



ALERT

Alabama-West Florida Conference United Methodist Women



Your Spiritual Journey

Our Spiritual Enrichment Retreat in March is fast approaching and offers you new opportunities filled with learning and Love. Our prayer

is that you will come and allow God's Spirit and direction to bless you. Spiritual Enrichment Retreat 2011 begins at Blue Lake on Friday March 25th at 6:00 PM. We have an exciting program this year. We will gather for a time to prepare you for an exciting spiritual experience. The Saturday session begins at 7:30 AM and the afternoon session concludes by 5:45 PM. The Sunday session starts at 7:15 and ends after lunch.

This Enrichment Experience will offer renewal for your soul. The Conference Executive Team has spent many hours and been in much prayer to reach a decision for the exciting events for this Retreat. We believe that we crafted it to provide programs that offer you many blessings.

Cathy Byrd is our Spiritual Leader this year. Cathy is an ordained Deacon in the Alabama-West Florida Conference and is such a great spiritual sister; her humor and faith will bless all who attend. Cheryl Mothershed, from the First United Methodist Church of Bay Minette and Elizabeth Bell, from the Marianna First United Methodist Church, bring musical enthusiasm and spiritual formation to guide us on a journey of grace. Extend an invitation to someone and come to the Lake to share your faith and renew friendships. This retreat is open to everyone-come and invite someone to come with you.

Come with FAITH. Be blessed with HOPE so that LOVE may motivate you into ACTION for God's work. Please pray for the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat. There is more information on the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat on page 6.

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The Alert is also available online at: <http://www.gbmg-umc.org/awfconfumw/>

Registration forms for the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat and the health form are also available at this web page.

More Tapestry Pictures are available on the above web site.

From the Desk of the President



The first phrase of our Purpose states: *The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God. . . .*

It is no accident that “to know God” is the first part of our Purpose. As sisters of United Methodist Women, we know God and by knowing God, all of our other ministries follow.

Our Spiritual Enrichment Retreat is going to be a wonderful time to become closer to God and to reflect on our personal spiritual journey. It will be a time of spiritual renewal, a wonderful opportunity to get away from the busyness of everyday life and to be able to enjoy the beauty of God's creation.

When two or more United Methodist Women are in one place at any given time, strange things begin to happen. Prayer warriors surface, strategies begin to stir, plans start to emerge, helping children, youth, and women becomes an obvious topic. Mission Giving happens!

As United Methodist Women, we have very focused guidelines to support Mission Giving through the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries and the projects they approve. In this way we support children in need around the world – Haiti, Dominican Republic, Sudan, Congo and the United States, to name just a few. We can help more children in more ways throughout

the world with our focused Mission Giving.

United Methodist Women are always in the forefront of issues that affect the women, children and youth. An issue that we will be focusing on in the coming months will be that of Human Trafficking. Sadly the very people we seek to help are the ones most affected by this issue. Clara Ester, Conference Social Action Coordinator, has information and possible ways we can help stop this horrible human travesty of human life. Talk to Clara; ask how as a United Methodist Woman you can help. Be a S.A.P. Savvy Woman! SUPPORT – ACT – PARTICIPATE!

As we begin our journey together, let's tighten the cords on our sisterhood. Let's pray for a stronger United Methodist Women's family where we purposefully include everyone. There is much to do as we answer God's call to be in mission and ministry throughout the world. I thank God for all of you and the way you answer God's call.

Betty

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Mission Education Recommendations

It is time to begin the year with prayer and excitement for 2011. Resources provided by UMW are available to

help us have a strong year for missions and grow spiritually.

All units should have the criteria on becoming a "Mission Today Unit". This is an on going program. Activities are completed on a fiscal year, September 1 thru August 31 and the results are reported during the October Annual Conference.

Please be sure your unit is prepared by having this year's program book, Finding Peace, The Prayer Calendar, Response, New World Outlook magazine and a copy of Charter for Racial Justice Policies.

