MARION DISTRICT WAS REPRESENTED AT THE SCCUMW MISSION TRIP FOR 2017!

(Above) Christine McCoy and Yvonne McKinnon of Bowling Green UMC taping boxes for food at Capital Area Food Bank.

(Below) Shirley Wiggins of the Brook Green Charge

(above) Chris, Yvonne, and a sister from Columbia pose in front of the Capital. (All photos courtesy of Christine McCoy)

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UPCOMING EVENT

Who— All are Invited!
What— Mission U
When— July 27—29, 2017 (See registration form inside)
Where— Spartanburg Methodist College
A special thanks to everyone who participated in and attended the Marion District United Methodist Women Day Apart on 22 April 2017. “God's Love in Action: Serving and Sustaining through Education” was the theme, as two educators were the speakers. The Day Apart was hosted at Belin Memorial UMC, 4183 Highway 17 Business, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576. The red carpet was rolled out with generous hospitality from Sue Walters and the Belin United Methodist Women to the pastors, The Rev Dr. B. Mike Alexander, Jr., Senior Pastor and The Rev. Walter Cantwell, Associate Pastor.

Our Day Apart speakers were great! Everyone took some great words of wisdom and encouragement from the Day Apart speakers The first speaker was Muriel O'Tuel, longtime educator who serves on Coastal University Board of Education. The second speaker was Myah Woods, teacher, emergent educator, graduate of Coastal University, and servant leader in the Children's Defense Fund's Freedom Schools education movement. They gave us two moving perspectives on serving through education—our theme: God's Love in Action: Serving and Sustaining through Education”

Both speakers enjoyed the experience. Dr. Muriel O'Tuel has offered to speak with any UMW groups. She is happy to bring along her books and jokes! Contact her at: 843-251-8608.

In peace,

Marian R. David
Spiritual Growth Coordinator
Greeting Ladies,

I hope everyone is enjoying this warm weather we have been having. It gives us a chance to get outside more and take in all the greatness of this wonderful Earth that God created for us. I have had the opportunity to attend a few UMW events in the District and I was also honored to be the Women’s Day speaker at Bowling Green UMC. You can read more about that below.

I enjoyed the final cluster meetings and appreciate all the hard work Marian David did for our Day Apart retreat. It was a beautiful day! Our next big event is Mission U. I hope all of you will have a chance to attend. It is always a fun event with great lessons by great teachers.

Also, please be mindful of the registration deadline dates for Mission U and for our Tri-District Retreat in September. An email was sent out about price changes and the rates have been updated on the registration form in this newsletter. I know we are all planning family vacations and looking forward to some rest this summer, but let’s add some UMW fun to the mix! Hope to see you soon!

Peace & Blessings,

Jane Crawford
843-632-0159 (cell) ; 843-774-4129 (home); crawfordjane56@yahoo.com

Bowling Green UMC celebrated Women’s Day on March 26, 2017. Guest speaker was Marion District President Jane Crawford. Her message was “What Must We Tell Our Children?” 1. To be other oriented; 2. To be persistent; 3. To be envisioning; 4. Have high expectations. It all added up to HOPE. Everyone enjoyed it very much. (photos courtesy of Christine McCoy)

Right: Jane Crawford; Bottom: Bowling Green UMW; Jane with Lula Jane Bethea, 93yrs old; oldest member of Bowling Green and longest member of UMW. Way to go!!
Local President’s Report for 2016
For Period September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017
Due September 15, 2017

UNIT _______________________________ PRESIDENT _______________________________

Church Name _______________________________ Cluster _______________________________

I. Membership:
   Number of Members in Unit: ___________
   Number of Deceased Members: ___________
   Number of Members pledging $5.00 for Wallace Family Life Center: ___________

II. Contributions:
   Actual Amount Sent for the Five Star Requirements:
     Pledge to Missions: _______________  World Thank Offering: _______________
     Gift to Memory: _______________  Gift to Mission: _______________
     Special Mission Recognition: _______________  Call to Prayer & Self Denial: _______________
   Actual Amount Sent for the Gold Seal Requirements:
     Killingsworth: _______________  Wallace Family Life Center: _______________
     Columbia Bethlehem Community Center: _______________  Rural Mission (John’s Island): _______________
     Bethlehem Center (Spartanburg): _______________  Rural Mission (John’s Island): _______________
     Number of Rainbow Women (extra mile giving): _______________
     Number of Contributors to the Legacy Fund _______________

