From the Conference President.....

Press on

Thank you, United Methodist Women of Indiana! Thanks to your generosity, we exceeded our pledge. The trend in the past few years has been to lower the conference pledge each year. For 2018, we raised the pledge from 2017.

Every single dollar makes a difference, and every additional dollar offers new opportunities to share the love of Jesus Christ. By making a commitment to Mission Giving, you make mission possible and continue the broad base of mission support that helps to make the world a better place for women, children and youth around the world. Consider the lives touched by our mission dollars. We support nearly 100 mission institutions and approximately 100 projects internationally that feed and teach children, protect abused women, teach needed skills and provide shelter.

Since it has been a few years since we have met our goal, I celebrated, for a moment. But then, I recalled the words offered by Rev Mary Kathryn Pearce. She admonished us during the Spiritual Growth retreat not to lower the bar in order to look good, but rather to focus on doing good.

I recently saw a promotion of the upcoming Winter Olympics. The comeback stories of a few world class athletes who had suffered injuries were highlighted. Despite potentially career ending injuries, they determined, not only to come back, but they set an even higher goal. It’s easy to set the bar so low that we can comfortably step over it. We must take care not to set the bar so low that we don’t even notice it. Press on, ladies!

The Conference Leadership Team has adopted the following broad goals for 2018—specific action items for each of these goals are included in the Vice President article in this newsletter.

Promote engagement of younger women

Foster implementation of the Charter for Racial Justice

Improve connection and communication to and with local units

Do you have an “elevator speech”? What are you inviting others to join? Balance organizational rules with relationships.

My friends, let’s join together in pressing on toward the goal. God is with us in the work that we do. With Christ at our side, we can live the vision to turn faith, hope and love into action.

We’re IN!

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Vice President Message

2018 has already kicked off for United Methodist Women of Indiana! Planning for our Leadership Team meetings for January and March as well as the February retreat and fall’s silent retreat have kept me busy as I learn the ropes to this new-to-me role as vice president. Many thanks to our leaders and registrars for all the work you put into making these events go smoothly for our participants!

Your Conference Leadership Team has endorsed the three broad goals Cathy spoke of in her article. Below, you’ll see some action items under each goal that will assist us in meeting these goals. I encourage districts to consider these goals and action items as you plan your events for 2018!

Promote engagement of younger women
- Nurture college-aged women
- Provide opportunities for flexible leadership and mentoring
- Market events in ways that attract younger women
- Extend personal invitations
- Learn social media
- Provide childcare at all events
- Have an “elevator speech” about the why of UMW

Foster implementation of the Charter for Racial Justice
- Stand up for Racial Justice
- Extend outreach to ethnic and multicultural congregations

Improve connection and communication to and with local units
- Each member of leadership team makes at least one quarterly contact with a local unit other than her own

I hope to see you at the conference retreats, Mission u, and annual meeting this year! I look forward to spending some time this spring at several district events too! I sincerely hope our paths cross...multiple times!!

Praying that 2018 will be BOLD for UMW of Indiana,

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See You at Assembly
May 18-20
in
Columbus, OH!!!
From Our National President...

Recently, I spoke at my home church for United Methodist Women Sunday. Our scripture was from the book of Romans. Paul wrote for encouragement in a time of struggle and growing pains in the church. It was necessary to see the bigger picture of the church and its message of one true God.

The Romans aren’t the only ones who need a source of strength, navigating our way through this time. My source of strength is learning what United Methodist Women are doing in the world, seeing the work of God in today’s world. When I became a director of United Methodist Women, I set up an alert in Google. Every day at 4pm I receive an email that includes anytime the words “United Methodist Women” is in a news article. I learn a great deal about what our churches and United Methodist Women are doing around the country.

It’s awesome and inspiring to see the work of God everywhere. Share the good works you are doing with your churches and communities. Invite others to help in your mission. It makes the world feel a little more manageable.

Want to see how small the world really is for United Methodist Women? Come to Assembly! Our female United Methodist Bishop from Mozambique is coming to participate! Eleven female bishops will be on-stage for communion. Talk about a community of women, growing through faith, hope and love in action!

Thank you for all you do for women, youth, and children in your communities and around the world. I am so excited to share the good news with anyone who will listen.

Yours in Christ,
Shannon

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Each month, the Bright Lights feature in response magazine celebrates United Methodist Women members putting faith, hope and love into action in their communities. In the January 2018 issue, the United Methodist Women at DeSoto United Methodist Church were highlighted for their churchwide mission work day. The day was a brainchild of Alice Crouse, Unit President and member of the conference Committee on Nominations.
From the Treasurer.....

