Message from the President

Now that the final reports for Cal-Pac's 45th Annual Celebration have been organized and placed in those infamous black notebooks along with its notes, contacts and contracts...I humbly stand before you and look through a different pair of lenses. I am honored to join hands with all of you as we walk side by side as a new Mission Team for 2018! Plans have begun to unfold as we held our first Executive Board meeting in December; the Program Committee and School Committee are busy making contacts, gathering resources, and clarifying details as their plans are beginning to finalize.

Mid-Winter Event is just around the corner and we are currently planning an “Ubuntu Day” of service at each of our National mission projects. Be sure and keep the date of Saturday, February 17 open so that you may put your mission hands into action. Further details are forthcoming as the date draws nearer.

Be on the lookout for all of our 5 Districts will be hosting their L’LTE or Local Leadership Training Events in January 2018. This will be an excellent opportunity to plan, network and learn about the various leadership opportunities embedded in the UMW organization. Here are the following district training events: **EAST** January 20; **HAWAII** District January 27; **NORTH** January 20 and February 3rd; **SOUTH** January 20; **WEST** January 6 and 20th. District Newsletters and the Cal-Pac website will provide you with the pertinent information for registration deadlines and locations. ALL are invited to attend, so do take advantage of this great opportunity to learn and meet those district and conference officers in attendance! We’re here to help and support all of our local organizations as we start the New Year.

During the month of November our newly elected officers were invited to attend LDD or Leadership Development Days, a Leadership training event held in Tempe, Arizona. Women leaders from all Conferences across the nation were invited to attend. It was a hands-on experience of three days of learning. We attended workshops specific to our office, as well as special interest workshops, we worshipped, and networked with a number of women from other conferences; all UMW women, all dedicated to living out our Purpose. A highlight for me was when I attended the Western Jurisdiction meeting with 5 Conference presidents from all across the nation. This was led by Judi Nibblelink, WJ UMW President and our topic of conversation was the Legacy Campaign. All the Conferences are busy promoting and initiating programs BUT Cal-Pac’s campaign is a step above ALL. Lastly, an entire day was devoted to a very special meeting dedicated to UMW Conversations on A Way Forward for the United Methodist Churches. Each Conference had 2-3 representatives who learned about the objectives of this meeting, discussed the Sisterhood of Grace guidelines, listened to the State of the Church, and participated in table discussions on what makes us United Methodists and Living Together as a Church. We role played and practiced being a facilitator during these table discussions. By the end of the day, each Conference was asked to develop an Action Plan as to how and when we would be able to host a Conference/District/Local action plan.

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Message from the President (cont.)

Registration is on-going and Assembly 2018 is just around the corner! Columbus, Ohio is the place to be during the weekend of May 18-20! Be sure and get your friends and UMW sisters to come out and experience The Power of the BOLD. Check out the website and register at www.UMWAssembly.org. Hope to see you there…Cal-Pac UMW needs to be represented!

As we open up the New Year, I pray that each and every one of us will reflect and strive to do the best we can to make our local organizations, our districts and of course our Conference the best it can be! On behalf of the Conference I want to thank each of you for your dedication, support, and encouragement…UMW is a special group of women, whose mission is to support ministry and advocate for the oppressed with special attention to the lives of women, children, and youth here and around the world.

2018 will be a year of continuing to build a strong Conference team dedicated to furthering the Purpose; strengthening the cohesiveness as well as developing potential leaders in all of our 5 Districts; continued support and establishment of Limitless teams throughout our District; reaching out to our local organizations and developing or organizing new UMW units while engaging our Language Coordinators to reach out to those ministries who need the language support to fully understand the role of being a UMW women! We also ask for your prayers and support as we begin to develop our action plan of round table conversations for A Way Forward.

Continued blessings for the upcoming year…may this New Year bring hope, joy, and peace. May the Lord’s presence and guidance be with us all as we walk side by side embarking on our faith journey!

“Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path.” Proverbs 3:5-6

In His Service,

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www.calpacumc.org/umw/ - our Cal-Pac website
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org—our national website
www.facebook.com/UMWomen—UMW Facebook website
www.twitter.com/UMWomen—UMW Twitter website
www.youtube.com/UMWomen—videos for presentations
www.flickr.com/photos/UMWomen—photos for newsletters or PowerPoint
www.umwmissionresources.org/products/subscribe-to-response-magazine
www.umcmission.org/Find-Resources/New-World-Outlook
In February 2014 the awesome ladies of the United Methodist Women had the first Ubuntu Day as part of Mid Winter Event. I am happy to announce that we will be having Mid Winter Event on Saturday, February 17, 2018 and this will be Ubuntu Day in four different locations. There will be some type of hands-on, light manual work to be done at the location of your choice. If you live in California, you can choose a site from the following three places: David and Margaret Youth and Family Services, Toberman Neighborhood Center, and Neighborhood House of Calexico. If you want to participate from Hawaii, Susannah Wesley Community Center in Honolulu is waiting for you.

So what is Ubuntu and what do you do on Ubuntu Day?

Ubuntu is a South African word meaning humanity or human connectedness. A popular definition of the word is “I am because of who we all are.” My favorite Ubuntu translation: “I am, because of you.”

You could be helping to clean and organize library shelves or an after-school activity room. You might organize the food pantry by sorting and stocking canned goods. You could help wipe down the surfaces in the communal rooms with the sanitizers. Or you could help decorate the newly open community store. Whatever the chores, wherever the location, you will all be helping the communities feel the love of Christ as shown by the United Methodist Women.

I invite each and every one of you reading this Pacific Waves Newsletter to register for 2018 Mid Winter Ubuntu Day Event.

While you think about which location you would like to go and who you would like to ask to come along, I want to share my everyday Ubuntu story. Remember, Ubuntu means we are all connected, or “I am, because of you.” My husband and I run a small frozen yogurt store in Panorama City. I usually work in the back preparing fruits and dry toppings but when the server is on a break I come out to help the customers and handle the transactions.

