



Greetings to all of the East Central District members,  
Just want to say “thank you” to all of the Presidents and Secretaries that answered the call to send me your unit’s membership numbers. I am hoping that next year you will all remember to go online and complete the census numbers to the New York Office. When we put the Annual District Book together we will try our best to put a reminder page with a date needed by.

As to all the questions regarding the changes being made in our Districts’ boundaries, I say “Be Patient!” Florida Annual Conference will be in three weeks and that issue will be voted on. In a way, I am glad my tenure is up as I would find it sad knowing that some of my favorite members will not be attending our meetings. We all have to make a pact to attend Florida Conference Annual Women’s Meeting in November, just so we can say “Hi” and ask “How are you getting along these days?”

Also, remember this, as some of you have been asking where we will be sending our reports on the Reading Program and our Mission studies. All of those are 2016-2017 reports and they need to be printed in the **East Central United Methodist Women Annual Meeting book**.

Send your **Mission Today and Mission Study paper work** to Linda Gustafson, by email ([lindag65@cfl.rr.com](mailto:lindag65@cfl.rr.com)) or mail: 730 Hyde Park Cir. W., Winter Garden, FL 34787.

Send your **Reading Program** lists to: Kelly Denaro by email: ([Kellydenaro@gmail.com](mailto:Kellydenaro@gmail.com)). You will have a chance to meet her at Mission u. If you are not receiving the *Trumpet Sound*, please let Suzy know. Presidents (or whoever on your team is receiving it) please forward it on to each Circle Leader so they can share it with others in their circle.

Until next month.....

God bless you all and pray that someone special will step up to the plate to be your new President and Vice President.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS SO YOU DON'T MISS THESE IMPORTANT DATES!**

**July 13-16, 2017...Mission u (Bethune-Cookman University)**

**September 23, 2017...Mission Studies Sampler (Sanlando UMC)**

**October 21, 2017...District Annual Meeting (FUMC Clermont)**

**November 4, 2017...Conference Annual Meeting (Lakeland)**

**GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING WITH UNITED METHODIST WOMEN AT FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN CLERMONT!!!**

(submitted by Jan Becherer, United Methodist Women VP)

On March 18<sup>th</sup> we held our annual luncheon and fashion show, this time, called “Spring in Paradise”, in our blessedly-large Wesley Center. Again, we served a “sell-out” crowd of about 350 attendees. Our tables were appropriately decorated with “sunglass-wearing” fresh pineapples and colorful Hawaiian leis. Our own Chef David served a delicious Caribbean-inspired lunch beginning with a cold Mango soup. Our fashion show featured six models from our church family and two from the charities that would benefit from this fundraiser. The featured clothing and accessories were from Chicos. Our silent auction and opportunity drawing tables were overflowing with lovely baskets of items assembled and donated through our three Circles. Local businesses were very generous with gift card donations and table sponsorships. Lorna Broersma and Chris Zogg did a fantastic job of co-chairing this event!!

The two local charities chosen to benefit from this fundraiser were *Take Stock in Children* and *Faith Neighborhood Center*. *Take Stock in Children* was established in 1995 as a non-profit organization in Florida that provides an opportunity for deserving low-income youth/students to escape poverty through education. They offer college scholarships and volunteer mentors. Their services start in middle school, continue through high school and include their transition into college. *Faith Neighborhood Center* has been in operation in South Lake County, Florida, continuously since 1972, where it actually was started at our First United Methodist Church in Clermont. Through volunteers and donations they are able to meet basic needs of over 700 families per month with food, clothing, household items, and medical & financial assistance, all at no cost to the recipients.



Pictured is the presentation of a check to the director of Faith Neighborhood Center. From left to right: Diane Wells (Circle Co-leader), Lorna Broersma (Circle Co-leader), Jan Becherer (United Methodist Women VP), Patricia Kry (Director, FNC), Evelyn Rose (Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Chair), Sharon Kowalski (United Methodist Women President), and Sondra Green (Volunteer Coordinator, FNC).

