

North Central Connection



United Methodist Women of Indiana

February 2018

President's Message

Spring is on its way! Everyone will welcome the warm days, spring flowers and Easter. Thanks to Kokomo St. Luke's UMW for hosting the North Central Leadership Meeting. It was an informative and inspirational meeting. We all left ready to begin a new and exciting year.

Please inform your unit of all the upcoming events that give all of us a chance to learn, grow and be active in our beliefs.

March 9 is Legislative Day at Southport UMC from 10-3. A flyer to register is enclosed. March 23 is National Day of Giving.

North Central's Spring Meeting is at Fowlerton UMC on April 28 with a wonderful program planned you will not want to miss. Hope to see you there.

It is not too late to sign up for Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. It is close to home so share a ride, share a room, and have the experience of a life time. Indiana's Shannon Priddy is National Director and she is hoping for a large group from Indiana.

Talk to your young women about the Limitless meeting on June 22-24 at University of Indianapolis. Teah Ash has planned a new and interesting format this year.

Mission U will be at DePauw University, July 17-20, please note there will be no Sampler Day this year. They are working on something new to maybe come to Districts with classes.

If you have any questions please contact me or one of your North Central District Board Members. We are all more than glad to assist you in any way we can.

Blessing to you this Lenten Season.

Marilyn Chittick
North Central District President
1705 S Williams Rd

Conference UMW Calendar of Events

- Feb 16-17 Spiritual Growth Retreat Drury Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis IN
- March 8—Legislative Day Southport UMC
- March 23—National Day of Giving
- May 18-20—UMW Assembly Ohio Greater Columbus Convention Center Columbus, OH
- June 22-24—Limitless Conference
- July 17-20—Mission U Depauw U.
- Oct 5-6—Annual Meeting—Garden of Gethsemane, Muncie, IN
- Oct 26-28—Silent Retreat Sarto House

Spiritual Growth

At our local officer training event last week, each officer highlighted their jobs and we shared what's happening in our own churches. We missed those who weren't there! Too often, the Spiritual Growth position is thought of as the person who leads the prayer or provides devotions for the meeting. I challenge you to think of Spiritual Growth more of keeping the whole group centered and focused. We need to "keep the main thing the main thing." We are to be a community "whose purpose is to know God." If not only every official meeting, but every discussion, decision, work day, car pool or activity is first of all intentionally God centered, then we will more effectively fulfill the rest of our purpose. If you're looking for ideas, don't forget to check out www.unitedmethodistwomen.org. Click on "members and leaders" in the orange bar at the top and you'll find all kinds of resources. I'm also happy to help.

Blessings,

Membership-Nurture and Outreach:

Hello,

Just a quick report on the UMW Units that have gone online or sent me their information to do so. I am thrilled that we have 35 units that have reported to date. I only have about 7 or 8 that I have not heard from. I will be calling soon to see if any help is needed.

We are so close to 100% of the units reporting that I hate to miss our goal! As always just call or email and I am here to HELP!

Blessings for the Season of Lent,

Connie Pearson, MNO Coordinator

Education & Interpretation

Thank you to all the churches that have provided your 2017 Mission today reports. You may still return them to me 1 month prior to the district meeting April 28, 2018. Many of you have achieved a higher rating than last year and the Lord appreciates your dedication & devotion to our youth, children, and women.

Please be sure to send your 2018 Youth & Young Adult service scholarship fund committee applications to Martha Lewis—Committee Chair, 931 E Hwy 150, Hardinsburg, IN 47125. One application per each group. Groups not United Methodist can also apply. A form can be obtained on UMW website.

Applications for scholarships for Mission U for 1st time attendants should be sent to Pat Ford. This includes for adults & children and the applications are also available on UMW website. See you at the spring meeting.

Blessings,

Pat Ford, E&I Coordinator 765-948-3215

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Treasurer's Report

Congratulations North Central Local Units! Pledge to Mission Giving in 2017 was 103% of the \$30,000 district budgeted goal. In addition, contributions for Designated Missions totaled over \$3,900; and Conference Askings for Lucille Raines, Mission U and Youth Scholarships totaled over \$15,000.

The district executive committee approved the same mission budget goal for 2018:

\$30,000 Pledge to Missions.

Conference requests of \$13 per member: (\$10 for Lucille Raines, \$2 for Mission U and \$1 for Youth and Young Adult Scholarships.)

Also, North Central District is responsible for helping provide **gift cards for Lucille Raines** residents next Christmas (Dec 2019.) Each unit is requested to send \$45. This can be sent to the district treasurer any time between now and late in 2019. It will be used specifically for that purpose.

A Pledge Form for 2018 is included with this newsletter. Please complete the form and return it to me. Also included is the Remittance Form for you to copy and send with your check.

I look forward to meeting you at our Spring Meeting at Fowlerton. Awards will be given for 2017 Five Star and All Star Units!

It is a blessing to serve as your treasurer again this year.

Nominating Committee

I have been enjoying winter in Biloxi, MS. with my daughter as I do every year. Winter has been a little colder than usual. But I am thankful to not be in Indiana. Sorry to be missing the Executive meetings but I will be back in Indiana in middle of April.

