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Mission Tapestry

Arlington District United Methodist Women

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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 church.

The Mission Tapestry is a publication of the Arlington District United Methodist Women. Its goal is to keep units at the local/congregation level informed about opportunities for living out our PURPOSE. It is published quarterly and mailed to all unit leaders, pastors, former Arlington District Presidents, and Virginia Conference UMW leaders. All articles for publication should be directed to ArlingtonDistrictUMW@gmail.com.

District President's Message

Rev 21:5 "See, I am making all things new."

What's new? Fresh? Different? Unique? The latest? The greatest? Redone? Reborn? New! Did you ever stop to think what God has in mind when He says a New Heaven and a New Earth? What's made new?

"All things made new" was the theme for this year's School of Christian Mission. As we learned about people from Haiti, or about evangelizing in a global society, or about reconciliation, we began anew the work of building God's kingdom. We are called to learn and grow, gain a new understanding. We meet new friends along the way, and where two or more are gathered, there is Christ. We generate new enthusiasm, to have the energy to do God's work. And we celebrate the new life together. Yes, we have work to do, a responsibility to respond to God's calling. We need to repent, turn anew to God, and perhaps see things in a new light.

But there is an excitement to newness. Remember getting ready for a new school year, having new things to wear, meeting new friends, trying new activities, maybe putting on a "new face"? It was a chance to restart. Sure, new can be scary. We get used to the ways things always are. We get comfortable. New can shake us up.

The joy of UMW is that we are not in this kingdom-building alone. We are a group of strong, willing women, finding support with and for each other along the way. Join us this September for our Annual Meeting, to celebrate the many ways we are in mission together, kingdom-building together. We are God's hands and feet in action, helping to bring about that New Heaven and New Earth.

Karen McElfish

President
Arlington District
United Methodist Women

District UMW Openings

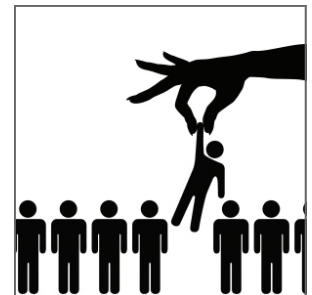
We have the following open positions:

- Secretary
- Membership Nurture and Outreach
- VUMAC Representative
- Communications Coordinator

Please prayerfully consider how you can help!

God Does Not Call the Equipped – He Equips the Called.

The next time you feel like God did not make you for a grand purpose, remember, God desires for you to reach your full potential. Are you available? You are not the message. **You are the messenger!** His eye is on the sparrow. God bless and keep you. Amen.



Vice President

Marci Schiller

Did you know that our Annual Meeting will include a Mission Fair? Representatives of the missions we support will be present to display their information, and help you to see how you make a difference to their organizations. So, this quarter, let's consider:

What *do* MISSIONS need from us?

Money—this is the most obvious, but sometimes can lead us to think that's all that's required of us...

Interest—are you meeting the people who benefit from your contributions? Do you know the staff or leaders of the organization? Are you aware of the prayer needs or “behind-the-scenes” stories? Interest makes things *interesting*!

Support—can you volunteer, or help those who do? Do you see what you do as vital—that someone's existence has been bettered because of your decision to be supportive?

Sticktuitiveness—if you've investigated your beneficiary—as the UMW and UMC do—and you find a worthwhile organization, please stay with them 'til their job is done. It is human nature to look for *exciting* ventures after a while, but being a friend through thick and thin benefits everyone!

Inspiration—let your creativity flow! We speak of the Holy Spirit being the “Instigator of Inspiration,” so let your prayers fly unto Him when your mission project seems to be falling flat...

Orneriness—one day someone will want to stop supporting missions. If you can stand strong AND speak the truth in love about how important giving to missions is, we all benefit! In fact, do you know that some missions are *only* UMW-supported, and would not exist without us?

Named—yes, your mission project needs to be talked about, by name, to LOTS of folks. This leads to *nurturing* of the project, the community, and you. Everybody wants to support a “winner.” Be outspoken about how missions make a difference!

You can also talk about: how much FUN you have; how FULFILLED you are; how FABULOUS it feels to be Jesus' hands and feet to the world!

