

Footprints



South District United Methodist Women E-News

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From Your South District & Conference President

Annual Conference was a jam packed 4 days of legislation, worship, meeting new people, reconnecting with those I have known for a long time and those I have known for a short time! There were times when I felt sad and times of joy. I knew that we had some controversial issues to discuss and vote on. Voting is a difficult thing to do. There is always a winner and a loser. As the president of Desert Southwest South District United Methodist Women, my vote always represents you as well as me personally, so I have to consider my responsibility to you and not just rush through the decision because I am tired of hearing arguments for or against or getting annoyed when the same question is asked for the 4th time because someone just isn't listening!

Presidents Article—Continued

Ever since the General Conference, I have been feeling that the Traditional Plan that was passed did not fit into John Wesley gave the people the first general rule that concerns “doing no harm”. The Traditional Plan seems to me to call for doing “harm” to many people. did not fit into my understanding of the Wesleyan tradition in which John Wesley gave the people the first general rule that concerns “doing no harm”. The Traditional Plan seems to me to call for doing “harm” to many people. At Annual Conference, we passed a resolution that:

1. condemns the decision of the 2019 General Conference to pass the Traditional Plan and apologizes for the harm that it has caused LGBTQTI+ persons, their families, friends, and the body of Christ;
2. affirms that all persons are individuals of sacred worth, created in the image of God; and
3. asserts and affirms that no human being is incompatible with Christian teaching.

This did not pass unanimously, but did pass and is being sent on to General Conference 2020.

Another resolution that passed concerned immigration and requests that General Conference demand, from the appropriate agencies, that children who have been separated from families be reunited as soon as possible and that asylum seekers be processed as soon as possible.

Resolutions that are passed are sent on for consideration at General Conference 2020. It is a method of letting our (Desert Southwest Conference) voice is heard. Other resolutions and petitions were voted on, but these two are the ones I feel most impact United Methodist Women.

The Annual Conference did not finish with all the planned legislation and will having a “Special Annual Conference” on Sept. 14 to finish the work which needs to be done. This is not a usual occurrence, but was requested by the Bishop, and, after much debate and discussion was approved by the body. I will be attending this Annual Conference. Ten working committees were set up to work on possible plans for Desert Southwest Conference Way Forward. All the committees need to be undergirded with prayer as they do their work.

United Methodist Women National has not taken a position, but be sure that they are working tirelessly to ensure that United Methodist Women remains a viable organization working for women, children and youth.

Bobbie Norris, President

South District United Methodist Women

Alberta Farnsworth, President

Conference United Methodist Women

From Your Chair Committee on Nominations



This has been a really difficult year for my Committee on Nominations, which has consisted of Clara Campbell and myself. In the spring we were able to find another member for the team Catheryn Simpson.

We still need a president for a 2 year term, a vice president for a 1 year term and a communications coordinator. We've contacted so many people with no success. I know it is difficult to step out and take a position sometimes. I know that myself, but I did, and because of that I grew from the experience. I'm asking you take a leap of faith and to please step forward.

I found this statement at the end of the book 50 Women Every Christian Should Know. "GOD CALLS US TO GO FORTH WITHOUT FEAR-INTO THE UNKNOWN INTO THE UNFAMILIAR. HE CALLS US TO GO FORTH WITHOUT FEAR RIGHT WHERE WE ARE, WITH EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE. GOD DOESN'T REQUIRE PERFECT SKILLS."

I don't think I can say it any better about stepping out and taking a position. You really do not do this without help from the rest of the district team. We really need your help. Thank You.

Linda Salfen

Chair, Committee on Nominations

The slate of those running for positions on the Leadership Team will be posted September 14

From Your Treasurer

I guess we know for sure now what the "dog days of summer" means. Wikipedia states that it is from Greek and Roman astrology connected with heat, drought, sudden thunderstorms, lethargy, fever, [mad dogs](#) and bad luck. I think I have encountered all of these except maybe the [mad dogs](#)! I am ready for Fall which brings our Annual Meeting on October 12, 2019, at St. Francis in the Foothills. I hope everyone can attend it should be a fun celebration.