Over the past several years that we’ve had this business, I became a keen observer of human behaviors by watching the customers getting their yogurt. My store is a self-serve one where the customers build their yogurt to their liking. Some people fill their cups with just the yogurt, some want the both. Some people are formulaic meaning they know which topping tastes best with which flavor yogurt and stay with that combination, while some people are more fun and adventurous. Some people are perfectionists concentrating on building a perfect yogurt while some are haphazard. Some people are messy and are oblivious to the mess they leave behind. Some customers are careful and gentle. Some people are relaxed, some are uptight. Some people smile, some don’t. I am talking about adult customers. But I also see children everyday. When it comes to children, what I described so far is true except the one thing. The one thing that separates the adults and children…smiles.

All my children customers smile. They smile coming into the store (giddy with the anticipation of getting the yogurt). They smile leaving the store (giddy with the anticipation of eating the yogurt). Here’s my contribution to humanity, my Ubuntu moment. Let us be like children. I don’t have to quote Jesus here. We all know that the children have a pretty good reputation with Jesus. Why? Because they smile. They smile at the small things (like yogurt). They smile at the thought of a happy future (that’s just five seconds away). They smile at the generous mood of their parents. They smile at the good fortune of finding their favorite color gummy frog. They smile at themselves. They smile at their life. They smile at God. They smile.

Let us all find joy in small, simple, and ordinary things. Let us all be connected to each other and allow ourselves be better, merrier, more and fuller.

Let’s Ubuntu together, and smile. We are the children of God. Are we smiling enough?

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California-Pacific Conference United Methodist Women
Mid-Winter Event
Saturday, February 17, 2018
9:00 am—2:30 pm

Seeing the Future in Our Midst

David and Margaret Youth and Family Services
1350 Third Street
La Verne, CA  91750

Susanna Wesley Community Center
1117 Kaili Street
Honolulu, HI  96819

Toberman Neighborhood Center
131 N. Grand Avenue
San Pedro, CA  90731

* Neighborhood House of Calexico
506 E. Fourth Street
Calexico, CA  92231

* Bus Transportation available
$30 per person plus reg. fee

Mission into Action

Select a site .... Be ready to experience a hands-on work day!

Registration Fee:  $12.00, includes lunch

Late Registration Fee:  $15.00 if postmarked after February 6, 2018
Lunch not guaranteed for late registrants
Please include an E-mail address if you want a confirmation.

Make check(s) payable to California-Pacific UMW and mail to:

Register-California
Tina Raemon Pool
8733 Dartford Place
Inglewood, CA  90305
trmpool@gmail.com
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Register-Hawaii
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808-425-6363

Register Online Quick & Easy
For any Location at
www.calpacumc.org/umw
This is the preferred method
that you use to register.

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Registration Form UMW Mid-Winter 2018

Name: ________________________________________________________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________  City: ___________________________ Zip: _______________
Phone:    ___________________________________  E-mail: ____________________________________________
Church:   ______________________ District: [ ] East  [ ] Hawaii  [ ] North  [ ] South  [ ] West

National Mission Choice (CA only)  [ ] Neighborhood House of Calexico (see next page for info)
[ ] David & Margaret  [ ] Toberman

Check #_________ Amount $_________ (Please include one registration form per person) YES/NO—includes Bus Transportation

Date Received by Registrar: ________________ Child Care available only at Calexico & Hawaii

Childcare  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  Age(s) of Children _______________ (please provide a sack lunch for your child)
$25.00 deposit per family for Childcare is required with registration by Feb. 6, 2018. Deposit refunded at event if Childcare is used.
Plan to ride the bus to Neighborhood House of Calexico for Mld-Winter 2018?

This information is for you!

**Bus cost** - $To be Determined, per person, does not include gratuity.  
Send cost and your Mid-Winter registration to Registrar.

Choose the pickup location of your choice  
**Parking Lots and pickup times:** Please be prompt

**Contact Person:** Polly Petersen, 619-721-1473

7:45 A.M. – **San Diego First UMC**  
2111 Camino del Rio South  
San Diego, CA  92108

Please bring snack and water for the 2 hour bus ride.  
Lunch will follow the Ubuntu Day

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SAVE THESE DATES  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

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**Feb. 17, 2018 Mid-Winter Ubuntu**  
Please refer to flyer for information

**April 14, 2018 Cultural Event**  
One God, One UMW, Many Languages  
10am—3 pm, Location TBD

**June 29—July 1, 2018 Mission u**  
**June 28—June 30, 2018 Korean**  
Biola University, La Mirada, CA

**May 18—20, 2018 ASSEMBLY**  
Columbus, Ohio  
See page 17

**June 16, 2018 Annual Conference Lunch**  
Redlands Univ.

**October 27, 2018 Annual Celebration**  
Guest Speaker: Harriet Jane Olson,  
General Secretary and CEO of UMW

**April 17—19, 2020 West. Jurisdiction UMW**  
Tempe, Arizona
From the Secretary

“…Be strong and courageous. Do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I wish you a blessed New Year! I will begin 2018 as your new Cal-Pac UMW Secretary. I give thanks to you for entrusting me to this important position. I am humbled and I am honored.

I have experienced an array of emotions since being installed at the inspirational 2017 UMW Cal-Pac Annual Celebration in San Diego until now. I have felt joy, anxiety, fear, excitement but most of all I have felt a feeling of fulfillment. I have taken every experience in with reverence and with a deeper appreciation for all those sisters who have served before me. God’s command has become real and empowering in my heart.

I will always remember the sound of the KUMCPMB Taiko Drummers as they kept cadence with the organ and filled the sanctuary with the roar of “When the Roll is Called Up Yonder.” My heart was pounding with excitement as I walked down the aisle. I wished I could have shared that moment with everyone I knew. Stell Wallace, our UMW Western Jurisdiction Director, was our Keynote Speaker. The title of her address was “What Lies Ahead.”

Days later I found myself at the UMW Leadership Development Training in Tempe, Arizona. Our theme was “Courageous Leadership: Listen, Wait, and Act.” We shared experiences with the UMW Conference Officers from around the United States. When I arrived home, I kept on hearing the words of the hymn we had sung at our last worship service, “we are called to love one another, we are called to do justice, and to walk humbly with God”. I felt the curtain of doubt and fear slowly lifting away from my spirit. It was clear what the Lord expected of me. I was ready to assume my responsibilities at our Leadership Team Meeting in Arcadia. It was all so very new to me. Many faces which had first just been names on a list, were now my friends working together to plan the upcoming events. Many challenges lie ahead of us; many opportunities to grow and to thrive in God’s love. Our President, Diane Gin, gave each us a pin as a gift in the shape of footsteps to remind us that Jesus is always walking right alongside us.