Join us for the Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 17, from 9am-12pm, at Friendship UMC, 3527 Gallows Rd, Falls Church, 22042. Missions will be on display from 8:45-10am. Childcare will be provided by reservation; call the church at 703-560-5454.

And remember, my home church, Clarendon UMC, is having a UMW Summer Reading discussion group and potluck meal at 6pm, Friday, September 9, in our Social Hall. Our four books are: Who Stole My Church? - Gordon McDonald, *What to Do When the Church You Love Tries to Enter the 21st Century*; Something to Sing About - C.C. Payne, *Bees, dogs, singing and a young girl who learns about God's unconditional love—a young adult book that all will enjoy*; Same Kind of Different as Me - Hall and Moore. *When a modern day slave, and a wealthy art dealer come together with the help of woman who has heart for God, miracles can happen*; Play with Me - Miller and Mueller, *Journey of wonder and wildness two Moms forge with their children that connects them with God.*

Please call me if you'd like more info.

Joyfully,

Marci B. Schiller

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Spiritual Growth

Ruth Mulkey

This summer my schedule did not allow me to attend School of Christian Mission, and I truly missed going to Blackstone and being uplifted by the opportunities for learning and by the fellowship of women who feel strongly about the mission of United Methodist Women. My own home unit is struggling with the loss of membership and a decline in the level of interest in UMW that once sparked the women of our church.

The other morning I went out to start my car and it made that terrible grinding noise and then a 'thunk' which even I know means that the battery is dead! It had lost its power, and the AAA man had to come and bring me a new battery. These days practically everyone carries a cell phone, and we know that if we forget to re-charge the phone, it is not going to be of any use to us when we really need it. Many things we depend on in our daily lives need some source of power in order to work effectively.

In my life one of the sources that keeps me moving is reading the Bible every night before I go to bed. The Bible I read is called a "One Year Bible", and if I am faithful, and read each night, by the end of the year, I will have read the entire Bible. Each night there is a selection from the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the Psalms. This discipline of reading the Bible every night has given me a source of power for my life, and it has opened my mind to the study of the actual history of the writing of the Bible. In fact, some nights it keeps me up late reading "about" the Bible. And now I find if I don't do my reading, and just try to go to bed, I can't get to sleep! There is a real power in the Bible which urges me to read each night, and to study about what I have read.

When I went to visit my college friend last weekend, she gave me the book "Gilead" by Marilynne Robinson which I had read before. However, re-reading it is a true pleasure. In the story, the young man's grandfather has been wounded in the Civil War....he has lost the sight of one eye. But the Grandfather, who is a man of God, says, "I am confident that I will find great blessing in it." And throughout the grandfather's life, this was his philosophy.

Let us pray that we can find our true source of power through Jesus Christ, and live our lives finding great blessings in the events that touch our lives.

I hope to see you on September 17 at Friendship UMC!

Yours in service,

Ruth Mulkey

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Nominations

Roberta Spence

Do you know someone who you think would make a great addition to the local, district, or state UMW team? If so, please pass her name on to me and I will be glad to contact her. Is there a way that you would like to contribute to the UMW? If you don't want to commit to an officer position for a year, there are still individual projects that you could help with. Do you have a subject that you would like to see a program on and would be willing to help with? Are you interested in VUMAC and its future? Do you know of a mission project that you think we should be supporting? We would love your input.

Roberta

Social Action

Gladys Packett

Have You Been Active This Summer?

I am just amazed how little you have to do in order to keep active. This past June 11, the United Methodist Women held a joint Alexandria/Arlington "Day Apart" Conference. During the conference we learned about the risks of child obesity as well as ways of getting active, helping children do the same, and staying fit. As shared by our guest speakers, we know that obesity in children is a risk not just for today but for the future of these precious lives. Our influence and investment in them today will produce the best farmers, scientists, landscape architects, recreation and fitness workers, surveyors, etc., of tomorrow. During "Day Apart" most of us made a pledge to help at least one child stay healthy and active.

