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# The Call

Tennessee Conference United Methodist Women

## A FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT Joyce Clark

For my last article as President of the Tennessee Conference United Methodist Women I want to share with you a wonderful song that means so much to me.

The chorus of this song states:

The longer I serve Him, the sweeter He grows  
The more that I love Him, more love He bestows,  
Each day is like heaven, my heart overflows  
The longer I serve Him, the sweeter He grows

When I started this journey four years ago with you, I had some hopes and dreams for the Tennessee Conference United Methodist Women. Some of those hopes and dreams have become a reality. There have been those times when I didn't meet my own expectations but it was in those times that God sent wonderful United Methodist Women into my life to show me the sweetness of God's love.

The one thing that I want to leave you with after these four years as your president is that you have a choice to make everyday. United Methodist Women choose to live for God. Your choice and my choice make a difference in the lives of real people. People, that we may never meet, have a better life because of your choice to be a United Methodist Women. I have seen the light in the eyes of a woman recently out of prison who has a place to live, which was provided by our mission giving, who now has a job and is starting a new life. I have seen the smiles on the faces of children who have a safe place to stay while their parents are working. Thanks to your mission giving, children have a sanctuary from a violent world. I have seen men, women, youth and children grow in their faith because of the support and love of United Methodist Women. My choice has always been United Methodist Women, not because we are perfect but because we believe and carry out Jesus' plea to love our neighbors as ourselves. My journey for the past four years has been made sweeter by your love and support

**In the June *Response* Magazine, the mission giving for the Tennessee Conference is shown as \$10,000.00. Our missing giving was sent in after the cut off date and will be shown with the 2008 giving. To date, in 2008, the Tennessee Conference has sent in \$215,691.53. Of that, \$150,000.00 is for 2007 giving.**

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## Houston, A *Little* Part of our Problem Has Been Solved Berta Perkins, Editor

I received sixty e-mails asking that I send **The Call** to their e-mail addresses. I was expecting **many more**. But sixty is a start and those ladies will receive their newsletters as soon as it is ready to go to print. **You** can still be added to the list.

Please ladies, let me know when you are moving. It cost the conference \$.40 for every forwarded newsletter and \$1.04 or more for every returned newsletter. This is in addition to \$.30 to mail it in the beginning. I know you have a million things on your mind at that time, but make me 1,000,001.

I have something on my heart that I feel I must share with you. Every year, when we make our local unit budget, I recognize the feeling we all have of wanting to support the missions with which we are familiar. We feel, "I know what they are doing there and it is a good thing." This is wonderful and I know they appreciate very much what you are doing for them. But what about the missions in Africa, South America and the third world countries. They don't have a group near them that are listing them as part of their budget. The surrounding communities need help also.

Money, used for mission projects, is about equally divided between national and international projects. So when you send \$200.00 directly to local missions, that puts them \$200.00 ahead of international missions. We want to support women, children and youth around the world. Go to the June *Response* Magazine to get better informed about where your mission dollars are spent.

I hope you have a wonderful year. Pray for peace and God willing, I will be with you again next year



### FROM YOUR TREASURER

By Judy Vicchione

For 2007, the Tennessee Conference United Methodist Women sent \$153,014.19 to Women's Division for mission. This included designated gifts of \$17,342.25 for projects such as Red Bird Mission, UMCOR Disaster Relief, Sisterhood of Support, Africa University, and Elmira Sellu. Additionally, we made \$12,865.62 direct contributions to Tennessee projects. These projects included Miriam's Promise, Sadie Tillman Scholarship, Bethlehem Center, Beersheba Springs and others. Tennessee United Methodist Women are truly putting their money where their PURPOSE is.

