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LOVE

*Love in Action. 1 John 3:18,
"Let us not love with words or speech but with
actions and in truth."*

**2019 ALABAMA/WEST
FLORIDA UMW
ANNUAL DAY
FEBRUARY 15-16, 2019
Demopolis, Alabama**



**Nancy Graves,
2019**

AWF UMW Annual Day guest speaker

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In 2019, our Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Women theme and Scripture focus: ***Love in Action. 1 John 3:18, "Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."***

We're on the road again! And we're having our Annual meeting in the Demopolis District at Demopolis First UMC on February 15-16, 2019. Our Speaker is Mrs. Nancy Graves, "the Bishop's wife" and I would like for those that can - come join us in this Fellowship and meeting.

I wanted to share about this years' UMW Day celebrations across the conference. The UMW Day has been historical for us as we each celebrate God's blessings in a meaningful program of thankfulness to God for His blessings in one of the five channels of undesignated Mission Giving-World Thank. Traditionally this offering is collected during a special service or program during the fall season.

This channel of Mission Giving is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission and advocacy in the United States and around the world.

The World Thank Offering, giving freely and abundantly in response to God's goodness has been the way of life for United Methodist Women for all these years.

The challenges for 2019 will be the same . . . membership, funding United Methodist Women "Pledge to Missions" and social action & advocacy. On March 23, 2019 our "UMW" membership will celebrate 150 years of organizing for missions. As the 2019 Special Called General Conference convenes, our UMW challenges will still be in-place. As a Local Unit at each church, please stay the course for God's mission in our organization; let me share a prayer presented by Margaret B. Denning in 1914 at the 44th annual meeting, she was a missionary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, it pleads our Purpose well.

"Lord, help me live from day to day in such a self-forgetful way.

That even when I kneel to pray, my prayer shall be for others.

May I, in all the work I do, forever be sincere and true, and know that all I'd do for you must needs be done for others, too. And when my work on earth is done, and my new work in Heaven begun, may I forget the crown I've won, in thinking still of others.

For others, Lord, yes others: may this my effort be, that I may live for others and thus may I live for thee."



Debbie Bell
Conference President

I would like to end this article in honorable mention for several people and events of this past year. I am so humbled by the outpouring of prayer comfort and care during my Mother's illness and passing; I am encouraged by the prayers and concern for our sisters caught in the storm in the Marianna-Panama City district; I am blessed from the legacy of mentors gone before us this year and as well that great celebration during assembly as we gathered the next legacy of mentors. Continue to visit our conference UMW website for current news and information.

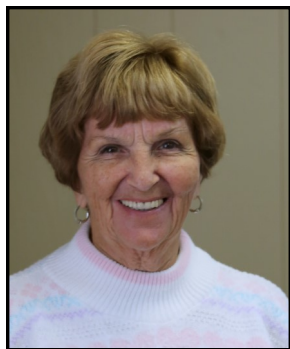
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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It seems as if I just wrote an article about Annual Day but it was a year ago. If you are like me you are wondering where 2018 went. In a matter of days the New Year will be here with Annual Day soon to follow. Our theme is "Love in Action" with guest speaker Nancy Graves, our bishop's wife. We are pleased to hear the bishop and all district superintendents will be celebrating with us. We thank the Demopolis District for hosting us this time. Margaret Agee and her district team have plans well in place, Debbie Bell has the program booklet under way and Jean Creswell has the registration form completed. You can find this form on the AWFL website or get a copy from your district president. Remember, this being a new year, the health form also must accompany your registration form. The hotels are listed with pricing and a deadline to get the discount. Most discounts end around Jan 1st or 2nd. Don't miss it!

See you on February 15 & 16. Make plans today to attend.



Joan Simmons
Conference Vice President



APRIL 2020



Message from the Conference Secretary

Please help to keep the Alabama-West Florida Conference United Methodist Women Directory up-to-date by sending any changes in contact information to me at cathy3163@hotmail.com.

Cathy Givan
Conference Secretary



HAPPY 50th ANNIVERSARY ALERT



TREASURER'S REPORT

Where is Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Women Conference and your district on giving this year? We won't have the final figures for several more weeks, but the districts have fulfilled their Pledge to Mission for 2018. ***As of December 12th the districts have sent in \$124,284 making us \$2,834 over our pledge.*** The amount we send to National will be that less our A&MD funds spent out for the district and conference and leaving a small balance to start the 2019 year.

United Methodist Women Mission Giving Globally

2018	Mission Dollars Spent
Year	\$ 12,844,204.00
Day	\$ 35,189.60
Hour	\$ 1,466.23
5 Minutes	\$ 122.19
1 Minute	\$ 24.44
1 Second	\$ 0.41

Using the chart above (provided by National), the Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Women are funding over 3 1/2 days or over 84 hours in the total spending on mission giving by the 2018 figures.

