

**FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING
ALABAMA WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
OCTOBER 20, 2012**



Lynne Waters Whiffey 2012

BLUE LAKE METHODIST ASSEMBLY GROUNDS – ANDALUSIA, AL

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**Past Presidents of the Alabama West Florida Conference
of
United Methodist Women**

Helen McGonigal (Deceased)
1973-1976

Sue Jones
1977-1980

Jane Weekley
1981-1984

Elouise McGucken (Deceased)
1985-1986

Anne Dalton
1987-1989

Ruth Ann Powers
1990-1992

Jean Sublette
1993-1996

Nell Chance (Deceased)
1997-2000

Dorothy Booker
2001-2004

Linda Sherry
2005-2006

Beth Bowdin
2007-2010

**CONSTITUTION
OF
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
IN THE CONFERENCE**

Article 6. Meetings and Elections

1. a) There shall be an annual meeting of the conference organization of United Methodist Women, at which time there shall be presented a program designed to meet the needs of the women of the conference in harmony with the PURPOSE and the plans and responsibilities of the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries. Officers and the Committee on Nominations shall be elected, the necessary business transacted and pledges made for the ensuing year.

2. b) The voting body of the annual meeting of the conference organization shall be composed of:
 - One representatives from each local unit
 - Conference Executive Committee
 - Bishop
 - District Executive Committee
 - District Superintendents
 - Directors of the Women's Division residing within the Conference
 - Officers of the jurisdiction organization residing within the bounds of the Conference

The book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2008, Paragraph 647

MISSION AGENCIES OF THE ALABAMA/WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE
Supported by United Methodist Women

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ABOUT OUR GUEST MISSION AGENCIES

DUMAS WESLEY...

The Mission of the **Dumas Wesley Community Center** of Mobile, Alabama is to educate, empower and enrich the local community through collaborative programs of Christian service that: Provide for immediate human needs, strengthen family life, develop leadership and encourage personal responsibility.

The Dumas Wesley Community Center was founded in 1903 by the United Methodist Women and has been serving the community for over a hundred years. Dumas Wesley originally started its mission work by serving poor women and children who worked in the cotton mills of the Crichton community in Mobile. Over the years it has evolved to meet the needs of the community, becoming a multi-service center offering after school care, tutoring, a food pantry, a day program for senior citizens, a transportation program for senior citizens and neighborhood outreach. The Sybil H. Smith Family Village, a transitional housing program, was opened in 1999 to address the gap in services along the housing continuum in Mobile for families who need more time to work on goals than is permissible in emergency housing settings. The village has served nearly 350 women from Mobile and surrounding counties.

Dumas Wesley is a neighborhood based non-profit organization in Crichton. The majority of households in Crichton are headed by single mothers with an average family income of less than \$10,000 per year. 69% of the clients served directly by Dumas Wesley have low-income and approximately 95% are minority.

OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY HOUSE...

In the spirit of Christian ministry, the mission of Open Door Community House, Inc. is to work in partnership with other area service providers to meet basic needs and to empower low income individuals to realize their full potential as children of God.

Open Door Community House began its journey with Ms. Addie Greeley, a deaconess in the Methodist Church and Miss Lizzie Evans who came to Columbus in 1924 and began doing children's programming in the basement of Hamp Steven's Methodist Church in Bibb City. They believed that the community needed a way to respond to the suffering experienced after one of the largest mills operation in the area closed and the people were in need. Mrs. George Matthews was waiting for the need to be identified. She insisted that space be provided to minister to the needs of the community, so a small cottage at the rear of Hamp Stevens was donated. Ms. Matthews organized a small group, which included Mr. Jess Schrimshire and Mrs. Ralph King. The group, members of St. Luke Methodist Church, bonded and set about working together to run the active community center.

Today Open Door Community House offers opportunities for spiritual growth, established relationships with individuals and families in need, and works cooperatively with other area service agencies to bring about reconciliation in the lives of people in the community.

Throughout its history, Open Door has expanded to meet the increasing needs of the community, which has responded by opening its heart to those in need. Open Door works with children, women, and families to embody Christ and empower those who need help and hope. It has been an incarnational ministry since its founding – serving as the hands and feet of Christ – as it opens doors of faith, hope and opportunity to all that seek to help.

THE VASHTI CENTER... The center is a ministry of the United Methodist Church and a mission of the United Methodist Women. In 1903 Annie Heath, a Methodist missionary, recognized a need for a home and guidance for young "orphan, needy and dependent girls" in the Thomasville, Georgia area. Mr. & Mrs. W. P. Blasingame gave her a nine-room house, and named it the "Vashti Industrial School for Girls" in memory of Mr. Blasingame's mother.

