

Circuit Writer

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"The journey to God starts with one small step. After that it's one step at a time. He doesn't expect us to run the mile—but he promises to give us strength to live each day for Him."

(God's Tender Promises for Mothers)

Our Leadership In Training Event, "Empowering Others Through Leadership" on February 4 at Blaine Memorial UMC was a great success. Bouquets to all the District Officers who did a great job in preparing their individual parts of the program. Ronald's Jurisdiction skit was a great success. The ladies at Blaine were great hostesses and the lunch was delicious. Thank you to each of you who attended; enthusiastically sharing the creative ways your local units are working to fulfill the UMW purpose. We learn so much from each other.

The Conference Team regretfully accepted the resignation of Virginia Searls as their President. Virginia's health prohibited her from continuing in this position.

We regret to inform you that Virginia passed away on Tuesday, February 22nd. We will all miss Virginia and will continue to keep her family in our prayers

Welcome to Jenni Yeoh who has graciously accepted to serve the remainder of Virginia's term. Many of you know Jenni as she has been involved for many years in United Methodist Women. Her service includes Past District Vice President, Conference Membership, Nurture and Outreach, Women's Division Director 1992-2000, Study Leader for Regional School and Dean of our own Cooperative School of Christian Mission. She has also served in Church Women United. As she was attending the Tacoma District LED, she sent her blessings to our event.

I will be attending Interfaith Advocacy Day in Olympia on February 14th. Dale and I will leave from there for our annual trip to Arizona and California to visit family and soak up some sun. I will return on March 14th. I can be reached on my cell-425-770-0333 or by e-mail: forjanets@aol.com.

Seattle District Day Apart is scheduled for April 7th at Grace UMC; the theme is "Walking With Wholeness, Telling Our Story". Pastor Joyce O'Connor-Magee will be our speaker. Looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Joining with you one small step at a time, relying on God to strengthen us for the journey: "Faith, Hope and Love in Action" on behalf of women, children, and youth throughout the world.

*Janet Snodgrass,
Seattle District President*

SEATTLE DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Spiritual Day Apart



"Walking With Wholeness - Telling Your Story."

Saturday, April 7, 2012

**Grace United Methodist Church
See page 8 & 9 for details**



VICE PRESIDENT

“How do we welcome younger women to the United Methodist Women?” is a question you have probably heard or asked yourself. In our LITE VP training session last February 4th, the same question was echoed by each of us.

It’s About Relationships... was an article in the **Response Magazine June 2011 edition**, written by **Tara Barnes**. Response talks with young women about their involvement in the United Methodist Women. Tara posted the question from the United Methodist Women Facebook page: “Are you a 22 to 35 year old who participates in the United Methodist Women? Would you like to join a roundtable discussion on why (or why not)?” 26 women replied wanting to participate, all but two responded the same day and five responded within five minutes of posting the question. Some of the round table discussion questions are as follows:

- ◆ How did you come to attend your first UMW event or Meeting?
- ◆ Do the demographic of your church mimic the demographic of your UMW group?
- ◆ Are we an attractive organization to younger women?
- ◆ How can UMW be more welcoming to younger women?
- ◆ Does your church have a UMW Sunday?

Responses to these questions are so diverse and provide great insight to what nonmembers or nonparticipants are thinking of. I encourage you to go back to this article and see what you can pick up from it and share the information.

Sharing of information and improving communication to all women in your congregation will spark interest. Know your young people and find out their interests. Encourage and support them in their own activities to keep the line of communication open. Let’s show them that we may have different interests but we are common in service, in faith and in mission.

Promote district and conference level activities in advance and make it possible for them to attend by means of encouragement, prayers, scholarships, and even babysitting. These types of events are great opportunities for learning and understanding the

UMW organization and how each local unit connects with the global church in mission.

