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Annual Meeting

Greetings to all you wonderful United Methodist Women of the North Alabama Conference. The hot days of summer are almost behind us. All the great vacations and family visits of summer have become pictures needing to be developed. School is back in session and football season is upon us.

So, has life returned to normal? Are you ready to get back into the work of United Methodist Women, Mission?

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for our 2011 Annual Meeting on October 1, at Camp Sumatanga, Gallant, AL. We will be celebrating and recognizing the wonderful mission work that you did in 2010. Awards will be given! We will see where we are for 2011 and finalize plans for 2012.

The theme for the meeting is one you are familiar with, "Faith, Hope, Love in Action." Isn't that a wonderful description of who we are as United Methodist Women? Our goal is to inspire you to action through faith, hope and love as we celebrate what we have done, and are doing.

This will be a very different Annual Meeting, we will not have a keynote speaker, but plan to inspire by telling the stories of United Methodist Women in the North Alabama Conference. It may even be your story that is told!

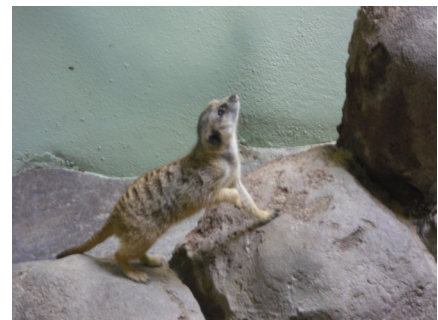
Genie's Tea Room will have new Reading Program Books, the 2012 Prayer Calendar and the Program Book (it has a new look too!) We will have singing and fellowship and close by sharing in the Lord's Supper.

This is a Saturday only event, from 8:00 (registration) to 3:30, but if you desire to come up on Friday night rooms will be available. Better yet, why not plan to bring the family and spend a quiet, relaxing weekend at Camp?

The registration form is enclosed. As always free child care with a certified child care worker is available. They will have an inspiring time sharing also, so bring the kids even if you don't spend the weekend.

See you October 1, at Camp Sumatanga!

Together in Mission,
Jacque Clay,
Vice-President



Keep your eyes on Jesus!

October 1, 2011
Camp Sumatanga

From the President



If you have
faith
as
small
as a mustard
seed . . .

nothing
shall be
impossible
for you.

Mt 17:20

United Methodist Women, do you realize that there is only a few months left in this year? If some of you are like me, you still have many uncompleted projects or a to-do list that you haven't even started. I know even with our busy schedules, we never fail to put our faith and love in action whenever we have the opportunity. As United Methodist Women, this is who we are and what we do.

Our Mission Giving exemplifies our faith and love in action when we open our hearts and hands to those who are in need of a ray of hope. The Conference 2011 Pledge to Mission is \$250,000. We need your support to fulfill our commitment to women, children and youth. As United Methodist Women, we are constantly called to be in mission by giving of our time, talents, and gifts. We are blessed to be able to serve God in this way. Whenever I read the *Prayer Calendar* and *Response Magazine*, my heart is always

filled with joy knowing that the North Alabama Conference United Methodist Women had a part in touching so many lives and places in various ways through our Mission Giving.

"Light the World" is the 2012 Mission Giving Emphasis. This is another opportunity for us to put our love and faith in action by giving a gift in the amount of \$10.00 in memory or in honor of someone special in our lives. Your gift can help the Conference to meet our Pledge to Mission. We need your support!

"Faith, Hope, Love in Action" is the theme for the Conference Annual Meeting. During the meeting, we will elect the delegates to the Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting and vote for the Women's Division Director Nominees. You can read more about the delegates and nominees in this newsletter. We will also celebrate our accomplishments for 2010. There will be many exciting and

informative things going on throughout the meeting as we fulfill our PURPOSE. I hope you are planning to attend.

