

## **The Purpose of United Methodist Women**

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 church.

# **NORTHERN FLOW DISTRICT**

## **MISSION LINK Fall 2016 NEWSLETTER**



United  
Methodist  
Women

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PRESIDENT  
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Greetings United Methodist Women,

I am so proud of each one of you. You are faithfully devoted women who care for your families, your churches and your communities. Our world is a better place because of you. We thank you for all that you do in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Our fall gathering in Canton will be a special time to catch up on what is happening at Neighborhood Center in Utica. Sandy Soroka, their Executive Director, will be our speaker. Neighborhood Center is such a special place. One of the new faces on the Neighborhood Campus is a converted bakery. Neighborhood Center purchased the bakery and has updated and renovated it into a wonderful reception center, offices and kitchen with more to come as funding allows. Tom and I attended the open house for this facility. Marie Russo was there and shared some of her experiences at the Neighborhood Center. Many of you will remember Marie. She went to the Center as a child and attributes her education and life work to this Center. Tom and I were so happy to see her and realize that this new facility is being named after her. One thing that it means is that the offices that were housed on Genesee Street in Utica are now on the main campus in this new facility. Sandy will share more about the Center with us.

Dr. Kathryn Hartz Beard has written a small book: "The House On Mary Street- The Early Years". This is a delight to read. Kathryn is selling the book to support the building fund at the Neighborhood Center, Inc. It includes oral histories from Marie Russo whose time with the Center spans seventy-years. It also includes a little history of Settlement Houses in the U.S. Do try to get a copy and enrich your life by gaining a closer understanding of how Neighborhood Center, Inc. benefits women and children.

When we invite representatives of our Neighborhood Center in Utica to come to our UMW gatherings to share, we also ask them what they need at that time. Sandy has given us a list of needs to consider. If you and or your unit can bring something from her list, she will take these gifts back with her on September 24. If you can't make our gathering in Canton, see that your gifts get to Canton by Sept. 24 so that Sandy can transport them to the Center. This is their current wish list:

- 1) Sturdy books & puzzles for ages 1 – 5 years
- 2) Construction paper
- 3) Art Supplies for preschoolers and school age children
- 4) School Supplies – paper, pencils, notebooks, pens
- 5) Backpacks
- 6) Walmart Gift Cards
- 7) Batteries of all sizes- especially AA
- 8) Baby wipes
- 9) Personal Items – toothpaste, small tooth brushes, soap

Let's see what we can do to make happy faces at our Neighborhood Center in Utica!

With much appreciation and Blessings to all, Leah Mae Carlisle, President

**Response Magazine** – Have you read the July August issue? There are wonderful articles about what United Methodist Women are doing. “Transforming the Jericho Road” lifts up climate change as a justice issue. How do we love our neighbor in an age of climate change? “Every Monday” shares what United Methodist Women are doing in Vermont with their Every Monday thrift shop. Gladys Mangiduyos has an article: “Women confronting Violence.” Gladys is a Filipina Deaconess and a United Methodist Women Scholarship recipient who won an award for her work on women confronting state-instigated violence. “Hope and Opportunity in Kenya” describes Operation Hope that helps women living with HIV and AIDS in Kenya to live thriving lives. Be sure to read our UMW Response magazine. There are many ideas to share in your local units and churches. If you don’t have a subscription, go on line and read a few of the articles from the current issue or subscribe to get all the benefits of each issue. [UnitedMethodistWomen.org](http://UnitedMethodistWomen.org) then click on the cover photo of the issue.

MARION LEE  
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In the 111 years of its existence the Utica Neighborhood Center (UNC) has welcomed thousands of persons to its activities and services. The needs have been manifold: language study, food, clothing, household furnishings, education, childcare, friendship, understanding, encouragement to begin a new life and hope. Many have suffered, and survived, extreme hardship, war, isolation, fear, even persecution; conditions that can break one’s spirit.

When we hear the Executive Director of UNC, Sandy Soroka, speak at our Fall District Meeting we will be inspired by the work accomplished and by the part United Methoist Women has played in that work. In preparation for this gathering, let us pray the following prayer taken from Response magazine (June 2016):

“Creator God, Help us remember that blessedness is not affected by brokenness. When Jesus blessed and broke bread to share with his disciples, the bread did not lose its blessedness after it was broken. Rather, the bread’s brokenness increased its capacity to serve. Teach us to be better listeners of those who have been broken so that their blessedness might serve as a light to the world. Amen.”

