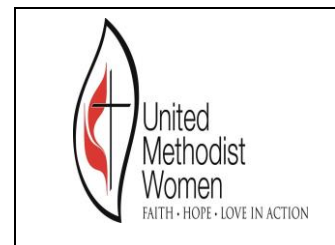


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Justice and Mercy for All

*“What does the Lord require of us but to act justly,
love mercy, and walk humbly with God.”*

--Micah 6:8b (NIV)

Our United Methodist Women Pacific Northwest Conference Annual Meeting was a wonderful opportunity to meet other leaders from throughout the conference, to explore our legacy through dinner theatre, to hear inspirational speakers, to attend classes, to conduct business, to install officers, and to worship with a closing communion.

Our theme was “Justice and Mercy for All.” Our scripture was Micah 6:8. This is one of my favorite Old Testament verses with both a powerful personal and political message. The way I treat others requires a change of my heart. The way our government treats citizens calls for a change of priorities. I valued Rev. JoAnn Shipley’s analysis of the Hebrew text for Micah and her application to our current world.

I appreciated the stories shared by our keynote speaker Kenya Roberts, Executive for Development Management at the National office. As a child her mother packed boxes of food that they delivered to shelters. This was a way of giving back and saying thank you for their blessings.

She reminded us that ours is the largest faith-based organization in the world. In 2010 after flooding destroyed crops in Pakistan, we gave women a \$15,000 grant. In gratitude they crocheted 400 crosses and sent these to the National office in a pillowcase. The officers of our conference each received one as a gift. When I look at this cross, I am reminded of our mission. What does Micah 6:8 say to you? How are you expanding the concept of mission?

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Global Ministries Western Jurisdiction

Evelyn Erbele was a guest at our Conference Annual meeting. For information and programs contact her at eerbele@umcmmission.org or call 907-220-1951.

Explore Global Ministries at umcmmission.org.

Check out our **UMW website**:
pnwumc.org/umw

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THE PURPOSE

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall 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 United Methodist Church.

Committee on Nominations

I am happy to report a full slate of officers was elected at our Pacific Northwest Conference UMW Annual Meeting held at beautiful Vancouver 1st UMC on October 14th. We were installed by keynote speaker Kenya Roberts who serves as Executive for Development Management at the National Office of UMW.

New faces on the conference team include past district presidents Sharon McDaniel (Puget Sound Missional District) and Kay Shaben (former Tacoma District) who begin 4-year terms on the Committee on Nominations (CON). Former Seattle District treasurer Kendra Smith begins a 2-year term as conference treasurer.

2019 will be a busy year for the CON. Melva Lohstroh will serve her 4th and final year as conference secretary and Lourdes Tifre and Virginia Dymont will complete 4 years on CON. In addition to those 3 (at least!) positions, the CON will seek nominees to membership on the Board of Directors and Program Advisory Group of the UMW National Organization to be elected at the 2020 Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting in Tempe, Arizona.

"Lack of previous experience as an elected leader in UMW will not be a barrier to nomination and/or election to conference office." (*UMW Handbook 2017-2020*) "Serving in UMW leadership is an opportunity for personal growth." (Melva Lohstroh). It is a delight to see leadership skills and community bloom while serving on the conference team.

Look around you and in your own heart for potential leaders. Please contact me or any other member of the CON with your questions or to obtain a Potential Leaders Form. This form will soon be available on our website at pnwumc.org/umw/resources/.

Lastly, I wish to thank Virginia Dymont for passing on to me her incredibly organized CON records. She is a marvel!

