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August 2019



Calendar of Events

Great Plains UMW Annual Meeting First United Methodist Church, Lincoln, NE	September 20-21
Midwest Mission Distribution Center Trip Pawnee, IL	October 14-18
Hutchinson District Annual Meeting, Great Bend First	October 19
LEAF First United Methodist Church, Topeka	February 16-17, 2020
South Central Jurisdictional Quadrennial Meeting Little Rock, Arkansas Registration begins September 15, 2019	March 26-29, 2020

Journey in Faith (Spiritual Growth), Evy Hoyt

Go be amazing today! Go change the world. Do something great.
 Stop complaining. Stop worrying about other people's negative talk...and smile. Be amazing. Do good for someone. Show someone you care.
 Spread the joy of Jesus to those around you. Who knows how long we have on this earth... so be amazing today!



**The joy of the Lord is my strength."
 --Nehemiah 8:10**

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**150 Years
 In Mission**

Hutchinson District UMW President, LaVonne Gerritzen

Greetings Ladies.....your Hutchinson District Leadership Team met yesterday to start planning our annual Meeting on October 19th in Great Bend. Please plan to join us in "CELEBRATING" 150 years of UMW!!!! Along with a celebration, there are some major changes that will be affecting all of you, so please try to make the trip to Great Bend to find out what is new and exciting for the Hutchinson District. If you have not made contact with your Shepherdess, please do so ASAP. She will help you through some of the changes! One of the major changes is the Program Resource position. This is no longer a part of the Conference and will no longer be a position on the District team. I envision you still wanting to keep that position at the local level. All questions will now go to our Education person, Phyllis Stoppel. Reading Program books will not be available at the District Meeting or Spiritual Retreat. All books need to be ordered online (Amazon, Cokesbury, etc.). There is still a national reading program. We just need to order our own books, or get them through our local libraries. Program Books, Prayer Calendars, etc., will not be available at the District Meeting either. You will need to go through the national office directly. Again, if you have questions, ask your shepherdess or contact me. A change that I am excited about is the READING PROGRAM. In answering a lot of your concerns, the Hutchinson District is "tweaking" the program to better meet your needs and still afford you the opportunity to participate in the reading program, but allow you to read books of "your" choosing!!! This will be explained in detail at the October meeting in the President's training, so please try to attend. This will be rolled out for 2020, so come join the Reading Bandwagon!!! I hope you have all had an enjoyable (but wet) summer. It has gone by so quickly. See you all in Great Bend!

LaVonne Gerritzen

Hutchinson District Treasurer, Karen Van Brimmer

The beginning of July I emailed as many units as I could to let them know the status of their units. I also let them know what was needed to enable them to be 5-Star or 7-Star units. I know the economy hasn't been the best this year, and many units are way behind. Whatever your unit is able to provide will be used for good! If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Even if it doesn't pertain to the Treasurer's position. I will try to find an answer for you. Hope to see you at the District meeting in September in Great Bend. Thank you again for all your support.

Karen Van Brimmer

Journey in Learning (Education and Interpretation), Phyllis Stoppel

Greetings,

I hope everyone is having a good summer. For me, it seems to have gone very fast and I haven't done all that I had planned. And now it's almost time to get back in the school bus routine. One of the things I hope all of you are doing is keeping a record of all that your unit has done so far this year. If you have done this, you will have a much easier time completing the Mission Do form at the end of the year. You'll probably be surprised at how many of the activities you've done will fit into the categories on the form. The form was put out later this year than usual, so I am asking for the form to be included in this newsletter in case there are some of you who haven't received it.

Blessings,
Phyllis Stoppel

Membership, Nurture, Outreach, Pat Oswald

ATTENTION all UMW members and units:

If you plan on attending the district annual meeting on October 19 in Great Bend, please bring information needed to submit for the 2019 year, including membership reports, officers for 2020. reading reports, 5- or 7- star programs, etc. I will have a table with report forms to be filled in so all each unit has to do is have the member attending fill in the ones their unit needs to submit. Just think, no separate forms to be sent to various district team members, no deadlines to meet, no muss or fuss. I will also have information on how to submit the membership report online. Once a person sees how easy it is to go to the UMW site and fill in her report, I am certain there will be many sighs of relief instead of dread at having to submit this information online. Each unit report takes about 5-10 minutes to fill in, then just click "submit" and it goes in to the membership registry. Hope to see all of you there. It is going to be a great meeting!