Also, I want to remind you of the Special Mission Pins. The basic pin is \$40.00, sapphire is \$60.00, pearl \$100.00, emerald \$200.00, ruby \$500.00, diamond \$1,000.00 and double diamond is \$2,000.00. The money for Special Mission Recognition Pins is channeled to Mission Giving. Special Mission Recognitions are given to honor individuals' work for and commitment to mission. They are given to members of UMW and others in churches and society. They can be given by groups or by individuals. Pins should be ordered at least one month in advance.

**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.

## 2008 Slate of Nominees NOMINEES FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### PRESIDENT

**Joy Lewter**

Post Office Box 56, Chapel Hill, TN 37034 (931) 364-7226

Class of 2010  
Columbia District

### SECRETARY

**Jerlean Bass**

4965 Alexis Drive, Antioch, TN 37013 (615) 833-3533

Class of 2010  
Nashville District

### MISSION COORDINATOR FOR EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION

**Caroline Martin**

1907 Landmark Lane, Murfreesboro, Tn 37128 (615) 896-7610

Class of 2010  
Murfreesboro District

### MISSION COORDINATOR FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**Marina Rawls**

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

Class of 2010  
Nashville District

## NOMINEE FOR COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

### COMMITTEE MEMBER

**Nellie Settle**

211 Crutcher Lane, Dover, TN 37058 (931) 232-6667

Class of 2012  
Clarksville District

## NOMINEES FOR CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE POLICIES COMMITTEE

### AT-LARGE COMMITTEE MEMBER

**Jeannette Williams**

111 Strode Circle, McMinnville, TN 37110 (931) 668-8217

Class of 2009  
Cookeville District

### AT-LARGE COMMITTEE MEMBER

**Brenda Clark**

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Class of 2011  
Nashville District

### DISTRICT PRESIDENT COMMITTEE MEMBER

**Eileen Vaughan**

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Class of 2010  
Nashville District

### CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE TEAM COMMITTEE MEMBER

**Caroline Martin**

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Class of 2010  
Murfreesboro District

## 2008 Slate of Nominees

### Nominees for Executive Committee

President:

Joy Lewter

Post Office Box 56, Chapel Hill, Tennessee (931) 364-7226

Joy Lewter is currently completing a term as Education and Interpretation Coordinator for the Tennessee Conference, having previously served as Spiritual Growth Coordinator. Prior to serving on the conference, she was Columbia District President and spiritual growth coordinator. Widowed, Joy is very involved with family, church and community. An active member of Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, she has been an adult Sunday School teacher, lay leader, delegate to Annual Conference, and she is a Certified Lay Speaker. A previous president of Chapel Hill Lions Club, Joy currently serves as a Board Member of Crime Stoppers and the Marshall County Education Foundation, and she is a Director of First State Bank. For relaxation, she enjoys reading and traveling.

Class of 2010

Columbia District

Secretary

Jerlean Bass

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Jerlean Bass was born into a Christian and loving pastor's family, with 3 sister and 2 brothers. She lived her formative years in West Tennessee, and later moved to Nashville to attend Tennessee State University, where she obtained a B.S. in Business/Office Administration. She has worked in the banking industry for 28 years, holding various positions within financial institutions. She is currently employed by Pinnacle National Bank as a Loan Service/Quality Control Specialist. Attending Gordon Memorial UMC, Jerlean has served as treasurer and as chairperson of her link/circle. She is also dean for the conference Mission Education Event. She says, "My greatest accomplishment is confessing my belief in Jesus Christ as my Savior and head of my life. Who are you? I am a child of God."

Class of 2010

Nashville District

Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation

Caroline Martin

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Caroline Martin has served on the conference committee on nominations and is completing her tenure as conference secretary. She is treasurer for her unit at Key UMC in Murfreesboro, where she has lived for seventeen years. Caroline is also Children's Ministry Coordinator for her church. She is currently representing the Tennessee Conference United Methodist Women as a member of the South Atlantic Regional School of Christian Mission Committee on Nominations. Caroline is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University and is employed as a social worker. She is married and the mother of two children.

