



The Courier



Upper New York Conference United Methodist Women

From your President



Greetings,

It is amazing how quick the summer has flown by and we are beginning to prepare for Fall. One thing we have been doing over the summer is planning for the Annual Meeting for the Conference United Methodist Women. We are looking forward to many of you joining us that weekend in Endicott.

The United Methodist Women do not rest or keep their feet up for very long before they are working again on a project. At the Annual Meeting, we will be collecting Flood Buckets. They are needed so badly in areas such as Louisiana where there has been such terrible flooding.

As we face the Fall, we will be surrounded by political campaigns. The most important thing we can do as concerned citizens and thinking individuals, is to encourage people to vote and use good judgement in their decisions. Our foremothers fought for the right to vote and we need to use that right and vote in November.

To stay current on information from the National Office, check the website from time to time to see the latest news offerings on the site. On the Conference level, we have a website that shares information for the Conference United Methodist Women. We also have a Facebook page where you can join and see postings from time to time there.

<http://www.UnitedMethodistWomen.org>
www.uppernyumw.org

Facebook search by UNY United Methodist Women and ask to join the group.

Keep up the good work you are doing in your local units, Districts, and beyond. It is your good works and donations which support the ministry to women, children, and youth around the world.

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CONFERENCE MISSION PROJECTS 2016-2017 Grant Recipients

Grants are made possible from a percentage of the investments from the sale of property once owned by the deaconesses in Buffalo and the endowment fund of the Deaconess Home Corporation of the Genesee Conference. Individual units also contribute to Conference Mission Projects.

The Upper New York Conference Mission Projects Committee awarded grants to the following applicants.

Be Brave Jefferson	Watertown	Amy Quoce
Chautauqua Adult Day Care-Latino	Jamestown	Frank Bercik
Cave Quest VBS	West Sand Lake	Melissa Barber
Children of Faith Central Park UMC	Buffalo	Beth Buckley
Critical Needs	Watertown	Robert Bowen
Emmanuel UMC VBS	Lockport	Michele Malone
Functional Literacy Ministries in Haiti	Fredonia	Molly Golando
Genesis House	Olean	Faye Briggs
GardenShare Farm Fresh	Canton	Gloria McAdam
Joy Clown Company	Gouverneur	Kay Church
Kingdom Kids Camp	Fredonia	Evie Sievert
Little Foot Prints	Dayton	Angie Miller
Lutheran Foster Grandparent	Jamestown	Debbie Basile
Prayer Shawls Ministry	Canton	Susan Marquart
Seneca Street Young Christians	Buffalo	Rev. Brian Rotach
St Paul's After School Program	Ellicottville	Mary DeFoe
Teen Empowerment	Buffalo	ChristiAnn Severson
Women and Children Outreach	Cattaraugus	Elizabeth O'Neill

If you are interested in learning more about Conference Mission Projects, please, send email me, vdjphilly@gmail.com.

Blessings,

Valerie D. Clark
Conference Mission Projects, chairperson

UPPER NEW YORK CONFERENCE UMW
ANNUAL MEETING
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 & 17
Central Endicott UMC
visit www.uppernyumw.org for details

ALBANY DISTRICT UMW FALL MEETING

Saturday, OCTOBER 22, 2016 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Faith United Methodist Church, 811 N. Brandywine Avenue, Schenectady NY 12308
"Journey of Act of Repentance toward Healing Relationships With Indigenous Peoples"
Presented by Brooke Conklin and Pastor Sue Crawson-Brizzolara

CORNERSTONE DISTRICT

Thurs., Sept. 10 – CORNERSTONE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
9:30 am, Clymer UMC

Thurs, Nov. 10 – DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETING
10:00 am – Kennedy UMC

GENESEE VALLEY DISTRICT

Saturday, October 22 - FALL ANNUAL MEETING
Geneseo UMC

MOUNTAINVIEW DISTRICT

Sat., Sept. 24 – FALL DISTRICT MEETING
Avoca UMC

NIAGARA FRONTIER DISTRICT

Saturday, September 17, 2016 - District Annual Meeting, 9:30-2:00
St James, Niagara Falls; Speaker: Rev Dr Lee

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Saturday, November 5, 2016, 9:30-noon
Network of Leaders (Training); North Tonawanda First

NORTHERN FLOW DISTRICT

Sat., September 24 – Canton UMC - FALL MEETING
Speaker: Sandy Soroka, Executive Director Neighborhood Center of Utica

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Tidbits from District Newsletters

From Northern Flow's *Mission Link*, spring 2016 issue:
Elaine Pierce, Program Resources, Northern Flow District

CELEBRATING WOMEN 2016

Have some fun. Go to <http://umc-gbcs.org/faith-in-action/women-trailblazers-in-medicine-quiz>. Take the quiz. You don't need to know the answers. The quiz will tell you who they are and what they did. It is really neat! You will learn about our foremothers. Be proud to be a woman. Where there is a need... a woman will step up! Tina Newcomb

THE TOP FOUR REASONS FOR NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE UMW READING PROGRAM

1. I don't have the Reading Program brochure. Wrong. - Any method of letting me know is fine - the back of your shopping list, the notes part of your church bulletin, a phone call, an email, Morse Code, etc.
2. I only read one book. Hey, that's a great start. Think of what you gained by reading just that one book.
3. I read a great book, but it wasn't on the Reading Program list. Did that book expand your knowledge of our world and/or the people in it? Did it provide you with a better understanding of others? Did the book make you grow? Guess what? You can list it as one of your books.
4. I forgot where to send my list. Here's help. Don't forget to send me your Reading Program lists even if you have read only one book. Send them to: efpierce55@gmail.com, 315-298-4086 or to Elaine Pierce, 42 LaCelle Drive, Lacona, N.Y. 13083

