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**United Methodist Women of Indiana**

# **Mission Messenger**

**Serving Women with a Purpose**

**September 2017**

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## **From the Conference President.....Renewing the Covenant**

Our Spiritual Growth study at Mission U, Living as a Covenant Community, was particularly valuable to me. As I have walked along side of friends who are walking through difficult seasons, I needed to be reminded of God's faithfulness, His amazing grace and His steadfast love for us. In case you missed it, Study Leader Reverend Mary Kathryn Pearce was insightful, humorous, engaging and inspirational.

Amid the decline in community in society, I am so grateful for the forming of Covenant Community table groups that took place in our sessions. It is a joy to learn and share together. After we affirmed and renewed how we are to live in community and take seriously the commandments and laws in our life together, we joined together in the following litany:

### **Wesley's Covenant Prayer (adapted)**

We are no longer our own, but yours.  
Put us to what you will,  
Place us with whom you will.  
Put us to doing, put us to suffering.  
Let us be put to work for you or set aside for you,  
Praised for you or criticized for you.  
Let us be full, let us be empty.  
Let us have all things, let us have nothing.  
We freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and sacrifice.  
And now, a wonderful and holy God, COVENANT MAKER, COVENANT KEEPER AND COVENANT EQUIPPER,  
You are ours, and we are yours. So be it. And the covenant, which we have made on earth,  
Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

Our conference Young Women's Limitless event was held July 21-22. The 24-hour event included worship, bible study, presentations and, of course, mission. An outstanding team of young women planned the weekend. What we are hearing from the young women is that they are seeking alternate gathering times and locations and less meetings and agendas. They desire more doing.

One of the young women who serves on the Limitless Team will be our speaker for Annual Meeting, October 7, 2017 at Asbury in Columbus. Elizabeth Pitcher is the Indiana Director of All Worthy of Love, an organization that reaches out to men and women enslaved by street prostitution. Liz is a doer, a difference maker who stands apart from the crowd and you don't want to miss hearing from her. Please encourage her with your presence.

Look for details about Assembly 2018 in this issue. Rita Gaither Gant is the Conference Assembly Liaison. She will be working with National Office to coordinate our participation. Early registration begins September 1, 2017.

I am prayerful about the August Leadership meeting. Honestly, I am a bit anxious. One of the items on the agenda will be approval of the 2018 conference budget and Pledge to Mission. Please pray with me that we are able to raise the bar and our gifts will be used to bring peace, justice and comfort to the world.

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### Vice President Diana's Dialog:

As we celebrate in the community of United Methodist Women, we have much to be thankful for. God brought our community together to have a blessed Mission u program. It did not happen because everyone did their own thing. It happened because we worked together as a team. It works the same way in our churches. When the community of believers work together and build each other up, the Holy Spirit brings blessings.

The community of United Methodist Women will be holding the annual meeting on Friday, October 6, and Saturday, October 7, at Asbury United Methodist Church in Columbus, Indiana. The registration form is available in this newsletter and we look forward to your participation. Bring your hands-on mission items Friday night and help us put together kits for the women in our state who have found themselves tricked into human trafficking and need a way out. Liz Pitcher will be our speaker and she is working to help these women.

I just read the book *Women Like Us: Together Changing the World* written by a friend who has been working to help these women in the United States and around the world. The book's author, Linda Rendleman, grew up in Martinsville, Indiana, and is traveling the world helping women and girls be treated like God intended. Linda is co-founder of the organization Women Like Us.

We will also be sharing our talents on Friday, October 6, when we meet. If you are a fan of karaoke, we need you to share your gift with us. Sharing our gift is a part of community and receiving the gift makes the circle complete. Rev. Mary Kathryn Pearce, who lead our Spiritual Growth Study at Mission u said, "God works through us, not in us." What are you letting God do through YOU? See you at Annual Meeting!

Shalom,  
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## We Are All Limitless

First and foremost, I would like to say 'Thank You' to everyone that devoted their time, talents and prayers to making Limitless 2017 a success! Second, I would like to celebrate the event by saying that we had 13 amazing young women and 6 wonderful mentors attend. During the weekend event we created the beautiful seasonal door hangers you see in the pictures for Ascent 121, a residential and outpatient therapy center for young people whose lives were altered by human trafficking. In sticking with the theme of empowerment despite circumstances, we took part in a Spiritual Growth study of Mary Magdalene and watched the film I AM JANE DOE.

I would like to thank Rev. Mary Kathryn Pearce for an excellent workshop on Living in a Covenant Community as well as Shannon Priddy and Felicia Stewart for presenting excellent workshops on UMW 201 and 101, respectively. It was a lovely and thought-provoking weekend at beautiful Gobin Memorial UMC and, again, I would like to thank everyone involved for its success.

Look for a few Limitless pictures later in this newsletter!!

Thank you!

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My awesome Indiana United Methodist Women,

It is truly an honor to write in Mission Messenger as your representative to the Board of Directors. What an amazing first year this has been! Being elected President is humbling.

United Methodist Women is action. I know that leadership comes in all shapes and sizes. I know that if when we work together, young and old, we learn and grow. Use your voice to speak for women, youth, and children who cannot. You are important in the movement of our church, faith and belief in Jesus Christ.

