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The Call

Tennessee Conference United Methodist Women

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FAITH, HOPE, LOVE IN ACTION

Joy Lewter, President

This morning I read in the Upper Room the verses from John, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." This verse made me think about the times in my life when I have been connected to God and how much easier life is, and when I have tried things on my own and how confusing and hard life is when I do that. I also thought the verse is really a mission statement for our individual lives but also our work in United Methodist Women.

Earlier in the year, I asked you to connect with Bethlehem Center because they needed help in order for their fruits to be harvested. You heard the call, took action, and continue to make a love offering at your circle meetings. The local church and local UMW units have contributed **\$14,000** since April. Thank you!! Thank you!! Thank you!! The need is not over, so I am asking you to continue to send your offerings directly to Bethlehem center, but when the unit treasurer sends in her report to the district treasurer the amount of the unit contribution needs to be reported.

The writer of the Upper Room message is correct just as the stems of flowers need to be able to reach the water in a vase, people need to be able to reach the living water, Jesus Christ. She said, "There are those among us who are fragile. They too are God's children. We have the responsibility to care for them by offering the Living Water, Jesus Christ, through our love, witness, prayer, and wise counsel (and money). When we help them to find this water, these fragile ones can grow stronger and bear beautiful flowers, accepting the responsibility to care for others. Thank you.

We have other upcoming opportunities to connect with other of God's children. The Spiritual Life Retreat and Annual Meeting will give you a way to worship God and fellowship with other women. The Assembly in St. Louis on April 30-May 2 will be a wonderful experience for you. SEJ is offering two partial scholarships for any first timer who is not a district or conference officer. You can register on line or by paper. You must make your own hotel reservations. The Tennessee Conference hotel has changed. We will **not be staying at the Crown Plaza, but will be staying at the Millennium Hotel**. When you call 314-241-9500, tell the person that you want one of the rooms reserved for **Tennessee United Methodist Women** (this is our code). As I work with this hotel there may be other instructions that we will share at Annual meeting, but you can begin to call after August 21st.

BITS AND PIECES by Berta Perkins

Barbara Wheeler, editor of *Response* magazine, is looking for ladies who attended the last Assembly with a member of their family. She wants to include you in an article for the magazine. If you would like to share your experience, e-mail her at www.BWheeler@gbgm-umc.org.

The conference is working on getting a bus to go to St Louis for the Assembly. There will be more information when this is finalized. We think the cost will be about \$30.00.

The Christie Cookie company is holding a contest in order to give \$25,000 to non-profit organizations. \$10,000 will go to the winner and \$5,000 each to the three runner-ups. I hope you will vote for **Bethlehem Centers of Nashville**. Each computer site may vote only once. The e-mail address is www.ilovechristiecookies.com/contest/form.asp#.

I am very concerned about members getting *The Call*. I sent 461 copies by e-mail. I got a response from 121 saying they had received it. Seventy addresses were incorrect. What happened to the others? If you know someone who is not getting it, let me know.

Go to web site, www.umwmission.org to register to attend Assembly in St. Louis.

PRAYER SHAWL - Claudia Sullivan

I am so excited about the opportunity for those who are interested in beginning or expanding their unit's prayer shawl ministry.

We will have some supplies at Beersheba, but if you can bring knitting needles, size 7, 8 or 9 (optimum size for beginning knitters) circular or no more than 12" long straight needles are best. Worsted weight yarn is best. I know the novelty yarns are more compelling, but for beginners, we must give them every opportunity to succeed, and simple is best. I have asked around my unit for everyone to check their "Stash" and contribute needles and yarn they no longer wish to use, and send them with attendees to the retreat.

Now for those who already know how to knit, please let us know if you will be available to help tutor at the crafting sessions (Contact Marianna). We will have new techniques and interesting patterns available for you knowledgeable knitters as well.

If your unit has a thriving ministry, please send your ideas and patterns and notes or poems you attach to the gifts to the retreat. If you could e-mail them to claudia.sullivan_umw@yahoo.com, I will compile them and have a booklet available to give to unit representatives.

