Dear Sisters in Faith, the summer is upon us and many of members have made the journeys back to their summer homes. We will miss them, and will continue to hold them in prayer. This is a very busy time for all of us.

We have our Desert Southwest Annual Conference rapidly approaching, June 12-16, 2019. And this year it’s in a new location with many new changes to the agenda. The event is being held at the Mesa Convention Center, Mesa, Arizona.

South District’s Mission u will be held at the Catalina United Methodist Church on August 23-24 and you may register for this event online. I encourage all of you to register and attend. As of this date, I regret to inform you that no Scholarships have been sent to me for this year’s Mission u.
The deadline date for submission was May 31, 2019, and it saddens me that we could not award scholarships due to the lack of participation by our local organizations.

This year is proving to be a challenge to all of us. At the beginning of the year I experienced a house flood, caused by a rupture in the poly piping under our home. What a mess, but most of the work is done, and we are 98 per cent back to normal. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

Our census for the district was at an all-time low. We will try and do better next year.

Many challenges are weighing heavy on all of us regarding the status of our churches. United Methodist Women chief executive Harriet Jane Olson issued the following statement:

“The Traditional Plan adopted by General Conference invites clergy, bishops and congregations who do not support the church’s stand regarding LGBTQIA persons to leave the denomination and form another expression of Methodism. However, while our membership has many opinions about the matters considered at General Conference, United Methodist Women stands together, committed to serving women, children and youth. Part of the United Methodist Women Purpose is to be a creative supportive fellowship and that’s what we intend to do.

Harriet’s entire article is published in the May/June Issue of response.

In the meantime, we will continue to pray for our beloved church and stand in solidarity with all those in pain.

May God continue to work in all our lives and I look forward to seeing each of you at Mission u in August.

Best Wishes and God Bless

Bobbie Norris,
President South District United Methodist Women
News from Your Dean of Mission u

Mission u 2019 – Here We Come!

Summer is almost here! What are your plans?
Mine include a family reunion, a wedding, a 90th birthday party, Desert Southwest Annual Conference and Mission u, of course.
Are you planning to attend Mission u? Las Vegas, Sun City, Tucson – here we come!

You can attend the one nearest you or the one that fits your calendar. If your summer is complicated, check out all the dates and places. There is also the option to attend at more than one site and take another class – all on the same registration form.

You do need to register early, as we are limiting classes to 30 people each this year.
For more information and registration forms click here Mission u info

You also do need to order your books early because we WILL NOT have them for sale at Mission u.
Order study books by clicking here resources
You might consider ordering as a group to save some on postage.
Amazon has Kindle versions of the study books.

The authors of the studies have had articles in response magazine. Check these out, share at your next meeting:
Ellen Blue (Women United for Change) is in the March/April issue – “Writing our Legacy”.
Janet Wolf (Practicing Resurrection: Mark) is in the current issue – “Radical Discipleship”.

The study book Women United for Change reminds us that through our 150-year history, our predecessor organizations accompanied those seeking a better life. As United Methodist Women in Desert Southwest conference we welcome migrants and asylum-seekers at The Inn in Tucson and Methodist churches in Phoenix area after they have been processed by Homeland Security. They have many needs, so our In-Kind Offerings will help: Bags (back packs, gym bags, reusable grocery bags), snack crackers, toilet paper, toiletries baby wipes, etc.

Mission u national has a Facebook page -- MISSION u CENTRAL: https://www.facebook.com/UMWMissionu/

Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Women has a page too: https://www.facebook.com/UMWDSC/

Radical Discipleship: Then and Now

Glenda Hill, Dean
From Your Chair of Nominations

It’s the time of year that we are asking for people to fill positions on the South District Team. We have 3 important positions to fill this year. We need a president, secretary, & spiritual growth coordinator. You will be receiving calls from Clara Campbell or myself. I ask that you will prayerful consider taking a position when asked.

The only way the district can continue to operate efficiently is to have a president and secretary. When you participate it is very rewarding, because we work together as a team so there is always help if you need it. If you have a love and commitment to this organization we ask for you to say yes. We will provide you with information on the position and timeline.

There are so many wonderful women out there who would be a great addition to those members continuing on the district. I know it can be scary, but we are asked to step out of our comfort zones in life, so please consider saying yes when asked.

Linda Salfen
Chair of Nominations

From Your Treasurer

It is going to be that lazy time of the year soon. With the warmer weather approaching and things slowing down we often forget things that need to be done. So, this is a reminder to all the unit treasurers that the audits for 2018 are due to me by the end of June. You can send a copy by email, pjune6@cox.net, or mail to me, 542 West Parkwood Court, Green Valley, Az 85614-3520. I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer.

Patsy June
Treasurer
Hello all, I hope you enjoyed the wonderful spring weather we had. As your social action coordinator I try to keep up on how our issues play out in our region. One of the biggest is immigration. While the government’s rules and procedures can change week to week, local advocates are continuing to do their best to help those in need.

Many are asylum seekers who have left their home countries with only what they can carry and the hope that life will be safer in the United States. After being processed through detention, some have no idea what to do after they are dropped off by officials. Volunteers from across the Tucson area have stepped forward to give a warm welcome and a safe place to stay while they plan their next step.

The INN at First United Methodist Church Tucson and Inn2 America at St. Francis in the Foothills are just a couple of the groups working to meet the need. They help guests with a safe place to rest, shower and eat while they wait to board buses to reunite with family and friends in other cities. These groups are completely funded and supplied by the Christian community. The needs of The Inns can vary but there are many things they can always use.