Please don't forget to mark your calendar for the Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting scheduled for June 1-2, 2012 in Birmingham, AL. In addition to electing members of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Leadership Team and Women's Division Directors, there will also be Bible study, music, exhibits, mission opportunities and many other interesting and fun things to do. As you know, we are the host conference and we want to do our part to ensure that this will be a memorable event for all who attend. More information is forthcoming.

We are Women in Mission **who will** fulfill our PURPOSE through faith, hope and love in action. To God be the glory!

Love and blessings,
Diane Fielder

Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting

When: June 1-2, 2012

Where: Sheraton Birmingham Hotel, Birmingham, AL

Scripture: John 6: 1-14

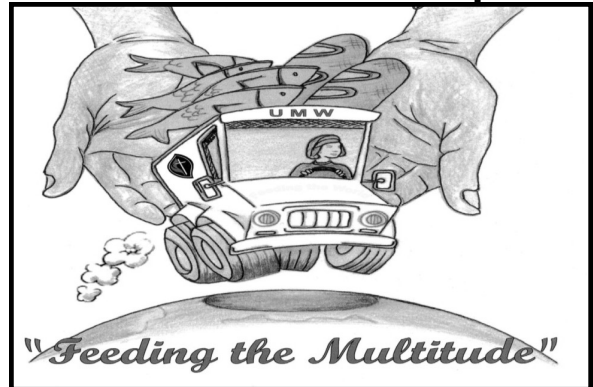
Bible Study Leader: Retired Bishop Violet Fisher

What will happen at this meeting?

The SEJ team and Women's Division Directors will be elected.

Why should I attend this meeting?

Bible Study
Banquet – Speakers/Triumphant Quartet
Music – We want your voice for the choir
Meet new friends
Find out what other UMW units are doing
Exhibits and mission opportunities
Be informed about the proposed new structure of
United Methodist Women



Can I bring my family?

Yes, make this a family vacation. Hotel rates will be available prior to and after this meeting.

Will scholarships be offered?

Yes, 1 per conference (\$350).

What's the registration fee?

\$150 by April 16, 2012; \$175 after April 16, 2012; Registration will be provided online. Paper registrations will be available if needed.

What time will the meeting start?

June 1, 2012 @ 6pm and will conclude June 2@ 4pm.
Training for Voting delegates and Rehearsals for others will be held prior to the banquet. Nominee's reception will be held after the banquet on June 1, 2012.

Contacts regarding the SEJ 2012 Quadrennial Meeting:

Kathy Booker, SEJ President bookerk2@aol.com or (615) 714-3327 or
Annie Woods, Vice- President, anniewoods34@aol.com or (321) 633-8239

Meet us in Birmingham, Alabama 2012

Five Channels of Mission Giving

1. Pledge to Mission
2. Special Mission Recognition
3. Gift to Mission
4. Gift in Memory
5. World Thank Offering

*Special Emphasis:
"Light the World"

A Note from the Treasurer

Greetings from your Conference Treasurer. I come to you with a heavy heart. Our conference has not made our pledge to Mission to Women's Division in two years and this year, we have not cleared the half-way mark on giving. This is a cause for great concern. I know this has been a horrible year, with the economic downturn and the devastation from the tornadoes. Those of us who were not directly impacted with these situations must dig deeper and give more toward our pledge. We all know that there are

those, nationally, internationally and locally who are counting on our generous pledge to help them through their hour of need. Also, we have those who are in the mission field who depend on our financial support to allow them to spread the word of God to all corners of the world. If you are a local Unit Treasurer, please send your funds to the District Treasurer on a regular basis. Do not wait until December to send in any pledge money. Women's Division needs our funds on a regular basis so that they can, in turn, send out funds to those in the

field. Also remember that we have our wonderful Tote bags for sale. All proceeds will go toward our Conference Pledge. They make great gifts and I am sure any woman would love to receive one as a gift. Please give. Give until it hurts. The need is great and the workers are few.

