

United Methodist Women News

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School of Christian Mission scheduled for July 19-22

The 2007 theme is *Sing Across the Walls!*

"I'm gonna live so God can use me" is the opening line and title of an African American spiritual.

As women in mission who have a PURPOSE that we strive to fulfill, we have sung the songs of mission for more than a century. Songs of justice, love, mercy, and freedom have changed so many situations of hopelessness. Lyrics to "Battle Hymn of The Republic" were written by Julia Ward Howe to resist slavery. Fanny Crosby wrote "Rescue the Perishing" as she worked with the poor of New York City in the late 1900s and shaped the church's understanding of mission. Martin Luther King led the people in singing "We Shall Overcome!" and now freedom movements throughout the world lean on that song for hope.

This year's mission studies on Music and Mission, Israel and Palestine and Globalization, present opportunities to continue the legacy of justice and freedom. We will struggle as we confront our feelings—joy for some of us as walls or barriers are going up in some part of the world, for others, sadness and despair as walls are being erected.

How do we sing across the walls? Walls isolate and separate for economic, social, political and/or religious purposes. What can a song do?

Bring hope and give courage. The African American spiritual, "I'm gonna live so God can use me," repeats after every verse, "Anywhere Lord, Anytime."

We, too, are called to sing a song of hope and freedom across walls. Jesus Christ sets us free to be whole persons. We sing for the freedom of all people, not just ourselves. We sing of the Good News that God loves everyone and invites the most unexpected people to the feast. We sing the songs of hope that have the power to bring down walls of hatred and injustice. Sing across the walls!

Southwest Texas Conference UMC Women School of Christian Mission is an exciting and spiritual educational experience for those wishing to expand their concepts of mission in today's world.

The school will be held July 19-22 at Mount Wesley Conference Center in Kerrville. Adults, teens and children attend separate classes designed especially for their age groups. Nursery is available for children ages 3 and under.

Cost for adults and teens is \$165; children \$135; and nursery \$40. The registration deadline is June 28. Registration form is on page 3B. Go online to www.gbgm-umc.org/swtxumw to check out the UMC Women Web site.



School offers dynamic mission studies for all ages

Spiritual Growth study: Music and Mission

Women in mission have been singing the songs of mission for more than a century. Our theme will remind us of the passion brought to mission work by our fore bearers and expressed in the hymns of then and now.

Leaders: Dr. Tim Abel, Industry; Vikki Schwarz, Austin.

Geographic study: Israel and Palestine

The mission study on Israel and Palestine presents the history and complexities of relationships between the two countries. It will challenge

participants to move through tolerance and respect to achieve a just peace.

Leaders: Gloria Delaplain, Aransas Pass; Wanda Holcombe, Austin; Alberta Shelton, Austin.

General issue study: Globalization

Where and how do the economic policies of globalization touch the lives of ordinary people? If United Methodists are to "manifest the gospel values in the economic order," as a General Conference Resolution maintains, then we need to have a better understanding of how and where contempo-

rary issues of economic justice touch our lives, and of how and where our decisions for responsible actions can be made.

Leaders: Junell Treece, Austin; Gloria Scott, Riviera.

Youth Studies: Music and Mission, Globalization

Those ages 13-17 will study youth versions of Music and Mission and also Globalization. In addition there are opportunities for Bible study, hands-on mission, local mission, environmental issues, games, swimming and outdoor activities.

Leaders: The Rev. J. Paul Bruhn, Columbus; Elizabeth Houst, Spring Branch.

Children Study: Israel and Palestine

Children ages 4-12 will study Israel and Palestine. It is a great "mission trip" for children, who will have fun learning about current global issues, studying the bible and participating in a hands-on mission project. They will have time for a swim, and other recreational activities.

Leaders: The Rev. Ron Myers, San Antonio; L.I.L. Gonzalez, Edinburg; Glenda Sanders, Corpus Christi.

2007 School of Christian Mission study leaders

Israel & Palestine



Alberta Shelton

Shelton is an Austin resident and a lay speaker at Memorial UMC. She has been an active member in the UMW. She has chaired the conference Outdoor Christian Education Committee and deaned many youth camps. She serves now on the Conference UMW Committee for the Racial Justice Charter. She has worked with the State Forensic Lab and as a communications center supervisor and a librarian.

Globalization



Junell Treece

Treece has been a Methodist all her life. She has served the church in various positions, including the Woman's Society of Christian Service and UM Women, where mission is the main emphasis. She is presently serving on the Board of Directors of Holding Institute and serves on the conference UM Women as Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation. Treece retired in 1995 after serving 35 years in the banking industry.