Fresh fruit (apples, bananas, oranges)
Grocery gift cards (Bashas, Fry’s, Safeway)
Men’s pants size 34 & smaller
Women’s underwear size 4 & 5
Clothing in adult smalls and children’s larges

You drop off your donations or send them to:
Inn2 America
c/o St. Francis in the Foothills UMC
4625 E River Road
Tucson, AZ 85718

Thank you for all you do for your home units and the prayers you lift up for all in need. I hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to speaking with you during the rest of this year.

All the best,

Erin Fly
JOIN THE EXCITEMENT & CELEBRATION

When: October 12, 2019
Where: St. Francis in the Foothills

South District United Methodist Women Annual Meeting

At the meeting this year South District United Methodist Women would like to celebrate those you are honoring with Special Mission Recognition Pins. We would like to have you present the pins and tell why they were selected to be honored at the celebration part of the meeting.

We ask that you invite them to attend so you can present them with the pin and let us all rejoice and celebrate what they have done. To take part in these festivities, please send us their name(s), photo and a brief write up. Send the information to: Lorraine Shaw, vice president, Ladyinsurance@att.net

This is brand new and we really encourage you to take part in the celebration. We would love for them to also invite their friends and family to be part of this important day.

Registration form is attached for your convenience.
South District United Methodist Women Annual Meeting

REGISTRATION FORM

Celebrating 150 Years Of Mission

Saturday, October 12, 2019

WHERE: St. Francis in the Foothills
4625 E. River Road

TIME: 8:30am Check-In & Gathering of donations for: Inn2 America (The INN)
9:15-10:00am Mission Heritage-150 Years of Being in Mission
10:00-Gather for Worship

COST: $25.00 includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch (Cancellation policy for all district events a full refund, can be made if cancellation is received by the event registrar fourteen (14) days prior to the event; after that date, there can be no refunds. A registration may be transferred to another person. Anyone wishing to register after the registration deadline for district events shall pay an additional $5.00.)

Send one registration form per person - make copies as needed

Make Check payable to: South District UMW by Deadline Date: Friday, October 4
Mail to: REGISTRAR: Alice Brown
4100 N. Romero Road Lot 204
Tucson, AZ 85705, 520-247-6972
Email: aabrown1@comcast.net

Mission in Action Project: See list on page 2 for items for: Inn2 America (The INN)

Direct any questions to: Lorraine Shaw - Email ladyinsurance@att.net Retain a copy of this registration form for your records as there will be no confirmation letter.

PLEASE PRINT

Name ___________________________________ E-mail ____________________ Phone ___________

Address __________________________________ City ___________ Zip ______

Church ________________________________ First Time Attendee ___Yes ___No

Emergency Contact ______________________ Phone ________________

Known Food Allergies: ________________________________________________

Child Care ___Yes ___No Child’s Name ________________________________ Age _____

(For child care you MUST register by Sept 27 & please bring food and supplies/diapers, special toy, etc. for your child)

___ I give permission for my photograph to be displayed/published by: UMW
SOUTH DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING

Celebrating 150 Years Of Mission

Keep this page for your records

Saturday, October 12, 2019
St. Francis in the Foothills
4625 E. River Road

(Note: Registration deadline is Friday, October 4, 2019. Child care request & registration MUST be reserved by: September 27, 2019
COST: $25.00

SCHEDULE:

8:30-9:15 Check-In
Gathering of Donations for: Inn2 America (Asylum Seekers Shelter Ministry-The INN)

ITEMS BEING COLLECTED FOR: Inn2 America
- Backpacks
- Totes
- Children’s Underwear & Socks-All Sizes
- Adult Underwear & Socks-Small Sizes
- Individual bags of beans & rice

(See website for additional items: Theinnumc.org)

9:15-10:00 Fellowship Hall-Mission Heritage-150 Years of Being in Mission

10:00 Gather for Worship in the Sanctuary
Small Break
Move to Fellowship Hall for Celebrations
- Special Mission Recipients Recognition and Celebration
- Birthday Celebration with Piñata!

12:00-12:45 Lunch - Taco bar catered by Michi’s

12:45 Gather in Sanctuary for Singspiration
Business Meeting
Election of Officers
Communion & Closing

CONTACT FOR ANY QUESTIONS:
Bobbie Norris-520-349-5089 or
Lorraine Shaw-520-904-8258
Save these Dates for More Exciting Events

Your leadership team has been at work listening to you, discussing ideas and planning for the next year. We would like you to “Save the Date” for Saturday, February 1st 2020 for the next Leadership Enhancement Gathering. More details will be forthcoming later this year. We just want to make sure you mark your calendar because you don’t want to miss this one! It will only be from 8:30 to 12:30 and will include a “Stump the Panel” game. So watch the Footprints for more information and plan on attending to join the fun.

Another date to put on your calendar is Saturday, May 2, 2020. We are planning a Tea Party! You definitely don’t want to miss this event! Again, watch your Footprints for more details as we have them available.
2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**June 12-16**  Desert Southwest Annual Conference  
Mesa Convention Center, Mesa

**August 20**  Deadline for Footprints Newsletter Articles

**August 24-25**  Mission u South District  
Catalina United Methodist Church

**October 12**  South District United Methodist Women Annual Meeting  
St. Francis in the Foothills

**October 25**  Conference United Methodist Women  
District Officer Training  
Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

**October 26**  Conference United Methodist Women Annual Celebration  
Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

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Long warm days...  
The pace of life slows...  
A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord,  
help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence.  
Slow down my restless heart  
and fill me with gentle compassion for all your people.

Amen.