



Timely Reflections

Inland District of the United Methodist Church
United Methodist Women

Celebrating Our Sacred Spaces

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SAVE THE DATE!
INLAND DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
"CELEBRATING OUR
SACRED SPACES"

The 2018 Inland District Annual Meeting will be September 15 at Community United Methodist Church in Coeur d'Alene, ID. At this meeting besides holding a business meeting, we will learn more about our priorities, have time for officer training, hear from those who attended 2018

Assembly and enjoy the community of United Methodist Women in the Inland District.

Please put this date on your calendar!

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Madelyn's Message

Greetings to the Community of Women in the Inland District.

In two and a half months, Linda Hansen, Coordinator for Education and Interpretation & Secretary of Program Resources, and I will be leaving for Columbus Ohio to attend Assembly 2018. This will be my third Assembly and for Linda it will be her first. Joining us will be four United Methodist Women PNW Conference officers from the Inland District: Marilyn Wudarcki, Melva Lohstroh, Judy Dirks and Sharon Stovall. Having attended before I know what a momentous event this is. It is not too late to join us. Information can be found at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/assembly2018

During my time there I know I will be filled with the faith, hope and love that moves women to action. I will learn more about our four social justice priorities. I will attend gatherings with deep spiritual journeys and hear cutting-edge speakers who will inspire and offer tools to mobilize and activate. I will engage and learn from others in interactive workshops. I will discover how to mobilize for change at the action tables in the social justice immersion exhibits. But most importantly I will encounter women from all generations who will help me understand what they seek and what motivates them to action. I will be in a community of women who feel fully welcomed, valued, and empowered to unite for bold and courageous action.

I would like to share my excitement for Assembly with you as I experience it. Over the five days of being gone I will send short emails and pictures from my iPhone to the presidents of each local unit. Each president then if they choose can forward this to their local unit. If anyone would like to join this group, please let me know via email so I can put you in my Assembly 2018 group. I am excited to try this and pray it will work.

Blessings to all the wonderful United Methodist Women in the Inland District. I am so proud to be with you in the work you do turning faith, hope, and love into action.

Madelyn Bafus, Inland district UMW President
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Inland District Nominations Committee— A UNITED METHODIST WOMAN is a person who is committed to living “Our Purpose” which means she is carrying out the legacy left by our foremothers 149 years ago. It is the leadership on a local, district, and conference level that helps all women promote programs that enable us to be advocates for women, youth, and children. It is that time of year when the Committee on Nominations begins recruiting women who are willing to give of their time and talents to serve in an officer capacity. Please say “yes” when asked and you won’t regret it because serving on the district mission team can be a very rich and rewarding experience.

Perhaps you might feel you don’t have the skills to fill an office; however, just remember that with God at your side and with the amount of officer training offered by the United Methodist Women, you can do it. Join the team and help us continue this wonderful organization for years to come. Officer openings for 2018-2019 are as follows: Secretary of Program Resources; Secretary; Nominations Committee Chair; Nominations Committee Member (two openings). Please prayerfully consider stepping forward and being a part of the team who makes a difference in the lives of others. You won’t be sorry.

Suellen Crettol and Ann Fritz, Nominations Committee Members

News from your Inland District Treasurer Charlene Mullis

Hi everybody! Inland District made a Pledge to Mission of \$30,000 for 2017. We are sorry to report that we received \$23,815.25.

Our total Mission giving which includes Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, World Thank Offering, Mission Magic and Love Ribbons was \$27,838.15. Our total Designated Giving was \$2,031.00 and Other Designated Giving was \$1,146.58. This made a total of \$31,015.73.

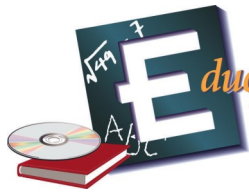
So far this year I have received money from two units. Anyone needing forms for submitting your Treasure Remittances can also get them online. At unitedmethodistwomen.org.