III. Participation:
   District Events: (Number of persons from your unit attending each meeting)
     Annual Meeting (October 2016): ___________
     Day Apart (April 2017): ___________
     Local Officer’s Training (January 2017): ___________
   Conference Events: (Number of persons from your unit attending each meeting)
     Annual Meeting (October 2016): ___________
     Officer’s Training (November 2016): ___________
     Come Together, Be Together (May 2017): ___________
     Mission u (July 2017): ___________
     Legislative Day (March 2017): ___________
     Spiritual Growth Retreat (May 2017): ___________
     Attended Events for the 5 Mission Projects (like Killingsworth Gala): ___________

IV. Mission Education:
   Reading Program: # of participants for 2016: ___________
   Subscriptions to Response: # of participants: ___________
   Program Book Used: ___________
   Prayer Calendar Used: ___________
   Diamond Unit (Charter for Racial Justice): ___________
   Mission Today Unit: ___________

V. Support Campaign for Children: ___________
   School District for your unit: ___________

VI. Other: Send in your yearly report for the unit listing all activities by September 25, 2017.

Mail or email to:
Jane Crawford
1230 Judge Road
Dillon, SC 29536
crawfordjane56@yahoo.com
843-774-4129
The SC UMW Social Action Committee chose **Education Equality** as our continued major theme for 2017 as it forms the base of all social justice issues. Additionally, we continued our **Racial Justice** focus and **Poverty, Health Care, Human Trafficking** and **Climate Justice** also remain as major issues for United Methodist Women.

As a result of the SC Supreme Court long-awaited decision in the case of Abbeville v. South Carolina, the SC House of Representatives commissioned a Task Force. Access the full document at [www.scstatehouse.gov](http://www.scstatehouse.gov) to Committee Postings and Reports to (bottom of page) Special, Select Study or Other Committees to **Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force Final Report**.

The **122nd SC General Assembly** began the second Tuesday in January, and per the State Constitution, the Regular Session ended the second Thursday of May. The Special Session ends May 25th and the final adjournment will occur on the first Thursday of June. Since this is the first of a two-year legislative cycle, proposed legislation will again be considered when the next cycle begins in January, 2018. Pre-filed bills must be submitted during the first two weeks of December, 2017. Our Senators serve four (4) year terms and our Representatives serve two (2) year terms.

**Of particular interest to our UMW focus, the following became SC LAW**

**H 3220** Establishes the SC Education an Economic Development Coordinating Council and to provide for membership, duties, and functions (brief summary) Act #35  
**H3221** Requires the SC SBOE to develop and adopt a statewide program for fiscal accountability for School Districts and methods of remedy. Act #23  
**S0462** Expands SC HS graduation process to include a ‘Workforce Employability Credential’ component.  
**H3034** Expands In-State tuition benefits for children and spouses of veterans and active duty military.  
**S0173** Requires continuing education credits for law enforcement personnel to learn about mental health/Addictive disorders and expands law enforcement assistance programs to provide counseling services to officers experiencing stress related disorders.  
**S0447** Expands mandated reporting to include infant or fetus exposure to alcohol or controlled substances.  
**H3538** Prohibits using disabilities as the sole criteria in barring parental custody.

**QUALITY EDUCATION IS FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN** ONLY with quality education can we effectively impact all of the other social inequities – poverty, unemployment, crime, & punishment.

**Praise the Lord, United Methodist Women do make a difference!**

*Linda Eichenbaum*  
Social Action Coordinator  
[ive2551@sccoast.net](mailto:ive2551@sccoast.net)
Charter for Racial Justice  
DIAMOND UNITS - 2016

Historically, our Methodist heritage is one of advocating and seeking justice for all of its citizens. Our founding mothers have a proud history of highlighting social concern and taking direct social action. Recent history has重新emphasized our need to appreciate and address the racial and cultural attributes of our members, our communities, and our society.

The South Carolina Conference Charter for Racial Justice Committee has established the Diamond Unit criteria to engage United Methodist Women in significantly addressing racism and renewing their commitment to the Charter for Racial Justice. During the program year, qualifying Units have completed and documented at least three of the activities noted below, at least one of which must be a starred (*) activity.