This spring, I represented United Methodist Women at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. What I share from this is proof that what we talk about, raise mission dollars for, and learn in our local units, our districts, our conference, is happening around the world. Women everywhere are working with faith, trying to get by.

Assembly is in May 2018. It is in Columbus, OH. I can promise you a similar experience to the one I had at the United Nations, only better. Women will gather from around the world to celebrate Christ and grow as leaders for their own communities, to lead their churches in action for women, youth, and children. Make your plans. Invite someone new. Assembly 2014 was my first and look how far I have come! All women deserve the opportunity to serve and share in the fellowship of United Methodist Women.

This fall, I will not be at our Annual Meeting. I am attending three instead. I encourage each and every one of you to attend. Why? Fellowship, sharing ideas, trying something new. Changing the way you think about United Methodist Women. Reconnecting with old friends. Celebrating the work that has been accomplished in one year! Electing the leadership that will leave the next legacy for Indiana United Methodist Women. The list goes on and on. There are also updates from the national organization about Assembly and the Legacy Fund. Opening your heart to new words of faith, hope and love in action!

No one works alone. Jesus didn't. Everyone needs help. Jesus included others in his work. We won't grow unless we follow the example of Jesus. Join together to share the work. Ask for help to learn something new and invite new women in. Great things are happening in United Methodist Women of Indiana. Thank you for all you do for United Methodist Women locally, in your district, in our conference, in our world.

Love and blessings shared with each of you.  
Sincerely,  
Shannon

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*The altar at Church Center for the UN, owned by UMW*



*Shannon on the floor of the UN General Assembly*

### *From the Secretary.....*

Fall, fellowship and forms are coming!

We are all wondering where our summer went! I hope you found time to enjoy the warm weather and are feeling refreshed and ready for busier times to come. Fall promises to be full of meetings, fund raisers, trainings and planning. Please take time to reach out to others and do what you can to grow UMW through missions for Christ.

**Attention Sister Secretaries!** It's that time again! Time to gather local unit information that is SO important to keep us all informed and connected. **District Secretaries:** if you didn't receive the 2018 officer form in your email, please contact me. Copy and distribute the form at your fall meetings, trainings, newsletters, email, USPS mail and every way you can to get them to every unit. You may need to follow up with a phone call or email. Make sure you add your contact information at the bottom. **Local Secretaries and Presidents:** this important form can also be found in this newsletter. Please return the form to your district secretary *and* to Barb McCoy who will be creating the Conference Directory. Without this information, it's difficult to keep units informed and 'in the loop.'

Thank you for all you do!

Blessings,

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### *From the Treasurer.....*

It's fall – again! United Methodist Women gather for fall meetings and training and to approve programs and budgets for the coming year. We renew our excitement about helping women, children, and youth around the world.

My sense of excitement was elevated at Mission U when I had the chance to spend some time with young women from around the state. Their deep faith was inspiring and the ways they are involved in their communities amazed me. The future of the church and of United Methodist Women will remain secure if we continue to encourage young women to participate as leaders. Are you doing all you can to seek out young women and encourage them? Are you letting them serve in ways that encourage their passion and commitment even if it doesn't necessarily match yours?

On another note, I was recently asked about United Methodist Women's "dues." Not being familiar with the term, I started asking around. I was stunned to learn that many women consider their giving to United Methodist Women as paying "dues." I have always believed that what I give to UMW is simply returning to God a piece of the blessings that he has bestowed upon me. The more I learn about the important work we (UMW) do, the more I desire to support the work of UMW. Please pray with me that our hearts are open to God's calling in our lives.

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**2018 UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
DISTRICT / LOCAL ORGANIZATION OFFICERS**

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Please type or print clearly, the information and return to your District Secretary and the Conference Directory Coordinator by **November 1, 2017**. Due to post office mailing regulations, we do need your 9-digit zip code! Check your utility bills for these.

**District:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Church:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **zip+4**

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**Upon completion of this form, PLEASE send a copy to your District Secretary and the Conference Directory Coordinator:**

### **And to:**

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Please send via e-mail if possible, but USPS is greatly appreciated and accepted as well.

**Without these names and addresses, your conference team doesn't know who should receive newsletters, fliers, and special e-alerts. Thanks to all of you for your help in making our conference directory as complete as possible.**





## PROGRAM RESOURCES

It was great to see many of you at Mission-u in July! What a wonderful opportunity we had for spiritual growth and Bible study as Mary Katherine Pearce led us through *Living as a Covenant Community* by Evy McDonald. Hopefully, many of us will have the opportunity to use this text as the basis for a comprehensive Bible study in our units and church groups. Structure for this study is included in the back of each text. God's covenants (beginning with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, David, to the "Covenant of Redemption and Grace" through Jesus) are explored. Additionally, the reading of this text counts as a spiritual growth choice for 2017 in our Reading Program.

Our elective studies included a new study entitled *Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States* by J. Ann Craig. This text counts toward a book read for Education for Mission in the year(s) it is used for Mission u. Guided by four dedicated, enthusiastic leaders, we learned not only about the Red Bird Missionary Conference, the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, and the Alaska Conference, but also about the economic and environmental challenges faced by each and the painful history of our past regarding injustices toward Native Americans. We also explored the history of the Methodist Church and the Central Jurisdiction and our painful history of racism. Fortunately, this study will be offered again next year as it is a very comprehensive one.

