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United Methodist Women
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Atlanta Decatur Oxford District

North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women

Message from our President

The Atlanta Decatur Oxford District has had a productive start for the New Year. We met at St. Timothy for our first executive meeting. We had several new people who were beginning their first year on the district. We must look at the journey of being UNITED METHODIST WOMEN as the legacy of women whose mission as always is to meet the needs of women, children and youth, not only in our local churches but in our community, our state and around the world.

Ladies, you are a compassionate group of women who can and do accept the challenge to seek to destroy the fear that will render us inadequate. Why? Because our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

Our focus of the President's Breakfast at Grace was an opportunity for leadership to come together to share the goals of the conference and the district. Proverbs 29:18 (KJV) *where there is no vision, the people perish.* We must have some direction as to where we are going and what we want to accomplish. We know that we are not encouraging younger women into the UMW. There has to be a reason for that. We are challenged to seek out our young ladies and talk with them so we can meet their needs.

As I searched through our history I found information from about 1880 through 2000 where units were organizing children, youth and young adults to serve the next generation of

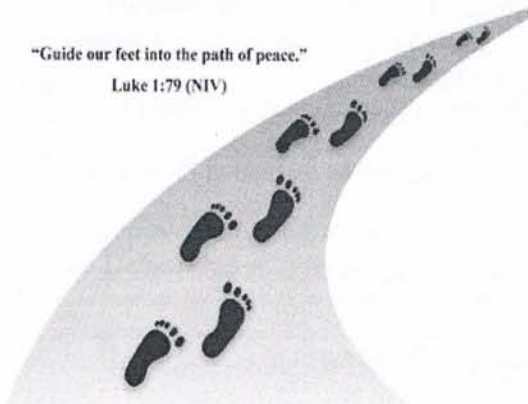
United Methodist Women. We have to be intentional about involving young people. Every unit needs to plan a special ministry to invite our young people to become involved. They need us and we need them. We must work together.

Let's mark our calendars to attend the programs we are planning for the district. If you have some ideas, please share them. We are here to serve.

In His care,
Juanita Mullins
President

"Guide our feet into the path of peace."

Luke 1:79 (NIV)



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Coming Events in 2011

April 16	ADOX Executive Board	Newborn
April 29-30	Spiritual Growth Retreat	Simpsonwood
May 21	Project Extend Work Experience	TBA
June 15	N. Georgia Conference	Classic Center, Athens
July 28-30	Cooperative Christian Mission Education Event	Simpsonwood
August 20	ADOX Executive Board	Allen Memorial
September 17	Fall Retreat	Glen Haven
October 1	N. Georgia Conference UMW Annual Meeting	Dunwoody First
October 23	ADOX Annual Meeting	Ousley
November 19	Officer Training and Mini Mission Study	Decatur First
December 3	ADOX Executive Board	Henry M. White

Presidents' Breakfast Speaker Gives Tips on Attracting Young Women to UMW

At the Presidents' Breakfast held on February 5th in Covington, Jin Pyen, Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Coordinator for the North Georgia Conference UMW, spoke encouragingly to ADOX UMW Presidents about ways to appeal to younger women in their churches. Ms. Pyen, a young woman herself, said sharing our own personal stories is a good way to begin. UMW women have a long and moving history of supporting one another and reaching out into the community to help others.

We should be aware of young women's work and

family schedules and plan gatherings at times that are convenient for them, and we should be sure that our meetings begin and end on time. Women (of all ages) want to learn something at these meetings, but also to enjoy them. It helps to have a positive attitude and a good sense of humor. Being good listeners is also important so that we may learn more about their needs.

Young women ARE interested in the types of work that we do so we need to make sure that they know about our programs and how they can participate.

Can You Help?

Fulton County Courts Foster Care Director is looking for 4 to 5 churches that can provide a safe place for parents to visit with their children for one hour a week. Church volunteers will be needed to observe the visit following guidelines provided by the court. Contact ADOX President Juanita Mullins if you can help.

The Dekalb Community Services Board is looking for volunteers to teach knitting at their Clifton Springs Center. The volunteers would be assisting women in their substance abuse recovery group. Donations of yarn are also needed. If you can help, contact Michelle Potter, Dekalb Community Services Board, 404-508-7875, mpotter@dekcsb.org

Hagar's House Sip and See Spring Shopping Spree Yard Sale will be held Saturday, June 4 at North Decatur UMC, 1523 Church Street, Decatur. They need items such as gently used home furnishings, house wares, novelties, etc. NO CLOTHING. If you have any items you would like to donate, you may drop them off at the North Decatur church location. If you would like to volunteer for this event please contact Sybil Corbin at Sybil@decaturcooperativeministry.org or 404-370-0914.

Looking for a creative way to help the children and families at the **United Methodist Children's Home**? Assemble some of the six types of kits described on their website at <http://www.umchildrenshome.org/>. These include kits for After-School Fun, Toiletries for Teens, Bath and Story Time, Family Fun Nights, School Supplies, and Kitchen Housewarming. Contact Alina Crews (404.327.5854 or acrews@umchildrenshome.org) with any questions.

