.

Thank you to Linda Gibbons and the United Methodist Women of Salem for hosting the Day Apart on March 4. The speaker, Dr. Evelyn Fulmore, spoke from a theme “God’s Purpose”. She delivered a very inspirational message that was enjoyed by all. There were 58 ladies registered.

I attended the Columbia Bethlehem Center board meeting on March 9. It was good to hear that things are going well at the Center. They are gearing up for their summer program for the children in the area. Please continue your financial support to the Center. Think about calling them to see how you can help!

Killingsworth had a successful golf tournament fundraiser on May 1 at Oak Hill Golf Course in Columbia. There were about 64 golfers present. Thanks to Columbia District for your $100 sponsorship. The next big event will be the Boat Load of Fun kayaking on July 22.

The Spiritual Growth retreat was held on April 28 and 29. There were 28 ladies from Columbia District among the total of 461 ladies in attendance. The theme ‘One in Charity” led by Rev. Patti Gordon who gave us the word. She was wonderful! Thank you to those who attended this great event.

Mission u is coming July 27, 28 & 29. Please get registered as quickly as you can. The experience will be very rewarding.

Columbia District will serve as host to this year’s 45th SC Conference United Methodist Women annual meeting. Union will serve as host church. The color scheme will be sapphire blue. Union ladies are purchasing blue aprons at Sam’s to be easily identified on meeting day. If you are shopping at Sam’s, purchase an apron for yourself. The District Executive Team will also have the same aprons. We need all of our ladies at Union on October 27th and 28th. So please get registered and plan to come and pitch in to help with whatever is needed. We will need servers, ushers, greeters, setup and cleanup, cookies, drinks and lots of prayers. We are also making crocheted scrubbers and butterfly bookmarks for each registration bag. Mt Hebron ladies are making the bookmarks. Lots of
scrubbers are needed. Union has gotten started with making scrubbers. They have already completed 50. So get your crochet needles and begin making scrubbers. All colors are welcome. We need at least 450. We are proposing a plan to order Columbia District tee shirts for everyone to wear on Friday, October 27\textsuperscript{th}. Stay tuned for more details on this venture.

Our prayers and deepest sympathy go out to the family of Carolyn Chitwood and Addie Mae Jones. These ladies were two very dedicated and committed ladies to our District. They will truly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

Happy Spring to all!

Sincerely,

\textbf{Sandra Love}

Columbia District President
Message From Our Vice President

Wow, summer is upon us and God is with us. Time is flying by for me and I am loving every minute of all the craziness, well, almost all of it! I just got back from Jacksonville, Florida where I attended the Mission U leaders training. It was awesome, inspiring, educational, challenging and spirit filled. I think this was the best training program that I have attended. Make your plans now to attend the 2017 Mission U in Spartanburg, SC on July 27-29th!! I promise you will be inspired and touched by God’s spirit!! Registration forms are in this issue of the Gleanings. Be sure to get yours in as soon as possible. I want to see all of you there!!!!

Church Women United held their Friendship day on May 5th and thanks to all of you who made health kits and donated them to CWU. The CWU collected and distributed 2,500+ health kits to agencies all around Columbia. This is a big project for CWU and we are grateful for your support.

Our Columbia District Annual Meeting is September 16, 2017 at Washington Street UMC. I hope to see all of you at this meeting. Our SC Conference Annual Meeting will be held October 27-28 at Union UMC, Irmo. We will be hearing from Rev. Millie Nelson Smith! She is a wonderful speaker and her message to us will be “Is God Pleased with us”? I know you will be blessed and inspired.

Blessings to all of you!

Debra Schooler
Columbia District Vice President
Secretary’s Report

We are well into our 2017 year of service with Columbia District United Methodist Women. It is my hope each of the Columbia United Methodist Women units were able to donate to the Legacy Fund. If you missed the March date, you can donate at any time during the year. This fund is to establish an endowment fund to ensure the continued support for United Methodist Women and their missions.

