



Communiqué



United Methodist Women Central District Newsletter

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President's Message

Greetings,

April Showers bring May Flowers or at least that is what I've been told! This year, not only will April Showers bring us flowers, April will also bring us Assembly in St Louis MO. Now for some of you, maybe you have had the privilege of attending Assembly before. But for me, it's a first time experience and I am looking forward to every second. For those of you who will not get to enjoy this venture, we have our Mission Study which will be held at Grace United Methodist Church in Des Moines, April 17. *The Beauty and Courage of Sudan* with study leader Judy Marnin, member of GBGM Mission Study Group. Try not to miss this – Judy is inspiring!

School of Christian Mission will be in July – that may seem like a long time away, but we all know it will be here before we turn around! Registration (p. 7) and Scholarship (insert) Forms for both SOCM and MEE are in this Communiqué. (see insert)

If you are in a Unit that has never had anyone attend OR if you have never attended! - apply for one of these Scholarships – you will have an unforgettable experience, meet lots of friendly ladies and learn more than you ever imagined about who we are as United Methodist Women. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there!

Have a great Summer – see you in July!

De Streeter, President

Pass It On!

If this issue was mailed to you in error, please give it to the current officer and let Ruth Jackson or Linda Blazek Garvin know. Each unit President, Secretary, Vice President and Treasurer are to receive a copy and should make extra copies. as needed.

Thoughts from your Vice President —

In January, Mary Quam who was elected Vice President of Central District at our September annual meeting, found it necessary to resign her position for health reasons. I will be taking her place for 2010-2011, and some of you will remember that I am the past District Treasurer, Ruth DeVries

As your new vice president (elected at the January 2010 meeting of District Officers), I look forward to working with so many of you I already know and hope to meet and work with many new faces of women committed to the values of United Methodist Women.

I hope you've had a chance to do some reading in the 2010 Program Book. This can help you lead your unit at your circle, executive board and general meetings. Sometimes all it takes to "spark" an interest in your group is one person's awareness of "what's going on" with UMW. YOU can be that person.

As district friend to several Central units, I will spend some individual time with these units to help promote the 2010 program book and as I learn more about my job duties will try to keep in touch with all other units thru the Communiqué.

I hope to meet many of you Vice Presidents and other unit members at District Meetings-----those coming up are April 17, Mission Study day; July 18-22, SOCM; September 18, Central District Annual Meeting; Oct. 2, IA Conference UMW Annual Meeting, and Oct. 15-17 MEE.

Contact me if you need help. I'll do my best to get you the answers you need.

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Websites:

Central District Website: http://www.gbgn-umc.org/central_district_umw
Program Resource Center: www.missionresourcecenter.org
UMW online community: www.umwonline.org
Other UMC sites: www.iaumc.org and www.umc.org

SECRETARY

The first quarter of 2010 is behind us. Local unit meetings are in full swing for the year by now. I would like to offer a refresher course on what information needs to be included in minutes from meetings.

- 1) Note the name, date, call to order time, and location of the meeting.
- 2) Either list or state the number of attendees. Some minutes also record persons not in attendance either by name or number, but that depends on the preference of your unit.
- 3) Use the agenda as your guideline. Minutes are to record the information and actions of your unit. They do not have to be word for word discussion. In fact, the only time it is recommended to use names in minutes is for either motions and seconds or assignment of tasks.
- 4) If you refer to other documents, be sure to attach a copy to the approved minutes.

- 5) Note the adjournment time.
- 6) End the minutes with "submitted by" and your name.

The minutes you write serve as a historical document for the unit. Accuracy must be maintained. It is a good idea to have at least one other person proof read the document before submitting the minutes for final approval.

On a personal note: please change my contact phone number to the following: 515-681-1752

Happy Spring!

Linda Blazek Garvin,

Central District UMW Secretary



Spiritual Growth

Thank you to all those who attended the Day Apart/Spiritual Growth Retreat. It seems that spring in Iowa can be a mixed bag of weather. At least the roads were clear going home. A special thank you to the UMW of West Des Moines UMC. They did a wonderful job of keeping us happy.

The warm days remind us of God's love and the many things that He has placed on this earth for us to enjoy. Get outside to enjoy the sunshine, the warmth, the mealy soil and the flowers that are sticking their heads out of the ground. Spring is such a renewal of all things miraculous.

Barbara Pickard
Central District Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth

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MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE, AND OUTREACH

Thank you for sending in Membership Reports! It is important to get these records accurate and you did a great job getting the information to us.

Have you invited anyone to visit your UMW or circle meeting as a guest? Maybe the lady who sits in the next pew on Sunday morning, a friend who possibly does not have a church or a new church member? We don't want to "assume" someone has already invited her (maybe noone has), or she said "no" last year (things change in our lives). Today might just be the day for her to say "yes" and visit your UMW or circle meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your UMW unit, please be sure to contact your District Friend who will be able to help you. Have you checked to see who your District Friend is for 2010 and 2011? (List is in the January 2010 Communiqué p. 6) Don't wait to contact her until there is a need. Invite your "Friend" to your next UMW meeting.

