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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Detroit Conference News – Summer 2017

PRESIDENT

Diversity Should Be A Spiritual Lesson

Sharon McCarty (member of Metropolitan UMC and UMW in Detroit, MI)



Sharon McCarty has been a member of Metropolitan United Methodist Church for 47 years. Sharon was born and raised in Hamilton, Canada. She married and moved to Detroit where she worked and raised her family. Sharon is married to Paul McCarty and they recently celebrated their 46th year anniversary.

The Metropolitan UMC is well known throughout the Conference and had over 7000 members at the peak of its membership role. Located at 8000 Woodward Avenue in Detroit, the church was built in 1926 in the area where Henry Ford, the Dodge Brothers, the Fisher Brothers, and other automobile people lived. In 1986, the church was placed on the National Register for Historic Places.

Sharon explained that when she first became a member, the church was vibrant with many different programs and a lot of professional people attended the church services weekly. Of course, we know that the city, the church, the neighborhood experienced a lot of change. People left the church and moved out of the neighborhoods and city for many reasons. The new neighborhood members that might join the church do not have the financial resources of the members of the past.

Sharon shared two stories from the 1970s when the church started a skating program for the neighborhood youth. She remembered how a lot

of the church members of the time complained that the youth smelled bad and left the church with a terrible odor. Sharon had to remind many members that the youth skated for two hours, therefore, needed showers after all that activity. The odor would go away. Sharon expressed that she was very surprised at the reaction of many of the church members.

Sharon also shared a story of providing some snacks to the neighborhood kids after the two-hour Saturday morning

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skating. She stated that they did not understand the nutritional needs of the kids was very different, and learned they had to provide more food with protein and less sugar. She stated that the neighborhood kids taught the church people some good things. The church provided the neighborhood kids with good programs (tutoring, field trips, education in life skills, recreational activities).

Sharon and I discussed so many things. However, she ended our stay by saying, "diversity should be a lesson in learning to respect the differences of people/individuals and then learning how to find the common ground. As the church became more diverse every day, we learned the importance of focusing on God's commands and our spiritual growth".

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VICE PRESIDENT

2017 seems to be moving faster than ever or Warp speed! How quickly the year is passing.

Think for a moment what inspires us. We have all faced challenges and change in the past year. To know that God is with us inspires us to be bold.

Think about what inspires you to be a United Methodist Woman. Is it Mission, the Annual Meeting, National Assembly, or is it the chance to support and serve women, children and youth? Try making a list of what inspires you about being a United Methodist Woman. You will be amazed at what you will list.

Don't forget the date for the Annual Meeting on October 28th, with Leadership Training on the 27th, the celebration will be at Brighton First UMC. The speaker is Rev. Marva Pope and we are excited to welcome her. The theme is "Harvest Your Spiritual Gifts –

Prayer". Please remember "inspire" means to make or convince someone to do something. So inspire a friend or family member to attend the Annual Meeting with you!

We know that you have spiritual gifts and talents to be shared, so you can reenergize your passion for UMW.

Change is constant but that does not make it easier!

Warm Regards,

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SECRETARY

I would like to first thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, calls and well wishes during my illness. I'm not fully healed, but each day with the help of God I'm doing better than the day before but not as good as I will be tomorrow.

If you were blessed to go to Annual Conference, I know you represented United Methodist Women well. It is important that we go when we can, so we will know what is happening with the Conference and how it will affect United Methodist Women.

We as United Methodist Women of the Detroit Conference are working with the West Michigan Women with some joint ventures and meetings, to help make the two UMW conferences into one. You will get more information on this at a later date.

My husband, Rev. Carter M. Grimmett, has been assigned to St. Paul UMC in Rochester as an Associate Pastor. During my recovery we've moved (new address below) Call me, email me or stop by and visit (can't drive yet, so I'm house bound) if you have any questions, concerns or just want to chat.