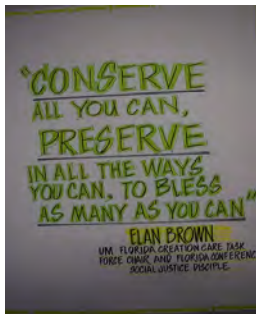
## CREATION CARE MINI-RETREAT

Sponsored by First United Methodist Church Clermont United Methodist Women  
(Submitted by Jan Becherer, United Methodist Women VP)

What a wonderful, peaceful, learning experience approximately 50 women from several area churches had during our Creation Care Mini-Retreat held at the Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park, FL April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>!! Our keynote speaker was Elan Brown who is the Creation Care Chairperson, Florida Conference. The retreat featured the Climate Justice Mission Study as presented at Mission U in 2016. Elan brought her daughter who presented a clever craft idea as a way to recycle t-shirts. Elan also brought Cara Fleisher, from the Florida Methodist Conference Creation Care Task Force, who blessed us with the story of her journey from being an “everyday housewife/mother” to a very involved creation care advocate. She now serves as the Creation Care Ministry Leader at Saint Paul's UMC in Tallahassee. AND, Cara brought her daughter who had another idea for recycling t-shirts. We all left the retreat with a handy, useable t-shirt tote bag, and an idea for making a loom to weave t-shirt strips into lovely wall-hangings.

Elan lives on her farm in Naples, FL, and holds a BS in Botany and an MS in Environmental Horticulture from the University of Florida. She presented both Friday evening and Saturday filling the attendees with motivation to be more responsible stewards of this beautiful earth which God has entrusted to us. Part of her presentation included pictures of the remarkable one-half-acre experimental children's garden developed under her supervision for the children, parents, and grandparents of the Village School, a ministry of her North Naples Church. Elan stressed two particular Bible verses in her study: Genesis 2:7 (God formed man from the earth), and Genesis 2:15 (God placed man in the Garden of Eden to care for it). At the end of the retreat we all moved outside and participated in the planting of a Crape Myrtle tree in memory of Elan's mother who passed away last Thanksgiving.

During the retreat we were also blessed by Linda Hmieski's beautiful sacred dancing, unison reading of a lovely poem written by Ibbie Moultrie, and the singing of “This is My Father's World” led by Lorna Broersma. Many thanks to Cathy D'heron, United Methodist Women Education Coordinator, for the dedicated leadership she provided to make this retreat happen!



**Lake Helen United Methodist Women** hosted 26 women, including members from two other churches in Lake Helen. Following a wonderful potluck lunch, Ladye Cox, former President of the Orlando District United Methodist Women, spoke about who United Methodist Women are and gave the women a glimpse into her forty-three years as a member of the United Methodist Women. A Gift in Mission card was presented to Ladye and Linda Gustafson, East Central District President. The unit also presented them with a check toward the unit's District Pledge.



Peace United Methodist Women gather to learn how we can help women without access to basic needs and healthcare in April 2017.

- Days for Girls International education and feminine hygiene because no girls should go without panties or pads, missing school, work and sustaining injury. [www.DaysforGirls.org](http://www.DaysforGirls.org)
- Old Mutare Hospital, a Zimbabwe United Methodist Church's healthcare institution.
- A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial grants.



**Peace United Methodist Women tour the Orlando Union Rescue Mission and bring men's suits as a donation.**



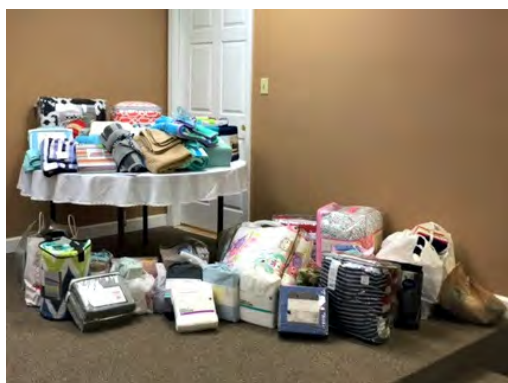
And what a fun treat it was to shop at the Mission's Boutique, then later treat ourselves to lunch at The Mall at Millennia's Cheesecake Factory.

May 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Praise Worship Service, **Flagler Beach United Methodist Women** presented its annual scholarship to Zachery Ellis (right) who will be attending Daytona State College in Daytona Beach for the fall semester. Unit President Carol Elliott made the presentation. The unit first established the scholarship program in 1998, using the interest earned from the principal of the fund as the award. The first award was given in 1999.