The Columbia District United Methodist Women’s Directory continues to be a work in progress. If you have not sent me your current officer list with telephone numbers and emails, please do so. plgundler@att.net or Pat Gundler, 118 Greenleaf Circle, Chapin, SC 29036. No form is necessary so you can just list officer’s name and information. I am hoping to put all that information in an Excel program this summer. It will be easier to send, read, and add information. If your unit president has not received a copy of this directory in Word form, please contact your Cluster Leader. She has a copy she can email to your unit.

The ladies of Union United Methodist Church are busy preparing for the Conference Annual Meeting October 28, 2017. Your unit will be asked to help with this event since we are the hosting district. Registration forms will be in Gleanings and Mission Echo. Encourage your ladies to register early and to volunteer when asked.

The Bylaws and Standing Rules have been revised and a copy has been sent to each Executive Committee member for review. We will vote on the revisions at our June meeting.

What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

Pat Gundler
Columbia District Secretary
118 Greenleaf Circle
Chapin, SC 29036
plgundler@att.net
803-345-1339

Communications Contact Information

Rhonda & Sharee Washington
131 Hawk’s Nest Court
Columbia, South Carolina 29212

803-749-1744 (hm) 803-414-4232 (Sharee’s cell)
803-629-4503 (Rhonda’s cell)
shareewash@hotmail.com
Rhondawashington@hotmail.com
Treasurer’s Report

The first quarter had been a learning curve in performing the duties of District Treasurer, the Day Apart event and submitting the Remittance Report to the Conference UMW Treasurer. The following is a recap of the financial activities through March 2017:

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LESS: Expenses

| Honorarium Speaker  | $150.00 |
| Host Church: Meals  | $817.50 |
| Distribute Offering collected * | $346.00 |
| Total Expenses      | $1,313.50 |
| Cash on Hand        | -$194.50 |

* Offering: Each Mission Project received $69.20

Bits & Pieces "Save the Dates"

2017 Remittance Reports are due June 15th, September 5th, and December 5, 2017. The third and fourth quarter Remittance Reports are requested earlier to accommodate the annual meeting and end of year closing of accounting records. Any donations received after due date are included in next conference report.

2017 Local Unit Annual Pledge: The annual pledge (goal) consists of five categories, Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering. Money donated January, 2017 through December, 2017 are counted as Local Unit Annual Pledge funds.

District Annual Meeting Awards: Local units receive a 5- Star certificate for donations made to the above five listed categories. The Local units receive a 5-Star Certificate with a gold seal when they also donated to the Five (5) Mission Projects: Bethlehem Spartanburg, Columbia Bethlehem Center, Killingworth, Rural Mission and Wallace Family Life Center. The 2017 awards will be based on reported donations received per Remittance Forms from September 2016 to August 2017.
Thank You for all you do for the Kingdom! The District Treasurer's contact information for communication, Remittance Form, and all Registration Forms submittal:

Pamela W. Thomas, Columbia District Treasurer
P. O. Box 23067, Columbia, SC 29224
Jesus Business E-mail: pamtjcbiz@gmail.com; Personal E-mail: chase4market@gmail.com
Home: 803-782-5422; Cellular: 803-629-0246.

Pam Thomas
Columbia District Treasurer
Social Action Coordinator

John Wesley often preached about works of piety and mercy as inseparable. Charity is a gift, but social action helps change systems that keep people oppressed and dispossessed. As United Methodist Women, we believe that these are inseparable.

For over 147 years, children, youth, and family advocacy, racial justice, public policy, and global policy are the foci of United Methodist Women’s advocacy and part of their mission call. Their advocacy helps improve and empower the lives of women, children, and youth, nationally and internationally.

Our conference has adopted the following **Priorities for Social Action for 2017**: Climate Justice, Maternal and Child Health, Criminalization of Communities of Color / Mass Incarceration, and Economic Inequality.

Click on the link below to find lots of information about how you and your local unit can get involved!


_Cindy Ballenger_
Columbia District Social Action Coordinator
Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Report

Greetings Columbia District UMW,

The Columbia District United Methodist Women’s Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, September 16, 2017, Washington Street United Methodist Church, 1401 Washington St., Columbia, SC 29201.