In her second year as instructor for *Climate Justice, A Call to Hope and Action* by Pat Watkins, Pauline Neal reminded us of our role with this scripture: "The Earth is the Lord's and all those who live in it." (Psalms 24:1). We were reminded of the many ways we must be good stewards of what God has given us. Topics explored were consumerism, carbon footprint, and use/misuse of natural resources. The text for this study will count as a Social Action reading choice for 2017 if you did not claim it in 2016.

Finally, this is a reminder that it is not too late to complete one of the Reading Program Plans for 2017. Remember that youth and children's books count as well as adult choices, and that years 2012 to 2017 Reading Program books can be used if not read and counted in prior years. In looking ahead, just this week I got a glimpse online though an email from Brenda Thompson of the 2018 books that are being stocked for this fall. They look interesting! I hope to have many of those available for you to purchase at our Annual Meeting in Columbus! See you then!

Blessings,

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## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

### P.U.S.H.

### Pray Until Something Happens

We recently had a guest speaker at our church that shared this with us. His wife had been in the hospital and the nurse posted this on the whiteboard in her room. What if we all posted **P.U.S.H.** on our refrigerator or bathroom mirror? We all know that our prayers are not always answered the way we wish but the way God wishes but we can still “Pray Until Something Happens”!

If you attended Mission u, I hope you are keeping in contact with your “Covenant Community” and praying for each other daily. The study was a reminder of the covenants God made with our ancestors and that we should also be part of a “Covenant Community.” That may be from Mission u, your Sunday school class, a small group, or even your UMW circle. Being part of a “Covenant Community” will help you grow in your love for God, each other, and our neighbors around the world.

It will soon be time for the Silent Retreat. It will be October 27-29 at Sarto House in Evansville. The registration flyer is in this newsletter. There is a time to be “silent” and most of us don’t find it easy! We all live in a noisy and busy world. Join Brenda Crawford and me for reading, resting, and listening to God in silence. Silence is transforming!

Blessings!

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The silent retreat flyer available on our website at <http://www.inumc.org/UMW> or by clicking [HERE](#)

## Education and Interpretation

I've had requests over the last couple of years to make changes to the requirements for the Mission Today levels. We understand units sometimes struggle to meet the requirements. However, the purpose of the Mission Today program is to 1) **Energize** United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission, 2) **Increase** contacts between local units and mission personnel to better understand where our money goes, 3) **Encourage** the use of a variety of resources, and 4) **Expand** our concepts of mission including social justice! It is a **GOAL** to strive for by all United Methodist Women! If you don't quite reach Bronze level, send your form anyway. Show us you're striving to reach any of the 3 levels! Your form for 2017 is due to your district coordinator of Education and Interpretation by January 15, 2018, so you can be honored at the spring meetings.

Now, a note to District E&I's...I would like to thank all of you for your help and support over the last 3 years! As most of you know, I have resigned my position, effective October 7th. Sometimes God creates other plans for us! As for me, I will be moving the end of October to live with my older son and daughter-in-law in Hawaii! This is an exciting and scary time for me as I have always lived in Howard County! I will be returning in the summers to spend time with my grandchildren (and attend Mission u). As you will see on the 2018 slate of officers, I am leaving you in great hands.

May God bless all my UMW sisters as you continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus!

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# United Methodist Women of Indiana

## 2017 Silent Retreat

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven...a time to be silent (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 3:7b)*

**When:** October 27-29, 2017

(Registration and check-in is Friday 6-745pm —Indianapolis time)

*Retreat starts at 8pm Friday with 36 hours of SILENCE featuring guided meditations and activities concluding with Sunday worship and lunch*

**Where:** Sarto Retreat House,  
4200 N Kentucky Ave, Evansville IN 47711  
(812) 424-5536

**COST:** \$150 per participant (Limited to the first 55 to register)

**Facilitators:** Lexa McCampbell & Brenda Crawford

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

*Deadline: Wed October 11, 2017*

Name:

Phone:

Address:

City & Zip:

Email:

Church:

District:

**Special Needs:**

**Handicap Accessible:** Yes No IF yes, please specify

**Special Diet:** Yes No IF yes, please specify

**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Accommodations include** a single room with bath for 2 nights and 5 meals:

Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast and lunch

Please send completed registration with your check made payable to **UMW of IN** to:

Martha Lewis, registrar  
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*Cancellation Notice: Please be mindful that UMW of Indiana Conference incurs certain fixed costs due to contractual obligations. Because of our desire to be good stewards of mission funds, participants are asked to give at least 7 days notice of cancellation.*

## *Working for Justice Through Service & Advocacy*

"Many issues are related in that they stem from similar causes; for instance the economic or political situation in a region creates a need for people to migrate. As a result, desperate individuals find themselves poor, hungry, homeless, without health care, in an abusive [situation] or even trafficked." (from [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/focus-issues](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/focus-issues))

The needs are great, aren't they? The issues are many and there are many sides to each issue. In order to focus our efforts we narrow the field a bit each Quadrennium. So, beginning in 2016 and through 2020, **United Methodist Women's** work will focus on four priority areas:

**Climate Justice** (2017 Legislative Day theme)

Life-giving stewardship that promotes sustainability

**Maternal & Child Health** (2016 Legislative Day theme)

Life-saving access and education that promotes well-being

**Criminalization of Communities of Color & Mass Incarceration** (2018?)

Protecting women and families by ending criminalization of people of color

**Economic Inequality** (2019?)

Inequality is a women's issue

The trick is to separate the issues from the political context. Our work as United Methodist Women should be scripturally based NOT based on a political platform. Our mandate is from God - check out Luke 4:18! When you speak on behalf of United Methodist Women or present information as a United Methodist Woman be sure that you use the language and information available from the UMW resources at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org).