In 1907, after outgrowing the house, La Cubana, an old cigar factory, was discovered and the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church South bought 65 acres and buildings from the estate of Archibold T. Macintyre. The next year, seventy girls moved in.

Vashti had waited patiently year after year for the heart of a great church to discover her needs and respond generously. And, in 1919, the Centenary Movement of the Methodist Episcopal Church South raised \$75,000 to restore the old cigar factory.

In 1953, the building was renovated again, and newer, more modern buildings rose up around her. Four new classrooms were added and all three floors were completely repaired and renovated. It continued to be used as a school and administration offices. The third floor became teachers' apartments. In 1978, Vashti admitted its first boys.

Vashti has been a place of miracles for 100 plus years. Today, we are still a United Methodist non-profit organization offering a continuum of care for children in need, includes: RBWO (boys & girls) ages 6 thru 17; Bishop Hall Charter School serving at risk children from grades 9 through 12; Clinic Services – Psychiatric and Nursing assessments – individual, group and family therapies with group skills training; and Community Service – ages 5 thru 17 which offers Intensive Family/Individual Intervention and Community Support.

UNITED COMMUNITY CENTERS, INC..... Founded in March of 1903, United Community Centers, Inc is a multi-service community center providing a variety of services for individuals and families living in low income neighborhoods, in Southwest Birmingham. UCC is a non-profit organization and received funding from individuals, local UM Churches civic groups, foundations, United Way of Alabama, National Missions Institutions and Women's Division of The General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. UCC is one of 94 agencies nationally designated as a National Mission Institution by the United Methodist Church. Over the years, the UCC has developed and operated eight community outreach mission centers in the Birmingham area. The center is located in the Riley neighborhood of southwest Birmingham, Alabama. It is a non-profit organization designed to enhance the quality of life through human services to children, youth and senior adults and families to providing holistic programs that foster a sense of well being in all individuals, to develop leaders for tomorrow, and create a compassionate atmosphere fro all individuals within the community. United Community Centers, Inc enriches the quality of life in the communities we serve by providing outreach programs and services that assist individuals, families and communities in addressing their needs. In doing so, we bear witness to Christ's love and concern for all, so that "they may have life and have it more abundantly".

The programs offered are:

- Community Youth Services, School age drop off Home: Kindergarten-6th grades
- After school programs: Kindergarten-6th grades
- Express Your Feeling Youth Counseling: 6 years-13 years
- Summer Enrichment Camps: 5 7ears – 13 years
- Food Co-op
- Project Share Energy Program
- Southwest Quilters
- Senior Citizens Young at Heart
- ACT Preparatory Academy

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2012
YOUR CONFERENCE 2010 MISSION TEAM

Nominees
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Betty Helms
President

Pat Dodge
Vice-President

Kathy McQuagge
Treasurer

Sheila Hare
Secretary

Ruth Ann Powers
Chair of Nominations

Margie Outlaw
Program Resources Secretary

Susan West

Barbara Henning
Communications Coordinator

Georgette Griffith
Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Clara Ester Zan Jones
Social Action Coordinator

Cheryl Motherhead
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Bonnie Bonner
Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator

Margie Miller

Education & Interpretation Coordinator

Women's Division Director: F. Lynn Hamric

Members of the Nominations Committee

Class of 2012: Gloria Jean Canty - Marjorie Vassie

Class of 2013: Virginia Lindley, Louise Mixson

Class of 2014: Joann Ashley

2015 Imogene ~~Reese~~
Martin

~~Ruth Ann Powers~~ ~~~~~
Language Coordinator: Martha Rovira

2016 Cynthia
Tony I
Lynn H.

Website Manager: Vera Moore

Personal Concerns Coordinator: Winn Marsh

SERRV Shop and Historian: Lynn Hamric

**THE NELL CHANCE
SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION AWARD**

**Chelsea Alexis Barrow
&
Kelly Elizabeth Stuart**

This year we have a tie for the award. Our recipient's are Chelsea Alexis Barrow and Kelly Elizabeth Stuart.

Chelsea Alexis Barrow is a member of the Crestview United Methodist Church. Chelsea along with her mother and sister joined the Morning Glory Circle where her Grandmother was president of the group. She has attended many events sponsored by United Methodist Women. Chelsea is very involved in the mission projects and programming in her local unit. Projects such as establishing a section for United Methodist Women in their church library and taking donated Christmas gifts to the local nursing home in Crestview, Florida. Chelsea says, "It has been and will continue to be an honor to be a United Methodist Woman member".