Gratefully,
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Central Washington University, Ellensburg WA
Studies:
United For Change, United Methodist Women
in Mission 150 Years and Beyond
What About Our Money
Youth: Who Do You Say That I am? Meeting
Jesus Through the Eyes of Mark
Keep on eye on our website for updates
www.pnwumc.org/umw

Membership, Nurture and Outreach

I attended the Seattle district's last annual meeting and very much enjoyed the speaker, Debbie Dimitri, professional storyteller. She told the story of the first settlers to Seattle, as Louisa Boren Denny she was very convincing in her costume and speech, telling about how difficult it was as a woman to make such a harrowing trip in wagons and the hardships they had to endure on the trip as well as when they landed. A very enjoyable story. I bought the book "Four Wagons West" to read more about it.

At the Tacoma district's last annual meeting, the speaker, Barb Boswell, gave a speech about shining your light, helping introduce Jesus to others. She has several books as well, I have read and enjoyed. It was a great last meeting and I hope to see my previous Tacoma District members at conference events.



I certainly enjoyed the conference annual meeting in Vancouver this weekend. Besides the business meeting, there was a dinner theatre (with a 5-course meal!) featuring John Wesley and the original United Methodist founders from 1869!



Kenya Roberts, executive for development management at the National office, was the keynote speaker.

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Invitation to the 1869 Society

The 1869 Society has been established to thank and honor individuals who have named United Methodist Women as a beneficiary in their planned gifts -- will, trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy, etc.

Planned gift not only supports the mission of United Methodist Women, it also provides valuable tax benefits to you. For example, all bequests and estate gifts are free from federal estate taxes. Bequests of certain resources, such as retirement plan assets, allow you to give more at a significantly reduced after-tax cost to your other beneficiaries. A planned gift can also memorialize a loved one or minimize tax obligations for your heirs.

Won't you join the 1869 Society to let your legacy and your connection to United Methodist Women live on?

If you are interested in filling out the 1869 Society Letter of Intent or have any questions, please contact Noriko Lao (norikolao@gmail.com) or Libby Hall (libbymariehall@hotmail.com).

Notes from the Treasurer

Thank you, all district treasurers, for helping collect and count the offering in our Annual meeting at Vancouver First UMC. The amount collected was \$1,187.00. **BUT** thanks to all who accepted my challenge to make it more than \$1,500.00, we collected \$1,560.00! This will all go to our pledge to mission. Thank you for your great generosity and this will support United Methodist Women mission works all around the world.



Did you know that the Pacific Northwest UMW pledged \$100,186.90 for 2018? How are we doing this year? Not very good! We have sent only \$64,323.20 to National as of September 30, our 3rd Quarter remittance. We are not at 75% yet! Can we meet our pledge this year! **Yes**, we can with your help! If all of us give \$5.00 over our pledge to mission!

By the December 15 deadline set by your district treasurer, all local unit treasurers should “empty the treasury,” keeping only the minimum amount necessary to carry it into the first few months of the next year. The act of “emptying the treasury” is important because the funds were given to be used for mission, not to build up a bank account for the unit. Saving for a later rainy day is not good stewardship since today is a rainy day for thousands of women, children and youth for whom our mission money offers hope. Please consider giving some of the excess money towards Pledge to Mission.

Again, and as always, thanks to all of you for your generosity in supporting mission both locally and beyond, and a special thanks to all District Treasurers who help keep the system functioning smoothly. May your fall and winter season be relaxing and refreshing as you enjoy the trees and leaves changing colors.

Marilyn Reid, Treasurer

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Vice President

The 2018 Pacific Northwest Conference of United Methodist Women’s Annual Meeting was held on October 12-13 at the Vancouver First United Methodist Church in Vancouver, Washington. Thanks go out to all those who helped plan the meeting and participated in it. All the staff and volunteers at Vancouver First church provided excellent hospitality, technical, and spiritual help.

