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"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

- 1 John 3:18



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PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

When I first joined in with the Mission of United Methodist Women at my church, I recall our Annual Pledge Service in the Circle meeting. We would all be given the "Membership Joys" tri-fold Pledge card and the treasurer would also give us a blank envelope that contained a 3X5 index card. The Pledge program would include information from the program book or just from memory. Once the treasurer finished her plea to pledge, we'd each sit in silence and contemplate what to give to UMW. I remember reading that Membership Joys foldout because it had "I Commit!" section that included these statements of I Commit and I Celebrate Mission:

- I Commit: **My Prayers**, That I will grow and renew my relationship with God and others; **My Time**, That I will respond to human need through study, reflection and action; **My financial gifts**, That I will share in the global ministries of the church through United Methodist Women.
- I Celebrate: I will make the most of learning opportunities and mission-education events; I will expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission; I will engage in mission studies at schools of Christian mission; I will read response magazine and join the Reading program; I will be empowered by the history and heritage of United Methodist Women.

Then I'd tear at the perforated part of the Pledge card, and right there at the sentence "For the coming year, I pledge \$_____ to be paid.... and I'd choose yearly, but there were options for monthly or quarterly. I'd tear at that perforated part of the card, stick in my envelope with my check; seal it and hand back to the treasurer.

I couldn't ever get anyone to tell me how much to pledge, they'd always say that's between you and God. And so, God and I would go back and forth about how much to write that check for, just like we always did (still do) with the tithing check (but that's another His-story!)

I love God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, and I know that powerful Trinity loves us all. Our United Methodist Women organization loves turning Faith, Hope and Love into Action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world. The Pledge card has been renovated somewhat, it's still trifold, it still has the perforated part that I write down my Pledge for the coming year, it includes a bit more info about what we do and who can join and now says "What is United Methodist Women?"

Now, all that to say it's not a requirement for membership but, My Pledge and your Pledge is how United Methodist Women totally funds our Mission for women, children and youth around the World. We do not receive any funding from anywhere except our purses, the bake sale proceeds, the soup sales and the yard sales we host or work annually.

God knows, your continued support and Pledges to United Methodist Women is so appreciated.



In His service,

Debbie Bell, President (2019-2020)
Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Women
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Continue to visit our conference UMW website for current news and information.

<http://www.awf-umw.org>

VICE PRESIDENT'S WORDS

As you read this, we will have celebrated Annual Day, 2018 in Demopolis, AL. A year of planning has come and gone but we are already working on Annual Day 2019. The Dothan District is our next host area to and Enterprise First UMC is that planned destination. You will hear more about this event in subsequent issues of the ALERT.

As my term as vice-president comes to an end this year the nominating committee will be calling on you to fill vacancies on the conference Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Women Executive Mission Team. Here are some duties of the AWF-UMW vice-president Conference VICE PRESIDENT:

1. Works closely with the president in understanding and interpreting all aspects of the program of United Methodist Women,
2. In the absence of the president, she performs the president's duties.
3. She chairs the Committee on Programs, where one exists, guiding its members in planning programs, determining needed resources, and involving a variety of women in the planning process.
4. She is the Chair of the Programs Committee which plan and recommend to the organization programs that contribute of the fulfillment of the PURPOSE, including the program of the annual meeting; she designates a special subcommittee to carry out its plans for the annual meeting and/or other special programs. She implements the plans and evaluate the effectiveness of each program.
5. She serves also on the following Conference Committees: Administrative, Finance, Executive, Standing Rules and Policies and Communications.
6. She also has all the individual scholarship applications sent to her and sees that that committee selects the recipients for each event. She is responsible for informing the recipient and letting the registrar know who has won the scholarship.

Zan Jones, Committee on Nominations Chairperson for our AWF-UMW will be asking anyone interested in this Office to take time to fill out the Talent Bank form.

Don't miss your chance to become an AWF-UMW Executive Mission Team conference member!