I hear so many local officers comment that their unit gives to “local” missions so they can see their money at work. That’s laudable, but have you ever thought about mission money at work on a larger scale? Who is available to provide “local” money to Red Bird Mission or Henderson Settlement for their schools and clinics? Who is available to provide “local” money to support the bicycle ambulance project in Kasungu District, Malawi that helps transport expectant mothers to the hospital so they can give birth? Who is available to provide “local” money to support Grace Ministries medical staff in Nepal? Yes, it can be overwhelming to decide where to give our money so that it does the most good. That’s where our connectional work through United Methodist Women comes into play. UMW has connections around the world to make sure that any money we provide for missions is used “locally” to do the most good for helping women, children, and youth.

2017 Giving Results—corrected 2/12/18

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WOO HOO!! Conference exceeded our 2017 Pledge to Mission. Our pledge for 2017 was $300,000 and we provided $307,428.58, or 2.48% more than our pledge. Our money is working to improve the lives of women, children, and youth around the world. Thanks to each of you for your dedication to others.

If you wish to make a donation to the offering that will be taken at Assembly, please send your funds through your local treasurer clearly marked Assembly offering. Funds need to be received by your district treasurer before April 30. There will be a special time on Friday, May 18 where we will present the Indiana Conference offering. As we celebrate 150 years of Methodist women in mission, the 2018 Assembly Offering will go toward the Legacy Fund, a forward-looking permanent endowment that will support the work of future generations of United Methodist Women as they engage in mission with the women, children and youth of their day. This will allow us to stand beside them long after we’ve gone, just as our foremothers now stand beside us. We can do no less for the women who will follow us in answering God’s call to mission.

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Committee on Nominations

Just when we think we have our slate filled…… A new year begins!

As United Methodist Women, we have a commitment to celebrate diversity and to cultivate and utilize the gifts of all. As the Committee on Nominations, we are responsible for presenting a balanced slate.

Take a look at your present slate. Is the profile of your Leadership Team inclusive in age, racial ethnic groups, geographical areas, employment status, etc.

I encourage you to search for women in each category to balance our UMW Leadership Teams as we seek future leadership.

Some Do’s & Don’ts in presenting the opportunity to perspective officers:

* **Do** stress the importance of the task in the mission of the church and United Methodist Women / **Don’t** ask for her name “just to fill the office.”

* **Do** indicate that her qualities, skills, and experiences make her an ideal candidate and that as UMW we believe that our creativity and supportiveness grows through the gifts of diverse cultures as we work together to resist social injustice and build an inclusive community. / **Don’t** say to a woman of color for instance, “We would like to nominate you because we have a commitment to diversity.”

* **Do** paint an honest picture of the duties and responsibilities and the time involvement required to fulfill the office. / **Don’t** say, “There’s nothing to it,” or play down the requirements of time, planning and creative effort that the task requires.

*Adapted from materials prepared by Church Women United (Used by permission) and Indicators of Institutional Racism, Sexism and Classism: Some Suggested Responses, The Inclusiveness and Justice Standing Committee, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., 1994.

The Committee on Nominations is a year round working committee. Keep up the search….

Kathy S. White
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From the Secretary…..

21 “As for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the LORD. “My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants—from this time on and forever,” says the LORD. ~ Isaiah 59:21 (NIV)

As we get closer to the 150 year celebration of United Methodist Women, we are reminded from scripture that the same covenant made with our sisters 150 years ago continues in and through us today. What a blessing! What a responsibility! What a joy! Let’s celebrate together, be encouraging to each other and continue to be the supportive fellowship God wants us to be.

Blessings,

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Education and Interpretation

Whoa! It is already February, that means we are busy doing work for the Indiana United Methodist Women. We have a busy year ahead with many opportunities.

For all District E & I officers, please send me your list of units that completed their goal of Mission Today as soon as you have them gathered together. The new form for 2018 is included in this newsletter. The requirements are the same as the past years. To be a gold unit, you need to plan early in the year to reach the goal you have set. We are an organization all about mission work. The Mission Today goals are to help us focus on being a mission minded unit.

The Youth and Young Adult Mission Scholarship form is also included in this newsletter. If your church has a group of youth (ages 15-25) and are planning a mission trip, apply for the scholarship. Every little bit helps and the United Methodist Women want to help the youth and young adults experience mission work.

Mission u scholarships are available in different areas, one may be just for you.

- Loren E Maxwell Scholarship — offered to clergy persons, deacons, or clergy students who have never attended Mission u or School of Christian Mission. This is a great opportunity to invite your clergy to attend. You might be surprised at their response (especially if the clergy is a she)! However, men are welcome too! Clergy can receive continued education credit for attending. So, think about asking your Pastor. One scholarship is available per district.