I especially look forward to meeting and working with our Cal-Pac District Secretaries as we compile our new 2018 Cal-Pac Conference Directory. I know that you have received last year’s information for your districts and are working on the revisions. Thank you for your hard work. Once I receive these lists, I will be working on updating the entire Directory.

May the hope love, joy, and peace of Christmas Season guide you in your walk with the Lord throughout the New Year.

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Our Annual Meeting will be here soon! I hope you and UMW friends will plan to attend on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. This will be in Vance Auditorium. This is a wonderful opportunity to see this local project of our Cal-Pac UMW. The hospital has ample free parking. Chaplain Blake Arnall and Rev. Stephen Wilson will present to us a program on the Spiritual Care Program of the Hospital. Rev. Wilson will install the new officers of the Women’s Auxiliary Board.

Lunch and a tour of the Rehab Unit will be offered afterward. Please fill out the attached registration form and include your check for $8.00 for each lunch. (See details below.) Please invite UMW friends or other friends for this enjoyable morning and early afternoon.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Please complete the registration form and enclose a check for $8.00 for each lunch, payable to M.H. Women’s Auxiliary. An optional hospital tour will be given at 1:00 pm after lunch, for those interested. Please indicate your interest when you register (see below).

Names:______________________________________________________________________
Church_____________________________________________________________________________________

Lunch $8.00 EACH. Amount Enclosed:  __$________________________________________

I/we would like to go on the tour. Please indicate the number of people: __________________________
Treasurer’s Thoughts

Hello Sisters in Christ,

As you are reading this, we are already in 2018. I hope that your Christmas was all that you expected and your New Year has started off Great. I did not travel this Christmas; I stayed at home and enjoyed friends and my dog (Leroy). To live in the center of God’s will—to walk step by step, the path He’s prepared before us—is no easy task. At some point in our lives, we each much wonder, what am I doing here? This is too difficult. I know that I have, but when I do, I pray and read scripture and I am reassured that God never leaves me or gives me something that He will not see me through.

There are still some churches that are not sending in money to mission. I am asking that we reach out to these churches to see if they will come with us on this mission trip. We want all of them to be a part of helping the mission of Women, Children and Youth throughout the World. We appreciate each Local Organization in our Conference and know that each of you are needed to make UMW work. I want all of you to have no fear, because we are in God’s hands. We do not have any new treasurers this year, but we need a treasurer for the North District; the President is doing that job, while we search for one. If any of you are in the North District and feel that you have the gifts and graces for this job, please contact Veda Ward or Harriet Hammons, the Nominating co-chairs of that District.

The Treasurers for the Districts are:

East District—Freda Low, 626-572-7540, 626-572-7540, 626-572-7540
Hawaii District—Seneti Falemaka, 808-723-4340
North District—Amybeth Lake, 818-428-8461
South District—Barbara Simon, 858-451-0929
West District—Virginia Clark, 310-513-6181

Feel free to call them or me if you ever have any question. The Lord placed each of these Treasurers in their position because He knows that they can do the job necessary for the UMW to move to the next level. We will do this with God’s help and the cooperation of all of you in the Local Organizations. I will close this note with this prayer:

Dear heavenly Father, please show us our purpose each day. Open our eyes to the opportunities that you are putting before us to make a difference in all our lives and others. Thank you for always being with us. Amen

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YOUNG WOMEN’S COORDINATOR

As the Young Women’s Coordinator, I am looking for diversity of young women from all the Districts to learn and to continue our work together with our Cal-Pac United Methodist Women Limitless starting now to the future.

Please feel free to contact me via email or phone if you have any questions on how to get involved and participating with us on this new movement.

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Happy New Year!

I hope that you enjoyed the Annual Conference and Training in San Diego this last October. I'm sorry that I was unable to join you.

I have some good news. It looks like the church UMW presidents are sending in their membership numbers to the National Office. I have been receiving the information from Jennifer Gaylord, our CalPac Conference UM Secretary. She is sending emails to me and to the District Membership Coordinators. This should help us to know which churches still need to send in the numbers. Of course the membership census ends at the end of March so we still have some time but now we can monitor it more easily. I would like to recommend that you still put the information in your newsletters, discuss it at your meetings and bring some laptops to your meetings and have your young women show how to use the Internet and use the website: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/2017membershipcensus

This year we have had 2 UMW Groups reorganize (First Church of L.A. and Hawthorne UMW) and a new Group established in Murrieta. It will be nice to see the members from these churches attend our meetings and Mission. After attending the Limitless Event at the Good Shepherd Church in Arcadia, I was able to see a future with our young women. Their enthusiasm will be fun to see and may inspire a new outreach for our churches.

The most important function of membership is the actual care of our members. Many of us are getting older. We're grandparents; we once worked and are now retired. We've been members for many years. We've held many of the church and UMW offices and have worked hard for our churches. We're tired and many of us are experiencing physical problems. And the young members are also tired. They work, travel long distances on clogged streets and crowded freeways and still have to tend to their families. Many do not have outside help. We need to care for our members, to find ways to show our love and care. One of the best ways we can share our love for one another is to pray at the end of a meeting for member requests. Another way to express caring is to provide a time for team building. This will allow some time for our quiet members to speak. Notes, phone calls, emails and frozen meals are regular distributions from our members. Our church has added a once a month Color Your Stress Away Night with color by number coloring books. And we can't forget to remember to thank everyone for their part in a program, no matter how small. And we need to trust others. It's amazing what people can do with God's help.

Thank you for all of your work and have a wonderful New Year.

Linda Swanson  
Cal-Pac UMW Conference Membership Coordinator  
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Mission Education

Another Annual Celebration is behind us and we are in another year. Our sisters in the South District did a great job hosting the 2017 Annual celebration in October and the spirit could be felt moving through the music, the exhortations and the messages that were given. You could see the joy on the faces of the attendees and the willingness with which dozens of diapers were donated for the Calexico House.