*Grace and Peace,
Carla Corsilles-Roque
Seattle District Vice President*

2012 SEATTLE DISTRICT UMW CALENDAR

March 3 10:00 a.m. District Executive Board Meeting Grace UMC	June 29-July 2 Cooperative School of Christian Mission Ellensburg
March 31 PNW UMW Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat Puyallup, UMC	August 4 10:00 a.m. District Executive Board Meeting Ronald UMC
April 7 9:00 a.m. Spiritual Day Apart Grace UMC	August 18 September Newsletter Deadline
April 14 PNW Conference Domestic Violence Event, “Why God Why”, Breaking the Cycle of Violence Bothell UMC	September 8 9:00 a.m. District Annual Mtg. Ronald UMC
May 5 9:00 a.m. District Executive Board Budget Meeting Bothell UMC	October 13 9:00 a.m. Mini-School of Christian Mission Des Moines UMC
May 19 June Newsletter Deadline	October 26-27 PNW Conference UMW Annual Mtg. Salmon Creek UMC, Vancouver
June 1-June 3 Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting “Fire in My Soul” Marriot, Portland OR	November 3 10:00 a.m. District Executive Board Meeting Woodland Park UMC
	November 17 December Newsletter Deadline





INTER FAITH ADVOCACY DAY

Inter Faith Advocacy Day 2012 was Tuesday February 14th. This year's theme was **Uniting Hearts and Minds: Raising Revenue for the Common**

Good. This year the faith community united on Valentine's Day to call on our legislators to unite their hearts and minds and raise revenue instead of cutting funding for programs that support the common good.



More than 250 faith advocates attended, a dozen familiar UMW faces from Seattle; Tacoma and Eastern Washington. Religious leaders representing all three Abrahamic faith met with Governor Gregoire, speaking to her about the critical need to raise revenue to strengthen the "Circle of Protection" around the poor and

most vulnerable in our state.

The day began with registration and continental breakfast. The morning sessions took place at United Churches of Olympia, across the street from the Capitol campus

The program was started with an interfaith worship, and speakers from three faith leaders:

Rabbi Jonathan Singer, Temple Beth Am in Seattle; Rev. Dr. Marcia Patton, Evergreen Association American Baptist Church and Imam Yosof Wanly, Islamic Center of Olympia. Each shared reflections on passages from the Torah; New Testament and the Koran. Each reflection spoke of God as the supreme creator and provider of all things and as Gods people we have a responsibility to love each other and respond to God's love by helping especially those that are marginalized.



The day's activities included workshops on issues and advocacy. Topics included the state budget, environment, disability service, health care and housing/homelessness. Workshops were repeated as people visited with their legislators all day. We were

given schedules for our district appointments with our legislators and even talking points from the workshop topics.



After lunch we all moved to the capitol building to meet with a slate of speakers for the afternoon. We had open discussions with Governmental Affairs Director Rebecca Johnson, Washington State Labor Council; Representative from the Governor's Budget Staff;

Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler, Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner; Secretary Robin Arnold-Williams, Department of Social and Health Services; and Representative Roger Hunter from the 49th district even dropped by to speak. They are all very passionate of their jobs and were very pleased and appreciative of our faith community advocating for the common good.

It was a great day of learning; advocating, doing! I

had learned so much about our state politics and economics. Carol, Becky and I were all from the 32nd district. We were not able to meet with our representatives as they are on the floor voting



but we had met with their aids. I was amazed by how knowledgeable they were and how they were had answered all the questions our group had and the information they had shared and provided.

Next year's Interfaith Advocacy Day is tentatively set for President's day so that more working people and students may attend.

I encourage all of you to take time and come to the next year's event. I also encourage you to get involved in support of the causes that matters to us. The Faith Action Network is now on Facebook. You can follow them by going to www.facebook.com/faithactionnetwork, and "like" the page or if you are not on Facebook, visit their website at <http://fanwa.org>.

*Grace & Peace,
Carla Corsilles-Roque*



SOCIAL ACTION

“That which is altogether just shalt thou follow.” ...

—Deuteronomy 16:20

Greetings,

This is a time for new things

Some of you have already received this information, but for those who were not at the leadership training event or did not get a copy of the details, I am covering it again.

At the Pacific Northwest Conference UMW Annual Meeting in October, those Social Action leaders attending decided to propose a Social Action Award. Last year the goal was to involve local units by asking them to select a Social Action priority. This new award will promote local unit involvement for Social Action. The Seattle District Executive Board has approved this award to be given at the Fall District meeting in September to those units that complete the five items described below.