- ChiMiCa (grades completed age 3-5th grade) and YoPeMiCa (grades 5-12) Scholarship — available so children and youth can also learn about missions and have a lot of fun. It gives mothers a chance to attend and be able to bring their children. Also, it is a great way for grandmothers to bond closer with their grandchildren. Children/youth must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

- Inclusion Grant — a scholarship is designed to reach children and youth from racially/ethnically diverse backgrounds and/or reaching out to children with special needs. They must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

- First Time Attender Scholarship — for any woman that has never been to Mission u. It is a great opportunity to test the waters! Once you come, you will be hooked!

All the scholarships are to be sent to me except the First Time Attender Scholarship, which is sent to the District E & I.

There are opportunities galore and I hope you take advantage to learn more, meet new people, and receive inspiration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Blessings,

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It certainly has been a winter to curl up with a good book to read and reflect. As I promised in my last article, I would like to report on two books that I have read this month for the 2018 Reading Program

*12 Keys to Enjoying Physical and Spiritual Wellness--Good Health, Good Life* (Nurturing for Community) by Joyce Meyer has twelve short chapters chocked full of great advice on diet, exercise, and attaining positive mental health for a productive life as a Christian. The first chapter is called “Get God’s Help.” The focus throughout this book is putting our faith first, as well as remembering that taking care of our physical, mental, and spiritual health is paramount. This could be a great resource for a church-led exercise/diet health class.

*When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi, a recommended reading choice also in the Nurturing for Community category, explores the meaning of life and death through the life experiences and reflections of the author. Kalanithi, at age 36, after finishing a seven-year residency in neurosurgery (one of the most rigorous specialties in medicine), died March 2015 with lung cancer. The readability of this inspiring book is due to not only the brilliance of the author, but the fact that his first love was literature. He earned a BA and an MA in English literature in addition to a BA in human biology at Stanford University and a MA in history and philosophy of science and medicine from the University of Cambridge. He later graduated cum laude from the Yale School of Medicine and completed his residency at Stanford in neurological surgery followed by a postdoctoral fellowship in neuroscience. In this book, Kalanithi shares the discovery and progression of his illness, important events of his life, people he met along the way, experiences in the operating room, and his reflections on life itself. This is a book that was hard for me to put down. After reading it, I read it again.

Please be a part of the Reading Program for 2018! Share the books that have had great meaning for you and the groups that you are a part of with the rest of us. That is the beauty of our connection as United Methodist Women. Remember that books from 2013 to 2018 will count this year.

Hopefully by now your unit has sent the list of the 2017 Reading Program participants from your unit to your district SPR. After the district has created a composite list, this list should be sent to Bonnie Elam, conference secretary; the district secretary, and to me. Thank you for your efforts in reporting!

Blessings,

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Social Action...

2018 Church Women United/United Methodist Women's Legislative and Advocacy Day:
Criminalization of Communities of Color

Please join us on March 8 for a different kind of Legislative Day – we're going to be having a learning day. We'll gather information about mass incarceration and the criminalization of communities of color, learn about the situation in Indiana and hopefully find some strategies for facing this issue. The flyer with registration information is included in this issue of the Mission Messenger and is also on our UMW of Indiana webpage. See you at Southport UMC!

Keep track of what is going on during this short session of the Indiana General Assembly by checking the website and calendar at: https://iga.in.gov/ You can also find your state legislators contact information and information on legislation.

And at the federal level --

Your federal representatives:
Joe Donnelly, Senator http://www.donnelly.senate.gov/
State offices in Evansville, Fort Wayne, Hammond, Indianapolis, Jeffersonville, South Bend
Todd Young, Senator https://www.young.senate.gov/
State offices in Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, New Albany, Evansville

Representatives
For a State by state list with phone number, committee assignments and clickable link to their website for contact information http://www.house.gov/representatives/

Track legislation: www.govtrack.us

And you are registered to vote, aren't you? http://in.gov/sos/elections/2403.htm

Keep advocating!!

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From the New Conference Communications Coordinator...

Hi! I’m Lynda Ferguson and I said YES to being the Conference Communications Coordinator after enjoying Mission u last summer. I have been a member of Newburgh United Methodist for 3 years. I’ve been active with many things at the church. I’m looking forward to being on the conference team as the communications coordinator!

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

As we all know, our God works in wonderful and mysterious ways.

