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Mission Tapestry

Arlington District United Methodist Women

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PURPOSE
of the 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.

The Mission Tapestry is a publication of the Arlington District United Methodist Women. Its goal is to keep units at the local/ congregation level informed about opportunities for living out our PURPOSE. It is published quarterly. All articles for publication should be directed to ArlingtonDistrictUMW@gmail.com.

Check out our new website at

www.ArlingtonDistrictUMW.org

District President's Message

Hello beautiful women of the Arlington District United Methodist Women!

“So chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It’s your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.” Colossians 3:12-14 (MSG)

I’m not sure how things are in your house but as we move from winter, to spring and into summer the Sokolowski house is in the midst of changing out the clothes in all of our closets and drawers to coincide with the seasons. This is not an easy task to undertake with 3 children or even for just myself and I usually wait until my mom comes to visit to tackle this daunting task. But like many times in our journey through life the routine is never *routine*. Change is inevitable, we need to answer the call and accept the plan God has for us; step out of the boat and move forward. This spring with my mom still recovering from her chemotherapy treatments and surgery, the routine of my mother traveling from Iowa to Virginia to help us clean our closets isn’t going to happen or even realistic to expect. So I started the task alone with the help of each of my children. What I am learning is that while it’s nice to have a full closet, at the end (or beginning) of the day, all that matters is what God has picked out for us. If my son wants to keep his favorite sweatshirt around for the summer or my daughter loves

her boots so much that she wears them with shorts...it doesn't matter. All that matters is that we see ourselves and others the way God has made each of us. I share this as we continue to look to the Word to help us know that we are Welcomed by God and in turn Welcome All.

I am very much looking forward to seeing all of you at the many upcoming events and sharing in the feelings of togetherness and being welcomed. Please join us on **June 20th** for our **UMW Breakfast at Virginia Annual Conference**; **July 24th-26th** at **Mission Encounter** as we dive deeper into our mission focuses for the year; **September 18th-19th** for the **Young Women’s Event**; and **September 26th** will be our **Annual District Meeting** hosted by the Sterling United Methodist Women. (NOTE: Annual Meeting date change because of a District wide conflict)

As United Methodist Women we make a difference, and it is when we come together that we can stand taller, speak louder, and Love more abundantly!

YOU make it Happen! Many blessings to all of you for answering God’s calling in your life through United Methodist Women.

In Sisterly Love,
Angela Sokolowski
President, Arlington District UMW

UMW VUMAC Rep.

Dolly Porter

A note from Dolly Porter, UMW VUMAC Rep.

Since this year is the 40th Anniversary of Virginia UMW members supporting VUMAC with our Dimes and Dollars, we hope every UMW member will have an opportunity to read this article and understand why we would like to dedicate a room in their honor. Please encourage as many UMW members (and others as well) to plan to participate in the celebration this fall at the UMW Annual Meeting. Thanks. If you have any questions, please contact me at dedolly@juno.com.

UMW Dimes and Dollars for VUMAC Celebrates 40 years

United Methodist Women from across the Virginia Conference will gather in Blackstone in October 2015 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Dimes and Dollars program for the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center.

The late Ethel Born in her book "Candlesticks" writing about the history of the United Methodist Women in Virginia, reports that an estimated 700 United Methodist Women gathered in April 1975 at VUMAC to launch this program which has produced more than \$1 million for the Assembly Center over these forty years. More than \$31,000 was contributed by more than 300 local UMW units in 2014, according to Mrs. Dolly Porter, the UMW representative on the VUMAC Board of Directors.

"The United Methodist Women have had a profound impact on the development of the Conference Assembly Center," says Rev. E. T. Herndon, chairman of the VUMAC board of directors. "No other organization has provided this level of sustained financial support."

