



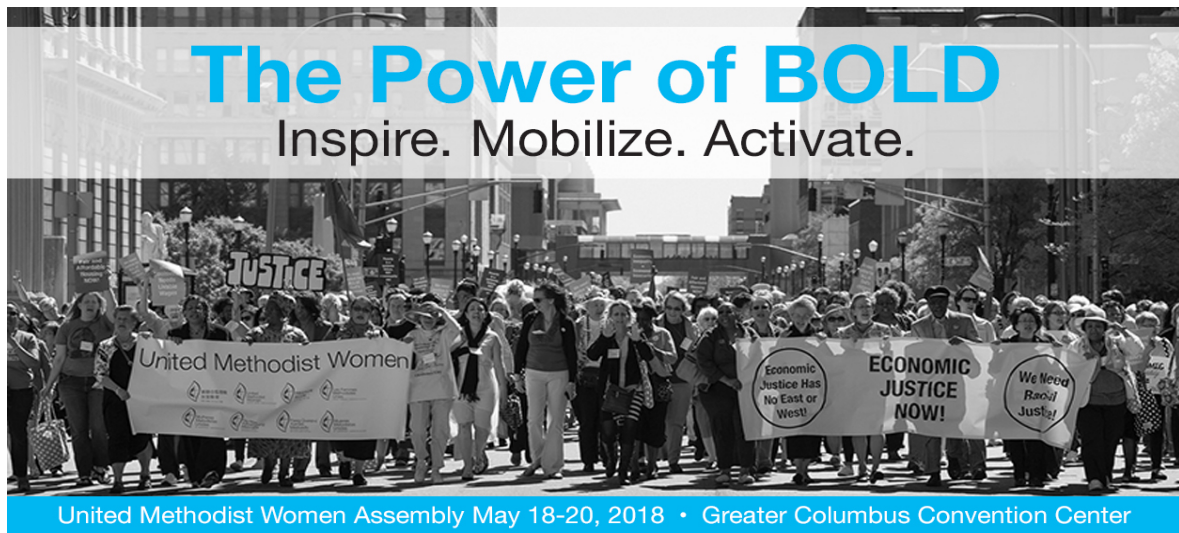
# The Reflector

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Empowered to INSPIRE, MOBILIZE and ACTIVATE.



(North Georgia Conference UMW 2018 Assembly Attendees)



I heard “WOW”, “Fantastic”, “Best Yet”, “making plans for 2022”, this was a **BOLD** event. Thank you to the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women members for making the trip to Columbus Ohio for this awesome convention. Members had the opportunity to rally, to serve, to listen, to learn, to share, to participate and to meet new United Methodist Women sisters.

I was honored to be a part of the opening processional to celebrate **150** years as an organization. I was joined by three other North Georgia Conference members who serves on the National Board, **Sue Raymond**, Director and Program Advisory Group (PAG) members, **Bobbie Solomon** and **Ariel Murphy**. Ariel is a new PAG member who was elected at the 2018 Spring meeting.

**Alisha Gordon**, National Staff member, is a graduate of Candler School of Theology and a member of Impact Church. She was one of the principal presenters for the plenary session. **Cynthia Campbell**, Bethany UMC (AMAR) was consecrated as a deaconess. **Iona Walker**, Ben Hill UMC (ACPK) was one of the participants in the Wedding at Cana drama.

Prior to travelling to Ohio, the North Georgia Conference held its biannual **Faith, Fun, Everyone Event** at Bethany UMC (AMAR) on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We were very happy to have the National United Methodist Women President, **Shannon Priddy**, as our plenary leader. **Susan Williams**, National Director from the Alaska Conference was a guest at this event. Thank you to the 200 plus persons who attended this event.

The first six months of this year is just an indication of that which is yet to come: Annual Conference Breakfast and experiences, Mission u, Annual Meeting and Leadership Development. Please do not miss out being a part - **Bold women being inspired, Bold women mobilizing and Bold women being active.**



Blessings,  
**Tryphenia Speed**, President  
North Georgia Conference  
United Methodist Women