Another opportunity for accounting for what your local organization did in 2017 is also behind us. Did your local organization turn in the Mission Today form? The Mission Today Form provides a list of all the possible ministries or activities that a local organization can undertake. There is also a write-in section that you can describe any other activities or events that your organization did that is not included in the list. These activities are those that your organization came up with due to your unique location or the different graces and talents of your members.

Conference would like to know what you are doing so even if you don’t have a Mission Education Officer, the president, vice-president or a volunteer can keep track of your activities in the year.

And yet, another Christmas is behind us. My prayer is that you had an opportunity to share the Good News of Great Tidings among your membership, your families and organizations you belong to or support.

With a new year comes new activities for training. The Local Leadership Training (LLT) or Local Officer Training (LOT) is coming up in January/February. I would encourage you all to take advantage of these training events so you can be better equipped to serve the Lord. Then there is the Mid-Winter event in March when we celebrate the hard work done during the past year and learn of upcoming opportunities.

This year is Assembly year and hopefully a representative from every local organization will be heading to Columbus, Ohio to experience the joy and successes of our 150 year organization. Come June/July is our Mission u. This is the weekend of studying one of the books chosen by National, emphasizing an area of our mission as United Methodist Women. You will hear the stories of fellow class members and you get the chance to share your story through the study. There is time for fellowship and interest group activities. You will make new Christian friends and catch up with old friends. We have partial scholarships of $150.00 for those who want to attend but find the $250.00 early bird or $275.00 registration fee too much for their budget. Please take advantage of this financial aid and let us meet at Mission u. The scholarship form is in this edition of Pacific Wave.

May our hearts be fully committed to the Lord our God, to live by His decrees and obey His commands (1 Kings 8: 61, NIV).

May the joy of the Christmas story live in you and with you during the coming year.

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The Mission Today form can be found on our website: www.calpacumc.org/umw
And in this newsletter!
One of the Christmas themes that resonates all year long is the message of “Peace”. On the last week of advent we light the “Peace” candle and hear the angel's chorus in Luke 2:14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

In reality, however, peace the angels sing about is a distant dream. It is out of favor, drowned out by the drum beat of war and our perpetual need to dominate. Hatred and revenge seem to come easier to us than patience and reconciliation. This new year is a great opportunity to begin to give peace a chance. We can start in small ways by seeking to repair broken relationships. We can pray for world peace. We can pray for God’s peace in our lives. Peace seems like an impossible dream but we have this beautiful passage from Isaiah that paints beautiful promise of peace. Let us keep this image and message close in 2018!

**The Peaceful Kingdom**

1. A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
2. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
3. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;
4. but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
5. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
6. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.
7. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den.
9. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:1-9 NRSV)

**PRAYER:** We pray for the courage to promote peace on earth as it is in heaven.

Blessings,

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Greetings! Happy New Year!

Joshua 1:9 (NRSV) “I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord God is with you wherever you go.”

During the Leadership Development Days, they read Joshua’s story and Rahab’s story from the book of Joshua. God instructed Joshua to be strong and courageous because God is with him always. Rahab heard about God’s miracles and believed. She asked God for mercy and the safety of her family. God answered her prayer. I pray that we continue to be brave and bold as our foremothers, and continue in sharing God’s work with the women, children and youth in our community and around the world.

Let us read and share the articles from the response magazine. There is plenty of information about the Reading Program in the December 2017 issue of our response magazine. Let us encourage one another to read the books and include them in your reading plan for 2018. The books for our 2017 Reading Program Certificates are from the 2012-2017 lists, to be given credit for this year’s Reading Program. The books read are given credit for year 2017 as long as they have not been included in the previous year. Please submit your Reading Programs to your District Program Resource as soon as you can. They in turn send the total to me by January 20, 2018.

PBD Worldwide is the company that fulfills the consignment orders. As Program Resource manager, I sell the books during our events. I am required to return the books that were not sold, within one week after our events.

UMW Program Resource website is up and running: https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-resources

Please note: our conference Program Resource only accepts check or cash when we sell books during our California-Pacific UMW events.

Respectfully,

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SOCIAL ACTION

United Methodist Women have always been active in the legislative process, especially when the issues involve women, children, and youth. It’s no secret that our immigration system is broken and needs to be fixed. Many families are torn apart and children are left behind when a parent is deported. Young people called “Dreamers” who were brought here as children and have only known the United States as home, still need Congress to act to protect them from deportation. Please write to or call your representatives in Congress urging them to pass a bipartisan immigration reform bill.

To find out who your representatives and senators are, simply call the congressional switchboard at 202 224-3121 or check online at www.house.gov or www.senate.gov. To contact the White House, call 202 456-1111.

When you call, simply state your name and where you are calling from and then express your opinion.

Writing a letter, which can be e-mailed, regular mailed, or faxed to your elected officials, can also be a very effective way to let them know what you think and how you feel. Postcards may also be used. You may want to explain how your faith motivates you or about how you are personally affected. The mailing address and fax numbers should be available on their websites or by calling the number listed above.

When an issue comes up, you may wish to bring writing materials to your next circle or local organization meeting and do this project together.

Thank you for taking action!

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“Days For Girls” Captured the Heart of A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial”

Lois Knowton of La Mesa FUMC UMW wrote about how another church partnered with Days for Girls, an international project that provides girls with reusable sanitary napkins so that they don’t miss school when they have their periods. Although UMW membership has declined at La Mesa, she was inspired by this article. Using the talents of the UMW women, Lois led a dedicated group of 6—7 women who completed 100 sanitary napkin kits destined for Kenya! Other groups from San Diego to Anaheim joined in to answer the call for 1,000 kits.

This is just one example how Methodist women can be in mission, develop new friendships, and attract new members who want to be a part of the purpose of Mission.

Greetings Sisters in Christ:

One of the highlights of September was the Walkathon at the Methodist Hospital on September 16, 2017 in which the Cal Pac UMW team raised over $7,000 which the team donated to the Rehab Unit of the Hospital.

The D’LTE training and Annual Celebration in San Diego, CA were the highlights of October. The theme was United Bold and Courageous. Our special guest speaker for the Annual Celebration was Estella (Stell) Wallace. She is the Western Jurisdiction Director.