In His Service,

Joan Simmons, Vice President



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



Southeastern Jurisdiction Meeting 2020



Betty Helms has been nominated to the National United Methodist Women's Board of Directors.



SAVE THE DATE:

- April 17 – 19, 2020
- Mobile, AL
- Renaissance Riverview Hotel
- Registration details to come!

From your Conference Treasurer

In 2018, the combined Alabama West Florida Conference districts surpassed its Pledge goal of \$121,450 by donating \$128,286 to missions. For the 2019 year, the districts have pledged \$126,000 to mission giving.

Why is this important? Because each member of the United Methodist Women in the Alabama West Florida Conference is responsible for helping to meet this pledge. If you call yourself a UMW member, then you have an obligation to support the purpose of the United Methodist Women so that this organization can achieve its mission of helping women, children and youth, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

Neither the district nor the conference raises funds. It depends on the individual members to donate to their local units. The local units in return send a portion of their funds whether it be from individual donations or from fund raisers held in the local unit, keeping some in its coffers to pay its own administrative costs and to support local missions in its area. The district then sends 100% of those funds it receives from the local unit on to the Conference. The Conference, after deducting a small percentage to fund its and the districts administration and membership development, then sends that money to our National headquarters.

National, through grants and other support donates millions of dollars annually to groups, organizations and institutions that have been thoroughly vetted through a stringent process. They include over 90 institutions in the US and many international projects. The funds are also used for leadership development of women and to voice our concerns for social injustices. To see the wide and varied ways, go to the National website <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org> and search for mission giving stories or read the *response* magazine for stories on how our dollars support missions for women, children and youth. In 2017, the last available year yet audited, The United Methodist Women spent almost \$35 Million dollars on programs, services and support here and abroad.

Therefore, without your individual support, UMW cannot function. It depends on your support through mission giving. We each together can achieve much, divided and singly not as much. Let us stand together as one, all for the power and glory of the one we serve. We are Christ's hands and feet starting in the pocketbooks of our individual member. Make 2019 your year of showing that support by giving to your local unit. Then make sure your local unit sends its share to the district.

How much do we require each member to give? That is your choice. It is between you and God. In UMW, we don't set a certain amount each should give. But do know, that the \$10 giving to your Love Offering per member, isn't the same as your pledge, nor is the Call to Prayer or other restricted line items, even though they are sent to National. The \$10 per member stays in our Conference; the Pledge is used outside our conference. The pledge does consist of unrestricted pledges, World Thank Offering, mission cards, memorials and Special Mission Recognition pins. Christ did tell us to help our neighbors and to go out into the world and spread his love.

But let me leave this last thought with you – let's each celebrate our 150 years of this great organization this year by increasing your individual pledge and your local pledge so that we surpass our total AWF-UMW pledge goal. I look forward to serving you in 2019. As always, I am here to help in anyway whether in your district, local unit or an individual.



Jean Creswell, AWF-UMW Conference Treasurer

Program Resources

Greetings Fellow Readers! Hope you had a wonderful and blessed holiday season and looking forward to Spring with the promise of new life and balmy weather. It is also a great time to get a new book or two and enjoy some quite time. As most of you know by now, the Reading Program books will no longer be available for purchase at our Conference AWF-UMW Events. The process for getting your own Reading Program books are now available on Kindle while hard copies can be purchased through Amazon, Cokesbury, Barnes & Nobel or Books a Million. Some also may be available through your local library. So please continue your reading program in your local units. Below are a few suggestions that you might find interesting. You won't be disappointed! God Bless! And Enjoy!