Seriously, we all benefit by being exposed to something new and reading is one of the best ways for this to happen. I will close with a quote from our UMW President Yvette Kim Richards in her message in the December 2015 issue of RESPONSE. "I love that United Methodist Women is always providing information for continuous learning, helping you not only transform the world but transform yourself".



from Albany District's *Burning Bush*, spring 2016 issue
Jann Armer, Mission Coordinator, Social Action

Poverty and Hunger

Poverty and hunger in America are often viewed as going hand in hand. However, it has been shown that Poverty is not the ultimate determinant of Hunger, or Food Insecurity. People and families who live above the poverty line are often found to be at risk of hunger as well. Research demonstrates that unemployment is a more accurate predictor of Food Insecurity among people living in the United States.

Despite being related, Food Insecurity and Poverty are not the same. In the United States poverty is only 1 of the many factors associated with Food Insecurity. High unemployment, lower household assets and certain demographic characteristics also have an impact on a lack of access to adequate, nutritious food.

In 2014:

- 46.7 million people (14.8%) were living in poverty
- 15.5 million children (21.1%) under the age of 18 were living in poverty
- 4.6 million (10%) of seniors age 65 and older were living in poverty
- According to the Supplemental Poverty Measure, the overall national poverty rate is 15.3%

In 2014:

- 48.1 million Americans lived in 'food insecure' households • 14% of households were 'food insecure'
- Households with children reported a higher rate of 'food insecurity' than those without children;
- Households that had a higher rate of food insecurity above the national average included households with children, especially those headed by single women or single men, Black, non-hispanic, and Hispanic households;
- In 2013, 5.4 million seniors were food insecure;
- FOOD INSECURITY EXISTS IN EVERY COUNTY IN THE UNITED STATES...

In 2014, 61% of food insecure households participated in at least 1 of 3 major federal food assistance programs – SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), the National School Lunch Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

Feeding America is one of the programs that provides assistance to approximately 46.5 million people annually, including 12 million children and 7 million seniors.

CONNECTIONS !!

“Upper New York Conference covers such a huge area! How on earth can we keep track of what’s going on?” “Where can we find the information we need?”

Gotcha covered!

It’s all about “connecting”. Connecting via work-of-mouth, telephone, snail mail and....our websites! They are www.uppernyumw.org and www.unymissionu.org

Several years ago, when Upper New York Conference was born, we all struggled to get our minds around this new huge entity. Since then, many people have worked hard to solve the problems inherent in such a huge undertaking. Progress is always slower than we would wish, but as we have seen, nothing is impossible, and there are some really wonderful things happening in our new Conference.

A little history: During the conference-building process, I began to imagine a website for UNYUMW, a place where we could go to get information and inspiration. I approached the UMW Conference Team and got the go-ahead, So - having had no experience in building a website....I built a website. The Board of Global Ministries was the host and the website software on my Mac computer provided the building materials. It was easy.

Then two things happened: Apple decided they would discontinue the software, and GBGM decided to stop web hosting. So I had to start all over again with United Methodist Communications as web host and Word Press as the software. (I’m not particularly happy with Word Press because it’s a freebie and won’t do text boxes.)

Through these years, it’s been a struggle to bring everyone on board with the project and there’s a good reason for that. The internet is still a mystery and scary to some.

*** How can we make the two websites most effective?** The answer is easy: everyone needs to participate in the sharing of information. Officer lists, calendar items, local unit, district and conference news and inspirational items can be sent to the webmaster. At the moment, it’s me.

*** How can we reach those who don’t use the internet?** Every local unit has a member with a computer. That person can print items from the internet to share with the group.

Thanks for all that you do as Jesus’ workers in the vineyard!

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Upper NY United Methodist Women
2017 Proposed Budget

Line Item #	Description	Budgeted Amount
001	Officer Support	
001-1	Travel	\$3,000
001-2	Officer Literature	\$100
001-3	Officer Recognition	\$200
001-4	Program Resources/Consignment	\$100
002	Other A&MD	
002-1	Districts - 12	\$24,000
002-2	Jurisdiction (1% of pledge	\$1,851
003	Schools of Christian Mission	
003-1	Conference - support	\$5,100
003-2	Conference Officers	\$2,000
004	Programs & Events	
004-1	Annual Meeting	\$1,500
004-2	Program/Team Meetings	\$1,000
004-3	Dependent Care	\$100
004-5	District Officer Training	\$1,000
004-6	Retreat/Seminars/Workshops	\$1,500
004-7	Assembly/Jurisdiction	\$4,000
005	Administrative Expenses	
005-1	Printing/Newsletter/Yearbook	\$350
005-2	Postage	\$250
005-3	Office Supplies	\$200
005-4	Teleconference	\$300
005-5	Audit	\$500
005-6	Website	\$150
006	Deaconess/Home Missionaries	
006-1	Membership Dues	\$25
007	Contingency	\$100
008	Legacy Fund	\$75
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$47,401
009	PLEDGE TO WOMEN'S DIVISION	\$185,110
010	Designated Giving	
TOTAL BUDGET		\$233,051

Upper New York United Methodist Women
2017 Pledge Form

DISTRICT: _____

AMOUNT: _____

PRESIDENT: _____

TREASURER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Please complete this form and bring/send to the Annual Meeting

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