We were also blessed with the presence of the special music from the Korean United Methodist Church-Taiko drumming, the Harmony Ringers for La Mesa Foot-hills United Methodist Church, the Disciple Singers and, Ken McMillen, church organist and musical director in several churches in San Diego.

I attended the first Team Leadership meeting in December with the new sets of officers and am looking forward to more gathering and celebrations with all my sisters in Christ.

***Upcoming Event***

What: Diversity Event – April 14, 2018 – SAVE THE DATE
Where: Church of the Good Shepherd in Arcadia, CA
When: April 14, 2018
Time: 9am to 2:30pm
More information to follow…

Thank you and God Bless us all,

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Mission u 2018 --- Save the Dates

Cal-Pac UMW Mission u 2018 will be held at Biola University in La Mirada, Ca.

Our dates will be June 28-July 1, 2018. Korean participants will be attending Thursday, June 28- Saturday, June 30. All other participants will be attending from Friday, June 29-Sunday, July 1. Our registration fee is $275 for the entire session which includes your lodging, meals and activities. We are offering a reduced registration fee of $250 for registrations and fees postmarked by May 1 for adults and $150 for youth and children with registrations and fees postmarked by May 1. After May 1, 2018 the registration fee is $275 with registration and fees postmarked after June 1 will incur a $50 late fee.

The Geographical Adult Study will be “The United Methodist Missionary Conferences in the United States”; Adult Spiritual Growth will be “Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living”; Adult Societal Issue Study will be “What About Our Money? A Faith Response”. Our Youth’s Study will be “Is It Just Money? Our Dollars, God’s Economy.” Our Children’s Study will be “Money Matters: A Study for Children.” Our Korean and Tongan attendees will be studying the Societal Issue Study. Our Adult Bridging study will be the Spiritual Growth Study. Our Spanish study has not been determined.

Both the Geographical and Societal Issue study books are now available at UMW Mission Resources. You can order online at www.umwmissionresources.org or by calling 1-800-305-9857.

Mission u is for you. It is fun! Meet old friends and make new ones. Experience your faith in a different environment. All are welcome! See you there!

Blessings as your servant,

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Aloha Bold United Methodist Women of Hawaii!

Just a reminder to register for:

Assembly 2018 and join in THE POWER OF BOLD

WHEN WOMEN UNITE, BOLD AND COURAGEOUS ACTIONS HAPPEN

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
ASSEMBLY MAY 18-20, 2018
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United Methodist Women is currently the largest faith-based women’s organization in the world and Assembly is the largest quadrennial gathering of that organization. At Assembly you viscerally feel “The Power of Bold” with the combined energy of 8,000 women through communal, face-to-face growth, action, celebration and inspiration - 8,000 women in ONE time, ONE place, ONE space... this is ASSEMBLY.

See you there,

Maxine Wheeler
Western Jurisdiction UMW

Go to www.umwassembly.org to register today

For hotel reservations, please contact Mele Faiva Blagojevich, our Assembly Liaison, at UMWAssembly2018@gmail.com

Mission u Study Books

For —
Adults
Youth
Children
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!

PRICE:
The early registration fee for the 2018 Assembly is $295 with a Nov. 30, 2017, deadline. After that date, the regular registration fee is $330. This fee includes two healthy lunches for attendees.

Assembly is a great value at $295 for early registration. Few other faith-based conferences offer such high-quality programming for such a low fee.

HOW CAN I SAVE FOR ASSEMBLY?
Start now! Add up the amounts below for your location and divide by 12 for a monthly savings amount. Now it doesn’t seem so daunting. The unforgettable experience of Assembly will feel very worth it.

- $295 for early registration fee — Starting Sept. 1 through Nov. 30, 2017 deadline
- Hotels range from $139 to $159 per night for up to four people (Double/Double room)
- Travel expenses
- Breakfast and Dinner expenses only for Friday and Saturday; Breakfast only for Sunday

www.UMWAssembly.org
Attention Cal-Pac United Methodist Women

We need your Legacy Connection Story!
We need and want to read about your UMW story!
Won’t you please share your Legacy Connection story with us?

- Your story should be typed in an area not to exceed the space of this box.

- Other information that is outside the scope of this box needed: Your name as the person submitting the story. Your local unit name. Your contact phone number and email address. A picture of yourself. Sent in jpeg form. Please do not take a picture of a picture to send in as it will not print well.

- If your story is honoring another woman and she is a UMW, please also include her name and local organization. Or where she lived, attended church if she is (was) from another state. A picture of your honoree is also a must, in jpeg form.

- As you can see, it is quite easy to accomplish. Your story will be in an upcoming Pacific Waves and included in our Cal-Pac United Methodist Women Legacy Memory Book for viewing by all future United Methodist Women.

- What do I write about?

Write from your heart. We are NOT looking for professionally written stories.

We want to be able to read a short story in memory about a United Methodist woman that touched your life in a special way. This could be your mother, grandmother or any woman.

How about a personal faith story about yourself or some UMW event that you hold special in your heart.

Maybe you’d like to write about someone in your local organization, your district or your conference. And let them know how special they are to you and show them how you wish to honor them as part of your legacy.

Do you have a picture of yourself at your first Assembly that left you all warm and fuzzy. Tell us about it!

The point is… we want you to share your UMW story with the rest of the Cal-Pac membership!

Looking forward to receiving Your LEGACY Story soon!

Please send all entries with pictures via email to:
Jane Stewart - stewartsweetjane@verizon.net
If you have questions, call me: 562-425-1378
**Legacy Connection…**

This picture was taken after an Easter Service at El Mesias United Methodist Church in Pacoima circa 1994. El Mesias UMC was a vibrant Spanish-speaking bilingual Hispanic Church in the San Fernando Valley with a strong, faithful, and hard-working United Methodist Women’s local organization.