- **EDUCATION FOR MISSION:** "Threading My Prayer Rug" by Sabeeha Rehman, is a richly textured reflection on what it is to be a Muslim in America today. Beginning with a sweetly funny, moving account of her arranged marriage, the author undercuts stereotypes and offers a refreshing view of an American life through Muslim eyes.
- **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:** "Fresh Expressions - A New Kind of Methodist Church for People Not in Church" by Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. and Audrey Warren. Join the wave of new Methodist churches that are emerging to reach un-churched and de-churched people living in an increasingly non-religious and multi-religious culture. These new faith communities listen to people and meet them where they are on their journey toward Jesus. They are deeply ecumenical without losing their distinctiveness because they learn fresh ways to communicate their identity through faithful discipleship.
- **NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY:** "Hope for the Future - Answering God's Call to Justice for Our Children" by Shannon Daley-Harris. In this time when it appears our children's future is bleak, and children across our nation face many challenges, "Hope for the Future" brings us reflections that move us beyond what we know to be true about the state of our children to a place that challenges how we live into our responsibilities as children of God. Using stories that echo Scripture to inspire teachers, pastors, caregivers and parents to look, listen and "move our feet" in order to care for all of God's "little ones".
- **SOCIAL ACTION:** "Where Do We Go from Here - Chaos or Community?" by Martin Luther King, Jr. In 1967 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. isolated himself from the demands of the civil rights movement, rented a house in Jamaica with no telephone, and labored over his final manuscript. This prophetic work, unavailable for more than 10 years, lays out his thoughts, plans and dreams for America's future, including the need for better jobs, higher wages, decent housing and quality education. With a universal message of hope that continues to resonate, Dr. King demanded an end to global suffering, asserting that humankind, for the first time, had the resources and technology to eradicate poverty.
- **SPIRITUAL GROWTH:** "Be Still - Departure from Collective Madness" by Gordon C. Stewart & Eric Ringham. "Be Still" echoes the call of the Navaho sage, and the psalmist who invited their hearers to stop - and be still. These thought-provoking essays zoom in on singular moments of time where the world is making headlines, drawing attention to the sin of exceptionalism in its national, racial, religious, cultural and species manifestations.

These are but a few of the books recommended in our Reading Program, details of which you can find on the National United Methodist Women website, www.unitedmethodistwomen.org.



Sally Ozan, AWF-UMW Secretary of Program Resources
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Education and Interpretation

We fund our PURPOSE by pairing our resources with our passion for mission. The last phrase of our United Methodist Women PURPOSE is **to expand concept of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church**. In 2017, over \$29 Million was disbursed for national and international program services. United Methodist Women awarded \$1 M for international project grants and \$300,000 for scholarships worldwide. The main source of that funding was our Pledge to Mission and the 4 other channels of Gift in Memory and Gift to Mission cards, the World Thank Offering, and Special Mission Recognition pins. Call to Prayer offerings help fund grants.

Our task as Education and Interpretation Mission Coordinators is *to help members make an emotional connection with the lives changed by our mission funds that flow through the National United Methodist Women organization to the national and international mission agencies*. By highlighting a personal story of an agency participant or missionary at each Unit or Circle meeting, you will help keep our passion for missions alive.

Our mission dollars provided training and inspiration for Soon-duk Woo, director of Sunlit Sisters Center, near the DMZ in South Korea. Through a Call to Prayer Technology program, the purchase of computers and other accompanying equipment provided digital education and internet access to elderly Korean women and Filipina migrant workers in Anjeong-ri camp. Below is their story shared through the photojournalism of Paul Jeffrey in the October 2018 response magazine.



“The old woman sits alone in her tiny room—a small electric heater failing to keep at bay the winter cold that seeps through the walls. Her only company is a pair of dogs she rescued off the streets of Anjeong-ri, the grim neighborhood where she lives adjacent to Camp Humphreys, the largest overseas United States military base. Young-mi Jang is 70. She and many other elderly women in the neighborhood came to Anjeong-ri when they were young in order to work in the bars and clubs where they sold their bodies to soldiers.” These are the forgotten women of South Korea who were used as “patriotic prostitutes” to American soldiers. The Korean government who once hailed them as national heroes in the 1960s and provided for their health and safety now have neglected them and left them alone. Jang and her friends have found a safe place at the Sunlit Sisters Center located in the middle of their neighborhood, a