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SOCIAL ACTION

People in Iowa are close to the land. We have always looked for ways to protect our land and environment. Now we have a wonderful resource that recognizes that our faith asks us to be good stewards of God's creation.

IOWA INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT at 505 5TH Ave. Suite 333, Des Moines IA and www.iowaipl.org supplies printed material and speakers. This ecumenical group informs us on how to save money and energy use in our churches and homes. Their suggestion is to tithe 10% in the

Christian tradition by reducing our energy use by that much. An example of a simple way of doing this is to unplug all electrical items in the home when they are not being used. We can all reduce our carbon footprint.

Blessings,

Linda Rullan, Social Action Mission Coordinator
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Program Resources

I hope you are enjoying the 2010 reading list. I will have books at the Mission Study Day, April 17 at Grace UMC. Bring your book bag for your purchases!

"The April 2010 issue of Response will be a supplement to the new mission study, "Joy to the World." It will feature a Bible study on mission, features on mission in the world today, articles on United Methodist Women-supported national mission institutions and a deaconess, and more!"

There will not be an issue of Response that will focus specifically on the spiritual growth study, but you will find articles/resources that will compliment the spiritual growth study starting with the May issue.



The New World Outlook May/June issue should have articles featuring our mission study "Joy to the World". Did you know that NWO is going digital? A year's subscription is only \$10.00. Check it out at <http://gbgm-umc.org/nwo/>

The 2010 reading program ends on June 30. Have your reading records to me by the end of July. I will need the name and category that each person achieved.

Do you know what's on the back of the Reading Program Catalog?

READ SHARE ACT

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EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

Happy Spring!

My crocuses are blooming—clearly a sign that spring is here! Surely the weather will be sunny and warm by mid-April. I hope you are planning to attend our Mission Study on April 17 at Grace UMC in Des Moines. You are in for a real treat as Judy Marnin, member of the General Board of Global Ministries Study Group to Sudan in 2009, will be our presenter. I was privileged to be in her class at the Mission Education Event last October, and I am excited that she agreed to lead our Central District Mission Study! See the flyer in this newsletter for details.

The report forms for 2009-2010 Mission Studies and Iowa Mission Today are on page 8, 9 & 10 and available online on our Iowa UMW website: www.iaumc.org/umw. Please fill them out and return to me by June 30.

Blessings,

Judy Beane, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation
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TREASURER

I am enjoying being the new Central District Treasurer. I am still learning, but I am having a good time doing it.

Local unit treasurers will be getting a mailing from me soon, if they haven't received it already. If you don't receive anything from me by the 15th of April, please let me know and I will see to it that you get it.

If you have any questions feel free to ask. I may not be able to answer your question right away, but I will find out the answer and get back to you. I have enjoyed meeting many of you and talking to

you by phone.

Right now I cannot send any e-mails, but I can receive them. There are 3 ways of contacting me: By phone, e-mails or letters. My phone number is 515-282-2925. My e-mail address is brown38brown@msn.com. My address is Nettie Brown, 3810 8th Street, Des Moines, IA 50313-3439.

Nettie Brown
Central District Treasurer



NOMINATIONS

Welcome to Spring!!! I hope the season is giving you an opportunity to be more active. Ruth DeVries has very kindly accepted the position of Vice President for the Central District for the next two years. If you have any questions regarding nominations, contact me at lia_miller@q.com or 515-669-8390.

LiaRuth Miller, Central District Nominations Chairperson

ABOUT SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS

The Registration form for the School of Christian Mission has been inserted in this issue of the Communique. You can make copies of this form or get copies on line at: www.iaumc.org/umw Here are some details for you. Get the dates on your calendar and be thinking about getting registered to go. School of Christian Mission will be held on July 18—21 at the Iowa Valley Continuing Education Center in Marshalltown. The Mission Education Event will be October 15—17 at the same place.

The studies will be::

The Spiritual Growth study - "For the Love of God: the Epistles of John".
(Everyone takes this)

Geographic Study: "The Beauty and Courage of Sudan".

Social Action Study: Mission and Evangelism: Joy to the World; Mission in the Age of Global Christianity.

2010 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS

Central District is offering three (3) tuition scholarships for first-time attendees at School of Christian Mission for 2009. Scholarships are available for tuition and \$50 toward the cost of housing. (This does not include the cost of books or transportation.) Please encourage your unit members to attend and let those who have never attended know about the scholarships. The scholarships are given on a first received--first awarded basis.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

IOWA VALLEY CONTINUING EDUCATION, MARSHALLTOWN

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

MISSION EDUCATION EVENT

July 18-21, 2010

October 15-17, 2010

Central District is also offering two (2) tuition scholarships for the Fall Mission Education Event. Scholarships are available for first-time attendees for adults and teens. Only one individual in a local unit may receive a scholarship each year. Recipients must supply their own study books, transportation and housing costs beyond the \$50 allowance for housing.