Social Action Award for Local Units:

1. Have member(s) registered for the Action Network.
2. Have a unit contact person for Social Action.
3. Have member(s) attend district leadership development for Social Action.
4. Select a Social Action priority and take action.
5. Present a program focused on Social Action.

For Five Plus Two

6. Have member(s) attend Interfaith Advocacy Day in Olympia.
7. Have a special Social Action event (for example, Social Action Sunday, letter writing project, or display)

Janet Hartstock has linked many of these items with the Mission Today Award, so local units would receive credit towards two awards.

There is a wide range of Social Action Priorities to choose from: Immigrant/Civil Rights, Environment Justice, Economic Justice (which includes Human Trafficking), Health/Healthcare, and Peacemaking. There are cross-cutting themes across all the above priorities: rights for Women, Youth and Children, Racial Justice, and Violence at many levels.

If you have questions about this new award call or e-mail me. I'm in the directory and I will also be at the Spiritual Day Apart.

*Blessing to all,
Mary Schroff,
Social Action Coordinator*



MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE, AND OUTREACH.

Greetings,

I hope that you all had a Happy Valentines Day. Thank for getting your membership forms to me in a timely manner. I know that we have a hard job recruiting new members. We may have to think outside the box, so don't give up hope. If I or the District Officers can do anything to help, please let us know. Spring will soon be here. I hope to see you all at the Spiritual Day Apart. Also, remember to send me the names of your departed as they happen. I am trying to avoid the rush before the Annual Meeting.

*God Bless,
Mary Jo Young,
Seattle District Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Coordinator*

IN MEMORY OF VIRGINIA SEARLS

Beloved servant leader Virginia Searls died at her home in Kirkland on February 21, 2012, surrounded by her family.

Virginia was a leader in United Methodist Women, including service as Conference President. She served the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference in many roles. She was key to the development of our current conference structure, and served as chair of the Congregational Development Ministry Group of the Connectional Table. She was a member of the Board of Congregational Development and the Seattle District Committee on Ordained Ministry. She chaired the Lazy F Site Committee, and had just begun her term as President of the Atlantic Street Center board. At Bothell United Methodist Church she held the Coordinator of Congregational Ministries staff position. Virginia received the Bishop's Award in 2007.

A memorial service is set for 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at Bothell United Methodist Church, 18515 92nd N.E. Cards can be sent to her residence at 6033 NE 130th Place, Kirkland, WA 98034.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

A TIME FOR REFLECTION AND MEDITATION

Winter is the time for restoration, deep reflection, and planning for the New

Year. Just as the plants wither above ground, their energies drawn into the warm belly of the earth to be reborn in the spring, we humans naturally go inside, sit by the fire, and dream, feeling the new energies of emerging spring begin to perk within us. Gardeners spend time planning to keep their gardens exactly as they are, or, feel inspired to create an entirely new garden, bringing into reality their dream creation!

Know that you too can make of this year whatever you wish. All it takes is reflection, connection to your heart dreams, old-fashioned practical planning, as you prepare for action.

Meditate, feeling the next steps your soul wishes to take in this adventure which is your life. Set aside all of your conscious thoughts about what you “should” have done but did not accomplish. Trust that your Higher Self, your Guides, all of the Loving Ones who are at your service, will open you into what is right for you. You may or may not be surprised at what you see, and feel...

As you go down a path in the forest that only you can see, knowing this path is being created especially for you and you alone, you feel safe and loved. As you walk, you feel yourself being drawn toward someone, an old friend, whom you have never met, who has invited you for a special visit, with special gifts for you. Your excitement and anticipation grows and you feel lucky and loved...feeling that what you will gain from this meeting will change your life...

In the center of the path you see a cottage, surrounded by early spring flowers, with smoke curling from the chimney, with the door open and you are greeted by your special Guide who welcomes you with open arms and is excited to see you, having prepared gifts of wisdom and love holding exactly what you will need to flourish in this new year.

The Guide says, “Welcome to your New Year and you feel the old year slipping away and you feel anything that has not served you well during the past year sliding out of you, shimmering into nothingness, back into the arms of the Divine.

