

A Plea for Help

From your East Central District President
Linda Gustafson

At the start of 2016, the Committee on Membership was established as a separate Conference Committee. Members are to be a representative from each one of the Nine District Leadership Teams.

East Central formed a committee from the Leadership Team but since we all already have many duties that keep us from doing that job correctly, we really need a person who has not served on the District Team to head up that job.

You will be required to attend 2 meetings a year, one early in the year and one closer to the mission U date.

You will be an appointed member and job duties will start as of January 2017. You will be reimbursed for your mileage to and from the meetings.

Please notify East Central District President, Linda Gustafson, (lindag65@cfl.rr.com) or East Central District Secretary, Judith McNorton, (hway55@live.com) if you would be able to fill this very important job.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS SO YOU DON'T MISS THESE IMPORTANT DATES!
September 17, 2016...Mission Studies Sampler (Sanlando UMC, Longwood)
October 22, 2016...District Annual Meeting (First Winter Garden)
November 5, 2016...Conference Annual Meeting (LEC, Leesburg)
January 21, 2017...Membership Event (need church)



Conway UMC Pastor David Mullins Receives a Special Mission Recognition Pin

Tanny Ladue, treasurer of Conway United Methodist Women, presented a Special Mission Recognition pin to Pastor David during his final Sunday service at Conway United Methodist Church in Orlando. The members of the organization decided that this was the most meaningful way to

honor him for his time and effort to service.

Although it is not necessary for the recipient be a member of United Methodist Women, Pastor David was an active, supportive member which included participating in some of our meetings and events. He also gave United Methodist Women time during the worship service to present our annual Special Mission Recognition pin to a member of the congregation. Because we have more than one service, Pastor David would take the time to announce the recipient and interpret the significance of the pin.

This recognition is another opportunity for our United Methodist Women members to help empower women, children and youth around the world. We wish Pastor David continued success in his new appointment in the South West District.

Attention All Units – The District Team is currently working on the program book for the District Annual Meeting. Please send the names of your deceased members to be listed in the memorials to Judith McNorton (hway55@live.com) no later than **September 30th**.





The First United Methodist Church of Oviedo United Methodist Women, spearheaded by the Daughters of Eve Circle, hosted an Endless Summer Luau Party at the church in August. Approximately 180 children and their families attended the luau where they enjoyed a fun evening of food, games, dancing and a raffle. The proceeds from this successful event went to two local missions of the United Methodist Women, Lawton's Angels Backpack Program and Seminole Families in Need.

Ladies from the First United Methodist Church of Oviedo Mary Martha Circle collected food for a United Methodist Women mission near and dear to their hearts, a backpack program called Lawton's Angels. This program provides food, school supplies and clothing for Lawton Elementary School (Oviedo) families in need. Every week volunteers help prepare approximately 24 backpacks with food for children to take home over the weekend.



Sanlando Turns Love Outward – Again!

While Seminole County is considered an affluent community, nearly half of the student population in our county's public schools qualify for free or reduced lunch. But it's not all doom and gloom, thanks to the efforts of meaningful missions like that of Sanlando United Methodist Church in Longwood.



For more than five years, SUMC has helped many of those underprivileged students begin the school year on the right foot with a fully-stocked backpack of school supplies. Led by Sanlando United Methodist Women, our most recent efforts raised enough

money to help 130 students at five area elementary schools. United Methodist Women volunteers stuffed the backpacks and delivered them right before the school year started. The school counselors were thrilled to receive the backpacks knowing they would be put to good use. Some even had a "Family Day" where the backpacks were met with great smiles and words of

appreciation from the children. Said Sanlando United Methodist Women Social Action Chair, Cynde Kichukoff, "Sanlando has once again opened its heart to the community and we are most grateful, as are all the students who received the backpacks. It's just another example of how we are 'turning love outward' in our community."

Committee on Nominations Corner

"My grace is sufficient for you and my power is made perfect in weakness."
II Corinthians 12:9

Dear Sisters,

As I read the Message from the President in the June issue of *response*, the above Scripture came to mind, because I was very reluctant when asked to serve on the District Team several years ago.

President Yvette Richards said that we must make the effort to ensure that our organization will be around for another 150 years. Women, children and youth who cannot speak for themselves will still need voices to speak for them. She went on to say that when you are asked to serve at the local, district or conference level, you can be assured that there are sisters out there cheering you on. Also, you have the above mentioned verse (a verse that I repeat daily.) We can't do this on our own; we must rely on our faithful God!!!!!!

If you are feeling that nudge to be a voice on the District Team, please let us know. Yes, as a newbie on the Committee on Nominations Team, I can tell you that there are many things to learn. However, there is help and the sisterhood that you experience in your local unit is continued at the District level. Help live out our Purpose as we continue to expand the concepts of mission. *"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."* Philippians 4-9.