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### **First Church Oviedo United Methodist Women “Showers” the Children’s Home with Linens and Love**



The United Methodist Women of First Church Oviedo held their April Women’s Night of Fellowship on Tuesday, April 18th, hosted by the Agape and Ruth Circles. This was our annual potluck Linen Shower for the Florida United Methodist Children’s Home. Our featured speakers were Elizabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer, and Carlee Grantham, a resident of the Independent Living Program – both from the Children’s Home. As always, our members were very generous with their linen gifts for the children!

Also in April, the Bethany Circle got together and made 13 Easter baskets that were hand delivered to homebound individuals. This has been an ongoing tradition that the Bethany Circle has enjoyed participating in for many years.



## Japanese Missionaries Visit Flagler Beach

Flagler Beach United Methodist Women were honored to include the McCurley family in their season-ending luncheon on Thursday, May 11, at a local restaurant. Jonathan and Satomi have visited Flagler Beach before at United Methodist Women luncheons and everyone was happy to see them again. The McCurleys serve at the Asian Rural Institute, a Rural Leaders' Training Center, in Nasushiobara, Japan.

They are in the States because of great news: The Florida Board of Ordained Ministry recommended Jonathan for Provisional Elder. He will be commissioned in Orlando on Saturday, June 10, at the Florida Annual Conference.

On top of that Satomi was approved to be in connection with the General Board of Global Ministries and has been attending the training in Atlanta, GA. On May 8 she had a blessing service in Atlanta, and she will be commissioned in June at Annual Conference as a GBGM missionary.

Four-year-old Yuka's name can be translated as "beautiful/nice flower" and she has become a member of the McCurley family through adoption.



Flagler Beach President Carol Elliott welcomes the McCurleys: Yuka, Satomi and Jonathan.

Enjoying the luncheon are left to right, Joyce McDonald, Marion Guyer, Marie Swart and Hannah Metz.



Vice President Alice Pickett, who arranged the luncheon, Bette Rountree and Martha Noddin are ready to eat.



## Hugs

Everyone was meant to share  
God's all-abiding love and care.  
He saw that we would need to know  
A way to let these feelings show.

So God made hugs—a special sign  
And symbol of His love divine.  
A circle of our open arms  
To hold in love and keep out harm.

One simple hug can do its part  
To warm and cheer another's heart.  
A hug's a bit of heaven above  
That signifies His perfect love.



### **Just a note regarding submission guidelines from your communications girl:**

- Submissions should always spell out United Methodist Women and NEVER abbreviate "UMW"
- Please type in Times New Roman 12, whenever possible.
- Never mention dollar amounts: given or raised, etc.
- All articles must be consistent with the mission of the United Methodist Women: supporting women, children and youth around the world.
- All articles must be about what your unit did, not your church.
- Submissions should be sent in Word format with pictures in JPEG and separate from the article.

Your help in adhering to these rules makes the job of your communications team so much easier!

*Mark your calendars!*

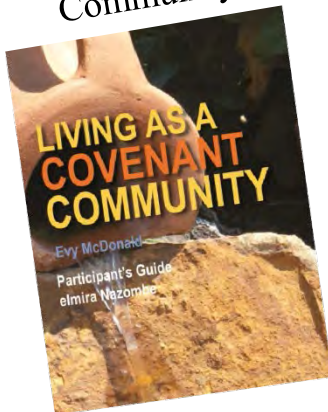
**July 13 - 16, 2017**

# **Mission u**

**Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach**

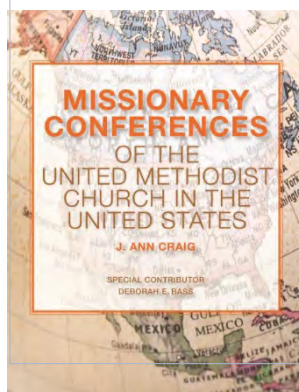
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Community*

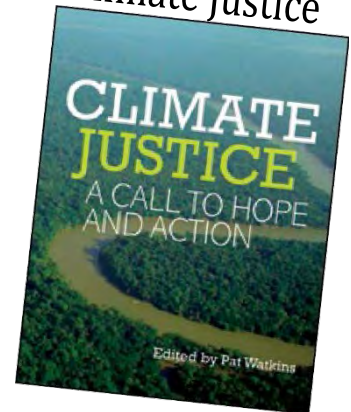


*Geographic:*

**The Missionary Conferences of the  
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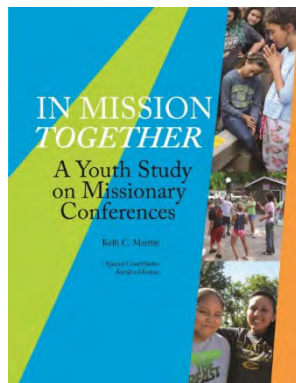