Need some other resources or ideas? Have you tried Pinterest? Start at [www.pinterest.com/umwomen](http://www.pinterest.com/umwomen) and look for boards covering the area you are wanting to investigate. There is one called "Economic Justice," one is "Human trafficking articles and resources" and even one called "Food sustainability." These boards are like electronic bulletin boards - click on an interesting image and watch a video or read an article.

*"Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it." (Psalms 34:14)*

All God's blessings, please!

*La Donna Weber,  
Mission Coordinator for Social Action*

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In Medellin, Colombia, at the Biblical Seminary, an international group of 24 professionals, who work in various countries, have been researching the needs of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) throughout Colombia. During the decades of violent conflict during the drug wars, many people were forced to leave their homes. Since 2002, over six million had to flee. This number makes up eleven percent of the Colombian population.

Several protestant churches have been searching for ways to serve the displaced without creating dependency. Ways need to be found to help them transfer from their past simple peasant life to confront the enormous challenges of city life. Many are women taking care of children as their husbands were killed or captured in the conflict.

2016 was the year for researching the multiple problems these people face. The research centered on six villages where many of the displaced sought refuge. Specialists worked in six areas of research: educational, social, psychological, economic, political and spiritual. They went directly to the displaced to listen and learn from them. They also visited groups and individuals that had been previously working with the displaced.

One of the important facts, found through the year of studies, involves intergenerational poverty. If one isn't above the poverty level in one generation, he or she will most likely remain poor generation after generation. Some of these families are entering the second or third generation of poverty.

2017 is the year for academic writing, publishing and spreading the results of the accumulation of knowledge gained through research. This time has been focused on writing manuals and handbooks for church leaders, pastors, social workers and businessmen, all who are interested in working to integrate the displaced into society.

2018 will be the year of sharing the information and testing out programs with churches and other organizations. The goal being to create training programs for the displaced, so that they might flourish in a new life. The churches have an obligation to be advocates for the needy. Through Christ's love, the marginalized gain in individual value, power and resilience.

As members of the church, we know that Christ can affect the lives of the displaced who have suffered much. We must listen to their needs in order to help them survive and thrive in a new daily life.

This information was gleaned through conversations this week while visiting my sister and brother-in-law Guillermo Mejia, theologian and professor at the Biblical Seminary of Colombia. Guillermo is one of the panel of 24.

Leanore Regensburger  
Language Coordinator

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## ***MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH***

Hello, MNOs!

We have work to do! From our smallest units to our largest ones in Indiana Conference, we need to nurture and grow our membership--especially with young women! One way to do this is with our upcoming Assembly, May 18-20, 2018.

I challenge each district and local unit to get to know a young woman, offer her a scholarship, then invite HER to join YOU so that together you both may experience the "Power of Bold," the theme for our quadrennial event. This task won't be easy. First you will have to find a young woman to nurture, then challenge your leadership team to provide the scholarship, and finally, invite her to join you!

I know this sounds daunting, but I may have a hint to encourage you...

At Mission u, I was moved by the sacred stories of Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah and David, to name a few, who although imperfect, stepped up and followed God's call. So, I'm challenging each of us to do the same by prayerfully remembering that "God doesn't give up on us." In fact, we repeated that phrase together six times before concluding, "We don't give up on each other." Isn't that what MNO is all about?...not giving up on finding young women OR that woman who has become inactive OR that woman in the nursing home...

In closing, as our national president, the vibrant Shannon Priddy, reminded us in her first Response Moment, "I'm optimistic for United Methodist Women!!!" I, a seasoned United Methodist Woman, am too! We can, and must, reach out to young women!

Our story is truly amazing. Join me in being an extraordinary woman and share it!

With faith, hope and love in action,

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### **Don't forget all the information available on our website!**

You can find forms (like the Mission Today form, the talent form), the most recent *Mission Messenger* conference newsletter (in color!), your district's most recent newsletter, the conference officer list, links to the Mission u page, Limitless page, and the Lucille Raines Residence page, etc

It's all there for you at [www.inumc.org/umw](http://www.inumc.org/umw)!

Come get your information.....then Share, share, SHARE!

## Committee on Nominations

Jesus said to his followers, *"There are many people to harvest but only a few workers to help harvest them. Pray to the Lord who owns the harvest, that he will send more workers to gather his harvest."* Matthew 9:37-38

Questions: Are you thankful to be a UMW member?

Do you think there is a need for the UMW organization?

Should we try to get younger women involved?

Should we try to get women of any age involved?

I say "YES" to all the above.