Proceeds and donations of toys that were brought to "Day Apart" were delivered to Whitefield Commons and Resource Center in Arlington, Virginia for their first week of summer camp. Karen McElfish and I delivered the toys and had the opportunity to interact and play with the children attending the camp. Jumping ropes, balls, gardening tools, sidewalk chalk, and hula hoops were among the toys that were well received, and immediately put to use by the children. This is a way to help them stay active and fit, while having fun.

Getting involved in your community can be a great way to get active and help prevent obesity in children. Here's how to combine your volunteer time and exercise time and love it.

- Invite a child to take a walk with you around the neighborhood, enjoy nature, and spend time talking about what you see and what you hear. You or the child will probably not know how much good you have done for your bodies.
- Whitefield CRC is always looking for volunteers. You can spend a few hours helping these children stay active and focus on healthy habits.
- Look for ways to get involved in your community or your neighborhood. Sponsor talks about the benefits of staying active. Create hand-made toys from recycled items and show kids how much fun it can be.
- Listen to music and have kids show you how to Hip Hop for at least 10 minutes. The alternative is the Hula Hoop Dance.
- Take a child swimming, fishing, camping, or hiking.
- Teach a child how to create a vegetable and herb garden and talk with them about the benefits.
- Stay informed on legislation and other measures being taken by the government to help put a stop to obesity. But remember it's not just up to the government to prevent or reverse childhood obesity; everyone can do their part. As parents, grandparents, friends, teachers and Christians we all play a very important part in a child's life to prevent childhood obesity.

Research suggests that millions of Americans who volunteer are gaining all kinds of benefits. Volunteering keeps people mentally active, but it also keeps their weight in check and their heart healthy. So, let's help a child get moving and let us fulfill our pledge.

Gladys

REMEMBER THE SOCIAL ACTION AWARD included on the following 2 pages. Please fill it out and return it to me no later than September 10.

**VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST
2011
SOCIAL ACTION AWARD**

The purpose of the Social Action Award is to encourage every United Methodist Women's Unit to be involved in social justice issues and to work to ensure that the words of Micah 6:8, "...what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God", become a reality by advocating for justice.

Social Action Award goals:

Required:

() 1. Choose one to three of the District's Social Action Priorities to work on as a unit.

Social Action Priorities for unit _____

Choose from the following goals to qualify for a Social Action Award:

() 2. Unit will have at least one member, other than a District or Conference Officer, attend the United Methodist Day at the Virginia General Assembly. Members name(s) _____

() 3. Two members of the unit, other than a District or Conference Officer, will join the UMW Action Network and learn more about justice issues. Members' names _____

() 4. Two members of the unit, other than a District or Conference Officer, will sign up to receive the Virginia Interfaith Center newsletter and use ideas from the newsletter to advocate for justice. Members' names _____

() 5. Unit will have a Racial Justice Program or participate in a District Racial Justice Program.

() 6. Unit will read at least three books on Social Action from the UMW Reading List. Books read: _____

() 7. Unit will have a Children's Sabbath Service highlighting the needs of children.

() 8. Unit will have "green meetings" or make some other special effort toward saving God's earth (i.e. recycling, using glasses instead of disposable cups, use chlorine free paper, etc.). How was this achieved? _____

() 9. Unit will make a donation of goods, money, or service to Prison Ministries.

() 10. Each unit is urged to present a program or initiate a project based on the district's social action priorities.

Goal: _____

How was goal achieved? _____

SOCIAL ACTION AWARD
(continued)

A Social Action Award Unit:

() Complete the one required item and at least 5 of the other goals.

A Silver Social Action Award Unit:

() Complete the one required item and at least 6 of the other goals.

A Gold Social Action Award Unit:

() Complete all of the Social Action goals.