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE IN ACTION - continued

Talking about staying connected, the conference officers want to stay connected to you and we can only do that if we have the correct mailing address, e-mail address and phone number for you. The district and conference officers are elected for the coming year in September and October. I am asking units to select officers for 2010 soon and get those names and information **to the district secretaries by November 15th**. Even if your officers do not change, send in the names anyway. It takes time to compile and send those list to the conference secretary and to get directories printed. These officer lists drive all communications (**including newsletter**) for the year. Our goal is to have all of this completed before the first of the year (2010). As with all things, the work of the unit is what starts and drives the work of UMW, and one easy thing that you can do for the district and conference is to provide officer names, addresses, e-mail (if they have one that they check), and telephone numbers. We want to stay connected to you. **Apart from you we can do nothing.**

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS REPORT

August 8, 2009 - Lois Azar, Chairperson

The Committee on Nominations has had several positions to fill. The proposed slate of officers nominated for election at the October 10 Annual Meeting is as follows:

Vice President Robbie Hooper	Class of 2011 Murfreesboro District
Treasurer Eileen K. Horton	Class of 2011 Murfreesboro District
Mission Coordinator for Social Action Brenda M. Clark	Class of 2011 Nashville District
Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach Lois A. Azar	Class of 2011 Columbia District
Secretary of Program Resources Charlene J. Richardson	Class of 2011 Cookeville District
Communications Coordinator Berta Perkins	Class of 2011 Nashville District
Committee on Nominations Chairperson 2010-2011 Margaret Fisher	Class of 2013 Clarksville District
Committee on Nominations Diane Bennett	Class of 2010 Murfreesboro District
Committee on Nominations Kay Page	Class of 2012 Clarksville District
Committee on Nominations Ferris Christian	Class of 2013 Pulaski District
Charter for Racial Justice Policies Committee At-Large (Un-expired term) Gwendolyn Sales	Class of 2011 Cumberland District
Charter for Racial Justice Policies Committee At-Large Sharon Y. Burchfield	Class of 2012 Columbia District

Who is a Voting Delegate at the Annual Meeting?

The voting body of the Conference Annual Meeting shall consist of:

- All Conference and District Officers,
- Two members from each local unit, and
- Others as may be set forth by the Constitution and Bylaws.

2009 Nominees for Conference Offices

VICE PRESIDENT

Robbie Hooper

1938 Central Park Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37130 (615) 898-0287

Born in Chattanooga, TN, Robbie spent her early years in Bridgeport, Alabama where her love of United Methodist Women was nurtured in the W.S.C.S. Being one of the few girls in her church, she was welcomed to meetings where her chief duty was to serve refreshments and retire to a quiet corner to hear about mission work around the world. Robbie is an active member of St. Marks UMC where she sings in the choir, teaches adult Sunday School and is involved in Stephen Ministry Training, in addition to her work with UMW. On the conference level, Robbie has also served on the conference nominating committee and as Dean and Assistant Dean of the Christian Mission Event. She enjoys singing with the Middle Tennessee Choral Society affiliated with Middle Tennessee State University, and with the "Ditzy Dots", a trio of St. Marks women who entertain at community functions with humor and a decidedly dotty wardrobe. She is also a member of the P.R.O. sisterhood, a group begun at Iowa Wesleyan College, which works to help women reach their educational goals through loans, grants and scholarships. Robbie met her husband Tom while in school at Georgia Tech, and they have lived in Georgia, Ohio, West Virginia and Tennessee. Along the way sons Ross, Matthew, John (deceased), Robert (deceased) and Michael would bless the home. Robbie and Tom are now enjoying an almost empty nest with only one fledgling left to launch. They are busy spoiling the newest member of the family, a Bichon/Shutzu mix pup named Chip.