Class of 2010

Murfreesboro District

Nominees for Executive Committee *(Continued)*

**MISSION COORDINATOR FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

Class of 2010

**Marina Rawls**

Nashville District

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

Marina Rawls is a member of Donelson Heights United Methodist Church, where she is president of her local unit. She is involved in committee work at the church and substitutes for the church secretary. She is also involved in community outreach through participation on a Pencil Partners team that assists parents in helping their children do well in school, and she volunteers with the ESL class for parents at McGavock. She also volunteers for a kindergarten class at Shwab Elementary. Marina is married with 2 sons, the oldest a chef, and her teenager is home-schooled. She loves to travel. Marina also enjoys camping, reading, baking, sewing, cross stitch and quilting. She first attended Beersheba in 2001 and found the mountain to be a wonderful environment in which to reflect and meditate. The opportunity to share and meet new friends each year from across the conference didn't sink in the first years she attended. "I thought everyone was from Nashville!" She enjoys having the time at Beersheba to study and absorb the material, to enjoy the speaker the singing, the view from the front porch, and to reconnect with family members. She is honored to be a nominee for the conference team and the possibility of planning the retreat, and she hopes to be able to bring her experience as a leader to serve others that they may experience this closeness of Christ's family as well.

**NOMINEE FOR  
COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Class of 2012

**Nellie Settle**

Clarksville District

211 Crutcher Lane, Dover, Tennessee 37058 (931) 232-6667

Nellie Settle has served United Methodist Women in the local, and conference levels for over 35 years, currently as conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator. She is active in her local church at Fort Donelson UMC in Dover, Tennessee, where she has been the worship and mission chairperson, worked with the youth group and taught Sunday School. She is a devoted choir member. For twenty years, she and her husband have held an annual hayride for the church. On the district Council on Ministries, Nellie has served as Mission Chair and Status and Role of Women. Nellie is an active Farm Bureau member, and she and her husband invite all third graders to their farm for Ag in the Classroom studies on Farm Day. She is a member of the Stewart County Election Commission. Her interests include music, planning special programs for her church, reading, family and friends, interior decorating, gardening, playing games, antiques and traveling.



**DON'T FORGET TO SEND THE NAMES OF THOSE MEMBERS**

**WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY SINCE AUGUST 1, 2007**

**NOMINEES FOR  
CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE POLICIES COMMITTEE**  
by Lois Azar

**AT-LARGE COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Class of 2009

Jeannette Williams

Clarksville District

111 Strode Circle, McMinnville, Tennessee 37110 (931) 668-8217

Jeannette Williams was born in Putnam County, Tennessee, and is a mother of one, grandmother of two and great-grandmother of "one of the most precious 7-year old girls in the world." Jeannette resides in McMinnville, Tennessee and is a member of Clark United Methodist Church, where she is president of the local unit, serves as church secretary, is a member of the Administrative Council, a member of the Mass and Women's Choirs, and is a youth sponsor. She currently serves as Cookeville District mission coordinator for spiritual growth. Jeannette says, "I try to be ready to do anything that I can for the up building of God's Kingdom."

**AT-LARGE COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Class of 2011

Brenda Clark

Nashville District

1109 White Mountain Lane, Antioch, Tennessee 37013 (615)399-9640

Brenda Clark has been involved in United Methodist Women at the district and conference levels for the past eight years. Currently completing her fourth year as vice president of the Nashville District, Brenda sees the time she has served planning district spring and fall programs as a great opportunity to work with local church units. Prior to retirement, she taught history for 17 years and served as 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, Tennessee, 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.

**DISTRICT PRESIDENT COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Class of 2010

Eileen Vaughan

Nashville District

714 Palmetto Court, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027 (615)373-2723Eileen Vaughan has been a member of Crieewood United Methodist Women for 21 years. She considers it a "joy" to serve as president and vice president of the 90 member local unit as well as circle leader, social action and education and interpretation coordinator. Having served as the Nashville District education and interpretation coordinator for two years, she is currently president of the district. She is honored to serve in the UMW and be a part of their world wide mission to minister to God's people.

**CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE TEAM COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Class of 2010

Caroline Martin

Murfreesboro District

1907 Landmark Lane, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37128 (615) 896-7610

Caroline Martin has served on the Tennessee Conference Committee on Nominations and is completing her tenure as conference secretary. For more information, see Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation.

## Accepted Policies - Proposed Additions

The conference Accepted Policies Committee has changed the format of the conference Accepted Policies to include a Table of Contents. The order of some things has been adjusted in an effort to make policies easier to locate. At the same time some of the terminology has been updated to conform to Women's Division and conference programs. The full text of the Accepted Policies with proposed changes can be viewed or downloaded at [www.gbqm-umc.org/tnconfumw](http://www.gbqm-umc.org/tnconfumw).

Proposed additions to Accepted Policies, as located in revised format:

### Section I. **Elections and Appointments**

#### B. Committee on Nominations

1. The Committee on Nominations shall be composed of nine members, including the chairperson.

#### C. Mission Education Event Committee

1. The assistant dean shall be a member of the Executive Committee with voice, but no vote.

### Section III. **Communications**

#### C. Conference Newsletter

3. In lieu of receiving a newsletter through the U. S. Postal Service, persons may receive the newsletter electronically by e-mail or by downloading from the conference web site.

#### D. District Communications with the Conference

2. New and Reactivated Units.

The district president shall send the names and addresses of the new president of each new or reactivated unit to the conference secretary and treasurer.

### Section IV. **Financial policies**

#### A. Administration and Membership Development Fund

4. The Southeastern Jurisdiction Leadership Team treasurer will establish with the conference treasurer the procedure for receiving the conference payment to the Southeastern Jurisdiction Leadership Team's Administration and Development Fund.

#### G. Five-Star Member Recognition Pins

1. The conference shall purchase a recognition pin for each member that completes the criteria to become a Five-Star Member.
2. The design of the recognition pin shall change every quadrennium.

#### I. Meetings, Events and Other Agency Expenses

##### 2. Regional School, Jurisdiction, Assembly, Agency and Board Expenses

- a. The fee for each conference officer who attends regional school shall be sent in by that officer with her completed registration form. The conference treasurer will hold all checks designated as payment for conference officers. Those officers who attend regional school will have their un-cashed check returned to them while the checks of those who register but do not attend shall be cashed.

##### 3. Conference Executive Committee Meeting Expenses

###### e. Executive Committee Meetings held at churches

- (2) The rate for authorized meals provided by the host church will be set by the conference Executive Committee.

## Accepted Policies - Proposed Additions - Continued

4. Mission Education Event Expenses
  - i. Honoraria for staff shall be:
    - (5) Book allowance for teachers - \$200
6. Annual Meeting Expenses
  - d. The rate for authorized meals provided by the host church shall be set by the conference Executive Committee.
7. Intergenerational Event Expenses
  - a. Mileage, registration and meals for the chairperson of the intergeneration event, registrar, child care workers and program speakers will be paid by the conference. Other officers will attend at their own expense.
8. Tri Conference Legislative Event Expenses
  - a. Mileage, registration, lodging and meals for the mission coordinator for social action, registrar, and conference president will be paid by the conference. Other officers will attend at their own expense.
9. Mission Encounter Event Expenses
  - a. Mileage, registration, lodging and meals for the chairperson of the Mission Encounter Event will be paid by the conference. Other officers will participate at their own expense.
10. Leadership Training Event Expenses
  - a. Authorized lodging, meals and mileage of conference and district Executive Committee and Committee on Nominations shall be paid by the conference.

### Section V. Programs

#### C. Mission Today

1. Units completing criteria for Mission today by December 31 of each year, or as stated by the Women's Division, will send the report to the district mission coordinator of education and interpretation by August 15.
2. Units meeting levels of completion will be recognized at the district annual meeting and will be named in the program book for the conference annual meeting.
3. Special recognition for units that meet requirements for a platinum award will be given at the conference annual meeting.