The executive team and I are still searching for a Vice President if you or any of your units have some one who would be able to fill that position we would be thankful if you would give her name to us and we will contact her. I am praying that we can fill that position soon.

Spring District meeting in April. Hope to see you there.

I am looking forward to attending Assembly in May. Will I see you there?

Nominating Chairman,

Phyllis Heckler Nomination Chairman



**"Rebuilding Lives-
Committed to Addiction Recovery"**

Greetings,

Well ladies, this is my last year to represent you on the Lucille Raines Residence Board. I love being involved with this project and have learned so much in the past 3 years. Thank you.

The residence is full at this time. No major repairs, knock on wood. The need for prayer continues as residents leave and new ones move in. Turning one's life around is no easy challenge so help me remember our residents and pray for them daily.

As a board member I receive birthday lists quarterly and if you would like to send cards also please let me know.

If you shop at Kroger or any of their affiliates check to see if your purchases benefit Lucille Raines. The Community Rewards number for Lucille Raines is 77215. Last year LRR received \$1244.88. It all adds up. Thank you for doing your part.

There are a few cookbooks left so if you do not already have one don't miss out. I have Lucinda pins available for any local event.

Thank you for sending the annual asking of \$13 per member. The \$10 for LRR helps keep the doors open of a much needed facility. And we especially thank you for the extra gifts sent for us to use as needed. Just like your homes, the day to day bills are always there.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have about Lucille Raines Residence and remember that a TTL is a great way to learn more.

Safe Journey,

Brenda Crawford

Program Resources

Have you been using this cold snowy winter time to snuggle up and read a good book like I have? I love reading and this seems like a perfect time to read. There are so many good reads on the UMW Reading List which covers books from 2013 - 2018.

Books can be purchased from the website www.umwmissionresource.org, but we have so many more options. I live in Kokomo and our library has a large number of selections in print form, as audio books, and as e-books. So be sure to check your local library. Of course, you can also order the books online as print or e-books from other resources such as Amazon. I will also have books available for purchase at our Spring District Meeting.

Some of our UMW groups are using a book as a book club selection and then having a book review and discussion. What a great sharing opportunity. Please let me know if you have found a particular selection that you have especially enjoyed.

Have you sent your 2017 reading list participants and their book lists to me? I have received lists from Elwood First, Fowlerton, Kokomo Grace, St. Mark's Carmel, and Noblesville First. We want to recognize our readers at the Spring District Meeting.

Happy Reading!

Terry Grotenhuis Secretary of Program Resources

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United Methodist Women of Indiana North Central District

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North Central District United Methodist Women

To: Local Treasurers
From: Jo Ann Fryback, North Central District UMW Treasurer
Date:
Subject: Local Pledge to Mission for 2018

Considering and setting a goal of income will help you with your planning for programs and giving.

Estimated number of unit members for 2018 _____

Your **“Pledge to Mission”** (line 1 on the remittance form) is the number used to calculate Each District’s pledge to the Indiana Conference.

Pledge _____

The other four channels for mission giving:

Line 2	Special Mission Recognition	_____
Line 3	Gift to Mission	_____
Line 4	Gift in Memory	_____
Line 5	World Thank Offering	_____

We ask you to give an estimate of what you think you might give for each one next year. These five items are the basis for having a Five Star Unit. Please give something in each of these line.

“Conference Askings”, shown below, are based on membership of the unit. These funds are used as designated here in our state rather than being sent to Women’s Division national office.

Lucille Raines Residence \$10.00 per unit member _____

Lucille Raines Residence is owned by the Indiana Conference UMW. From time to time you will learn about special offerings for the residence. These offerings pertain to special projects for improvements of the building.

MISSION U \$2.00 per unit member _____

The \$2.00 per member you contribute helps finance our annual Mission u (formerly School of Christian Mission). Your registration for the school includes your room and food. Your \$2 per unit member covers other expenses

Youth & Young Adult Service Scholarship \$1.00 per unit member _____

Service Scholarships provide the conference team with funds to help college students who attend the three Methodist related universities in Indiana go on volunteer in mission trips.

If the Five Star requirements and conference askings are completed the unit is eligible for the All Star Unit Award.

Local Unit _____

Treasurer _____

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
THE REMITTANCE FORM
FOR ALL TREASURERS (Indiana Conference)

Local Unit: _____ District: _____

Conference: Indiana Period From: _____ To: _____

MISSION GIVING	TOTAL
1. Pledge to Mission	
2. Special Mission Recognition	
3. Gift to Mission	
4. Gift in Memory	
5. World Thank Offering	
TOTAL MISSION GIVING (Lines 1 thru 5):	\$ -

DESIGNATED GIFTS	AMOUNT	
6. A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial		
7. Supplementary Gifts		
A Brighter Future for Children and Youth		
Assembly Offering		
Scarritt-Bennett Center		
Magazine Fund		
National, International, & UMCOR Projects <small>(if additional pages are needed, please complete the Supplementary Gifts -- Details Form)</small>		
NAME OF PROJECT	ADDRESS and/or PROJECT/ADVANCE #	
Total from additional page--Supplementary Gifts --Details Form		
SUBTOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS (Line 7 only):		\$ -