Applicants should complete the form below and mail with a completed registration form to:

Nettie Brown, 3810 8th Street, Des Moines, IA 50313-3439

Deadline for applications is June 8, 2010. You will be notified immediately if you are a recipient.

Cut here

NAME OF APPLICANT (Please Print) _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

In sending this application, I agree that if I am not able to attend, I will be responsible to reimburse the Central District of United Methodist Women the cost of tuition that is not refundable by the Conference U.M.W. I understand that this will probably be one-half of the tuition, but can be the whole amount

Unit of United Methodist Women _____

Signature _____

**REPORT FORM FOR APPROVED MISSION STUDIES
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2009-2010**

Send to: Judy Beane

1030 290th St.

Garwin, IA 50632-9530

641-479-2580

djbeane@gmail.com

Send Report no later than June 30, 2010.

Your UMW unit name _____

Your name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Adjacent to the study that you completed or that members of your unit attended, please write the place you took the study. Write "C" for Conference, write "D" for District or "L" for Local Unit. Please write "F" for Full Study of four hours or more or write "M" for mini study of less than four hours.

(Example L/M Sudan- This was at the local unit level and it was a mini study)

_____ Food and Faith

_____ The Beauty and Courage of Sudan

_____ Native American Survival

_____ I Believe in Jesus

_____ Israel and Palestine

Check Goals for Excellence that were met (see Local Handbook)

Use of approved text

Capable and responsible leader

If more than one session were held, did 50% of the group attend all sessions?

Preparations between sessions expected by participants

Participation by class members

Share anything unique about your study. _____

Check the resources used:

Guest speaker

Drama

Native Food

Audio Visuals

Music

Others

What action was inspired by the study? MOVE (Mission Outreach, Vision Expanding)

IOWA MISSION TODAY REPORT FORM
Large and Small Units
2009-2010

Name of Unit _____

Number of Circles _____ Number of Members _____ District _____

Name and Address of person completing Report Form _____

EVERY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S UNIT IS ENCOURAGED TO BE A MISSION TODAY UNIT

RECOGNITION OF UNITS WITH 16 OR MORE MEMBERS

- PLATINUM CERTIFICATE---Complete 16 items - Recognized at Conference Annual meeting
- GOLD CERTIFICATE----Complete 12-15 items - Recognized at District Annual meeting
- SILVER CERTIFICATE----Complete 8-11 items - Recognized at District Annual Meeting
- SPECIAL RECOGNITION---Complete 7 or less items - Recognition sent by District to local unit

RECOGNITION OF UNITS WITH 15 OR FEWER MEMBERS

- PLATINUM CERTIFICATE - Complete 12 or more items - Recognized at Conference Annual meeting
- GOLD CERTIFICATE---Complete 9-11 items - Recognized at District Annual meeting
- SILVER CERTIFICATE---Complete 7-8 items - Recognized as District Annual meeting
- SPECIAL RECOGNITION---Complete 6 or fewer items----Recognition sent by District to local unit.

2009-2010 YEAR STARTED JULY 1, 2009. Reports are to be sent by all units to your District Education and Interpretation Coordinator by June 30, 2010. This allows local units to be recognized for their achievements in the current year. Units are encouraged to complete a minimum of 10 of the following criteria, including five of those marked with an asterisk. The criteria are to be fulfilled each year.

CRITERIA FOR IOWA UNITS

- 1.* Use of PRAYER CALENDAR at each general unit meeting, or personal meditation praying for person in mission and mission work with women, children and youth.
- 2.* The unit will make and meet its pledge to mission.
- 3.* The unit will add at least two members to its roll.
- 4.* The unit will have at least two {2} members subscribing to *RESPONSE* magazine.
- 5.* The local unit will use at least two {2} programs from the UMW Program Book during the year.
- 6.* The local unit, circle or sub-group will participate in either a district MISSION STUDY, or conduct a study in their own unit.
- 7.* The unit will implement the CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE POLICIES in a least 2 ways during the year.

Suggested plan of action. (Others may be approved.)