North Alabama Conference
Pledge to Mission:

\$250,000.00

Amount given through
June 31, 2011:

\$80,158.23

In Service to Christ,
Teresa C. Aldrich
NAC/UMW Treasurer

Children's Mission News

What time we had at camp! We flew kites made from plastic bags, made crosses with telephone wire, spoke to Haitian missionaries, canoed, hiked, worshiped and sang till our voices were gone. What a time we had!

We have children that keep coming back year after year. Some of these children are growing into young counselors in training, and then into regular counselors, and on to becoming a working member on staff

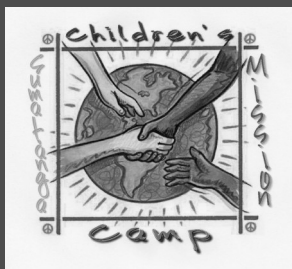
of the Children's Mission Events. We are very excited to see the growth and expansion of our ministries to children and youth.

Every year we see new faces as well that are excited to be a part of God's ministries, to learn about His people and places, and find their place in that ministry. This year our children's efforts towards hands on ministry was our best year yet! The kids work hard on their crafts and can't wait to hear the results of our

sale, each wanting to come up to sell.

We have you, United Methodist Women, to thank for helping us make all this happen. Your support helps fund this ministry as well as your encouragement. By supporting a camper or counselor or just donating a few dollars, you make a difference. Look what you have done!

Thank you,
Children's Mission Team



North Alabama Conference
 United Methodist Women Annual Meeting
 October 1, 2011

FATH, HOPE, LOVE IN ACTION

Registration in Main Lodge 8:00 a. m. – 8:45 a. m. Session begins @ 9:00 a.m.
 Pre-Registration Deadline: September 16, 2011
 No Refunds after September 20, 2011 (Substitution permitted)

Adult Registration:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Zip _____

District _____ Church _____

First Timer? *Yes ___ No ___ Delegate _____

*Report to Eva Walker Lodge 8:15 a.m.

Special Diet? ___ Type _____

Saturday Cost:

___ Registration\$ 8.00

___ Lunch\$ 9.00

___ Child Lunch\$ 4.00

Total Enclosed \$ _____

*****On Site Registration: \$10.00**

Lunch: \$9.00

Make checks payables to NACUMW (No. Ala. Conference United Methodist Women).

Mail entire registration form and check to: Sheila Billingsley – 931 Holly St

Gadsden, AL 35901

Ph (256)543-1604

E-mail bbillingsley1604@bellsouth.net

Bring Bible and wear comfortable clothes and shoes

Childcare: Name _____ Age _____

Special instructions: _____

Guidelines for Children: Children must be pre-registered (age 6 months to 10 years). Registered adults must bring personal items for children to camp. Adult supervision and registered nurse will be provided. The adult supervisors will be responsible for the children only during the sessions. Children may be brought to the adult supervisor fifteen minutes before the sessions begin and remain with the supervisors during the sessions. Suggest bringing your child's favorite toy.

In case of emergency, please notify:

Name _____ Ph. _____

Committee on Nominations Report

Submitted by: Shirley Gillilan, Chairperson
Members: Cecil Jean Robinson, Marjorie Smith, Judith Steele, Gail Thompson

Slate of Nominees

No.1

Delegates to the Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting

*The delegates must be conference officers.

Diane Fielder	Conference President
Jacque Clay	Conference Vice President
Carol Ruth DeVore	Conference Secretary
Teresa C. Aldrich	Conference Treasurer
Jo Anne Minnitt	Conference Mission Coordinator for Social Action
Tracy G. Conner	Conference Communications Coordinator

Alternates:

Mary Spinks	Conference Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth
Eula Thompson	Conference Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach

No. 2

Member, North Alabama Conference Committee on Racial Justice Policies 2012-2014

Mae Burney	Current Southeast District Historian Former District Chairperson, Committee on Nominations Member of Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church Chairperson Staff/Pastor—Parrish Committee Chairperson Finance Committee Certified Lay Person
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No. 3

Chairperson, North Alabama Conference Committee on Nominations 2012-2013

Judith Steele	Current Member of the North Alabama Conference Committee on Nominations Former Member of the Northeast District Committee on Nominations Former Northeast District Historian Member of Stevenson United Methodist Church
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No. 4

*Nominees to the Board of Directors, Women’s Division

Carol Ruth DeVore	Alternate: Judy Engelhart
Faye Snellings	
Carol Y. Toney	

*Biographies on following page.