MISSION GIVING (PLEDGE)*	2019	2018		2017	
	Pledge	Pledge	Actual	Pledge	Actual
Bay Pines	14,000	12,200	15,222	12,200	15,679
Demopolis	15,000	12,000	12,386	13,000	15,757
Dothan	14,750	14,750	13,640	18,500	15,771
Marianna/PC	13,000	12,800	12,320	12,800	13,541
Mobile	20,000	20,000	21,553	20,000	22,625
Mtg/Oplk	11,500	12,500	9,401	12,500	9,048
Mtg/Pratt	11,000	12,200	11,330	12,200	11,118
Pensacola	25,000	25,000	25,709	25,000	25,766
Events - Offering	1,750	0	2,723		1,984
Total PLEDGE	126,000	121,450	124,284	126,200	131,289

** All amounts listed above include all 5-Channels of Giving, not just Pledge.*

The local unit Remittance Forms will not change in the new year. The single page form can be found on our website <https://www.awf-umw.org/>. Please use this form and not the multi-page ones of the past. Also send any money to your district treasurer, not the conference treasurer and make the checks out to the district, not the individual. Since all local unit forms and money were due by November 30th, any received

Jean Creswell
Conference Treasurer



EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION REPORT



MISSION GIVING vs OTHER UNITED METHODIST WOMEN GIVING

It can be confusing, even over-whelming, in trying to understand what we mean when the district or local treasurer says Pledge, 5-Channels of Giving, Supplemental Giving, Legacy Fund, and Conference Specials. Each of the areas of giving has a restriction in how the money is used, thus the various reasons for the different names. All support the mission of helping women, children and youth. Each time you see the emblem above in the magazine *Response*, you can learn more about heart-warming stories of where your dollars are spent.

Pledge: each member of a local unit should make an annual pledge.

The local unit treasurer then totals the pledges together and makes that local unit pledge to its district. The district in turn totals all the local units together and makes its pledge to the Conference, and finally the Conference sends that amount to National as its Conference Pledge. The pledge should be considered and prayed about individually, but all pledges, just like your pledge to the church, should be fulfilled to the best of each of our abilities.

5-Channels of Giving: all five of the areas are considered as part of your pledge total when paid. Besides pledges, the Special Mission Recognition Pins, World Thank Offering, Mission Cards, and Gifts in Memory make up the 5-Channels. Each is a vehicle used to raise pledge totals. If all five areas are met, then that unit will be designated a 5-Star Unit and recognized at the District Annual Day. All 5-Channels support the following:

In the United States, Mission Giving provides vital support for United Methodist Women-related national mission institutions and other U.S. ministries as well as spiritual growth programs, membership nurture and opportunities for leadership development, mission education and service and advocacy. Internationally, United Methodist Women supports some 150 programs, carried out by up to 116 organizations in more than 110 countries annually. Mission Giving also provides scholarships to more than 73 students enrolled in institutions of higher education in 18 countries.

United Methodist Women also supports eight regional missionaries.

Supplemental Giving: Although this money also goes up the chain to National, it depends on how the funds are designated. It could be UMCOR, Dumas Wesley, Red Bird Mission, or the Call to Prayer (this annual observance gives local and district units a chance to study and reflect on a particular theme each year and to designate funds for ministries related to the theme for the year.) Supplemental Giving, since it is restricted money, is not a part of your pledge or the 5-Channels of Giving.

Legacy Fund: is an endowment for the future generations of United Methodist Women. It was created to celebrate our rich history of almost 150 years and to ensure that future generations will have funding through the interest earned off the endowment. This is the only giving that must be made directly to National by the individual or unit and not sent up the normal chain of giving.

Conference Specials: are restricted giving that stays only in our Alabama West Florida Conference. The restrictions are: Dumas Wesley, our conference Mission u, our conference offering at our national and jurisdiction assemblies, and our A&MD funds (or operating funds for the district and conference). It is suggested that each local member donate \$10 to this.



Shirley Hodges
Education & Interpretation Coordinator

AWF-UMW ANNUAL DAY 2019

Please begin planning your attendance at AWF-UMW Annual Day 2019 in Demopolis, AL. at Demopolis First UMC. The dates February 15-16, 2019 . I am attaching a registration form into this email. There is also a form on our website and one will be in the Alert newsletter. Make your overnight reservations early!

Please join us, we need to gather and recover together and hear Mrs. Nancy Graves speak to our 2019 theme - Love in Action. Be Invitational in 2019, bring a family friend to our annual meeting and/or our spiritual enrichment retreat.

LOVE

Save the date

July 19 and 20, 2019 Mission u at
St Luke UMC Pensacola

The studies are :

“Practicing Resurrection - The Gospel of Mark
and Radical Discipleship”

“Women United - 150 years in Mission”

“What about our money”



Gifts to the Legacy Fund can be made in several ways:

- Online at unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
- By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 am-6pm EST, M-F)
- Text Legacy150 to 41444
- By check: note "*Legacy Fund*" in memo and mail to: United Methodist Women: Treasurer's Office 15th Floor 475 Riverside Drive New York, NY 10115.

What's happening with "A Way Forward Conversation"

A Way Forward

On this last edition of the Alert, the COMMISSION ON A WAY FORWARD'S REPORT to the GENERAL CONFERENCE can be viewed in it's entirety at the website link listed below. It is 93 pages and describes, in detail, the framework of the commission members work.