The Columbia District will continue the annual meeting tradition of recognizing the local units’ UMW Woman of The Year (WOY). Each unit that has selected a WOY is asked to complete the form below and return it to Maeward S. Belk, Columbia District MN&O Coordinator no later than July 31, 2017 so that the information can be printed in the annual meeting program book.

Local UMW Woman of The Year (WOY)
“God’s Women of Distinction”

Woman of the Year Information

♥ Recipient’s Name ________________________________
♥ Contact Number of Recipient ______________________
♥ Local Unit Name ________________________________
♥ Submitted By: _________________________________
♥ Office _________________________________________
♥ Telephone No. _________________________________
♥ Email Address _________________________________

Your Sister in Christ,

Maeward S. Belk
Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator
224 Meadowbury Drive, Columbia, SC 29203
E-mail: mbelk@sc.rr.com, Phone: (803) 786-5659
Education and Interpretation’s Report

Let us continue in spreading the word about the five missions in our state that we as United Methodist Women support: Killingsworth, Rural Mission, Wallace Family Life Center, Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg, and Bethlehem Community Center, Columbia. Please note Mission and Month emphasis: Killingsworth, September; Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg, October; Wallace Family Life Center, February; Rural Mission, March; Columbia Bethlehem Center, April.

Each of our missions has many needs both financially and various items, but each mission has also requested lots of prayers. All missions need: new postage stamps for mailing, copy paper, trash bags, gift cards (Walmart), paper products. Each mission expresses their gratitude to the UMW for all the support to their organizations.

Mark Your Calendars for Mission U – Spartanburg Methodist College – July 27-29, 2017! The theme is “Embracing The World With The Gospel.” Homemade crafts are needed for the Craft Room. See registration forms for further information at the end of this Gleanings Issue. Hope to see you there.

Also, a reminder to continue working on completing the criteria to be recognized as a Mission Today Unit at the Annual District meeting in September.

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center – The GED Program for Spring was not as well received as anticipated. The GED Program will be offered again in the Fall possibly in the evening vs daytime. They require a minimum of 15 participants. The “Spring InTo Literacy” program was a success. They had 18 attendees. The Center continues the Summer Camp with needs of volunteers, money to pay for field trips, and snacks and supplies.

Spartanburg Bethlehem Community Center – They are in a state of planning new programs, making changes and revising their needs. Suggested items are as follows: postage stamps, gift cards (ex: Wal-Mart, Office Depot...for office supplies, BI-LO...for food supplies, individually wrapped snacks (for summer school program), and non-perishable food items (for food pantry).

Rural Missions – Several needs are gift cards (Wal-Mart, Office Depot for office supplies), Gatorade/Powerade for work crews, paper products (cups, plates, paper towels, etc.).
The **Wallace Family Life Center** is a family oriented facility. Their mission is to provide educational, cultural, recreational, and religious programs to enrich the lives of the people in the Wallace Community. The center provides programs for children and adults. **Children:** There is an Afterschool Enrichment program for Kindergarten through sixth grade, as well as, a Summer Enrichment program for students grades K-8. Students work on educational and life skills. **Adults:** Their programs for adults in Bible Study and Arts and Crafts are doing quite well. A Male Mentoring Program (Men of the Future) is held one Saturday a month for which guidance and leadership skills are provided for the group of men. Visitors and volunteers are invited to help with any of the ministries at the Center. Postage stamps remain at the top of their Wish List along with Paper products and cleaning products as well as quart and gallon size Ziploc plastic bags.

**Killingsworth** – At this time, there are 14 residents being helped through the Leadership and Caring of the staff. They are using social media (Internet and Facebook) to keep the masses informed of who they are, what their needs are, how to help, etc. at [www.Killingsworth.org](http://www.Killingsworth.org). A few of the requested needs: gift cards from grocery stores, Walmart, and Office Depot (office supplies and it is in walking distance from Killingsworth), bus passes ([www.catchthecomet.org](http://www.catchthecomet.org)), Laundry detergent (not HE) and dryer sheets (not liquid fabric softener).

He is Risen!