2018

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| April 14, 2018 | District Spiritual Growth Retreat Bozarth Mansion & Retreat Center |
| April 20-22, 2018 | PNW UMW Executive Meeting Lazy F |
| May 5, 2018 | Inland District Exec Meeting TBA |
| May 17 – 20, 2018 | Assembly Columbus, Ohio |
| June 21-24, 2018 | PNW UMC Annual Conference Puyallup, WA |
| July 12-13, 2018 | PNW UMW Executive Meeting Ellensburg |
| July 13-16, 2018 | Mission u Ellensburg |
| August 11, 2018 | Inland District Exec Meeting Spokane Valley UMC |
| September 15, 2018 | Inland District Annual Meeting Community UMC, Coeur d’Alene ID |
| October 11-12, 2018 | PNW UMW Executive Meeting Vancouver 1st |
| October 12-13, 2018 | PNW UMW Annual Meeting Vancouver 1st |
| November 3, 2018 | Inland District Exec Meeting CDA Community UMC |
| April 17-19, 2020 | Jurisdiction Tempe, AZ |

Newsletter Deadlines: May 15, August 15, Nov. 15.



Education & Interpretation

I was fortunate to attend UMC General Conference in Portland, OR. Now I get to go to UMW National Assembly on May18-20, 2018 in Columbus, OH. Most of PNW Conference officers are planning to attend, also others from District and Local Units. I hope that I learn as much as I did in Portland.

And speaking of learning it's never too early to think about Mission u. Online registration is open. No changes in cost from last year. There will be church bus transportation from Marysville UMC and Spokane area for a nominal fee. The all school study is entitled, "What About Our Money?" which explores how faith and our money is related. Rev. Neal Christie from the General Board of Church and Society lead this course. Bishop Mary Ann Swenson will be back for a second year to teach an elective course on Missionary Conferences as a follow-up to her all-school study last year. The second elective course is entitled, "Embracing Health and Wholeness." Scholarships are available; especially for first-time attendees, youth, and young women. This will be my 4th year and each year I come away renewed and invigorated to carry out the missions of UMW. I pray that everyone in our units are continuing to learn, seeking avenues to serve and to enjoy the fellowship of our United Methodist Women.

Blessings, *Linda Hansen Inland District Education & Interpretation Coordinator*



June 26, 2017

Thank you for your recent donation of quilts to the "Crisis Nursery".

We are always grateful for the generosity of our community.

It is because of your support that we can provide for our community's children in need.

Many will benefit from your kindness.

With Gratitude, *Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery Staff and Children*

This is one of many Thank You cards that were received all over the conference for the beautiful quilts that were donated from the 2017 Quilts for Pacific Northwest/Oregon/Idaho UMC Annual Conference. 262 quilts were collected from 38 churches. Puyallup donated 60 quilts making them the top donors. These handmade quilts share love and warmth to the children at risk in our community. Now is a good time to get busy making quilts. We will again be receiving them at the PNW Annual Conference, June 21-24 in Puyallup. Blessings to you all.

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Reading Program

I am learning a new way of getting my books read. Due to complications of eye surgery my eyes do not do well with long periods of reading, which I used to do frequently. So now I snatch 10-15 minute periods to read a few pages. Sometimes I must review the page before to renew the thread of the story but this way I am finding it does not tire my eyes as much. I hope that you have found a way to incorporate reading in your busy lives.

How is your reading doing? I figure we are about half way through the reading year. If your goal was to read 20 books (GREAT FOR YOU) you should be close to ten. If 20 is too great of a goal I encourage you to attempt to read one book in each category. A selection of the 2018 books will be available at our April 14 Inland District Spiritual Growth Retreat.