Diamond Unit Requirements

*Provide each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice.
*Watch a video relating to concerns addressed by the Charter for Racial Justice.
*Share articles from Response and New World Outlook relating to racism.
*Give a book report on a UMW Reading Program book that relates to minority group.

1) Have a program on racial justice or human rights from the UMW Program Book.
2) Give a Unit report about an experience: i.e. attendance at a music or theatrical performance by persons of a different culture, race, or ethnic background.
3) Send at least one UMW member (non- District or Conference officer) to the annual Legislative Day event.
4) Participate in post card writing to support legislation on behalf of women, children, and youth on social justice issues.
5) Have two or more members from your Unit participate in Church Women United activities.
6) Participate in a Bible study on racism. A helpful resource: UMW website
7) Celebrate one or more of the following months: African-American Month (February), Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (May), Hispanic Heritage Month (September) or American Indian Heritage Month (November).
8) Plan a pulpit/pastor exchange with a pastor of another race.
9) Plan an event with a Unit of a different race/ethnic background. (A celebration, Vacation Bible School, worship service, Call to Prayer and Self Denial), and give a Unit report.
10) Participate in a UMW Social Action Mission Study.
11) Invite a minority person or group to speak about their country of origin.

Unit: _______________________________   Prepared by: _________________________
Address: ____________________________  
__________________________________________________________________________

Mail/Email to Linda Eichenbaum, Social Action Chair -- 5905 Falcon Landing Circle, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582 ; (843) 902 2750 or LVE2551@sccoast.net

Submission Deadline: September 20th

Jane Crawford, President  Lynn Bowman, Editor
crawfordjane56@yahoo.com  lynnbowman630@yahoo.com
The Bennettsville and Dillon Cluster Meeting was held on March 11, 2017 at Wallace Family Life Center. The Center is approaching 40 years of operation and in need of a great deal of improvement and updates. Following is a list of needs, large and small, the Center provided.

**Larger items of need:**
1. Picnic tables -- Desperately need to replace our picnic tables outside. Could use help with purchasing the materials required to build the tables ourselves. Lowe's gift cards would help. (Estimated cost for five tables $650)

2. Lighting -- Would like to add additional lighting to the front of the building and could use help with purchasing these items. Lowe's gift cards. (Estimated cost $350)

3. Bulletin Boards -- Could benefit from additional of five bulletin boards (48 x 72) to place in the hallway of the Center and classrooms to allow us to post current information for the students and visitors of the Center. Gift cards to Hobby Lobby (Estimated cost for four boards $400)

4. Flooring -- Need to replace the carpet throughout the Center. Lowe's gift cards. (Estimated cost $3,500 for multipurpose room and $3,000 for rest of the Center)

5. Bus -- Currently have a 17+ year old bus with many miles on it. It is in need of much work and more likely a replacement. Any contribution directed to this effort will be most appreciated. Assistance with finding a well cared for, reliable used bus would be greatly appreciated.

6. Playground area -- This area is in need of fixing up to make it a safer and better place for the children to spend outdoor time. They would benefit from investments made in reworking existing playground equipment and acquiring new playground equipment. (Estimated cost $5,000)

7. Signage -- Need a larger main entry sign at the Center to showcase our logo and provide visual appeal to those passing by, as well as better identifying the Center for those looking to find us. Lowe's gift cards (Estimated cost $2,000)

8. Bookcases -- Built-in bookcases in large multipurpose room, to store the many necessary items used by the coaches in the area. Lowe's gift cards. (Estimated cost $1,500)

**Wish List of General Smaller Items**

1. Paper Towels
2. Ziploc bags (quart and Gallon)
3. Plastic kitchen containers
4. Paper products (towels, toilet tissue)
5. Basketballs, soccer balls
6. Lysol, Pine Sol and bleach
7. Backpacks
8. Soap Dispensers
9. Copy paper
10. Pencils and Pencil boxes
11. Erasers (lots and lots)
12. Electric pencil sharpeners
13. Trash bags (lawn and leaf and tall kitchen)
Mission Today Action Form

Unit President _______________________________________________ Date________________

Unit Name & Location_________________________________ Number of members in unit_____

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

____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 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 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 form by September 20, 2017 to:

Barbara Manning, District E&I Coordinator
P. O. Box 106
Hamer, SC 29547-0106
Special Announcement

Marion District UMW

The Committee on Nominations needs names of potential leaders to fill vacant positions on the Marion District Executive Board as required. Please encourage members within your units to submit names of those who are willing to serve.