Contact Information for March Social Action Event Presenters

The Social Action Event hosted by Trinity United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 5, 2011 was very well attended. The following presenters gave a wealth of information:

Leanne Rubenstein, Associate Director of Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta (RISSA), 404.622.2235 ext. 243. leanne@rissa.org

Victoria J. Ferguson, Family Violence Counselor and Victim Advocate for the Fulton County Solicitor General's Office and a part-time Advocate, Chaplain and Community Educator for the Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence in Dekalb County. 404.822.9972 or 404.612.9623. Victoriajuanita@hotmail.com

Pamela Perkins, Coordinator of the Interfaith Children's Movement (icm) located at Central United Methodist Church. 770.498.2141. www.interfaithchildrensmovement.org

Denise Peacock, Foster Care Recruiter, Foster and Adoptive Study Writer for The United Methodist Children's Home. 404.327.5864. dpeacock@umchildrenshome.org

Clyde Creagh - cyde@simplycyde.com or on Facebook - Simply Cyde.

John A. Simmons, Director of Ministerial Services and Spiritual Formation of the North Georgia Conference, The United Methodist Church. 678.533.1369.

Mattie Strozier, Social Action Coordinator. mattiestrozier@yahoo.com

News from around the ADOX District and throughout the North Georgia Conference

At Christmas, UMW members from **Stone Mountain First UMC** provided gifts to all the residents of Branan Towers, an elderly low income housing residence in Atlanta. Their president, Janet Hagan, reports that the women worked very hard to make this happen and she is "proud to have joined such a loving and heart-filled group."

The world's oldest living resident, 114 year-old Besse Cooper, is a member of the **New Hope UMC** in Between, Georgia. Pastor Loretta Altman told the *North Georgia Advocate* that Mrs. Cooper is "much loved" by the Church where she "raised her children and was very active in the women's ministry and UMW."

Allgood Road UMC will hold a Women's Day Tea on Saturday, April 16, 2011, from 1pm to 4pm. On Sunday, May 15th at 10am, the church will celebrate their annual Women's Day with Colors of Spring as the theme. All are welcome.

The Esther Dorcas Circle of **Cedar Grove UMW** held their annual tea on Sunday March 13th. The theme was Symbols of God's Promise. President Valerie Willis reported that "We had in attendance 40-50 beautiful ladies of all ages, adorned in hats and gloves. The tea was an opportunity to share information about UMW goals, mission, and purpose, and promote membership. We were very blessed to have our pastor, Rev. Danny Alexander in attendance supporting our event."

The **St. Timothy UMW** will be doing the Sudan Mission Study: "The Beauty and Courage of Sudan" on Sunday afternoon, May 15, 12:30 - 3:30 with the Rev. Sammy Clark as leader. If there are any other units in the ADOX District who would like to join with them for this study, please call Jo Harbert 404 378-4104 or Emily Grossman 404 754-2540 soon to let them know. They will be starting the study with Sudanese food and will be counting the meal as part of their study, but they need to know how many women (or men) to prepare for. They would love to have individuals or whole units join together with them on that Sunday afternoon, so come join them starting with the meal or call and they will send you a recipe so you can help them cook.

Thanks to St. Timothy, Grace Covington, Columbia Drive, and North Decatur UMC's for graciously hosting the ADOX district meetings in January, February and March.

Please send news about your local UMW unit for the July issue of the Hi-Flyer to Marie Nitschke at marienitschke@comcast.net or 152 Willow Lane, Decatur, GA 30030 by **June 30th**.

For more news about the United Methodist Women of the North Georgia Conference, see the *Reflector* now available online at: <http://ngumw.org/>

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News from the National Office

For news about issues that are of special interest to United Methodist Women around the world, check out the "Social Issues" web page from the national UMW website at <http://new.gbgbm-umc.org/umw/act/issues/>. Each posting includes suggestions about ways that you can help. Recent articles deal with enforcing the clean air act, eradicating human trafficking, protecting women against gender-based violence and much more.

Need more information about social media, like Facebook and Twitter, that younger women are using today. Check out "Social Networking: A New Space for Faith" by Erik Aldsgard in the February issue of *Response*, available online at <http://new.gbgbm-umc.org/umw/response/articles/item/index.cfm?id=385>

For additional articles in *Response*, go to <http://new.gbgbm-umc.org/umw/response/>

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Luther L. Williams



Spiritual Growth Retreat

April 29-30, 2011

Simpsonwood Conference and Retreat Center

Guide Our Feet into the Path of Peace

A Journey in Faith- Hope- Love in Action

Worship Leaders: Rev Carol Cook, LaGrange DS, Rev. Sharma Lewis, Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford DS

Registration Fees: Single \$140, Double \$90, Triple \$80, Quad \$75

Includes meals

Registration Deadline: March 31, 2011 (NO REFUNDS; Transferable to another person)

Registration forms available in *The Reflector* or from

Irene Davis, 3651 Tree Bark Trail, Decatur, GA 30034

404.286.8188 miltonijr@bellsouth.net

Make checks payable to N Georgia Conference UMW



UMW Breakfast at Annual Conference

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Classic Center, Athens

Cost: \$15 Deadline: June 1, 2011 (NO REFUNDS)

Registration forms available in *The Reflector* or from

Elaine Mathews, Treasurer

324 North Rhodes Street

Union Point, GA 30669

706-486-4400

Make checks payable to NGCUMW

\$3 for 3 will be collected (\$1 for each 1 of 3 poverty mission projects)

Cooperative Mission Education Event

July 28 – 30, 2011

Simpsonwood Conference and Retreat Center

Come Learn, Grow, Act

Join us for the following studies:

Spiritual Growth: Coming out on the Side of Grace: Reconciliation

Geographic: Haiti

Social Issue: Joy to the World: Mission in the age of Global Christianity

Classes offered for adults, youth and children (ages 6 and up)

Register online at www.ngumc.org (click on registrations)