



TRI – STATE DISTRICT UMW

MAINE NEW HAMPSHIRE MASSACHUETTS

SPRING 2009

FEBRUARY, 2009

President's Corner

The temperature hovers around 45 degrees, the driveway has 2 inches of soft watery mud that covers your shoes, and can spring be far away. Winter has the last word for now; parts of New England will get snow this Sunday. It seems like we are on a never ending roller coaster, but we can be hopeful that next month is March and winter is on its way out for another year.

As we face the new year of challenges, family member or close friend looses their job, facing the loss of one's home, our Church family struggles with the economics of today's world. We are part of a global world and we need to keep our mind where our heart has always found guidance from God.

Footprints in the Sand

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.
Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.
In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.
Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,
other times there were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed
that during the low periods of my life,
when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat,
I could see only one set of footprints.
So I said to the Lord, "You promised me Lord, that if
I followed you; you would walk with me always.
But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life
there have only been one set of footprints in the sand.
Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?"

The Lord replied, "The times when you have seen only one set
of footprints in the sand, is when I carried you."

Mary Stevenson

I pray that as life's roller coaster pushes forward you will be "carried by the Lord".
Your Tri-State District Team is looking forward to seeing you at our Spring Meeting, with Anne Robertson as our guest speaker. If you have not read any of her books, I highly recommend that you do, she makes you think about your life and faith with a whole new outlook.
Your conference and district teams are working together with Vermont's to implement as smooth a transition as possible for when they join our Conference next year.

Bless you Pat Tebbetts

Calendar

April 18, 2009 – Tri-state United Methodist Women Spring Gathering
May 8, 2009 – New England Conference United Methodist Women's Retreat
July 17-19 – School of Christian Mission, Farmington, ME
July 24-26 – School of Christian Mission,
September 17-19 – School of Christian Mission, Aldersgate
September 26 – Tri-State United Methodist Women Fall Gathering
October 24 – New England Conference Annual Gathering, East Greenwich, RI

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter **Hattie B. Cooper Community Center** as the charity you want to support.

Please share copies of this newsletter with your unit. If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail please contact Pat Tebbetts at patjbb@maine.rr.com

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United Methodist Women Tri-State District Newsletter – dated material

Tri-state District United Methodist Women Spring Gathering

Anne Robertson presents **GOD'S TOP 10**

Blowing the Lid Off the Commandments

Eliot United Methodist Church, Eliot, ME

Saturday, April 18, 2009

9:30 gathering, 10:00 opening

\$8.00 Registration includes brunch

The Rev. Anne Robertson is a United Methodist pastor in the New England Conference and is author of *God's Top Ten: Blowing the Lid Off the Commandments* and *Blowing the Lid Off the God Box: Opening Up to a Limitless Faith*.

You won't want to miss this program! Steve Swecker is quoted on the cover of the book: "Those who hunger for meaningful dialogue would enjoy meeting Anne Robertson, especially through reading *God's Top 10: Blowing the Lid Off the Commandments*. An informed, compassionate, often humorous reflection on the tough issues of our time, filtered through the lens of the Ten Commandments. Add Robertson's honesty about her own personal struggles, and the 'big talk' at times yields something even more precious: Wisdom"

Directions:

FROM SOUTHBOUND I-95: Take Exit 2 to Route 236 North. Eliot UMC is 2.5 miles on the right after the traffic light at Eliot Commons.

FROM NORTHBOUND I-95: After the Piscataqua River Bridge - take Exit 3. Stay to the right. At end of ramp take a right onto Route 236 North. The church is 2.5 miles on the right.