The women in this picture met monthly to pray, study, raise money and support the Purpose of the UMW, their programs and missions at the local, district and conference levels. Although the picture was taken at some distance to include everyone, I’d like to lift up by name some of the women and their families: Velia Traba, President; Minerva Ruiz, Vice President; Gladys Romero, Treasurer; Lolita Fernandez, Secretary; and Members at large: Olivia Robledo, Amalia Ruiz, Martha Ruiz, Julieta Salazar, Juanita Arvizu, Sandy Vasquez, Grace McHenney, Nancy Plata, Maria Santa Cruz, Helen Olivas, Priscilla Baca, Lucy Morales, Hermana Metalcuati, and Hermana Plata.

Submitted by Julieta Salazar, Cal-Pac UMW Secretary. She has been an active UMW member since 1982. She is the current UMW President at Knollwood UMC in Granada Hills, North District. Pictured here as a participant at the September 2017 Methodist Hospital Walk-a-thon. She motivated her women to support and the total given by Knollwood UMW and families was approx. $850.00!

Thank you ladies for your contributions to the Legacy Fund at our 2017 UM Annual Celebration! Even though only nine of you received Legacy handmade Banks for your gift of $18.69 or more; you continued to give from your heart.

The contributions to the Legacy Fund given that day at our Legacy Table totaled $670.35

It is because of your generous giving in nearly three years that the Legacy Fund has reached the amount of 17.4 million dollars. As you continue spreading the word about the Legacy Fund and our giving; please remember to pray. At the root of our organization, a call was made to pray along with giving. Today, we also call you to pray. A prayer for us today and for the future of UM, that we may all seek to be: “Followers of Jesus Christ who live our faith in acts of justice and mercy; Catalysts for needed change; Mobilizers of human and material resources; Creators of new arenas of participation throughout the church and the world” with emphasis on ministries to women, children, and youth.

United Methodist Women Rock the World!

United Methodist Women - Faith - Hope - Love in Action

Don’t Forget
Submit your Legacy Connection UMW stories. As you can see above, your story need not be long. Short and to the point conveys wonders. And pictures are a must. Please send your stories to: Jane Stewart, Legacy Chair stewartsweetjane@verizon.net Questions? Call me: 562 425-1378

Legacy Fund Committee Members
Diane Gin, Eutha Hankinson, Randa Krakow, Mapuana Mailei, Sharon Shellman, Tiala Toetuu, Julie Asuncion, Mele Faiva Blagojevich

You will find a Legacy Connection story template within this issue. Please look for it to get a better idea of how simple it is to submit a personal story.

United Methodist Women are not shy! United Methodist Women have a rich heritage…

Share you Legacy Story!
Yes, I want to leave my legacy with United Methodist Women!

Name_____________________________________________________
Address___________________________________________________
Phone_____________________________________________________
E-mail_____________________________________________________
Local Church and ZIP code____________________________________

THE LEGACY FUND is a permanent endowment that will support the mission outreach of future generations of United Methodist Women as they address the needs of women, children and youth of their day. It is part of United Methodist Women’s five-year 150th anniversary celebration.

MY LEGACY FUND GIFT
☐ $5000  ☑ $1500  ☑ $186.69  ☑ $150  ☑ $18.69  ☐ Other__________
I will give ☐ one-time gift  ☑ monthly  ☐ annually through_______ (year)
Total pledge $____________________

To ensure acknowledgement of giver and amount, please print legibly.

Optional
Gift in honor or memory:
Amount of gift $____________________
☐ In honor  ☐ In memory of:
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Name and address for acknowledgement
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Enclosed is my check payable to: United Methodist Women. Write “The Legacy Fund” in the memo section.

To make a secure gift online please visit: unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
Or you may text your gift by texting Legacy 150 to 41444
Or you may call your gift in by dialing 1 800 278-7771

To Mail your gift to Legacy, please complete this form and enclose it with your check or money order payable to United Methodist Women and please remember to write The Legacy Fund in the memo section.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
475 Riverside Drive, 15th floor
New York, NY 10116

The Cal-Pac UMW Legacy Committee would be happy to answer any questions you may have:
Jane Stewart, Chair  562 425-1378;
Diane Gin 323 265-2830; Eutha Hankinson 818 767-3508; Sharon Shellman 626 825-6436; Randa Krakow 760 815-3423;
Mapuana Mailei 808 216-6446; Tiala Toetuu 808 953-9156; Julie Asuncion 626 447-8456; Mele Faiva Blagojevich 310 428-6704

United Methodist Women California-Pacific Conference; thanks you on behalf of all future United Methodist Women and all mission outreach around the world that this Legacy Fund will support. God bless you.
Dear Sisters in Christ,

It is an honor to be serving as Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations. The members of the committee are committed to finding the best women to serve as officers on the conference leadership team. We know there are ladies out there with skills and talents that can help keep our team strong and fulfill the purpose of the United Methodist Women. However, the committee members cannot know all of these ladies and we will be asking for your help to direct us to those ladies who you think are ready and able to serve at the conference level.

We are looking for someone from the North and South districts to serve on the Committee on Nominations. Please find the “Gift and Grace” inventory form in this issue to be filled out if you or someone you know is willing to serve at the conference level.

Don't forget to attend your districts' D'LTE in January and February. Your Conference Leadership Team will be supporting each event.

I wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year, especially the ladies who attended the CON training in San Diego. You are not forgotten.

Blessings and peace,

Liz Martinez
Chairperson, Cal-Pac UMWW...
As Board of Directors President Adele Lum wrote in her year-end letter to constituents, *For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven* (Ecclesiastes 3:1). For Susie, it’s a time for gratitude and transition.

She continues, “After 40 years of service, SWCC Executive Director Ron Higashi will retire in June 2018. He has carried the Susannah Wesley Community Center into its second century of serving our community, and we have a proud legacy to build upon as we look to this next chapter."

Ron started as a Youth Director in the mid-1970s and became the Executive Director in 1985. Under his leadership, SWCC has grown from offering diverse community programs, such as youth sports and a food pantry, to programs that have been highlighted in past issues of Pacific Waves, including multilingual behavioral health case management services, juvenile assessment programs, and state leadership in human trafficking services. The Community Center is used as a gathering place to dozens of community groups and is a significant hub in the community.

A high-level search process has been developed, and the Board is now receiving applications. We hope to select a new Director by May 2018. In this time of transition, gratitude has been expressed to Ron and Susie’s dedicated staff, program partners, community funders, individual donors, volunteers and all who support the agency. Special gratitude is expressed to United Methodist Women, on whose land the Center sits and from whom financial support has been constant. Locally, the UMW are a visible presence at SWCC.