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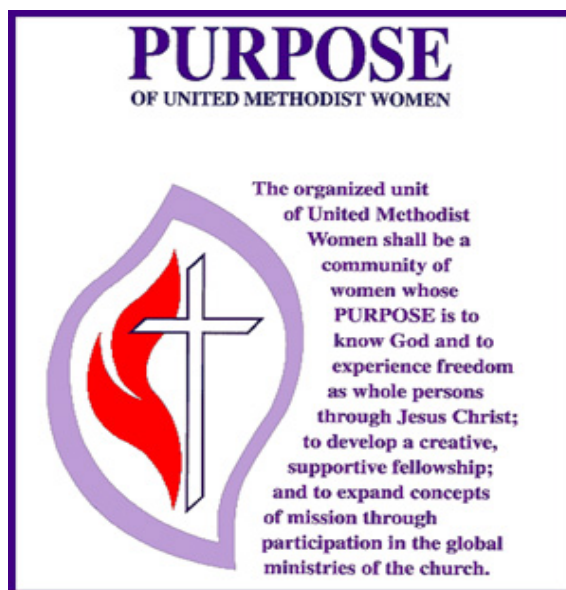
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**Stephanie Dressler, Vice President  
North Georgia Conference UMW**

I look forward to seeing you this summer! Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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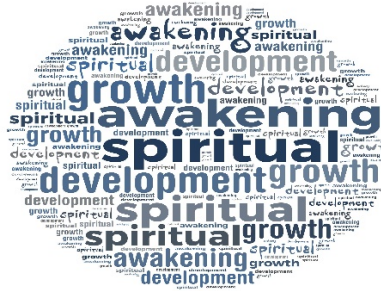






**Carolyn Lee Wilson**  
Spiritual Growth Coordinator  
North Georgia Conference UMW

# Greetings from Your Spiritual Growth Coordinator!



As we are moving into the beautiful days of summer, we must remember our theme for United Methodist Women which is **“The Power of Bold.”**

**“So if the old way, which has been replaced, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new, which remains forever! Since his new way gives us such confidence, we can be very bold.” 2 Corinthians 3:11-12**

As United Methodist Women who love God, we can be very **BOLD** and **COURAGEOUS** as we work together in mission for women, children, and youth all around the world. With God by our side, we want to put **FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE IN ACTION** in all that we do!

Be **BOLD** and register for the following special events. We will gather in Athens for our **North Georgia UMC Annual Conference** on June 12-14, 2018. On June 13 we will gather for our **United Methodist Women’s Breakfast** where we will celebrate and recognize the mission and work of our North Georgia United Methodist Women. Be sure to register and attend these events. **Be BOLD!**

On July 27-28 we will gather for our **Mission u** which will be held in Toccoa at the Georgia Baptist Conference Center. We look forward to this special time together as we study, worship, and learn with other United Methodist Women. Make plans to register and to sponsor some younger women to attend with you. **Be BOLD!**

I want to encourage you to be **BOLD** in being a leader and in building leaders in your local churches. Here are some actions and commitments to think about: 1. Mentor younger women; 2. Sponsor younger women for UMW events; 3. Listen to concerns of younger women; 4. Reflect on your own leadership journey; 5. Pray and act upon how you might encourage others to lead; 6. Challenge decision makers on policies that affect women and girls; 7. Commit to reading Response and UMW Reading Program books; 8. Be faithful in meeting your UMW Mission Giving Pledge; 9. Use your Prayer Calendar; 10. Pray for women, children and youth around the world.

## **Hear our prayer, Oh, God.**

We give thanks to you, Oh, God. We commit to being **BOLD** for you. We commit to being a supportive community on behalf of women, children and youth. Nudge us to act in ways that nurture and support women in leadership. Strengthen us as leaders as we strive to live out our purpose of United Methodist Women. We pray that truth and justice will always reign. Thank you, Dear Heavenly Father.

**Amen.**

**Carolyn Lee Wilson, Spiritual Growth Coordinator**  
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# The Power of **BOLD**

In 1869, eight **BOLD** women raised their own money to send a woman doctor and a woman teacher to India ultimately creating a hospital and school that exists to today. These women created a movement of women who discovered that they could raise funds, manage administrative details, train, and deploy missionaries to foreign lands. Remember, these women had limited financial resources of their own.



**L. Susan Stroup, Treasurer**  
United Methodist Women  
North Georgia Conference

The creation of early missionary societies meant opportunities for **BOLD** women to be in service through the church as never before possible. As they worked to alleviate suffering and acquire legal status for women and children in the United States and in numerous other countries, they soon discovered that they were being denied the rights to full participation in church structures and on mission boards where policy decisions were being made. By continually being **BOLD**, women were granted laity rights, inclusion in general conferences and finally full clergy rights in 1956.