UNIT/CHURCH_____

Number of members in your unit_____

President/Contact Person_____

Phone_____ **E-mail**_____

Period Covered: September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011

Send completed report by September 10, 2011 to:

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Treasurer

Mary Williams

What do we mean when we talk about 80% and 20% split in giving and why is it necessary? The individual unit contributions are the only income for the Virginia Conference United Methodist Women. They have financial obligations to projects in the conference that are now totally supported by UMW as well as Virginia Grant projects listed in the Annual Report. That is why they are asking that you give 80% of your monies to Virginia Conference UMW. The projects that they are obligated to are: Ferrum College, Henry Fork Community Center, Wesley Community Service Center, and Dimes and Dollars for Blackstone. Any designated contribution you give to any of these projects or any project listed as a Virginia Grant project can be counted in your 80% giving. The remaining 20% can be given to the organizations of your choice. All money given to the above listed projects or mission giving (pledge, special mission recognition, gift to mission, gift in memory, world thank offering, and candle burning) is to be sent to the district treasurer. The 20% donations can be sent to the recipient directly or to the district treasurer. If you send the money directly, please keep a list of who you send to and how much and report it at the end of the year.

Where does mission (undesigned) giving go and who gets it? This money goes to the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Missions. There a Volunteer Board of Directors reviews each request for funds and determines distribution (not all applicants receive money). A few years ago a community in Bell County, KY, applied for help to install a much needed public water system. They are located in an area of abandoned coal mines. The water running through the mines absorbs the sulfur in the coal creating sulfuric acid which then drains through the ground causing the iron which occurs naturally in the ground to rust. As it seeps into the local wells that have been used by generations of people, the water is ruined. I went to school in a small town in West Virginia that had this problem with the water supply. Every sink, water fountain, toilet, bath tub, anything the water touched on a routine basis – even the laundry- was stained rusty brown unless you could afford an expensive filtration system for your house. The water smelled and tasted nasty – very much like rotten eggs. The politicians would not help the people of Bell County apply for grants and loans from the state and federal governments. The staff at Henderson Settlement, a United Methodist Mission Project in Frakes, KY, helped them apply to Women's Division. The community got \$100,000. This money paid for necessary studies to get the project started, got the attention of politicians who helped with grants and loans, and paid for things the grants and loans didn't cover. Total cost of the project was \$4.4 million. Today over 500 families have good clean water to use in their homes. This is only one example of how our mission giving is used. We as individual units would never have known of this need but were able to help through mission giving. How many more can we help?

If you have any questions, call Mary Williams at 703-281-3346 or email at stmawms@cox.net.



*Giving through the UMW
is a gift that keeps on giving.*

Mission Education & Interpretation Linda Arsenault

Greetings ladies,

I hope you have had a lovely summer in spite of the heat. I have just returned from School of Christian Mission. Wow! What a fantastic week of learning and fellowship. This is a cooperative school made possible through a partnership of United Methodist Women and the Board of Global Ministries, open to all with a heart for mission. By the end of the second session the school had collected well over 500 pounds of school supplies for United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) kits. We also delivered your Campbell's soup labels and stamps. As individuals we may feel insignificant but together we can do great things and truly make a difference!

I believe that mission is the hope of the church. If we are to face the challenges of the 21st century we must think "outside the box", exploring new ways we can meet the needs around us and not be satisfied with "the way we've always done it." We need to build relationships with other churches or UMW units and those we are called to serve, partnering in God's mission for a better future. For example, if your church facility is not equipped to shelter the homeless, perhaps you could provide the food and partner with another church which has adequate facilities for the shelter. Many churches are concerned about decreasing membership and that is a legitimate concern. If we shift the focus to outreach and how we can meet the needs around us, that can attract others to become involved. Invite a friend or neighbor to join you in working on a project. Language such as "We could use some help doing..." may be more effective than use of the words "mission" or "church". People like to know they are making a difference and would rather be "doers" than "joiners" or attending meetings.

It's time to report on your unit's activities for the year in your Mission Today reports. Please get them to me by the end of the first week in September by mail or email. The form is in your handbook and this newsletter. Even if your unit will not qualify for an award, please send them anyway so I can include your accomplishments in my report to the VA Conference UMW. We want to recognize all the good work you do. If you do something that is not enumerated on the report form, please list and describe it on a separate page. It is good to share ideas. I hope to see you at annual meeting.