As I reminded you last quarter, the audits for your units were due at the end of June. I have received eight (8) local organization reports or 57% of the total. We still have Six (6) local organizations that have not reported at this time. Please send a copy by email, pjune6@cox.net, or mail to me, 542 West Parkwood Court, Green Valley, Az 85614-3520, as soon as possible.

Patsy June,
Treasurer



From Your Vice President of Programing

JOIN THE EXCITEMENT & CELEBRATION

When: October 12, 2019

Where: St. Francis in the Foothills

4625 E River Road

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 you convenience.





South District United Methodist Women Annual Meeting

REGISTRATION FORM

Celebrating  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  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

From Your Social Action Coordinator



Welcome back! As we get ready to rejoin our United Methodist Women sisters this fall I hope you are ready to make a difference.

With our nation's political and social climate changing almost daily we need to keep in mind what is truly important. LOVE. As Methodists we

try to live by the motto "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors." But this can be easy to forget as we stare into the abyss of the coming elections and possible recession. During this difficult time we need to remember to be loving Christians to all, even those who we don't agree with.

As United Methodist Women we strive to make a difference for women and children at home and around the world. So while we can talk all day about what's wrong with our country and culture, we can also take action. I know I talk about this in almost every newsletter, but there are so many ways that everyone can do something. You can write letters or emails to our elected officials about the need for all American workers to have the right to family and medical leave. If you want to get involved in person, every city and county has organizations and ministries that help women and children that can use everyone's individual talents. Action can be as simple as picking up the phone or a pen or as involved as volunteering at a shelter every week.

Part of social action is staying informed. During this time it is so important to take the time to learn about the issues that are facing our country as well as those seeking a better life in America. For example, the controversial issue of "public charge legislation." This would deny anyone who would need public assistance to get started in the U.S. from entering and beginning the process to become a legal resident. Or the sanctuary movement and the many opinions on each side of the aisle. No matter how you feel about these issues, it is so important to understand all the facts.

As we join in fellowship to grow in our faith and serve in mission I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can during our many events. If you ever have any questions please contact me at erinflyaz@gmail.com or (575) 635-3330

All the best,

Erin Fly

social action coordinator

From Your Educating Members for Mission Coordinator



The One Thing We Must Do. Pray!

As I meet with ladies lately I hear despair in their voices. Despair about their families, for our country, our churches, humanity, and for a safer more nurturing world. That's a tall order and frankly more anxiety than we can deal with alone.

As I have pondered all this distress I began hearing messages of prayer around every corner. I started hearing sermons on prayer; I kept tripping over the topic of prayer in my Bible readings. It was popping up everywhere!

Next, the question I had was how does prayer pertain and affect *my* life? Personally, I don't struggle with prayer...this may be too bad as God is concerned since I have entire conversations with Him. But, seriously, one thing I have noticed is that many people do have trouble with prayer. As I have counseled folks with addiction, family, and mental health issues one thing they often ask is how to start praying and what to ask God for? I suggest beginning by asking God to sit down and have a cup of coffee with them. By the way, God likes his black. He enjoys his coffee and all his prayers to come full strength!

If you don't feel comfortable with asking Him in for coffee...have Him ride with you each day to work or to shop. He makes a great carpool partner. Leave the radio off and have a chat. Be polite, listen after you tell God what's hurting or worrying you.

Another way to pray is with someone you feel safe and comfortable with, maybe a few friends, neighbors or family members. Don't ever be ashamed of expressing fears, worries, and hurts with others because in all probability they are struggling just like you.

As educating members for mission district officer, I can assure you, that we as United Methodist Women carry a very big responsibility to take prayer into the world just as much as food, clothing, safe haven, justice and more...we are obligated to not only strengthen our individual prayer lives, but to take prayer out among His Children teaching others how to experience the benefits of constant communication with our Heavenly Father.

Enjoy, the verses I provided, practice using them, learning them and passing them on. And, most of all may they leave you feeling lighter, well blessed and loved,

Jeanie Hughes

educating members for missions coordinator

From Your Vice President of Programing

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 Sunday, May 3, 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.

