

June 30, 2009

Dear Unit Treasurers and Presidents:

It's time for another letter—3rd Quarter, which is June 1-August 31. We are in the middle of a long hot summer and it is hard to think about deadlines (I don't like that word). The reality, however, is that we do have some important dates coming very soon:

Candle Burning names and amounts need to be submitted to me by August 15 so the information can be processed. Some Units have already sent them. The amount for this year is \$31.14 per minute, \$.52 per second.

Also, I need the names of your Unit's Five Star Women. A woman in your Unit qualifies if she has participated in the five areas of Mission Giving—Pledge, Special Mission Recognition (two women can go together on the \$40 SMR pin), Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering. One woman becoming a 5 Star Woman also makes your Unit 5 Star. I have the information about whether your Unit is 5 Star, but not the individual persons. I need that from you treasurers. If you have a question about your Unit's status, please contact me.

By September 1, I need to receive your Unit's 3rd Quarter Report. Also, plan your Unit's pledge for 2010 and be prepared to bring or send your new pledge amount to Annual Meeting in Uvalde on September 19. You may get it to me by e-mail, mail, or phone if you can't send it to the meeting.

We are concerned about not meeting our pledge to Conference last year and we were tempted to lower it for next year, but the truth is Conference needs District pledges in order to make it's pledge. Money is tight these days and it is harder to give. We are asking if possible that we all dig a little deeper to give toward the pledge.

A New Idea to discuss with your Unit to raise more money toward our pledge: at Annual Meeting there will be 50 envelopes numbered from 1 to 50. A Unit or individual who would like to give more will take an envelope and put a dollar amount (\$1.00 to \$50.00) in the envelope they choose and either put it in the offering there or mail it in later. Our pledge to Conference is \$38,000. It would be wonderful if we could make it this year.

Many Units gave health kits or money for them at School of Christian Mission this July. 1,400 kits were delivered (by our president Schatzie Norris and her husband Keith) to Louisiana to the UMCOR warehouse. \$1,600 was given for shipping and toothpaste. Kerrville District provided 300 health kits and \$600 for shipping and toothpaste. Thanks Kerrville District!!!

Conference UMW Annual meeting will be in Victoria District at Gonzales UMC October 9-10.

You can find additional information and forms on the Kerrville District UMW web site.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions by e-mail hulsco@ktc.com, mail 261 Burney Lane, Kerrville, TX 78028 or phone 830-896-7485.

Thanks to all of you for the work you are doing through United Methodist Women.

May God richly bless you,

Lila Hulse, Kerrville District Treasurer