#### D. Five-star Member

1. Any person who gives to each of the five channels of mission giving above and beyond his or her pledge to mission shall receive recognition as a Five-Star Member.
  - a. The minimum criteria for mission giving above and beyond the pledge to mission shall be \$5.00 additional pledge to mission; \$5.00 gift in memory; \$5.00 gift to mission; \$40.00 Special Mission Recognition (or cost set by Women's Division); and \$5.00 World Thank Offering.
  - b. The names of Five-Star Members shall be included on a report to the district treasurer by August 15.
2. Five-Star Members will receive a recognition pin for mission giving at the district annual meeting and will be named in the program book for the conference annual meeting.



## Columbia District Report

by Betty Ann Ogilvie, President Columbia

### District

The Columbia District had a big celebration on May 18, 2008. A new unit was formed!! It is the Shady Grove unit in Maury County. They had 12 members that were young, excited and enthusiastic over their new beginning. They had already elected their officers and were asking many questions about their duties.

We had a President's Round Table in Mt. Pleasant on July 26th. There were 19 local presidents there and they gave reports on their activities in 2008. They are a busy group doing local missions, fund raisers for other missions and are very much involved in their churches and community. It was an exciting morning. Lunch was served by the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Women. Immediately after, we had a Columbia District Executive meeting. We made plans for our next meeting in Hohenwald on Sept. 20th.

Several of our members attended the Scarritt Bennett Educational Mission Event and enjoyed the studies and the fellowship.

Mary Ellen Knott, Secretary of Program Resources for the Tennessee Conference, has gone through surgery and we all wish for her a speedy recovery. She is at home now.

We have several enrolled to attend the Spiritual Life Retreat. I understand that 12 people are going from the Farmington Unit and they only have about 9 members. Say what? Some children and youth are attending with them. We have 11 going from the Lewisburg Unit. Our motto is, "Have wheels - will travel."

We are looking forward to the Annual Conference Meeting in Columbia on October 11th. All units are willing to help and support the Columbia ladies in any way that we can.

## What's Been Cooking in Cookeville

by Nancy Curtis, President Cookeville District

Our first event was the Officers Training and Mission Fair held on Saturday morning, February 2, at Algood United Methodist Church. Before the actual training, the women enjoyed coffee and calories while browsing through the various exhibits. The exhibits featured prayer shawls, feeding programs, mission projects, and the prayer room from the 2007 spiritual life retreat at Beersheba. Each unit was asked to bring some information about one of their programs, projects or mission outreach ministries. Several of the women were picking up leaflets and jotting down ideas.

Next on the calendar was our mission study - God's Mission / God's Song - on Saturday, March 29 at Cookeville First UMC. Our leaders were Holly Neal (district treasurer) and Tammy Halliburton (district secretary of program resources). The luncheon was a salad buffet.

Day Apart was held at Centertown UMC on Saturday, April 19. Our theme was *Publish the Glad Tidings*, and our speaker was Pastor Shirley Rayford from Braden and Brooks United Methodist Churches in Nashville. Special music was provided by the women from Clark UMC in McMinnville. They had us rockin' with their version of *Tell It!*

Gayle Likens, our Membership-Nurture-Outreach coordinator, reported a gain of 22 members in the Cookeville District for the year 2007. WOW!!

We have also kicked off our Shepherding Program. Each member of the executive team has been assigned two or three units to oversee.

Upcoming district events are the district annual meeting on October 25th at Fairfield Glade UMC and the last district executive team meeting on December 6th at Algood UMC.

## You are CALLED BY NAME in the FACE OF LOVE

By Margaret Boyd, Vice President  
Tennessee Conference UMW

Come to the annual meeting on October 11, 2008 at Columbia First United Methodist Church, located at 222 W. 7th Street, Columbia, Tennessee 38401 to help us celebrate and look at the many ways each unit and district has fulfilled the theme this year.