*Issue Study:  
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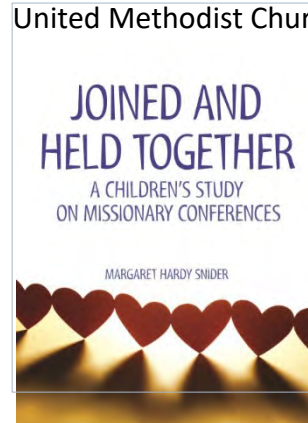
*Youth:*

**The Missionary Conferences of the  
United Methodist Church**



*Children*

**The Missionary Conferences of the  
United Methodist Church**



All study texts are now available at [www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org)



**FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**  
**‘MISSION u’ ADULT REGISTRATION FORM**  
**July 13 – July 16, 2017, Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach, Florida**  
**Please fill out carefully and completely – Please print legibly – No lunch on Sunday**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

First time attendee \_\_\_\_\_ Attending a college or university \_\_\_\_\_ Age group 18-35 \_\_\_\_\_ 36-50 \_\_\_\_\_ 51-70 \_\_\_\_\_ 71+ \_\_\_\_\_

Laity \_\_\_\_\_ Clergy \_\_\_\_\_ Missionary \_\_\_\_\_ Deaconess \_\_\_\_\_ Member/United Methodist Women \_\_\_\_\_

District or Conference Officer? \_\_\_\_\_ Your Office \_\_\_\_\_

HOUSING: Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Couple \_\_\_\_\_ Choice of Roommate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Roommates must send in registration forms together

Physical/Disability Needs: 1<sup>st</sup> floor room \_\_\_\_\_ Wheelchair accessible \_\_\_\_\_ Wheelchair accessible shower \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY INFO (Must be completed): Physician \_\_\_\_\_

Name Phone Number

Insurance/Policy # \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies, medical concerns, health/dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

All participants will take the Covenantal Community study. Indicate 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of Study Leader. PLEASE CHOOSE an additional study. Indicate 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of Study Leader.

<b>Living As A Covenant Community:</b> Rev. David Range _____ Rev. Miguel Velez (S) _____ Gwang Hyun Jacob Parks (K) _____ Dea. Mary Melvin _____ Joyce Waldon Bright _____ Dr. Lorraine Mayfield-Brown _____ Rev. Harold D. Lewis _____ Rev. Luc Dessieux (C) _____	<b>Missionary Conferences of The United Methodist Church in the United States:</b> Rev. Amos Adhemar (C) _____ Praveena Balasundaram _____ Sandi Goodman _____ Dea. Nan Gordon _____ Dr. Judith Pierre-Okerson _____ Icel Rodriguez (S) _____ Denise Morrell (YA) _____	<b>Climate Justice:</b> Sara Orellana (S) _____ Rebecca Rochester _____  <b>Legend:</b> (C) Creole (K) Korean (S) Spanish (YA) Young Adult
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Bios for Study Leaders - on the UMW's website [flconfumw.org](http://flconfumw.org)

Sign language needed \_\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_ What language \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Fees:</b>	<b>Postmarked by June 30</b> <b>Rooms/Meals \$200.00</b>	<b>after June 30</b> <b>\$210.00</b>	<b>Postmarked by June 30</b> <b>Commuter \$50.00</b>	<b>after June 30</b> <b>\$60.00</b>
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**REFUNDS: Will be made by written request only and must be submitted to the registrar by July 5, 2017.**

**MAIL registration and check, payable to Florida Conference United Methodist Women Mission u, to:**  
 Ciliane Louis, PO Box 1546, Hallandale FL, 33008. Phone 954-226-8110. Email: [clouis3@yahoo.com](mailto:clouis3@yahoo.com).

**MISSION PROJECT:** This year we will be collecting gift cards from Walmart and/or Target for Cornerstone Family Ministries.

This Registration Form may be copied as needed – and **all other** Registration Forms are on the Florida United Methodist Women's website: **[flconfumw.org](http://flconfumw.org)**