Other area churches also helped out with food, servers, and actors for the skit on Friday evening. We tried something different with a “Dinner theatre” theme and Joan Hackett took charge and created an evening with great food and entertainment. Saturday’s schedule was filled with bible study based on Micah 6:8 and the Reverend JoAnn Shipley of the Vancouver Heights UMC was the leader. There were five social action workshops, all with great leaders. The required business meeting was led by our president, Janet Crouse. The insightful keynote speaker was Kenya Roberts, Executive for Development Management from the National office of United Methodist Women. The event concluded with a communion service led by the Reverend Jon Short of Vancouver 1st. The evaluation comments will help us plan for the 2019 meeting. Let me know if you have any other ideas.

In Peace and Love,

Linda Key, Vice President

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THANK YOU

CONFERENCE, DISTRICT, UNITS

FOR MEETING THE CHALLENGE

2014 – 2018 LEGACY/150

INLAND, PUGET SOUND, SEATTLE,

SEVEN RIVERS, TACOMA,

VANCOUVER...

CREST TO COAST, INLAND, SEATAC

PUGET SOUND, SEVEN RIVERS

MISSIONAL DISTRICTS

Onward to the Big celebration

March 23rd 2019!

Nationally, \$24 million of \$60 million has been donated. As of July 1, PNWC has donated \$87,177 with outstanding commitment of \$21,858.

Each Unit, Each District

Please continue to send me Unit pictures, we are only 2/3 there...

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Thank you, Libby Hall for continuing to

Serve as Liaison.

Conference officers added \$225 to the Legacy Fund with the purchase of "pink bears" and discount reading program books donated by Marsha Aufenkamp.



New Dining Hall at Lazy F Camp

*The Pacific Northwest Conference
United Methodist Women Present:*

"Sisterhood of Grace" Spiritual Retreat March 22-24, 2019

*Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center
16170 Manastash Road
Ellensburg WA 98926*

Is yours the heart of a servant but lately you are too busy, tired, stressed out, burned out and in need of girl talk, frolic, relaxation and spiritual uplifting?

Have you been promising yourself that you will take more time to exercise, spend time with friends, read scripture, do crafts?

We have been planning with you in mind!

We will have available:

1. Insightful Bible study
2. Silver Sneakers exercise class
3. Bible journaling
4. Nature walk
5. Making cards and bookmarks.

Send in your registration by February 15, 2019

Scholarships are available.

Fees are transferable but not refundable.

Registration is from 3-5 pm on Friday.

We will close with communion on Sunday.

More details will be sent with your confirmation letter.

Any questions? Contact Fran Houser

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2019 UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SPIRITUAL RETREAT - "SISTERHOOD OF GRACE"
MARCH 22- MARCH 24, 2019
LAZY F CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER, 16170 MANASTASH ROAD, ELLENSBURG, WA 98926
REGISTRATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15, 2019
HEALTH HISTORY

Name _____ Church _____
Email _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone (home) _____ Other _____
Family Doctor or Healthcare
Facility _____ Phone _____
Address/City/State/Zip _____
Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____
Secondary Contact _____ Phone _____

- If you are taking medications at this time and bringing them to the retreat, please attach a list of the medications.
- If you have any special needs, dietary needs or restrictions which would affect your participation, please attach this information to the registration form.
- In signing this form, I hereby certify that this information is correct and complete as far as I know. I hereby give permission to the Retreat Leadership to provide routine health care, administer prescribed medications, and seek emergency medical treatment to include ordering x-rays or routine tests. In case of a medical need, I understand that every effort will be made to contact the above-named emergency contact person. In the event they cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Retreat Leadership to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization. I agree to the release of any records necessary for insurance purposes. I authorize use of photos for future publicity.
- Signature _____ Date _____

Registration

(please check where appropriate)

- ___ \$125 Skyline Cabin Upper Bunk (includes towel, bedding, and 5 meals)
___ \$125 Skyline Cabin Lower Bunk (includes towel, bedding, and 5 meals)
___ \$115 All other cabins Upper Bunk (5 meals, you will need to provide towels and sleeping bag)
___ \$115 All other cabins Lower Bunk (5 meals, you will need to provide towels and sleeping bag)

Skyline assignments are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Please List Roommates _____

Make checks payable to: Pacific Northwest Conference UMW
Please send completed registration form and check total cost of _____

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**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PACIFIC NORTHWEST
RACIAL JUSTICE AWARD NOMINATION FOR 2019**

The Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice of United Methodist Women Pacific Northwest Conference is seeking nominees for the annual Racial Justice Award to be presented at the Conference Annual Meeting in October.