Music and Mission



Dr. Tim Abel

Abel has been engaged in church music for the past 35 years. He holds a Master's degree in Choral Conducting and a Master of Sacred Music degree from SMU and Perkin's School of Theology in addition to his theological degree from Perkins. Abel also received his DMin from Perkin's in 1990 with a study on the theological foundations of Handel's Messiah. He is currently the appointed elder at Industry UMC.

Youth Study



J. Paul Bruhn

Bruhn is a native of Germany. He and his wife, Marion, moved to Dallas in 1993, where Bruhn graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1997. He is an ordained elder in The United Methodist Church. Bruhn, Marion and their two children live currently in Columbus, where he serves as pastor of First UMC, Columbus. Bruhn likes to cook and play the guitar in his spare time.

Children's Study



Rev. Ron Myers

Myers is currently the senior pastor at Colonial Hills UMC, San Antonio. He previously served at Lake Travis UMC, Austin. Myers' ministerial career includes work as director of children's ministries, university chaplain and teacher and missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries to the Alaska Missionary Conference. He is married to the Rev. Linda Jean Myers and has two children: Rachel, 16; and Rebekah, 10.



Gloria Delaplain

Delaplain, who is from Aransas Pass, has participated in numerous pilgrimages and UM Volunteers in Mission teams in the Holy Land during the past 25 years and is currently spending three months serving in both Israel and Palestine. In addition, she also travels throughout the state of Texas, presenting programs for churches and other groups about the Israel/Palestine conflict.



Dr. Gloria Scott

Scott is the president/owner of G. Randle Services—a consultant and training group that focuses on empowerment of leadership for women and girls. She was the twelfth president of Bennet College, a historically black college for women in Greensboro, N.C. Scott is the Mission Coordinator for Social Action for the conference UM Women and has been active in leadership development for more than 50 years.



Vikki Schwarz

Schwarz is the music director at Berkeley UMC, Austin. She has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in music theory and choral conducting from Colorado State University and has done some doctoral studies in music theory at the University of Texas at Austin. She has been active in church music in the UMC for almost 15 years and is currently pursuing the UM Certification in Church Music at Southern Methodist University.



Elizabeth Houst

Houst was a youth director for 12 years. Eight of the 12 was served at Bulverde UMC, where she still attends. Houst sings in the Sunrise Praise Band and mentors youth going through Confirmation. She is a Brailist and teaching assistant to the visually impaired at Bill Brown Elementary in Comal County. She has been married to her husband, Peter, for 13 years. The couple has three children.



L.I.L. Gonzalez

Gonzalez, a life-long United Methodist, attends the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg and is majoring in Music Education. She has attended District and Conference Schools of Christian Mission since she was 5 years old. She is active in UM Women. She has been a helper in the children's class at School of Missions and is presently one of the nursery attendants at First UMC, Edinburg.



Wanda Holcombe

Holcombe is a retired Methodist missionary and has served as Peace with Justice Educator or Coordinator for the Southwest Texas Conference since 1999. She now serves in a volunteer capacity. She has traveled to Israel & Palestine twice in 2006, once for set up and then to lead an Interfaith Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land for the General Board of Church and Society. She is to serve as a regional leader and study leader.



Loretta Shultz, Pianist

Shultz was born and raised in Kansas and is presently retired at Canyon Lake with her husband after teaching 27 years. She has served her local unit as president and is currently treasurer. She has also served on the district level as secretary of Program Resources and is currently serving on the conference level as Mission Coordinator for Membership, Nurture, and Outreach. She plays piano for her church women's chorus.



Imogene Schuler, Song Leader

Schuler is a member of the Inspirational Gospel Choir at St. Peter's UMC in the Austin District. She is the Chairperson for the Conference Committee on Nominations. She is a retired hospital dietary manager.



Lois Shaw, Song Leader

Shaw is a member of St. Paul's UMC, Kerrville. She serves as Lay Leader, Sunday School teacher, UM Women President and is a member of the chancel choir. Shaw is a retired nurse and certified Assisted Living/Personal Care Facility Administrator. She also is the vice president of the conference UM Women and president of the Hill Country unit of Church Women United. She plays the piano for amusement.



Glenda Sanders

Sanders, from Corpus Christi, is a Registered Nurse, has served as District President and Conference Communications Coordinator and has assisted with the children's studies at SCM. She is chair of the upcoming June UM Women luncheon and 2007 Young Women's Event. She received the prestigious American Red Cross Clara Barton Award in 1983 and the SWTC Bishop's Exemplary Award in 2004.