Kelly Elizabeth Stuart is a member of Bay Minette First United Methodist Church and is active in Circle 5. Kelly lives out the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women in her daily walk with God in the following ways: Works with the children's programs such as Terrific Tuesday's and Children's Counselor at Blue Lake Camp. She volunteers at McKemie Place, a shelter for homeless women, by serving food as an outreach of her local unit at Bay Minette First United Methodist Church. Kelly helps with many conference events of United Methodist Women such as Annual Day 2011 with the First Children's Annual Event and also helped with Cooperative School of Christian Mission in 2011 and 2012.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER: F. Lynn Hamric



Lynn has served as Christian Personhood, Communications, Secretary, Vice President, President, Circle Chair and Mission Study Leader at the local and district levels. At the conference level she has served as representative to the first Women's Division Under 35 Event, Historian, Secretary of Financial Interpretation, Mission Coordinator for Christian Social Involvement and Communications. Editor/Publisher of Environmental Handbook, Dean of the Cooperative School of Christian Mission and Director with the Women's Division as well as the General Board of Global Ministries. At the Jurisdiction level she served three years on the Regional School Planning Team where she organized displays and coordinated plenaries and AV's.

For the general church, she has served on the local Council on Ministries, Mission Study Leader, Pianist/Organist and Lay Speaker. For the District she served on the Council on Ministries – Board of Church and Society, Board of Global Ministries, Methodist Children's Home, Annual Conference Planning Team, Journal Editor and Blue Lake Trustee. She has also represented the conference at the Legislative Convocation, Shalom Summit, and Small Membership Church to SEJ Vision 2000 Planning Team.

She attended Bibb County High School, Shelton State Community College and the University of Alabama.

She is a member of several civic organizations.

For the past 18 years she has served as Advisor to the University of Alabama Chapter of Golden Key International Honor Society. Her students were recognized in 2002 with the Founders Award (the most prestigious International Award given). They have maintained this level of excellence for the past 10 years. She served as the Southern Region Academic Coordinator and is serving for a second term on the Council of Advisors at the international level.

Lynn has led workshops at international conferences and area schools on diversity.

Her hobbies include reading, sewing, music, historical preservation, farming, fishing, hunting, horses, cats, and volunteer work. She does not list United Methodist Women as a "hobby" because she considers it more of a calling.

In her spare time, she is the Administrative Assistant to the Chair of the Mechanical Engineering Department at the University of Alabama (since 1986).

She has one fur child and one furless child.

MUSIC LEADERS



Wesley Morris is a native of Montgomery, Alabama. He holds a Bachelors Degree from the University of Alabama in Birmingham in Music Education and a Master's Degree from Auburn University in Music Education.

He currently serves as the Director of Music Ministry at Millbrook First United Methodist Church. He leads the adult choir, youth choir and is director of the church orchestra.

Mr. Morris is also the Choir Director at Stanhope Elmore High School in Millbrook, AL. In this position he leads two high school choirs, teaches an advanced placement music theory course. He also organizes and present a major musical every spring.

Wesley is the son of Dothan District Superintendent, Reverend Daniel and Sharmon Morris.

Nancy Carleton...is our pianist for our annual meeting. She has been the organist at Monroeville First United Methodist Church since 1991. She became the Director of Music in 2001 and at present she directs several children's choirs, a youth choir, hand bell choirs and an adult ensemble at First United Methodist Church of Monroeville. She has taught piano, organ and voice in the community for a number of years and currently accompanies the Monroeville Kiwanis Men's Chorus and the Excel High School Chorus. Nancy was our pianist for the 2012 Spiritual Enrichment Retreat. She is married to Mark Carleton and their son, Warren, is a freshman at Auburn University.



(Please turn cell phones to silent mode – Lunch break: 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011

“ALL THINGS MADE NEW”

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| 7:00 AM | Morning Praise | Chapel Lakeside |
| 7:30 AM | | Breakfast |
| 8:30 AM | Registration – Fellowship – Displays – SERRV - Program Resources | |
| 9:15 AM | | Gathering Music |
| 9:30 AM | | Celebration Procession & Presentation of Banners |
| Introductions of Processional Participants | | Pat Dodge, <i>Conference Vice President</i> |
| Convening of the 40 th Annual Meeting Welcome and Introductions | | Betty Helms, <i>Conference President</i> |
| Greetings from Blue Lake | | Phyllis Murray, Director |
| Prayer Calendar & Opening Prayer | | Georgette Griffith <i>Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator</i> |
| Grace Praise Ministry | | Toulmenville-Warren Street UMC |
| | Business Session | |
| Presentation of the Agenda | | Pat Dodge <i>Conference Vice President</i> |
| The Purpose of United Methodist Women | | Pat Dodge |
| Credentials Report | Fri. 97 Sat. 233 | Sheila Hare, <i>Registrar</i> |
| Welcome & Introduction of Special Guests Nell Chance Special Mission Recognition Award | 15-18 yrs. | Betty Helms & Pat Dodge |
| Introduction of 2012 Conference Mission Team | | Betty Helms |
| Recognition of Outgoing Officers | | Ruth Ann Powers <i>Conference Chair of Nomination</i> |
| Report of Committee of Nominations | | Ruth Ann Powers |
| Election of 2013 Officers | | Betty Helms |
| Installation of 2012 Officers | | Ruth Ann Powers |