Blessings,

Linda Arsenault

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**VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
MISSION TODAY 2011
SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 – AUGUST 31, 2011 Report Form for Units**

The purpose of Mission Today is to fulfill the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women by: energizing UMW to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action; increasing contacts between units and mission workers and projects; encouraging use of mission resources; and expanding concepts of mission including social justice as mission. **Mission Today is not a new program. It is putting increased emphasis on what UMW has been doing for more than a century.**

() 1. Make and meet unit PLEDGE TO MISSION.**

Your attendance is requested:

- (*) 2. At least two members, other than a District or Conference Officer, attend the District or Conference Annual Meeting.
-) 3. At least one member, other than a District or Conference Officer, attend District Spiritual Life Event or the Conference Spiritual Life Retreat.
- () 4. Have at least one member attend the United Methodist Day at the Virginia General Assembly.
- () 5. Have at least one member attend UMW Day at Ferrum College.
- (*) 6. Have at least one member other than a District or Conference Officer attend the Conference School of Christian Mission or a District Mission Celebration.
- (*) 7. Sponsor a young woman to attend the Conference or a District Young Women's Event. Name of event attendee: _____

Your participation in programs of the UMW:

- (*) 8. Use the Prayer Calendar at each Unit Meeting to pray for mission workers and mission projects for women, children, and youth.
- (*) 9. Use at least two programs from the UMW Program Book during the year. Which ones _____
- (*) 10. Each Unit, Circle, or Subgroup include a "Response Moment" where an item from Response Magazine is lifted up as a way to tell a mission story.
- (*) 11. The Unit, Circle, Subgroup, have at least one Mission Study from the School of Christian Mission during the year. Which one _____

Your action in supporting the Purpose of the United Methodist Women:

- (*) 12. Include having the UMW Purpose at every meeting.
- (*) 13. Qualify as a Five- or Six-Star Unit by contributing to five or six Channels of Mission Giving.
- (*) 14. Increase the local unit Pledge to Mission for the coming year.
- (*) 15. Invite a District or Conference Officer, other than a unit member, to one of your Unit meetings during the year and/or United Methodist Women's Sunday.
- (*) 16. Select a mission project which is supported by funds from Women's Division or the Mission Project Grants of VA and visit and/or contribute needed resources.
Name of project _____

**VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
MISSION TODAY 2011
SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 – AUGUST 31, 2011 Report Form for Units
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- (*) 17. One or more members participate in hands-on mission such as gleaning, working in a food pantry or clothes closet, bagging potatoes, etc.
- () 18. Provide at least ten UMCOR kits and funds for shipping for the VA Annual Conference.
- () 19. Members shall write at least once a year to five mission workers listed in the Prayer Calendar.
- (*) 20. Add at least two new members to the roll, or one new member for Units with 15 or fewer members.
- (*) 21. Have at least two members who subscribe to Response Magazine.
- (*) 22. At least two members participate in the Reading Program and complete Plan I.
- (*) 23. Have "Green Meetings" or make some other special effort toward saving God's earth (i.e. recycling, using glasses instead of disposable cups, etc.)
Describe what you did _____
- () 24. Have at least one person join the UMW's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information.
- (*) 25. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in one way during the year.
Describe what you did _____
- (*) 26. Participate in the Campaign for Children (Children's Sabbath Service, support public education, etc.)
Describe what you did _____

() A MISSION TODAY UNIT: Completed the first required item (**), PLUS eight additional items including four (*) items, or for Units with 15 or fewer members, completed the first required item (**) and a minimum of four of the other items including two of those marked with an (*).

() A MISSION TODAY SILVER UNIT: Completed the first required item (**), PLUS thirteen additional items including at least six (*) items.

() A MISSION TODAY GOLD UNIT: Completed the first required item (**), PLUS 20 additional items, including at least 12 (*) items.

UNIT/CHURCH _____

Number of members in your unit _____

President/Contact Person _____

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

Period covered: September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011

Secretary of Program Resources

Frances Ellis

Reports, reports, reports. And I'm no different. I warned you at the beginning of the summer that I, like every other district secretary of Program Resources, would be checking at the end of the summer to see how many books you and your unit had read this year. Please fill out the form on the following page and return it to me no later than September 10 so that I can recognize the people and units who read the most this year at our district annual meeting on September 17, and then prepare my report to send in to the conference secretary of Program Resources. If you have trouble remembering what each of the plans is, that information is included on the page after the form.

