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Atlanta Decatur Oxford District

North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women

Message from our President

Happy New Year and God's Blessing for 2012. Ladies we have had a great year. We are coming together as a team. Thank you for the mission work you have participated in this year. Our work was at home and abroad. We met our budget and our pledge to the district, which lets us know that we are still able to be a blessing to others. Sometimes, if we dwell on the negative, then we begin to think negatively and we don't do the things we do best. When we work together, we can do great things.

Our theme for next year is "All Things Made New" found in Isaiah 42:9 "See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare."

We thank God for the hope of newness in life, and for giving us another opportunity to unite with others as we represent the kingdom of God through the mission work of the United Methodist Women.

This year we are asking each local unit to hold a membership drive during the month of March. During March, highlight the women in your church. I know that they are doing great things. Let others know what it is that you do to support your church, your family and the community. If you have something that you are doing that is productive, share it with others. Let us continue to work together to build the Kingdom of God.

God's blessing as you set your goals for 2012,
Juanita Mullins

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Coming Events for ADOX UMW in 2012

February 4	Presidents' Breakfast, Columbia Drive UMC
March 10	20-30-40 Something Event, Korean Church of ATL
March 18	District Day Apart, Allgood Road UMC
April 21	Executive Board, Dodd Sterling UMC
June 1-2	SE Jurisdictional Quad. Meeting, Birmingham, Ala.
June 12-14	North Georgia UMC Annual Conference
June 13	NGCUMW Breakfast, Classic Center, Athens
August 18	Executive Board, Allen Memorial UMC
September 15	Fall Retreat, Covington 1st UMC
October 28	Annual Meeting, Kelley Chapel UMC
November 17	Officer Training & Mini Mission Study, Conyers 1st

ADOX UMW Annual Meeting

A group of 165 women attended the Atlanta Decatur Oxford United Methodist Women's annual meeting at Ousley United Methodist Church in October. Diane Spencer, Southeastern Jurisdictional Secretary, led the group in a litany dedicated to being good neighbors. The Rev. CeCe Nickolich, pastor of Newborn UMC, gave an inspirational message. New officers were elected and installed, outgoing officers were recognized and members who passed away in the past year were honored. New officers, elected to two year terms, are: Maxine Grant—Secretary, Iris Green—Social Action Coordinator, and Rutheen Majette-Nejad—Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator. Also, Mattie Strozier and Joie Clay were added to the Nominations Committee.

A booklet, prepared by Vice President Alma Garrette, listed many of the accomplishments of the local units in the district. President Juanita Mullins praised this work, and called on the district to be a leading force for the United Methodist Women in the conference "as we continue to stir into the flames of the gift of God which is within us."

News from ADOX UMW Officers

Lillie Wallace, Reading Resource Secretary, suggests that UMW members contact her ahead of meetings to make sure that she will have the resources that they need. The UMW Sampler subscription, available for \$35, includes a current Spiritual Growth Study, Mission Study, Program Book, Prayer Calendar, and Date book.

At the December Executive Board meeting, **Alma Garrette, Vice President**, reported on all of the programs held during the last year. Her report ended with this message for all local units in the district: "It is important for our churches to be well represented at all our district's program events. If your church has a van, take that and leave the cars at the church. It's a good way to get a number of ladies to attend and it also saves on gas. Reach out to the women in your respective units to encourage them to participate."

Iris Green is the new **Coordinator for Social Action**, replacing Mattie Strozier. At the December Board meeting, they distributed copies of the materials used for officer training, including some key contacts for local unit Social Action Coordinators, and a questionnaire from Patricia Bell, Social Action Coordinator of the NGCUMW. Contact Iris or Mattie if your unit needs a copy of this material.

Treasurer Kim McCray and **Secretary Maxine Grant** also have additional copies of the training materials they used in November for training local unit treasurers and secretaries. Officers who need copies of this material should contact them.