Please continue to pray our way forward.

http://s3.amazonaws.com/Website_Properties/council-of-bishops/news_and_statements/documents/Way_Foward_Report_-_Final_-_ENGLISH.pdf

A WAY FORWARD

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

The SER will be October 11-13, 2019. The evaluations from 2018 were overall very positive, and the problems are some we will have to discuss at a later date but they were minimal. The speaker next October will be the Rev. Reba Wiley, who has served alongside her late husband, Rev. Steve Wiley, until a few years before his death. She has also served as the Demopolis District Superintendent until Steve's health declined and age stepped down a year early and went back into pastoring churches. She's a very entertaining and dynamic speaker, and I'm sure everyone will enjoy her.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Blessed New Year

Tutti Johnson,
Spiritual Enrichment Coordinator



CARES AND CONCERNS

Winn Marsh is appointed Personal Concerns Coordinator for Alabama-West Florida Conference United Methodist Women. You may contact her at winnmarsh@aol.com or **850-624-9709** to request prayer for your personal concerns. Winn will share the information according to your wishes.

SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES REPORT

Greetings Everyone! Hope you have all had a great Fall - Wonderful Thanksgiving - and looking forward to a marvelous and blessed Christmas. For this article, I am including a short book report for each of the Reading Program classifications.

EDUCATION FOR MISSION: "One - Unity in a Divided World" by Deidra Riggs. In "One" Deidra Riggs calls us to put our focus on self-preservation aside and, like Jesus, make the first move toward reconciliation. She helps us understand that we are secure in God's inexhaustible love, making us free to love others lavishly - not just in what we do, but in what we say and don't say, what we will endure and what we will forgive.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: "Eleanor - A Spiritual Biography - The Faith of the 20th Century's Most Influential Woman" by Harold Ivan Smith. More than 50 years after her death, Eleanor Roosevelt is remembered as a formidable First Lady and tireless social activist. Often overlooked, however, is her deep and inclusive spirituality. Her personal faith was focused on Jesus and fueled her commitment to civil rights, women's rights, and the rights of all people marginalized in American society. This book provides insight into one of America's most famous women, particularly the spiritual influences that made her so active in social justice issues.

NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY: "WHEN DID EVERYBODY ELSE GET SO OLD?" by Jennifer Grant. This is Jennifer Grant's unblinking, good-humored and full of hope look at the transitions of middle age. Exploring the physical, spiritual and emotional changes unique to the middle years, this is a must-read for anyone facing the flux and flow of the forties and beyond.

SOCIAL ACTION: "Nobody Cries When We Die - God, Community, and Surviving to Adulthood", by Patrick B. Reyes (Bonus Book). For people of color, living each day surrounded by violence, and for whom survival is not a given, vocational discernment is more than "finding your purpose". It's a matter of life and death. Balancing the tension between pain and healing, this book takes you to the places that make American society flinch, redefines what you are called to do with your life, and gives you strength to save lives and lead in your own community.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: "Spoken Into Being - Divine Encounters through Story" by Michael W. Williams. Everyone is a storyteller. Telling stories can help you make sense of your life and the world around you. When you tell stories, you speak a world into being, as God did in the Creation accounts in Genesis. "Spoken Into Being" guides you in telling your own stories and reminds you that you have been spoken into being as part of a much larger story. Prompts at the end of each section serve as your guide to help you discover your own sacred stories and the people, places and objects that make them holy.

Good Reading and hope you enjoy these and other books from the Reading Program. God Bless You All and look forward to seeing you at Annual Day in February.

Sally Ozan

Secretary of Program Resources



response:
the magazine of women in mission!



Social Action is Love in Action

Our theme for 2019, Love in Action, speaks volumes about God's call to us as members of United Methodist Women and to all Christians. There are probably as many ways we demonstrate "love in action" as there are members of United Methodist Women, units, districts and conferences, but as a national organization our four issue priorities for 2016-2020 are: Climate Justice; Maternal & Child Health; Criminalization of Communities of Color & Mass Incarceration; and Economic Inequality.

I'd like to share some background information about United Methodist Women's work in the area of Maternal and Child Health from the website.

"Health care for women and children is at the heart of United Methodist Women today, and has been since the organization was founded in the 1800's. In 1869, Dr. Clara Swain was sent to Bareilly, India, to provide quality medical care to women. She has been called the 'pioneer woman physician in India,' as well as the 'first fully accredited woman physician ever sent out by any missionary society into any part of the non-Christian world.'

Our foremothers made the choice to act to save women's lives. They chose to build hospitals and clinics, to train women and girls to serve as doctors and nurses, and to send missionaries to initiate the work.

Today, United Methodist Women continues to support the health and family needs of women and children around the globe. Women are still dying in childbirth, children continue to die from preventable diseases, and many communities have no access to healthcare."

Our mission giving also helps improve healthcare for women and children in the United States through the work of our national mission institutions and the ministries of many of our deaconesses and home missionaries. Learn more here: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mchealth>

On a personal note, I have enjoyed my time on the AWF UMW mission team for the past five years! I look forward to seeing you all in 2019 at Annual Day in Demopolis February 15 & 16, and at Mission u in Pensacola July 19 & 20.