We will have several open positions to be filled in the year 2019. Persons to fill those positions must be presented to the Executive Board by November 2018. Not to mention the possibility of an office vacated at any time due to some emergency. Therefore, it is not too early to add names to our talent bank. We may not contact you immediately for a position, but rest assured that eventually you would be contacted.

If no one has contacted you, and you wish to serve please print and complete one of the forms included in the newsletter and forward to Nominations Committee Chair:

Druscilla Leach
705 N 5th Ave
Dillon, SC 29536
843-774-4134
druzenileach@aol.com

Share your talent with us!!

I Have a Talent Tell me how to share it with United Methodist Women

Name _______________________________________________________

Phone________________________________________________________

E-Mail________________________________________________________

Church Name & Location__________________________________________

Circle preferred contact: phone or email

Please return form to a member of the Committee on Nominations or mail to: Druscilla Leach
705 N 5th Ave
Dillon, SC 29536
Marion District United Methodist Women
POTENTIAL LEADER’S INFORMATION FORM
TO BE COMPLETED BY POTENTIAL LEADER

Type or print (attach additional sheets as needed) Date: _______________________

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Age: 20's 30's 40's 50's 60's 70's 80's

Race / Ethnicity: __________________________

Employed: Yes: No: ___

Languages Spoken: __________________________________________

Professional Skills, Job Experience
__________________________________________________________

Office(s) held in United Methodist Women:
Office: Date:_
Local: __________________________

District: __________________________

Conference: __________________________

Jurisdiction: __________________________

Additional experience on the local, district, conference or general church level (other than United Methodist Women) or in the community:
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AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST “I” AND/OR CONCERN “C”

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Other talents or skills specify: ______________________________________________________

Which office(s) on the United Methodist Women's Leadership Team would you most like to hold if given the opportunity to serve?

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Why are you interested in the position(s) and what qualifications do you feel you have for the office(s) of choice? ____________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Would you be able to use your gifts and talents to uphold and strengthen United Methodist Women through the PURPOSE of the organization? _______

Is it possible for you to be away from your home or employment for:

Full day _______ Weekend _______ Extended time _______

Yes or No        Yes or No       Yes or No

_______ I am sorry but I am unable to accept an office

_______ Please keep my name on file and contact me _________ year

Please give any other information you feel is pertinent: _________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________

Return a Copy to: Marion District Nominations Committee
Druscilla Leach
705 N 5th Ave
Dillon, SC 29536

or

Email: druzenileach@aol.com
United Methodist Women 2017 Tri District Spiritual Growth Retreat
September 8, 9, 10, 2017
Bay Watch Resort
2701 South Ocean Boulevard
North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

Registration - Deadline for Registration August 1, 2017

Name (please print) ________________________________________
Street address_____________________________________________
City ___________________________ Zip _______________________
Phone number___________________________________________
Email ____________________________________________________
District __________________________________________________
Emergency Contact_________________________________________
Phone number of emergency contact___________________________

Please select your roommates and send registration forms for ALL roommates in the same envelope. Select your room from the list below and include a check or money order payable to UMW Tri District Retreat.

Don’t forget to include your conference registration ($15) with your room reservation.

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Each hotel room has 2 full beds, living room with Murphy bed (full size) & a sleeper sofa. Suites have ocean views & full kitchen. Included in room cost are 2 breakfasts, one dinner buffet and a lunch buffet.

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Refund Policy: 50% of room cost after August 5th and no refund after September 1st.

Send completed registration form and check payable to UMW Tri District Retreat to: Judy Brock, Tri District Retreat, 169 Wildwood Lane, Lugoff, SC 29078
Contact: jabrock@truvista.net, Phone: 803-438-2866
2017 SC Conference UMW Mission u
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 umcs.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: ________________________________
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.

______________________________________________________________

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.

______________________________________________________________

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**
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The Legacy Fund

United Methodist Women is celebrating its 150th anniversary by strengthening and passing on its mission inheritance with the Legacy Fund. The forward-looking permanent endowment will provide a firm foundation for generations of United Methodist Women to come as they engage in mission with the women, children, and youth of their day.

The Legacy Fund’s income will ensure a regular source of support for the core expenses of being in mission. It will provide for administration of United Methodist Women's grants, scholarships, mission personnel, membership nurture, and leadership development, as well as enable the organization to make much-needed technological updates to its data and communications operating systems.