*Meredith Dreibelbis*
Columbia District E&I Coordinator
Hope you have all been enjoying the great books in the reading program. Please email, mail or call me with your reading participants by August 15, 2017 so the names can be included in the September District meeting program book and your certificates can be prepared. Remember you can get many of the reading books on the reading list from amazon, on Kindle and from the local library in addition to the books available at the January district training and the September district meeting. There are downloadable audio and CD formats also available. Amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com have free apps to read your books on computer, tablet or smart phone.

My church Brookland UMC is sponsoring a summer enrichment/feeding program for children of the community. There will be a breakfast, learning activity, recreation and then lunch from Monday thru Thursday in June, July and August. Volunteer positions are available 1 hour to 15 hours per week. We currently need a math teacher for 1 hour on 1 day and a science teacher for 1 hour on 1 day and readers any day. Any donations would be appreciated to buy reading books and some supplies. If you are interested please call Pastor Fran Connell at our church office 791-1450.

You can always contact me at vangekey1@aol.com or 803-917-4803

Peace and love,

Vanessa Key
Manager of Program Resources
**Save the Date!**

**Saturday**

**July 22, 2017**

**9:30 a.m.**

**on the Saluda River!**

*Please be prompt.*

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**Our 13th Annual Killingsworth Boatload of Fun!**

**Killingsworth, a home for women recovering from various crises, is headed back to the Saluda River!**

Professional guides accompany us – and a picnic lunch is included!

Whether you are an experienced paddler, or have never been on the water before, this is your chance to have a "boatload of fun" while supporting a local mission! Join us on the Lower Saluda River! Invite your family, friends, neighbors. No pets or alcohol, please. Adults must accompany participants under the age of 18. Please complete the registration form, indicating equipment you need provided. Equipment is limited; register now! If you have questions, call Killingsworth at 803.771.6359 or email becky@killingsworth.org.

If paddling is not for you, we can still use your help! Sponsor a Killingsworth resident so she can paddle, too!

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Mail registration & payment by check or money order to:

Killingsworth, Attn: Boatload, 1831 Pendleton St., Columbia SC 29201

**CONTACT**

**NAME:**

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**MAILING ADDRESS:**

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**PHONE(S):**

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**EMAIL:**

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___ I am registering ______ individuals and have enclosed $30 for each.

___ I cannot participate but wish to sponsor ______ Killingsworth residents for $30 each.

___ I will bring equipment (life jackets, canoes, kayaks, paddles) for myself/my group. Circle what you will bring.

I need ______ single kayaks, ______ double kayaks, ______ canoes, ______ life jackets (designate quantities needed)

*Directions, instructions and waivers can be e-mailed or mailed USPS to you as confirmation. Save time & materials - all forms are available at www.killingsworth.org.*

*We thank Jay Alky and “Canoeing for Kids” for making this event possible for years!*
2017 SC Conference UMW Mission
Theme: “Embracing The World With The Gospel”
Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC
Thursday, July 27 - Saturday, 29, 2017

Dean: Ann Alexander      Assistant Dean: Jean Doscher      Registrar: Betty Swinton
803-222-4958            843-870-3717            843-845-1971
mhaall5@bellsouth.net   doscherj@comcast.net     swint723@aol.com

IMPORTANT – GENERAL INFORMATION – (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

Youth/Chaperone Covenant and Consent Forms: Youth participant must complete registration form, covenant and parental consent form, information and covenant form 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 or may be secured from the Registrar.

Registration: Thursday afternoon from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. & 6-6:45 p.m. – Ellis Hall Atrium

First-Timers’ Orientation/Clergy Orientation: Thursday, 3:00-3:45 p.m. Ellis Hall

Opening Plenary: Thursday 4:00

Offering: An offering for Missions will be received at the closing plenary, 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, walking shoes, hat, flashlight, umbrella, rain gear, Bible, water bottle, pens, notebooks, trash bags, jacket or sweater, and other items necessary for your comfort away from home. Classrooms and dorm rooms may be cold–bring appropriate linens and clothing.

Additional Cost: There will be an extra charge of $50 if you arrive on Wednesday evening.