Blessings,

Celeste Hicks, Chairperson

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Nominations for 2017 East Central District United Methodist Women

Pray for the Holy Spirit to move throughout our East Central District in each United Methodist Women's unit to open all our hearts and minds to the possibilities for service. "Ask and ye shall receive....." Mark 10:38

(This serves as the 30-day notification to the District membership.)

The East Central District Committee on Nominations presents the 2017 slate of nominees for the following positions:

Committee on Nominations Class of 2018 - Nancy Siebert (Deltona)

Committee on Nominations Class of 2020 - Gail Wiltse (Sanlando)

Committee on Nominations Class of 2020 - Faye Myers (Peace)

The following positions will be open for nominations from the floor at the East Central District Annual Meeting on October 22 at FUMC Winter Garden:

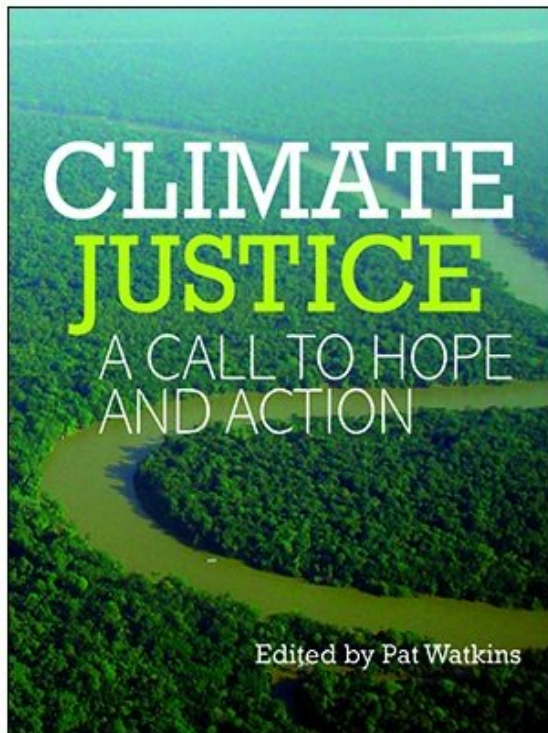
Vice President (2-year term)

Secretary of Program Resources (2-year term)

Submitted, September 15, 2016 - ; Celeste Hicks (h)352-242-0979 (Cell)727-641-1106

C3jrh57@gmail.com; Evelyn Rose (h)352-708; Maritza Lago (h)407-802-4697; Christine

Whinstanley (h)386-447-3946; Lynn Campbell (c)407-520-0272; Ladye Cox - 407-321-8945



A Challenge to Be Just. Be Green.

Those of you who attended mission U are acquainted with the 13 *United Methodist Women Principles* that were highlighted in the Climate Justice study. The East Central District Leadership Team issues this challenge. Each local unit is challenged to adopt and complete at least one of the principles before the end of the year. If you already do this, please continue and try to add one. In January 2017, please send a report of all your accomplishments to Jean Gritman and a list will be included in the February or March *Trumpet Sound*. Will there be a prize? Jean Gritman, 4 Crossbar Way, Palm Coast FL 32137 jeangritman@aol.com

Looking ahead...don't forget to: GO ON-LINE OR SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FOR 2016 to your District Membership and Nurture Chair at the end of the year. This information should be submitted no later than January 31, 2017 if at all possible.

ENTER YOUR UMW MEMBER 2016 CENSUS INFORMATION BY:

Going to the following United Methodist Women's National website:

<http://unitedmethodistwomen-public.sharepoint.com/>

Follow the instructions displayed on the screen.

(This may be one of those times you tap into the talents of a woman in your church who is tech savvy to help you. 😊)

Email the information to your District Membership and Nurture Chair if you want her send the information instead, or you can't get through right now.

Call me at 850-894-1750 if you have any questions.

East Central District United Methodist Women

Annual Meeting Registration Form

October 22, 2016

First United Methodist Church of Winter Garden

**125 North Lakeview Ave,
Winter Garden, FL 34787
(407-656-1135)**

Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Local Unit/Organization: _____

City: _____

Need Hearing Impaired Interpreter? _____ Need Language Interpreter? (specify) _____

Health/ Dietary Needs/Allergies/Other:

In case of emergency, please notify:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Best Contact Number(s): (_____) _____ (_____) _____

Is childcare needed? Yes: _____ No: _____ If yes, indicate the name, sex and age of each child.

Please bring brown bag lunch for children. Drinks will be provided)

Cost: \$ 12.00, which includes lunch (**Please note: lunch cannot be purchased on the day of the meeting.**)

Make checks payable to East Central District United Methodist Women.

Cost: \$2.00 if attending the meeting only (this will insure you receive the annual Booklet)

Child care and Registration Deadline: October 15, 2016.

No refunds if request is received after October 17, 2016

Registration begins at 9:30 AM. The program begins at 10:00 AM.

