



Summer 2011

United Methodist Women  
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# Hi-Flyer

## Atlanta Decatur Oxford District

North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women

### Message from our President

Greetings ADOX District, In the name of our Lord and Savior, peace be with you. It is time for our year end reports and to check what we've accomplished on our 2011 Goals.

Our GOALS FOR UMW 2011

1. All churches work on district mission outreach, studies and reading program. **Goal is to become a 5 star unit.**
2. Write a report for the Hi Flyer sharing the mission projects your local units are involved in.
3. Organize a youth mission outreach with focus on youth study through The Mission Education Event.
4. Join with the Bishop in using the daily reading plan that is made available through the Conference web site. The plan asks the average reader to spend about 15 minutes a day to read through the entire bible in one year.
5. **March membership drive month**, have a special program to invite new members and young ladies. (Call me if you need some suggestions)
6. Start a young adult group (under 50).

As UNITED Methodist Women, we are hard at work being the hands and feet of the United Methodist church, working for those who are in need at home and around the world. **Where are you on your goals?**

#### 2011 Accomplishments:

We have worked on a variety of things this year, birthing kits, school bags, sewing kits and a few others. I hope you are working on your school kits for Conference Annual Meeting at Dunwoody UMC on October 1, 2011. (All those school supplies will be on sale in our stores).

I have visited several churches this year and would like to visit others. Just give me a call and I will be happy to come. I still have some DVDs that can be used in your meetings. They are full of information about the UMW.

During annual conference we elected 3 UMW (Tonya Murphy, Dianne Spencer and Sue Raymond) as delegates to General and Jurisdiction Conferences in 2012. Please keep them in your prayers.

#### Reminders:

**All local president reports are due to me by July 15th;** please work within your unit to get them done. *Many hands make light work.*

Local presidents, as leaders, you shepherd your units. You are the cheerleaders, the ones who enthusiastically remind others of their duties. You are the prayer warriors who are continually encouraging others to pray. You gather your groups together to support the District mission efforts that have been planned for the year. You are the visionaries who see where our ministry is going and where we could be with fresh ideas. God's blessings upon you all as you continue your ministries. Thank you for all that you do to continue to move the mission of the United Methodist Women forward.

In His care,  
Juanita Mullins  
President

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"Guide our feet into the path of peace."  
Luke 1:79 (NIV)



#### Coming Events in 2011

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

## Time of Renewal at Spiritual Growth Retreat in April

The Spiritual Growth Retreat was held on April 29th and 30th at Simpsonwood. It was a beautiful weekend in a beautiful setting in Norcross, Georgia. We had three workshops:

- *Love Yourself for life*, Inspiration for a healthy lifestyle; can you change the way you think, feel and speak about your health and body?
- *Blessed are the Peacemakers*, Inspiration for a peaceful lifestyle; is there a balance between your peace and peace for others?
- *Journey in Peace*, Inspiration for peace within; are you living your personal journey with faith, hope and love in action?

Our speakers were Rev. Carol Cook, DS LaGrange District, Rev. Sharma Lewis, DS Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford District, and Barbara Brooks, a lay person from the Gainesville District. The music was handled by Kim McCray and song leader Hattie Jackson. What a weekend of spiritual blessings and inspiration.

One hundred forty-seven people attended, representing twelve Districts in the North Georgia Conference. Forty-five women from ADOX were present. The district with the next highest number in attendance was thirteen. We were blessed.

### Can You Help?

Volunteers and donations are still needed across North Georgia and Alabama in **response to the devastating storms** this spring. For more information about items needed and whom to contact, see "Disaster response update and volunteer needs" on the North Georgia Advocate web page at <http://www.ngumc.org/advocate/detail/999>

At the Annual Conference, North Georgia Churches were invited to take part in what **Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta** calls a "reverse mission trip" by serving refugees from across the globe who have come to North Georgia. In 2010, six North Georgia churches sponsored refugees.

For more information, visit [www.rrisa.org](http://www.rrisa.org).

### North Georgia Conference News

**Sharma Denise Lewis**, the District Superintendent of the Atlanta Decatur Oxford District, was elected at the Annual Conference to lead the North Georgia delegation going to the 2012 General and Jurisdictional conferences. Lewis, a native of Statesboro, was the first person elected as clergy delegate to the 2012 General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference.

**Deloris Carhee**, North Georgia Conference UMW President, told the Annual Conference that the UMW has been engaging in ministry with the poor for 140 years. In addition to giving \$20,000 last year to six mission institutions and hands-on mission work, the women brought 4,000 UMCOR birthing kits to their annual meeting in October and collected \$1,600 for birthing kit items to be purchased by UMCOR.

**We have been asked to bring school kits and school bags to the North Georgia Conference UMW Annual Meeting on October 1st at Dunwoody First UMC. For detailed instructions about preparing these kits, see page 4 of this newsletter.**

### News from the National Office

"The Women's Division board voted to become structurally separate from the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) while remaining 'missionally connected' in staff configuration and by its board of directors at its recent meeting, April 7-11 in Stamford, Conn. The directors of GBGM also approved the proposal at their meeting, April 11-13...The board voted to call the whole organization 'United Methodist Women' dropping the name, 'Women's Division.' United Methodist Women is already incorporated as a not for profit organization, as all boards of The United Methodist Church are. So it would be a change in name. It would not be a board or a commission in the disciplinary sense, but an agency of The United Methodist Church.... Because some of United Methodist Women's structures are described in the *Book of Discipline*, some legislation will have to be brought forward to General Conference for a vote in 2012, and will not be implemented officially until January 2013. However, United Methodist Women will prepare for implementation following General Conference." To see the full article about these changes, go to the UMW web page at <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/news/press/item/index.cfm?id=489>.