over 230 prayer shawls

We do not need to say "units" - only circles

2012 Proposed Budget

Kathy McQuagge, Conference Treasurer

Offertory Prayer 1/3 behind ~~budget~~ pledge

Kathy McQuagge

Offering to Mission Giving

Conference & District Treasurers

The Doxology

Pledge Service BayP 12,200 Sem. 12,000 Dathan 18,500 mobile 20,000 Mont P. 12,000

Conference & Districts Treasurers

Closing Prayer (all in unison) Mar. PC (13,000) Mont-O. (13,500) Pen- #25,000

I pledge my prayers, as a reminder that every good and perfect gift comes from God. I pledge my time, that I may respond to human need through my study, action and reflections. I pledge my financial gifts to continue the legacy of sisters in Christ initiating the ministries of United Methodist Women. Amen.

Mission Happenings Presentations

Dumas Wesley, Open Door Community House, Vashti Center & Birmingham Community Center

Just So Fashion Show

Pat Dodge, Narrator

Pensacola Puppet Ministry 10 members young ch. grades 4-?

Pensacola First UMC

Reading Program Recognition Award 363 people Pensacola won the "worm"

Margie Outlaw Conference Secretary of Program Resources

Presentation of Response and New World Outlook Magazines

Margie Miller Conference Education & Interpretation Coordinator

Mission Ribbon Awards

Kathy McQuagge

Hymn "The Tree of Life"

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Introduction of speaker

Pat Dodge

Keynote Address

Lynn Hamric

District Special Mission Recognition Winner Mobile Dist.

Cheryl Mothershed Baypine District President & Chair of District Presidents

Many Colors, One Spirit Banner Award Mobile Dist.

Cheryl Mothershed

Hymn "For Everyone Born"

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SERVICE of HOLY COMMUNION

The Rev. Neil McDavid, Celebrant
District Superintendents assisting

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church,
we have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

All pray in silence

Leader to people:

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Leader and people:

Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

The pastor takes the bread and cup, and the bread and wine are prepared for the meal.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, god of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of those your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them by for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go forth in peace.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
Be with you all. Amen.

Adjournment

Betty Helms

**ALABAMA WEST FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
PROPOSED 2013 BUDGET**

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Districts Administration & Membership Development Funds | \$18,000.00 |
| Alert Printing & Mailing | 1,000.00 |
| Audit | 800.00 |
| Conference Directory | 150.00 |
| Conference Scholarships for Assembly or Jurisdiction | 300.00 |
| President to other Meetings | 200.00 |
| Officer Expenses | 700.00 |
| Program Committee Expenses | 17,500.00 |
| a. Spiritual Enrichment Retreat | 6,000.00 |
| b. U.M.W. Exp. To Mission u | 4,000.00 |
| c. District Leadership Development | 500.00 |
| d. Annual Meeting | 6,000.00 |
| e. Additional Event | 1,000.00 |
| Executive Committee Meetings | 5,500.00 |
| Conference Development Training | 2,000.00 |
| Jurisdiction/Assembly Conference Travel | 2,000.00 |
| Mission u Allocation | 2,800.00 |
| *A & MD Funds to Jurisdiction (1% of Pledge) | 1,262.00 |
| Alabama Arise Dues | 300.00 |
| Church Women United of Alabama | 75.00 |
| Church Women United of Florida | 25.00 |
| World Federation of Women | 25.00 |
| Florida Impact | 100.00 |
| Gift to Mission & Gift in Memory Cards | 100.00 |
| Retiring Officer Pins | 140.00 |
| Stationary/Miscellaneous Expenses | 400.00 |
| Contingency Fund | 52.82 |
| TOTAL | 53,429.82 |

* Administration & Membership Development Fund to Jurisdiction is 1% of the total Pledge.