CLASS OF 2011

Murfreesboro District

TREASURER

Eileen Horton

366 Duckbranch Road, Fayetteville, TN 37334 (931) 433-0075

Eileen Horton was born and raised in the Los Angeles California area and worked 30 years with the County of Los Angeles Public Works Department as a personnel officer, She and husband Jim married in 1980, blending two families of 8 children, and now 16 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. After retiring in 1993, she moved to Tennessee to be near aging parents. Says Eileen, "In the past 16 years I have gotten involved in two great organizations. My mother took me to my first UMW meeting at Brandon Chapel when I moved here, and I have been attending ever since. The other organization that I am involved in is the Moore County fce, a volunteer organization that works in conjunction with the University of Tennessee to provide volunteer services and education in the community. I have served as a local officer since I moved here and have held the position of President, Secretary and Treasurer at the district level for this program. I feel blessed that over the years I could be involved with these two most worthy organizations. God has given me a great life, husband, family and friends." Eileen has held the UMW offices of President and Treasurer in her local unit, and served the district as a member of the Committee on Nominations, Secretary and Treasurer. This will be her first conference office.

CLASS OF 2011

Murfreesboro District

Nominees for Conference Offices (Continue)

MISSION COORDINATOR FOR MEMBERSHIP NURTURE OUTREACH**CLASS OF 2011**
Columbia District

Lois Azar

408 Lookout Drive, Columbia, TN 38401 (931) 381-0829

Lois has served in offices for her church and local unit at Riverside UMC for many years. She is completing a two-year term as Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations, having also served four years as Communications Coordinator for the conference and editor of *The Call*. During this time she also served two years as the Dean for the Conference Christian Mission Education Event, and later as the conference representative and registrar for the South Atlantic Regional School of Christian Mission at Norfolk, Virginia. A detail person, Lois enjoys working on the genealogy of her family when she has time.

MISSION COORDINATOR FOR SOCIAL ACTION**CLASS OF 2011**
Nashville District

Brenda M. Clark

2808 Dunmore Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (615)889-1897

Brenda has been involved in United Methodist Women at the district and conference levels for the past nine years. Recently she served four years as vice president for the Nashville District. She sees the time she has served planning district spring and fall programs as a great opportunity to work with local church units. She is also a member of the Conference Charter for Racial Justice Policies Committee. Prior to retirement, she taught history for 17 years and served as a guidance counselor for 14 years. She enjoys reading, particularly biographies, and she still subscribes to history magazines. Brenda has two adult children, a son who lives in Lavergne, TN, and a daughter who lives in New York City. She looks forward to continuing her participation in the mission of United Methodist Women, particularly with emphasis on social issues.

SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES**CLASS OF 2011**
Cookeville District

Charlene J. Richardson

15 Holly Court, Fairfield Glade, TN 38558 (931)456-0148

Charlene has lived in Crossville, TN since January 2002. Prior to that, she lived in Eastern Pennsylvania for 35 years. She and her husband Vince have been married for 44 years and have two daughters, Jean and Meagan and two grandsons, Kyle and Steven. Having been a member of the United Methodist Women since 1970, she has held most of the offices in the local unit and was on the UMW West Chester District of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference as membership chairperson for three years. Since moving to Tennessee, Charlene has served as president of the Fairfield Glade UMW and as social concerns chairperson. She retired from teaching 2001 and is now very actively involved with Fairfield Glade UMC committees and volunteering and chairing various committees with the Lions Club of Fairfield Glade, Hospice Auxiliary, Residential Home Owners Association and as a board member on the Cumberland County School Supply Depot. She has also gone on work camp mission trips to Red Bird Mission. She enjoys reading, traveling and golfing.

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR**CLASS OF 2011**
Nashville District

Berta Perkins

5520 Saddlewood Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027 (615) 373-2915

Berta was born in Franklin, TN and lived most of her life in the middle Tennessee area. She has been a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild or United Methodist Women for over 50 years and a member of Crieewood UMC for more than 30 years. Berta has served in many offices in her local units. Her experience beyond the local unit includes four years as Nashville District Treasurer prior to becoming chair of Tennessee Conference UMW Committee on Nominations for two years. Berta is currently completing her first term as Communications Coordinator and Editor of *The Call*. She is a former teacher, has three children and six grandchildren. She enjoys reading, playing games and hand work.