The association of Virginia United Methodist Women with Blackstone began in the 1940's when UMW groups met at what was then Blackstone College. Reportedly, the United Methodist Women's Annual Meeting has been held at VUMAC since 1973. The UMW conference president at that time said: "We are all increasingly excited about the possibility of making the Assembly Center at Blackstone into the kind of center which will truly serve the needs of the entire conference." Subsequently, a delegation from Virginia visited the North Alabama Conference to talk with persons who had been involved in a program similar to "Dimes and Dollars" there. Out of that visit came the call to United Methodist Women of Virginia to accept a similar challenge here. Mrs. Born, in her book, cites these words that were a part of that challenge: "Once in a while we have an opportunity to dream a dream and catch a vision and perhaps a long while afterward, we can look back and say-wasn't a great idea."

In 1979, the United Methodist Women began an effort to raise funds for what would become the Goodson Lodge which was dedicated in 1989. In addition to these fund raising efforts, the United Methodist Women, led by Mary Jordan, formerly president of United Methodist Women on the Arlington District, have given hundreds of hours in making and installing drapes for guest rooms and other areas throughout the Blackstone facilities.

"The fall UMW Annual Meeting and the annual spring Spiritual Life Retreat are special times for us at VUMAC," says Sam McCracken, executive director at Blackstone.

"We anticipate that the Annual Meeting this year will be a special time as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of this very special "Dimes and Dollars" program which has so greatly benefited VUMAC."

Secretary

Janet Keener



Fill my cup, Lord,
I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
fill my cup,
fill it up and make me whole.
The United Methodist Hymnal #641

Dear Sisters,

Having returned home from the Virginia Conference UM Women Spiritual Life Retreat at Blackstone, I feel quite renewed and inspired! Our theme was “Fill My Cup” led by Dr. Marva Usher-Kerr. Over 130 of us shared music and lessons in large and small groups sessions on the importance of letting God help us to empty our cups of the negative clutter in our lives and giving it to God so He can refill our souls.

In the small group sessions, we each decorated a cup to be our physical cup of salvation from which to empty our clutter and let and trust God to lead us and move forward with our lives. At the worship service Sunday morning, we set our cups on the worship table for Pastor Marva to ask God’s blessings on them. It was a beautiful sight!

We left Blackstone feeling full of joy and a sense of healing in our souls. Sharing and learning with other sisters of UM Women always brings joy to my heart and soul!

God Bless,

Janet

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Treasurer



Frances Ellis

Happy Summer!

We have had three nice and informative district get-togethers since our last newsletter.

In March we had our Spiritual Life Retreat in a beautiful setting at the 4-H Education Center in Front Royal.

In April we had our Spring Prayer Breakfast at the beautiful Korean UMC of Greater Washington and learned about Human Trafficking in Northern Virginia.

And in May we had our Bi-District Day Apart at the unique Arlington Temple and learned about malaria, how deadly it is, and how relatively easily it can be prevented and/or treated.

At our events we collected:

Training Day - \$127 for mission giving,

Spiritual Life Retreat - \$159 for mission giving,

Spring Prayer Breakfast - \$535 for mission giving, and

Day Apart - \$411 for Imagine No Malaria

If we want to continue to have the School of Mission (Mission Encounter) in Virginia, I think that we all need to try to support it. This year it has been cut back to only a weekend session with no program offered for children or youth. A registration form is available at the vaumw.org website and is also included in this newsletter.

And just a reminder that your second quarter pledges are due.

Hope you have a wonderful, restful summer. Remember to get all the forms showing your accomplishments for the year in by the beginning of September so that you can be recognized at our Annual Meeting on September 26. Looking forward to seeing lots of you there.

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Become a UMW Rainbow Giver

The Virginia Conference United Methodist Women started the Rainbow Giver Program in 2010. This is an opportunity for you, as an individual, to personally give to the 5 Channels of Mission Giving.