space where they can be themselves, laugh together and share meals and worship. It was not easy for Soon-duk Woo, a women’s leader in the Korean Methodist Church and now director of Sunlit Sisters Center to gain the trust of the women. The United Methodist Women gave Woo, a seminary graduate who chose to focus on women’s issues, a full scholarship to study social work in South Korea. While attending a United Methodist Women’s conference in Wisconsin, she heard about a church ministry with former sex workers and decided to begin a ministry with the forgotten ladies in South Korea. Through our mission dollars, these women are experiencing the grace of God and receiving faith, hope and especially, love in action.

Mission giving is not a question of how much my fair share is but how can I change lives through my gifts of prayer, time and dollars.



Blessings on the journey,

Joyce Genz

Membership, Nurture, & Outreach

CALLING ALL LOCAL UNITS - Please complete the online United Methodist Women's 2018 Census.

Local Unit Presidents are asked to complete this form for the 2018 United Methodist Women's 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 your permission.

Kristine Jones



Social Action

Happy Birthday United Methodist Women! Let us begin our celebration by asking "**Why United Methodist Women Engage in Social Action?**" The answer is quite easy and simple.

Our fore mothers, for more than 150 years, have worked on social justice issues in order to change some practices and structures, legislations, and systems that were unjust and oppressive. Improving women's health, raising our status in society, organize for fair wages and benefits for workers and families and most of all adopt a **Charter for Racial Justice**. Today we continue to build on this same foundation as we work to end **Maternal Mortality, Just Energy for All, Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline and A Living Wage for All**.

United Methodist Women's Campaigns are a way for us to work together on shared goals across the lines of differences and geographic distance. We can change our communities when we all come together and lift our voices to address a specific shared concern. **God is calling us to move and get busy with the 2019-2020 Campaign for this great body of women**. If you need information, posters or have questions, I am available at oragillespie@aol.com or (334) 202-9245. You can download the posters at unitedmethodistwomen.org/action or additional copies at socialaction@unitedmethodistwomen.org.



Faith, Hope and Love in Action

Ora A. Gillespie

Spiritual Growth

Spiritual Enrichment Retreat 2018 was a big success! I was very pleased with the responses we received from your evaluation forms with everyone really enjoying Rev Connie Shelton from the Mississippi Conference. She's a very dynamic speaker and held everyone's interest and attention. Our break-out classes were also well received, especially the Crocheting classes led by Joyce Genz and Jay Locker. The Scavenger Hunt was disappointing in that the weather forced us inside, but those who did participate seemed to enjoy themselves. Over all it was a good Opportunity for us to step away from our day-to-day lives and relax and refresh ourselves in the Word of God and enjoy fellowship with like-minded sisters in Christ. I want to give a special thanks to all of you who pitched in and helped me take care of things! A special thanks to Jean Creswell and Margaret Larson, both of whom really went the extra mile to see that this important time was all it needed to be. A very special thank you to the late Vera Moore, who as always was so supportive of UMW and used her very many creative talents to see that we had another great Program book and for all her years of work in our conference. She was an exception woman who trusted God to be her Savior and Guide and accomplished so much through these many years to see UMW's work continue to thrive. She is so very missed!

Work has already begun on this year's SER which will be October 11-13, 2019. The Rev. Reba Wiley will be our speaker this year and we are looking at other things we hope will bring you as participants into a closer walk with God.

Our Spiritual growth, both personally and in community, is vitally important to me. We've all learned through the years that we need that personal time with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I challenge each of you as well as myself to be more conscious of the work God has placed before us. As I was preparing a sermon recently, I ran across this comment in the introduction to Jeremiah. It had an all too familiar ring to it. "Society was deteriorating economically, politically, spiritually. Wars and captivity dominated the world. God's Word was deemed offensive." Let's go forward through this year determined to begin the work of making those comments become a part of our past and try to make a difference by following Him more closely and seeking His Face in all that we do!