Nominees for Conference Offices (Continued)

CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS (2010-2011)**CLASS OF 2013**

Margaret A. Fisher

Clarksville District

2808 Dunmore Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (615) 889-1897

Margaret Boyd Fisher is completing her 4th year as Vice President for the Tennessee Conference UMW, having previously served as Conference Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator. She has held offices in the local unit for 15 years and previously served as Clarksville District Vice President. She enjoys music, plays piano, organ, bells and she sings in the church choir. Margaret is a lay speaker and is interested in children and youth ministries and mission trips. Being a creative person, she enjoys sewing and crafts, and she has written skits for our Annual Meetings during her time as vice president.

Nominees for Committee on Nominations**COMMITTEE MEMBER****CLASS OF 2010**

Diane Bennett

Murfreesboro District

1429 Haynes Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37129 (615)890-8305

Diane is completing her term as Coordinator for Social Action for the Tennessee Conference. She has previously served as vice president for Murfreesboro District and as a circle leader at St. Marks UMC. Diane enjoys being involved in community activities and has held offices in the Rutherford County and Northridge fce. She is involved in the Murfreesboro Newcomers Club, PTA, and as a Hospice volunteer. A trained dietitian, Diane has also been an educator, writer and editor. She enjoys being a part of the conference UMW organization.

COMMITTEE MEMBER**CLASS OF 2013**

Kay Page

Pulaski District

105 Mallard Hill Road, Dover, TN 37058 (931) 232-6088

Kay is a mother of 3 children, Kelly, Kevin and Stacie, and grandmother of 10. Having completed 8 years service in the Clarksville District UMW as Secretary and Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach, she is currently active in her unit at Fort Donelson Memorial United Methodist Church, where she also serves as co-chair of the worship committee, Kay chairs the Relay for Life team, and works on a panel for United Way in the spring. She retired from her business, "Page after Page Studio" in Michigan, but has continued to do professional photography on a part-time basis in Dover.

COMMITTEE MEMBER**CLASS OF 2013**

Ferris Christian

Pulaski District

1940 Christian Road, Pulaski, TN 38478 (931) 363-2075

Ferris is completing her tenure in the Pulaski District. Having served in her local unit since 1962, she sees serving on the conference nominating committee as an opportunity to learn and meet women in many units. Ferris wants to see UMW thrive, not just survive. She is retired with 39 years civil service, serves the church as a Sunday School teacher, lay leader and lay speaker. She has served as president of the Giles County Laity Club. In the community she has been a hospital volunteer pink lady and an officer in the Giles County Antique Tractor Club.

WHO'S AT YOUR TABLE?

Margaret Fisher, Vice President

There's a great tradition of sharing meals as a form of fellowship in the United Methodist Women.

But answering the question, "Who's at the table?" in a broader way in today's world is complex and reveals great divisions in our society: divisions of age, race, income, ethnicity, education and access to health care, to name a few. As United Methodist Women members answer the question, we live into our call to be in mission with the world. We are called to be a supportive fellowship, and practice and share a life-giving and justice-seeking faith. We are moved to critically analyze things as they are and advocate for change when necessary.

Members of United Methodist Women, please continue to welcome the challenges, insights, and reflections of our theme, "Who's at the table?" for this year has brought to each of us, to our units and to our circles. There have been a variety of experiences for Bible studies, mission encounters and special programs useful in learning and experiencing more about our relationship to God through our personal experiences, our relationships with each other and our mission work.

We are a group of Christian women with many gifts who are unified by one Spirit. We participate in God's mission in all areas of life. Renew your commitment to the mission of United Methodist Women with women, children and youth in local communities and in other countries. Take what you've learned and share the good news.

We will be celebrating this year at the annual meeting using the theme, "Who's at Your Table? Won't you join us at the table to celebrate our participation in the global ministries of the church and growth in our **PURPOSE** at Shelbyville First United Methodist Church on October 10, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.?