As a nominating committee we are always searching for workers – I know there are many women ready for harvest – so we need workers (officers) to keep our units, districts and conference alive.

There is no way that the nominating committee knows everyone – so if you feel a calling to a leadership role in our wonderful organization, please contact a local, district or conference officer and we will be willing to help you pursue your passion.

As a committee, we are in prayer to find "workers" willing to go into the fields and bring a bountiful harvest of women and good programming pleasing to God.

Kathy S. White

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# Legacy Time!

Hello, Members of United Methodist Women!

THOUSANDS of us, both women and youth, studied “Missionary Conferences” and “Mission Together,” our adult and youth geographic 2017 studies at Mission u’s this summer across the country. In 1869, however, only EIGHT EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN were in “Mission Together,” when they heard of a need and responded. By telephone, across the continent, calls were made, asking women to pledge “two cents and a prayer weekly” to send two missionaries, a teacher and a medical doctor, to India to care for women there who were not receiving proper care from the male missionaries.

One hundred and forty-eight years later, we are still in “Mission Together,” all 800,000 of us, but our goal is to insure women, children, and youth will continue to be safe with their needs met for the next 150 years as well as those of our own daughters and granddaughters. So, the LEGACY FUND came into being. It is an endowment that prepares a firm foundation for future generations to be free to face the challenges of their time while still strengthening United Methodist Women.

With this background, the Conference Indiana Legacy Fund Committee is inviting each of our 10,696 Conference Indiana Members to be a part of this growing endowment by pledging, at least \$18.69 annually for the next three years. Other increments of \$186.69, \$1, 869.00 or \$150.00 are certainly encouraged too! Make your check payable to “United Methodist Women” with “Legacy Fund” on the memo line.

In a recent evening worship at Mission u, we as United Methodist Women were reminded to take RESPONSE-ability because we know when women unite, BOLD and COURAGEOUS actions happen. So, please join us by making your gift today, then wear your Legacy Pin proudly. It will give you another chance to tell our remarkable mission journey.

With faith, hope and love-in-action,

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# WHEN WOMEN **UNITE, BOLD AND COURAGEOUS** ACTIONS HAPPEN



## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ASSEMBLY**

**Columbus, Ohio-----May 18-20, 2018**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION:** The registration fee for Assembly 2018 will be \$295 if you register by November 30, 2017, and \$330 if you register after November 30, 2017. The registration fee includes two healthy lunches (on Friday & Saturday). Online Registration is expected to open September 1, 2017. The Assembly 2018 website is [www.umwassembly.org](http://www.umwassembly.org)! Assembly 2018 will feature pre-registered workshops

Plan now to attend this 150 year old movement of United Methodist Women as we gather at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio to celebrate THE POWER OF BOLD.

**WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND** Assembly 2018 will be a forum for all women. Assembly will offer an incredible personal faith journey through community building, training for action and visioning a movement for the future. Worship/ Plenaries infused with music and performing arts, quality workshops and riveting Town Hall meetings with important leaders, action opportunities and Experience Hall with educational immersion experiences await you. When women unite, bold and courageous actions happen.

**WHY COLUMBUS?** The 2018 Assembly is particularly momentous in that it marks both the official celebration of the organization's 150th anniversary and a return to the location of the first Assembly in 1942. St. Louis was the original site for that first Assembly, but the women moved their meeting to Columbus because St. Louis would not allow white women and black women to congregate in the same space. They boldly united and switched to a location where ALL women could meet, worship, and stay together. That location was Columbus!

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** We have arranged a block of rooms for Indiana Conference United Methodist Women at the Holiday Inn and Suites Downtown. The room rate is \$154 per night. Estimated parking fee is \$16. The hotel is .8 miles from the Convention Center. Logistics details will come soon.

Additionally, we have a limited number of rooms at Crowne Plaza Downtown, within walking distance of the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The room rate is \$158. Overnight valet parking is \$20.

The cutoff date to hold reservations in this block is December 1, 2017.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Indiana Conference United Methodist Women will award ten \$600 scholarships for Assembly 2018. Persons applying for scholarship assistance must be a member of a local or district unit of United Methodist Women within the Indiana Conference, and must not have previously attended an Assembly. [Please download and complete this application form, provide all requested information](#), and send the completed form to: Diana Musgrave (8386 State Road 44, Martinsville, IN 46151 [dianamus@yahoo.com](mailto:dianamus@yahoo.com)). **Scholarship applications must be received by October 1st in order to be considered.** Scholarship recipients will be notified by October 22nd.

There may be other scholarship opportunities offered by either the North Central Jurisdiction, or the national office for United Methodist Women. As we learn about those, we will share the information.

## ASSEMBLY HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel reservations for the Indiana Conference UMW block must be made online prior to December 1, 2017 through the Indiana Conference website [http:// www.inumc.org/umw](http://www.inumc.org/umw). **Look for the hotel link on the website.**

Indiana rooms may be reserved for May 17-20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. (Assembly is May 18-20, with Ubuntu Day planned for May 17).