Refund Policy: Requests must be submitted to the Registrar via email by July 1, 2017. Remember that registrations are transferrable if you need to cancel. NO REFUNDS AFTER July 1, 2017

Keys: The key deposit is $10 and is refundable at checkout. THERE WILL BE A $100.00 CHARGE FOR LOST KEYS– NO EXCEPTIONS!
2017 Mission u Registration Form
July 27-29-Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, South Carolina

Theme: “Embracing The World With The Gospel”

Please print clearly

Name:___________________________________________Suitemates*_________________________
Address:_________________________________                City and Zip _________________________
District____________________________   Phone:__________________________________

Please provide email address 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    ____Day Participant    ____Youth Chaperone

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, campus, or dorm; also please indicate dietary needs.

Emergency Contact:________________________________________ Contact Number __________________

All Adult Participants will take the Spiritual Growth study “Living As a Covenant Community” and will also take either of the following courses. Please indicate your choice below. (Registrations received by June 15 will guarantee your choice.)

____Geographic Study: Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States
____Issue Study: Climate Justice    ____Please indicate here if you took Climate Justice last year.

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For Youth and Limitless Ladies Only: Youth Study: “In Mission Together: A Youth Study on Missionary Conferences”

______Age    ______________Date of Birth    _____________Grade to enter school 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 Are you interested in driving a golf cart? ____Yes

Mail completed form with payment to: Betty Swinton - SCCUMW Mission u - P. O. Box 723 - Dillon, SC 29536

Check should be made payable to: SCCUMW

Adult Resident: $145.00 * Day Student: $85.00 * Youth Resident: $100.00   Amount
Enclosed:_____________

**Registration Deadline is June 30, 2017**

**Suitemate registration forms must be mailed together**

**Please See General Information Sheet for more details about the event**
Announcing the Bess Dowling Ware Scholarship

The Mission u Committee is pleased to announce that Barbara Ware and her family have donated a sum of money to be used for scholarships to the school. Barbara and her family were looking for a way to honor her mother, Mrs. Bess Dowling Ware. Barbara stated that when summer came each year that she knew her mother would soon be attending The School of Christian Mission, now known as Mission u. Since the school meant so much to their mother, the decision was made to honor their mother by awarding scholarships to attend the event.

Again this year the family of the Mrs. Bess Dowling Ware will offer full scholarships for the 2017 event.

Detach and Complete Application

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South Carolina United Methodist Women
Mission u
July 27-29, 2017

The Bess Dowling Ware Scholarship Application

Name:______________________________________

Address, City, and Zip________________________________________________________________

Home Phone:__________________________________Cell:_________________________________

E-Mail Address:________________________________________________

Church and District:__________________________________________________________________

Please Check all that apply: Youth_________Under 40___________Older Adult___________
First Timer__________

**Deadline for Receiving Application is July 5, 2017**

On a separate sheet of paper, please respond to the following questions:

1. In what ways will you use the information and knowledge you will receive at Mission u?
2. Describe your participation in United Methodist Women.
3. Describe your participation in your church.

Please mail competed form to Ann Alexander, PO Box 392, Clover, South Carolina 29710

**Please Note that all are welcomed at the Mission u event. The scholarships are not limited to only United Methodist Women. However United Methodist Women will be given careful consideration**
Hello My UMW Sisters,

As we move forward in making plans in preparation of our SCUMW sisters in October 26 -28, 2017 at Union UMC in Irmo, I need your help in making keepsakes for each attendee at this event.

While Mt. Hebron ladies are already preparing “Angel bookmarks”, I would like to add nylon scrubbers to our keepsake list for our guest.

I know we have 100's of crochet and knitting enthusiast in our mist. We need volunteers to begin making nylon scrubbers to be included in the registration packets as gifts from Columbia District.

Below is a photo of what I have in mind and also the website you may visit to get instructions on supplies and patterns.

![Pot Scrubber Crochet Pattern](https://www.maggiescrochet.com)

Just google “pot scrubber crochet pattern” and you will see a nice lady giving instructions

Or just click this link [http://mysweetsomethings.blogspot.ca/2012/06/free-pattern-friday-reusable-crochet.html](http://mysweetsomethings.blogspot.ca/2012/06/free-pattern-friday-reusable-crochet.html)

We will need around 400 of these.