Please encourage all the young women in your church aged 18—35 to attend the Young Women's Event to be held September 23 and 24. It could hardly be more convenient for us this year as it is being held at Leesburg UMC. However, registrations is needed quickly—by September 1 or 2.

Does anyone know what the Wesley Seminary Learning Resource Center event is that is being held September 19-21? I see it's on our calendar every year but I can find no information about what it is.

The Virginia Conference UMW Annual Meeting is being held October 29 and 30 at Blackstone. These are always a good chance to learn more about the UMW and what the Virginia Conference has going on. The registration information is attached.

To close out this calendar year, I hope that you will join us at my church (Oakton UMC) for the district UMW Advent Event on November 19. These are always a quiet time to reflect and catch your breath before the craziness of the countdown to Christmas begins.

Do you have a young woman from your church going off to college? The Mission Resource Center is offering a Back to School special. For \$15, you get the United Methodist Women Bible (NRSV), the 2011 Prayer Calendar, a Response magazine issue, and a United Methodist Women bookmark.

Frances



READING PROGRAM REPORT 2011

CHURCH _____

TOTAL number of books read _____

(with or without completion of a plan)

Number completing Plan I _____

Number completing Plan II _____

Number completing Plan III _____

Number completing Plan IV _____

TOTAL number completing a plan _____**TOTAL number of adult & youth readers** _____

(count even those who have read only one book)

TOTAL number of children readers _____**TOTAL number of children receiving certificates** _____**TOTAL number of children's books read** _____**TOTAL number of Subscriptions to RESPONSE** _____

(count total number: not just subscriptions by UMW unit)

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO ME NO LATER THAN SEPT. 10, 2011. Any books read after that date can be counted toward next year.

Frances Ellis

District Secretary of Program Resources

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Reading Program Plans 2007 – 2011

PLAN I

- Read 4 books each year
- Read 1 book from each of 4 of the 5 different categories (there are now 5 categories)
- Read selections from the 2007 – 2011 Reading lists (if not included in previous years reports). This includes Youth books.
- Regular Reading of RESPONSE magazine

PLAN II

- Read 10 books each year
- Read at least 2 books from 4 of the 5 different categories
- Read selections from the 2007-- 2011 Reading lists (if not included in previous years reports). This includes Youth books.
- Regular Reading of Response and New World Outlook magazines

PLAN III

- Read 15 books each year
- Read at least 8 books from 4 of the 5 different categories
- Read 7 additional books from any category
- Read selections from the 2007--- 2011 Reading lists (if not included in previous years reports). This includes Youth and Children's books.
- Regular Reading of Response and New World Outlook magazines

PLAN IV

- Read 20 books each year
- Read at least 8 books from 4 of the 5 different categories
- Read 12 additional books from any category
- Read selections from the 2007--- 2011 Reading lists (if not included in previous years reports). This includes Youth and Children's books.
- Regular Reading of Response and New World Outlook magazines

Books read from the 2006 list will be credited through December 31, 2010



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Arlington District United Methodist Women 2011-12 Calendar

| PURPOSE of the United Methodist Women | <u>Event</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| <p>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 church.</p> | <p>Arlington District UMW Annual Meeting @ Friendship UMC</p> | <p>September 17, 2011</p> |
| | <p>Wesley Seminary Learning Resource Center @ Washington, D.C.</p> | <p>September 19-21, 2011</p> |
| | <p>Virginia Conference UMW Young Women's Event @ Leesburg</p> | <p>September 23-24, 2011</p> |
| | <p>Virginia Conference UMW 39th Annual Meeting @ VUMAC</p> | <p>October 29-30, 2011</p> |
| | <p>Arlington District UMW Advent Event @ Oakton UMC</p> | <p>November 19, 2011</p> |
| | <p>UM Day @ General Assembly</p> | <p>February 2, 2012</p> |
| | <p>Conference UMW Spiritual Life Retreat @ VUMAC</p> | <p>May 4-6, 2012</p> |
| | <p>UMW Day @ Ferrum College</p> | <p>June 9, 2012</p> |
| | <p>VA Annual Conference @ Roanoke</p> | <p>June 21-24, 2012</p> |
| | <p>UMW Breakfast @ Conference</p> | <p>June 23, 2012</p> |
| | <p>School of Christian Mission, @ VUMAC</p> | <p>July 27—August 1, 2012</p> |
| | <p>Conference UMW Young Women's Event @ TBA</p> | <p>September 21-22, 2012</p> |
| <p>Conference UMW 40th Annual Meeting/Officer Update</p> | <p>October 27-28, 2012</p> | |

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Arlington District United Methodist Women

Advent Event

Saturday November 19th, 2011

9:00AM

The theme of the Advent event will be 'Radical Hospitality'.