### **Nominations for 2017**

#### **Northern Flow District UMW MISSION TEAM**

**President:** Jane Hill, 63 Stacy Road, Malone, NY 12953-4422; [jwhill51936@hotmail.com](mailto:jwhill51936@hotmail.com);  
518-483-7651/518-763-1021 (c)

**Vice President:** Position open

**Secretary:** Jan Witter, 1131 McDonald Rd., Mannsville, NY 1366; [witterjs@hotmail.com](mailto:witterjs@hotmail.com);  
315-387-5882/315-955-8487 (c)

**Treasurer:** Sandra Comstock, P.O. Box 439, Sandy Creek, NY 13145; [scomstock6@twcny.rr.com](mailto:scomstock6@twcny.rr.com)  
315-387-3640

**Secretary of Program Resources:** Elaine Pierce, 42 LaSelle Drive, Lacona, NY 13083-3120;  
[efpierce55@gmail.com](mailto:efpierce55@gmail.com); 315-298-4086

**Communications Coordinator:** Position open

#### **Mission Coordinators:**

**Spiritual Growth:** Position open

**Social Action:** Pat Sibbitts, 4675 CR 27, Canton, NY 13617; [psibitts@gmail.com](mailto:psibitts@gmail.com); 315-386-1023

**Membership Nurture & Outreach:** Open Position

**Education & Interpretation:** Open Position

**Nominations Committee: Chair:** Dorothy Campbell (Class of 2016) 867 Fay Rd. Malone, NY 12953;  
[dcampbell005@twcny.rr.com](mailto:dcampbell005@twcny.rr.com); 518-483-2936

Becky Gibson (Class of 2018), Box 101, Harrisville, NY 13648, 315-543-2095  
[jeterlover49@yahoo.com](mailto:jeterlover49@yahoo.com)

**Members at Large** - Persons willing to help with one or more projects per year:

Laura Conklin, 1408 US Highway 11, Gouverneur, NY 13642; [kindcrow41@gmail.com](mailto:kindcrow41@gmail.com); 315-287-2857

**United Methodist Women**

Northern Flow District

**September 24, 2016**

# **Would You Be My Neighbor?**



## **Our Speaker:**

**Sandy Soroka, Executive Director,  
Neighborhood Center, Inc.**

Canton UMC, 41 Court St

Canton, NY 13617-1195

**9:00 a.m. Coffee, Fellowship, Program Resources**

**9:30 a.m. Program**

**12:30 p.m. Lunch**

**1:30 p.m. Leave for home**

**Reservations for lunch (\$6.00) and child care to Carlene  
Doane (315-714-2232 or carlened@hotmail.com) by**

**September 19, 2016**

ELAINE PIECRE  
PROGRAM RESOURCES

It's time to get those Reading Program reports in and time to start thinking about the new books and resources available for 2017. (When I first wrote this sentence, I wrote 1917, a mistake I frequently make.). That's a perfect example of why we need to take advantage of our new resources each year. It's easy to get stuck in the past and not open ourselves up to new experiences and new learning. Getting involved in the UMW Reading Program is a great way for you to stay up to date with current issues. We will hopefully have a good selection of the 2017 books as well as most of the new resources. So come prepared to make some purchases. Remember to send in your reports of what you have read, even if it is just one book. Send them to Elaine Pierce at: [efpierce55@gmail.com](mailto:efpierce55@gmail.com) or to Elaine Pierce, 42 LaCelle Drive, Lacona, N.Y. 13083

SANDRA COMSTOCK  
TREASURER  
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As always a letter will be going out soon to the unit's treasurers letting them know the status of your pledge and Five Star Unit giving. I will include a Pledge Card for 2017.

Last year at our Fall Meeting we voted to pledge \$17,000 to the Conference UMW. We received pledges have received \$7,043.32 of that so far this year. Please get your pledges and Five Star gifts in to me by December 10<sup>th</sup> to assure that they be posted to 2016. Phyllis Doane

See you at the Fall Gathering on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> and please bring your 2017 pledge card, *Sandy*

**NORTHERN FLOW DISTRICT UMW A & MD  
Proposed 2017 Budget  
(vote on at the 2016 Fall Annual Meeting)**

	2016 Budget	2016 Actual YTD	2017 Proposed
<b>Program</b>			
Spring/Fall Meetings	\$200.00	\$ 0	\$ 200.00
<b>Admin Officer Expense</b>	\$150.00		\$ 150.00
Travel			
Duplicating			
Postage		\$43.01	
Supplies			
Dependent Care			
<b>Directory</b>	\$100.00		\$ 100.00
<b>Mission u</b>			
Scholarships (officers)	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$400.00
Scholarships (non-officers)	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$400.00
<b>Other</b>			
Newsletter/Publicity	\$ 50.00	\$19.60	\$ 50.00
Audit	\$ 50.00	\$50.00	\$ 50.00
Contingency	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
<b>Reserve Assembly/Jurisdiction</b>	\$ 600.00	\$700.00	\$ 600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,112.61</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>
<b>PLEDGE</b>	<b>\$17,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,043.32</b>	<b>\$ 17,000.00</b>

## Mission Today

Every Local unit is invited to become a “MISSION TODAY” Unit.