Our theme this year is "Called by Name in the Face of Love." By now you all know that you are called by name and it is through all of you in our UMW that we are fulfilling the United Methodist Women's PURPOSE and are working through the Face of Love. We are excited to have our own Kimi Brown as the featured speaker at our annual meeting. There will be awards presented for "new units" in the conference and "platinum" awards for the Mission Today units. We will receive reports from conference coordinators on the Five-star units and reading programs. We will have communion and a memorial service for all those who have gone to their heavenly home since last August.

We are hoping for a big turn out of at least 300 this year. Who can attend? All members of UMW, including pastors, district superintendents and guests. Two members from each unit will be entitled to represent the unit as voting delegates. Determine before you register who will represent your unit, and indicate on the registration form if you are a voting delegate. Delegates will vote on the 2009 budget, amendments to the Conference Accepted Policies and 2009 conference officers. It is a wonderful time to celebrate new units, make and renew friendships, and to give GOD the praise for enabling us to carry on the legacy of sisters who labored many years before us.

Child care will be provided so bring your children. Send in your registration forms by October 1st so we can get an accurate count for printed programs, lunch and to prevent long registration lines. Please indicate if you need wheelchair assistance. The registration fee of \$15.00 covers lunch and a day filled with the Glory of God through the Face of Love. Coffee and light refreshments will be available after registration.

**Scrapbooks or displays/posters** for Mission Today platinum awards must be checked in with Joy Lewter in the display area located in one of the Sunday School rooms before the meeting starts at **9:30 a.m.** District Banners will also be displayed in the sanctuary after the district presidents or appointed persons process in at the opening. The Resource Room will also be open for your use.

A special offering will be taken for Bethlehem Centers of Nashville. They also have a Wish List. Those items this year are: baby diapers and wipes, children's books (new and gently used), coloring books and crayons. Parking at Columbia First UMC There is a small parking lot behind the church, across the street and the fountain parking lot on the corner across the street. Handicap parking will be in front of church on the street. We can also use the bank parking lot on the south side of church (do not block ATM), and the First Presbyterian Church parking lot across the street. Look for signs and persons with red shirts offering assistance. There is a registration form enclosed in this newsletter that needs to be sent in by October 1st.

This year, we thought it would be fun to have the different districts dress in like colors or at least have a scarf of something of that color. The assignment of colors is:

**Clarksville** - Blue; **Columbia** - Red; **Cookeville** - Orange; **Cumberland** - white or off white;  
**Murfreesboro** - black or gray; **Nashville** - green; **Pulaski** - yellow

Be sure to pass the word to all those in your district and units.

We do hope all of you have been Called by Name in the Face of Love and will continue with your support, your prayers and your participation.

## Social Action News

by Diane Bennett

What: Mission Encounter Trip to UMCOR, Sager Brown in Baldwin, LA  
 When: May 31 through June 5, 2009  
 Travel: By special bus  
 Cost: \$190.00 plus gas, extra meals, etc.  
 Deadline  
 to Register March 1, 2009

This is a great opportunity for 20 Tennessee Mission volunteers to go help the UMCOR depot with disaster relief supplies, help out on their campus in related areas, or assist in their local community projects. Be sure to let your local units know about this coming event. The United Methodist Women with whom I have spoken were very excited about their participation in a similar event. Go on the net and check out [www.sagerbrown.org](http://www.sagerbrown.org) to get additional information. Call me immediately if you are interested at 615-890-8305. It will fill up fast.

This is a great opportunity for 20 Tennessee Mission volunteers to go help the UMCOR depot with disaster relief supplies, help out on their campus in related areas, or assist in their local community projects. Be sure to let your local units know about this coming event. The United Methodist Women with whom I have spoken were very excited about their participation in a similar event. Go on the net and check out [www.sagerbrown.org](http://www.sagerbrown.org) to get additional information. Call me immediately if you are interested at 615-890-8305. It will fill up fast.