Send registration to: Deborah Cannella,

Registration			
Name _____	_____		Phone _____
Mailing Address _____	_____		
	Street	City	State Zip
e-mail address _____	_____		
Number attending _____	Amount enclosed \$ _____		

United Methodist Women Unit Membership Report



Conference

Check one of the following

Local Cluster District On-Line

CHURCH INFORMATION (for Local and Cluster Units)

Name of Church	Phone #
Church Address	Fax #
	E-mail
City, ST & Zip	
Web site Address	

Is there more than one congregation meeting in this church building? No Yes

If, so please describe below

Congregation	Language	Women Members	UMW Members

UMW UNIT INFORMATION

Name of Unit	Number of Circles
Date or Year when unit was chartered	

CIRCLES INFORMATION

Name of Circle	Emphasis, Characteristics and/or primary language	Number of Participants

TOTAL UNIT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

A. Number of Members as of 1/1/08		
1. Transferred out to other UMW Units		
2. Removed by choice		
3. Removed by Death		
B. Total member Loss (Add lines 1, 2, and 3)		
4. Transferred in from other UMW Unit		
5. New member from UM Church		
6. New member from non-UM Church		
C. Total Member Gain (Add lines 4, 5, and 6)		
D. Grand Total Membership as of 12/31/08 (Total from line A, minus line B, plus line C)		

UNIT PRESIDENT OR CONTACT PERSON INFORMATION

Name	Ph #
Address	E-mail
City, St & Zip	

UMW Unit Position

- Copies Distribution**
1. Give one copy to your Pastor or the person responsible for the church's year-end report
 2. Send two copies to your District Coordinator of Membership Nurture and Outreach to:

District

Send to: Samantha Battis,

April is Cooper Community Center Month

Cooper Community Center

A National Mission site of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church

Mission Statement

The Hattie B. Cooper Community Center is committed to providing children and youth with the strongest developmental foundation to inspire a lifelong excitement for learning and the skills to become caring and responsible citizens.

Programs

Through our Infant & Toddler, Preschool, After-School and Summer Camp, Cooper is dedicated to ensuring children and their families with a safe, educational facility that will enhance their growth and development, creating the foundation for future successes.

In Kind Donations To collect for Cooper

- Crib sized sheets
- Playground balls
- Diapers (age 0-3)
- Books on Diversity (check the Mission Resource Center catalog)
- Games (ages 5-12)
- Big rolls of paper
- Books (ages 0-3)

Is your unit a Mission Today Unit?

Your President has a list of programming ideas and expected goals for your unit to strive to meet each calendar year. When you accomplish a certain amount of these—you become either a GOLD, SILVER or BRONZE unit.

Check your list and see how you are doing in this challenge. It is important and makes for a great UMW unit when you work from this list.

No Unit?

There is a type of membership that allows women who do not have a unit in their local church, or are not able to participate in their local unit, to become a United Methodist Women member. These women can become district members. To become a district member, all a woman needs to do is contact the district president or secretary and request to be placed on the district member list. These women get all district and conference newsletters, are invited to district and conference meetings and may pledge through the district treasurer. District members have become 5 star members by participating in the five channels of giving, have achieved recognition for the reading program, received scholarship money where appropriate and have remained connected to UMW.

With years of history working for mission, UMW has continued to serve the church at home and around the globe. UM Women are a vital part of the well being of women, children and youth in the world. Pastors can assist by informing women of the option of district membership. An involved UM Woman brings her gifts to the local church.

United Methodist Women Tri-State District

2009 Mission Today Unit

To be a **Five Star Unit** –

A unit contributes to each of the 5 channels of Mission Giving

To be a **Mission Today Unit** –A unit will also add:

Any 8 of the following to be a BRONZE Mission Today Unit (4 must come from #1-10)

Any 12 of the following to be a SILVER Mission Today Unit (6 must come from #1-10)

Any 16 of the following to be a GOLD Mission Today Unit (8 must come from #1-10)