Tea Party



From Your Conference Vice President



Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Women

Annual Celebration

**Come and learn how you can be the pebble that starts a ripple
in your local church, community and world**

Check in starts at 8:30

Program at 9:15-4:00

Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

9248 E Riggs Rd

Sun Lakes, AZ

Registration fee, includes lunch: \$25.00

Late registration fee: additional \$5.00 fee

if mailed or submitted online after October 16, 2019

The online registration is at: <https://dscumc.org/event/umw-annual-celebration-2019/>

The mail in form can be found at: <https://dscumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019-Annual-Celebration-Registration.pdf>

Friday

3:30-5:15 Rehearsal – all conference officers

5:30-6:15 Dinner for Conference and District Officers Only

6:15-6:45 District Officer Development Enrichment

Training with all Conference and District Officer -what it means to be a team member

7:00-8:30 Individual Officer Training

Suggested hotels for those officers coming a distance and not wanting to drive home

- Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Chandler, 1200 W Ocotillo Rd, Chandler
- Drury Inn & Suites Phoenix Chandler Fashion Center, 1221 S Spectrum Blvd, Chandler
- Residence Inn by Marriott Phoenix Chandler/South, 2727 W Queen Creek Rd, Chandler

From Your Western Jurisdiction President



Calling u

Western Jurisdiction United Methodist Women

The registration website is now open for the Western Jurisdiction United Methodist Women Quadrennial Meeting in Tempe, Arizona on April 17-19, 2020. You can go to <https://www.wjumw.com/> to get all the information on this exciting event. Calling u is the theme for this event. It is being planned as a MINI ASSEMBLY with Ubuntu activities, workshops, a Native American cultural evening, a climate change action event and exciting worship around women in the Bible. Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, one of the five top atmospheric scientists in the world will be the keynote speaker. Harriet Jane Olson, our CEO, and Shannon Purdy, United Methodist Women National President, will share on United Methodist Women.

The purpose of this event is to elect two women from our jurisdiction to serve as directors to United Methodist Women National. The Western Jurisdiction Leadership will also be elected at this time.

You may register on- line for the event and the hotel. God is calling each of us to take time and celebrate who we are and whose we are. Come here the stories of the bible women and take time to share your story.

Four (4) scholarships will be awarded to first time jurisdiction attendees who have not served United Methodist Women beyond the local unit. Forms are available from your district president or Judi Nibbelink at judiannaz@msn.com or 520 818-6766.

Judi Nibbelink, President

Western Jurisdiction United Methodist Women

From Your Conference Communications Coordinator



Did you know that anyone can receive the district and conference newsletters? Recently at Mission u several women inquired how they and/or other members of their unit could receive the United Methodist Women newsletters.

A little background: districts usually send their quarterly newsletters to all local officers via email or a link to their newsletter, which is on the web.

Each year the conference adds the names of the new local presidents and secretaries (or alternate officers) of each local unit to their monthly e-news distribution list. Names are never removed from the lists, unless requested to do so. Therefore, the lists continue to build. Any time anyone asks to have their name added, it is place on the appropriate list.

Signing up is easy. To have someone or a group of names added to the South District mailing list please send a request to: Alice Brown @ aabrown1@comcast.net

To receive the Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Women's monthly e-news, the Southwest Winds, sent right to your computer's inbox, send an email to: umwomen@dscumc.org

Please note – before you send in a list of names please be sure it is okay with everyone on the list to be included.

Our United Methodist Women's conference web pages hold a wealth of information, including recent and back copies of the district and conference newsletters. Be sure to check it out: <https://dscumc.org/united-methodist-women/>

Beu Secrist, communications coordinator

Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Women

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Betty Mathis**, recently retired CEO of Wesley Community and Health Centers. Betty received a **Bishop's Award** at the Annual Conference on Saturday, June 15.. Betty was commended for her 25 years of service to Wesley and all that she has achieved there.

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- 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
- November 20**, Deadline for Footprints Newsletter Article



Autumn Praise

I praise you, Lord, for autumn:
for falling temperatures and morning chill,
trees turned gold and red, brown and orange,
falling leaves and blowing leaves,
the smell of burning leaves,
the joy of leaf-pile jumping.

I praise you, Lord, for autumn:
the interplay of outside temperatures
and inside warmth,
the promise of cider and pumpkin bread,
the blessing of blankets and sweaters.

I praise you, Lord, for autumn:
the beauty and hope in the change of season,
the promise that the coming of autumn
heralds another ending, a new beginning,
and the wonder of another winter, another spring,
another summer, yet to come.

By Bob Hosteller