During our recent visit to one of the nursing homes, our dog Daisy and I met a new resident. He was interested in how the “Darwin Ministry” (named for our Chocolate Lab) started. I told him the story and laughed that is was “God’s Plan” and not mine but for once I had listened! He smiled and said, “God packed your parachute.” I am sure I gave him a funny look. He told me the jest of the following story that he heard during a Sunday morning TV worship service when he couldn’t go to church. Below is the story I found when I Googled it and it was noted as author unknown.

Who’s Packing Your Parachute?

Charles Plumb was a US Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience!

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You’re Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!" "How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb.

"I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he had looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat; a bib in the back; and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning, how are you?' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor." Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. He also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory - he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety. Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize people who pack your parachutes.

I hope your find this story as powerful as I did.

Blessings!
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MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH

Greetings to all from your new Conference MNO Mission Coordinator!!!

I know some of you are new to your office, also, and possibly beginning to wonder what you have gotten yourselves into (I know I have had that thought a time, or two), but I am confident, that together, we can meet the challenges of a New Year. Thank you for saying “Yes, I will” when asked to serve on your District Team!!

As with every job, we must make time to complete necessary paperwork. By now, your local unit’s 2017 Membership Census reports should be completed (either by the MNO or the district president). They should have received the summary form in October and the deadline for completion was 11/30/17. Please call your local presidents now and ask if they have completed their census online, or if they completed the paper form. If they haven’t done either, now is the time to find out how you can help them get it done!! The website (the most preferred entry) is www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2017. If the local unit president doesn’t have a computer, or internet, this would be a good opportunity for her to reach out to a younger person in their church and ask for assistance... it’s always nice to feel needed, or being able to help someone else. Isn’t that how we receive many of our blessings?

And while you are on the internet, it is a good time to print your personal membership card! Just log onto www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/myUMW, complete the Membership Log 1st, then fill out your membership info. (I had to enter my zip code to get my little country church to appear).

Speaking of United Methodist Women and Church....did you know our official “Emblem” combines the cross and flame? The cross and flame are ancient symbols of Christ and Pentecost. The shape of the emblem is fluid and free-flowing, suggesting change and mobility.

Our heritage is one of sacrifice, witness, and service. The emblem serves as a continuing reminder of both opportunity and obligation. “I now remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you.” (2Timothy 1:6a NEB)

Please contact me if you have any questions, and together, we will find the answer!

May we all be a Blessing to someone today,

Patty McGuire
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Welcome to a New Year in the great state of Indiana. This year, Limitless is out to make it even greater with our **Limitless 2018: The Mission Crawl** event. During this event, young women (ages 15-40) and experienced mentors have a chance to make a difference in the Indianapolis community.

Participants spend a few hours at a variety of not-for-profits around the metro area and learn how they impact the community. Service projects will involve cleaning, painting, manual labor, and laughs! We are scheduled to enjoy Saturday lunch at the Lucille Raines Residence and hear about the excellent work that is being done at this mission owned by the IN Conference UMW. The evenings and mealtimes will be spent on the lovely University of Indianapolis campus.

This year, the event will be a full weekend, **June 22-24, 2018** and costs only $50. Please invite the mission-minded young ladies of your churches, units and communities! Applications can be found in this newsletter and on the IN UMW website [http://www.inumc.org/limitless](http://www.inumc.org/limitless)

Let us live out John 15:16 *I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures.*

May we be a blessing to our communities!

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**Assembly 2018**

The 2018 Quadrennial Assembly is set for May 18-20, 2018. It is not too late to register. Visit the National website at [www.umwassembly.org](http://www.umwassembly.org).

The registration fee is $330.00, this includes two meals. If you need help with registration contact Rita Gaither-Gant at gaitrgantm@aol.com, or via phone at 317-549-3574.

*Come* for workshops, visit the exhibit hall to learn and be updated about our involvement with women, children and youth around the world. *Come* and hear dynamic speakers like Marian Wright Edelman, Michelle Alexander, Leymah Gbowee, Katharine Hayhoe and Hannah Adair. *Come* and meet other United Methodist Women from around the world. It will be a great time *come* and renew friendships and to form new ones. *Come* and experience The POWER OF BOLD! *Come* and experience Faith Hope and Love in Action!
Mission u 2018…

Are YOU Ready for Mission u??

The Mission u Team has been hard at work preparing for Mission u 2018. We now have all of our study leaders! We have also revised & updated the Scholarship Forms. You will find these in this issue of the Mission Messenger. Next: we are revising the Mission u brochure and registration form. Please share all these resources with your unit and friends. We want everyone to know what is happening and how they might be eligible for financial assistance.