With prayer, study, and action we can have lots of Gold, Silver, Bronze and Participant Awards in the Alabama-West Florida Conference.

Three important pamphlets from the Women's Division are needed by the districts for the understanding of *Membership Joys*, *20 Questions About Women Organized for Mission* and *Join United Methodist Women*. These may be ordered from the Women's Division.

Cooperative School of Christian Mission's will be July 21-23, 2011. Judith Pierre-Okerson, Women's Division Director, who is Haitian, will be teaching the Haitian Study. *Joy to the World*, written by Dana Roberts will be taught by Susan Hunt, Director of Missions, Advocacy & Ethnic Ministries. This book is a great resource for history of United Methodist Women.

May United Methodist Women strive to be strong servants in missions of the world. Jesus says to the disciples, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them, bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

Questions may be directed to me

Margie Miller

Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation



Ribbons for Missions

Greeting's From Your Treasurer!

I hope all of you have had an opportunity to see the Ribbons For Missions. They are beautiful. I gave you the price of each color in the last Alert, this time I would like to call your attention to what each color stands for in our channel of Mission Giving. The Red Ribbon is for our Pledge, Orange is for Special Mission Recognition, Yellow is for Gifts to Mission, Green is for Gift In Memory and the Blue is for World Thank Offering. They make beautiful book marks especially for your Bible. They are also a wonderful gift to someone just to say "Thanks" or "I Love You". Your District Treasures have these for sale and they will also be available at our conference events.

Don't forget to use our beautiful Gift for Mission Cards and Gift in Memory Cards when you need one. I look forward to seeing you at the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat.

In His service,

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Treasurer Report



2010 YEARLY REPORT
December 31, 2010
UWM MISSION GIVING

Fourth Quarterly Report
Oct 1—Dec 31, 2010
UMW MISSION GIVING

Pledge to Mission	\$28,471.51	Pledge to Mission	\$90,173.85
Special Mission Recognition	\$1,405.00	Special Mission Recognition	\$10,583.10
Gift to Mission	\$1,111.00	Gift to Mission	\$4,516.10
Gift In Memory	\$1,362.42	Gift In Memory	\$6,067.42
World Thank Offering	\$8,202.30	World Thank Offering	\$15,788.15
A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial	\$1,265.05	A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial	\$13,067.06
A Brighter Future for Children/Youth	\$80.00	A Brighter Future for Children/Youth	\$234.12
Assembly Offering	\$20.00	Assembly Offering	\$86.47
Scarritt-Bennett Center	\$30.00	Scarritt-Bennett Center	\$153.00
Crusade Scholarship	\$30.00	Crusade Scholarship	\$53.00
Magazine Fund	\$20.00	Magazine Fund	\$40.00
Haiti	\$326.00	Haiti	\$326.00
Haiti Solar Stove	\$200.00	Haiti Solar Stove	\$200.00
UMCOR	\$500.00	Haiti Earthquake	\$802.00
National/International	\$50.00	National/International	\$50.00
Pakistan Flood Relief	\$25.00	UMCOR	\$3,015.00
Sudan	\$324.00	Sudan	\$324.00
A&MD Funds	\$2,088.25	Native American Ministries	\$138.00
Assembly/Jurisdiction Offering	\$244.38	Pakistan Flood Relief	\$25.00
Blue Lake Assembly	\$2,295.50	A&MD	\$9,604.90
Camp Discover (Blue Lake)	\$100.00	Assembly/Jurisdiction Love Offering	\$1,198.42
Dumas Wesley	\$847.36	Dumas Wesley	\$4,707.16
Hispanic Ministries	\$797.31	Hispanic Ministries	\$3,901.92
Mobile Inner City	\$797.32	Mobile Inner City	\$4,163.44
Nellie Burge Community Center	\$843.33	Nellie Burge Community Center	\$4,549.46
Noah's Ark	\$802.34	Noah's Ark	\$4,008.46
SKIP	\$822.32	SKIP	\$3,3918.95
		Blue Lake United Methodist Assembly	\$10,320.14
		Camp Discovery (Blue Lake)	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$53,050.39	TOTAL	\$192,115.12



Thank you so much for all the support to Missions in 2010. We made our Pledge and went over by \$1,266.52

GOD IS SO GOOD!