The total program of United Methodist Women is mission. United Methodist Women service, advocacy, and transformative learning opportunities equip members to be agents of change and to promote the empowerment of women that is essential when addressing the root causes of so many harmful conditions affecting women, children, and youth. The Legacy Fund will provide a stable source of support for core expenses of mission, and in doing so, it will free future generations of United Methodist Women to raise and budget their Mission Giving dollars in different ways that enable them to connect even more directly with women, children, and youth.

Every member of United Methodist Women is invited to contribute to the Legacy Fund. **Any amount is welcome.** Consider commemorating the year United Methodist Women foremothers first organized for mission with gifts in increments of 1869: $18.69, $186.90, $1,869, etc. Or you may want to honor United Methodist Women’s years of service with gifts in increments of 150: $15, $150, $1,500, etc. Members are also invited to name the Legacy Fund in their will or as a beneficiary of an insurance policy or pension.

Gifts to the Legacy Fund can be made in several ways:

- **Online:** unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
- **By Phone:** 800-278-7771 (Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. [EST])
- **By Mobile Phone:** Text LEGACY150 to 41444
- **By Mail:** Make checks payable to United Methodist Women 475 Riverside Drive, Treasurer’s Office New York, NY 10115
  Write “The Legacy Fund” in memo section.

On March 23, 1869, eight women gathered at Tremont Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, to organize for mission focused on the needs of women and children. They started the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society, a predecessor organization of United Methodist Women. The women raised money to send Clara Swain, a doctor, and Isabella Thoburn, a teacher, to India as missionaries to serve the nation’s women and girls.

Those visionary women left a legacy that has moved generations of women for almost 150 years to engage in mission focused on the needs of women and children. In the twenty-first century, women still need to organize for mission. Please make it happen with a gift to the Legacy Fund.
Frequently Asked Questions About
The Legacy Fund / 150th Anniversary Celebration:

What is the Legacy Fund?
• A key element of the 150th anniversary celebration in 2019.
• A designated fund (endowment) of the United Methodist Women National Office. (Only interest can be expended.)

What is the purpose of the Legacy Fund?
• To assure the continuation of ministries with women, children and youth, worldwide, into the next 150 years.
• To enable United Methodist Women to respond more adequately to new and emerging needs.
• To minimize the risk of severe budget fluctuation in years of recession, regional financial crisis, or change in giving by the membership.

How will the funds be used?
• The program of United Methodist Women is mission. Interest from the Legacy Fund will be added to Mission Giving funds to formulate the national budget of United Methodist Women. (Mission Giving is the largest source of that budget which includes grants to National Mission Institutions such as the Bethlehem Centers in Charlotte and Winston-Salem, international programs and projects, program resource production, training and more.)

Why should I give to the Legacy Fund?
• The Legacy Fund is OUR special anniversary gift to future United Methodist Women members and ministries.
# To “pass on” the legacy we have inherited. “To stake out our legacy for future generations.” (January 2015 response, page 3). Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, India, is an outgrowth of the work of the first missionary of our organization. The College motto is: “We Receive to Give.”
• Because we believe in the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and want our daughters, granddaughters, nieces and friends to share our sense of meaningful “sisterhood.”
• To be part of the joyous celebration in 2019 culminating 150 years of ministry.

How does the money get to the National Office?
• Gifts are given to the local treasurer who sends the Legacy Fund money and commitment cards to the district treasurer following regular procedures. There is a line on the local treasurer remittance form for the Legacy Fund.

Does a Legacy Fund gift count for the individual or unit Pledge to Mission Giving?
• No. This is a special additional gift to celebrate the 150th anniversary. In fact, it is critical that we sustain and even increase our Pledge to Mission Giving during this five year campaign; the needs have never been greater.

How do we give? Annually? All at once? What about non-cash gifts?
• Each person can determine a schedule of giving; any schedule is appropriate.
• Non-cash gifts of stock, property, life insurance, etc., can be given through the United Methodist Women National Office. Contact the treasurer’s office at 212-970-3740.

How do I get a Legacy 150 pin?
• When you turn in a commitment card, you will receive a pin at your district annual meeting.

For more information visit:
United Methodist Women National Office - www.ummethodistwomen.org/150
OUR PURPOSE

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.

The next issue of The Tie will be September 1st. Please send all information by August 15th. Happy Summer! Lynn