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TREASURER

As I continually strive to find new ways to use the Prayer Calendar, recently I have taken the time to google on my computer the United States mission site from the mission focus list for Saturday and Sunday each week. I have felt an excitement as I see a building come before me on the screen. It now is a place instead of a name! As I read of the programs they have which vary from site to site I feel so blessed to be a part of this great organization knowing the number of people served by these missions are innumerable as they work to meet the needs in their community!! I always write in the pages daily and have changed what I focus on over the years but each day I reread the writing from the year before. July is the month to order the 2018 calendar so if you haven't previously utilized it I challenge you to purchase one and then share with others how it inspired you.

Please don't forget to send in your \$4.00 per person donation for the United Methodist Community House this year. We ask you to send it to your district treasurer where it is channeled on to the West Michigan treasurer monthly marked UMCH repair. This assures us it is used to help care for the maintenance of the building.

Donations made to The Legacy Fund now need to be made directly to National by the unit or an individual and not sent to the district. Please write your check to United Methodist Women with "The Legacy Fund" in the memo section on the left lower corner. Mail it to the Office of Treasurer, United Methodist Women, Suite 1468, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115-9900. You can also make a secure gift online at unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund. This is a quick and easy way to donate.

Hope to see you soon at one of our Mission u events or an annual meeting. Don't forget to read response and the prayer calendar!

Prov. 10:14a. (NIV) Wise men store up knowledge.

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CHAIRPERSON OF NOMINATIONS

This is a very busy time for our committee, as we are preparing for 2018, believe it or not! We are finalizing our slate of officers and updating addresses to make sure that you get the correct information. We only had one change to the elected eleven in the Education and Interpretation category, as she is going to be her District President next year. So, we have someone very capable to take over in that area. Check out the list of officers elsewhere in this newsletter to see that change.

We are still missing nominations representatives from 2 of our districts: Blue Water and Crossroads. It is nice to have an overall picture of our membership and draw from that, and it is also a great way to try out a position on the conference to see if that may fit you in the future. Let's have that conversation.

I am also a member of the steering committee to bring together our two conferences in Michigan from the UMW standpoint. This is a very interesting process, taking into account how we will work together to become one Conference Team. I am excited to be a part of it.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Mission u events this summer!

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THE LEGACY FUND UPDATE



In 2019 United Methodist Women will reach the milestone of 150 years in mission. The five years leading up to this anniversary is a time for celebration! It is also a time for reflection, a time to ask, "What will our legacy be?" How can we be as creative and effective as our foremothers were in leaving a strong women's mission organization and the means to provide for the needs of women, children and youth long after we're gone?

Gathering and telling the story of United Methodist Women is one way to celebrate and pass on this great legacy of mission. Every telling of the story is an invitation to some woman to join us in mission.

Giving to The Legacy Fund is another way.

The Legacy Fund is a forward-thinking permanent endowment with income dedicated to strengthening United Methodist Women. A small group of retired deaconesses and former staff and directors have led us to establish a five-year fundraising plan for The Legacy Fund. 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 promotes the empowerment of women that is essential to address the root causes of so many conditions harming women, children and youth.

The Legacy Fund will provide for administration of United Methodist Women's grants, scholarships and mission personal and finance technological updates like operating systems for data and communication, and more. Ensuring a regular source of support for these core expenses will free future generations to budget Mission Giving to connect directly with the needs of women, children and youth. It will allow our successors to promote Mission Giving in a totally different way.

We invite every member to contribute to The Legacy Fund monthly or annually between now and 2019. We also invite every member to name The Legacy Fund in her will or as a beneficiary of an insurance policy or pension. And, we will continue to tell the story and invite others to participate.

We have a great legacy, and every one of us is part of extending that legacy to those who come after us. I can't wait to see what we can do as a part of this celebration.

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The warm weather is upon us. That is an excellent time to participate in summer time events – trip to the lake, lemonade social, trip to see a ball game. Make it a fun time and invite new people.

I have received last year's membership report from National UMW and would be willing to share with the Districts. Totally there were almost 4000 members registered. That is better than the year before but I am sure we have more than that. If you do not ask for the District report, I will be bringing the totals to the Leadership training for us to discuss how to reach more units and to overcome difficulties.