As you sit down by the fire, having a warm drink, feeling like a treasure yourself, you are excited with anticipation about seeing what this New Year holds

for you; excited to be receiving the wisdom, the capabilities, and the nurturing with which you will create in the year to come.

Your Guide lays three packages before you wrapped exquisitely, each glowing with an angelic Light! You feel awed that these gifts have been prepared especially for you...

The first package is the **Gift of Enlightened Dreams**, and holds the perfect dream of the next step you wish to take in your life. As you open the gift, you ask whatever questions you wish of your Guide in order to feel that you understand how to use it fully.

The second package contains the **Gift of Tools**, emotional, mental, and spiritual - which you will need to make your Dream a reality. Bring the tools one by one to your heart, understanding that this is yours and has been given to you. Take the time to experience each tool and ask any questions about why it was given, how it is to be used, until you understand fully.

The third package is the **Gift of the Plan** with your roadmap for the year, laying out the events and accomplishments to come, which create your Soul's desires for you in your life. There is nothing within this plan which you need fear is impossible- your Soul has planned perfectly, and all that you need to set it into motion has been given to you already. There will be goals. Ask any questions of your Guide to understand it clearly as you put it into action until your year's plan is seen and understood in its entirety, from the beginning to the end of the year.

When this is complete, Thank your Guide for their love and the gift of this New Year- for the gift of feeling your Dream deeply, for the gift of the Tools you need to make it reality, and for the gift of the Plan with which you will put it all into place. Know that you can return to your Guide whenever you wish for clarification, support and assistance as you create this New Year. Your Guide will be here, always ready to help.

Bid your Guide goodbye, carrying your gifts with you as you make your way back through the forest, into the New Year.

Blessings and All Joy as you create this exciting New Year!

Phyllis Reynolds

Seattle District Spiritual Growth Coordinator



COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

PROTECT YOURSELF: BEWARE OF UNSOLICITED EMAILS, ATTACHMENTS

Applies to: YOU!

You can help protect yourself by not letting spyware, worms, viruses, Trojan horses and other forms of malware infect your computers. Recognizing and handling unsolicited emails that contain links and attachments will help defend you against potential threats.

Follow these suggestions to protect against infection and loss of data:

- ⇒ Do not open any message that does not come from a known, trusted or reliable source.
- ⇒ Do not open any link in an email from a reliable source if it doesn't contain a subject and personal note to you. Someone may have harvested this email address.
- ⇒ If you do open a message and think it may be infected, do not forward or reply to it.
- ⇒ Do not reply to spam.
- ⇒ Never reply to emails in which the sender is requesting personal data such as your birth date, credit card data or login information.
- ⇒ Never provide sensitive or personal information to anyone.
- ⇒ If it is too good to be true, it probably is *not* true. Remember TANSTAAFL – There ain't no such things as a free lunch.

Also, beware of the following:

- ⇒ Electronic greeting cards sent to your computer from unknown sources; these may contain malicious links or files.
- ⇒ Any message that contains only Web links; these can take the user to "spoofed" websites containing viruses and malware.
- ⇒ Facebook or other social media notifications from unknown sources.

Jenny Byglund, District Communications Coordinator
jbyglund@kentmethodist.com or 253-852-3900



The Deadline for the June addition of the *Circuit Writer* will be May 19th.

Please get your articles turned in promptly for inclusion in the newsletter. Call (253-852-3900), email (jbyglund@kentmethodist.com) or mail (Kent United Methodist, 11010 SE 248th St, Kent, WA 98030) your submissions to Jenny Byglund.

"WHY, GOD, WHY?"

Breaking the Cycle of Violence



Please Save the Date
Saturday, April 14, 2012
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Bothell UMC

The General Board of Church & Society and The PNWUMC Church & Society are co-sponsoring a conference to equip Christians to be engaged in recognizing and responding to violence in our communities. This conference is for both **clergy** and **laity**. It will lay a biblical foundation, provide resources, and Continuing Education Units for clergy.