Blessings!

Tutti



Committee on Nominations

As we begin the New Year of 2019, the Committee on Nominations thanks all of those who answered the call to serve as leaders in the Alabama West Florida Conference of United Methodist Women.

We would like to welcome back the following persons for another term:

- President - Debbie Bell
- Secretary - Cathy Givan
- CON - Cheryl Mothershed
- Chair-CON - Zan Jones

Please welcome and support the new members of the Conference team:

- Communication - Michele Smith
- E&I - Joyce Genz
- MN&O - Kristine Jones
- Social Action - Ora Gillepsie
- CON - Peggy Cunningham
- CON - Shirley Hodges

Special thanks to all that have served our conference with great leadership such as Laurel Akins- Social Action, Debbie Bush- Communications and E&I Shirley Hodges. As we continue to strive to live out our Purpose, “to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church”, we must continue to answer the call to serve as leaders in our United Methodist Women.

The Committee on Nominations will always have copies of talent bank forms at all our conference events. Please stop and complete a form or mail to Zan Jones, 1800 Witherspoon Circle, Mobile, AL 36618 or email me at Mahogany84@hotmail.com to request a form or let me know if you're willing to serve. We thank you in advance for your willingness to be a part of a winning team of the Alabama-West Florida Conference United Methodist Women.

Yours in Faith, Hope, Love & Action

Zan M. Jones, Chair-CON





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"/> Membership Nurture & Outreach
<input type="checkbox"/> Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Action
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Growth
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Resources
<input type="checkbox"/> Chair of Nominations	<input type="checkbox"/> Communications
<input type="checkbox"/> Education & Interpretation	

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 awfumw@aol.com OR send to the Nominations Chair of your District or Conference

Margaret Larson, Dean and Laurel Akin, Assistant Dean are eager to know you will join them at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Pensacola, Florida on July 19th and 20th. Register today so you can come and experience Cooperative Mission u!

THIS YEAR, OUR STUDIES ARE:

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH STUDY
PRACTICING RESURRECTION:
The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship**

In Mark and Radial Discipleship, author Janet Wolf explores what it means to live a life of radical discipleship today using the Gospel of Mark as the foundation. Wolf explores the timeless issues of poverty, gender, justice, liberation, equality, and others using Mark as a guide. The stories of the women in Mark are a particular focus in this study and how, although often unnamed, they are prominent among Jesus' followers and in Mark's recounting of the gospel story.

**SPECIAL PUBLICATION
WOMEN UNITED FOR CHANGE:
150 Years in Mission**

United for Change by Ellen Blue is the first in a two-year study commemorating United Methodist Women's 150 anniversary in 2019. It will provide a historical survey of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations and amplify the voices that shaped the work through an overarching story of United Methodist Women changing the fact of mission. This study is about women who established vibrant societies to support

missions. First organized in the United States, those societies sent missionaries overseas and later engaged in mission at home. Each was a heroine who was willing to stand over and against what her culture--and sometimes even her church - expected of her. Learning about the early female leaders who created what would become today's United Methodist Women can help us understand who they truly were beyond who we expected them *to* have been.

**ISSUE MISSION STUDY
WHAT ABOUT OUR MONEY:**

A Faith Response

This study explores how we relates to money within the context of our faith. Through this connection between our faith and our money, our readers discover how to live closer to God and God's people, even in our North American culture that is so deeply defined by money. She explores the biblical foundation of abundance (sufficiency), which stands in opposition to the scarcity narrative our cultures tells us from the time we are very young.

