

Welcoming the Stranger
A Charter for
Racial Justice Event
promoting
Diversity and Social Action
Saturday, April 28, 2012
Britt UMW with Vida Nueva
Hispanic Ministry

SEND REGISTRATION BY APRIL 12

Registration and coffee from 8:30 to 9:00. Program 9:00-2:30
at Britt United Methodist Church, 707 SW 4th Street SW



Clip and send this part to Jean Sheets, 1930 Echo Ave, Britt, IA, 50423-8523 with \$8 for lunch and coffee. **Checks to Britt UMW.**

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Welcoming the Stranger-Third Event-Saturday, April 28, 2012, Britt UMC, Britt.

9:00-9:15 Welcoming and devotional moments—Judy Kading, Social Action Mission Coordinator and Rita Thatcher, Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator

9:15-9:30 Importance of the Charter for Racial Justice to The United Methodist Women—Linda Nicholson, President

9:30-10:10 Breakout Session I

A. **Rosa Mendoza**—Why Don't They Just Get in Line?—basics of the present immigration system and why it's time for a change.

B. **Judy Kading**—resources from UMW for understanding immigration to use to as an individual UMW member and for your unit and church. use by individual UMW members, units and churches.

C. **Brynne Howard**, Church and Community Worker Missionary and immigration lawyer Iowa ministry Justice for Our Neighbors—who do we help and why---**Spanish session**

D. **Naomi Sea Young Wittstruck**—what does the United Methodist Church say about immigrants and how can we advocate for justice

10:15—10:55 Breakout Session II

A. **Rosa Mendoza**—Why Don't They Just Get in Line?—basics of the present immigration system and why it's time for change. **Spanish session**

B. **Judy Kading**—resources from UMW to understand why people immigrate and what the Bible has to say about immigration. Resources for use by individual UMW members, units and churches.

C. **Brynne Howard**, Church and Community Worker Missionary and immigration lawyer Iowa ministry Justice for Our Neighbors—who do we help and how through our mission.

D. **Naomi Sea Young Wittstruck**—what does the United Methodist Church say about immigrants and how can we advocate

11:00-11:45 Keynote Speaker—**Sonia Parras Konrad**, immigration attorney and co-coordinator of ASISTA, a non-profit consultant agency for immigration law counseling---The Impact of Immigration Law on Immigrant Women and Their Families—session interpreted.

11:45-12:35-- break and lunch.

12:45-1:15 Panel-----Volunteers speak: Why we value immigrants in the UMC and in our community----

Marsha Gerot—Columbus Junction UMW

Marilyn Fields—Storm Lake UMC

Sue Jungman---Broadway UMC, Council Bluffs

Nitza Dovenspike---First UMC in Indianola

1:20—2:00—Our stories—hearing from immigrant women

2:00-2:15—What can we as UMW to bring about a more just immigration policy? Audience participation and presenter suggestions.

2:15-2:30—Closing worship—Rita Thatcher, Spiritual Growth mission coordinator