We “heard” you last summer. Your evaluations showed many areas where we could improve our Mission u event. Our plan is to have all classes complete before the dinner hour. This will leave your evenings free for fellowship, study, time with your children and youth, activities, and sleep. We have asked the District Presidents to plan an activity in each dorm each evening. This will be a time for working on a project and for fellowship. There will also be Town Hall Meetings each evening. Steve and Gail Quigg, our North Central Mission Advocates, will speak on Tuesday evening. Shannon Priddy, our Director and President of National Office, and a representative from our hands-on site will speak on the other two evenings. We will still have the ChiMiCa and YoPeMiCa (children’s and youth) program on Thursday evening. This a special time for all of us!

This year, you will have the option of using sheets and towels provided by DePauw University. Taking advantage of this service will cost an additional $12 on your registration fee.

Hope Center will be the beneficiary of our hands-on offering. This is a home for young women, ages 18 to 30, who are rebuilding their lives after being victims of Human Trafficking. Here, these women will have the opportunity to learn skills to find employment. Some of these are: computer skills, GED classes, therapy dog trainers, chef assistants, and beauticians. We are still working on all the details, but believe some of your gifts will be for actual items necessary for the individual training options and some will be monetary. More information to come!

Mission u 2018
For EVERYONE!
Tuesday, July 17 – Friday, July 20
Studies are: Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living, Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States, and What About Our Money?

Plan to attend Mission u to prepare for faithful living and action by learning more about topics that affect our daily lives. See you there!

Blessings,

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Grocery Purchases Benefit Raines

Who would think that buying groceries would benefit Lucille Raines Residence? Kroger Family of Stores are committed to bringing hope to local communities. Lucille Raines Residence is a registered recipient of Kroger’s unique Community Rewards program. For 2017 Lucille Raines Residence received $1244.88. This amount was made possible by approximately 62 participating households in the Kroger’s Rewards program.

Think how much more would be possible if substantially more households would link Lucille Raines to their Kroger card (and its affiliate stores). Thank you if you are already participating! If not, please do and share the below instructions with family and friends and ask them to participate and to help spread the word. It’s also a great way to share the Raines story!

One of easiest and simplest ways to help subsidize Lucille Raines Residence is simply by purchasing groceries! Lucille Raines Residence (LRR) is registered with Kroger Community Rewards as a nonprofit organization to receive a portion of the millions of dollars Kroger gives back to communities each year. All you and I need to do is shop at Kroger stores – includes Kroger, Kroger Marketplace, Jay C, Ruler Foods, Pay Less Owen’s, Food 4 Less and Scott’s in Indiana. However, LRR is only registered in the territory that includes most but not all of Indiana. You will just have to verify with your store.

In any case, follow these instructions:
Apply for a Kroger Plus Card, if you do not already have one
Register your Kroger Plus Card online at www.kroger.com/communityrewards (if you have not already done so, you will have to “Create an Account”) and follow the prompts, or call 1-866-221-4141 for assistance
When requested for the information, enter 77215 as the NPO number and Lucille Raines Residence, Inc. as the organization’s name
Swipe your registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number associated to your registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for your purchase to count—LUCILLE RAINES RESIDENCE, INC. will appear at the bottom of your cash register receipt as the organization you are supporting

Again, if you have any problems registering your Kroger Plus card, call 1-866-221-4141 for assistance—you will need to have the above NPO number available!!!

Your prayers and support of Raines encourages residents committed to substance abuse recovery. Together, with God’s Grace, we are transforming lives!

Submitted by Carolyn Maxey
LRR Publicity
2018 Legislative and Advocacy Day

*Indiana’s United Methodist Women and Church Women United*

Thursday, March 8, 2018 10 am to 3 pm (Eastern)

Southport United Methodist Church
1947 E Southport Road, Indianapolis 46227

Focus:

**Criminalization of Communities of Color**

The day’s events will include:

- Viewing of “Mass Incarceration” Webinar
- Displays of Advocacy and Mission Resources
- Speakers

**Lunch available with advance registration** (register before March 5)

* Susan Clark, Registrar

Email: susirobi@aol.com  Text or call (between 6 p.m. & 9 p.m.)  (260) 224-5429

[Registration of $10 payable at the door. On-site registration may not include lunch]
United Methodist Women of Indiana

2018 Silent Retreat

The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

When: October 26-28, 2018

(Registration and check-in is Friday 6-7:45pm —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 17, 2018

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:
Patsy Fleener, Registrar
5161 Dunewood Way
Avon, IN 46123
Phone: 317-625-4844
patsy.f@att.net

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.
Save the Date

Save the date and join us in celebrating Day of Giving on March 23, 2018. Giving to The Legacy Fund supports the continuation of United Methodist Women service and advocacy for women, children and youth from this generation to the next.

