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Atlanta Decatur Oxford District

North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women

Message from our President

The beginning of the New Year is usually a time for reflecting and evaluating the past as we set goals for the future. In 2012, as UMW, we completed a variety of mission projects. This year we need to highlight those to chart our path for 2013.

The scripture teaches that our faith in Christ employs all of our God given senses:

- Sight - "turn to me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth" (Isa.45:22)
- Hearing - "Hear me, and your soul may live" (Isa. 55:3)
- Smell - "Your name is like perfume poured out." (Song of Songs 1:3)
- Touch - "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed" (Matt. 9:21)
- Taste - "Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Ps. 34:8)



In order to receive God's truth properly, we must have our entire being alive and alert to His every prompting. As Christians, we do not deliberately disobey God. Instead, we simply do not heed Him by being sensitive to His leading in the small details of our lives. It is important that we use all of our senses in everyday life. We should have seeing eyes, hearing ears, a verbal communication of the truth and a loving heart to share God's love. All of this is possible as we are illuminated by the Holy Spirit during our time of serving. One of our goals for 2013 will be to engage our younger generation. How do we do that? I don't know, but we must seek God's guidance.

Blessings to you,
Juanita Mullins, President

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Coming Events for ADO UMW

- February 9 ADO UMW Presidents' Breakfast, Grace Covington UMC
- March 2 NGC UMW Social Action Event, Trinity UMC, Atlanta
- March 17 ADO UMW District Day Apart, Clifton UMC
- April 6 ADO UMW 20-30-40 Something, Salem UMC
- April 20 ADO UMW Executive Board, Julia A. Porter Mem. UMC
- May 3-4 NGC UMW Spiritual Growth Experience, Simpsonwood
- June 12 NGC UMW Breakfast, Classic Center, Athens

"Doing a New Thing"



"Behold, I am doing a new thing, now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19

News from the Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford District

East Lake UMW Honors Fathers in their Congregation

Submitted by Ruth Jordan, East Lake UMW Reporter



For many years, women and mothers have been honored by East Lake United Methodist Women on Mothers' Day with flowers and/or small gifts. This year, we decided our men deserved to be recognized as well. We honored our pastor and the oldest father present at church on Fathers' Day, noting that fathers are a guiding light for their families and especially for their children. Some children gave tributes to their fathers in Fathers' Day speeches and as a special treat, after church, family pictures were taken with fathers.

Cedar Grove Brings Women from Different Generations Together

Submitted by Valerie Willis, Cedar Grove UMW President

The Esther Dorcas unit of Cedar Grove UMC closed out the last quarter of 2012 with some wonderful and blessed celebrations. On August 4th, we held our first prayer breakfast. The theme was "Generations of God's Grace" and our honored speaker was Rev. Tonya Lawrence of Dacula UMC. In early November, we had our annual spiritual planning meeting at Lake Sinclair. We closed out the year with our Mission Recognition Service where we presented gifts in honor and in memory of deserving women in our Church. We are eagerly awaiting 2013 with "Doing a New Thing" through our mission work.

Decatur First Circle 12 at Atlanta Hospital Hospitality House

Twice a year, members of the night circle at Decatur First UMC take dinner to guests staying at the Atlanta Hospital Hospitality House. The picture on the right was taken during their recent visit in December.

The Hospital Hospitality House strives "to provide a 'home away from home' to outpatients and relatives of patients hospitalized in 21 Atlanta area hospitals. They offer lodging, meals, supportive companionship and comfort from a committed staff, volunteers, and fellow guests, during what is often a crisis period."

For more information about AHHH, see their web page at:

<http://www.atlhh.org/>



Spring Hill UMW End of Year Donations

Submitted by Addie Jo White, Spring Hill UMW President



The Spring Hill United Methodist Women ended the year by giving donations to the Newton County Homeless Shelter, the traveling Angels Senior Organization and two families in the community.

New ADOX UMW Treasurer

Jo Robinson, a member at Decatur First UMC, is the new ADOX UMW Treasurer. Local Unit treasurers should begin sending their district contributions to Jo at 143 Pinecrest Avenue, Decatur, GA 30030.

The quarterly remittance deadlines for 2013 are:

1st quarter - Feb. 28; 2nd quarter - May 31; 3rd quarter - July 31; 4th quarter- Oct. 31. Please use the up-to-date remittance form available online at:

http://northgaumc.s3.amazonaws.com/17BFCD21D000441C8559331801B36282_2013%20-%20Unit%20Remittance.pdf



Local Unit Presidents and/or Membership Coordinators, please make sure that your UMW unit returns this form to ADOX UMW Membership Coordinator Rutheen Majette-NeJad

2012 LOCAL UMW MEMBERSHIP CENSUS FORM
Please complete this form and return it by January 31, 2013

District Name _____

Local Unit Name _____

Unit President Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Conference Name _____

Numbers of Members as of Jan. 01, 2012 _____

New Members added _____

Members lost by death _____

Members lost for other reasons _____

Total Members as of December 31, 2012 _____

Unit Type: Are you a? Local _____ Cluster/Charge _____ District _____
 or Online Unit _____

Return copy by 1-31-2013 to:
 Rutheen MaJette-NeJad
 974 Carlisle Road
 Stone Mountain, GA 30083
 404-294-8067
rnejad@msn.com

Suggestions for Increasing Local Unit Membership

1. Explain what is expected of a member
2. Define your purpose
3. Stop recycling the same leadership
4. Cut down on number of meetings, and make wise use of time during meetings
5. Have a UMW Day or Mission Day
6. Be flexible
7. Be creative
8. Start more circles if needed
9. Mentor a young woman
10. Connect with a college student
11. Build relationships through friends, relatives, co-workers and other networks
12. Use a variety of media sources to communicate and tell the UMW story.