2012 ALABAMA WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE PLEDGE **\$126,200.00**

Note: The formula for determining the total amount the conference budget can be each year is based on the total pledge amount collected the previous year multiplied by 35% plus Administration & Membership Development Funds contributed from the districts. For example we contributed \$126,675 of \$9093.53 which comes to a total of \$53,329.82 Therefore our 2013 budget of \$5,3429.82 for 2013 is balanced with our allowed amount.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE ALABAMA WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN FOR 2013-14 YEAR UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

President:

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Secretary:

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To be determined

Communications Coordinator

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Education & Interpretation Coordinator

Margie Miller – Mari./Panama City District
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*Elected for a one-year term.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

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Class of 2016

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Toni Braughton – Mobile District
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Theodore, AL

Lynn Hamric – Demopolis Dist.
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Alabama West Florida Conference 2012 Cooperative School of Christian Mission Report

The Cooperative School of Christian Mission is an annual event. This event is sponsored by Conference Board of Global Ministries, Church & Society and United Methodist Women and is a wonderful time to learn about mission. The 2012 Cooperative School of Christian Mission was held at Huntingdon College on August 2-5 with an attendance total of 103 people. Our Spiritual Growth Study, Immigration in the Bible, was taught by The Rev. Jim Clark from Tennessee Conference, The Rev. Edward Moses, from the Mississippi and our own, Ruth Gynther from Auburn, AL. The Geographical study, Haiti, was taught by Joyce Clark from the Tennessee Conference, and our own Susan Hunt, Ashley Meyer Wilkinson and Dr. Lester Stewart led the Issue Study, Poverty. Susan is from Montgomery, Ashley is from Pensacola and Lester is from Dothan. For the first time in many years we offered a Youth study on Haiti and it was led by Sherry Sink from the Western North Carolina Conference. We had a special session on Poverty and Immigration which was led by members of the Southern Poverty Law Center. Our music leaders were Cheryl Mothershed from Bay Minette First and Dorothy Carter from Metropolitan United Methodist Church in Montgomery were wonderful assets in presenting the music program

Changing locations for our school gave us more opportunities to offer a greater variety of options in selecting what course participants selected. The Mini Course on Poverty and Immigration in the Bible on Friday and Saturday were popular as well as the ability to commute.

In 2013 the name will change as will the location. That information will be shared with everyone in the very near future. As Lynn Hamric assumes the role of Dean and Harry Hodges as associate dean the planning process will begin with a committee meeting on October 20th for the 2013. The date, location and name of our school will be announced shortly. Make plans to be a part of this great opportunity to learn what mission is all about.

Our studies next year will be:
Spiritual Growth – Living Sacramentally and Walking Justly
Issue Study: Poverty
Geographical: The Roma of Europe

Betty Helms, Dean

MISSION TODAY UNITS

MISSION STUDY ATTENDANCE

| % Mission Today Units | | Bronze | Silver | Gold | Total | Participation | Mission Studies | |
|---|------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| Baypines | 30% | 1 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 3 | The Journey | 19 |
| Units 21 | | | | | | | Joy to the World | 24 |
| Demopolis | 40% | 1 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 3 | The Journey | 43 |
| Units 24 | | | | | | | Haiti | 35 |
| | | | | | | | Joy to the World | 5 |
| Dothan | 68% | 1 | 8 | 6 | 15 | 7 | The Journey | 25 |
| Units 22 | | | | | | | Haiti | 45 |
| | | | | | | | Joy to the World | 14 |
| Marianna | 77% | 4 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 2 | Haiti | 77 |
| Panama City | | | | | | | | |
| Units 18 | | | | | | | | |
| Mobile | 44% | 2 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 0 | The Journey | 58 |
| Units 25 | | | | | | | | |
| Montgomery | 37% | 1 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 7 | The Journey | 36 |
| Opelika | | | | | | | Haiti | 66 |
| Units 24 | | | | | | | Poverty | 39 |
| | | | | | | | Immigration in the Bible | 20 |
| Montgomery | 34% | 1 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 0 | The Journey | 47 |
| Prattville | | | | | | | Joy to the World | 50 |
| Units 29 | | | | | | | Haiti | 39 |
| | | | | | | | Immigration in the Bible | 3 |
| Pensacola | 59% | 1 | 6 | 9 | 16 | 3 | The Journey | 79 |
| Units 27 | | | | | | | Haiti | 52 |
| TOTALS | | BRONZE | SILVER | GOLD | TOTALS | PARTICIPATION | MISSION STUDIES | |
| | | 12 | 43 | 38 | 93 | 25 | The Journey | 307 |
| Total % Mission Today Units: 48.9% | | | | | | | Haiti | 314 |
| | | | | | | | Poverty | 39 |
| | | | | | | | Joy to the World | 93 |
| | | | | | | | <u>Immigration in the Bible</u> | <u>20</u> |
| | | | | | | | TOTAL | 773 |