Tapestry 2011—Port St. Joe



Sheila's Moment

Happy Spring! Well, it isn't quite Spring yet but there are trees budding and flowers blooming all around south Alabama that make me ready to celebrate Spring!

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am the new secretary for the Alabama/West Florida Conference United Methodist Women. It is such a privilege for me to be a part of this amazing group of women but most importantly to me, sharing and working with my fellow sisters in Christ to fulfill God's purpose for our lives. I am new to this position and fairly new to United Methodist Women but I am enjoying every minute I spend with each of you. I challenge and encourage each of you to prayerfully and eagerly accept a position of leadership within your local circle, Unit, District and/or Conference if asked. Remember God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the called! You will receive such a blessing while being a blessing!

Along with Spring comes a lot of activities and opportunities for United Methodist Women to come together for fellowship, mission and growing our relationships with Christ. By the time you read this, the ladies of the Marianna/Panama City District will have hosted what I imagine will be a very wonderful and successful Tapestry event. Then the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat at Blue Lake takes place in March. That is sure to be an amazing experience and I hope we have a camp full of excited and engaged women ready to take that next step in their spiritual journeys.

Then comes the Cooperative School of Christian Mission Event which is scheduled for July 21st through 23rd at Blue Lake Camp. What an experience is in store for all who attend! I'm not going to give all the secrets away but we will be joined this year by some beautiful young ladies who will be attending camp that same week. These girls are in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades so please encourage the girls in your churches to consider attending what sounds like a great camp experience. Their camp will be focused around our mission studies and we will have some joint events to share and learn from each other. In preparation for the upcoming event, the study leaders and team will be attending Regional School at Ferrum College in Virginia. Please pray for their safe travels and that they will bring back the tools necessary to make this event the best ever.

I'd like to see our numbers double from last year and we can do that if everyone who attended last year brings one person with them. Remember this is not just a United Methodist Women's event - this is a Conference event and is open to anyone interested in attending. Registration will begin in mid to late May and will close about two weeks prior to the event. There are scholarships available through the school and at the conference and district levels. Registration forms and scholarship applications can be found on the Conference website and our UMW website. I hope to see you there!

Please be in prayer for this and all our events. The Lord has many great and mighty things in store for the Alabama/West Florida Conference United Methodist Women. We just need to be open to His leading.

God Bless You, Sheila Hare, Conference Secretary

Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

I look forward to seeing you at the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat at Blue Lake on March 25-27. If you have not registered, the deadline is MARCH 11. Speaker Cathy Byrd should challenge you to reflect on and deepen your spiritual experiences. We are fortunate to have Ali Willis, a student at Duke Divinity School, to present the Saturday evening session, "Turning Loose Things That Encumber." She will also lead a Focus Group, "Developing Faith Maturity." Rev. Tonya Elmore, who is the Mobile District Superintendent, will officiate at the Communion Service on Sunday. They are also available to share information on opportunities for women in the United Methodist Church.

"Your Spiritual Journey" will be enhanced by a variety of Focus Group choices. Sara Munday explores how to avoid and repair potholes on your faith journey. Virginia Lindley invites all ages to share ways the generations can interact and support each other. Join Sue Brasel in learning to release your spiritual potential. Charlotte Hobson gives tips on writing your spiritual autobiography. Faith Sharing with Addie June Hall provides an opportunity for women to tell their own stories. At the end of a busy afternoon, Beth Henson offers relaxation and worship with Christian yoga. You can even create your own interest group for interaction and sharing. Ruth Ann Powers will have the program resources room open between sessions.