Together, we are building our next legacy.

Day of Giving | March 23, 2018

GIVE:

• Online at: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
• By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 am - 6 pm EST, Monday - Friday).
• Text: 41444 and enter Legacy150 in the message area.

• By check to: United Methodist Women Attn: Development, Legacy Fund 475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor New York, NY 10115 Write “The Legacy Fund” in the memo section.

• We are pleased to announce that generous donors have committed funds to leverage and grow the gifts received on Day of Giving, March 23, 2018. Your gift can have an even greater impact in honoring our founders by contributing to the Legacy Endowment Fund Campaign on Day of Giving!
Limitless 2018: The Mission Crawl is a chance for young women (ages 15-40) and experienced mentors to make a difference in the Indianapolis community. Participants will be spending a few hours at a variety of non-for-profits around the metro area and learning how they impact the community. Be prepared for cleaning, painting, manual labor and laughs! The evenings and mealtimes will be spent at the lovely University of Indianapolis. Let us live out John 15:16 *I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures.*

Name: ___________________________ Age: _________

Address: __________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________ Email:__________________________

Local Church: ______________________________________________

Emergency Contact (name/number):_____________________________

Physical or Dietary Needs (if yes/ please describe):
__________________________________________________________

Preferred Roommate: ________________________________________

Are you involved with the United Methodist Women? __________ District? _______________

Have you attended Limitless in the past? ________________

Early Bird registration ends April 15 = $50
Registration after April 15 = $60

Registration Deadline May 25, 2018

Please make checks payable to IN Conference UMW

Please mail application and check to Teah Aldred-Ash 3906 Sherman Blvd Fort Wayne IN 46808 or email application to teah.aldredash.umw@gmail.com and send the check by mail.

Due to the nature of this event Childcare will not be provided
United Methodist Women of Indiana offers scholarships to women who are interested in attending Mission u for the first time. The applicant must be a member of United Methodist Women or affiliated with the United Methodist Church. The scholarship covers 100% of the cost of registration, housing, textbooks and meals for attendance at Mission u. Housing is dormitory style. The Mission u daily schedule includes early morning worship, large group worship and study, choice of study in a classroom setting, and evening gatherings. This event is from Tuesday, July 17th through Friday, July 20th.

Contact the applicant concerning her interest in attending before making application. Provide a brief statement indicating how/why this person would benefit from this experience including information about her participation in her church, UMW, and her community. Application needs to be submitted to the District Coordinator for Education and Interpretation by May 18th.

Mission u
DATE: July 17-20, 2018
PLACE: DePauw University  Greencastle, IN

Has applicant attended Mission u before?  NO _______ YES _______ (Scholarship is for first time attenders)

Name ____________________________Age Group:  40 and younger _____ Over 40 years old_____

Email ______________________________

Check all that apply: College Student____ Employed____ Homemaker/Stay-at-Home Mom____ Retired____

Address ___________________________________________ Phone ________________________________

City ____________________________ State_________ ZIP ______________

Recommended by ______________________ from ____________________________

(Name)  (Church, District and City)

Reason for recommendation: ______________________________________________________________

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Send completed form to your District Coordinator for Education and Interpretation by May 18th (if your district does not have a coordinator for education and interpretation, send to your district president)
United Methodist Women of Indiana offers scholarships to children and youth who are interested in attending ChiMiCa and YoPeMiCa, respectively, for the first time. (ChiMiCa—age 3 thru 5th grade; YoPeMiCa—5th thru 12th grade ~ grade completed in spring 2018.) The applicant must be a child or youth attending ChiMiCa or YoPeMiCa with an adult attending Mission u. The scholarship covers 100% of the cost of registration, housing and children’s/youth activities for a child/youth attending for the first time. (The number of scholarships awarded may vary year to year depending on funding.) For children and youth who are returning to ChiMiCa and YoPeMiCa, we can offer a 50% discount to the registration fee. This is on a first-come basis and as funds are available.

Housing is dormitory style. Parent/Guardian is responsible for the child/youth at mealtime and when ChiMiCa/YoPeMiCa is not in session.

Contact the parent/guardian of the child/youth regarding the ChiMiCa/YoPeMiCa experience before making application. Include a brief statement indicating how/why this child/youth would benefit from this experience. Application needs to be submitted to the Conference Coordinator for Education and Interpretation by May 18, 2018.