Your gift of \$ 60.00 will make you a Rainbow Giver:

- \$ 40.00 to give someone special a Special Mission Recognition Pin
- \$ 5.00 to give a Pledge to Mission (this is in addition to your regular pledge)
- \$ 5.00 for a Gift to Mission Card
- \$ 5.00 for a Gift in Memory Card
- \$ 5.00 for a gift to World Thank Offering (this can be in addition to your change Box or World Thank Offering yearly donation)



It is so easy to become a Rainbow Giver; just fill out the form below and give the form to your unit treasurer with a check for \$ 60.00. On the form please specify which Gift to Mission Card you want and the name of the recipient for the Special Mission Recognition pin. Anyone can become a Rainbow Giver; *this is an opportunity for church members, spouses, or friends to participate in UMW Mission Giving*. This program does not replace your Pledge and World Thank Offering, but is an opportunity, as an individual, to contribute to five areas of Mission Giving.

If your church does not have an active UMW unit and you choose to be counted as a UMW, you may activate your membership via this Rainbow Giver Program. Complete the form and mail it directly to your District Treasurer. Please visit www.arlingtondistrictumw.org to obtain UMW District Officers listing, District Events/calendar, UMW quarterly Newsletter and other information.

Rainbow Giver Form

Deadline Date: August 15th

Your \$ 60.00 gift and this form is to be given to your Unit Treasurer

RAINBOW GIVER'S NAME: _____

RAINBOW GIVER'S ADDRESS: _____

RAINBOW GIVER'S PHONE: _____

Special Mission Recognition Pin in Honor of: (recipient's name): _____
Print name

Which Gift to Mission Card? _____

(In the Service of Christ, Thank You, Happy Birthday, Thinking of You, Peace, Congratulations, On Your Special Day, or Christmas card)

All components must be submitted to your Unit Treasurer at one time. The Rainbow Giver gift is in addition to your regular Pledge and World Thank Offering. It is a wonderful way for members who can no longer attend meetings to continue their participation and membership in your UMW Unit.

All participants will be recognized at our District Annual Meeting and will receive a Rainbow Giver pin. If you have any questions, please contact your District Treasurer or the Virginia Conference Treasurer.

Remember: If there is no active UMW unit at your church, mail your form to the UMW District Treasurer.

A copy of this form is to be kept by the Unit Treasurer.

Please remind participants that pins can take up to 6 – 8 weeks for delivery

Membership Nurture & Outreach

Katy White

As we come to the end of spring, it is important to take time to rest and find nurture for ourselves and our sisters in Christ. The following adaption of the 23rd Psalm comes from the nuns at All Saints Convent in Cantonville, MD. May it bring you a moment of peace and reflection.

The Nuns' 23rd Psalm

The lord is my pace-setter, I shall not rush
He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals;
He provides me with images of stillness, which restore my serenity.
He leads me in ways of efficiency through calmness of mind.
And his guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day,
I will not fret, for His presence is here.
His timelessness, His all-importance will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity.
By anointing my mind with His oils of tranquility, My cup of joyous energy overflows.
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruit of my hours
For I shall walk in the place of my Lord and dwell in His House forever.
Amen.

All the best,
Katy
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Social Action

Lisa George

Human Trafficking In Our Backyard

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and the second largest criminal industry in the world. Human trafficking can be defined to be the recruiting, transporting, and harboring of people by use of threat, force, or deception. Traffickers take advantage using false promises or physical abduction, forcing men, women, and children into forced labor or sexual activities. There is no way out for the trafficked people.

Human trafficking victims in Northern Virginia include girls and young men engaging in prostitution. Symptoms for these children include: having numerous school absences, not accounting for or lying about what they are doing nights or during the weekend, and/or dating much older men. Foreign-born trafficking victims may not have travel documents or identification, live in cramped conditions, have little or no money, no control over their schedules, no future plans, show signs of physical abuse, appear submissive to and afraid of people, and depend on the trafficker to translate into English.