### Why become a Mission Today Unit?

To energize United Methodist Women to be involved in mission through prayer, study and action. To increase contacts between United Methodist Women, mission personnel and mission projects so that we understand where our Pledge to Mission money goes. To encourage us as United Methodist Women to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

**To be recognized as a Mission Today Unit complete eight (8) criteria including four (4) of those marked with an asterisk (\*).**

**To be recognized as an Honorable Mention Unit, complete six (6) criteria including four (4) marked with an asterisk (\*).**

\_\_\_1. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting to pray for mission workers and projects.\*

\_\_\_2. Make and meet your Pledge to Mission.\*

\_\_\_3. Add at least one new member to your United Methodist Women.\*

\_\_\_4. Have at least two members reading *Response* magazine.\*

\_\_\_5. Use two programs from the Program Book for United Methodist Women each year.\*

\_\_\_6. Conduct and/or participate in at least one mission or Bible study a year.\*

\_\_\_7. Utilize the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least one way.\*

Some suggestions:

- Participate in an event with people of different backgrounds: racial/ethnic/cultural/religious.

- Develop bi-racial/cultural or multi-racial/cultural Koinonia groups.
- Hold a joint Vacation Bible School
- Hold pulpit exchanges
- Share joint worship services on special occasions
- Encourage the church to sponsor a refugee family

\_\_\_8. At least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend a Conference Mission u.\*

\_\_\_9. Have at least two members (other than a conference or district officer) attend a district or conference gathering.

\_\_\_10. Have at least one person join the United Methodist Women’s Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information.

\_\_\_11. Write to five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar each year.

\_\_\_12. Participate in the Campaign for Children in at least two ways. Possibilities for action:

- Identify and respond to local needs of children and youth.
- Help sponsor a church or community program related to children and youth needs.
- Sponsor a Children’s Sabbath, promoted by the Children’s Defense Fund.
- Get involved with children in mentoring, tutoring or “big sisters” type programs.
- Write letters, e-mail, phone or tweet congressional representatives and/or others in government regarding children’s issues.
- Visit your local schools
- Attend a school board meeting
- Learn how your schools are funded

\_\_\_13. Be a Five Star unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.

\_\_\_14. Do a *Response* moment where an item from the magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the UMW Mission story.

\_\_\_15. Have at least one person from your UMW participate in the UMW Reading Program and share what she learns with others.

\_\_\_16. Invite a district or conference officer, other than that of a member of the unit, to one of your events.

\_\_\_17. Become involved in Environmental Justice. Resource the National UMW website <http://united-methodistwomen.org> .

\_\_\_18. Hold a Spiritual Growth retreat. Choose a theme that fits your women.

\_\_\_19. Be supportive of the National Mission Institution: Neighborhood Center of Utica with volunteers, material goods, financial gifts and visits. Call first to ask about current needs at Neighborhood Center of Utica (315) 272-2760 \*

\_\_\_20. Do something that demonstrates United Methodist Women as Faith, Hope and Love in Action.\*

**Name of Local Unit:**

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Person making report:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete by January 15, 2017** and send to

Northern Flow District President:

Jane Hill  
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Malone, NY 12953

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**RESOURCES FOR MEMBERS AND LEADERS:**

Go to the UMW website and use the resources. They are there for you. Program ideas, logos, templates, photos, videos, worship services, member resources and more.

Response Blog! Visit at [responsemagazine.wordpress.com](http://responsemagazine.wordpress.com) You will find reflections, videos, photos and links on topics discussed in Response. It is also a place to share your thoughts and converse with others. Try it....

United Methodist Women has many resources please look at the following web site:

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

Upper NY United Methodist Women has items related to our area <http://uppernymw.org/>

Northern Flow District events and newsletter information contact: [NorthernFlowDistrict@unyumc.org](mailto:NorthernFlowDistrict@unyumc.org)

Media source room of UNYAC, visit the website to borrow program items:

<http://www.unyumc.org/pages/detail/1423>

**Have You Heard of Environmental Justice?  
Now, what?**

*Annual Meeting of the Upper New York United Methodist Women*

Central Endicott United Methodist Church 17 Nanticoke  
Avenue (Route 17C) Endicott, NY

**Guest Speaker:  
Tara Barnes, Editor of Response Magazine**

*Including a Special Presentation of the Legacy Fund*



**Friday, September 16, 2016 (4:00 PM registration) Dinner: 6:00, Program & Of-  
ficer Update: 7:00-9:00 PM Saturday, September 17, 2016 (9:00 AM registration)**

**9:30 Gathering, 9:45 Opening Worship**

**One Day (Fri or Sat) \$15 or Both Days \$25 (includes dinner on Friday *and* lunch on Saturday)**

***Collecting Pill Bottles and Items for Flood Buckets***

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**Send Registration by September 6th to: Melanie Keith, 299 Edwards Rd,  
Wynantskill, NY 12198, 518-779-6004 melakeith@hotmail.com**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Friday \_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Concerns \_\_\_\_\_ Child Care \_\_\_\_\_

**Northern Flow District UMW**

Fall 2016 Newsletter

From: Carlene Doane

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**Look inside for Details:**

**Fall Gathering: Would you be my neighbor?**

**Upper NY UMW Annual Meeting in Endicott**

**District Team Members Share**

**Mission Today Units**

**AND MORE !!!**

Attention all readers: Read this Newsletter and win a prize! The first two people to find the name of a UMW president in the text of an article & contact Carlene Doane, Communication Coordinator, win a fabulous prize when you attend the Fall UMW District Meeting at Canton UMC on September 24, 2016!