Pat Oswald

2020 KS LEAF and NE Ecumenical Legislative Days

Be Informed. Stand Up. Speak Out. Let Your Voice Be Heard.

Breaking of Chains: February 16th-February 17th, 2020, Topeka First United Methodist Church

The Great Plains United Methodist Women participates in two legislative days that educate and engage members of the faith community on issues that are being addressed within the state legislatures. The purpose of the legislative days is to provide a forum of education on social justice issues, create a context for how the issues intersect with faith and prompt ways that the faith community can respond in advocacy. Great Plains United Methodist Women are encouraged to use the legislative days as platforms to learn more about issues on the local and state levels and identify ways to add a voice as a faith community. Both events are ecumenical and open to all. See the enclosed flyer for more information about the 2020 event in Topeka.





Put the dates May 30 - June 7, 2020 on your calendar and travel with us to Red Bird Mission, Upper Room, Cookson Hills Center, and more. We will be leaving from and returning to Topeka, KS, again in 2020. The METour (Mission Education Tour) is a seven-day mission experience for young women sponsored by the Great Plains United Methodist Women. METour participants have the opportunity to engage in mission, learn about United Methodist Women and experience the United Methodist connection by visiting and working at National Mission Institutions, Volunteer in Mission sites and United Methodist-related agencies. It's so much more than a mission trip! METour is open to young women in the Great Plains Conference ages 15-20. Local UMW organizations have the opportunity to sponsor and support young women on the tour. Total cost for the experience is \$400 per person.

Registration information is available on the Great Plains United Methodist Women website-- www.greatplainsumc.org/umw. Registration begins now through April 1, 2020! For more information, please contact the METour director, Venedith Vargas: metourdirector@yahoo.com, or via phone at 308-352-8085.



In this our 150th year we've been researching, telling stories, writing and studying about our history . . . What if each of us connected our own stories with our unnamed predecessors as we tell the story? Just as we see ourselves in the unnamed women in the Bible, we can see ourselves in the unnamed women in our history. We stand on their shoulders as we press on in our own ways of working together: loving, serving, speaking up for women, children and youth and generous giving. Like them we can invite others to journey with us and to respond to the call of God in this time turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

Harriett Jane Olson, General Secretary and CEO of United Methodist Women
Response magazine, July/August issue

Great Plains United Methodist Women Conference Annual Meeting

September 20-21, 2019 First United Methodist Church

2723 N. 50th St., Lincoln, NE

Friday: Registration: 12:30 PM

Officer Update: 1:15 – 3 PM (some options below will be available to non-officers, or you may attend an Officer Update Session)

Mission Options: 3-5 PM The Big Garden – Hands on Mission: in-kind giving as follows: Quality garden tools, 4-12 oz. Mason jars, lids and rings, canning supplies, mailing labels-Avery 5160, copy paper, markers, etc

Walking Tours – Wesleyan campus and Historic University Place

Connection Point – UN-L East Campus/Community Ministry Mats for the

Homeless – bring your plastic bags

Friday Dinner: 5:30 – Birthday Celebration

Friday Worship and Communion: 7:00 PM

Keynote Speaker: Joyce Sohl, former CEO of United Methodist Women Communion with Bishop Saenz

Saturday: 8:00 AM Business Meeting

Recognition of Guests Looking forward: Lisa Maupin, Conference Lay Leader

Saturday Breakout Sessions: 9:45-10:30 and 10:45-11:30 (choose 2)

Justice Seminar – Presenter Deb Hayes, Seminar attendee Conference Seminar in New York City recap Holistic Health Care – Presenter Dave Sanford, CEO Grace Medical Health Clinic -Outreach ministry to deliver quality medical care to the whole person Gender Bias – Presenter Dr. Gerise Herndon, Professor, NWU Recognizing Rape Culture and Responding to Violence – Immigration Issues – Presenter from Immigration Legal Center The Big Garden – Presenter – Nathan Morgan, Executive Director Outreach and activities of the Big Garden Charter for Racial Justice – Presenter to be named later Child Advocacy – Presenter to be named later