Please print information and mail registration form and check to the Registrar: Celeste Hicks,

3548 Capland Ave., Clermont, FL 34711/ Contact number 352-242-0979

Registration Form may be duplicated.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Forty Third Conference Annual Meeting

November 5, 2016

**LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER
FRUITLAND PARK, FL**

*GROWING
IN
BLESSEDNESS*



*Blessed are those
who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for
they will be filled.
Matthew 5:6 (NRSV)*

*Liz Johnson, former President
WSCS Central Jurisdiction
And
Grace Okerson, Young Adult*

Registration form on the Conference United Methodist Women's website

www.flconfumw.org

Registration Deadline: **October 10** Scholarship Deadline: **October 1**

**Life Enrichment Center
4991 Picciola Road
Fruitland Park, FL 34731**

Something New – and Something Familiar at Conference Annual Meeting!!!



The **NEW** – Meeting is at the Life Enrichment Center – and **Housing**, if you need it for Friday night, is **there**, too !

READ the REGISTRATION FORM COMPLETELY – how to reserve a room for Friday night is done at the same time as registration for the meeting – and on the same form. It is at the bottom on the form. Form is on the next page or on the website (see flyer, previous page); and copies can be made.

Room cost is **\$39.00/double, with roommate --- \$59.00/single ---**

\$8.00/breakfast at LEC

If you have several persons coming from a unit, PLEASE send in all the registration forms for each, with roommates, at the same time to the Registrar, Ethel Ewing.

The **FAMILIAR** – is what happens at the Conference Annual Meeting that makes it exciting and pertinent to United Methodist Women ministry and mission...

Featured Presenters: **Ms. Liz Johnson**, former WSCS President – Central Jurisdiction
Miss Grace Okerson, member of Limitless

They will be sharing how they became United Methodist Women and how they are continuing to be involved in the mission work in the organization. Inspirations!

Business Session: Report of our Conference Finances, including Pledge to Mission status
Approval of 2017 Budget for the Conference organization

Report of Committee on Nominations:

Election of Chair of Committee on Nominations

Election of 2020 Members of the Committee on Nominations

Introduction of July Yo, Korean Language Coordinator

And more: Updates on Legacy 150 –

Joyful Worship –

Great Music –

Reverent Memorial Service –

Bountiful Fellowship !

This 43rd Conference Annual Meeting, Saturday, November 5, Life Enrichment Center, is going to be exciting – and an experience for ...

Growing in Blessedness.

See you there!

FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
FORTY THIRD CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING
Life Enrichment Center, 4991 Picciola Road, Fruitland Park, FL. 34731
November 5, 2016 – 10:00 AM. – 4:00 PM

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please complete the REGISTRATION FORM for CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING and **mail to reach the Registrar no later than October 15, 2016. All attending must register.** Please send each individual registration on a separate form (form may be duplicated). If registration is for more than one person, please attach all forms to the check. The registration of \$25.00 includes meeting and lunch. The **REGISTRATION FEE OF \$12.00 IS FOR THE MEETING ONLY (NO LUNCH).** On-site registration is available. If you register on-site, you will not be able to have lunch at the LEC. We need a count for lunch by the **15th of October.** Make check payable to **Florida Conference United Methodist Women.**

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting in the auditorium lobby. There will be no refunds on cancellations after October 15, 2016.

FREE CHILD CARE will be made available beginning at 9:00 AM at the LEC. If needed, please indicate on the registration form. Advance reservations necessary.

Be sure YOUR NAME IS PRINTED ON THE FORM AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT ON YOUR NAME TAG.

Send the registration form to: Ethel Ewing, 823 Lakeside Ct. Lakeland, FL 33815 TN# 863-680-4072 Home 863 370-8757 Cell; E-mail: ethelewing@msn.com. Put **Conference Annual Meeting** in the subject box.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING: 2016 Reg. # _____

Name _____ Phone (____) _____ (H) (____) (C) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

In case of emergency notify: _____ Relation _____
(Name, area code, phone number)

Physician: _____ Phone #: _____ Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy# _____

Allergies or Medical Concerns: _____ Health/Dietary Needs _____

E-mail _____ District _____ Local Unit _____ City _____

Check all that apply: Conference/District Officer _____ Current 2015 Local Unit President _____ Local Unit Member _____
Bishop _____ Deaconess/Missionary _____ Pastor _____ District Superintendent _____ Member of Conference CON _____
Member of District CON _____ Alternate, replacing Local President as a voting delegate _____ Visitor _____

Child Care Needed _____ Ages of Children: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____,

Request: Signing for hearing impaired _____ Need language translation (language) _____

Enclosed: _____ \$25.00 (meeting and lunch) _____ \$12.00 (meeting only) Breakfast at LEC _____ \$8.00

Room: \$39.00 Double occupancy _____ Roommate _____ \$59.00 Single occupancy _____

First Floor _____ Handicapped _____

To reserve a room for Friday evening, please indicate Roommate and if you need First Floor or Handicapped and include payment for registration fee, room and breakfast, if you wish to eat at the LEC.