With the theme song "A Hymn of Promise", the music led by Cheryl Mothershed from Bay Minette and pianist Elizabeth Bell from Marianna promises to enrich our worship experience. Whitney Hobson will sign again this year.

Our program book theme for 2011 is Finding Peace. The spiritual growth study deals with Grace, Justice & Reconciliation. What a timely topic for our troubled world! I hope that you will attend the Cooperative School of Christian Mission at Blue Lake on July 21-23. We need to be in prayer for this event and to teach this important study within each district. I am available to assist you with planning.

My wish for each of you this year is personal peace, blessings and grace. On my desk is a plaque--"The woman who walks with God always gets to her destination." May we as United Methodist women work to bring peace and reconciliation to our community, our country and the world as we continue on our individual spiritual journeys with Faith, Hope and Love. **Martha Spiva, Spiritual Growth Coordinator**



Meet Ali

Alexander Willis (Ali) is a Duke Divinity student doing the Focus Group "Developing Faith Maturity" and leading the session on Saturday night as well as participating in an interest group "Opportunities for Women in the United Methodist Church". A second-generation clergywoman in the Alabama-West Florida conference, Alexandra Willis has been formed in the dynamic United Methodist tradition from a young age. She is currently in her second year at Duke Divinity School, completing her Masters of Divinity degree, and she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from Florida State University. She is passionate about missions and pastoral care.

While Ali loves many aspects of ministry, her true passion lies with the children of Sanchursk orphanage in Russia, whom she first met on a mission trip when she was 14. Since then, she has been committed to serving the lost and hurting with compassion and Christ's love.

Ali is recently married to her husband Drew, who is also a student at Duke Divinity School. Currently, they are serving as interns at Concord UMC in Graham, NC. After they graduate, they plan to return to the conference for the exciting life of a "clergy couple."



Meet Whitney

Whitney Hobson is currently a senior at the University of Alabama double majoring in Journalism and Political Science. Whitney will be again signing for us. She graduated from Emerald Mountain Christian School in the Spring of 2007. An aspiring reporter, She has interned for the Tuscaloosa News, the Birmingham Business Journal, and the University of Alabama's Creative Campus Initiative. She is also be a 2011 campus fellow for the SaveFirst Tax Initiative at the University's Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility. She has worked with several Christian camps and retreats throughout the past 6 years.



What's Cooking in Our Hispanic UMW Unit in Iglesia San Pedro, in Summerdale?

By Martha Rovira-Raber

The Hispanic-Latino population needs education on subjects like traffic violations, domestic violence, sexual harassment in the schools, and low-self esteem.

Heike Escobar, UMW President, has done a wonderful job at inviting a speaker and coach, Carissa Perry, who is very well-versed in these topics, and also has a vast experience from her prior career in the U.S. Air Force. Currently, Carissa is the Coordinator of Juvenile At-Risk Programs in Baldwin County, in the District Attorney's Office, Fairhope, Ala. She is bilingual and does the trainings in Spanish, thus, allowing for a brisk interaction and a Q & A session after every presentation. We have noticed that these trainings are very helpful and are very much in demand. We are making a difference in the Hispanic-Latino Communities in Baldwin County and tackling issues that almost every family struggles with.

Our UMW Hispanic Unit meets once a month for 2 hours. "We're educating our women/families to be better citizens in the communities", says Heike Escobar. "And we also make sure that the information is passed along to husbands, friends and workmates; it works in the same way as pollination."

Heike Escobar can be reached by email at heikeshimi@hotmail.com

¿Qué se trae la Unidad de Mujeres Metodistas Unidas Hispanas en la Iglesia San Pedro, en Summerdale?

Por Martha Rovira-Raber

La población hispana-latina necesita educarse en temas como infracciones en el tráfico, violencia familiar, acoso sexual en las escuelas, baja autoestima.