Mission u
DATE: July 17-20, 2018
PLACE: DePauw University Greencastle, IN

APPLICATION FOR ChiMiCa_______YoPeMiCa_______(please indicate)

Name______________________________Parent/Guardian'sName______________________________

Age _______ Grade completed spring, 2018_______ Parent/Guardian Phone _________________

Address_________________________________ Parent/Guardian Email _______________________

City_________________________________________________State_______ ZIP ___________________

Has child/youth attended ChiMiCa/YoPeMiCa before? NO _______ YES _______

Recommended by____________________________________from_____________________________

(Name) (Church, District and City)

Reason for recommendation:________________________________________________________________

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Send completed form to the Conference Coordinator for Education & Interpretation by May 18, 2018:

Martha Lewis
931 East Highway 150
Hardinsburg, IN 47125-8539
812-620-3492 candymaker65@gmail.com
United Methodist Women of Indiana offers scholarships to children (age 3 thru 5th grade) and youth (grades 6 through 12) who are interested in attending ChiMiCa and/or YoPeMiCa for with an adult attending Mission u. The scholarship covers 100% of the cost of registration, housing, and activities for a child and/or youth attending for the first time. Additional funding is available for the parent/guardian accompanying the child.

This particular scholarship is available due to funding obtained through a special ministry grant awarded by the 2015 Bishop’s Christmas Offering. The focus of this grant is to increase the diversity of ChiMiCa and YoPeMiCa participants. This can be through reaching children from racially/ethnically diverse backgrounds and/or reaching out to children with special needs who might otherwise not attend this type of program.

Housing is dormitory style. A Parent/Guardian is responsible for the participant at mealtime and when ChiMiCa/YoPeMiCa is not in session.

If you are applying on behalf of someone else’s child, please contact the parent/guardian of the child regarding the ChiMiCa and YoPeMiCa experience before making application. Include a brief statement indicating how/why this child qualifies for this special grant/scholarship opportunity and how the child would benefit from this experience. This application needs to be submitted to the Conference Coordinator for Education and Interpretation by May 18, 2018.

Mission u
DATE: July 17-20, 2018
PLACE: DePauw University, Greencastle, IN

APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION GRANT

Child’s Name____________________________________Parent/Guardian’s Name____________________________________
Age_______ Grade completed spring, 2018 _______ Parent/Guardian Phone _________________________________
Address ______________________________________Parent/Guardian Email _________________________________
City_________________________________________State___________ZIP __________________

Has child/youth attended ChiMiCa/YoPeMiCa before? NO _______ YES _______

Recommended by ______________________________ from ______________________________

(Name) ______________________________ (Church, District and City)

Reason for Recommendation/Qualification Criteria for the Inclusion Grant:
________________________________________________________________________
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Send completed form to the Conference Coordinator for Education & Interpretation by May 18, 2018:
Martha Lewis / 931 East Highway 150 / Hardinsburg IN 47125-8539 / 812-620-3492 candymaker65@gmail.com
The Women’s Home Missionary Society started the Schools of Christian Mission in the mid-1930s, now known as Mission u: Learning Together for the Transformation of the World. More than 20,000 people participate each year in Mission u events, which are organized by the conference organizations of United Methodist Women.

The events help participants increase their understanding of mission and be prepared to lead the studies themselves in local or district settings. Attendees receive resources and tools to help them see mission as rooted in faith having personal and social implications.

Three mission topics are selected annually for study in collaboration with Global Ministries. The topics cover spiritual growth, a geographic area and a current issue.

Details about this year’s Indiana Mission u may be found at the UMW of Indiana website:

www.inumc.org/umw

PURPOSE

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.

MISSION u

Learning Together for the Transformation of the World

Loren E. Maxwell Scholarship

Sponsored by United Methodist Women of Indiana

Martha Lewis
931 East Highway 150
Hardinsburg, IN 47125-8539
812-620-3492
candymaker65@gmail.com
The Mission u Committee of the Indiana Conference of United Methodist Women offers the Mission u Scholarship in memory of Loren E. Maxwell.

Loren E. Maxwell served as a staff representative for United Methodist Women for several years until his death in 1985. Because of Loren’s very active participation and enthusiasm for the mission outreach of UMW and his support of our Purpose and programs, this scholarship is offered in his memory.

This scholarship is offered to clergy persons, deacons, or clergy students who have never attended a Mission u or School of Christian Mission. Our goal is to award one scholarship per district.

### Application for Loren E. Maxwell Scholarship

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**Circle One:**

- Clergy
- Elder
- Deacon
- Lay Pastor
- Student
- Other

Have you previously attended the Indiana Conference Mission u or School of Christian Mission?

- Yes
- No

What do you expect to gain from this experience?