1. Use the *Prayer Calendar* at each meeting
2. Celebrate the Charter for Racial Justice
3. Have at least 2 members subscribe to *Response Magazine*
4. Add at least 2 members to the membership
5. Participate in a mission study (SOCM) during the year consisting of at least 6 hours
6. Give scholarship help to a woman under the age of 25 to a School of Christian Mission
7. Promote scholarship help to a woman under the age of 25 to SOCM, Assembly, or Northeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting
8. Use at least 2 programs from the *Program Book*
9. At least 2 members attend District or Conference events (not counting district or conference officers)
10. Correspond with 5 persons listed in the *Prayer Calendar*
11. At least 1 member participate in the Reading Program
12. At least 1 member attend SOCM (not counting district or conference officers)
13. Include a “*Response Moment*”, lifting up an item from *Response Magazine* at each meeting
14. Help church celebrate a Children’s Sabbath
15. At least 1 member join the UM Women’s Network (legislative issues updates)
16. Select a project from the Women’s Division *Material Resources for Mission Catalog* and contribute as needed Identify project _____ (other than Cooper)
17. Provide support to Cooper Community Center– financial, gifts, supplies, or time
18. At least 2 members volunteer at a local food bank, community kitchen, shelter or another agency working with women and/or children
19. Plan and participate in a UMW Sunday worship service
20. Read or sing the PURPOSE at every meeting
21. Have one member serve on a UM mission related board or agency

Please submit by December 31 to:

Cynthia Odlin

Name of church _____

Your name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ e-mail _____

Street city/town state zip

Keep a copy for the unit’s records and history.

Women following Jesus from Generation to Generation

New England Conference United Methodist Women

2009 Spiritual Retreat ~ Open to all New England Women
Friday, May 8th at 8:00 PM – May 10th at 9:00 AM
at



Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center
660 Great Pond Road ~ North Andover Massachusetts 01845

Retreat Leader ~ Harriet Jane Olson

Harriett Jane Olson is the deputy general secretary of the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. She is chief executive officer of the Women's Division, the national administrative and policymaking arm of United Methodist Women.

This holistic approach to being Christian women is at the heart of United Methodist Women, Ms. Olson said. "Critical to United Methodist Women is the combination of spiritual formation, leadership development, personal engagement in mission work and social advocacy. In the tradition of John Wesley and in accordance with our United Methodist self-understanding, these are interdependent approaches. "United Methodist Women are called to do something not being done by the rest of the church. It's a privilege to stand with women, children and youth.

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REGISTRATION for Retreat **DEADLINE is May 1, 2009**

Please print legibly

Name _____ Church _____ District _____

Mailing address _____

Street or PO Box

City

State

Zip

Email _____ Phone _____

Special Food Considerations: _____

Please bring: Handwork project that connects generations; copies of 2 photos from your own journey

Costs: \$144.00 for two nights including four meals and a shared room with three or more

\$158.00 for two nights including four meals and two to a room—only 8 double rooms available

Commuter rate is \$60.

**Directions to Rolling Ridge will be with your Confirmation . Please return this form and your check made out to
NEC UMW and mail to: Ginni Wright, PO Box 146, South Harwich MA 02661**

**NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Tri-State District**

2009 Local Unit Officer Mailing List

Please complete the entire form for your local unit as soon as possible. Please send to Tri-State District Mission Coordinator for Membership, Nurture & Outreach,
Samantha Battis

Church name _____

Unit address _____

President's or Contact Person's name _____

President's address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Treasurer's name _____

Treasurer's address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Secretary's name _____

Secretary's address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Program Resources Secretary's name _____

Program Resources Secretary's address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Other officer's:

Please send the President's name and address and the Secretary of Program Resources' name and address to:
Women's Division, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1503, New York, NY

Notes from the Treasurer

Thank you for all your support to Mission in 2008. We had a good year thanks to you and we had 11 Units and 1 district member that obtained the designation of being a Five Star unit. I also want to acknowledge every Unit, and even if you did not obtain Five Star, you gave and supported Mission to best of you ability and for that you are to be congratulated.

I appreciate all the time and efforts that the treasurer's devote towards their local units. Many of these units struggle to keep up their membership and participation towards the goals that UMW and God set before them. I am saddened to say that three of our units disbanded this year.

In this difficult time when we all struggle to make ends meet we also find it difficult to raise funds within the local units. The most important, and usually the largest sources of funds for our unit's budgets are the pledges and the Mission Giving gifts of individual members. But in many units it is necessary to organize fund-raising endeavors to supplement individual gifts to fulfill your financial commitments. Fund-raising events, of course, can also be good community-building times. The ideal fund-raising event will "expand concepts of mission" as well as provide fellowship and income.