Report submitted by:
 Margie Miller, Education & Interpretation Coordinator

THE READING PROGRAM - YOUR WINDOW TO THE WORLD

The changes begin with the 2012 Reading Program

The purpose of the Reading Program is to encourage United Methodist Women to:

- ❖ expand understanding of and participation in God's mission;
- ❖ increase sensitivity to all human beings-their needs, interests and concerns;
- ❖ explore issues facing humanity today;
- ❖ grow in understanding of scripture as it relates to Christian faith in contemporary life;
- ❖ enhance self-knowledge and to act from that knowledge;
- ❖ strengthen involvement in local and global Christian mission.

Books for the Reading Program are organized into 5 categories:

- **Education for Mission**
- **Nurturing for Community**
- **Social Action**
- **Spiritual Growth**
- **Leadership Development**

Participation for this year involved a total of 357 members reading and growing in their Christian faith. This represents 6 percent of the total United Methodist Women in the Alabama West Florida Conference. Let us set a goal to increase that number in 2013. There are so many good books to read. You can exchange books with districts. Congratulations to all the diligent readers!

FOUR READING PROGRAM PLANS

Selections may be from 2008-2012 lists if not included in previous reports

PLAN I: Read one book from each of the five categories each year and read *Response* regularly.

PLAN II: Read 10 books, two from each category, each year and read *Response* and *New World Outlook* regularly.

PLAN III: Read 15 books, two from each category and five additional books from any category, each year and read *Response* and *New World Outlook* regularly.

PLAN IV: Read 20 books, two from each category and ten additional books from any category, each year and read *Response* and *New World Outlook* regularly.

The Spiritual Growth and the Social Issue Mission Study books may be read for credit in the year they are current. Individuals report their annual reading to the Program Resource Chair in the local unit. She will report to the district by September 1 for recognition at District Annual Day. The District Secretary of Program Resources will report to the conference Secretary of Program Resources.

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**DISTRICT UMW READING PROGRAM
COMPLETIONS FOR 2012**

Baypines District

Plan I 12
Plan II 2
Total 14

Montgomery-Opelika District

Plan I 37
Plan II 3
Plan IV 1
Total 41

Demopolis District

Plan I 18
Plan II 2
Total 20

Montgomery-Prattville District

Plan I 16
Plan II 3
Plan III 2
Plan IV 2
Total 23

Dothan District

Plan I 20
Plan II 13
Plan III 6
Plan IV 10
Total 49

Pensacola District

Plan I 64
Plan II 13
Plan III 6
Plan IV 10
Total 93

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Marianna-Panama City District

Plan I 40
Plan II 4
Plan III 1
Plan IV 7
Total 52

Mobile District

Plan I 52
Plan II 7
Plan III 0
Plan IV 12
Total 71

CONFERENCE TOTAL

Plan I 259
Plan II 47
Plan III 15
Plan IV 42
TOTAL 363

MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH 2012 REPORT

| DISTRICT | UNITS | MEMBERSHIP |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------|
| BAYPINES | 21 | 439 |
| DEMOPOLIS* | 24 | 525 |
| DOTHAN* | 23 | 627 |
| MARIANNA/PANAMA CITY | 18 | 572 |
| MOBILE | 25 | 643 |
| MONTGOMERY/OPELIKA | 24 | 815 |
| MONTGOMERY/PRATTVILLE | 29 | 816 |
| PENSACOLA | 27 | 919 |
| TOTALS: | 191 | 5356 |

*** NOTE: Asterisk signifies 2012 totals all others 2011 totals**

Each District Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach has the responsibility for collecting the membership numbers for their district. The Local Unit is responsible for the accuracy of their numbers and getting them to the district on time. This does take a great amount of time, but it is a most valuable report for the District, the Conference and Women's Division.

Bonnie Bonner
Conference Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator

2012 CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE POLICIES UNITS

BAYPINES

No data received as of this printing

DEMOPOLIS

Current Units: Butler, Centreville/Brent, Demopolis, Grove Hill, Jackson First, Livingston, Pine Hill Charge, Springfield/Johnson Hill, Thomasville, Zion

DOTHAN

Current Unit: Liberty, Skipperville, Slocomb
First Time Units: Hartford First, Newton

MARIANNA/PANAMA CITY

Current Unit: Port St. Joe
First Time Unit: Bonifay

MOBILE:

Current Units: Chickasaw, Christ, Kingswood, New Life, St. John, St. Mark, Theodore First, Toulminville-Warren
First Time Unit: Saraland