-  
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**Mission u DATE:** July 17-20, 2018  
**PLACE:** DePauw University, Greencastle, IN

**Return application by May 18, 2018 to:** Martha Lewis  
931 East Highway, 150 Hardinsburg, IN 47125-8539  
812-620-3492 [candymaker65@gmail.com](mailto:candymaker65@gmail.com)
Youth and young adults receiving funds from the Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund will be asked to submit a summary of their experiences to the conference organization of United Methodist Women within 45 days of trip completion. Send report to the Conference E&I coordinator.

Scholarship recipients’ contact information may be obtained by contacting the Youth & Young Adult Scholarship Committee.

The Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund is funded by the giving of each local organization (unit) of United Methodist Women of Indiana.

Committee Chair: Martha Lewis, Committee Chair, 931 E Hwy 150, Hardinsburg, IN 47125
candymaker65@gmail.com
Committee Members: To Be Determined

Direct questions or mail applications to: Martha Lewis at address or email above.

2018 Youth & Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund Committee
**Criteria for applying:**

1. Youth & young adults ages 13-25
2. Must attend a United Methodist Church
3. Qualifying persons must participate in work, study, or travel experiences that develop leadership in the Youth & Young Adults Ministries of the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church
4. Preference will be given to projects supported by UMW national, GBGM, and advance specials of the Indiana Conference UMC
5. Amount of scholarship shall be determined by the Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Committee
6. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis, as funds are available
7. Applications are due at least 6 weeks prior to trip
8. Funds will be available after January 1, 2018

### 2018 Youth & Young Adult Service Scholarship Application Form

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A letter of reference from Youth Leader or local church pastor **must** accompany the application.

Mail completed form to the Youth & Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund Committee at the address on the reverse side of this form.

Form may be duplicated as needed. Download at [www.inumc.org/umw](http://www.inumc.org/umw)
**WHY?** The purpose of Mission Today is to fulfill the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women by:

- **Energizing** United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action;
- **Increasing** contacts between local organizations and mission personnel and projects enabling a better understanding of where Mission Giving dollars go;
- **Encouraging** the use of a variety of mission resources;
- **Expanding** concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

**WHO?** Every local organization is encouraged to strive for Mission Today status by completing 8 or more suggested criteria as noted to the right. Find suggestions and ideas for activities below.

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**WHEN?** Receive recognition for **2018**, by returning your competed checklist by January 15, 2019 to:

Your District’s Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation

Return completed form (front & back) to:

**Deadline for reporting:** January 15, 2019

**Local Organization:**

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**Reporting Officer Name & Position:**

**Email or postal address:**

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United Methodist Women demonstrate their commitment to the PURPOSE through their Prayers, Presence, Participation, Gifts and Service.

**PRAYERS**
- Used the Prayer Calendar at each meeting to pray for mission personnel and projects.*
- Communicated with at least 5 persons listed in the Prayer Calendar during the year.
- Held a mini-Spiritual Growth Retreat.

**PRESENCE**
- At least two members were added to the membership roll.
- At least one member (not a conference or district officer) attended Mission U or Sampler Day.
- At least two members (not a conference or district officer) attended a district or conference annual meeting.

**PARTICIPATION**
- At least two members subscribed to and/or read response magazine (including online articles).*
- Used at least two programs from a UMW Program Book during the year.*
- Conducted at least one Mission u study during the year.*
- At least one member is a member of the UMW’s Action Network to receive Action Alerts and share with members.
- Told a mission story at meetings through sharing “member support” articles (identified by the Mission Giving logo—see other side) from response.
- Included a book review/report on a Reading Program book during a meeting.
- At least two members completed one of the Reading Program Plans.
- Initiated a new or expanded an already-existing Local Ministry Program which benefits women, children &/or youth.*
- Attended a “Tour-Talk-Lunch” ("TTL") at Lucille Raines Residence or sponsored a "TTL" for a group from your local church (for example youth group or Mission/Outreach Ministry Team) or community.*

**GIFTS**
- Made and met its Pledge to Mission.*
- Received Five Star recognition by contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.
- Remitted the Conference Asking of $13 per member.*

**SERVICE**
- Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice in at least one way during the year.*
- Participated in at least two events/activities during the year which focused on Current Justice Issues.
- Invited a district or conference officer (not a member) to one meeting during the year.
- Pledged to care for God’s creation by becoming a “Green” local organization.
## 2018 Calendar—SAVE THE DATES!!
### United Methodist Women of Indiana

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February 2018
MISSION MESSENGER
Dated Materials Enclosed

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United Methodist Women of Indiana online:
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