I keep quotes on my computer and reviewing them I found this one, no credit was given. "Opportunity is missed by people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

Blessing, *Linda Hansen Secretary of Program Resource*



Legacy Fund 150 YEAR UMW LEGACY

Join us for our Annual Day of Giving March 23

On March 23, 1869, eight women gathered at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, and organized the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, what would become United Methodist Women. Those women raised money to send a doctor, Clara Swain, and a teacher, Isabella Thoburn, to India as missionaries to serve the women of that nation. Since then, for nearly 150 years, United Methodist Women has evolved to become the largest women's faith-based service and advocacy organization, underwriting programs that provide life-changing opportunities for women, children and youth. To celebrate the dedication and foresight of our foremothers, every March 23 has become A Day of Giving to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign.

The Legacy Fund is a forward-looking permanently invested endowment, the earnings of which will strengthen our organization, so that future giving can be even more directly linked to our projects and partners, addressing injustice and alleviating suffering. Your contribution to the Legacy Fund will underwrite endeavors to strengthen our internal capacity (in lieu of core expenses) to further invest in life-changing programs and services, that create a promising tomorrow for future generations of United Methodist Women members in answering God's call to serve.

Every United Methodist Women member is encouraged to reflect on their charitable giving and contribute to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign in the form of cash, check, securities, stock, life insurance, planned gifts and bequests. Any amount is welcome before, during and after Day of Giving: March 23! Together, we are building our Legacy. Give:

- Online at www.UMW.org/legacyfund
- By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST, M - F)
- By check: United Methodist Women, Attn: Development, Legacy Fund, 475 Riverside Drive, 15th floor New York, NY 10115. Write "The Legacy Fund" in the memo section
- By text on your mobile device: Text 41444 and enter Legacy150 in the message area.

RACIAL JUSTICE AWARD UMW RACIAL JUSTICE AWARD NOMINATION

The Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice of the PNW Conference UMW is seeking nominees for the annual Racial Justice Award to be presented at the PNW Conference Annual Meeting in October.

Criteria are as follows:

1. Exemplifies the implementation (We Will section) of the Charter for Racial Justice www.UMW.org/racialjusticecharter
2. May be an individual United Methodist Women member, a local unit, a district, or may be an individual or group from outside United Methodist Women.
3. The activity may be a one-time event or on-going, but must have taken place within the last year.

Format for nomination:

1. Name, address, phone number, and/or e-mail of Nominee(s).
2. Name of Activity or Event.
3. One or two paragraphs summarizing the individual or group activity and how it relates to the Charter for Racial Justice.
4. Your name, address, phone number, and/or e-mail address.
5. Deadline to be returned to Marilyn Wudarcki or Libby Hall by June 1, 2018
6. Nomination may either be mailed or e-mailed.

Selection of award recipient:

1. Selection will be made by Racial Justice Committee at their July summer meeting.
2. This is a great opportunity to recognize persons who fulfill our Purpose and our Mission Today Charter for Racial Justice component in a significant way.
3. Questions may be directed to Marilyn Wudarcki or Libby Hall.

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 Wenatchee, WA 98801-3757
libbymariehall@hotmail.com
 509-860-1143

Mission u 2018

For Men, Women and Young People

July 13-16, 2018

Central Washington University
Ellensburg, WA

Plenary Study: What About Our Money?

Rev. Neal Christie

Assistant General Secretary for Education & Leadership Formation General Board of Church & Society

Youth Study: Is It Just Money?

Amanda Hutchinson & Sara Culp

Joan Hackett, Dean
revkeithjoan@hotmail.com

Susan Chamberlain, Co-Registrar
susancchamberlain@yahoo.com

Register online now!

<https://pnwmissionu2018.eventbrite.com>

(Please contact Co-Registrar if you need assistance registering online)

Fulltime: \$300.00

Weekender: \$255.00

Commuter: \$200.00

Add \$20 to price for registrations after May 31, 2018.