Laurel Akin, Deaconess
Social Action Coordinator



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MEMBERSHIP NURTURE & OUTREACH

Did you forget? Did you know? We really don't have to come up with ideas for starting a United Methodist Women local unit.

United Methodist Women members are steadfast in our PURPOSE. We organize for growth to continue mission to women, children and youth. In Acts 2, the early church was devoted to growing in Jesus Christ, meeting needs and joining in fellowship. As a result their numbers grew. Devotion, fellowship and attention to needs of women, children and youth are central to United Methodist Women's growth.

After two years of prayer, research, discernment and design, we are ready to offer a membership development initiative to help United Methodist Women members engage more women. This initiative involves local, district, conference and national levels working together to create a welcoming space by focusing on potential members' interests, sharing United Methodist Women's work and building relationships.

Acts 2:44-47

"All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." Membership growth also means retaining current members. We need to engage all women, whether prospective, new or existing members. It takes four or more times of engagement before a woman identifies as a United Methodist Women member. Once she's a member, she's focused on making a difference in her community and beyond.

A toolkit provided (online) guides you through welcoming, engaging and building relationships with all women: prospective, new and existing United Methodist Women members. We pray your group is ready to radically welcome more women and proceed in prayer and action as you use the membership toolkit.

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/downloads/welcoming-event-toolkit.pdf>

Please continue your plans entering information for the Census. In 2019, Kristine Jones, MN&O coordinator will be in touch with the UMW leadership to assist with completing our conference Census.

**MEMBERSHIP
IS
EVERYTHING**

ELECTING UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OFFICERS TO LEAD IN OUR MISSION

Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Women Standing Rules. IV. Elections and Meetings.

The voting Body of the Annual Meeting of the conference organization shall be composed of the following: One representative from each Local Unit

Conference Executive Committee / Bishop/District Executive Committees / District Superintendents/ Directors of UMW residing within the conference /Officers of the Jurisdiction residing within the conference

As is our custom and in preparation for the Southeastern Jurisdiction (SEJ) meeting in April 2020, we are presenting this notification in the Alert prior to our 2019 Annual Meeting. Please notice conference officers placing their names before the membership as **NOMINEES** to the National United Methodist Women Board of Directors.

VII. NOMINEES TO NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN, Art. V, Section 5, page 107

The Committee on Nominations shall nominate two nominees and one alternate for membership on the National United Methodist Women board of directors to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the conference organization **prior to the Jurisdiction meeting.**

Betty Helms



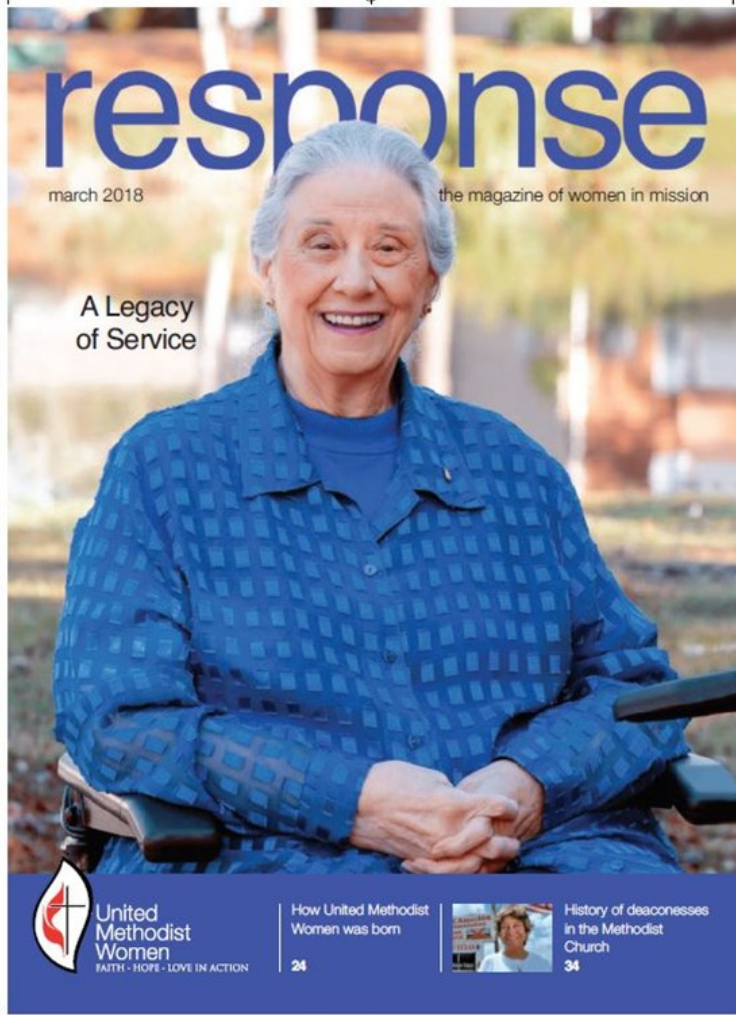
Betty grew up in Louisville, Alabama and has been married to her high school sweetheart, Menzil for 59 years. They settled in Dothan and raised their two children: Cathy and Steve. Betty and Menzil are the proud grandparents of Kaytlan and Samantha. They are the daughters of son, Steve and daughter-in-law, Lisa. She is a life long member of the United Methodist Church and has served on several committees within the district and conference. Betty has been deeply involved with the Organization of United Methodist Women for the past 45 years having served as an officer in the local unit as well as district treasurer and president. On the conference level she served as Secretary for Financial Interpretation, Treasurer, Education & Interpretation Coordinator, President and Dean of Mission u, Secretary and Registrar of Regional School and as Jurisdiction Treasurer and is currently the Southeast Jurisdiction President.