Nominees to the Board of Directors, Women's Division



Carol Ruth DeVore attended Auburn University and University of Alabama at Birmingham, and worked with Southern Company for 22 years. Carol is an active member of First United Methodist in Hueytown, a missionary and founding member of Church of the Reconciler United Methodist in Birmingham, ministering to the homeless and disenfranchised. She has been Past President of the Jurisdictional Committee of Restorative Justice and Conference Past President of the Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries of North Alabama Conference, and Past President of the Central District United Methodist Women. Presently she is the President of the Board of Directors for United Community Centers, Inc., a National Institute of the United Methodist Church, North Alabama Conference Secretary, and Member of the South Atlantic Regional School of missions Planning Team as well as Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations. In her local church she is the Missions Outreach Chairperson and Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation for United Methodist Women. She also has a storytelling class for elementary children during Sunday school twice a month. Carol is a Mother of three, and Grandmother of five. Her interests are her family, mission outreach, birding, gardening, and travel.



Faye Snellings has been a member of United Methodist Women for 50 or more years. She has served as President of the Northwest District and Treasurer of the Florence District. She has been President, Treasurer, Coordinator of Membership Nurture and Outreach, Secretary and Circle Leader in her local church unit at North Wood United Methodist Church, as well as the Financial Secretary for her church. She is also an active member in the choir. Faye is a widow with two children, three grandchildren as well as two great grandsons.
"To God be the Glory for the things He has done."



Carol Y. Toney A graduate of Alabama A & M University, Carol was employed by the U. S. Office of Personnel Management for 20 years ultimately serving as Director, retired in January 2008. Carol has served on the North Alabama Conference (NAC) School of Missions Planning Team and taught mission studies in the NAC School of Missions, the Mississippi Conference School of Missions and in many districts and local churches. Carol has served the United Methodist Church in various ways working in her local church in almost every administrative and ministry capacity. Most recently she served as District Lay Leader in the Northeast District (2005-2008) and is currently serving as Northeast District President of United Methodist Women. She also serves as a member of the North Alabama Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and the Northeast District Superintendency Committee. She was a delegate to the 2008 General Conference and the 2000, 2004, and 2008 Jurisdictional Conferences. Carol is currently serving as Vice-Chairperson of the Board of the United Methodist Publishing House (Cokesbury). She is involved in numerous other civic and community activities. Carol keeps busy with activities related to her family, her church, and public service. Carol and her husband, Alonzo, have four children and six grandchildren.



Judy Engelhart is a member of Saks First United Methodist Church in Anniston. Currently, she is the North Alabama Conference Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation and local unit president. She has been a District President and Conference Secretary of Program Resources, and also served on the Regional School Planning Team for three years.



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From Your Communications Coordinator:

I hope your year has gone well. We have made many new changes this year, not only in our look but also in our approach and practice. Change can be a good thing if you let it. Your response has been positive which tells me you were ready for it. Try something new in your unit and see where it might lead. Someone is waiting for this change, you will see.

Tracy Conner
 Communications Coordinator
tdgconner@aol.com

2012 NACUMW Calendar

Refresh & Retreat: A Spiritual Experience	March 30-31
United Methodist Women's Day Held in your local church	April
South Eastern Jurisdictional Birmingham Sheraton	June 1-2
Children's One Day Mission Event	July 24
Cooperative School of Christian Mission	July 26-28
Children's Mission Camp	July 26-29
Annual Meeting	October 6
Leadership Training	December 1

*All programs at Sumatanga with noted exception

PURPOSE

OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



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.

<http://www.gbgmumc.org/northalabamaumw/>