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JOYGRAM – ACTION GRAM

Dear UMW Sisters in Christ:

Today the Upper Room Daily Reflections had special meaning for me:

*“FAITH IS NOT merely a belief in ideas or concepts but a belief that moves us to action. The New Testament usage of “faith” derives largely from the Hebrew understanding that “to believe” is to have firmness, reliability, or steadfastness. Faith in action is a steadfast trusting in God and in our relationship with God. ...*

*A significant part of our faith is how we live it out daily, for our actions and our lifestyles witness to the true faith we hold. Somehow in our upbringing, many Western Christians have missed the critical link between faith and lifestyle. Faith should express itself in what we eat, how we spend our time, how we entertain ourselves, and how we spend our money. ...*

*For faith to grow, we must be open and listening to God through scripture, prayer, worship, music, nature, people, and the circumstances of our lives. Then we must be obedient to God’s will and direction for us as we discern them. True Christian faith leads us to involvement with others and sensitivity to their needs.”*

8/27/17 [Upper Room Daily Reflections](#)

So why special meaning? Because as United Methodist Women we put our faith, hope and love into ACTION and I have had requests to do exactly that at our annual meeting in York, NE.

Deanna Holland asked, “What action can the Great Plains United Methodist Women take IMMEDIATELY to counter the racism, bias and hatred that are in the news and in the communities of Kansas and Nebraska, and even in the Great Plains United Methodist Churches?” Yes, Great Plains UMW can show LOVE in ACTION!!

**WHAT:** Love in Action Rally and Prayer Vigil- Pray for love in our communities and our churches [Council of Bishops Commission on the Way Forward](#)

**WHERE:** Great Plains Conference UMW Annual Meeting, York UMC, York, NE, after Friday supper and before opening session (approximately 6:30 – 7:00 pm).

**FOR YOU TO DO:** Prayer Vigil, Conference Meditation room. Rally outside church bring signs of LOVE. Please no political signs. Raise your voice in LOVE and Prayer.