8. Bequest (Please attach a copy of the Will or excerpt of the Will.)

9. Other Designated Gifts	
TOTAL DESIGNATED GIFTS (Lines 6 thru 9):	\$ -

CONFERENCE MISSIONS	AMOUNT	
Lucille Raines Residence (requested \$10 per member)		
Raines Special For: _____ Given by: _____		
Mission u (requested \$2 per member)		
Youth & Young Adult Service Scholarship (requested \$1 per member)		
Special Outreach		
Total Conference Askings		

MEMO TOTAL - TOTAL GIVING FOR MONTH (Including Special Mission Recognition Orders)		\$ -
Less: SMRs (and other as applicable) remitted previously	(Enter as a positive number)	
TOTAL REMITTANCE	Check #: _____	TOTAL: \$ -

Treasurer: _____ Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Cell: _____
 E-mail address: _____ Date: _____



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Limitless 2018: The Mission Crawl June 22-24

Limitless 2018: The Mission Crawl is a chance for young women (ages 15-40) and experienced mentors to make a difference in the Indianapolis community. Participants will be spending a few hours at a variety of non-for-profits around the metro area and learning how they impact the community. Be prepared for cleaning, painting, manual labor and laughs! The evenings and mealtimes will be spent at the lovely University of Indianapolis. Let us live out John 15:16 *I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures.*

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Local Church: _____

Emergency Contact (name/number): _____

Physical or Dietary Needs (if yes/ please describe):

Preferred Roommate: _____

Are you involved with the United Methodist Women? _____ District? _____

Have you attended Limitless in the past? _____

Early Bird registration ends April 15 = \$50

Registration after April 15 = \$60

Please make checks payable to **IN Conference UMW**

Please mail application and check to **Teah Aldred-Ash 3906 Sherman Blvd Fort Wayne IN 46808** or email application to **teah.aldredash.umw@gmail.com** and send the check by mail

Due to the nature of this event Childcare will
not be provided

**Registration Deadline
May 25, 2018**

WHEN WOMEN **UNITE, BOLD AND COURAGEOUS** ACTIONS HAPPEN



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ASSEMBLY

Columbus, Ohio-----May 18-20, 2018

ONLINE REGISTRATION: The registration fee for Assembly 2018 will be \$295 if you register by November 30, 2017, and \$330 if you register after November 30, 2017. The registration fee includes two healthy lunches (on Friday & Saturday). Online Registration is expected to open September 1, 2017. The Assembly 2018 website is www.umwassembly.org! Assembly 2018 will feature pre-registered workshops

Plan now to attend this 150 year old movement of United Methodist Women as we gather at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio to celebrate THE POWER OF BOLD.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND Assembly 2018 will be a forum for all women. Assembly will offer an incredible personal faith journey through community building, training for action and visioning a movement for the future. Worship/ Plenaries infused with music and performing arts, quality workshops and riveting Town Hall meetings with important leaders, action opportunities and Experience Hall with educational immersion experiences await you. When women unite, bold and courageous actions happen.

WHY COLUMBUS? The 2018 Assembly is particularly momentous in that it marks both the official celebration of the organization's 150th anniversary and a return to the location of the first Assembly in 1942. St. Louis was the original site for that first Assembly, but the women moved their meeting to Columbus because St. Louis would not allow white women and black women to congregate in the same space. They boldly united and switched to a location where ALL women could meet, worship, and stay together. That location was Columbus!



2018 Legislative and Advocacy Day

Indiana's United Methodist Women and Church Women United

Thursday, March 8, 2018 10 am to 3 pm (Eastern)

Southport United Methodist Church

1947 E Southport Road, Indianapolis 46227

Focus:

Criminalization of Communities of Color

The day's events will include:

Viewing of "Mass Incarceration" Webinar

Displays of Advocacy and Mission Resources

Speakers

Lunch available with advance registration (register before March 5)

Susan Clark, Registrar

Email: susirobi@aol.com Text or call (between 6 p.m. & 9 p.m.) (260) 224-5429

[Registration of \$10 payable at the door. On-site registration may not include lunch]



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North Central District Spring Meeting

Saturday, April 28, 2018

1 to 3 pm

Registration begins at 12:30 pm

Fowlerton United Methodist Church

117 W. 3rd Street

Fowlerton, IN 46930

Speakers: Missions in Albania—The River Church of Marion

Come and Celebrate

R.S.V.P. by April 20, 2018

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Please be sure to indicate if you need Childcare when you R.S.V.P.



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UMW of Indiana Conference

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2018 North Central District UMW Events

- April 28—Spring Meeting—Fowlerton UMC
1-3 pm
- July 28—District Board Meeting—Tipton
- Sept 15—Fall Meeting—New Horizon UMC,
Anderson IN
- October 13—District Board meeting—Tipton

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Our Purpose

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.