In 1942 The First Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild was moved from St. Louis, Missouri to Columbus, Ohio where a **BOLD** racially integrated group could be housed in the same hotel.

1952 The first Charter of Racial Policies was adopted by the Woman's Division. **BOLD** women persisted and in 1964 the General Conference adopted the Charter.

**BOLD** women still have work to do. In the next four years, **BOLD** women will learn about and advocate for:

- Maternal and Child Health
- Economic Inequality
- Climate Justice
- Criminalization of People of Color-Mass Incarceration

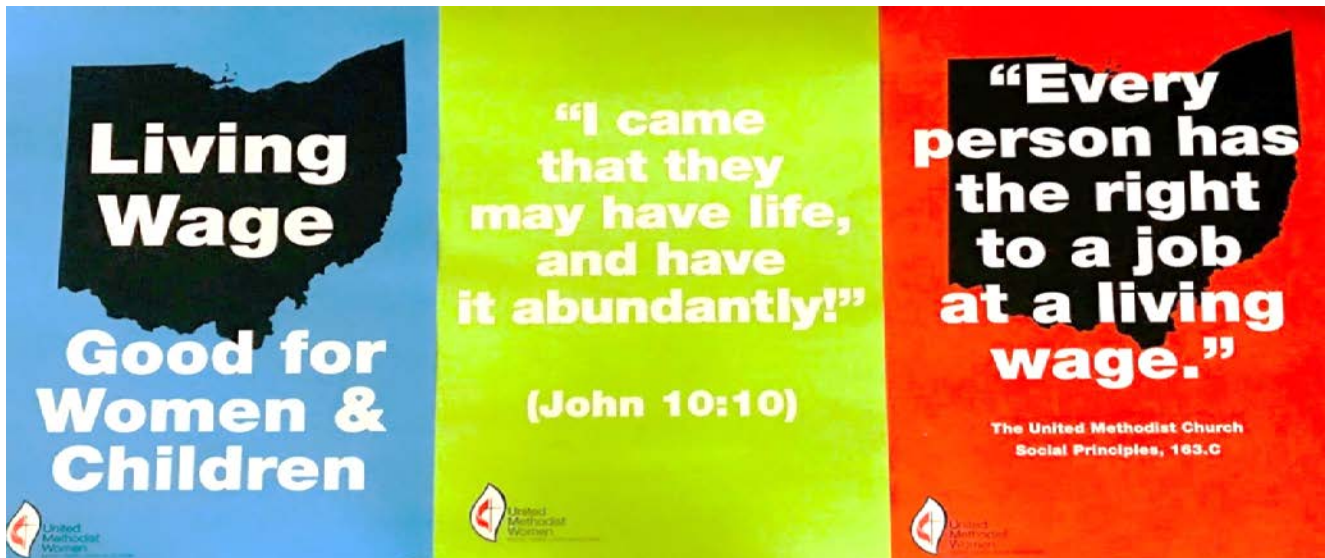
As we approach the end of our awards year, make sure your unit is on track in support of our work in the world through the 5 Channels of Giving:

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

Then be **BOLD** and increase your Pledge to Mission through Candle Burning. And be **BOLD** again by giving to the Legacy Fund so that future generations of women can **BOLDLY** address injustice.

To learn about any of our giving initiatives or to complete item 17 on the Mission Today goals, contact me.

**L. Susan Stroup, Treasurer**  
N GA Conference United Methodist Women Treasurer  
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### ***Greetings Sisters,***

Although United Methodist Women National Office has four priorities for this quadrennial year our focus in North Georgia is **Economic Inequality** therefore, I will continue to lead with this focus in mind.

Many of us who were at Assembly participated in a public rally on the steps of the Ohio state capitol. This action was to bring attention to one of the many issues and peoples impacted by economic inequality. The posters here are some of the ones used during the rally.

**From the United Methodist Book of Discipline:** As a church, we are called to support the poor and challenge the rich ... Poverty most often has systemic causes, and therefore we do not hold poor people morally responsible for their economic state. (Social Principles, ¶ 163 E)

We need to fight for those who are not in a position to fight for themselves. Economic inequality is a direct link to poverty which in turn is associated with many of the societal ills we face today. When there is lack of sufficient income, people don't have access to healthy food choices, many don't have access to affordable housing, many cannot properly clothe themselves or seek adequate medical attention. These challenges in turn are a major link to poor maternal and child health, homelessness, criminalization and so on!