**CONTINUE THE POWERFUL
LEGACY OF COMPASSIONATE
SERVICE AND PASSIONATE
ADVOCACY,**

COOPERATIVE MISSION u

St. Luke UMC

**1394 E. Nine Mile Rd. Pensacola, FL
JULY 19 & 20, 2019**



SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED:

Scholarships are available for adults to attend the 2019 school

- **DON BRILL:** for clergy during the first five years of their ministry and who have never attended a Cooperative Mission uEvent.
- **LIB CLARIDY:** for lay persons who have never attended a Cooperative Mission u Event
- **NELL CHANCE:** for NEW United Methodist Women who have never attended a Cooperative Mission u

*For application form, contact:

Margaret Larson, Dean at email address: bluelakemaggie@gmail.com

- or -

Laurel Akin, Assistant Dean at email address: laurel36330@gmail.com

EDUCATE TO TRANSFORM

Each year, United Methodist Women and others prepare for faithful living and action by studying mission studies. Mission studies are offered each year - a geographical, topical and spiritual growth study. These studies motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to global ministry.

Leaders are trained to lead one of the three mission studies through the organization's Mission u program offered around the country. Those leaders, in tum, are able to lead mission studies in their local and district groups.

Every church and local unit of United Methodist Women is strongly encouraged to participate in what are timely studies.

LODGING: A block of rooms has been reserved at: (special rate ends June 17, 2019)

Courtyard Marriott

- 451 Creighton Road,
Pensacola, FL

Reservations: 850.857.7744

Check in after 3 p.m. - checkout 12 noon

- Standard/King: \$165 +taxes
- Breakfast Buffet included

SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. - Registration/Check-in

8:00 a.m. - Opening Plenary/Orientation

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Study Sessions

12:00 p.m. - Lunch

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Study

Sessions

4:30p.m. - Dinner

5:30 p.m. - Closing Plenary

SATURDAY

7:30 a.m. - Registration/Check-in

8:00 a.m. - Opening Plenary/Orientation

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Study Sessions

12:00 p.m. - Lunch

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Study Sessions

MAIL COMPLETED

REGISTRATION FORM WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO AWFC -

MISSION u to: Betty Helms, Registrar
3043 Headland Ave. Dothan, AL 36303

Phone: 334-790-8962

email: beav194159@outlook.com

MEET OUR STUDY LEADERS:

Spiritual Growth Study Leaders: Sylvia McCaskill and Tutti Johnson will lead the Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship study on Friday and Saturday. Sylvia is from the Mobile District and Tutti is from the Demopolis District. They both invite you to come and be a part of this mission study.

Special Publication Study Leaders: Debbie Bracewell and Ruth Ann Powers will lead the Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission study on Friday and Saturday. Debbie is from the Dothan District and Ruth Ann is from the Montgomery/ Opelika District. Come and be a part of hearing and learning all about the mission of United Methodist Women and the history surrounding that mission with women, children and youth.

Issue Study Leader: Angie Woodward will lead the study What About Our Money on Friday. Angie is from the Pensacola District. This is the second year for this study. Don't miss it this year.

**BE INSPIRED. BE CHALLENGED.
RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL.**

2019 Alabama West Florida Conference Cooperative Mission u Event Registration Form

Date: July 19-20, 2019 - St. Luke United Methodist Church - Pensacola, Florida

Registration DEADLINE: July 8, 2019- Send this completed form with full payment to Betty Helms, Registrar- 3043 Headland Ave, Dothan, AL 36303 - email: betty194159@oulook.com Cell: 334.790.8962 Home: 334.794.2172
 Make checks payable to the AWFC Mission u. Direct all questions to the registrar. When possible, email confirmation will be sent.

Name: _____ **District:** _____

Address: _____ **City/State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____ **Work Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Please check all that apply: Female Male Clergy Lay CEU Credit National Director
 Jurisdiction Officer Conference Officer District Officer Scholarship Recipient
 Need assistance moving around campus

*If dining on campus, list special dietary needs: _____ (If necessary, attach list to this form)

STUDY COURSE REGISTRATION FEES: Registration fees cover: Study Book for your study selections, Friday lunch and dinner and Saturday lunch. For registrations received after July 8 deadline study books will be picked up at the Mission u Event site. **If registering after the July 8th deadline add a \$10 late fee to total amount.** The fee **DOES NOT** include motel accommodations. Each participant is responsible for his/her motel accommodations. **For Mission u rate you must register by June 17, 2019.** A block of rooms has been reserved at the following motel.