Trafficked men and women for labor can be found everywhere. Labor trafficking can be found with landscaping and agricultural workers, day laborers, factory and sweatshop workers, hotel employees, and housekeepers. Sex trafficking victims can be found in service industries such as restaurants, bars, massage parlors, nail salons, and on “adult service” internet sites. Growing proponents for sex trafficking in Northern Virginia are gangs that consist of 3 or more people. Currently there are more than 300 discreet gangs in Northern Virginia and a number of these are finding sex trafficking to be highly lucrative and relatively ‘safe’ to run.

There are new laws in Virginia that focus on Sex Trafficking – House Bill 1964 and Senate Bill 1188. These bills are identical and focus on commercial sex trafficking and penalties for traffickers. They create new felonies for traffickers for commercial sexual activity. Any person who solicits, invites, recruits, or otherwise causes or attempts to cause, a person to engage in prostitution that benefits others will now be guilty of a Class 5 felony. If the trafficked person is a child, the charge is moved to a Class 3 felony, more severe than Class 5. This is what your Commonwealth is doing!

We have however only 1 full time police investigator that is trained and assigned specifically to target and address sex trafficking in Fairfax County. His name is Detective Bill Woolf.

Is there something you can do? You can get involved in women’s advocacy groups. There are also a number of organizations in the area that are addressing this issue. Each of these would welcome the involvement/support of your unit:

Global Peace (Safe Haven Program) that provides a series of videos that can be used as a basis for a church study program.

Just Ask (JustAskVA.org) provides educational programs for teenagers for awareness on sex trafficking.

Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Initiative (NOVAHTI.com) provides intervention/support for local victims of sex and labor trafficking.

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Mission Education & Interpretation Doris Douglass

Hello Everyone

I know you are all enjoying this beautiful spring and the hope it brings. I would like to thank all the units who have been bringing me stamps and Campbell's soup labels, please keep them coming. You can bring them to any District event or to Mission Encounter in July. If you collected Campbell soup labels and gave them to me or sent them to Henry Fork Service Center, your unit has completed one of the items on the Living Into Our Purpose form, under Expand Concepts Of Mission. Please go over the form, you are more than likely doing many of the things listed. I hope you will consider stepping out of your "comfort zone" and do something your unit has not done before. If you do not have a Living Into Our Purpose form there is one included in this issue of The Tapestry.

I would like to encourage you to attend Mission Encounter, July 24 through 26, at Blackstone Conference Center. There are three different studies to choose from and you can find the information on the Conference web site, www.vaumw.org.

I would also like to encourage you or your unit to subscribe to Response magazine; it contains a wealth of information related to mission studies, social action and national news about what other units are doing. You could submit an article about a project your unit is doing, it might get into Response. We can't all go on mission trips so Response magazine brings the mission and the issues to you.

I hope to see you at Mission Encounter.

Blessings
Doris

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Program Resources

Gladys Packett

Roma Downey and her husband Mark Burnett recently produced the miniseries “A.D. The Bible Continues” being shown every Sunday on NBC over a twelve-week period. I’ve enjoyed watching it and learning more about what happened after Jesus’ crucifixion, according to the book of Acts. In one of the episodes there was a scene where Mary and several other women come together to talk about what they were experiencing at the time of the crucifixion and shortly after the resurrection. I simply love learning about women in those days and knowing more about what they saw, what they heard, how Jesus changed their lives, and how they felt about the persecution of Jesus’ followers. There is so much that we can learn from these women today.

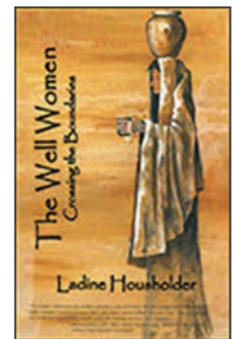
If you are like me and like story-telling, you would very much enjoy reading the novel “The Well Women: Crossing the Boundaries” from our Reading Program. In short, the review of the book says, “Nine women are reunited on a tour to the West Bank city of Nablus, the historic site of Jacob’s Well. Beneath the stylish veneer of accomplishment and affluence, each woman has been deeply hurt and nearly broken by her life. But as they share their journey to recovery through the healing power of living water from Jesus Christ and the love and support of the group, they truly meet one another for the first time.”