Embracing Health & Wholeness

Rev. Dr. JoAnn Shipley

Pastor, Vancouver Heights United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Carol Mariano

Retired Senior Pastor, Haller Lake United Methodist Church

Rev. Golden Neal

Missionary Conferences with a Difference

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson



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**INLAND DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT
“Growing Spiritually through Difficult Times”**

DATE: April 14, 2018 **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

REGISTER: Deadline April 1 - \$25 -- After April 1 - \$30

**PLACE: Bozarth Mansion & Retreat Center
12415 N. Fairwood Drive, Spokane, WA 99218**

LEADERS: CLM Sue Robinson and Pastor Kathy Barrack

WHY ATTEND: What difficulties and challenges are you facing today? Are you searching for ways to grow spiritually through tough times? Are you trying to help friends or family members who need emotional and spiritual support? Has your life changed in ways that test your faith and your relationship with God? Plan to attend and you will be comforted, fed, enlightened, encouraged and inspired! You will have an opportunity to deepen your walk with God, and find light for the path ahead of you.

BOZARTH CENTER is a magnificent Tudor mansion set on 20 acres of forested land and gardens with beautiful views of the Little Spokane River Valley. Your day will include laughter, sharing, presentations, reflection, worship. Take this holy “day away” to draw near to God and find strength for your broken places.

REGISTER NOW AND INVITE A FRIEND!

MEET OUR LEADERS...

SUE ROBINSON recently retired after 25 years as a hospital chaplain, working with many patients and families facing life changing illnesses and events. As a Certified Lay Minister Sue served Deer Park UMC and is currently assigned to Fowler UMC as Associate for Pastoral Care and Preaching. She has earned a Certification in Spiritual Direction and was Director of a neighborhood ecumenical outreach organization.

KATHY BARRACK is a licensed Local Pastor who recently served both Rockford UMC and Central UMC. Kathy has a Certification in Spiritual Direction, is an experienced hospital chaplain, and has served as Chaplain for Strength for the Journey, Kairos Prison Ministry and the Walk to Emmaus.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT REGISTRATION

Deadline April 1

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PHONE (_____) _____

EMAIL _____

UMW Unit _____

Dietary Needs _____

Mobility Needs _____

Check amount enclosed \$ _____ Payable to Inland District Treasurer

Send completed registration with payment to:

Suellen Crettol, Registrar, 1202 Birch Street, Sandpoint, ID 83864



Book Review: Boundless by Bryan Bishop-What Global Expressions of Faith Teach Us About Following Jesus. Category: Education for Mission

Bryan Bishop recounts his treks across Asia and United States as he found those of other religions incorporating Jesus into their faith beliefs. He visited Hindus, Muslims, Buddhist, Native Americans and American youths/young adults who are following Jesus by incorporating him into their faith practices.

The first story begins with a Muslim man who had a vision of Jesus. He encountered the man the Qur'an refers to as Isa al-Masib, Jesus the Messiah. In the vision Jesus revealed His true nature to Ibrahim who then saw Jesus not simply as a prophet but as the living God, his savior. Ibrahim then started reading the Bible and telling his family and friends what had happened to him. They started to believe him and in Jesus also. In less than a year this group grew to fifty believers. During this time none of these people had any contact with any Christians. Now enters the bad news, some Christians heard about this group. The Christians sought out many of the members and persuaded them to come to a 3 month Bible training program. They took about half of the group to a place far away, causing distress to those left behind. When the training was completed the participants came back but now called themselves Christians. The group was rejected by the remaining members and started to decline. Randy, a Christian started to work with Ibrahim and his group, not attempting to make them Christians but allowing them to keep their Muslims traditions. The group then started to grow.

Throughout this book are similar stories of peoples following Jesus but not giving up or radically changing their faith beliefs. This book points to methods that the Christian community can use to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to those who are not Christian, to those who are not "religious" and to those who are searching.

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Pastors, Inland District
Superintendent, and the PNW
Conference Office.

This newsletter is available online at
www.pnwumw.org/Act.html

If your address changes or mail is
being forwarded, please contact
the editor.

**2018 Newsletter
Deadline Dates**

May 15
August 15
November 15



PURPOSE
Of The United Methodist Women

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 United Methodist Church.