What can you do?

- Study to understand. Check here for resources <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/economic-inequality/justice>
- Participate in Mission Studies; the 2018 study **What About Our Money? A Faith Response** may be of interest
- Be attentive to news reports and legislative actions around economic inequality
- For a glimpse into the connection between wealth and wellness in the U.S., take a look at "When the Bough Breaks.": This 7 part documentary series can be found at [www.unnaturalcauses.org](http://www.unnaturalcauses.org).

The Word implores us to ***"Protect the rights of the poor and needy."*** (Proverbs 31:9)

*Peace, love and equality!*  
**Jessica Godfrey**, Social Action Coordinator  
 North Georgia Conference UMW  
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***For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*** – Matthew 6:21

For most of us, life is busy and complicated. Amid the rush and crush of the daily Grind, it is easy to lose perspective...easy, but wrong. When the world seems to be spinning out of control, we can regain perspective by slowing ourselves down and then turning our thoughts and prayers toward God.

The familiar words of Psalm 46:10 reminds us to ***“Be still, and know that I am God.”***

When we do so, we are reminded of God's love (not to mention God's priorities), and we can then refocus our thoughts on the things that matter most. But when we ignore the presence of our creator....if we rush from place to place with scarcely a spare minute for God...we rob ourselves of ***His*** perspective.... ***His*** peace and ***His*** joy.

I'd like to invite you to come be refreshed and renewed in the spirit of the Lord. This years' ***Mission U*** topic is ***Learning Together for Transformation of The World***. It's time to come fellowship and uplift ourselves through study.

Topics covered are:

- ***Embracing Wholeness***
- ***What About Our Money? A Faith Response***
- ***Youth: Is It Just About Money***
- ***Children: Money Matters***

Mission U's registration form is included in this edition. I encourage women, youth and children to sign up for what is sure to be a life changing retreat.

***Janice Walker***

Education and Interpretation  
North Georgia Conference UMW



Loving  
Growing  
Serving







**Thursday to Saturday  
July 26 – 28, 2018**

Georgia Baptist Conference Center  
462 Sunrise Way  
Toccoa, GA 30577  
706-886-3133

[www.mytoccoa.com](http://www.mytoccoa.com)

**REGISTER TODAY**

Online Registration is now available  
[www.ngumw.org](http://www.ngumw.org)  
-OR-  
return the registration form on back

## WHAT TO BRING

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE  
FOR PURCHASE**

- > Bible, paper, pens/pencils & Study Book. Books will be available in the Resource Room, if not received in advance
- > Dress comfortably and bring a sweater for cold classrooms
- > Bring your own personal, refillable water bottle

**Thursday to Saturday  
July 26-28, 2018**

## YOU ARE INVITED ...

The **"MISSION u" Event** is a 2-day retreat open to **Men, Women, Youth and Children** (ages 6 and up) to study current issues impacting our communities and society.

Come and share this time of prayer study and fellowship with others from around the conference. This event is especially designed for all United Methodists – Men and Women - who want to deepen their understanding and passion for missions.



## STUDIES

### Seeking Health and Wholeness - Spiritual Growth

Designed to explore the ways God has called us to live in covenantal relationship with all of creation and challenges us to work toward stronger and healthier relationships with creation, our communities, ourselves, and God.

Leaders: Mary Anne Brannon, Rev. Micheal Stinson,  
Rev. Eric Powell, Rev. Kathy Morris, Rev. Juan Quintanilla (Spanish),  
Sang Jae Lee (Korean)

### What About Our Money? A Faith Response

Explores how we relate to money within the context of our faith.

Leaders: Rev. Varlyna Wright, Nichea Ver Veer Guy

### Youth: Is It Just About Money

Designed to engage youth in an exploration of money as it relates to faith and justice.

Leader: Asti White

### Children: Money Matters

Teaches children - ages six to twelve - about the concept of money, the importance of generosity, and how God intends for us to use money as an expression of love for others.

Leaders: Sue and Terry Raymond

### Music Director

Stephanie Newton

Director of Contemporary Worship, Alpharetta Methodist Church

### PLENARY: MISSIONARY CONFERENCES



**MISSION u: Learning Together for the Transformation of the World**





## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE...

### Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup>

Check in Time: 4:00 PM  
Dinner: 5:00 – 6:00 PM  
Study Leaders and Committee:  
Meeting 6:00 – 6:30 PM  
Study Leaders Set-up

Classes 1-4 must be  
completed for certification

### Friday July 27<sup>th</sup>

7:30 – 8:30 AM Breakfast  
8:00 – 9:30 AM Registration  
10:00 AM Opening Worship  
Class 1: 10:30 AM– 12:30 PM  
12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch  
1:45 – 2:30 PM Break  
Class 2: 2:30 – 4:30 PM  
5:00 – 6:00 PM Dinner  
6:30 – 7:30 PM Missionary  
Conferences Plenary

### Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup>

(Please check out of hotel  
BEFORE coming to Mission u)

7:30 – 8:30 AM BREAKFAST  
8:00 – 9:00 AM Registration  
Class 3: 9:30 – 11:30 AM  
12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch  
Class 4: 1:15 – 3:00 PM  
Communion 3:15 PM

## REGISTRATION FORM

### “MISSION u” July 26-28, 2018 - REGISTRATION FORM

Register online at [www.ngumw.org](http://www.ngumw.org) -or- print and complete form below.

Make check payable to Mission u and mail to:

Gloria Dixon, 2520 Zane Drive SW, Atlanta, GA 30331 (404-346-7509)

Name: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Address: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Youth* <input type="checkbox"/> Child* (check one)
City, State, Zip: _____		Youth/Child registration requires adult consent
Phone: _____	Email: _____	
Church: _____	District: _____	
Emergency Contact Person: _____	Emergency Contact Phone #: _____	
Physical/Medical Needs: _____	Allergies: _____	
<b>CHOOSE YOUR CLASS (select only one class)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Seeking Health and Wholeness - Spiritual Growth <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish		
<input type="checkbox"/> What About our Money		
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (13-17) *Age(s) _____ Is It Just About Money		
*Guardian/Parent/Adult of Youth (Required): _____ Ph: _____ Email: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Child (6-12) *Age(s) _____ Money Matters		
*Guardian/Parent/Adult of Child (Required): _____ Ph: _____ Email: _____		
<b>MISSION u REGISTRATION FEES (includes classes, room as selected below, and meals)</b>		
<b>Thursday, Friday and Saturday</b> Adult: <input type="checkbox"/> \$246.00 - Single Occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> \$206.00 - Double Occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Youth 13 and up: \$206.00 Double Occupancy (Scholarships available. See below*) <input type="checkbox"/> Children 6-12: \$90 per child (with 2 adults)		
<b>Friday and Saturday</b> Adult: <input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00 - Single Occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> \$130.00 - Double Occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Youth 13 and up: \$130.00 Double Occupancy (Scholarships available. See below*) <input type="checkbox"/> Children 6-12: \$50 per child (with 2 adults)		
Day Student: <input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00 each day Roommate Preference _____		

**Registration Deadline**  
**July 5, 2018**

**\*Scholarships Available**  
 for reduced registration fees for children and youth  
 Email: [missionu.registrar@att.net](mailto:missionu.registrar@att.net) for information.

**LODGING...** Hotel Reservation will  
be made by Mission u Committee

# A BOLD

## Move Forward

The powerful experience of Assembly 2018 will be felt for years to come. What an awesome time of praise, thanksgiving and rededication! In her speech to United Methodist Women from around the world, General Secretary Harriett Olson left us with a trifecta charge..... 1. **Become leaders..** 2. **Invite others voices** 3. **Recommit to justice.**



**Celestine Jones, Chairperson**  
Chairperson Committee on  
Nominations

What if I told you that you have a chance to share in this **BOLD** initiative by working with the women in the North Georgia Conference? Not only would you receive training, have access to excellent resources and be a part of a supportive community. You will be able to bring to the table your talent, skills and leadership abilities; these are your gifts from God to be used for his glory.

The task of the members of the **Committee on Nominations** is to call forth women to be a part of a long continuing story of involvement in mission and who care deeply about the welfare and well-being of women, children and youth.

If you are someone you know would be a good candidate for a position on the Conference Team, I encourage you to make **"A BOLD MOVE FORWARD"** by completing the form below and mail to me at 8919 Elina Rose, Douglasville, Ga 30134 or email me, celestinejones@gmail.com.