On September 22, 2008, United Methodist Women are to monitor the coverage of **Peace** in the local, regional and national newspapers. The results will support peace-building actions. Please buy and save that day's paper in your area. Further information to follow.

Our **Tri-Conference Legislative Event** will be held at Scarritt Bennett on March 10-11, 2009. Our theme is based on Psalms 24:1, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it." Special speakers and a guided tour of the capitol with lunch are some of the agenda items being arranged. Joyce Clark agreed to work with the planning

**District Events in 2008****Clarksville District**

October 25.....District Annual Meeting at Dickson UMC in Dickson from 9am to 12pm

**Columbia District**

September 20.....District Annual Meeting and Leadership Training in Hohenwald

**Cookeville District**

October 25.....District Annual Meeting 9:30 am. Location to be announced

**Cumberland District**

October 25.....District Annual Meeting at Old Hickory UMC & Executive Team Meeting

**Murfreesboro District**

November 1.....District Annual Meeting, Winchester UMC

**Nashville District**

September 27.....District Fall Meeting - Forest Hills UMC

**Pulaski District**

October 18.....District Fall Meeting - Waynesboro UMC - 9:00 am

## Proposed 2009 Budget

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>DISTRICT PLEDGE TO CONFERENCE</b>	
Clarksville District	35,000
Columbia District	19,500
Cookeville District	20,500
Cumberland District	30,000
Murfreesboro District	29,000
Nashville District	50,000
Pulaski District	15,500
<b>Total Pledges</b>	<b>199,500</b>
<b>LEAP OF FAITH</b>	<b>24,423</b>
(Combination of Gifts to Mission, Gift in Memory, World Thank Offering & Special Mission Recognition)	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$223,923</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
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	26,873
Executive Meeting & Travel	4,000
General Expenses & Miscellaneous	1,500
Legislative Event/Intergeneration Event	1,000
Conference Hands-on Mission	500
Jurisdictional Meeting/Assembly	2,100
South Atlantic Regional School	7,500
Southeastern Jurisdiction A&MD	2,200
Training for District Officers	4,500
Service Center Mailing	700
Handbooks	500
New & Reactivated Units	300
National Seminar	200
Conference Pledge to Women's Division	135,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$223,923</b>

## Tennessee Conference United Methodist Women 2009 DATES

<b>January 23</b>	<b>Executive Meeting</b>
<b>January 24</b>	<b>Leadership Training Executive Meeting</b>
<b>March 10-11</b>	<b>Tri-Conference Legislative Event (Scarritt-Bennett Center)</b>
<b>May 9</b>	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>
<b>May 31-June 5</b>	<b>Mission Trip - UMCOR - Sager Brown</b>
<b>June 11-14</b>	<b>South Atlantic Regional School (KY Wesleyan College Owensboro, KY)</b>
<b>July 8-11</b>	<b>Christian Mission Education Event Finance Committee to meet at event</b>
<b>August 8</b>	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>
<b>September 11-13</b>	<b>Spiritual Enrichment Retreat United Methodist Assembly Grounds Beersheba Springs, Tennessee</b>
<b>October 10</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>
<b>November 20-22</b>	<b>Leadership Training Event - St. Louis</b>

### **Annual Meeting Dates**

**2008 Columbia District Columbia First**

**2009 Murfreesboro District**

**2010 Cookeville District**

**2011 Nashville District**

**2012 Cumberland District**

**2013 Pulaski District**

**2014 Clarksville District**

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## Tidings

### **The Conference Calendar**

- Sept. 12-14\*    Spiritual Enrichment  
Retreat
- October 11\*    Annual Meeting - Columbia  
First
- Nov. 21-23    Conference Elected Officer  
Leadership Training  
St. Louis, MO

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

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**TN Conference  
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Meeting  
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