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MISSION COORDINATOR FOR SOCIAL ACTION

When we entered 2017, we faced many new challenges. The new challenges came with new opportunities for us to get involved. Our country has a new president in office who has presented many of these challenges. We must be concerned about the social programs, education, healthcare, climate control, foreign relations, race relations and many other things. We must make our voices heard and advocate for these things. Keep abreast of the issues. Understand the issues and legislative decisions that will impact the country, the women, children and youth that we represent.

I have attended many social action events and spoke with my congresswoman, Brenda Lawrence. She is fighting for just causes, but the fight is not hers alone. As a core member of the planning committee for Keep Making Peace we are moving forward planning the **April 14, 2018 Keep Making Peace Program**. As it unfolds, I will keep you informed.

The plight of the homeless is also something we need to mention as a big priority. I attended a program dedicated to the homeless living in little tiny houses. The homes are new and the homeless can eventually become a homeowner.

Lastly, I want to make you aware of a new bill introduced in the House. This bill would allow Michigan residents who maintain a home and meet the definition of residence in Michigan, but may not be a citizen, be able to prove lawful presence, or access operator's licenses or state ID, to occupy a home. This could include undocumented workers and immigrants but also elderly people and different groups. So many social issues are out there. If you are not involved get involved.

Matthew 20:26-27 tells that the measure of greatness is not position, power, or prestige. It is service and so we serve.

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SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES

Put Faith, Hope and Love in Action by being involved in the Reading Program. Which Plan will you report? The Reading Program covers the years 2012 – 2017.

One of our books gives us a blueprint of organizing for change. **“Building a Movement to Ends the New Jim Crow”** by Daniel Hunter expands your call to Action. It is an organization guide that can be used to make effective changes. Learn about the role as a Helper, Advocate, Organizer or Rebel in bringing change.

Join us at Mission u on the Lake to hear other books being discussed. You can also share in the discussion of books you have read. Another idea that can be implemented is to add “Book Talk” to your Unit’s Agenda. Children and Youth books can also be counted.

As we read don’t forget the Response Magazine and World Outlook. The United Methodist Women News vol. 8 Number 3 2015 gives a background of the Reading Program and how the books are selected. Ruby Anderson is on the Reading Program committee so use her as a Resource. You can find back issues of the United Methodist News on the **unitedmethodistwomen.org** website. Mission Resources Catalog should also be a tool you can use for the Reading Program.

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MISSION COORDINATOR FOR EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

What an exciting time it is for United Methodist Women! There are so many ways for us to learn about and support Mission works all over the world! This is exciting! With our Mission u this summer we were able to meet several of the Mission workers in our area.

At our first Mission u at Erie UMC we had Isaac Dunn from the Noah Project in Detroit. Isaac a US-2 has been in Detroit as part of the Young Adult Missionary Program since 2016. Then August, when we were at the Lake Huron Retreat Center Steve and Gail Quigg, North Central Jurisdiction, (bio below) joined us along with the Rev. Faith Fowler who talked about the Tiny Houses in Detroit Project. These are all such great programs and as we join together, "**Living as a Covenant Community**", by Evy McDonald encouraged us to work together for the greater good! There are many ways you can support Mission work through your giving either as a Unit or personal giving. Programs such as Pledge to Mission, World Thank Offering, Gift in Memory, Gift in Mission, Special Mission Recognition and The Legacy Program are all ways you can give. Please let me know if you need any information on any of these Mission Giving opportunities.

See you at the Annual Conference Meeting October 27 and 28 at Brighton United Methodist Church.

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Now a few words from Gail and Steve Quigg:

It's all in the perspective.

Wow, it's been a long road to get here.

The 281 miles it will take us to get from our home in Columbus, Ohio to Mission U at Lake Huron Retreat Center this August probably won't seem like a particularly long journey to most of you. But for us, it will be a journey of some 37 years in the making – which makes it a very long journey indeed. Although some would say that our missionary journey began before "the beginning of time", official Global Ministries records will show that we started our missionary service in 1979 when we left America's shores to journey to Nigeria to staff a flight program for what would later become the United Methodist Church of Nigeria.