I thought it might be fun to share ideas over the next year of Fund-Raisers that have worked for your units. We can all use new ideas. Here is one you might want to try.

Bakeless Bakesale - (This is great for busy women, and those of us who don't bake). Display the bake ware that would hold the goodies we would have baked and then have the people put money in those containers. Then they don't have to eat all those added calories! You could even put the recipes with the tins and people can get one when they "buy" the non-existent baked goods.

If you have an idea to share just send them to me at debbiecannella@hotmail.com and I will share them with all the units in the newsletters.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions or comments.

In Christian service
Debbie Cannella

Looking for someone special...

Each year Local Units have the opportunity to nominate someone from their district or local unit to be honored at the New England Conference United Methodist Annual Meeting in October. One person from each district will be chosen to receive a Special Mission Recognition Pin. Nominees should have: attended a School of Christian Mission OR District OR Conference annual or spring meeting within the last 24 months; be an active local unit or district member, have held an office in UMW sometime, be a member of a local UMC or Federated church and personify the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women. Please submit a write-up of your nominee to Debbie Cannella to be considered for this year's award.

Dear Sisters of the United Methodist Women,

Voices and sounds of hope can be heard in this country and in many places around the world. There is confidence that in this nation all things are possible when people work with a great deal of hope in their minds and souls, and honesty in their actions. The prospects for democracy and peace appear greater now, and we pray to God that the world may become a better place for all people. We pray that the gap between word and action may become ever shorter, so the confidence in those who govern us may also be restored in the citizenship, especially the young people. Certainly these hopes are part of the Christian values and the hopes and concerns of the Christian Church. Peace, hope and well being for all the Christian themes. Hope is an essential part of our faith. Jeremiah wrote: "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord and has made the Lord his hope and confidence." (Jeremiah 17:7)

According to the Apostle Paul, hope is the sister of faith and love. May we always be hopeful, loving and faithful. (This article was taken in part from a letter my former pastor wrote in the Jan. issue of *The Messenger*)

Your sister in Christ, Andrea EKV

Response Magazine

1-Year (11 issues) = \$24.00

2-Year (22 issues) = \$45.00

Response on Cassette

1-year (11 issues) = \$46.00

1-year (11 issues) = \$24.00*

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PO Box 395, Congers, NY 10920-0395

A 3D, perspective-style graphic of the text "Response goes to a meeting". The text is rendered in a bold, sans-serif font, with each letter having a yellow-to-orange gradient and a dark shadow underneath, giving it a three-dimensional appearance as if it's floating or standing on a surface.

Do you take Response to your meeting? How about high-lighting an article or two at each meeting?

See your local unit in *Response*

Are you doing mission locally or have a great idea that works at your UMW meetings? Send your articles and photos for the Bright Lights section of *Response* to Yvette Moore, Women's Division/UMGBGM, 475 Riverside Dr., Room 1501, New York, NY 10115.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE KITS

School Kit

- One pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- Three 70-count spiral or tape bound pads of 8" x 10- 1/2" ruled paper or pads with 20-210 sheets of ruled paper. (Please do not provide loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One box of 2 crayons (only 24)
- One 12" x 14" to 14" x 16" finished size cotton cloth bag with cotton handles

Pack all items inside the cloth bag. Patterns for the bag are available.

Hygiene Kit

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper (no metal files or emery boards)
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six bandaids

Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Toothpaste that has an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment. Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.

There have been some changes - please take note.

Baby Kit

- Six cloth diapers
- Two T-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)
- Two washcloths
- Two gowns or sleepers
- Two diaper pins
- One sweater or sweatshirt
- Two receiving blankets (one can be a hand-knitted or crocheted baby blanket)

All items should be new. Wrap items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with both diaper pins. Patterns are available for many of the Baby Kit components.

2009 Reading Program

United Methodist Women's Reading Program engages women in issues related to mission, community, social action and spiritual growth through compelling reading.