With credentials from the Council on Accreditation that affirm a strong foundation, we look forward with confidence to what is to come. We are proud of this National Mission Institution in Hawaii!
This week I had the awesome opportunity to visit Neighborhood House in Calexico and to meet with Director and CEO Ricardo Ortega. He showed me the preschool facilities where 238 little children come to school each day. As a former elementary school teacher, I was impressed with the bulletin boards containing the children’s art work and the beautiful school environment. I was struck by how immaculate and organized the campus was.

Ricardo shared the history of Neighborhood House and the many programs it offers. I saw the transitional housing for women and children in need and photos of the beautiful new women's shelter with five separate apartments. We entered a large hall where there were hundreds of wrapped Christmas presents lined up and ready to distribute that afternoon to school age children. The reason for my trip was to bring nine bags of small gifts from my local UMW organization for the younger children to come and “buy” Christmas gifts for their parents and siblings. I encourage you to think about ways you can support Neighborhood House in the coming year.

I saw the kitchen where many meals are prepared and distributed to the local schools in Calexico. I saw the micro-business office where people are offered loans to start small businesses. What a success that has been as women, especially, start legitimate and legal businesses preparing and selling food in the community. I saw photos of the thrift store in El Centro which is a financial success for Neighborhood House as well as a service to the people in the community who shop there.

Ricardo will be officially retiring at the end of this year, but he will continue to volunteer in the mental health area as he encourages homeless people to get help. I met Cindy Alba who will be taking over as Interim CEO. She does a tremendous job working with the women and families in transitional housing.

I encourage you in your local organizations to support this National UMW Mission with your prayers, service, and gifts. And I invite you to join us as we visit and do an Ubuntu project with Neighborhood House during our Mid-Winter Event on February 17. We are hoping to use buses for our transportation. I hope to see you then!

Reported by Randa Krakow
Social Action Coordinator
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
SUPPORTS
ARCADIA METHODIST HOSPITAL’S
NEW REHAB UNIT CAMPAIGN

Because We Care …
UMW pledges $100,000

As one of Cal-Pac Conference’s local project, UMW has a special history and connection with Arcadia Methodist Hospital. It is a premier health care and service provider which continues to grow and excel in its services.

Because We Care … UMW has pledged $100,000 to this New REHAB Unit campaign. This new Rehabilitation Unit will be built on the 3rd Floor of the Berger Tower. Care and healing will be given to patients at this new unit with:
- 30 beds in 25 new and larger rooms
- new and advanced equipments
- expanded physical therapy services
- rehabilitation physicians and nurses; physical, occupational, and speech therapists
- ...and more

Target Completion Date: Fall 2016

How to Donate

Let’s give our support to this worthy cause. If you wish to donate -

Local organizations:
- make checks payable to your district’s UMW
- submit to your district’s Treasurer
- on check’s memo – write Methodist Hospital REHAB Unit

Districts:
- make checks payable to Cal-Pac Conference UMW
- on check’s memo – write Methodist Hospital REHAB Unit

Updates on funds collected, by districts, will be published in Pacific Waves Newsletter.
Candle of Commitment 2017

Candle of Commitment Names that were not included in the Annual Celebration Program Book

Attached are the names of the persons who were not in the Annual Celebration Book. These names were omitted because they came in after the cut off date to print the book.

We would like to thank all of you for such a marvelous giving in the area. Our Candle of Commitment represents the cost of our mission work ($26.49 per minute) to women, children, and youth in the US and around the world. Thank you again.

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To become a Mission Today Local Organization, the Local Organization (LO will be used instead of Local Organization below) must meet EIGHT (8) of the following criteria, including a minimum of FOUR (4) of those marked with an Asterisk (*).

Return To Your District Mission Education Coordinator no later than December 1, 2018.

Mission Ed. Coord. Name, Address, E-mail ________________________________

Local Organization Name, Contact Name, E-mail / Phone: __________________

- * Use the Prayer Calendar at EACH general meeting of the LO to pray for persons in mission & for our mission work with women, children, & youth.
- * The LO will lead their members in the UMW purpose EACH meeting.
- * The LO will make and meet its pledge to mission.
- * The LO will add at least TWO members to its roll.
- * The LO will have at least TWO members subscribing to response magazine. (Order from the Mission Resource Center)
- * The LO will use TWO programs from the Program Book for UMW each year.
- * The LO, circle, or subgroup will conduct at least ONE Mission Study a year. (Contact your Dist. or Conf. to learn what the studies and textbooks are for each year).
- * The LO will implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least TWO ways during the year. Suggested plans of action:
  1. ENCOURAGING a joint Vacation Bible School.
  2. ENCOURAGING pulpit exchanges.
  3. SHARING joint worship services on special occasions.
  4. ENCOURAGING support for equal employment practices in the church & community.
  5. CONTACT your Conference Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies for further action plans.
- The LO will ADD or ENCOURAGE their LO’s Young Women’s or Youth Circle.
- The LO will ADD or ENCOURAGE their LO’s Language Group Circle.
- HOLD a joint LO meeting with a LO of a different racial/ethnic background, using programs from the Program Book.
- DEVELOP a bi-racial/cultural or multi-racial/cultural Koinonia group.
- At least ONE member of the LO other than a Conf. or Dist. officer will attend the Conference or District School of Christian Mission.

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At least **TWO** members of the LO other than a Conf. or Dist. officer will attend the District or Conference Annual Celebration.

At least **TWO** members of the LO will attend any Young Women’s Event in the Cal-Pac Conference.

At least **FIVE** members of the LO will attend any event with emphasis on UMW 101 or any Language event in the Cal-Pac Conference.

The LO will have at least **ONE** person join the United Methodist Women’s Action Network to receive & respond to legislative information. (To join, call the Women's Division Washington Office at (202) 488-5660 or write to UMW Action Network, 100 Maryland Ave. NE, Suite 530, Washington, D.C. 20002).

Members shall write to **FIVE** persons listed in the Prayer Calendar at least twice a year.

