



Focused Remarks

East Central District United Methodist Women

July, 2008

Living the Sacred

2008 East Central District Annual Meeting

Dear East Central District Presidents,

"I shall set my bow in the sky that shall be a covenant that never again will I destroy the world by flood." God has promised this in Genesis, and He didn't destroy it, but the power of nature has certainly made much of the East Central District difficult for many people. We ask for your prayers.

There are so many needs for the women of the East Central District to meet. I encourage each of your units to form prayer groups to seek discernment to determine what God's plan for you might be and how much your group's commitment can be to long term clean up.

As we prepare to celebrate Mission Giving in the East Central District, we will be sharing our work throughout this year. Make sure you have submitted your yearly reports. We want to credit all of our hardworking members at our Annual Meeting. See you at Vinton Wesley UMC on August 27th. We will be featuring Hawthorn Hill with our Silent Auction proceeds; the baby blankets and twin sized blankets for youth will be distributed in the district. We will continue to champion the cause of women, children and youth throughout the world with two separate offerings, Unit Love Offering for Mission Giving and an individual offering following. We have seriously discussed your comments from last year's Annual Meeting and are trying to give you the kind of Celebration you have requested. Be sure to send officers for the Local Officer Training to be held before lunch. I am looking forward to meeting you this fall, or reuniting with those I have met before.

"Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find."
Make these the watchwords for the next few months.

In God's Grace, Helen Schaub

From the Secretary

I'm looking forward to meeting all of you at the East Central Annual Meeting of UMW to be held on Wednesday, August 27, at the Wesley UMC in Vinton, Iowa. Reservations are needed, so be making your plans now. There will be a time during that day when all of you local unit secretaries will meet with me to review your duties. I hope you will be able to attend.

One of your major tasks is to send the list of your local unit's officers for 2009 to me. I, in turn, pass an Excel worksheet containing this data on to our East Central District Officers and the Conference Communications Coordinator, so that they will have the proper addresses for those who are to receive the district and conference UMW newsletters.

The form for you to use in getting this information back to me is included in this newsletter. Accurate addresses are very important. Please read the fine print!

Here are a few other things to keep in mind:

1. Please encourage your Committee on Nominations to get its work done so that new and old officers can attend the training at the District Annual Meeting. Also you can fill out the report you need to send me by October 1, 2008 so that I will have time to get all of the lists updated and sent on to the District and Conference Communications Coordinators.

2. I'd really appreciate it if you would find out the +4 digits for all of the Zip Codes. If you can use the internet, just go to www.usps.gov. Once you are there, click on Find a Zip Code in the upper left hand corner, and it will give you a form to fill in. Then click Submit and it will show you the Zip + 4 for a

particular address. If it tells you that you have listed an invalid address, please check with your post office or the officer. If you don't have internet, just call the person and have them check the address on a magazine they receive.

3. So that I can check the accuracy of our information, don't list "Same as before" instead of listing the name, address, etc. Sometimes an address has not been changed, and we keep using an out-of-date one.

4. Please find out if the officers have e-mail and list it. If your president doesn't have e-mail, but someone else in your unit does and would be willing to receive messages for them, please include that e-mail address, but indicate that it is for a different person.

The reason that this list is so important is that there is a fee for each newsletter that is returned to the Communications Coordinator, so it is vital that the addresses are correct. If they change during the year, please notify the District UMW Secretary of the change.

Again, I hope to see you at the Training Session at the East Central District UMW Annual Meeting.

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From the District Treasurer:

Two offerings will be taken at the Annual Meeting. One will be your Unit Love Gift and should be presented by one representative of your Unit, bringing it to the front and placing it in an offering receptacle. The other offering will be for individual gifts and will be collected by passing baskets. Please inform your members of this procedure. If no members of your Unit are able to attend, your Treasurer can collect the gifts and mail the total amount to me so that your Unit will get credit. Please contact me if you have questions.

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Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation

I want to remind those of you who have not sent me their reports for Mission Today and The Approved Mission Studies to please do so. June 30 was the deadline but I can give you a few days. My report must be sent to the Conference Education and Interpretation Coordinator and, of course, our District Annual meeting is in August this year. Thanks to those who have sent their reports and please let me hear from the rest of you.

Peace and Love,

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Dear Social Action Friends,

While I am writing this, the news on TV is still about the flooding situation around here. Some is good and some bad. Thank goodness most is good, about how people are pitching in and helping others. This makes me feel good and proud to be living here in the Mid West. There is a lot of "Social Action" going on around Iowa and even from other states.

I hope we have a good turn out for the Annual Meeting and I look forward to meeting some new S. A. members.

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**EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT
 UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S ANNUAL MEETING
 AUGUST 27, 2008
 AT WESLEY UMC
 516 2ND AVENUE
 VINTON, IOWA**

THEME: LIVING THE SACRED

Gathering Time: 8:30 a.m. Registration
 Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Reservations of \$6.00 include coffee hour
 and luncheon. Please send reservation form
 below by August 22.

Resource Center:
 Get resources for your unit;
 2009 Program books will be
 available

Speaker:
 Tim Shanahan of Hawthorn Hill.

Workshops for officers as
 well as a session for non-
 officers

What to Bring:

- Love Offerings (From Unit and Individuals)
- Paper products/personal hygiene products to be given to shelters
- Baby Blanket or Twin Size Teen Comforter
- "Theme" Basket or individual item for Silent Auction to benefit Hawthorn Hill (Suggestions: Movie Night, Gardening, Tea Time, Read and Relax)

Cut & return the bottom portion of flyer for luncheon reservations

Reservations for East Central District UMW Annual Meeting

UMW Unit Name _____

Name of contact person _____

Number members attending _____ Number of lunch reservations @\$6.00 each _____

Child Care Required _____ If so, how many children, what ages _____

Any special dietary needs? _____

Make checks payable to Vinton Wesley UMW.
 Please send reservations and payment by August 22 to:

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Annual Meeting
August 27, 2008
Vinton Wesley UMC
516 2nd Avenue
Vinton, Iowa

Directions to Vinton Wesley UMC:

From the North, take Hwy 150 to Vinton, there will be a marked detour on 150 with some travel on gravel. In Vinton, turn left (East) onto E. 2nd Street, then turn right (South) onto 2nd Avenue.

From the South, take Hwy 218 to Hwy 150 [C Ave] at South edge of Vinton. Take C Ave. North, turn right (East) on 6th Street, and turn left onto 2nd Avenue.