DIRECTIONS TO SHELBYVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

From I-65S take the main exit for Franklin (Hwy 96), turn left on U. S. Hwy 96 and follow Hwy 96 to Triune/Hwy 41-A. Turn right on Hwy 41-A and stay on it to Shelbyville. When you get to the intersection of Hwy 41-A and U. S. 231 (Kentucky Fried Chicken on one corner - Rite Aid on the other corner) turn right and go straight. Church is on the North side of the Town Square. Parking is limited, and mostly on the Square. There will be a shuttle from Big Springs Shopping Center to the church. Big Springs Shopping Center is down a small hill off the Square across from the City Hall (CVS and Good Will Stores located there). Shuttle Van/Cars will be marked for UMW Conference Meeting

“WHO’S AT YOUR TABLE?”

REGISTRATION FOR 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

Murfreesboro District
Shelbyville First United Methodist Church
122 North Courthouse Square
Shelbyville, TN 37160

**(Copy and Distribute
in local units)**

Saturday, October 10, 2009 - 9:30 a.m.

Registration 8:45 to 9:30 a.m.

(Must mail prior to October 1, 2009)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

District _____

Church _____

Please make checks
payable to:
Tennessee Conference
UMW

Are you a VOTING DELEGATE? () Yes () No

Mail registration form with
money to:

CHILD CARE NEEDED? () Yes () No

Judy Vecchione
503 Brick Church Pike
Goodlettsville, TN 37072

Names and ages of Children attending

I am enclosing:

() \$15.00 Adult Registration Fee

() \$5.00 Child Registration Fee

Total _____

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- **District color to wear:** •
- Clarksville - Red •
- Columbia - Green •
- Cookeville - Yellow •
- Cumberland - Pink •
- Murfreesboro - Blue •
- Nashville - Purple •
- Pulaski - Orange •
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SPECIAL PROJECT

**BETHLEHEM CENTERS OF
NASHVILLE**

**WHAT TO BRING
MONEY
FOR LOVE OFFERING**

GREETINGS FROM THE MURFREESBORO DISTRICT

Margaret Hicks, District President

2009 has been a great year for the Murfreesboro District. We have had really good attendance at all or our meetings, starting with the District Officer training for local officers in January.

We have conducted two Mission Studies:

February 18, 2009 on "I Believe in Jesus" hosted by Rich Valley UMW at Pleasant Grove UMC. This was an outstanding study led by our District Officer, Lila Beasley and Shelbyville First President, Mickey McLean.

May 2, 2009 on "American Native Survival" hosted by the Cedar Grove UMW and led by Shirley Corry. Once again it was an outstanding day and a great study.

March 21, 2009 our District Day Apart was held at Shiloh UMC with Ester Sims as our inspirational speaker. We received 54 school kits and 289 health kits for UMCOR. Our love offering went to The Next Step Home in Shelbyville.

We had 20 members to the attend the District Mission Event at Martin Methodist College, including seven district officers and two conference officers. Everyone seemed to really enjoy being at our Methodist College.

My special thanks to my District Executive Team and those hosting UMW units for making these meetings a success.

We are busy now making our plans for our up-coming District Annual Meeting at Murfreesboro First and for the Tennessee Annual Conference October 10, which will be held in our district at Shelbyville First UMC. **SO BE SURE AND MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 10, 2009. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU HERE.**

MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH

A. Rachel Pace, Coordinator

This year, 2009, has brought with it many challenges and unexpected surprises. The change in the economy caused many to struggle with every day life. Yet people have been blessed, new babies have been born and life goes on. We must continue our mission for women, children and youth. They need medical care, clean water, food, clothing and help with daily expenses. God will bless us as we do mission work for others.

We must have faith and drink of his living waters daily - prayer - meditation and Bible study.