Southeastern Jurisdiction Voting Delegates Standing Rules

VI. JURISDICTION QUADRENNIAL MEETING Art.V, Section 4, page 106

Three CONFERENCE officers and **one** alternate shall serve as voting delegates to the Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting, as follows:

1. Delegates shall be President, Vice President, Secretary; alternate will be the Treasurer
2. Delegate names shall be published in the ALERT which contains the call to Annual Meeting.



It is with great sorrow that the Alabama West Florida Conference United Methodist Women lost one of her most talented members Sunday, November 25, 2018. Vera Moore, who maintained this web-site for the conference from its inception until this past fall, passed away in Mobile county. Vera was featured on the March 2018 Response magazine - A Legacy of Service. Although we will miss Vera, we are happy and comforted in knowing that she is resting with our Lord; Well done good and faithful servant.*

Memorials can be made through your local unit in Vera's memory. For family contact address, please email contact@awf-umw.org . One of Vera's biggest rules were never to put contact information out on our web-page so we could not only protect the privacy of individuals, but scams and malicious viruses.

CALLING ALL LOCAL UNITS - PLEASE COMPLETE ONLINE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S 2018 CENSUS

LOCAL UNIT PRESIDENTS: LOCAL UNIT PRESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO COMPLETE THIS FORM FOR THE 2018 UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CENSUS. THIS YEAR IS FOCUSED ON GATHERING INFORMATION THAT WILL INFORM THE NATIONAL OFFICE, CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT LEADERSHIP ON LOCAL EFFORTS IN ORDER TO PLAN FOR GROWTH, OUTREACH AND IMPACT.

Census Submission Deadline: Saturday March 30, 2019.

The United Methodist Women will never share contact information outside the organization without permission.

CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS REPORT

Join Our Team

Everyone wants to be a part of a winning team no matter the sport. You can be a winner by joining the Alabama-West Florida Conference United Methodist Women leadership team.

In 2019 we will celebrate our Legacy of 150 years of service on a winning team. A team that supports women, children and youth. A team that plays hard to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate. The Committee on Nominations of the AWF-UMW are looking for eager individuals looking to use their skills and talents to enhance our leadership team. Please complete the talent bank forms and let us know you want to join our winning team. Talent bank forms can be found in the Alert and on our conference website and are always available at all UMW events.

Completed forms can be mailed to Zan Jones at 1800 Witherspoon Circle, Mobile, AL 36618 or email me at Mahogany84@hotmail.com.

Join a winning team!

Faith, Hope, Love in Action,

Zan M. Jones,
Chairman Committee on Nominations



2019 ALABAMA – WEST FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE OFFICERS

Debbie Bell

President: (Mobile District)

Cathy Givan

Secretary: (Montgomery/Prattville District)

Joyce Genz

Education & Interpretation Coordinator: (Mobile District)

Kristine Jones

Membership, Nurture & Outreach Coordinator: (Montgomery/Prattville)

Ora Gillespie

Social Action Coordinator: (Montgomery/Prattville District)

Michele Smith

Communications Coordinator: (Mobile District)

Zan Jones

Committee on Nominations Chair 2019 (Mobile District)

Peggy Cunningham

Committee on Nominations Member 2019 (Baypines District)

Cheryl Mothershed

Committee on Nominations Member 2019 (Baypines District)

Shirley Hodges

Committee on Nominations Member 2019 (Demopolis District)

 United Methodist Women <small>FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION</small>		TALENT BANK INFORMATION ON PROSPECTIVE LEADERSHIP			
(To be completed by prospective leader - Send to District Nominations Chair)					
Type or Print (attach additional sheets as necessary)		Date			
Name					
Address					
Telephone:	Home			Work	
Email					
Local Church		District			
Age:	20's	30's	40's	50's	60's
					70's
					80's+
Languages Spoken		Racial/Ethnic Group			
Professional skills, job experience					
Office(s) held in United Methodist Women					
	Office(s)			Dates of Service	
Local					
District					
Conference					
Jurisdiction					
Additional Experience on the local, district, conference or general church level (other than United Methodist Women) or in the community:					
Special Talents or Skills:					
Areas of Special Interest or Concern:					
secretarial		recruiting members		publicity	
communication		social issues		workshops	
computer		creativity		newsletters	
accounting/bookkeeping		recording minutes		retreats	
organization of details		public policy		music	
nominations		public relations		youth	
program planning		community building		children	
administration		inclusiveness/pluralism		other (specify)	
Which office(s) on the Conference United Methodist Women's Team would you most like to hold given the opportunity to serve?					
<input type="checkbox"/> President <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/> Chair of Nominations <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Interpretation		<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Nurture & Outreach <input type="checkbox"/> Social Action <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Growth <input type="checkbox"/> Program Resources <input type="checkbox"/> Communications			
Why are you interested in this position and what qualifications do you feel you have for your office(s) of choice?					
Would you be able to use your gifts and talents to uphold and strengthen United Methodist Women through the PURPOSE of the organization?					
Is it possible for you to be away from your home or employment for:					
Full day		Weekend		Extended Time	
Yes or No		Yes or No		Yes or No	
I am sorry but I am unable to accept an office this year. Please keep my name on file and contact me in _____.					
You may send your completed Talent Bank Form as an attachment emailed to awfurnw@aol.com OR send to the Nominations Chair of your District or Conference					