La presidenta de la unidad, Heike Escobar, ha hecho una muy buena labor invitando a Carissa Perry, profunda conocedora y "coach" en estos temas y con vasta experiencia en la Fuerza Aérea de Estados Unidos, antes de su jubilación. En el presente, Carissa es la Coordinadora de los Programas para Menores en Peligro en el Condado de Baldwin, en la oficina de la Fiscalía en Fairhope, Ala. Es bilingüe y las capacitaciones las hace en español lo cual crea una interacción vivaz, seguida de una sesión de preguntas y respuestas, luego de las reclama. Estamos marcando una diferencia en las comunidades de hispanos-latinos en el Condado de Baldwin, a la vez que estamos ayudando a solucionar problemas que son muy comunes en casi todas las familias.

Nuestra unidad de Mujeres Metodistas Unidas se reúne una vez al mes por 2 horas. "Estamos educando a las mujeres/familias a que sean mejores ciudadanos en las comunidades", dice Heike Escobar. "Y también nos aseguramos de que se pase la información a los esposos, amigos y compañeros de trabajo; tiene el mismo efecto que la polinización", asegura.

Para ver las fotos de Carissa Perry, de la presidenta de la Unidad de Mujeres Metodistas Unidas, Heike Escobar y de toda la unidad haga clic aquí. El correo @ de Heike Escobar es heikeshimi@hotmail.com



Jesus is Calling

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,

Watching for you and for me.

These familiar hymn words are asking you to keep the "ears of your heart" open to the call to serve missions thru your United Methodist Women's groups, locally and beyond. At the conference level we are looking for women who have the commitment to serve, to bring the information about local, national and international missions back to your districts and local units.

The offices we are nominating this year are as follows:

Vice President,

Treasurer,

Nominations Chair

1 member of Committee on Charter for Racial Justice

2 members of Committee on Nominations

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact me or a member of the Committee on Nominations for additional information. Committee members are Kathy Mc Quagge, Beth Bowdin, Gloria Jean Canty, Marjorie Vassie, Virginia Lindley, Lucy Romero and Louise Mixson.

In His service,

Pat Dodge

Chair of Nominations

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Barb's Notes

I heard from many of you and received many emails about how much you enjoyed the last Alert. This was my first attempt at anything like this and it was a joy to put together. I am new to UMW as I retired from the Air Force and moved back home to Marianna, Florida a little over a year ago. When I went back to my old church one of the members grabbed me by the hand and introduced me to the local UMW chapter. Now, I am the chairperson for the refreshments at our early service, Chair of my circle and the Conference Communication Coordinator. Ladies this shows you do not have to be a life long member to get involved. God gave us all talents. Step up, volunteer and use yours. UMW has a position waiting for you.

Barb Henning-- e-mail bjhenning@embarqmail.com

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Social Action

By Clara Ester

All across the United States on Super Bowl Sunday (February 6th), United Methodist Women were encouraging churches across their conferences to share the Intercept the Traffickers bulletin. The Alabama-West Florida District Superintendents were asked to notify all clergy in their districts to place this insert with their Sunday bulletin. All District Social Action Coordinators were encouraged to place the information in nail salons, coffee shops, work places, libraries, etc.

Human trafficking has continued to become a growing problem in our country. Male and female victims of human trafficking can be found in all types of establishments and locations. In rural, suburban and urban settings in the United States and worldwide. You'll find victims on the streets, in houses, in trailers and on farms. Victims can be landscaping and agricultural workers, panhandlers, day laborers, factory and sweatshop workers, hotel workers, and housekeepers. Victims are exploited by the service industries in restaurants, bars, strip clubs, nail salons, and similar businesses. You'll find many victims on "adult services" Internet sites. Prostitutes, strippers, escorts, and workers in massage parlors, brothels and for phone chat lines are often victims. Right now traffickers in many American cities are exploiting workers and sexually abusing women and girls.