Mission School registration and schedule information

Youth and children must be accompanied by a parent, grandparent or designated adult. Each youth or child will be the responsibility of the adult who brings him or her. The responsible adult must provide food for infants and toddlers not eating Mount Wesley food. Participation in all scheduled activities is expected. Minors may not leave Mount Wesley grounds without permission from the dean or assistant dean. Parental Consent and Minor Medical Release forms must accompany the responsible adult registration form. Forms are online at www.gbgm-umc.org/swtxumw.

Registration deadline and refund policy: Registration deadline is June 28; after June 28, there is a \$10 late registration fee. The total amount, less the registration fee of \$45, shall be refunded if the Registrar is notified by July 5. The date of notification by mail will be determined by its postmark. Any request for exception to this policy must be submitted in writing to the Registrar by Aug. 23.

Who should attend? Men, women, youth, children; local officers and members of UMW; district and conference UMW officers; chairpersons of outreach ministries; ministers and anyone who would like to worship God, learn new things and enjoy the fellowship of Christians. Due to limited on-campus, dorm-style housing, men will room with male study leaders. Minor children will room with the adult responsible for them.

Need help getting around?

Walking problems? Don't worry! Golf carts will be available to get you from building to building. You'll love our experienced and friendly volunteer drivers. *Be sure to mark the registration form if you require the golf cart as every attempt will be made to make your classroom easily accessible for you.*

Check in for study and room assignments begins Thursday at

the "slab" at 4 p.m., followed by dinner at 5 p.m. The resource room will be open to sell study books. Orientation for first-timers will be at the "gazebo" at 4:45 p.m. Thursday. The event will end around noon on Sunday.

Opening gathering will be at

6:15 p.m. at Clyde Byrd Worship Center, where you will meet your study leaders and school executive team.

Bring with you twin bed linens or sleeping bag, towels, a wash cloth, toiletries, an alarm clock, a flashlight, a Bible, casual clothes, a swimsuit, sun screen, a hat, walk-

ing shoes, health information and an insurance card. Bring your loose change for a fun and unique mission opportunity.

Bring items for mission project as assigned by district (see page 4B). Monetary gifts to cover shipping costs should be clearly marked "mission kits."

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SOUTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
2007 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION
 July 19-22, 2007 at Mount Wesley Conference Center, Kerrville, TX
A \$10 Late Fee will be charged after the REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 28, 2007

Name _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

District _____ Church _____ First Timer? _____

For children attending, please attach the youth/children Parental Consent and Minor Medical Release Form (these forms serve as their registration form.) Forms are online at www.gbgm-umc.org/swtxumw or call the registrar.

Adults must choose two studies. Study leaders will be assigned based on numbers signing up for each class. *If you generally require the golf cart to get around, indicate special needs and you will be assigned a centrally located classroom.*

Israel & Palestine
 Music and Mission
 Globalization

Mt. Wesley requires a guaranteed number of meals. Please indicate which meals you will eat at Mt. Wesley:
 THU PM__ FRI AM__ FRI N__ FRI PM__ SAT AM__ SAT N__ SAT PM__ SUN AM__

On campus housing is limited to approximately 150 beds that are assigned on a first come first served basis. Should your registration be received after these spaces are full, the registrar will contact you with off campus hotel accommodation availability and pricing. Those staying off campus are responsible for their own arrangements.

FEES	AMOUNT PAID
Adult	\$165
Youth 13-17 (attach PC & MMR forms)	\$165
Children ages 4-12 (attach PC & MMR forms)	\$135
Nursery 3 & under (attach PC & MMR forms)	\$40
Off campus (includes lunch & dinner)	\$102
Late Fee per person	\$10
Total Enclosed:	
Check #:	

Make checks payable to: SWTC UMW and mail with registration form to:
 Dianne Rumfield, Registrar, 452 Cartagena Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78418
 Questions? Call (361) 937-5200, email: LDorDianne@aol.com or online www.gbgm-umc.org/swtxumw

Include email or a self-addressed & stamped postcard or envelope if confirmation is desired. All prices include \$45 non-refundable registration/administration fee, grounds fee, insurance, and on campus meals except where noted. The total amount, less the \$45, shall be refunded if the registrar is notified by July 5. The date of notification by mail is determined by its postmark. Any request for exception to this policy must be submitted in writing to the Registrar by August 23.

HEALTH INFORMATION (Carry your insurance cards & a duplicate of this form with you)

Special Needs (wheelchair, difficulty walking, diet, etc.) _____

In Case of emergency, please contact: _____ Phone (s) _____

Local Contact (someone with you at Mt. Wesley): _____

I am under treatment for _____ Allergies _____

Current Medications _____

Physician _____ Phone _____

Permission is granted for administration of emergency medical treatment deemed necessary by a qualified health care provider.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Sources for textbooks, study guides and audio-visuals

Textbooks may be purchased at the UMW resource room at the school or in advance on Thursday, June 7, beginning at 11 a.m. at ABC Center, Corpus Christi, before the UMW Luncheon.