Section A HEALTH FORM						
All Participants MUST Register, even for 1 day. One Health Form must be submitted per calendar year. All forms are destroyed after the last conference event.						
Section B NAME - ADDRESS INFO <small>please print neatly or type</small>						
Name as to appear on Name Tag			Email (Please PRINT)			
Address		City	State	Zip		
Phone		District	Local Unit/Church			
FIRST TIME TO THIS Alabama West Florida Conference United Methodist Event						
SECTION C DISTRICT & CONFERENCE OFFICERS - ONLY						
All District and Conference Officers only pay Registration Fee, but please indicate if you are eating the meals on Friday and Saturday in Section E below.						
District Office		DISTRICT				
Conference Office						
SECTION D LODGING			All attendees are responsible for reserving their own rooms at a local hotel/motel and acquiring roommates. Please tell them you are with the United Methodist Women to get their special discount. ALL ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY RESERVE BY DATE TO GET SPECIAL RATE			
Suggested Motels/Hotels	Room Size	Rate				Phone #
Best Western Two Rivers	King	\$ 103.45	334-289-2611	1/10/19	662 U S Highway 80 W. Demopolis, AL. 36732	
Two Rivers Hotel & Suites	Dbl. Queen	\$ 103.45	334-289-2611	1/10/19	662 U S Highway 80 W. Demopolis, AL. 36732	
Comfort Inn	Dbl. Queen	\$ 94.99	334-289-9595 Option 2	2/1/19	943 U S 80 Demopolis, AL 36732	
Econo Lodge	Dbl. Full	\$ 88.00	334-287-0300	2/8/19	1035 US 80 Demopolis, AL 36732	
SECTION E MEALS COSTS						
To get accurate Meal count, please indicate by putting 1 or 0 in the # Column Below				#	COST	Enclosed Total
1	Friday includes Dinner				\$ 10.00	\$ -
2	Saturday Includes Lunch				\$ 8.50	\$ -
SECTION F REGISTRATION, LATE FEES & TOTALS						
1	SUBTOTAL (Meals) Section E 1 & 2				\$ -	
2	District & Conference Officers can deduct \$55 per 24-hr period from the Total Due. Therefore deduct cost of meals here. The remaining portion can be claimed on an expense voucher with motel receipt.					
3	Late Fee postmarked after Due Date				\$10.00	
4	Registration Fee -		All must pay this		\$ 15.00	
5	TOTAL OWED & ENCLOSED		Please add all Meals + Registration+ Late Fee		\$ 15.00	
Make all checks payable to AWF-UMW						
Mail to: Jean Creswell, Conference Treasurer			jean@pinebell.net			
PO Box 250			334-385-2521 (after 5:00 p.m./weekends)			
Arlington, AL 36722			334-385-5015 (work day)			
Special Needs (dietary or physical):						

REGISTRATION DEADLINE 2/5/19

(A \$10 Late Fee will apply to all LATE registrations if postmarked after this date.)


ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

REGISTRATION FORM

2019 AWF UMW ANNUAL DAY

FEBRUARY 15-16, 2019

Demopolis First United Methodist Church
200 East Decatur, Demopolis, AL. 36732



United Methodist Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

G. VOTING DELEGATES only:

_____ Local Unit

_____ District Officer

_____ Conference Officer

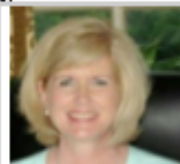
_____ Other (SEJ, Nat'l, Bishop, DS)

REC'D

PAID

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AWF-UMW ANNUAL DAY REGISTRATION FORM - FEB 15-16, 2019