WORKSHOPS WILL INCLUDE:

- ◇ Advocacy
- ◇ Domestic Violence
- ◇ Teen Dating Relationships
- ◇ Elder Abuse
- ◇ Violence in the Context of Ethnic Cultures
- ◇ Violence in the Context of Sexual Orientation
- ◇ What Churches Can Do
- ◇ "In Her Shoes" by the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WSCADV)

Please watch for further details and registration in the coming months.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the PNWAC Church & Society Chair, Judy Dirks, for further information at 208-267-3589 or e-mail her at judydirks@meadowcrk.com

WESTERN JURISDICTION QUADRENNIAL EVENT United Methodist Women



June 1-3, 2012, Portland, OR

Registration for the event will be online through Women's Division Links to scholarship form & registration forms:

http://www.pnwumw.org/default_files/SCHOLARSHIP%20FORM.pdf

United Methodist Women
**CONFERENCE 2012
ANNUAL MEETING**

Friday, October 26 & Saturday, October 27th
Salmon Creek United Methodist Church
12217 NE Highway 99, Vancouver, WA



The Changing Seen

with Thomas Kemper
UMW at 40, Concepts of Mission
\$30 REGISTRATION

(COME EARLY)

☞ Friday, 3:30—5:30 PM—
Training for ALL district officers
Also options for current non-district officers
and other guests

(STAY LATE)

☞ Saturday, 5:30 PM
☞ Mission Connexions Banquet

Sponsored by PNW and OR/ID Global Ministries

The Rev. Keith Hackett discusses current issues
of the United Methodist Church in Mission with
The Rev. Paul Jeffrey, Missionary
Photojournalist and Thomas Kemper,
General Secretary of Global Ministries.

Tickets \$20 Proceeds go to Advance projects chosen
by Thomas Kemper & Paul Jeffrey

(360) 696-1615;
missionconnexions.eventbrite.com;
revkeithjoan@hotmail.com

**PNW CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Spiritual Day Apart
Saturday, March 31, 2012**

Presenter: Jill Johnson

Puyallup United Methodist Church

Address:

1919 West Pioneer Avenue, Puyallup WA 98371

Phone: (253) 845-0547

Email: barbara@puyallupumc.org

Website: <http://puyallupumc.org>

Make checks payable to:

PNW Conference UMW

Cost: \$15.00

PLEASE NOTE: \$20.00 per person at the door

Mail to: Susan Erickson
11501 34th St. E,
Tacoma, WA 98446

Questions? Susan Erickson
253-720-0589
sweethear.Erickson@gmail.com

Registration Deadline: Tue., March 20, 2012

Bring pictures of your family and places that help to tell
your story. We will spend the day getting in touch with
our own stories.

Bring a non perishable food item that will be donated to
the local food bank.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Church: _____

Phone: _____

Prosser Puyallup

Child Care Needed: How Many: _____

PLEASE BRING SACK LUNCH FOR CHILD

From the



DISTRICT SECRETARY

We furnish Seattle District UMW Directories to churches for the Pastor, President and Secretary. We have a few 2012 directories available for purchase. If you want one, please send a check for \$4.00 made out to Seattle District UMW (our cost of printing and mailing) and send it to me at the address listed below.

Corrections to 2012 Seattle District UMW Directory

Pg. 5 – L I T E was held at Blaine UMC

Pg. 8 -- Janet Snodgrass, email forjanets@aol.com

Pg. 11 – Pacific NW Conference Officers: Add Conference Language Coordinator, Dionicia Corsilles, 5514 17th Ave. So, Seattle, WA 98108, phone 206-762-7003, e-mail oming25@aol.com

Pg. 25 – Haller Lake - Communications Coordinator Ruby Meyer, 9208 NE 155th St, Bothell, WA 98011-4517, e-mail rubydm@peoplepc.com, ph. 425-402-8758
Treasurer Joann Westerfield, email J_Westerfield@msn.com

Pg. 28 – Kent UMC: Secretary Lora Lee Brown – remove e-mail address; Treasurer: Barbara Baldwin, address 16458 SE 267th St, Kent, WA 98042-8101, e-mail sb.baldwin@comcast.net
Communications Coordinator – Imogene Sullens, e-mail isullens27@comcast.net
Secretary of Program Resources – Pam Cunningham, e-mail pamelac86@comcast.net
Social Action, add Benny Lou Pierce (see membership)
Spiritual Growth, Margaret Sutter, add e-mail meginkent@gmail.com

