2019 is 2/3 over. By the time you read this, August will probably be behind us. The time sure flies when you are busy! I hope this end of summer/beginning of fall letter finds you looking forward to an active and healthy time.

Many of the NC Conference United Methodist Women events are completed for this year, but Annual Meeting is still before us and I urge you to be sure to attend. October 12 at Methodist University with singing beginning at 9:15 (we will be singing songs that are important to United Methodist Women today) and worship will commence at 9:30. We will be in the Huff Concert Hall (formerly Reeves Auditorium) and there is ample parking within easy access to the building. The new chapel is completed at the front of what was Reeves Auditorium and it is a beautiful building. I’m anxious for you to see it! A magnificent stained glass window graces the front of the chapel facing Lowdermilk Drive, the entrance road to the University. A box lunch will be served in this area, so this meeting will be contained in a small area. Many of you have told us on evaluations in the past, that you enjoyed the smaller venues for Annual Meeting. However, for this meeting celebrating our 150th birthday, we needed the stage area and the technology available there to accomplish what we are preparing. I hope you will plan to attend and bring several from your unit or circle. Include some younger members or potential members as this will not be your typical reporting Annual Meeting. We will be looking at the various aspects of United Methodist Women and when they started both at the national level and in our conference. Think about coming in dress from 1869 era through current days. Even gloves and/or a hat will help to put you in the spirit of the day!

Your Conference Leadership Team has spent many hours this summer researching, in our archives and online, facts about our history, preparing costumes in various time periods, writing scripts, many special meetings, recruiting actors (!), integrating reports into vignettes, and visiting the Annual Meeting site to stage this production. Please come. It promises to be an exciting, fun day with visits from the past and current times with displays from some of our agencies on the Project Sheet, too! Besides all this, there will be more, so, I hope to see you there!

For your information:
Legacy Fund contributions as of 7/18/19 are $27,988,234 (47% of the goal of $60,000,000)
Do it Day, training for District Officers will be November 2, at Campground UMC in Fayetteville from 9:30—12:00.
Southeastern Jurisdictional Meeting will be April 17-19, 2020 in Mobile, Alabama. More info will be available at Annual Meeting.
NCCUMW President: JoAnn Barbour
The Purpose of United Methodist Women

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

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October 12, 2019—date of the Forty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women. This will be one meeting you will not want to miss. Since this is our 150th birthday, we will be celebrating our history, today and our future.

The meeting will be held in Huff Auditorium (formerly Reeves Auditorium). Registration begins at 8:00 am. Music will begin at 9:15 am, with the morning session starting at 9:30 am. Registration, displays and lunch will be in this same building this year. Parking will be in the lot next to the building and you will enter through the chapel door. The Heritage District United Methodist Women are serving as our hostesses for this day.

Since this is a special meeting we are asking anyone that would like to, to dress in a certain time period from 1869 to the present. You will not be the only one dressed differently.

We will begin with worship led by Reverend Carolyn Roy of Plank Chapel United Methodist Church. Our usual business meeting will be different this year. We will approve budget and elect and install officers. The rest of the meeting will be a celebration of our mission to women, youth and children.

You may register online by going to the conference website http://nccumw.org/2019-annual-meeting-registration-form/

A registration form is included in this KEDE.

Ann Davis, NCCUMW Vice President

We all know the importance of communicating to share information. Please be sure to share your copy of KEDE with others in your unit or circle. Send by email, make copies, cut out articles to share with other people in position of leadership, however you want to share. Just please get this information out to members of your unit and church.

Betty Isaacs,
As I have learned more about the six women in Boston who met with the wives of two missionaries on that dark and stormy night, I have wondered to myself if I could have been as BOLD, COURAGEOUS and COMMITTED as they were. These eight women defied the cultural norm of that time that said “a woman’s place is in the home” to step out and work to establish what we have today, the United Methodist Women.

These women saw the need to send a female doctor and a female teacher to India because women there were denied health care and education. These eight women started to work at that March 23, 1869 meeting and by the fall had raised enough money to send both Dr. Clara Swain and teacher Isabella Thoburn to India in November 1869.

These eight women formed a new organization and resisted an offer from the male dominated General Missionary Society to administer the money they raised. Instead, the women decided they could administer their money to do a mission work that was not being done; that work was for women. The term “Women’s Work for Women” became their slogan.

I mention our history to whet your appetite for our October 12 Annual Meeting. I hope you will come; you might get the opportunity to meet one or more of those eight women who gathered on the dark and stormy night. (Or someone portraying them.)

The commitment of these women to raise the initial money to get the missions for women started in India is remarkable since women at that time did not work outside the home and had little money of their own.

As we near the end of our 2019 Financial year, I urge you to think boldly in your giving to missions. Today we have many more missions and the need for giving to support them is even greater! If you don’t know about United Methodist Women missions, I encourage you to read the response magazine. Every issue is packed with stories about our missions and how they impact the lives of women, children and youth.

Our Conference Financial year ends on November 30. In one response, several reasons to give an extra year-end gift to missions were listed. Some of those are: A Gift in honor of the birthday of Jesus, a way to say thank you to our United Methodist Women missionaries, a gift to missions in honor of someone “who already has everything” and lastly, a year-end gift may help you tax-wise.