## News from around the ADOX District

The United Methodist Women of **Mountain Park** United Methodist Church invited all the women in our district to attend their mission study on *The Beauty and Courage of Sudan—Why a Dream of Peace is Possible* on Saturday, June 18, 2011. Breakfast snacks and a salad luncheon were provided. Speakers included some of "Lost Boys of the Sudan."

The women at **Kelly Chapel** have been busy! On, Saturday, May 21st, they completed a mission study on the topic of "Joy To The World," which was skillfully and enjoyably facilitated by Tryhenia Speed. They were pleased to have as guests United Methodist Women from Columbia Drive, Cedar Grove and Clifton UMC. The session was very informative from discussion on their local church mission work to how they might more definitively unite on a district, conference and even worldwide level.

Kelly Chapel also sponsored an Inter-generational Empowerment & Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, June 25th. The theme for the breakfast was "Bridging The Generation Gap". The program purposely represented several generations of Kelley Chapel Women. Ms. Brendalyn Lachelle McCoy, one their spirit filled young adults, served as Mistress of Ceremony. The occasion was made very clear by UMW Vice President Mrs. Rochelle Maddox. A beautiful praise dance was rendered by Ms. Brionna Williams, a teen. Empowerment moments were presented by Ms. Aurielle Gilmore, a teen and Ms. Kimberly Bonner, another young adult. A riveting prayer calling for healing, physically, mentally and spiritually, was rendered by Mrs. Pamela Means. The focal part of the morning was a presentation on the

Generation Areas by representatives of each generation:

Generation GI: (1901 and 1924), represented by Mrs. Mary W. Mangham Roberts

The Silent Generation (1925-1942), represented by Genova Lawrence, PhD

The Baby Boomer Generation (1943-1960), represented by Mrs. Carolyn Hendricks, BSN, APRN, MSA

Generation X (1961-1981), represented by Dr. Myisha Warren

Generation Y (1982-2002), represented by PhD Candidate, Kenji Johnson

Mrs. Dorthia Shaw Greene was named 2011 Woman of the Year. Dr. Derrick R. Rhodes, Pastor, thanked the women for all their hard work. He said, "You have continued the legacy of presenting a woman's day worship service and program with excellence".

Mildred Heffelfinger, long time member of **Decatur First** UMW, received a Valiant Women Award from the Dekalb unit of Church Women United at their May Friendship Day celebration. Mildred, who was 97 years old, passed away twelve days after receiving this award. Throughout her long and active life, she used her many talents to serve her Lord and inspired all who knew her.

**Conyers First** UMW is proud to announce the beginning of a new Circle, "The UMW Chicks." This is a new group of girls, ranging in age from "high school, college, and then some." The first meeting was held in the home of Reynolds and Sara Catherine Rogers in June. Officers were elected, the functions and structure on UMW were explained and some books from the Reading Program and Mission Studies were made available for reading this summer. Fellowship and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Conyers First UMW is very excited and happy to welcome this wonderful group of young adults to their organization.

The **Spring Hill** UMW had their annual prayer breakfast on Saturday, April 30th. The theme was "Women Who Inspired Us To Become the Women We Are Today." Fourteen women participated in this inspiring and uplifting program along with Pastor, Rev. Alfred McCray. The women also have a Bible study every Wednesday at noon. Recently they presented a skit during the Sunday Worship service on "The Plan of Salvation." The skit was written by Lillie R. Roberts, one of their members, and based on their Bible study lesson from the book of *Romans*.

**Glen Haven** United Methodist is pleased to invite you to their Annual Women's Day celebration on August 28, 2011 at 4pm. The theme is "An Extreme Makeover: From the Inside Out" Romans 12:2. The message will be delivered by our own ADOX District Superintendent, Rev. Sharma Lewis. The church is located at 4862 Glenwood Rd, Decatur, GA. For further information please contact Debora Constable at 404-289-3422.

Thanks to **Newborn UMC** for graciously hosting the ADOX UMW Board meeting in April.

Please send news about your local UMW unit for the September issue of the Hi-Flyer to Marie Nitschke at marienitschke@comcast.net or 152 Willow Lane, Decatur, GA 30030 by **August 31st**.

# 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 <http://www.ngumc.org/registrations/register/82>

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## School Kit Assembly Instructions for kits to be brought to NGCUMW Annual Meeting

**School Kit Items Value:** \$11 per kit

**1 pair blunt scissors**, rounded tip only, no plastic scissors please

**3 pads of paper**, spiral or top bound pads, 150 sheets of loose leaf can be substituted for 1 pad, combinations of spiral, top bound or loose leaf is acceptable

**1 hand held pencil sharpener**, must be at least one inch long, remove from packaging

**1 - 30 centimeter ruler**, hard or flexible, cartoon characters are acceptable, no advertisements please

**6 unsharpened pencils**, no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please, cartoon characters are acceptable

**1 - 2 ½ inch eraser**, no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please, cartoon characters are acceptable

**1 - 24 count box of crayons**, only 24 count boxes please

**1 - 14"x16" cloth bag**, home made or purchased bags are both acceptable, heavy duty fabric only: denim, corduroy, drapery fabric, etc., no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please, closures are optional but must be buttons, snaps or Velcro sewn in middle of opening if used

### Assembly Directions

Place all loose items on top of paper. Turn items sideways and slide into the cloth bag. Fold over the top of the bag so loose items don't fall out.

### Important Notes-

-A pattern for the bag can be found on the internet at [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org). Go to "How To Give" at the top of the page and scroll down to "Relief Supplies". Click on "Relief Supplies" and scroll down until you find the "School Kit" section. Click on "sewing patterns".

- All items must be new.

- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations.

Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items - nothing more.- DO NOT include any personal notes, money or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.