I am very proud of our UMW units. New programs are being developed with new leadership. Outreach is strong and our United Methodist Women are always in the forefront of new ideas. New local units and circles have been organized. There has been an increase in attendance to training sessions. There is more interest over all.

We have been blessed to be able to share with others. Our Assembly theme, "Faith, Hope and Love in Action" describes UMW dedication to our **PURPOSE**. May we grow to greater heights as we put this Love in the actions of our service and our Faith and Hope for the future generations.

Rachel, thank you for your eight years of faithful service to the Tennessee Conference.

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION LEADERSHIP TEAM AND WOMEN'S DIVISION

Kathy Booker, President, SEJ LT

United Methodist Women are on the move!

The 18th Assembly of United Methodist Women will be held on April 29-May 2, 2010 in St Louis, Missouri at the St. Louis America Center.

Theme: "Faith - Hope - Love in Action"
Scripture: Colossians 1:3-6
Registration fees are as follows: \$215 early registration and \$250 after November 30, 2009.

If you've never attended an Assembly, you don't know what you're missing. This is an opportunity for you to expand your faith and spirituality as disciples of Jesus Christ. You will celebrate United Methodist Women in Mission at this event. The 2010 Assembly will feature major program such as Ubuntu Mission Day, exhibits, workshops, town hall meetings, international market places and inspiring presentations by United Methodist Women in mission.

As I reflect back from previous events, Assembly brings memories of seeing and hearing the magnitude of what we as United Methodist Women do in mission and the lives of those we touch. It brings about a renewed spirit of what God can and will continue to do by using us as a vessel. You will have the opportunity for fellowship and to see old friends and make new friends. It's an **awesome** experience, so meet me there in 2010.

You may also visit the UMW website, www.umwmission.org and click on *Assembly 2010*, to register and obtain more information about Assembly.

What's happening with SEJ? There appears to be a little confusion about the Quadrennial meeting as I have heard several say, "I thought we wouldn't have this meeting any longer". Make no mistake there will be a Quadrennial Meeting in 2012, only the format has changed.

The SEJ Leadership Team has been meeting and planning for the next quadrennial meeting which will be held on June 1-2, 2012 and the South Atlantic Regional School will follow this event.

Theme: "Feeding the Multitude"
Scripture - John 6:1-14

The main purpose of this meeting is to elect the SEJ Team and Women's Division Directors. There will be other activities available at this meeting and we hope you make it a family outing. At present we are evaluating sites for this meeting. Stay tuned for more information.

Tennessee Conference, it is an honor to represent you. Keep up the great work as you fulfill the Purpose of the United Methodist Women, we have an awesome task. If there is anything I can do for you or if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to give me a call.

Southeastern Jurisdiction Scholarship

SEJ will offer a \$500 scholarship to attend Assembly in 2010. You must be a first time attendant and not a district or conference officer. Provide the following information; Name, Address, (including city, state and zip code), Telephone number, E-mail address, Church, District and Conference. Provide a brief paragraph telling why you would like to attend Assembly.

Spiritual Growth, by Marina Rawls

In the past God spoke to our ancestors many times and in many ways through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us through his Son. He is the one through whom God created the universe, the one whom God has chosen to possess all things at the end. Hebrews 1:1-2

I found the following in Matthew Henry's commentary for this chapter and wanted to share it with all of you:

In observing the power, wisdom, and goodness of Jesus, we observe the power, wisdom, and goodness of the Father, John 14:7 "If you have known me, you will also know my Father. From now on you know him and have seen him." ...the fullness of the Godhead dwells...in him. We never can be thankful enough that God has in so many ways, and with such increasing clearness, spoken to us fallen sinners concerning salvation. That he should by himself cleanse us from our sins, is a wonder of love beyond our utmost powers of admiration, gratitude, and praise ...the blessed lines of both Testaments met in Him; and how they both agree and sweetly unite in Jesus Christ, is the chief object of the epistle to the Hebrews to discover.