Please email me at slgtar@aol.com to let me know if you can help. You may even get your friends involved. Feel free to make them in any color your desire

Let’s get started!!

In His Service,

Sandra Love
# THE REMITTANCE FORM

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## 8. Request

- **MEMO TOTAL - TOTAL GIVING FOR QUARTER (Including Special Mission Recognition Orders): $ -**
- **Less: SRFs (and other as applicable) remitted previously (Enter as a positive number):**

**TOTAL REMITTANCE | TOTAL: $ -**

Treasurer: [Name]  
Address: [Address]  
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Mailing address or e-mail:

United Methodist Women
Faith - Hope - Love in Action

Judy Roumillat
4515 Paramount Drive
N. Charleston, SC 29405

Please return to: judy.roumillat@comcast.net
MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM

Unit President______________________________________________Date__________________

Unit_Name____________________________________Number of members in unit_____

Units, which include all circles, must complete at least 10 of the following items. All units must complete #1.

Your unit

____1. Made and met its Pledge to Mission.

____2. Used the Prayer Calendar at each General Membership Meeting of the unit to pray for people in mission and for our mission work with women, children and youth.

____3. Added at least one or more members to its roll.

____4. Had at least one member who subscribes to Response Magazine.

____5. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend Mission u and/or a district or local mission study.

____6. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the District Annual Meeting.

____7. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the Conference Annual Meeting.

____8. Had at least two members who wrote to at least five people listed in the Prayer Calendar at least once during the year.

____9. Participated in the Campaign for Children.

____10. Is a Five Star Unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.

____11. Had at least one person complete one of the plans in the Reading Program.

____12. Invited a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one unit meeting during the year.

Your unit, circle, or subgroup

____13. Included a Response Moment where an article from Response Magazine was lifted up as a way to tell the mission story in at least three meetings.

____14. Had at least two programs from the Program Book.

____15. Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least two ways.

Send completed form to Meredith Dreibelbis at 2801 N. Beltline Blvd., Columbia, SC 29204
# 2017 CHURCH WOMEN UNITED CALENDAR

Celebrations: Registration and refreshments begin at 10:30 A.M. with the programs beginning at 11:00 A.M. for Bible Study, World Day of Prayer, May Friendship Day and World Community Day. Registration for our Annual Meeting will begin at 10:30 A.M., followed by Lunch, our business meeting and program. Registration for The Human Rights Celebration will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by the program at 12:00 Noon. Executive Board Meetings held when there is no celebration will begin at 10:30 a.m.

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Cluster News

Indoor Yard Sale: Grace United Methodist Church

Grace UMW will be having its annual indoor yard sale on Saturday, June 24 from 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Please come and find some treasures from items donated by church members! All proceeds will go toward missions.

Thank you!
Carol Cranford

The South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women Mission Trip

Three members of the Francis Burns local United Methodist Women Unit attended the 2017 Mission Trip to Washington, D.C. on April 3-6. The Mission Trip was sponsored by the South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women. This trip included a one day seminar on Human Trafficking and a Day of Service at one of the local area food banks.

The Seminar was led by Aimee Hong, Director of UM Seminar Program and Barbara Amaya, Trafficking Survivor, Advocate and Author. The guiding scripture for the session was II Samuel 13:1-21 “Tamar’s Story.” The leader challenged us to look at the plight of women and children through biblical principles. Proverbs 31:8-9 tells us that we are to speak out for those cannot speak and to defend the rights of the poor and the needy. Valuable information about human trafficking and resources to combat it was provided to all attendees.

On the second day, Ollie Benners, Linda Kennedy, and Alfa Tisdale along with other United Methodist Women from other districts in the Conference helped packed food at the Capital Area Food Bank. This Food Bank distributes food to social agencies and communities that are in need in D.C. area.

The Mission Trip rejuvenated our call of action to serve Christ by serving our communities. As United Methodist Women, we can make a difference in a lost and dying world.

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Rhonda & Sharee Washington, Columbia District Communications Coordinators

“...more to believe that each of us has a personal calling that’s as unique as a fingerprint – and that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service, working hard, and also allowing the energy of the universe to lead you.” — Oprah Winfrey