Closing Worship and Brown Bag Lunch – 11:45 – 12:00 - Safe Trip Home

Great Plains UMW t-shirt or polo are available to order through UMW website

Questions? Contact Joyce Solomon via email – solomon.joyce@gmail.com

Name _____ Address _____ City _____
 _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ cell/home _____
 Email _____ Conf _____
 Office _____ or Dist Office _____ Dist _____

___ I need a single room (cost \$55.00 for officers) ___ I need a double room Roommate
 requested _____ I am a commuter _____

___ I need handicap parking Dietary needs _____

Friday Mission Options (Please indicate first choice and second choice to plan
 transportation and tour walkers)

_____ ConnectioN Point (2 tours, one at 3 PM; one at 4 PM) _____ Walking
 Tours – Wesleyan Campus and University Place **Big Garden and Mats for the
 Homeless will be on-going til 5 PM**

Saturday Breakout Sessions – first session 9:45-10:30; second session 10:45-11:00 (select
 two; one each session) _____ Charter for Racial Justice _____ Holistic Health _____ Immigration
 Issues _____ Justice Seminar _____ The Big Garden _____ Gender Bias _____ Child Advocacy

Closing Worship and Brown Bag Lunch – 11:45 – Noon

RETURN this form with your \$40 registration payable to “Great Plains United Methodist
 Women” and mail to:

Shirley Baum 7311 Garland Street Lincoln, NE 68505
****Registration deadline is August 31, 2019****

Hotel information (for those other than Conference and District Officers) To be made and paid for
 by the attendee. All rooms are \$99 – ask for the Great Plains United Methodist Women rate.

Hampton Inn phone – 402-435-4600 7343 Husker Circle, Lincoln, NE 68504

Sleep Inn & Suites University phone – 402-477-0645 2803 Folkways Blvd, Bldg A,
 Lincoln, NE 68504

****NOTE: Hotel registration deadline is August 21, 2019****

Celebrate!

Hutchinson District United Methodist Women
Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Great Bend First United Methodist Church
2123 Forest, Great Bend, KS 67530

(On-Street Parking is available as well as the Library lot to the north)
(Elevator located by the North Entrance)

Registration begins at 8:30 am Meeting begins at 9:00 am Cost \$12 per person

Morning Speakers: Carol Ek and Rose Roberts

Afternoon Speaker: Karen McLean

In-gathering will be for Domestic and Sexual Violence Center of Great Bend

Items needed: Walmart or Dillons Gift Cards (for fuel, food and prescriptions), diapers, baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby bath wash, diaper rash ointment, full size shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lotions, razors and shaving cream, toothbrushes and toothpaste (both child and adult)—if giving a check, please make out to FAMILY CRISIS CENTER

Questions???: Morgan Harrower, District Vice President email at mfharrower@msn.com
or call (303) 861-1117, (620) 534-2002

Registration deadline: October 12th

Name _____ Church _____

Special Dietary Needs _____

Childcare Needed? _____yes – Ages of Children _____

Mail registration and payment to: LaVonne Gerritzen
2509 Zarah Dr.
Great Bend, KS 67530

Make checks payable to: Hutchinson District United Methodist Women

Officer Training – Please mark your choice

President _____ Secretary _____ Spiritual Growth _____

Vice President _____ Treasurer _____

See you in Great Bend!

Celebrating 150 Years of United Methodist Women



Great Plains Conference UMW Local Unit Mission Program
"Every Unit a Mission Do Unit"
2019 Report is Due January 15, 2020

Our Purpose

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.

We are to fulfill our purpose and put faith, hope and love in action through our Great Plains Journey areas. Each unit may determine how to do this in their unit. Please plan your unit programming for the year by selecting at least one activity from each of the five areas. By selecting activities from each of the five, you will be participating in a Journey in Planning.

As women already engaged with faith, hope and love in action, you are encouraged to try at least one new activity that you haven't done before. Below are some new ideas as well as ones you have seen before.

Name of Unit: _____ District: _____

Your Name: _____ Address: _____
 (Person completing this form)

1. Please complete at least one activity in each of the Journey areas below.
 - a. Circle the dot by the activity your unit completed or
 - b. Use the blank lines for a one sentence report of something new that you tried.