Together we can change this momentum. Education is a powerful resource. Continue to pass this information on. If you suspect human trafficking or want to learn more, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center @ 1-888-373-7888 or visit UMW: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org



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Responsively Yours: Listening for God in Christian Conferencing

By Harriett J. Olson

February 1, 2011

At the end of 2010 someone in a political position blogged that he wished the "Methodist Church" would go away after seeing a sign supporting the DREAM Act

You may have missed news reports about this — just as this blogger missed that we've been the United Methodist Church since 1968, or that our efforts on behalf of marginalized people are rooted in our Christian faith and have been since the days when John and Charles Wesley were visiting prisoners, starting schools for children from impoverished families, providing basic health care and fighting the slave trade of the 17th-19th centuries.



Who is praying with you?

This incident provides an occasion to consider the responsibilities of leadership and the importance of the United Methodist tradition of "Christian conferencing." This blogger has a leadership title in an organization. He also has personal issues. He indicated he was a former "Methodist" who had left the church.

How tempting it seems to be for persons to speak as if their own biases were accurate or the viewpoint of their organization!

In Christian conferencing we practice a discipline of listening to God through worship, Bible study and listening to each other in deep conversations and sometimes debate. This helps us to at least clarify our positions, and when we are acting as our best selves, it helps us to hear God. Each of us has issues and bruises from our personal experiences that affect how we see the world. However, when we are part of the fellowship of believers, we share the thoughts of our hearts and benefit from the feedback and reaction of others.

That's why only the General Conference speaks for the United Methodist Church. It can be cumbersome and time consuming, but it can sift out some of the personal hurts from our viewpoints and helps us to approach more of a "God's eye view" of matters. It is also why the board of directors of Women's Division, the national policymaking arm of United Methodist Women, states our positions. We pray, study the Bible, research and debate as a way of attuning our thinking to the needs of the world and to the heart of God. It's the United Methodist way, and it makes us stronger and more focused, even though it entails a lot of work.

Each of us with leadership responsibilities runs the risk of conflating our personal issues with truth. We need others who are similarly striving to hear God and respond to the needs of the world to help us to hear and see clearly.

Who is praying with you? How is your local, district or conference leadership team sharpening your perception of what God is calling us to do and to be? It takes a certain amount of humility, bravery or willingness to be vulnerable to be a leader in the Wesleyan tradition. These disciplines can deepen our commitment to stand for those who are excluded and disregarded by those in power.

From the February 2011 response Magazine

Food for Thought by Lynn Hamric, Women's Division Director

What Does Your Message Say?

As United Methodist Women we want to insure that our wonderful organization continues beyond our lifetime. In order to achieve this we need to regularly remind ourselves of how we present our invitations to membership and participation. Is our glass half empty or is it half full? Do we only see obstacles or do we see opportunities? We can all learn a valuable lesson from the following story. Let's be witnesses that look "alive" for Jesus Christ in all that we do, recognizing the worth of ourselves and others and telling our stories in such a way as to keep ourselves smiling and causing others to do the same.

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in the hat.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat.

He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words.

He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy.

That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were.

The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way."

I wrote: "Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it."

Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind.

Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective

Moral of the Story:

Be thankful for what you have.

Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively.

When life gives you a 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile.

Face your past without regret.

Handle your present with confidence.

Prepare for the future without fear.

Keep the faith and drop the fear.



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“I love you, Lord God, and you make me strong. You are my mighty rock, my fortress, my protector, the rock where I am safe, my shield, my powerful weapon and my place of shelter. Psalms 18. 1, 2

2011 Calendar of Events	
Date	Event
✓ Jan 7-8	AL/WFL Conference Mission Team Meeting Blue Lake
✓ Feb 25-26	Tapestry Port St. Joe FL
Mar 25-27	Spiritual Enrichment Retreat Blue Lake
July 8-9	AL/WFL Conference Mission Team Meeting Blue Lake
July 21- 23	Cooperative School of Christian Missions Blue Lake
October 5-6	Executive Committee & Nominations Meeting Blue Lake
Oct 21	Leadership Training Event Blue Lake
Oct 22	Annual Conference Blue Lake
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