ADOX Mission Giving January 1 through December 25, 2012

District Pledge to Missions	26,633.05	
Candle burning	2,095.00	
Baby Certificates	96.50	
Total Pledge to Missions		28,824.55
Special Mission Recognition		2,490.00
Cards	240.00	
Total Gift to Mission		240.00
Memorials (\$50+)	550.00	
In Memory (any amount)	535.00	
Total Gift in Memory		1,085.00
World Thank Offering		3,028.76
A Call to Prayer	2,676.10	
Total Designated Giving		2,676.10
Assembly Offering	422.00	
Brighter Future Children/Youth	50.00	
Crusade Scholarship	10.00	
Magazine Fund	10.00	
Scarritt-Bennett	60.00	
Total General Mission		552.00
Clark Atlanta College	646.00	
Murphy Harpst	1,655.00	
New Bethlehem Community Ctr	1,095.00	
Paine College	646.00	
Wesley Camperships	325.00	
Wesley Walk for Others	45.00	
Wesley Community Center - Other	1,359.00	
Total Wesley Community Center	1,729.00	
Total National Missions		5,771.00
Global Health Action	1,465.00	
Red Bird	150.00	
Total GBGM Missions		1,615.00
UMCOR Missions Undesignated	400.00	
Kit Supplies (any)	25.00	
World Hunger & Poverty	117.00	
Total UMCOR Missions		542.00
Annual Special Giving		3,028.00
Total Income		49,852.41

Social Action Report

Submitted by Iris Green, Social Action Coordinator

Each day in our lives we are faced with events that come under the banner of Social Action. Sometimes we wonder what can I as an individual do? How can my small voice be of any effect in this vast area?

Each of us has a part to play in the lives of others, those that are being trafficked, and those that are being beaten and abuse, and those that are being forced to work in the different labor sweat shops.

During 2012, our UMW ADOX District has made an effort to bring areas of injustice to the forefront and increase awareness in our community through workshops, speakers and the help of different organizations. Many of our UMW Units have taken many different actions, such as having various speakers come to their meetings. One small voice added to another eventually becomes a tremendous voice.

Let our actions and voices continue to crush the injustice to women and children around the globe.

Clifton UMW Christmas Activities

Submitted by Bessie Brown, Clifton UMW President



On December 1, 2012, at an end of year celebration, the UMW of Clifton United Methodist Church sponsored a breakfast for Toys for Tots. Over 30 UMW and UMM attended. Mrs. Linda Wheeler, our treasurer, delivered the toys to Publix on Glenwood Road in Atlanta. We also did a skit called "Cups Of Christmas." This was an enjoyable event according to everyone who attended. We are looking forward to the New Year as being vessels for God.

North Georgia Conference UMW News

Juanita Mullins Wins Doris Paul Purpose Award at NGC UMW Annual Meeting

Doris Paul, who was President of the North Georgia Conference UMW from 1989 to 1992, "exemplified what it means to be a United Methodist Woman. She not only supported the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women, she lived it. Because of a generous gift by her husband, Carl Paul, The North Georgia Conference UMW will share the legacy of Doris' Special Mission Recognition pins to honor women in the conference who have followed in her footsteps."

On October 6, 2012, at Snellville UMC, ADOX UMW President Juanita Mullins was honored with one of these pins. The purpose of United Methodist Women is to "be a community of women whose PURPOSE is 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." UMW members of the ADOX District know how very well Juanita fulfills this purpose. Congratulations Juanita!

For more information about this award, see the summer issue of *The Reflector* at

<http://ngumw.org/pages/detail/2241>

Social Action Event

March 2, 2013

Trinity UMC, Atlanta

For information about this and other NGC UMW events

see their new web site

<http://ngumw.org/>

United Methodist Women General Conference News

How will local UMWs be affected by the new General Conference UMW structure?

Excerpt from the December 2012 issue of *Response*

"The 2012 General Conference allowed United Methodist Women to separate from the General Board of Global Ministries and become an official independent organization within the United Methodist Church. Since then, many members have been inquiring about how this historic action will impact local United Methodist Women. While the 2012 General Conference adopted changes related to the structure of United Methodist Women on the district, conference and national levels, it did not approve any changes to local units of United Methodist Women. And so, local units will continue under the guidelines of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, 2008 (¶ 256.5) and the United Methodist Women handbook.

"The 2013-2016 *United Methodist Women Handbook* (\$12.50), off press in January 2013, explains the flexibility available to local United Methodist Women to organize for mission."

For a synopsis of some of the ways local United Methodist Women can organize go to:
<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/response/articles/item/index.cfm?id=993>

New E-Store for UMW Resources Now Open for Business

The Resource Center for UMW materials has just unveiled a new web site that makes locating and ordering UMW resources much easier. Check it out at <http://www.umwmissionresources.org/products>.

The new page is organized to take you quickly to the type of material you need, as well as giving you access for downloading the complete mission resources catalog, reading program brochures, and much more. Beginning on January 7, 2013, orders will be processed within 48 hours. The time it takes for an item to be delivered will depend upon the shipment method you select when you place your order. If you have questions:

Customer service is available
 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST Monday-Friday
 Phone: 1-800-305-9857 (toll-free)
 E-mail: cs@umwmissionresources.org
 Fax: 1-770-280-0061

UMW Assembly 2014

To meet in Louisville, Kentucky

April 25-27, 2014

Save the Date!!