Report is Due January 15th! To Your District Journey in Learning Leader/Education & Interpretation Coordinator---Phyllis Stoppel, P.O.Box 459, Moundridge, Ks. 67107

Journey in Action - Activities might include the following:

- Attend L.E.A.F. in Kansas or Ecumenical Legislative Day in Nebraska
- Become a Green Unit and implement one step.
- Study the difference between mercy and justice then do a justice activity.
- Have a program on one of the recent Social Action Studies:
- United Methodist Women's work is in 4 priority areas:
 (Explore one or more area & take action to help locally or beyond.)
 - Maternal & Child Health
 - Climate Justice
 - Criminalization of Communities of Color & Mass Incarceration
 - Economic Inequities
 - Charter for Racial Justice
- Make UMCOR Health Kits

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Journey in Faith - Activities might include the following:

- Use the Prayer Calendar to pray regularly for a Missionary; Church and Community Worker; Deaconess; or Home Missioner
- Use *response* magazine or other UMW resource to provide a devotion for each meeting

- Have at least one member attend National UMW Assembly
- Have a program on one of the recent spiritual growth mission studies:

Journey in Giving - Activities might include the following:

- Select one of the three National Mission Institutions (NMIs) to which the Great Plains Conference relates and learn more about it: (Epworth Village, United Methodist Ministries, Della Lamb).
 - Adopt one of the three GP Conf NMIs and send a supplementary financial gift to them each month (Send to your District Treasurer).
 - Learn about the rest of the 87 NMIs
 - Learn about the “Where the Money Goes”
 - Give to the Legacy Fund
 - Contribute money in each of 7 categories: Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition (\$40); Gift to Mission; Gift in Memory; World Thank Offering; Corsage for Mission (\$1 each), Dedicated Light (\$45)
 - Help support a young woman participating in the METour (Mission Education Tour)
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Journey in Growth - Activities might include the following:

- Make a list of the women in your church who are not members of UMW and invite them to join you for a special program or mission activity such as making UMCOR kits.
 - Consider joining with a nearby unit to hold a meeting or do a special activity together.
 - Reach out to women in your community and invite them to participate in a Mission Do activity, such as Volunteering your services for an NMI or other local agency
 - Invite a METour participant or staff to share about her experience. If she is a local woman, invite her to another meeting and ask her to consider joining your group.
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Journey in Learning - Activities might include the following:

- At least one member completes a level in the UMW Reading Program
 - Regularly share information from Response magazine at meetings
 - Participate in the District UMW Meetings
 - Participate in the GP Conf United Methodist Women’s Annual Meeting/Celebration
 - Participate in a District or Conference Mission u
 - Have a program on one of the recent Geography Studies:
 - Participate in a - Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) Mission Trip to Chatham, IL
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Please send to: Phyllis Stoppel
 P.O. Box 459
 Moundridge, Ks. 67107
stoppelphyllis@hotmail.com
 Deadline: Jan. 15, 2020

L.E.A.F. 2020 Breaking of Chains Legislative Event for Advocacy in Faith



Two day annual event hosting speakers, panel discussions, educational workshops and lunch with Kansas legislators. Hosted by Great Plains UMW and Church Women United; open to all.

This event teaches those of all faiths to use their spiritual gifts to drive legislative advocacy. The event is non-partisan and non-denominational. Childcare is available.

Save the Date!

February 16th, 2020 6pm

February 17th, 2020 8am-3:30pm

Topeka First UMC

600 SW Topeka Blvd

☑ Legislative Update

☑ Lunch with Legislators

Registration \$30 ~ Students \$15

Scholarships Available!

Please request childcare in advance

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Keynote Speaker
Pastor Darryl Burton
"Miracle Man"

PLANNED WORKSHOPS & PANELS

- Mass Incarceration
- Faith In Action
- LGBTQ Rights
- Kansas Riverkeeper
- Schools, Jobs & Healthcare
- Elections
- School to Prison Pipeline
- 2020 Legislative Session
- Meet a Muslim
- Expand Medicaid!
- Disability Rights
- Gunsense Legislation
- Silver Haired Legislature
- Mental & Behavioral Health