Flying for a living is a challenging but incredibly rewarding career most anywhere in the world. But when the flying is done by a missionary pilot in a bush airplane in the outback of Africa, it rises to a whole new dimension. 281 miles would about take you from one end of the church area to the other in Central Congo, but if the trip was done in an SUV, the travel would be measured in days, not hours. It isn't hard to imagine how a flight of an hour or two could make a life-saving difference both physically and spiritually in such a situation. Aviation was the ministry we were privileged to be a part of in one way or the other for our whole careers. Until last year.

There are times in life's journey when you have to travel in one direction long enough to get to the intersection where you can make the turn to continue on the next leg. For us, that turn came last year when we took on the role of Mission Advocates (aka area representatives) for Global Ministries for the North Central Jurisdiction. We had to learn and then develop a whole new skill set as we left the aviation ministry behind to take on the role of providing a real missionary connection for churches across the region. But if we had never taken on the assignment, we would never have the opportunity to come your way to share the good news of what the United Methodist Church is doing to make a difference in peoples' lives in Christ's name. So come we shall, and so should you, to learn, laugh, and laud what God is doing in our midst.

See you at Lake Huron!

Every Moment is a Fresh Beginning

I just wanted to stop for a second from this whirlwind year for the Michigan Area Church Conference and the United Methodist Women, look up to the clouds and thank God. In doing that, I remembered the famous and inspirational quote by T. S. Eliot, "Every Moment is a Fresh Beginning". That quote is always perfect for so many occasions. However, it truly fits our new normal during this time in the Michigan Area Conference. So, I am presenting what has been happening and the timeline for the United Methodist Women Detroit and West Michigan Conferences. We are very excited with our new beginnings as things are starting to move from two UMW Conferences to one UMW Conference for the state of Michigan. **Please take note of the information below.**

A Joint Steering Committee made up of officers from both conferences has been meeting and working on the details for the Michigan Conference United Methodist Women. The committee includes the executive positions of each conference: the Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Chairpersons for the Committee on Nominations. It also includes the Communication Coordinators, the Detroit Conference Chairperson for Standing Rules/Webmaster, two National Directors of United Methodist Women and one member of P.A.G. (Program Advisory Group) from Michigan. The members will be available as time passes to help the districts when needed.

Following are the steps that will happen for the next two years

2017, June - Resolutions were passed at Annual Conference that firmed up many details of the structure of the new conference. There will be nine districts in the new conference. (District and Conference UMW nominating committees will do business with the current districts and conferences finding officers for 2018.)

2017, Fall - The last district and conference annual meetings in the current structure will be held. Voting results for 2018 officers and 2018 budgets will be effective for the current districts and conferences.

2018, January - The new district realignments will be announced by Bishop Bard. (All UMW events in the current districts will happen as usual until the Fall 2018 annual meetings.)

2018, Spring - After the Bishop's announcement, the women in the new districts will begin to discover which officers are now in the new districts and will organize - creating a slate of officers and determining budgets for 2019. The new district standing rules can be worked on realizing that they may change the next year as they learn what the new district needs.

2018, July 1 - The nine new church districts of the Michigan Conference start operating. 2018, September and October - New district UMW annual meetings and the new MI Conference UMW annual meeting will be held for the purpose of electing the 2019 slate of officers and voting on new combined budgets and new Standing Rules. (Program and fellowship too.)

2019, January 1 - The new Michigan Conference will begin as legal issues related to going from two conferences to one take effect. All District UMWs and the Conference UMW will begin as new entities.

2019, Summer and Fall - Mission opportunities will continue as usual through the 2019 season keeping the same formats until the conference and districts are settled.

Remember to reach out to any of the above-mentioned people if you have any questions or concerns related to our efforts and the timeline that eventually will result in the new United Methodist Women MI Area Conference. Also remember that we are United Methodist Women with a "PURPOSE"!!!!

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Save the Dates

Hello All,

The Detroit Conference United Methodist Women are so busy it is hard to keep up with the work that we have planned for ourselves, but we do keep up and enjoy every minute with everything that we do!