MONTGOMERY/OPELIKA

Current Units: Aldersgate, Auburn, Grace, Trinity/Opelika, Trinity/Phenix City, Troy First

MONTGOMERY/PRATTVILLE

Current Units: Capitol Heights, Chapel, Faith/Friendly, McKenzie, Snowdoun , Whitfield
First Time Units: Metropolitan, West Highland

PENSACOLA

Current Units: Crestview, Destin, Gadsden Street, St. Luke, St. Paul, Trinity FWB, Ft. Walton Beach, First, Mary Esther
First Time Units: Gulf Breeze, Pensacola First, Warrington

2012 SOCIAL ACTION REPORT

Last year during the Friday night officer training session, at Blue Lake, the National Seminar team presented three challenges to our conference, district, and local unit leaders. The first challenge was for every local unit to read "The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation" and then to participate in The Journey mission study. Half of the districts reported they had district level studies and the other half had local unit studies. The second challenge was for every local unit to get involved in one the four priorities: (1) human trafficking, (2) immigration, (3) domestic violence or (4) climate change. Congratulations! All of the issues were discussed or a project completed at either the district or unit level. For the third challenge, we asked each district to select at least one of the four issues as a district priority. The district selections will help us establish our 2013 priority focus for the conference.

Thanks for your participation and cooperation in this process.

Listed below are outreach projects that districts have been involved in over the year:

- Assist with Children Sabbath
- Volunteer at G.E.D. classes and reading program
- Contribute to a Book Fair and donate books to children and the library
- Support missionaries
- Assist with on line applications
- Teach reading, writing and computer skills
- Provide a Reward Store for students (give \$ coupons to students based on grades and discipline
Performance-coupons are traded for merchandise)
- Visit women in prison and work with the children of incarcerated women
- Prepare frozen casseroles for the needy
- Donate dollars and make scarves for the Rescue Mission
- Provided a luncheon for Ecuador Missionaries
- Donate dollars for mission trip
- Provide three \$500 scholarships for young people going to college (Mattie Kolb Scholarship)
- Advocate against grocery tax
- Assist with water purification systems for Haiti
- Support S.K.I.P. ministry
- Prepare meals for USA Wesley Foundation Students
- Donate paper products to local schools
- Donate to Victory Health Partners
- Send birthday cards to the sick & shut-ins
- Refurbish apartments at Sybil Smith Family Village
- Intercept Human Trafficking on Super Bowl Sunday
- Decorate Christmas Trees at USA Women & children's hospital
- Assist families during Thanksgiving
- Recycle (paper-plastic-glass)
- Sponsor Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts
- Sponsor a voter's registration and absentee ballot campaign
- Make clothing donations
- Prepare and serve meals at McKemie Place
- Donate Christmas gifts and meals to needy families
- Prepare meals for Ronald McDonald House

Nursing Home ministries
 Birthday parties for Sybil Smith children
 Donation to Brooks Howell Home
 Rally – March – Prayer Vigil for Immigration Rights
 Roof and interior water damage repairs for flood victims
 Donate to Red Bird Mission
 Advent/Angel Tree
 Prepare and serve meals at Loaves & Fish
 Supplies for Russia
 Ronald McDonald pull tab program
 Saving Grace Home for Women
 Family Promise
 Interfaith Ministries
 Pensacola United Ministries (Brownsville)
 Dumas Wesley Walk-a-thon & Silent Auction
 Kairos Ministry
 Prayer Shawl ministry and caps for neonatal and cancer patients, scarves for teens
 Boys Ranch (Baldwin County)
 Money for 2 pregnant goats for Haiti
 Ecumenical Ministries
 Lighthouse Shelter for Abused Women
 School supplies and uniforms
 Dumas Wesley Christmas Toy Store
 Methodist Children's Home
 Milk & Honey
 Tornado Relief
 Aid to Haiti
 Student aid (Asbury Theological Seminary)
 UMCOR Relief (school kits, birthing kits and health kits)
 Counseling
 Made 125 pillowcase dresses to the Dominican Republic
 Donated basic need supplies to McKemie Place
 Helped serve and pass out Thanksgiving at a community wide dinner
 Secured and provided Christmas for families through community White Christmas
 Volunteer for tutoring and music at local school
 Book bags donated
 Eyeglasses purchased for students
 Support Fountain of Hope, Samaritan Purse, and Blue Lake
 Quilt ministry for the sick
 Assisted with medical bills
 Donated 8 baby bags to needy new moms and baby items
 Donate \$100 each month to Christian Service Center
 Donated Anew Testament Bibles to nurses to give to new moms
 Donate gift bags with snacks and items for sick children
 Stock a soup and bread freezer
 Mission trips to Haiti (sent money and supplies)
 Donate money to send Inner City Mission children to Blue Lake Camp
 Donate and assist with the bread ministry at our church, and donate 100 turkeys at Christmas
 Provide a back pack ministry