The LO will participate in the Campaign for Children in at least **TWO** ways. Possibilities for action:

1. **HELP** sponsor a church or community program related to children and youth needs.
2. **SPONSER** a Children's Sabbath, promoted by the Children's Defense Fund.
3. **GET INVOLVED** with children in mentoring, tutoring, and "big sisters" programs.
4. **WRITE** letters, e-mail, or call Congressional representatives and/or others in government regarding children's issues.
5. **LEARN** how our schools are funded.

The LO will **BE** a Five Star LO, contributing to **ALL FIVE** channels of Mission Giving.

Each LO, circle, or subgroup will **INCLUDE** a mission moment where an article from *response* or *New World Outlook* magazines will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.

Have at least **TWO** persons from the LO, circle, or subgroup complete one of the Reading Program Plans and report on at least **ONE** of the books read.

The LO will invite a Dist. or Conf. officer, other than a member of the LO, to **ONE** of the LO meetings during the year.

Make a **PLEDGE** to care for God's creation and become a “Green” UMW LO (How to Become a Green LO at umwonline.org/enviroment or contact Women's Division Office of Community Action).

**HOLD** a Mini – Spiritual Growth Retreat (For addition information contact the Women’s Division Office of Spiritual Formation and Mission Theology).

The LO will have at least **TWO** persons visit one of the national mission sites within the Cal-Pac Conference.

**Other Mission Work:**
Gifts & Graces Inventory

Potential Leaders Information Form
(to be completed by potential leader)

Type or Print (attach additional sheets as necessary)

Date: ______________________

Name: ___________________________________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________

Telephone: (hm) __________ (wk) __________ Email: ______________________

Member of Local Church: ______________________ District: ______________________

Age: 20's ____ 30's ____ 40's ____ 50's ____ 60's ____ 70's ____ 80's ____

Languages Spoken: ______________________ Racial/Ethnic Group: ______________________

Employed: No _______ Part Time _______ Full Time _______

Professional skills, job experience __________________________ __________________________

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Additional experience on the local, district, conference or general church level (other than United Methodist Women), or in the community: __________________________ __________________________

How will your spiritual journey strengthen your commitment to serve on the Conference Leadership Team? __________________________________________________

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12/2017
Partial Scholarships of $150 are available to provide financial assistance to women within our Conference who are seeking a spiritual, educational, and supportive community experience. Applications are available to any Woman living within our Conference.

Name ___________________________ Phone ___________________

Address ______________________________________________________

City, State, Zip __________________________________________ 18 or older ☐

District ___________________________ Church ______________________

E-mail ___________________________ Language __________________

Please Provide in 250 words or less: 1. Why you would like to attend Mission u?
2. Why you need the Scholarship? 3. How you will share this experience? Please use additional paper. Put your name at the top of EVERY additional page. ALL applications Must be postmarked no later than

May 15, 2018

Please complete this form and send it to: Sophia Blankson, 11697 Malagon Drive, Fontana, CA 92337-0924. Email sblankson@sbcglobal.net

**Have you applied for and/or received any other scholarships for the 2018 Mission u, if so from whom and for what amount?

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**Have you received a scholarship from the Conference to attend Mission u (or School of Christian Mission) in the past? YES / NO

ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE BEEN AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP. THEY WILL BE NOTIFIED IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO SEND IN THEIR MISSION U REGISTRATION FORM.

If their Mission u registration form is NOT postmarked by the Mission u deadline of June 1, 2018, the scholarship is FORFEITED.
Becas parciales de $150.00 están disponible para proveer ayuda financiera a mujeres dentro de nuestra Conferencia que buscan una experiencia espiritual, educacional y un apoyo comunitario. Las becas están disponibles para cualquier mujer viviendo dentro de nuestra Conferencia.

Nombre ____________________________________________ Teléfono _____________________________

Dirección ________________________________________________________________________________

Ciudad, Estado y Código Postal ______________________________________________ 18 años o más □

Distrito ______________________________ Iglesia _____________________________________________

Correo Electrónico _________________________________________ Lenguaje _________________

Por favor de proveer en 250 palabras o menos: 1. Por qué a usted le gustaría asistir a Mission u?
2. Por qué tiene la necesidad de la beca? 3. Cómo compartirá esta experiencia? Por favor use papel adicional y escriba su nombre en CADA página adicional. TODAS las aplicaciones deben de ser recibidas a más tardar el

15 de mayo del 2018

Por favor complete esta forma y enviela a Sophia Blankson, 11697 Malagon Drive, Fontana CA. 92337-0924, correo electrónico: sblankson@sbcglobal.net, teléfono: 909-286-8557.

*Usted ha aplicado /recibido alguna otra beca para Mission u 2018? Si es así, ¿quién le otorgó la beca y que cantidad?

**Anteriormente, usted ha recibido una beca de la Conferencia para asistir a Mission u (o Escuela de Misión Cristiana) Sí / NO

TODAS LAS APLICANTES SERÁN NOTIFICADAS SI RECIBIRÁN O NO UNA BECA. LAS NOTIFICACIONES SE HARÁN CON SUFICIENTEMENTE TIEMPO PARA QUE PUEDA ENVIAR SU REGISTRACIÓN PARA MISSION u ANTES DE LA FECHA LÍMITE.

Si su forma de registración para Mission u NO es enviada para la fecha límite que es junio 1, 2018, usted perderá el derecho a su beca y será cancelada.
From Your Editor

Dear UMW Sisters:

As I enter my last year as your Conference Communications Coordinator, I am dealing with conflicting thoughts and emotions. Some of the negatives—I’ll miss seeing friends, attending meetings (really!), traveling to new churches, experiencing challenges along the way and knowing that with the support of our Team all will be well.

But I also look to the future now as a time to take advantage of new opportunities. I recently starting volunteering in my local church office. This has been a blessing in so many ways—learning new software (again), meeting new people, problem-solving, and just overall —serving others.

As we enter a new year, think how you might try new opportunities. We all have talents and strengths. Now add courage and submit a ‘Gifts and Graces’ form to your district and conference Committees on Nominations. This form is in each issue of Pacific Waves. It takes an action to create a reaction. Take a step forward and if you receive ‘the call’, react with joy!

Blessed to be serving you,

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Our Purpose

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.

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