### Areas of Interest (I) or Concern (C)

Please identify all applicable areas either with an I or C.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Secretarial	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recruiting Members	<input type="checkbox"/>	Publicity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Action Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workshops
<input type="checkbox"/>	Computer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Creativity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletters
<input type="checkbox"/>	Accounting/ Bookkeeping	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recording Minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Retreats
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organizing of Details	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Polity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Music / Song Leader
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nomination Team	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Relations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Building	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conference Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spiritual Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legacy Fund
<input type="checkbox"/>	Website Design Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>	Communications/ Social Media/ Networking	<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER: (please specify) _____ _____

Tell me how to share it with



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

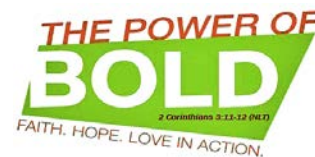
Church \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Circle preferred contact:

Phone

Email



Please return completed form to any member of  
the Committee on Nominations.

Thank you!

*"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that  
I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, I used  
EVERYTHING you gave me."*

*Erma Bombeck*



## Hygiene Kit Value: \$12.00 per kit

### Hygiene Kit Materials

- **1 Hand towel**
  - 15 x25 inches to 17 x 27 inches
  - Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable
- **1 Washcloth**
- **1 Toothbrush**
  - Adult size only
  - **Do not remove from original packaging**
- **6 Adhesive bandages**
  - ¾ inch to 1 inch-size
  - Common household Band-Aids
- **1 Bath-size soap**
  - 3 oz. and larger sizes only
  - No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content
  - **Do not remove from original packaging**
- **1 Comb**
  - Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long
  - No pocket combs or picks, please
  - Rattail combs and combs without handle are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth
- **1 Metal nail file or nail clippers**
  - No emery boards, please
- **1 plastic bag**
  - One-gallon size sealable bag only
- **\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste**

### Assembly Directions

Set the \$1.00 for toothpaste aside to be included in a separate envelope. Lay out the hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth flat in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth. Fold over the sides of the hand towel to cover all of the items. Fold over one end of the hand towel so that it covers all of the items. Grasp the bundle of items tightly and roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag. Remove as much air as possible and seal the bag.

### Important Notice

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used.
- Please remove all packaging, unless otherwise specified above.
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Due to the fact that strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the request items-NOTHING MORE.
- DO NOT include any personal notes, money, or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.
- **UMCOR is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent. Do not put single dollar bills in each kit. Collect all monies for toothpaste and shipping place it in a separate envelope and send along with the kit donations.**

### Packing and Shipping Kits Instructions

- **Box weight:** Each packed box cannot exceed 66 pounds.
- **Complete 2 packing lists:** One for your records and one to put on the shipping box.
- Paste the shipping label / packing list on the outside of each box you send. The shipping list helps the depot to quickly process kits.
- **Processing & Shipping Costs:** Please enclose an envelope containing at least \$1 for each kit you send. This donation enables kits to be sent to areas in need.

(\*\*REVISED August 2017)



**DID YOU KNOW?** 755,400 people, in metro Atlanta and north Georgia turn to food pantries and meal service programs to feed themselves and their families each year.



Join **NGUMW** and **Persons Living in Poverty** at NGUMC Annual Conference, **Tuesday, June 12, at 10:00 a.m.**, in the Classic Center, Hall 4, (located off of the atrium) for a revealing look at poverty and economic justice through the lens of hunger. The Atlanta Community Food Bank will lead us through Hunger 101, a hands-on, interactive experience that is both enlightening and educational.

The NGUMW will also be packaging hygiene kits as an immediate advocacy response to the call for more support on behalf of families living in poverty.

Let us know that you will be joining us to fulfill the call to ministry with the poor by registering at: [Hunger 101 Workshop](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ngumw-and-persons-living-in-poverty-hunger-101-tickets-46134111369) or <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ngumw-and-persons-living-in-poverty-hunger-101-tickets-46134111369>



## MINISTRY WITH THE POOR

is one of the four areas of mission focus for the United Methodist Church.

## ECONOMIC INEQUALITY

is one of the four UMW Issue Priorities for 2016-2020.

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Find full Annual Conference information at [www.ngumc.org](http://www.ngumc.org).



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## IN THE ATLANTA COLLEGE PARK DISTRICT

In Luke 4:18 (*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed."*).

This scriptural verse serves both as a model and a mandate for Christian social action and advocacy. These words led us to choose the following priority issues for 2016-2020: criminalization of communities of color and mass incarceration, economic inequality, climate justice, and maternal and child health. Whether we vote or not affects all of these issues. Therefore, the social action coordinators of the Atlanta College Park District made a decision to become a partner with the Atlanta NAACP to register as many persons as possible (placing emphasis on voter registration for high school juniors and seniors). This project was started on April 24, 2018, when Lydia Arnold, our social action coordinator on the district level called for a meeting of the unit social action coordinators. To date, we have registered 104 persons by meeting each Tuesday for five hours in selected high schools within our district. Now, that school has closed, we will prepare to finish this project in October of 2018.