One of the benefits of the Reading Program is that most of the stories come from women who live in other parts of the world. In many ways, their stories remind me of the woman at the well. Although so much time has gone by since that era, some things have not changed. One thing is for sure. Jesus’ resurrection is real and his love for us is the same today as it was for his earliest followers.

My dear sisters in Christ, I would like to know how participating in the Reading Program has changed you. Would you share your thoughts with me? What do you like about the stories you have read? Is there a book you would recommend for others to read? Your thoughts/stories will be published in our next issue of the Tapestry. You may send them to me at 879 N. Jacksonville Street, Arlington, VA 22205 or email at gpackett@verizon.net.

“Pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored.” – 2 Thessalonians 3:1 (NIV)

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Happy Reading!



The Well Women
Crossing the Boundaries



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Arlington District United Methodist Women 2015 Calendar

PURPOSE
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| <u>Event</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|--|---|
| UMW Day @ Ferrum College | June 6, 2015 |
| UMW Breakfast @ VA Annual Conference, Roanoke | June 20, 2015 |
| Mission Encounter @ VUMAC | July 24-26, 2015 |
| Virginia Conference UMW Young Women's Event @ VUMAC | September 18-19, 2015 |
| Arlington District UMW Annual Meeting @ Sterling UMC | September 26, 2015* (note date change) |
| Virginia Conference UMW 43rd Annual Meeting @ VUMAC | October 24-25, 2015 |
| Arlington District UMW Advent Event @ Pleasant Valley UMC | November 14, 2015 |

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VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Living Into Our Purpose

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.

Achievements for Recognition

Living Into Our Purpose (Level I) : Complete eight (8) items; must include at least four (4) items (*) [four(4) items with two (2) * items for organizations with less than 15 members]

Living Into Our Purpose Silver (Level II) : Complete thirteen (13) items; must include at least six (6) items with (*) [six (6) items with three (3) * items for organizations with less than 15 members]

Living Into Our Purpose Gold (Level III) : Complete twenty (20) items including twelve (12) items with (*) [ten (10) items with six (6) * items for organizations with less than 15 members]

The evaluation period for this report shall be 1 SEPTEMBER 2014 THROUGH 31 AUGUST 2015.

Mark the items you completed. Use these suggestions to **MAKE IT HAPPEN** in the world in which we live.

1. ORGANIZED

- 1a. (*) Make and Meet a Pledge to Mission Giving.
- 1b. (*) Include the UMW Purpose at every meeting.
- 1c. (*) Increase the local organization's Pledge to Mission this year.
- 1d. (*) Qualify as a Five- or Six-Star organization by contributing to Five or Six Channels of Mission Giving (Pledge to Mission; Special Mission Recognition; Mission Giving Cards; Gift in Memory; World Thank Offering; and Candle burning).
- 1e. (*) Have one (1) member become a Rainbow Giver.
Name _____.
- 1f. (*) Participate in the United Methodist Women 150th Legacy Fund.
- 1g. (*) Have at least two (2) members complete Plan I or higher of the Reading Program. *
- 1h. (*) Use at least two (2) programs from the Program Book.

2. KNOW GOD (FAITH)

- 2a. () Encourage the practice of Spiritual Disciplines (i.e. scripture, prayer, fasting)
- 2b. (*) Have at least one Prayer Calendar which can be used at each local organization meeting to pray for mission workers and mission projects for women, children and youth.
- 2c. (*) Have at least one (1) member attend a District or Conference Spiritual Life Event. (District or Conference officers who have paid their own way may count toward this item)
- 2d. () Host or participate in a Children's Sabbath Service highlighting the needs of the children. (Resources can be found at www.childrensdefense.org)