Be prepared to register for the 2018 United Methodist Women's National Assembly. Also, Sally Andrews is working again as the Detroit Conference travel agent for the Assembly. Please review the information that's included in this newsletter.

Are you getting ready to attend your Districts' Annual Meetings? From all the information that I have been receiving, all six (6) Detroit Conference districts have a lot to celebrate. Some of the areas of celebration I know about first hand, because, each district has invited me to participate in at least one of their events. My experiences have been great and I am proud to say I am a United Methodist Woman. Please plan to attend your individual Districts' Annual Celebrations and Meetings that will be taking place during the months of September and October 2017.

We have our United Methodist Women Detroit Conference Leadership Training and Annual Celebration and Meeting at Brighton: First United Methodist Church on October 27 and 28, 2017. Leadership Training is on Friday, October 27th from 4 to 8 p.m. The Annual Celebration and Meeting will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and the day will end at 3 p.m. Please review and complete the Annual Conference Registration form that is on the Detroit Conference website and in this newsletter. Also, if you are a District officer and will be attending the Leadership Training, please let your district president know. She should follow up with the Conference President (me) or the Conference Vice President (Patricia Bostic) by October 14, 2017.

See you soon!!

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CO-COMMUNICATION CHAIR

As I complete this second Detroit Conference newsletter, I am in awe of the help I have received from everyone on the team! With as many people writing columns as we have, I was able to get almost everyone's columns on time, and then proceed to putting it together. I want to thank all of you who helped with proofreading! It's amazing to me how many little mistakes one can just not see! Many eyes make this as close to a work of perfection as we can achieve. Take time to read this newsletter thoroughly – there won't be another one until the first of the year! Lots of valuable information here!

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DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

ANN ARBOR DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Finally, all of you should be of one mind, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds. Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate when people say unkind things about you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God wants you to do and he will bless you for it.

1 Peter 3: 8-9

Peace seems like such an elusive thing these days. The news is filled every day with acts of violence that humans are inflicting on one another. We, as Christians, must do all we can to make peace a priority around the world. As the song goes: "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me".

As I write this, I am looking forward to a trip to Scotland and England in mid-July. I am excited to go as I will be visiting my granddaughter and her husband, who are living in Birmingham, England for two years while she attends graduate school. They have been gone since last September so I can hardly wait to see them. With all the terrorism activities going on in London and other places, I can't help but have a little apprehension about going. However, I am setting aside this apprehension and instead putting my trust in God that He will keep us safe. We should already be doing that every day but this trip brings it to the forefront. We live in trying times these days, so we must always put our faith with the One who is almighty and powerful and will one day bring true peace to our world.

The Ann Arbor District Mission Team met last week to work on our fall planning. We have finalized most plans for the District Annual Celebration and Leadership Training which will be held on September 30, 2017 at Adrian First UMC. Our theme for the day is "God calls, we answer" and the keynote speaker will be Mark Groenewag from Belleville, speaking on the Liberian Health Education Project. We will be gathering supplies for Fishes and Loaves in Adrian, a community outreach and Food Pantry organization.

Summer has finally arrived, so be sure to enjoy as much of the outdoors as you can. May warmth and sunshine brighten all your days.

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MARQUETTE DISTRICT PRESIDENT

The Marquette District has been very busy helping women, youth, and children within their various communities. That includes the entire Upper Peninsula plus Mackinaw City and Cheboygan. We are a 5 Star Giving Unit, participants in the Legacy Fund and Reading Program. We have all of our offices filled and had a great Spiritual Growth Retreat in April, entitled "Created for Happiness". We are very sad to lose Mary Densmore, quite unexpectedly, to death. She was a loyal member of UMW and will be greatly missed.

Our District Celebration will be in Newberry on Oct. 3. All are welcome to join us.