In closing, I would like to leave you with this inspiring experience from fellow searchers walking the same path drawn from the, The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying. We share with so many other children of God in this world the same ideals that we Christians hold so dear. I look forward to greeting you on the Mountain for our Spiritual Growth retreat September 11-13, 2009 at Beersheba Assembly. May all of you have safe travels there and home!

I walk down the street
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk
I fall in.
I am lost I am hopeless.
It isn't my fault.
It takes forever to find a way out.

I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk
I pretend I don't see it.
I fall in again.
I can't believe I'm in the same place again.
But it isn't my fault.
It still takes a long time to get out.

I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I see it is there.
I still fall in it's a habit
My eyes are open
I know where I am
It is my fault.
I get out immediately.

I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk
I walk around it.

I walk down another street.

District Events in 2008

Clarksville District

October 24.....District Annual Meeting, Bethlehem UMC, Sat., 9 am to noon

Columbia District

September 26.....District Annual Meeting and Leadership, Franklin First UMC

Cookeville District

October 17.....District Annual and Executive Team Meeting,
McMinnville First UMC, 9:30 a.m.

Cumberland District

October 24.....District Annual Meeting, Gladeville UMC

Murfreesboro District

November 7.....District Annual Meeting, Murfreesboro First UMC

Nashville District

September 26.....District Fall Meeting - Brentwood UMC

Pulaski District

October 17.....District Fall Meeting - Prospect UMC - 9:00 am

Proposed 2010 Budget

INCOME	2010
DISTRICT PLEDGE TO CONFERENCE	
Clarksville District	35,000
Columbia District	19,500
Cookeville District	21,000
Cumberland District	30,000
Murfreesboro District	29,000
Nashville District	50,000
Pulaski District	15,500
Total Pledges	200,000
LEAP OF FAITH	27,923
(Combination of Gifts to Mission, Gift in Memory, World Thank Offering & Special Mission Recognition)	
TOTAL INCOME	\$227,923
EXPENSES	
Audit	4,250
The Call	5,000
Christian Mission Event	25,000
Church Women United	100
Conference Annual Meeting	2,200
Conference Directory	500
District A&MD	27,073
Executive Meeting & Travel	4,000
General Expenses & Miscellaneous	1,500
Legislative Event/Intergeneration Event	1,000
Conference Hands-on Mission	600
Jurisdictional Meeting/Assembly	2,100
South Atlantic Regional School	7,500
Southeastern Jurisdiction A&MD	1,400
Training for District Officers	4,500
Service Center Mailing	700
New & Reactivated Units	300
National Seminar	200
Conference Pledge to Women's Division	140,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$227,923

Tennessee Conference United Methodist Women 2010 DATES

January 22-23 January 23	Conference Executive Meeting District Leadership Training (District officers and Committee on Nominations)
March 20	Conference Intergeneration Event
April 30-May 2	UMW Assembly St. Louis Convention Center
May 15	Conference Executive Committee Meeting
June 24-27	South Atlantic Regional School of Christian Mission (Conference officers and mission study leaders) Ferrum College, Ferrum, VA
July 14-17	Conference Mission Education Event
August 14	Conference Executive Team Meeting
September 10-12	Conference Spiritual Life Retreat Beersheba Springs Assembly Grounds
October 9	Conference Annual Meeting
November 19-21	Leadership Training Event - St. Louis

Conference Annual Meetings

2009 Murfreesboro District

2010 Cookeville District

2011 Nashville District

2012 Cumberland District

2013 Pulaski District

2014 Clarksville District

2015 Columbia District

The Conference Calendar 2009

Sept. 11-13* Spiritual Enrichment
Retreat

October 10* Annual Meeting - Columbia
First

Nov. 20-22 Conference Elected Officer
Leadership Training
St. Louis, MO

***Registration Required-Conference-wide
event**



The Call is mailed four times a year to the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer & Circle Leaders in each local unit. Please make sure a list of these current officers has been sent to the editor. **Please copy and distribute.**

Tennessee Conference United Methodist Women

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Register Now!!

**TN Conference
UMW Annual
Meeting
Oct. 10, 2009**