The following churches were represented by the elected social action coordinator of the United Methodist Women or a representative from the local unit: **Warren UMC** – Beverly Starks and Celestine Jones; **Cliftondale UMC** – Maryella Montgomery; **Bethel UMC** – Patricia Smith; **Cascade UMC** –Gloria Hardnet, Dot Boler, Daisy McDowell, and Lydia Arnold.

Our goal is to include the social action coordinator or a representative from each unit or church in the North Georgia Conference. You will be hearing from me very soon. I hope you will make every effort to attend the next meeting.



***Let us continue to work through Christian social action and advocacy to bring about a change.***

Submitted by: **Lydia T. Arnold**  
District Social Action Coordinator  
Atlanta College Park District

# Atlanta – Decatur – Oxford District United Methodist Women

Submitted by Iris Green  
Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford District UMW Communications Coordinator

***Our women are working to keep the mission fire continuously burning.***

We started out this year with a very meaningful President Breakfast in February. Our April Executive meeting was well attended.



ADOX ladies were ready to travel to Columbus Ohio on May 18, for the 2018 Assembly. Thursday May 17, was UBUNTU Day, where we were dispersed to various work areas. I was pleased to be with a group of about 12 women who worked at a Community Garden which was located in the Arlington area. We planted tomatoes and egg plants, this garden supply fresh food to refugees from the Middle East. ADOX ladies were ready to protest and stand in solidarity with others, on the steps of the Capital Building for, "A Living Wages For All."



On Friday the Assembly was officially opened. The keynote speaker was Leymah Gbowee, Nobel Peace Prize Winner. She spoke of her dreams being dashed by Civil war in her country, but she gained strength from other women in the same situation, but who had a much positive outlook at life. Her drive was Faith in God, her community- help young people realize their dream; Impact-no longer play church, Jesus Action person. The scripture focus was on Mary mother of Jesus. Excellent music, and dramas, heard from various groups with inspirational and Bold messages; excellent workshops and Town Hall meetings. I attended African American Assembly of Women where we heard about the formation and struggle of the Central Jurisdiction. Throughout the Assembly we heard of the cost of Bold, Bold Action of other women. We were encouraged to lift up one of the four priority of Social Justice in our units or circle, and to go with Bold Action and Bold Dreams.

## Be BOLD

"Taking Bold,  
Focused  
Action Creates  
Explosive Results."  
-John DiLemme



## Griffin executive team takes mission trip

Submitted by: **Alice Smith**, President  
Griffin District United Methodist Women



Griffin District Executive Team: Alice Smith, Tamika Dennis, Jennifer Johnson, Wilma Dennis, Khamoyne Carter, Cindy Jones, Polly Flannigan, Linda Brown, Ann Jones, Michelle Cole and Elaine Kirk

In early April the Griffin District United Methodist Women's executive team enjoyed a time of fellowship and ministry when we made a three-day trip to work in the United Methodist Disaster Response Warehouse in Decatur, AL.

The warehouse is operated by the North Alabama Conference of the UMC. It is one of seven warehouses utilized by the United Methodist Committee on Relief in its international relief work but the warehouse also operates a variety of ministries on its own.



United Methodist Women in North Georgia are probably most familiar with its Christmas Shoe Box ministry. Many of our units over the past several years have packed shoe boxes filled with toys and articles of clothing which are given to children in developing countries at Christmas by

United Methodist missionaries. The Christmas Shoe Box ministry originated with the warehouse but it is just one of the many components of its work. Relief supplies are stored there and then dispersed to affected communities when a disaster occurs. While the Griffin UMW group was there, for example, strong storms hit Decatur and Ray Crump, manager of the warehouse, and others were out the next day assessing damage and how the warehouse could help.

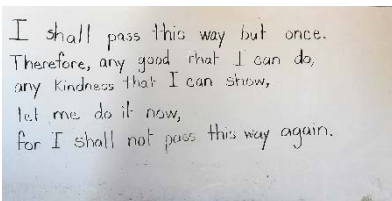


Our team worked assembling cleaning buckets and tornado buckets. The cleaning buckets have long been a staple of UMCOR outreach to help in clean-up after a disaster, particularly a water-related disaster. They contain such items as laundry detergent, household cleaner, sponges, a brush, disinfectant soap, gloves, trash bags and insect repellent.