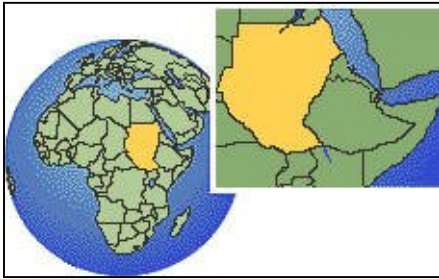
- a. Plan a joint unit meeting with a unit of a different racial/ethnic background, using program from Program Book.
- b. Develop a bi-racial/cultural or multi-racial/cultural Koinonia Group
- c. Become an enabling group to help the local church, through the Administrative Board, Council on Ministries, and Work Areas to become involved in the implementation of the Charter by
 - Encouraging joint Vacation Bible School
 - Encouraging pulpit exchanges

- Sharing joint worship services on special occasions.
- Encouraging the church to sponsor a refugee/new immigrant family
- Helping to promote the Quadrennial Emphasis on the Ethnic Minority Local Church.

8. At least one {1} member other than District or Conference officers will attend the School of Christian Mission or Mission Education Event.
9. At least two {2} members of the local unit, other than Conference or District officers, will attend the District or Conference Annual Meeting.
10. The local unit will have a person in the unit join the UMW ACTION NETWORK to receive and respond To Legislative information through the year. (To join, contact Iowa Advocacy Network, advocate@iaumc.org 2301 Rittenhouse St, Suite C, Des Moines, Iowa 50321-3101 or contact Women's Division 202-488-5660 or write to UMW Network, 100 Maryland Ave. NE Suite 530, Washington, D.C. 20002.)
11. At least two {2} members of the unit will attend United Methodist Lobby Day or visit the Iowa Capitol to Contact legislators to advocate for issues sanctioned by the United Methodist Church.
12. Members will correspond with five persons listed on the PRAYER CALENDER at least twice a year.
13. The local unit will participate in the Campaign for Children in at least two ways. Possibilities for action:
- 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, "big sister" programs
 - Write letters, e-mails or call Congressional representative and/or others in government regarding children's issues.
 - Visit your local schools.
 - Attend a school board meeting.
 - Learn how our schools are funded.
14. The unit will be a Five-Star Unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.
15. The unit will select a project from the Women's Division MATERIAL RESOURCES FOR MISSION and will contribute the needed resources. (Shesler Hall, Bidwell-Riverside and Hawthorn Hill qualify for this criteria. Unit INGATHERING participation counts here; both quilts and kits!)
16. Each unit, sub-group, or circle will include a *RESPONSE* moment during their meetings.
17. At least two {2} members of the unit will complete one of the plans in our READING PROGRAM.
18. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the meetings during the year as part of the shepherdess program.

Complete this check list and mail it by June 30, 2010 to your District Education and Interpretation Coordinator.

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**MISSION STUDY DAY
DES MOINES GRACE UMC**

3700 Cottage Grove Avenue, Des Moines
Please Park in South Lot and Use South Entrance

Saturday, April 17, 2010

***The Beauty and Courage of Sudan
Why a Dream of Peace Is Possible***

Study Leader: Judy Marnin, Member of GBGM Mission Study Group
To Sudan in March 2009 and School of Christian Mission Teacher

8:30-9:00 am Coffee and Registration

9:00 am Gather for singing and announcements

9:15 am Study begins

Salad Lunch at Noon--Each unit should bring a salad to serve 10

Sending forth 3 pm

DIRECTIONS

From the West, take I-235 East to exit 5B, take the ramp and follow the signs to 42nd Street. Turn left on 42nd Street. Turn right on Cottage Grove. Grace UMC is 3700 Cottage Grove.

From the East, take I-235 West to exit 6, take the ramp and follow the signs to 31st Street. Turn right on 31st Street. Turn left on Cottage Grove. Grace UMC is 3700 Cottage Grove.

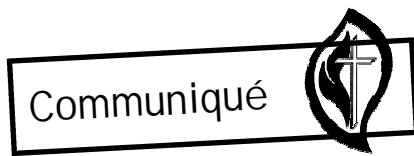
Please register your Unit and number attending by April 12, 2010 by mailing, calling, or e-mailing to:

Judy Beane

1030 290th Street, Garwin, Iowa 50632 Phone--641-479-2580 E-mail--djbeane@gmail.com

Unit's Name _____ Number attending _____

Will you need child care? _____ Ages of Children _____



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2010 Dates

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 church.

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| April 17 | Mission Study Day at Grace UMC, Des Moines |
| May 8 | District Executive Board Meeting at Epworth UMC, Des Moines |
| July 18—21 | SOCM-Iowa Valley Continuing Education Center, Marshalltown |
| September 11 | District Executive Planning Meeting—First UMC, Newton |
| September 19 | Central District Annual Meeting—First UMC, Newton |
| October 3 | IA Conference UMW Annual Meeting, 1st UMC, Sioux City |
| October 15-17 | MEE-Iowa Valley Continuing Education Center, Marshalltown |
| November 6 | District Executive Board Meeting at Staves UMC |
| December 10 | Cash Receipts due to Nettie Brown to be counted for 2010 |
| December 15 | Membership Reports due |