Sandra Creech Mendell, Conference Treasurer
One hundred fifty years of United Methodist Women! What a mission! What a Legacy! Can you imagine how many women, children, and youth have been helped by our mission?

In 1869, 8 women organized for mission. They purchased property and set up advisory boards. Deaconesses became project directors, and funding for staff and programs were provided by the Women’s Society of Christian Services.

Because of a policy decision in 1967, National Mission Institutions (MNIs) were incorporated. Local leadership boards changed from advisory to a policy-making role. Board members were required to include 1/3 United Methodist, 1/3 Constituency served, and 1/3 Community at Large.


We’re building legacies still.

Mission projects cost money.

Are you a Seven Star Member?

I encourage each of you to become one.

Almost everything we do or are involved in is some type of social action but I can say that we are really busy in trying to challenge the women of the North Carolina Conference of United Methodist Women to continue to act for justice for women, children and youth. Besides this challenge I have another challenge for you this Annual Meeting—October 12, 2019. The challenge is to help provide the children of Partner’s In Ministry in Laurinburg, N. C. clear backpacks (book bags). Partner’s In Ministry is listed on North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women Projects Sheet, so it has been approved for us to help. Recently, Partner’s in Ministry has been recognized as a National Mission Institution by United Methodist Women, Inc. We are honored that the North Carolina Conference now has a National Mission Institution where United Methodist Women are at work in communities touching the lives of women, children and youth.

Today, I challenge to come to Annual Meeting and bring a clear backpack to celebrate our newly recognized National Mission Institution and our love for the children and youth they serve.

See you at Annual Meeting! The challenge is on! Which District will have the most backpacks to give?

Sisterly,

Annette Wright
Talking with different people from different districts across our Conference has reassured me that our reading program is doing well. The process of securing the books has changed but the love and enjoyment of reading has continued.

On the United Methodist Women website, we find the purpose of the Reading Program:

“The purpose of the program is to encourage United Methodist Women to:

1) Expand understanding of and participation in God’s mission;
2) Increase sensitivity to all human beings – their needs, interests, and concerns;
3) Encourage critical thinking about issues facing humanity today;
4) Grow in understanding of scripture as it relates to Christian faith in contemporary life;
5) Enhance self-knowledge and act from that knowledge;
6) Strengthen involvement in local and global Christian mission.”

Over the 150 years of mission of United Methodist Women, we find that study, prayer, and action have all been included in our mission history. As you participate in the Reading Program, may you find understanding and knowledge that will continue our mission and vision.

By His Grace,

Lynn Clewis, NCC Secretary of Program Resources

The following is the slate of officers to be presented for election at the Annual Meeting:

President – Martha Caves
Secretary – Carolyn Carden
Chair of Nominations – JoAnn Stanford
Chairperson of Spiritual Growth – Jerline Miller
Chairperson of Social Action – Annette Wright
Secretary of Program Resources – Lynn Clewis

The following officers will be continuing the second year of a 2-year term.

Vice-President – Ann Davis
Treasurer – Sandra Mendell
Chairperson for Education & Interpretation – Doris Wade
Chairperson for Membership, Nurture & Outreach – Sherry Alford
Communications Coordinator – Open at this time

The Committee on Nominations are as follows:

2019 - 2020
Faye Dunn
Jin Lee
Faustina Walker

2020 – 2021
JoAnn Barbour
JoAnn Stanford
Additional names may be added

This slate of new officers will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on October 12, 2019!
See you there!

Martha Caves
Chair, Committee on Nominations
47th Annual Meeting of the
North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women
Saturday, October 12, 2019  9:30 AM (Music begins at 9:15)
Methodist University, 5400 Ramsey St., Fayetteville, NC 28311

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Submit form and check to:  Faye Dunn, 410 Pine Run, Knightdale, NC 27545
Registration information only: 919-266-1238 or fdunn@nc.rr.com
Questions:  Ann Davis at ardavis@nccumc.org or Cell 252-916-7516 / Home 252-756-6371

- Bring your own tote.
- Check in begins at Huff Concert Hall at 8:00 AM. Coffee available.
- All lunches will be available in Huff Concert Hall.
- Host District – Heritage / Registrar – Faye Dunn
2019 NC CONFERENCE UMW CALENDAR

September
01 All reports due to Coordinators & President
10 Conference Leadership Team Mtg, 12:30pm U M Building, 700 Waterfield Ridge Place, Garner, NC Standing Rules Committee Meeting during lunch
13-15 Mother-Child Retreat, Camp Don Lee, Arapahoe, NC
23-28 CANCELLED - Conference Mission Trip, Wesley Community Center, Savannah, GA

October
11 Mission u Committee Meeting – 4:00 pm Methodist University, Fayetteville, NC
12 Conference UMW Annual Meeting – Methodist University, Fayetteville, NC
12 Mission u Nominating Committee Meeting @lunch
15 2020 District Officers Report due to Conference Secretary

November
01 Church Women United World Community Day
02 Conference UMW DO-IT Day Location TBA
09 KEDE Deadline (Spiritual Enrichment Retreat Issue and 2020 Calendar)

Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting, Mobile, Alabama, April 17 – 19, 2020
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Jesus summons us to **serve** the weak, the hungry, the thirsty and the sick and do so with a caring servant’s heart.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Peter 4:10 NRSV

FOLLOW - GO - **SERVE** - LOVE

The Summons