Donate Christmas gifts and clothes for the Hispanic children
Donate shoeboxes for the children at Inner City Mission
Pick-up children from our local school and bring them to the church for tutoring
Mission Studies on Haiti and The Journey
Workshops and studies on Human Trafficking and Bullying

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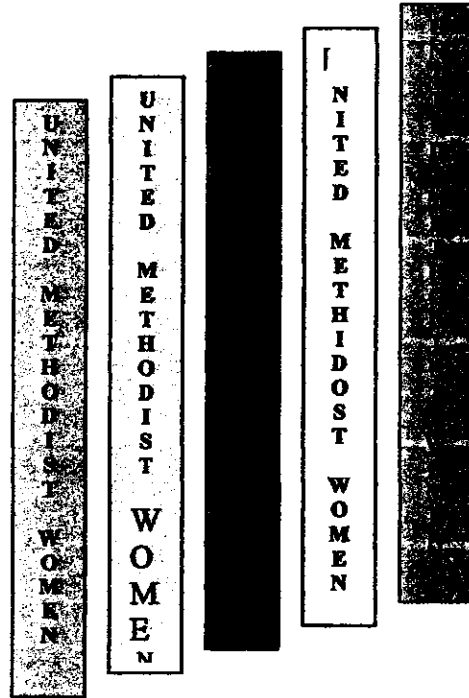
2013 CONFERENCE EVENTS & DATES

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|-----------------------|---|
| JANUARY 4-5 | EXECUTIVE MEETING Blue Lake |
| JANUARY 10-13 | LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT Lake Junaluska |
| FEBRUARY 22-23 | TAPESTRY RETREAT Bay Minette First UMC – Bay Minette, AL |
| APRIL 19-21 | SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RETREAT Blue Lake |
| JUNE 28-29 | EXECUTIVE MEETING Blue Lake |
| OCTOBER 11 | DISTRICT OFFICER LEADERSHIP TRAINING Blue Lake |
| OCTOBER 12 | UMW CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING Blue Lake |

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Marianna-PC

2012 RIBBONS FOR MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Marianna/Panama City | \$ 2,182.62 |
| Demopolis | no report rec'd |
| Dothan | no report rec'd |
| Baypines | no report rec'd |
| Pensacola | no report rec'd |
| Mobile | no report rec'd |
| Montgomery/Opelika | 304.00 |
| Montgomery/Prattville | no report rec'd |
| TOTAL | \$ |



2011 PENNIES FOR MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS



No report received for these funds.



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
2012 FIVE STAR UNITS**

BAYPINES

Bay Minette
Excel
Foley
Frisco City
Gulf Shores
Morgan's Chapel
Monroeville
Robertsdale

DEMOPOLIS

Butler First
Camden
Centreville/Brent
Demopolis
Greensboro 1st
Jackson Chapel
Jackson 1st
Jefferson
Livingston
Moundville
Mt. Sinai
Pine Hill Charge
Spring Hill
Thomasville
Zion

DOTHAN

Abbeville
Covenant
Dothan 1st
Elba 1st
Enterprise 1st
Grimes
Hartford 1st
Liberty
Newton
Ozark 1st
Pinckard
Piney Grove-Samson
Skipperville
Slocomb

MARIANNA/PANAMA CITY

Bascom
Blountstown
DeFuniak Springs
Graceville
Gulfview
Lynn Haven
Marianna 1st
Panama City 1st
Port St. Joe
St. Andrew
Wewahitchka

MOBILE

Barlow
Chickasaw
Christ
Citronelle
Kingswood
New Life
Pine Grove
Saint Mark
Saraland
Spring Hill
Toulminville-Warren

MONT/OPELIKA

No report received
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MONT/PRATTVILLE

Capitol Heights
Chapel
Dalraida
Ft. Deposit
Greenville
Hope Hull
McKenzie
Metropolitan
Millbrook
Roberta Sample-Selma
Robinson Springs
Trinity
West Highland
Wetumpka
Whitfield

PENSACOLA

Bellview
Cokesbury
Crestview 1st
Destin
Fort Walton Beach
Gadsden Street
Gulf Breeze
Mary Esther
Myrtle Grove
Pensacola 1st
St. Luke
Trinity
Warrington

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN FIVE STAR MISSION TEAMS

Alabama West Florida Conference Executive Team

Dothan Executive Team