UMW News from the National Office and North Georgia

In November "United Methodist Women was honored for its immigrant rights work by the National Network for Immigrant & Refugee Rights (NNIRR), calling United Methodist Women 'partners in advancing rights and justice at home and abroad.'" For more information about this award, go to <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/news/press/item/index.cfm?id=705>

The **General Conference** will be held April 24, 2012 through May 4, 2012, at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Florida. For a preview of proposals relating to United Methodist Women that will be considered, go to <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/news/eventsnew/gc2012/index.cfm?&row=1>

"Over the next several weeks, the **North Georgia Advocate** will address some of the key issues facing delegates at the upcoming General Conference and describe how decisions are made. You are welcome to submit questions to glenn@ngumc.org. If space and research time are available to make an adequate response, your submission will be addressed in this effort." Our own District Superintendent Sharma Lewis is one of the delegates elected to the General Conference. For more information about the General Conference, see <http://ngumc.org/advocate/detail/1231>

News from around the ADOX District

The UMW at **Covington First** held a soup and sandwich lunch after church on Sunday, November 13, 2011 and raised over \$1,000 for their UMW and its mission work!

The UMW at **Decatur First** helped Santa visit a family in Action Ministries' transitional housing program. The "granny team" collected enough money to give each of the three children a nice group of presents under the tree...and the tree too!

Salem UMW in Covington has had a very productive year. In addition to pledges, they held four fundraisers, which enabled them to contribute to Methodist Children's Home, Murphy-Harpst Children's Home, Rockdale and Newton food banks, Faith-Works (helps families needing emergency financial aid for rent and utility bills), and their church. They thank Sara Coleman for continuing to lead their group and hope they will be able to do as much next year.

The Esther Dorcas Unit at **Cedar Grove UMC** presented their mission accomplishments and recognitions for 2011 to the congregation for the first time on November 20th. They were able to share with the church and inform them of the unit's purpose. Their hope was to encourage involvement and participation of other women and youth in their church.

The **Columbia Drive** United Methodist Women held their Annual Advent officer Installation Dinner on Friday, December 9, 2011. Helen Rainwater, former ADOX Spiritual Growth Coordinator along with Jacqueline Evans, North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women officer and former ADOX President installed the incoming 2012 officers. The Theme, "Carrying Burdens for Others" was stressed during the installation service.

The guest speaker was Desiree' Mitchell, a member of the Audrey Sessions Circle. Mrs. Mitchell focused on what United Methodist Women have done in the past and what they should be doing in the future. Those present were given a challenge to continue living the legacy that has been passed down by those who came before them.

After a delicious dinner, the women had a fun time playing Bible Trivia. Guests were able to select gifts from under the Christmas tree for every right answer given. The evening ended with prayer and words by Columbia Drive UMW incoming President, Alma Garrette.

Can You Help?

"Refugee Resettlement & Immigration Services of Atlanta's (**RRISA**) mission is to heal and rebuild the lives of displaced and uprooted people, answering the humanitarian call to serve those fleeing from persecution, war, famine and extreme poverty." Attending a volunteer orientation is the first step in service with RRISA. Join them on January 19th at 10am or 4pm to learn about the resettlement process, RRISA's programs and ways you can be involved.

For more information, go to <http://www.rrisa.org/>

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Murphy-Harpst is a behavioral healthcare organization offering services designed to meet the needs of children and youth with emotional and/or behavioral problems. One easy way that you can help them is to carry the Publix Partner Card and contribute a percentage of your total grocery bill to Murphy-Harpst at no additional cost to you. For more information about this, Contact Tom Saltino at (706) 238-2477 or saltino9529@comcast.net. For other volunteer opportunities, visit their web site at <http://www.murphyharpst.org/>