Bobbie Clift

BLUE WATER DISTRICT PRESIDENT

The Blue Water UMW is excited to announce that we will be having Rev. Carolin Spragg as our speaker for the District Annual Meeting on Sat. Oct. 14 in Sandusky! If you went to the North Central Jurisdiction meetings last year in Grand Rapids, you had the pleasure of seeing Rev. Carolin dressed up and presenting various women of the Bible, and she has agreed to coming to us this year for our district celebration. If you haven't had the opportunity to see her in action, this is a meeting you won't want to miss! We will also have Leadership Training as we did last year, starting the first thing in the morning, and will take up monetary collections for our Pledge and also for the United Methodist Community House as we have done the last 2 years. God has truly blessed the Blue Water District with cheerful givers, and we hope that trend will continue this year!

We hope that all Blue Water UMW units will join us in Sandusky this year as we celebrate our last District Annual Meeting as we know it, and to welcome Rev. Carolin Spragg as our speaker. I know that you won't be sorry! Don't forget your clothes for Rev. Faith Fowler's Dress for Success program and also bingo prizes for the Methodist Community House! Look in the Thumbprints for more information.

Also be thinking about the possibility of running for an office on behalf of Blue Water District. We have several open positions on the District team, and are also looking for someone to be on the Conference Nominating Committee to take Janice Foster's place.

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DETROIT RENAISSANCE DISTRICT PRESIDENT

The DRD Spiritual Life Retreat was at Lake Huron Retreat Center May 5 & 6 with days of clouds, strong winds and rain. As the waves rolled ashore facilitator Rev. Janet Gaston Petty encouraged calm, quiet meditation and prayer, intimate communication with God. May there be sun, warmth and a calmer Lake Huron May 11 and 12 in 2018.

It was special to attend United Methodist Annual Conference in Traverse City as president of United Methodist Women DRD. It was really special to be present during the mass singing, the services of worship and more. Attending the Friday lunch for United Methodist Women provided the opportunity to greet familiar UMW friends and to meet a few UMW members from West Michigan. Thanks to Marchelle Phelps and the UMW West Michigan Conference president for a well planned program.

We look forward to Taylorie Bailey's message, 'The Power of Bold' at the DRD Annual Meeting. Taylorie always shared such meaningful and inspirational devotions when she was the Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator in the former Detroit West District. Our annual meeting will be held October 14 at First UMC of Ferndale.

Plans are in the works for the style, structure, programs and other details of local units to be shared and discussed during the opening session of DRD Leadership Training November 11 at Detroit Scott Memorial UMC. The planning will be aided by completion of and returning of a survey which appeared in The Phoenix, the UMW DRD newsletter.

We have shared prayers for peace, comfort and strength for those who are in need of God's healing touch. Let us share prayers of thanksgiving for those who are having a restful and peaceful but fun summer.

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SAGINAW BAY DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Ruth Sutton & I continue on as Co-Presidents of Saginaw Bay District. I'm most thankful for email. There are times when we keep the keys hot! When it's much too late or too early to call, we are striking those keys! Oh, be sure to congratulate Ruth on their 50th Wedding Anniversary!

We have had our challenges, even though only 6 months have elapsed. Unfortunately some of our team members resigned, so as newsletter time approached, and passed, we had to scramble! Although we are new as presidents, we have both had enough experience with United Methodist Women that we were able to provide additional articles & The Nautical went to print pretty much on time, thanks to our editor, Judy Gerkin. She's a whiz! Not a job I'd want! I think it must have a lot to do with 'to develop a creative, supportive fellowship.' It is a good feeling to function together as a team, each one contributing her gifts & talents. I think as a president, I've come to realize that even more. Together we're better!

TEAM HIGHER: Together Everyone Aims Much Higher!

A recent Upper Room Daily Reflection stated:

Instead of focusing solely on others' needs, focus on the gifts you have to offer. ...when we start with what we have and vow to use it to serve faithfully, there is no telling what God can do....No matter what we have, God can use us to touch people.

Rob Fuquay, *Take the Flag: Following God's Signals in the Race of Your Life*, p. 50

What gifts do you have to offer? Find your niche – lead, follow, plan, organize, teach, sing, write, energize, visit, create, encourage – and get on with it! Lend your talents to your local unit, district, and/or conference, or even jurisdiction, of United Methodist Women. You will be blessed & also be a blessing! Pretty soon you'll be unstoppable! You will be just the touch that someone needs just when they need it!