**Holiday Inn:** There are 90 doubles available at the Holiday Inn Downtown Capitol Square. The Holiday Inn is located .8 miles from the Convention Center. The room rate for the Holiday Inn is \$154. Parking is \$16. Shuttle arrangements are being made. [Click HERE to book a room at the Holiday Inn](#)

**Crowne Plaza:** We were also able to secure a limited number of rooms at the Crowne Plaza Columbus Downtown. This hotel had limited availability for Thursday, May 17, 2018. It is within walking distance of the Convention Center. The room rate for the Crowne Plaza is \$158 and overnight valet parking is \$20. [Click HERE to book a room at the Crowne Plaza](#)

The bill can be divided and paid by individuals sharing a room at the time of check-in. Roommates do not need to be listed at the time the room is reserved.

Rooms must be reserved by December 1st to assure being housed with Indiana United Methodist Women. After December 1st, the rooms will be released to the hotel for use by others, and the rates will increase. The cost is the same for the room whether one, two, three, or four people are in the room.

After December 1, 2017, each person who has reserved a room with the Indiana UMW block will be contacted and provided with a form for indicating the name(s) of roommate(s) and the form will then be returned to the Assembly Coordinator.

Please watch the UMW of IN website for Assembly links, one to reserve a hotel room and one to register for Assembly.

For those who do not have access to a computer or are uncomfortable working with a computer, ask for assistance. You may contact Rita Gaither Gant, Assembly Coordinator: 317-549-3574 (home) or 317-752-6464; email [gaitrgantm@aol.com](mailto:gaitrgantm@aol.com)



Reasons for wanting to attend (Use back of form if more space is needed.)

## Mission u 2017.....WERE YOU THERE?

Mission u 2017 met at DePauw University July 18 – 22. We participated in worship; in plenaries; in the studies of “Living in a Covenant Community,” “Climate Justice,” and “Missionary Conferences of the United States.” We ate, we laughed, and we enjoyed fellowship!

**Were YOU there** when a first-timer asked the question: What is a plenary? Good question! According to the dictionary, a plenary is a meeting of the entire body. That definition didn’t really tell me anything, and I doubt the lady asking the question was any wiser, either. I have described a plenary as a time of music, of worship, of skits or discussions, a time of learning. The plenaries are written and provided to us by our National Office. We are allowed to adapt them to fit our needs. If YOU are interested in participating in a plenary at Mission u 2018, please let me know! We’d love to add your name to our list!

**Were YOU there** to see the piles and stacks of shoe boxes with Christmas items for the children of the Red Bird Missionary Conference? Participants just kept bringing them to the Ballroom and we tried to estimate the number, but not very well. When Assistant Dean, Kathy Byerly, had the shoe-boxes spread out in her garage and counted them, there were **712!** Kathy and Jim Byerly delivered them the week after Mission u to Southeast Kentucky. They also delivered some extra pieces and a box of craft projects for the people at Red Bird to complete. **Great work everyone!**

Rev. Mary Kathryn Pearce led the study on “Living in a Covenant Community”. Among the many facts she shared were:

Covenants began in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve. They continue throughout the

Bible through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, the prophets, and Jesus.

WE are still being called today; we need to listen carefully and be obedient.

We must let God be God. He is trustworthy and continues in compassion and grace.

We should stand up and speak out for the wrongs done to others.

We should journal what God is saying to our hearts on a regular basis. What is He asking *you* to do?

**Were YOU there** when Mary Kathryn mentioned “Father Abraham” and 175 people broke out in song? It was such a spontaneous response and we all had fun joining in on the motions to the song!

Our Mission Advocates, Steve and Gail Quigg, have spent much of their summer traveling from one Mission u to another. While with us on Wednesday, they shared some of their experiences from over twenty years of mission work in Africa. **Were YOU there** when Gail interviewed many of our youth and a few of our ‘seasoned’ United Methodist Women members? The stories told of the horrors of war, blessings of giving birth in a hospital, famine, unexpected funds, and the joys children bring. Everyone did a fantastic job with their parts. And, everyone was dressed in African clothing. Many of our youth thought the clothing was very comfortable and just might start a new fashion trend in our Indiana schools!



**Were YOU there** as two hundred people congregated at the Gobin UMC for the Children and Youth programs on Thursday evening? We had ten children in the Chi-Mi-Ca (Children's Mission Camp) group this year. Their leader, Teddy Shuck, and her assistants, led them in a pantomime of 'The Good Samaritan.' The priest and Levite did an excellent job of ignoring the injured man. At the same time, the Samaritan gave gentle medical attention to the injured man and got him to the inn for further rest and care. Our twenty youth were led by Helene and Jesse Foust, with their assistant, Adam Duell. The Yo-Pe-Mi-Ca (Young People's Mission Camp) group told us with words and posters what mission is and is not. It is important to listen to the people we are in mission with, to know what they need and how they can assist in making their part of the world a better place to live.

Our Climate Justice classes were led by Pauline Neal and Jeanne Long. **Were YOU there**, or did you hear at mealtime or as you walked from place to place, some of what they discussed?

The world – that is each one of us – must reduce our carbon footprint.  
 World-wide, 500 million plastic straws fill our landfills every day.  
 Why not establish a "green" team in your church?  
 We are in charge of God's world and we need to treat it much better!

Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States classes were led by Glenna Brayton, Kathy Clemenz, Margaret Dennis, and Patsy Fleener. **Were YOU there**, or did you hear at mealtime or in the dorms, what they discussed?