3. EXPERIENCE FREEDOM AS WHOLE PERSONS (HOPE)

- 3a. (*) Choose one (1) District Social Action Priority to work on.
Priority is: _____.
- 3b. () Present a Program or Initiate a Project based on a District or Conference Social Action Priority.
- 3c. () Have at least one (1) member attend United Methodist Day at General Assembly in February.
Member's name: _____.
- 3d. (*) Have at least one (1) member sign-up to receive the UMW Action Network (<http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org>) to learn more about justice issues.
- 3e. () Have at least one (1) member sign-up for the action alerts from the General Board of Church and Society (<http://www.umc-gbcs.org/>) and share information on Justice Issues with the local organization.
- 3f. () Have at least one (1) member sign up to receive Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy alerts (<http://www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org>) and use ideas to advocate for justice.

Living Into Our Purpose (continued)

3g. (*) Implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies by having a Racial Justice Program, participating in a District Racial Justice Program or attending a Conference Racial Justice event. (There is a workshop planned for May 15-17, 2015 to be held at Blackstone). Get resources from:

new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/media/files/Racial%20Justice%20Manual.pdf

3h. () Have "green" meetings and participate in or develop an Environmental Justice Program.

Describe what you did: _____.

4. DEVELOP A CREATIVE/SUPPORTIVE FELLOWSHIP (LOVE)

4a. (*) Add at least two (2) new members to the roll (one (1) new member for local organizations with 15 or fewer members).

4b. (*) Have at least two (2) members, other than a District or Conference Officer, attend a District or Conference Annual Meeting (if a small organization – 15 or fewer members – you may include one (1) District or Conference Officer).

4c. () Sponsor a young woman (18 - 40) to attend a District or Conference Young Women's Event.

Name of attendee: (for your archives) _____.

4d. (*) Invite a District or Conference Officer, other than one of your own members, to one of your local organization meetings during the year and/or your United Methodist Women's Sunday.

4e. () Write to at least five (5) mission workers listed the Prayer Calendar.

4f. () Have at least one (1) member attend UMW Day at Ferrum College.

4g. () Submit names of deceased members to District MN & O Coordinators by August 31.*

5. EXPAND CONCEPTS OF MISSION (LOVE)

5a. (*) Have at least one (1) subscription to response Magazine within the organization to help members stay informed of mission in the world and for help in planning programs. Include a "response Moment" where an item from response Magazine is lifted up as a way to tell a mission story.

5b. (*) Have at least one (1) member, other than a District or Conference officer, attend Mission Encounter or a District Mission Celebration/Mission Encounter event. (District or Conference officers who have paid their own way may count toward this blueprint.)

5c. (*) Select a Mission Institution or Project which is supported by funds from the United Methodist Women National Office (Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth, VA is the only National Institution in Virginia), or the Ministry Grants of Virginia (listed in the Annual Report) and visit and/or contribute needed resources.

Name of Project _____.

5d. (*) Have or participate in at least one (1) current mission study during the year.

Which one: _____.

6. PARTICIPATION IN GLOBAL MINISTRIES (IN ACTION)

6a. () Have one (1) or more members participate in hands-on mission such as gleaning, working at a food pantry or clothes closet, Stop Hunger Now event, bagging potatoes, etc.

Describe: _____.

6b. (*) Participate in the Campaign for Children (public education, mentoring or tutoring programs, visit and support local schools, etc.)

Describe what you did: _____.

6c. () Provide at least ten (10) UMCOR Mission Kits and funds for shipping for the Virginia Annual Conference (Kits for Conference)

6d. () Make a donation of goods (stamps for inmates, etc.), money (to support a Prison Chaplain) or service (Bible study, bell choir) to Prison Ministries.

Local Organization/Church _____

Number of Members in your Local Organization _____

President or Contact Person _____

Phone _____

Email _____

* No Change in reporting of Membership or Reading Program Books. Please have your local organization mission coordinators of Membership Nurture & Outreach (MN&O) and Secretary of Program Resources (SPR) mail reports to the District MN&O and SPR.