**I hope to see everyone at our
Annual Celebration Saturday, October 7 at Ossineke UMC
with our new District Superintendent, Rev. David Kim**

And also at Mission u of the North, Gaylord, Oct. 16-17, 2017

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ASSEMBLY 2018
Columbus, Ohio May 18-20, 2018
Celebrating 150 years of United Methodist Women

**\$295 EARLY REGISTRATION STARTS SEPTEMBER 1, 2017
AND \$330 AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE (NOVEMBER 30, 2017)**

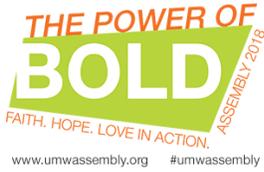
The early registration fee for the 2018 Assembly is \$295. Early registration begins September 1, 2017 and the deadline is November 30, 2017. After that date, regular registration fee is \$330. This fee includes two healthy lunches for attendees.

Hotels cost will range from \$139 - \$159 per night for up to 4 people – Double/Double.

More information below related to travel arrangements.

Please reference the website for more information at:
<https://umwassembly.org/>





**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ASSEMBLY
Columbus, Ohio-----May 17-20, 2018**



Plan now to attend this 150 year old movement of United Methodist Women as they gather at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio to celebrate **THE POWER OF BOLD**. It is a time for fellowship, and opportunity to empower faithful women to be stronger discipleship leaders in their communities through moving worship, inspiring speakers, exhibits, workshops, and town hall style meetings. We will leave this great world-wide gathering with the knowledge, courage and determination to change the world and our communities.

Detroit Conference United Methodist Women will sponsor a 4 day trip to the Assembly. We have two deluxe highway coaches reserved that will have several pickup points in the various districts. **It is important to note you need to do two steps.**

1) Register with the Assembly Office “on line”.

2) Make your bus reservation (which includes rooms and more) by returning the attached reservation form and deposit as soon as possible, so necessary details can be done.

Day I---we will enjoy springtime beauty as we travel to Columbus, Ohio.

Day II---enjoy events, programs, etc. at convention center.

Day III---so much to see and do at the Assembly.

Day IV---closing session with communion, after which we depart for home at 12:30 pm.

Price per person:

Double occ-----\$362.00
Triple/Quad-----\$337.00
Single-----\$512.00

**Includes: Round trip transportation via highway coach,
3 nights lodgings, 3 hot deluxe breakfasts,
Shuttle service (morning & nite) to center,
2 lunches (travel days), and escort service.**

**Reservations: \$100 deposit per person will confirm your reservation---send asap
Payment in full by April 1, 2018
Checks payable to and mail to: Sally J. Andrews, tour coordinator
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Cancellations: Complete refund until April 1, 2018. After this date, you are responsible for your own replacement. (Phone all changes to Sally)

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Departure Points: Bay City, exit 160 I75----Econolodge

Flint, I75/Miller Rd. east side of Applebee's

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Lapeer, M 24 old K-Mart lot, near light

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Assembly Reservation Form (for transportation and hotels)

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Double, Triple, Quad, Single (circle) Handicapped Yes No Trip Insurance Yes No
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**Oct 1 - 14 - DISTRICT ANNUAL
MEETINGS**

**October 16 -17 (Monday and
Tuesday)**

Mission u of the North, Gaylord UMC

October 20 (Friday)

West MI Conference Office Training

October 21 (Saturday)

Annual Meeting, Mt. Pleasant, MI

October 27 (Friday)

Conference Officer Training &
Leadership Development
Detroit Conference News Meeting, 5
pm

October 28 (Saturday)

Conference Annual Meeting,
9 am registration, 9 am to 3 pm

November 10-12 (Fri.-Sun.)

Leadership Development Days, St.
Louis

November 17-19 (Fri-Sun.)

Leadership Development Days,
Tempe, Arizona

Nov. 18 Conference Team Meeting
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December 1 (Friday)

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