Reading Program books will be available at the Spring Gathering. You can share your reading experience with other women in your local unit or church or as part of the "Reading Program Community" on United Methodist Women's Online Community at

www.umwonline.org.

You can also order Reading Program books online at e-store:

www.missionresourcecenter.org

Or by phone at 1-800-305-9857

Please tell us about yourself or someone who might like to hear more about becoming part of the district mission team.

Talent Bank Information for Prospective Leadership United Methodist Women

Type or Print

Date _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE: Home _____ Other _____

LOCAL CHURCH _____ AGE (Optional) _____

RACIAL/ETHNIC GROUP (Optional) _____

EMPLOYED FOR PAY? _____ FULL-TIME _____ PART-TIME

NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT _____

EXPERIENCE IN UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (or in any of the predecessor groups, e.g., Woman's Society of Christian Service, Women's Society of World Service, Wesleyan Service Guild)

LOCAL _____

DISTRICT _____

CONFERENCE _____

Form continues on next page

OTHER UNITED METHODIST, ECUMENICAL, OR COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE: _____

AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST AND CONCERN: _____

SPECIAL TALENTS AND SKILLS: _____

ABLE TO BE AWAY FROM HOME OR EMPLOYMENT FOR:

Full Day _____ Weekend _____ Extended Time _____

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION: _____

If person filling out form is the same as the person named on reverse side, complete the following.

You may consider my name for:

_____ any position on the district Executive Committee

_____ any specific positions (*please list*): _____

_____ nothing this year, but please keep my name on file and contact me again next year.

PERSON SUBMITTING INFORMATION: _____

Please return to:
Pat Moore
27 Haynes Road
Deerfield, NH 03037

Tri-State District Officers for 2009

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Congratulations

To the following units to successfully completed their 5-Star Giving for 2008.

Andreas EK Vannett – Lawrence, MA
Ballardvale United UMW – Andover, MA
Chestnut Street UMW – Portland, ME
Clark Memorial UMW – Portland, ME
Cressey Road UMW – Gorham, ME
First UMC UMW – S. Portland, ME
Rainbow UMW – Portland, ME
St. James UMW – Merrimack, NH
St. Lukes UMW – Derry, NH
West Baldwin UMW – W Baldwin, ME
West Scarborough UMW – W Scarborough, ME
York/Ogunquit UMW – York, ME

These units will be awarded at our Tri-State Spring Meeting on Saturday, April 18th. Bring your unit and be recognized for your accomplishment.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A 5-STAR UNIT IN 2009?

It's simple! If your unit gives to each of the 5 channels of giving you are considered a 5-Star Unit. And being a 5-Star Unit is the first step in becoming a Mission Today Unit.

ABC's of 5-Star Giving

Always pledge to Mission Giving
Be thankful by taking a World Thank Offering
Celebrate life with a Gift in Memory Card
Designate someone for a Special Mission Recognition Pin
Encourage others with a Gift to Mission Card.

BOARDING Pass

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.

To receive *Mission Trees*, the New England Conference United ~~Methodist Women's~~ newsletter, e-mail Arlene Mackie at asmackie1@juno.com
Or visit their website at ww.neumc.org and click on Leadership

You can join the United Methodist Women's on-line community at www.umwonline.org

More information about the General Board of Global Ministries and ~~United Methodist Women~~ at www.gbgm-umc.org

For mission resources call 800-305-9857 or E-store: www.missionresourcecenter.org

**HAVE A WONDERFUL
JOURNEY**

2009 Schools of Christian Mission

Theme "Together at the Table"

Study Topics:

Adult: *Food and Faith
Sudan*

*Giving Our Hearts Away: Native
American Survival*

Youth: *Food and Faith*

Children: *Sudan*

For more information and registration forms please contact:

Rev. Barbara Schreier, Dean
at bstks@sbcglobal.net
or (860) 928-0308

New Gift to Mission Cards will be available as well as traditional designs at the Spring Meeting, April 18th