TEXTBOOKS

Order in advance from Resource Center

United Methodist Women's Orders
 P.O. Box 742349
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 1-800-305-9857

www.umwmissionresources.org

Or Purchase in Event Book Room before Class

- The day will begin with morning worship
- Participants will receive literature that will be helpful in teaching the studies in the local church.
- Please bring Bible, textbook, notebook & pencil/pen.

DONATIONS

Please bring travel size health care items for homeless care packets: toothbrushes, toothpaste, washcloths, pocket-size combs, shampoo, shower gels or small soaps, packets of wash & dri's, pocket-size Kleenex and gallon size bags. We hope to fill several hundred bags for "the least of these" in our communities.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

July 13, 2015 - NO REFUNDS after this date

CONTINUING EDUCATION

CEU credit is offered for clergy and lay speakers upon request

For lay speakers, this applies one time only

PLEASE NOTE

The session begins on Friday with registration at 10 AM followed by an optional facility tour at 11AM. Lunch at 12 Noon and ends after lunch on Sunday.

FEES

| | Weekend | Late |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Before 6/30/15 | After 7/1/15 |
| Adult | \$180 | \$200 |
| Youth (13-18 yrs) | \$180 | \$200 |

Commuter: \$35 registration fee + meals

Youth will be immersed into Adult classes

Online registration available for additional cost of \$5 @: www.vaumc.org until July 13th. Find under Events/Calendar. Click on date & follow instructions.

There will be an extra fee for:

- \$5 per night—Single Room
- \$10 per person per night for Goodson Lodge

Cost includes registration fee.

Questions concerning registration, call JoAnn Liskey (540) 434-2997

For scholarship information call Nancy Yarborough (757) 877-2155

131 Edsyl St., Newport News, VA 23602

WORKSHOPS

- Virginia Interfaith Center on Public Policy, And, more.....

The Event is co-sponsored by the Virginia Conference United Methodist Women & The Virginia Conference Board of Global Ministries.



Learning Together for the Transformation of the World

Virginia Conference School of Christian Mission

MISSION ENCOUNTER

**2015 Session
 July 24—26, 2015**

Blackstone Conference & Retreat Center
 707 Fourth Street
 Blackstone, VA 23824
 (434) 292-5308

REGISTRATION FORM

Mission Encounter, July 24—26, 2015

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 Zip: _____ Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Church Name: _____
 District: _____
 Adult _____ Youth (age) _____
 Roommates _____
 Name tag should read: _____

Current UMW (Conference/District office) or BGM District Mission Coordinators: _____

First time Attendees: Yes _____ No _____

Please put special or dietary needs on a separate sheet.

Make checks payable to: Mission Encounter

Mail registration and check to: JoAnn Liskey,
 4856 Shen Lake Dr., Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Weekend _____ Commuter _____

Indicate class preference by 1st & 2nd choice:

- _____ Geographic Study—Latin America
- _____ Spiritual Growth—Created in Happiness
- _____ Issue - Disabilities

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| For School Use Only: | |
| Room No _____ | Amount Paid _____ |
| Class _____ | No. _____ |

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STUDIES

Geographic Study: Latin America - People & Faith

The study is an introduction to enter the land called Latin America, knowing it is a sacred land. We come in with respect to face the dignity of a people and with the love of God for them. We will learn about the history, life and culture, and also the political and economic history of interconnection in our Americas.

Study Leaders: Marilyn Blagg and Lori Valentine de Segovia, Don Edwards, Esq

Spiritual Growth Study: Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God

The study will examine the understanding of happiness and how to live the life that God calls us to live. The early Methodist tradition used the language of happiness often and joyously sang about it. John Wesley preached happiness, holiness, and salvation as the goal of Christian life.

Study Leaders: Louise Miller, Donna Mott, & Darlene Runaldue.
 Korean Leader: Rev. Hyunsik Kang

Issue Study: The Church and People with Disabilities.