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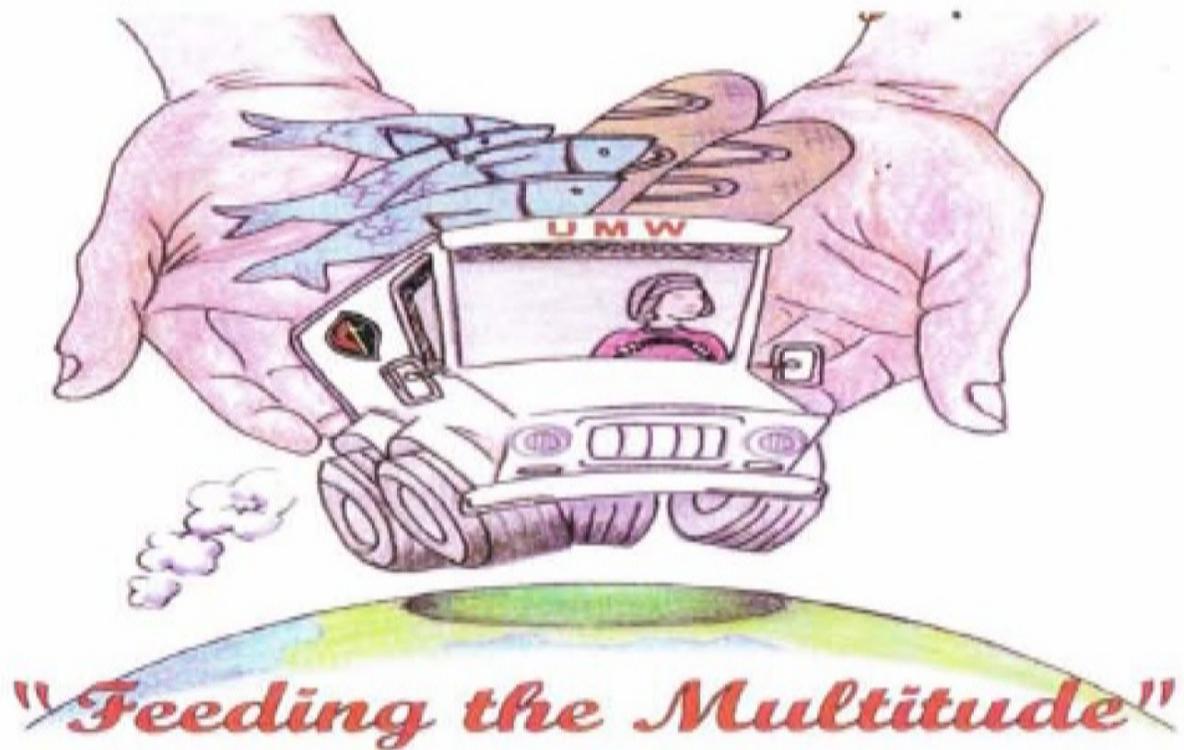
"If you could crystallize what **Covenant House Georgia** does into one sentence it would be this: [They] save kids from the street...Covenant House Georgia is the only crisis facility for kids between the ages of 17 and 21...To schedule a speaker from Covenant House for your church group or to learn how your group can provide financial or volunteer support to [their] programs, please contact Kathryn Ballou, kballou@covenanthouse.org, (404) 589-0163." For more information, go to <http://www.covenanthousega.org/index>

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The **Women's Resource Center** strives "to meet the immediate needs of the diverse community of battered women and their children by providing emergency shelter and services, while working toward changing the systems that enable violence through education and advocacy." To see how you could help, go to their web site at <http://www.wrcdv.org/>

Please send news about your local UMW unit for the Spring issue of the *Hi-Flyer* to Marie Nitschke at marienitschke@comcast.net or 152 Willow Lane, Decatur, GA 30030 by **March 1st**.

Southeastern Jurisdiction 2012 Quadrennial Meeting



Scripture: John 6: 1-14

When: June 1-2, 2012

Where: Birmingham, Alabama

Sheraton Birmingham Hotel

Meet us there!

**For more information go to
<http://www.ngumc.org/events/detail/5323>**