We will be examining practices that force people away from their rightful place at God's banquet table, and committing to be stewards of the earth.

All women of the United Methodist Church are welcome and invited to attend, whether or not a member of a local unit.



Oakton UMC

2951 Chain Bridge Road

Oakton, VA 22124

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST
WOMEN'S 39TH ANNUAL MEETING

October 29 & 30, 2011



Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center
707 Fourth Street
Blackstone, VA 23824

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CHURCH _____

DISTRICT _____

PHONE # _____

EMAIL _____

ROOMMATE(S) _____

TEENS: Age _____ Grade _____ Parent's name _____

Any conditions requiring special room assignments, diet, etc

PLEASE CHECK TIME OF ARRIVAL:

____ Friday – Sunday (Includes Friday Dinner) \$158.00
____ Friday – Sunday (Without Friday Dinner) \$148.00
____ Saturday (Lunch) – Sunday (Lunch) \$92.00

Above costs include registration fee.

____ DAY Attendance: \$10.00 Registration plus cost of meals
____ Saturday lunch \$8.30 Dinner \$10.20
____ Sunday breakfast \$6.95 Lunch \$8.30

**SPEAKER - DR JENNIFER BRAATEN,
FERRUM COLLEGE PRESIDENT**

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- ____ Local Unit Delegate
- ____ Non voting Local Unit Member
- ____ Conference/Executive Committee
- ____ Current District Officer

**Mail registration form and check make payable to Virginia
Conference United Methodist Women to REGISTRAR:**

Jo Ann Liskey Phone : 540-434-2997
4856 Shen Lake Drive Email: jaliskey@juno.com
Harrisonburg, VA 22801-6043

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 10, 2011
(No refunds after October 20, 2011)

WHAT TO BRING Bible, toiletries, comfortable clothing and shoes,
pad and pencil, your own mug and enthusiasm for United Methodist
Women.

The offering received during worship will go to **Mission Giving.**

The donations received at the Ice Cream Social will go to: **MISSION
PROJECT - The Wesley Community Service Center, Portsmouth,
VA**

- Lunch 12:00
- Gathering – Singing 12:45 PM
- Business Meeting 1:00 PM

Being Christian

in the

21st Century

Leader:

Emily Miller

Women's Division

**Leesburg United Methodist Church
Leesburg, Virginia**

*Virginia Conference
Women*

*Young Women's Event
September 23-24, 2011*

*Registration needed by Sep-
tember 2, 2011*

PROGRAM AND REGISTRATION

The weekend officially begins on Friday with supper (time to be determined). Registration will be open at 4:00 p.m. and ends on Saturday after Closing Worship at 4:00 p.m. Please bring your Bible, pencil/pen, alarm clock, and favorite snacks (to share). Lemonade, water, tea and coffee will be provided. The schedule is tentative and therefore subject to change.

This is an event hosted by the Virginia Conference United Methodist Women, but is for all young women of the church ages 18 to 35. You do not have to be a member of UMW to attend. This time together will enable us to explore what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century. Come, breathe, pray, listen, laugh, rejoice...and remember who and whose you are!

This year we will be collecting food to be distributed to local food banks around the state.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

YOUNG WOMEN'S EVENT



**Arlington District United Methodist Women
Annual Meeting
Saturday September 17th, 2011
9:00AM**

The theme of this annual meeting will be 'Celebration of UMW in Mission'. Ann Klotz, Conference Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation, will be the featured speaker.

In addition, representatives from Conference supported missions will host a mission fair.

All women of the United Methodist Church are welcome and invited to attend, whether or not a member of a local unit.

Friendship UMC
3527 Gallows Road
Falls Church, VA 22042