There are three Missionary Conferences in the US. They are the Alaska Missionary Conference, Red Bird Missionary Conference (in SE Kentucky), and the Oklahoma Indian Conference.  
 The injustices done to the indigenous people in Alaska, Appalachia, and early America cannot be undone, but we MUST educate and learn from those injustices, then go forward and do better. These are areas where our service can and does make a difference!  
 Mission is working **with** the people, not **for** them or **to** them. Learn what they need and assist them in reaching their goals!

**Were YOU there** Wednesday evening for our candle-light service? Lexa McCampbell and Kathy Byerly created a fifteen foot cross in front of our worship center in the Ballroom. It was outlined with many tea light candles. We were all challenged to name some of the insidious and disturbing walls of hostility we encounter in our own communities. These walls divide us across barriers of race, ethnicity, social class, ability, theological understandings, educational status, sexual orientation, gender and gender expression, politics, and much more. On one side of an index card we were to write down one or two walls we see in our communities. On the other side of the card, we were asked to write ways in which we felt called to respond to these walls of hostility. Challenging! Thought provoking! How do we begin to dismantle walls of hostility? In groups we placed our index cards inside the cross. The insidious cross of trauma, oppression, abuse, poverty, and racism will be transformed! We are called to join God in this holy work!

**Were YOU there** as the new members of the Mission u Team were announced? Beth Brown will be the registrar as Sharon Kimmel retires from that position after four years. Sharon's work is so much appreciated! Thank YOU, Sharon! Also leaving the team is Carol Sweet, the West District representative to the team. The North Central District will soon be selecting a person to serve as a district representative. Continuing officers are: Dean, Barbara King; Assistant Dean, Kathy Byerly; Business Manager, Sherry Ralston; and East District Representative, Ann Cashner.

Plans will soon be underway for Mission u 2018. Again we will be at DePauw University in July, but the exact date has not yet been set. We have read your evaluations and comments and will incorporate all suggestions that are possible.

Many, many thanks to **everyone** who made Mission u a great week for the Indiana Conference! It was a blessing to see so many women, children and youth working together to transform the world. If you want to plan a mini Mission u around one or more of the current studies, let me know. Hopefully, I can help you get the people you need to lead your studies.

See you next year – and bring a friend or two!

Blessings,

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Limitless 2017!!





### BE JUST BE GREEN GOES TO WASHINGTON DC!

The National Office of United Methodist Women recently joined with Sierra Club, Earthjustice and other environmental organizations to protest a plan by the EPA to delay important methane gas regulations that were put into place by the Obama administration. Pushing back the implementation of these protections would allow more methane gas to escape into the air, which is especially dangerous in the summer for children who have asthma, and is extremely damaging to the environment.

Representing United Methodist Women and Be Just Be Green, I went to Washington DC in July with Elizabeth Lee (executive for Economic and Environmental Justice, National Office ) and Daryl Junes-Joe, a Navajo United Methodist Woman from Shiprock, New Mexico, to speak out against the proposed delay at an EPA hearing. Dozens of others from across the United States also spoke. United Methodist Women also joined with the other groups to encourage members to send a message through our website while the comment period at the EPA was open.

At this point, an appeals court has blocked the EPA's delay and said that they must implement the protections, but they have not yet done so.

United Methodist Women were called upon to visit our website and leave comments for the EPA. I'm happy to say that several United Methodist Women from Indiana did just that! Some who signed were women who took part in our Climate Justice classes at Mission u. THANK YOU! However.....we need to do more. Next time there is a call for comments, I hope more of you will respond!

United Methodist Women are standing up for women, children and youth – and the earth – against those who pollute our air and water, and profit from it. Read all about it here:

<http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/united-methodist-women-speaks-out-for-the-vulnerable>

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## From Lucille Raines Residence....

As I look back on the first half of this year, I see so many things to be thankful for at Lucille Raines Residence. The lobby area has been repainted, we have new carpet, the furniture has been reupholstered, and Kathie Clemenz has done a fabulous job of finding appropriate wall décor. The water-damaged rooms have been repaired and refurbished, enabling us to be back to being able to accept additional residents. We have new carpet in the upstairs hallway; the 101 Conference room is repaired, repainted and carpeted, and has new window coverings and wall décor, which were provided by a Local Unit. We also have a new grill for the residents to use outside. It is such a good feeling to be able to provide a nice, comfortable place for our residents to call “home.” There is always more to do, but I want to express my gratitude for your support. Without your generosity, Lucille Raines Residence would not be able to provide a safe, supportive environment for 48 residents as they learn to live a clean and sober lifestyle. The residents know this and every time I visit Raines, someone comes to me and expresses his or her gratitude for United Methodist Women.

Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration was a huge success. We had many visitors from all over the state come celebrate with us. The memorial service for Evelyn Saffer was a beautiful and appropriate way to end the event as we celebrated 40 years in ministry to those whose lives have been touched by the Lucille Raines Residence. I am grateful to all who made this event happen, to those who traveled to Indianapolis to show your support of Raines, and for those past and current residents who shared their stories with us.