Cokesbury Book Stores in Austin and San Antonio. Most class leaders would prefer you read the book prior to attending the school. Another option is to order directly from Resource center at www.missionresourcecenter.org.

Title	Stock #	Price
Music and Mission		
God's Mission, God's Song bookonly	M3001	\$10.95
God's Mission, God's Song CD only	M3002	\$12.95
God's Mission, God's Song combo	M3003	\$20.00
Globalization		
Adult: Globalization and Its Impact on People's Lives: 2006-2007	3724	\$7.50
Youth: The Big G--Mission Study on Globalization	3725	\$6.00
Response Magazine, April 2006 issue		\$2.00
New World Outlook, March/April 2006 issue		\$3.00
Israel & Palestine		
Adult: Israel & Palestine	M3006	\$8.50
Children: From Palestine to Seattle: Becoming Neighbors & Friends	M3004	\$6.00

For more information about the School of Christian Mission or UM Women, visit www.gbgm-umc.org/swtxumw To read this supplement online, visit www.umcswtx.org.

Hands-on mission: after-school project

Our mission project at the School of Christian Mission for this year is an after-school program called CEREIMI in Iquique, Chile. It is an advance special project of the United Methodist Church.

The kids in the program are extremely needy and come from difficult family lives, including addictions, abuse, lack of parental presence, etc.

Becky Harrell, a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries, is in charge of the program. Harrell was commissioned by the GBGM in fall of 2006, though she has been working in Chile as a Volunteer in Mission since 2002.

United Methodist Women are asked to bring underwear for boys/young men ages ranging from 1-20 years of age and girls/young women ages ranging from 1-20 years of age. Please join us as we keep all these young people in our prayers.

- San Angelo District – Girls ages 6-8
- San Antonio District – Boys ages 1-5
- McAllen District – Girls ages 10-20
- Victoria District – Boys ages 8-12
- Austin District – Boys ages 15-20
- Corpus Christi – Boys ages 12-14
- Kerrville District – Girls ages 4-12

If you have any questions about this mission opportunity, please speak with your United Methodist Women District President. Monetary gifts will help with the costs of shipping kits. Send your donation to the school clearly marked "mission kits."

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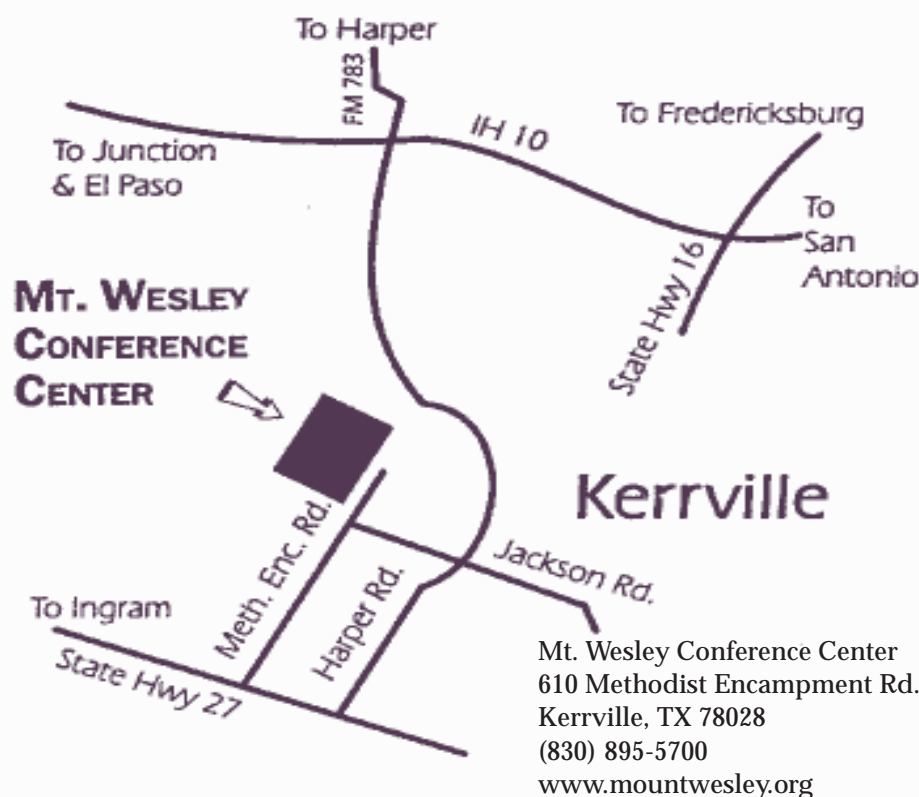
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PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