Criteria are as follows:

1. Exemplifies the implementation (We Will section) of the Charter for Racial Justice
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjusticecharter
2. May be an individual United Methodist Women member, a local unit, a district, or may be an individual or group from outside United Methodist Women.
3. The activity may be a one-time event or on-going, but must have taken place within the last year.

Format for nomination:

1. Name, address, phone number, and/or e-mail of Nominee(s).
2. Name of Activity or Event.
3. One or two paragraphs summarizing the individual or group activity and how it relates to the Charter for Racial Justice.
4. Your name, address, phone number, and/or e-mail address.
5. Nomination may be mailed or e-mailed to Ja net' Crouse or Libby Hall **by June 1, 2019.**

Selection of award recipient:

1. Selection will be made by Racial Justice Committee at their July summer meeting.
2. This is a great opportunity to recognize persons who fulfill our Purpose and our Mission Today Charter for Racial Justice component in a significant way.
3. Questions may be directed to:

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SEVEN RIVERS.....Lori Chadek

VANCOUVER.....Lyn Milner

THANK YOU AND BLESSINGS FOR ALL YOUR WORK!!

Pacific Northwest UMW LOCAL "READING PROGRAM " 2018

2018	72 out of 113 units = 63%	Total Books Read 1,651	Total Readers 422
2017	67 out of 117 units = 57%	Total Books Read 1,923	Total Readers 440
2016	58 Out of 118 Units = 64%	Total Books Read 2,189	Total Readers 427

PLAN# 1 2 3 4 + "plus +individual readers "

INLAND District	Total Books Read				256	Total Readers 101
2018	18	4	2	1 =	25 + 76 = 101	8 out of 15 Units = 53%
2017	17	1	3	3	24 + 62 = 86	11 out of 18 units = 61%
2016	14	4	2	3	23 + 21 = 44	8 out of 18 Units = 44%

PUGET SOUND District	Total Books Read				334	Total Readers 80
2018	26	2	2	4	33 + 47 = 80	13 out of 21 Units = 62%
2017	26	2	2	4	34 + 49 = 83	12 out of 20 units = 60%
2016	31	5	5	5	46 + 60 = 106	11 out of 20 Units = 55%

SEATTLE DISTRICT.	Total Books Read				186	Total Readers 61
2018	14	4	1	1	20 + 41 = 61	15 out of 26 units 58%
2017	19	6	1	2	28 + 39 = 67	14 out of 25 Units 56%
2016	26	6	2	2	36 + 30 = 66	11 out of 25 units 44%

Seven Rivers District	Total Books Read				410	Total Readers 49
2018	13	6	3	8	30 + 19 = 49	10 out of 19 Units 53%
2017	8	9	6	5	28 + 19 = 47	10 out of 19 units 53%
2016	13	8	6	6	33 + 28 = 61	10 out of 20 units 50%

Tacoma District	Total Books Read				121	Total Readers 41
2018	13	2			15 + 26 = 41	5 out of 15 Units 27%
2017	8	1		2	11 + 16 = 27	7 out of 16 units 43%
2016	9	4	2		15 + 22 = 37	6 out of 16 units 38 %

Vancouver Dist.	Total Books Read-				334	Total Readers 89
2018	16	2	2	4	65 + 24 = 89	12 + 5 out of 19 Units 89%
2017	20	1		6	27 + 75 = 103	13 out of 19 units 68%
2016	19	7	3	6	35 + 75 = 110	12 out of 19 units 63%

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