As I look forward to the remainder of the year, I know that financially we will be struggling. I also know that through your gifts, your help, and your prayers, we will continue the work that was started 40 years ago by United Methodist Women of Indiana. The outside of the building is in need of tuck pointing repairs which is quite costly. Please tell the story of Raines in your church and community. Look for Lucinda Pins and cookbooks at your fall meetings. Get a group together and visit Raines for a Talk, Tour and Lunch. Volunteer to be on the Board of Directors. Help us change hearts and lives.

*“I always thank God for you.” 1 Cor. 1:4*

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# *A Taste of Hope*

Recipe Book

By

Friends of Lucille Raines Residence

Celebrating 40 years of ministry at  
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Features . . .

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- 500 recipes from folks whose lives have been touched by the Raines
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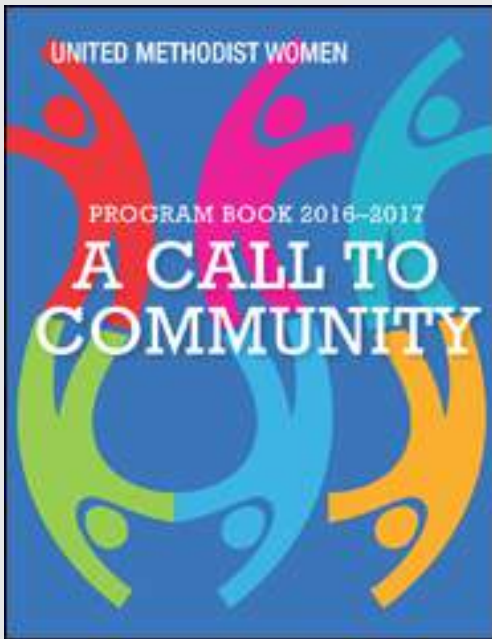
Lucille Raines 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House

May 16, 2017 - 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

May 17, 2017 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 18, 2017 - 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

# BOLD LOVE



## United Methodist Women of Indiana

### 9th Annual Meeting

October 6-7, 2017

Asbury United Methodist Church

1751 27th St at Forest Drive,

Columbus, IN 47201

**Friday Evening Meal** will be at 5pm EST

Hands-On Project to follow 6-8pm EST

(we will be enjoying fellowship with karaoke while making dorm room decorations for Ascent 121, a residential recovery program for those recovering from human trafficking)

**Saturday Registration:** 8:30am EST

**Meeting:** 9:45am-3pm EST

**Speaker:** Liz Pitcher

**All Worthy of Love--A Human Trafficking Outreach**

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

PHONE NUMBER

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

EMAIL ADDRESS

CHURCH

local/district/  
conference officer

DISTRICT

Select all that  
apply

Friday Dinner \$10

NO Childcare Needed

Saturday Registration  
& Lunch \$15

Childcare Needed Friday #\_\_\_\_\_

Not participating in Friday Evening Hands-On Opportunity

Childcare Needed Saturday #\_\_\_\_\_

I desire to serve in Friday's Hands-On Opportunity

Total Due: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline September 27th**

**Hands-on Mission Opportunity:** Help support the efforts of All Worthy of Love by bringing items for hygiene kits: travel-sized shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, washcloth, razors, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products (especially tampons!) and small agape items such as chapstick, nail file, q-tips, hair brush, etc

**Area Hotel (at your expense):** Sleep Inn, 2335 Jonathan Moore Parkway, Columbus, IN (812) 372-7200

**Make Checks Payable to UMW of IN and Send Registration To:** Kay Keller, 8099 Outer Lincoln Ave, Newburgh, IN 47360  
Questions? contact Kay via email: pianokay@yahoo.com or call her at (812) 202-9627

*Pictures and video will be captured during the event by conference representatives for news and promotional use including social media. Registering for the event gives permission for one's image to be used. Names of children and youth will not be used with photos.*

2018 Tentative Calendar—SAVE THE DATES!! *		
United Methodist Women of Indiana		
Feb 16-17 Fri 7pm-Sat 3pm	Spiritual Growth Retreat	Drury Plaza Hotel 9625 N Meridian St Indianapolis, IN 46290
March 8	Legislative Day	TBA Indianapolis, IN
May 18-20	UMW Assembly	OH Greater Columbus Convention Center Columbus, OH
June 7-9	IN UMC Annual Conference	Indiana Convention Center Indianapolis, IN
??	Mission u	DePauw University Greencastle, IN
Oct 5-6 Friday night/Sat	Annual Meeting	Garden of Gethsemane Muncie, IN
Oct 26-28 Fri 7pm-Sun 1pm	Silent Retreat	Sarto House 4200 N Kentucky Ave Evansville, IN
Nov 2-3	Fri 7pm Leadership Team Meeting, Sat 10-3 District Leadership Devel- opment and Officer	Greenwood UMC Greenwood, IN
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2017 Upcoming Events—SAVE THE DATES!! *		
United Methodist Women of Indiana		
Oct. 6-7 Fri. pm /Sat.	Annual Meeting & Fall Celebration	Asbury UMC Columbus, IN
Oct 27-29 Fri. 7pm-12 noon Sun.	Silent Retreat	Sarto House Evansville, IN
Nov. 4 Saturday	Leadership Development for District Officers	Christ Westfield UMC Westfield, IN
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September 2017

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Purpose

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Women

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*United Methodist Women of Indiana online:*

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