LOVE — in Action "Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18 NIV

SECTION	
A	HEALTH FORM - one form per year will cover all events. This form allows us to help you in an emergency situation while at the event. At the end of the year, all forms are destroyed.
B	NAME - ADDRESS: please print as neatly as possible especially email addresses in case the Registrar needs to ask you a question. FIRST TIME: if 1st time at this AWF-UMW event, please check so we can recognize you.
C	DISTRICT / CONFERENCE OFFICERS ONLY section. Only fill out if you currently hold a position. Please make sure you state the position & district or conference.
D	LODGING: A list of all the motels is on the registration form. Each member is responsible for her own room reservations, roommates and costs. Please reserve by the reserve date to get the discounted rate and state that you are with the Alabama West Florida United Methodist Women. There are limited number of block rooms. First come policy. Your cost for lodging will not be calculated here as you pay the motel yourself.
E 1-2	MEALS: Because we have to give our caterers the number of meals to prepare at least 10 days out, we need you to enter the number of meals you are eating. There are 2 total meals, starting with Friday supper and ending with Saturday lunch. Please indicate exactly which meals you are eating and carry over the total for that meal to the cost column.
F-1	Subtotal: add together E1 through E2 - meals only
F-2	DISTRICT & CONFERENCE OFFICERS: You are allowed \$55 for one 24-hour period that covers lodging & meals. You must pay the registration fee of \$15, but can deduct the meals on this line. This deduction will be included in your total to be repaid after filing an expense voucher to the Conference Treasurer within two weeks of the event.
F-3	If your registration form is postmarked after Feb. 5th, a \$10 late fee must be paid. If you are only coming for one day and not eating, the late fee can be waived.
F-4	Everyone, whether a commuter, staying one day or all days, has to pay the \$15 registration fee . Everyone is considered a commuter since no on-site lodging is available.
F-5	TOTAL AMOUNT AND ENCLOSED: ADD F1, LESS F2, PLUS F-3, PLUS F-4. Your total should be at least \$15. Please re-check your additions on the form and make sure it matches your check amount. If your payment isn't the correct amount, the registrar will try to email the problem, but it is helpful if you try to fill out the form correctly. All unpaid amounts will be expected to be paid either prior to the event or at registration when you arrive. If you need help calculating, please call or email the registrar prior to mailing your form.
G	VOTING DELIGATES: Each Local Unit has ONE (1) vote, Delegate designated, each District officer 1-vote, / Conference officer 1-vote / SEJ and or National officer 1-vote / resident Bishop 1-vote. ONLY delegates in attendance will Vote and will be designated by a colored ribbon which they will pick up at registration. We may designate seating for voting delegates during the election session AND each delegate must signify their vote by designated "ballot" (raising hand or standing or whatever is determined) If a Local Unit is only represented by a district officer that is ONLY one vote as a district officer. If a Local Unit is only represented by a conference officer that is ONLY one vote as a conference officer. If a Local Unit is only represented by a National officer/representative that is ONLY one vote as a National officer/representative. If a Local Unit is only represented by a SEJ officer/representative that is ONLY one vote as a SEJ officer/representative.
SPEAKER	Our Speaker, Nancy Graves is the wife of David Graves, our Alabama-West Florida Conference Bishop. They have been married for 36 years, with two children, Casey & Gregg. Both children live and work in the Chattanooga area. More of Nancy's bio will be included in the Annual Day program and we look forward to her dynamic and inspirational thoughts for our 2019 theme, <i>Love in Action</i> . We hope to see everyone in Demopolis for this second journey around the conference for AWF-UMW Annual Day. 

DATE	SCHEDULE Annual Day 2019 - all @ Demopolis First United Methodist Church	Time
Fri 2/15	CHECK IN @ Demopolis 1st United Methodist Church (200 East Decatur, Demopolis, AL 36732)	4:00 PM
	Gathering Music in Fellowship Hall	5:00 PM
	Dinner in Fellowship Hall	5:30 PM
	Gathering Music in Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM
	Program including Memorial Service & Speaker	7:00 PM
Sat 2/16	CHECK IN @ Demopolis First United Methodist Church (those not registered Friday)	7:30 AM
	Gathering Music in Fellowship Hall	7:45 AM
	Processional of Bishop, District Superintendents and Conference/District UMW Presidents	8:30 AM
	Opening, Skit, Welcome	
	Bishop David Graves Message, Communion	
	Break	10:00 AM
	Business Session Alabama West Florida Conference	10:15 AM
	Speaker Nancy Graves	11:15 AM
	Lunch	12:30 PM

ALABAMA WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN HEALTH FORM

For the Calendar Year 2019

Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment Form

Name		DOB
	Work #	
Physician's Name		Phone #
Health Insurance Company	Policy #	Group #
Allergies to medications:		
Other Allergies (food, animals)		

Conditions that treating personnel might need to be aware of:

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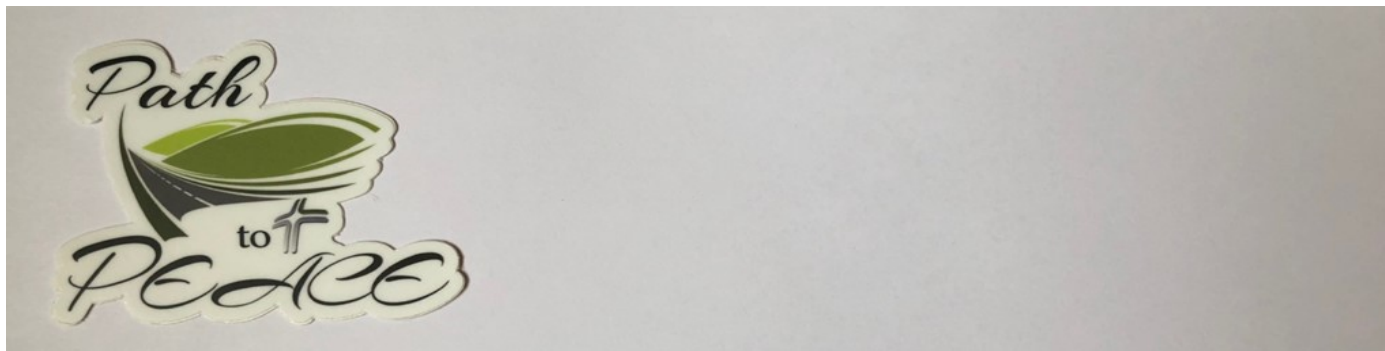
In the event emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury during my stay at a UMW event, I authorize ALWF UMW to contact:

Name	Relation	Phone #	Alt. Phone #
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PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE BELOW PLANS

<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Plan	<p>In the event emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury during my stay at a UMW event, I authorize ALWF UMW to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secure and retain medical treatment and transportation if needed. 2. Release my health information to the authorized individual or agency involved in the medical emergency treatment. 3. I hold harmless the AL-WFL Conference United Methodist Women, the ALWF Conference, The United Methodist Church and/or the owners of the facility for which the event is taking place for any act or failure to act during a medical emergency.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Consent Plan	<p>I DO NOT give my consent for emergency medical treatment/aid in the cases of illness or injury. In the event emergency treatment/aid is required, I wish the following procedures to take place:</p> <p>I hold harmless the AL-WFL Conference United Methodist Women, the ALWF Conference, The United Methodist Church and/or the owners of the facility for which the event is taking place for any act or failure to act during a medical emergency.</p>

Your Consent Signature	Date



Path to Peace is a vehicle for forming relationships across racial and ethnic lines through engaging community events and activities. We strive to be non-partisan, biblically-based and Christ centered to expose and eradicate racism.

The South Baldwin County service took place on World Communion Sunday at 3:00 on the afternoon, with a mixed choir, children from an after school program, representing black, Latino and white families opened the service with “Love Train”. Ministers and lay people from three communities conducted the rest of the service, sharing the theme of ending racism of the heart. After the service, we shared a snack supper of sandwiches, drinks and cookies.

Ministers and lay people from south Baldwin County had gathered weekly for months to decide how to make this service represent all of us, seventeen churches were represented seven black, two Latino and eight white congregations participated. The service was carefully planned to represent each of our traditions.

Healing the racism of heart – Racism is found in hearts of all colors. *Ending racism of the heart* is something that only God can achieve. To do that He will work through His people, who will – in His love and with His courage – build relationships with people who speak different languages, have different heritage, and different colored skin.

The most important thing that Path to Peace can achieve is friendship across racial and ethnic lines. We are planning small interest groups, such as book clubs, fishing, canoeing, camping, art and music. We also plan to have small dinner parties of 4 to 6 in churches or in homes. Our whole purpose is to find a way to break down the differences which divide us.

This is not easily accomplished, start soon after the first of the year, you may want to have morning and evening meetings to accommodate those who work. Start with three or four ministers from different churches and some lay friends from different churches and decide on a time to meet.

You will be pleasantly surprised at the pure friendships that God will help you make to eliminate racism in your community.



COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR REPORT

YOU CAN BECOME INFORMED OF ALL OF THE ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES BY SUBSCRIBING TO THE **ALERT** TODAY!

- To receive a copy of the ALERT in the mail, please send in your Name, Address and Telephone Number to Michele Smith. Enclose a \$4.00 check made payable to:
"Alabama-West Florida Conference United Methodist Women".
- You may receive a copy of the **ALERT** free by email. Please email **Michele Smith** with your request at: **michelesmith2002@hotmail.com** and you will be added to our email list.
- **Stay informed and catch up with your Conference news and make sure each person, unit and District knows what is happening in the Alabama West Florida Conference!**



Debbie Bush,
Conference Communications Coordinator

KEEP INFORMED!

AROUND THE CONFERENCE COOLER

I am pleased to have received the third article from the Bay Pines District on Economic Inequality! Their event was an amazing opportunity to bring different communities together in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Let's remember our Issue Priorities in the future and have at least one District submit an article just four times a year. I challenge each District today to share in this endeavor and allow the Conference and National UMW to know what we are up to!

The News Around the Conference Cooler needs to be what the Local, District or Conference is doing in relation to our Mission and our Issue Priorities:

- Economic Inequality
- Climate Justice
- Criminalization of Communities of Color
- Maternal and Child Health

"I have enjoyed the past two years as your Conference Communications Coordinator! The experience has enabled me to do something I love, to try to make a difference and to be around an awesome group of women around the Conference! I look forward in serving you in another capacity in the years to come as a United Methodist Woman. United Methodist Women is such a vital and important part of my life and always will be. God Bless each and everyone of you!"

In His Service, Debbie Bush

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Debbie Bush
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Pensacola, FL 32503

Save the Date!

2019

February 15-16

Annual Day in Demopolis, Alabama

July 19-20

**Mission u in Pensacola, Florida
@ St. Luke UMC**

October 11-13

**Spiritual Enrichment Retreat
@ Blue Lake**