Courtyard Marriot - 451Creighton Rd., Pensacola, FL 32504 - Phone: 850.857.7744 Standard double/king: \$165 +taxes

_____ Full School Package \$70 (includes 2 study books) Choose one study for each day

Each study is a 6-hour course and offered one full day. See schedule below:

Friday/Saturday – includes study book	Saturday – includes study book
<input type="checkbox"/> Fri. only \$45 – Choose one study <input type="checkbox"/> The Gospel of Mark & Radical Discipleship <input type="checkbox"/> United Methodist Women in Mission <input type="checkbox"/> What About Our Money (Friday only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat. only \$35 – Choose one study <input type="checkbox"/> The Gospel of Mark & Radical Discipleship <input type="checkbox"/> United Methodist Women in Mission
Friday Schedule	Saturday Schedule
7:30 a.m. – Registration 8:00 a.m. – Opening Plenary/Orientation 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Class Time 12:00 p.m. – Lunch Time 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Class Time 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Dinner 5:45 p.m. – Closing Plenary	7:30 a.m. – Registration 8:00 a.m. – Opening Plenary/Orientation 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Class Time 12:00 p.m. – Lunch Time 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Class Time

**2019 HEALTH FORM AUTHORIZATION
FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT**

Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

Physician's Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Health Insurance Company: _____ **Policy #:** _____

Allergies to medications: _____

In the event of an emergency, contact: Name: _____

Relation: _____ **Phone #:** _____

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

1. Secure and retain medical treatment and transportation is needed.
2. Release my health information to the authorized individual/agency involved in the medical emergency treatment.

I hold harmless the ALWF Conference Mission u, 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.

Consent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Consent Plan: This authorization includes x-ray, surgery, hospitalization, medication, and any treatment procedure deemed "life-saving" by the physician. This provision will only be invoked if the person listed as emergency contact person is unable to be reached. I hold harmless the ALWF Conference Mission u, 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.

Consent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Non-Consent Plan: I DO NOT give my consent for emergency medical treatment/aid in the case of illness or injury. In the event emergency treatment/aid is required, I wish the following procedures to take place:

I hold harmless the ALWF Conference Mission u, the ALWF Conference, the United Methodist Church, and/or the owners of the facility for which the event is taking place for nay act or failure to act during a medical emergency.

Consent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Witness Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

And the nominee is.....

- Nominations are being accepted for the next Nell Chance Award winner!
- Nominations Deadline: June 1
- Send complete nomination package to Kristine Jones:
KristineUMW@gmail.com

This award is named for Nell Chance as a way to remember her and the many ways she believed in our mission as United Methodist Women. She was a moving force in the mission work of United Methodist Women of the Alabama West Florida Conference for many years and a passionate believer in our mission to women, children and youth. Nell was a member of Monroeville United Methodist Women and the United Methodist Church in Monroeville, Alabama. During her adult life, she served in many positions not only in her local unit, but district, conference and jurisdiction as well.

You may remember hearing Nell explain why we need to support United Methodist Women first saying, "I have never seen the March of Dimes contribute to the Heart Fund so why do we support agencies not connected to United Methodist Women?"

The award is open to all ages who are currently active in United Methodist Women. A brief letter should be submitted by individuals or mission teams giving biographical information and explanation of how this person has demonstrated the standards set by Nell Chance. A photo of the nominee, if available, included with the letter will be most helpful.



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Save the Date!

2019

July 19-20

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@ St. Luke UMC**

October 11-13

**Spiritual Enrichment Retreat
@ Blue Lake**