This study will focus on Awareness, Accessibility, and Advocacy. Provides for hands-on experience, completing an accessibility audit, and engaging in multi-sensory worship and education.

Study Leader: Brenda Connelly

WHAT IS IT?

An opportunity for Men, Women, Youth, and Children, as well as Clergy to learn about being partners together in God's global mission and to grow spiritually through study and worship.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Anyone who has wondered how we do mission, where we are in mission, and most importantly why we are called to live out missional lives as disciples of Jesus Christ.

WHY SHOULD I COME ?

To have fun while learning and exploring global issues and participating in hands-on projects. Mission learning and involvement for young and old alike. Learn about the Wesleyan Theology of Mission and implementation in the local church.

OTHER

Room assignments: Three to a room; Persons with disabilities may request a special room.

Event Offering: 1/2 to UMW Mission Giving and 1/2 to One Great Hour of Sharing **Ice Cream Social Donation:** Wesley Community Center

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Young Women's Event
September 18-19, 2015

"Being Enough"

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434-292-5308

Retreat Leaders:

Sarah Stephens

Sarah Stephens is from the Charlotte area but has lived in Roanoke for three and a half years. She's been managing the volunteer program at Goodwill Industries of the Valleys during that period and lives with her husband, Brad. Sarah studied religion at Centre College in Kentucky and then went on to Wesley Theological Seminary and American University to combine her loves of the Christian faith and international development.

Rev. Joanna Paysour

Joanna Paysour, a native Virginian, loves being in the mountains and in her hometown, Blacksburg. She serves as the Associate Pastor at Cave Spring UMC in Roanoke. She lives in the Star City with her husband, Jake. She went to college at the University of South Carolina and seminary at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC.



**VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
YOUNG WOMEN'S EVENT (Ages 18-40)
"Being Enough"**

September 18-19, 2015

Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center, Blackstone, VA

The event starts with dinner at 7:00 p.m on Friday evening. Registration will be open at 5:00 p.m. The event ends on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Please bring your Bible, pencil/pen, alarm clock, and favorite snacks (to share). Lemonade, water, tea and coffee will be provided. The schedule below is tentative and therefore subject to change.

Tentative Schedule

FRIDAY

5:00-6:45 p.m. Registration
7:00 p.m. Dinner
7:45-9:15 p.m. Group Gathering I
9:15 p.m. - until Fellowship and Fun

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:45-9:00 a.m. Tour of Blackstone Retreat Center
9:15-10:00 a.m. Group Gathering II
10:15-11:00 a.m. Small Groups
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Mission opportunity
12:15 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch
1:15-2:00 p.m. Group Gathering III
2:00-2:45 p.m. Small Groups
3:00-4:00 p.m. Closing Worship

This is an event hosted by the Virginia Conference United Methodist Women, but is for all young women of the church ages 18 to 40. You do not have to be a member of UMW to attend. All linens provided for your overnight stay.

Scholarships may be available – contact your District UMW President or email buckrow@aol.com or dwwrley@msn.com

Name: _____ Telephone _____

Street: _____ Email _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church _____ District _____

Roommate(s) _____

Any conditions requiring special room assignment? _____

Any special diet needs? _____

Please check ALL that apply to you: 18-25 _____ 26-35 _____ 36-40 _____

First Time _____ Night Owl _____

PLEASE CHECK CHOICE OF:

____ Friday evening (Dinner) – Saturday Breakfast & Lunch: \$75.00

____ Day Retreater -- \$10.00. plus cost of meals checked:

FRI: Dinner \$9.00 _____

SAT: Breakfast \$8.00 _____ SAT: Lunch \$10.00 _____

TOTAL REMITTED _____

Make Check payable to: **Virginia Conference United Methodist Women** and send your registration form and check for the total amount to:

Joyce Winston

2411 E. Pembroke Ave.

Hampton, VA 23664-1243

email: **BUCKROW@aol.com**

Phone: 757-851-6897

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

SEPTEMBER 11, 2015