Nominations: Sarita Hogan (2012 instead of 2011), add Linda Roser (2013), 22317 SE 241st Pl, Maple Valley WA 98038, phone 425-413-1045,
Cheryl Johnson (2014), add Linda Mills (2013), see Vice President. Meetings: Board at 12:30 1st Tuesdays, General at noon 3rd Tuesdays

Pg. 39 – Seabold UMC Treasurer: Janet Condon, e-mail janet@condonia.org Sec'y of Program Resources: Linda Cauthers (see Co-Secretary) Sec'y of Program Resources – Linda Cauthers (see co-Sec'y)

Pg. 46 – Vashon UMC Add to Nominations Committee: Margaret Rosser, 16032 Vashon Highway SW, Vashon, WA 98070-4108, phone 206-567-4501; correct Edee Eggert's address to 8909 SW 174th

If you have any corrections, additions or deletions to the directory, please send this information to me at 815 S. 216th St., Cottage 9, Des Moines, WA 98198, e-mail lizjack@seanet.com, phone 206-870-2009.

*Elizabeth Jackson,
Seattle District Secretary*

SEATTLE DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Spiritual Day Apart

*"Walking With Wholeness -
Telling Your Story."*



Saturday, April 7, 2011

Grace United Methodist Church

**Address: 722 30th Avenue South,
Seattle, WA 98144**

Phone: 206-329-4674

Facilitator: Pastor Joyce McConner Macgee

Make checks payable to: Seattle District UMW

Mail to: Kendra Smith
17420 93rd Ave. NE
Bothell, WA 98011

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 30, 2012

Directions:

From the East – Take I-90 West; take Rainier North exit to Jackson St, Turn R onto Jackson to 30th Ave S, Turn R. From North & South take I-5 to Dearborn Exit to Rainier Ave S; Turn L to Jackson Ave S. Turn R to 30th Ave S, Turn R



Seattle District United Methodist Women

Spiritual Day Apart Registration Form

"Walking With Wholeness - Telling Your Story."

Saturday, April 7, 2011

Grace United Methodist Church

Address: 722 30th Avenue South, Seattle WA 98122

Phone: 206-329-4674

Cost: ----- \$8.00 (Includes lunch and snacks)

PLEASE NOTE:----- \$10 per person at the door

Make checks payable to: --- Seattle District UMW

Mail to: ----- Kendra Smith

17420 93rd Ave. NE

Bothell, WA 98011

SCHEDULE

8:00 am ----- Registration, Snacks, Book Browsing

9:00 am ----- Program

Noon----- Luncheon

REGISTRATION FORM

Local Unit: _____

Number Attending from Unit: _____

Names (For Name Badges) - Please Print

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Child Care Needed: **How Many:** _____

PLEASE BRING SACK LUNCH FOR CHILD

Special Dietary Needs _____



Registration Deadline: Friday, March 30, 2012

DISTRICT TREASURER



The first district event of 2012 is over and some of you have sent in your 1st quarter Remittance and used the new form. Most of you are now using the correct form - but not all of you yet. Change sometimes takes a while doesn't it. To all of you who are using the correct form and have sent it in - thank you!!

I look forward to meeting and talking with more of you as the year progresses. It was a good group of women on February 4th. Learning and sharing took place along with getting questions answered. I am learning my new position as well. I have been asking lots of questions as I take on the responsibility as your new district treasurer.

Our collection at the LITE meeting took in \$725 with all of it going to "undesignated giving". Blaine UMC which does not have an active unit as this time gave an additional gift of \$200. In some ways "undesignated giving" is a very descriptive term but it doesn't give us faces and names and how people are being assisted with the funds that are donated. Response Magazine Feb 2012 has 15 pages of maps that show locations of where Women's Mission Giving dollars go, the names of the programs and a brief description of who they serve and what they do. I am always amazed at what our donations can do when combined with other UMW units around the conference, the United States and the world. They make a huge difference and help me to realize that what I give is important, needed and well used.

Kendra Smith
Seattle District Treasurer
kendradornsmith@gmail.com



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

Do you need information about Pacific Northwest

Conference United Methodist Women? Want to see pictures of a recent event? Need links to Women's Division resources? Check out our site at www.pnwumw.org! . It is a work in progress so send your material and your comments to sharingline@pnwumw.org.



EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION

Greetings everyone! We received 61 evaluations from the leadership training event. We had a few glitches for our learning experience. However, the event was quite successful. The evaluations will be gone over thoroughly in order to make changes in the future.

Next on our calendar is the PNW UMW Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat at Puyallup UMC, March 31, 2012 followed by the Spiritual Day Apart at Grace UMC on April 7, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Vivienne Mickleborough,
Coordinator of Education and Interpretation.



NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The District Committee on Nominations recognize that the vitality of the UMW and our success in fulfilling the Purpose hinges on continuing to find faithful women who are willing to answer the call for leadership. In this regard, the District Committee on Nominations is working harder this year to establish connections with each of our local units. If you have not already received an email and a call from the committee, you may look forward to this initial contact to strengthen our connection.

While we ARE looking for potential leaders; we are also hoping that this connection will lead us to meaningful and honest conversions on how the district programs may support the needs of your local units and your ministries.

For those who are ready to revitalize the women in your church, I do encourage you to become a district officer. We often find that the knowledge gained in your service as an officer creates an infusion of new energy brought back to the local unit.

We look forward to getting to know you.

Cecille Corsilles-Sy, Chair *Carol Kalkwarf, Member*
Luma Afeaki, Member *Connie Midgett, Member*
Crisma Castillo, Member *Cynthia Tinte, Member*

Cooperative School of Christian Mission

June 29—July 2, 2012

Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA

"That All May Have Life"

All School Study

IMMIGRATION IN THE BIBLE

Lead by the Rev. Lyda Pierce




The Rev. Dr. Lyda Pierce serves as missionary for Hispanic/Latino Ministry Development in the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference. Lyda supports the development of Hispanic/Latino ministries throughout the conference, while focusing particularly on the Yakima Valley. Lyda received her Master of Divinity from Pacific School of Religion in

1980, which named her a Distinguished Alumna in 2001. She also received a Doctor of Ministry in international feminist theologies from San Francisco Theological Seminary in 2003. She is married to the Rev. Paul Jeffrey. They have two young adult children and one granddaughter.

The study shares the story of the Bible as a narrative of immigrants and migration. It will examine what it is to be a sojourner and to live the Biblical mandate of hospitality for "the stranger" and "aliens" in our midst.

Registration forms can be found on the web at
pnwumw.org

Contact Cindy Cole, Registrar, (509) 476-3462 or
email: ccole@q.com for further information.

Scholarship information 

Elective Studies

(Choice of one)

POVERTY

Led by Estella Wallace, Marilyn Wudarcki, Erica Lovchik
and the Rev. George Lockwood

This study invites us to become agents of God's compassion and healing in a wounded world. Poverty is a human rights issue with grave impact on women and children. This mission study on poverty is designed to help participants recognize and claim for themselves the connections between Scripture, church tradition, compassion for the poor, social outreach and social justice.

HAITI: CHALLENGES AND HOPE

Lead by Debbie Irby

It is nearly impossible to convey the full scope of Haiti's culture and history in one study. This study will try to capture some aspects of Haiti and its people's daily realities, their rich and vivacious culture that shaped Haiti's past and the ongoing legacy of colonialism, along with glimpses into the heart and soul of Haiti's people through pictures and Creole adages

Youth Study for youth 12-17

HAITI

Lead by Jodi Mackin

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COOPERATIVE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS

There are scholarships available for Cooperative School of Christian Missions and anyone attending is eligible to apply for one. We have scholarships for youth and adults and also the Lucille Durham scholarship for people from the Seven Rivers and Inland districts. We do not give full scholarships so encourage you to apply to your church, local UMW unit and district UMW first. You register for Cooperative School of Christian Missions separately but must be registered to receive a scholarship. You can find the scholarship application at: www.pnwumw.org on the Forms/Links tab. Please contact Melva Lohstroh at 509-326-0258 or mlohstroh@comcast.net if you have questions or don't have access to the form on the UMW web site. The Cooperative School of Christian Missions is earlier than usual this year, June 29 - July 2, so it's not too early to begin to plan. The deadline for scholarship applications is May 1st.

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