While the cleaning buckets are great for water damage, an additional set of needs often exists after a tornado. Thus the warehouse volunteers invented the tornado bucket, which has nails, a hammer, a flashlight and safety glasses in addition to several different sizes of plastic bags, a roll of toilet paper and some feminine hygiene products.

The warehouse has a section for "community supplies," where people and agencies in the community can come and select what they need from the supplies that are there. Another warehouse ministry is providing "Angel Boxes" - baby caskets -- which are handmade in four sizes for parents whose infants have died and who do not have the resources to buy a casket.

Two international ministries include shipments of medical supplies and bed linens. In 2016, the warehouse worked with the CDC to provide bedding items to the countries in West Africa - primarily Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea - during a horrific outbreak of the Ebola virus. The virus is so contagious that bed linens had to be burned after they were used and the Decatur warehouse sent three shipments to help with the constant need for new bedding supplies.



The warehouse - which got its start in 2006 after Hurricane Katrina - is totally operated by volunteers, many of whom are retired. They are definitely a testimony to the fact there is no retirement from God's work!

Ray Crump, manager of the warehouse, said, "Our motto is, **'if it's in the warehouse, it's not doing anybody any good. Let's get it out where it will do some good.'**" Doesn't that sound like the Great Commission in Matthew 28: 18-20?

Those going on the trip included Ann Jones and Alice Smith from McDonough First UMC; Polly Flannigan from Griffin First; Wilma Dennis, Jennifer Johnson, Linda Brown, Tamika Dennis and Khamoyne Carter from Wesley Chapel; Cindy Jones from Wesley Way; and Michelle Cole and Elaine Kirk from New Hope, Clayton County.

# Augusta District United Methodist Women

## Day of Service at New Bethlehem Community Center

Submitted by: Jennifer Cheely



The ladies of the Augusta District had a day of service at New Bethlehem Community Center. There were many jobs done, chores completed, and fun had!

The executive director, Sheridan Glaze, open the day with prayer. Then she assigned us jobs to complete before lunch. There were ladies from several different units present.



As you can see in the pictures work was completed and fun was had by all. The center provided lunch for us all to Fellowship together.



This is the second year we have had a day of service at New Bethlehem Community Center recently.



## Seek Climate Justice thru Methane Emissions Reductions

I have a request. Many of you heard at Assembly that United Methodist Women launched a climate justice campaign urging Chevron to reduce methane and move towards renewable energy. To that end, United Methodist Women is currently collecting signatures for a letter asking new CEO of Chevron, Mike Wirth, to reduce methane emissions.

**Methane is 87 times more potent than carbon dioxide** and its toxic co-pollutants are leaked throughout the natural gas supply chain exacerbating global warming and creating health risks for many communities. The letter only takes 3 minutes to sign, it can be found here: [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/chevron](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/chevron)

Please sign the letter and share with others through email, announcements in your local unit and church, Facebook and other communications forums and media types.

Please don't wait, do this today, it's a simple click or type in the link.

Yours in service,  
**Jessica Godfrey**, Social Action Coordinator  
North Georgia Conference UMW



Please join United Methodist Women's climate justice work and sign the letter to tell Chevron's new CEO to reduce methane emissions that harm God's earth and people and waste God's resources. Go to [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/chevron](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/chevron) today!

**Methane is the second leading driver of global warming, yet companies like Chevron are doing little to reduce emissions.**

Join with United Methodist Women by [signing this letter today urging](#) Chevron's new CEO Michael Wirth to #CutMethane <https://bit.ly/2IxNgim>.

### Why should you sign?

Natural gas has been marketed as the clean energy alternative, but it leaks methane and toxic pollutants throughout the supply chain. Methane emissions harm God's creation and our earth, hurt the health of people and communities, and waste God's resources.

### **Methane and its Toxic Pollutants:**

- **Sicken God's Earth:** Methane, the primary component of natural gas, is 87 times more potent than carbon dioxide in trapping heat over a 20-year time frame.
- **Sicken God's People:** Toxins, which leak alongside methane, jeopardize more than 15 million people living near these emissions leaked by oil and gas companies. The toxins—including volatile organic compounds (VOCs), particulate matter and radon—can cause respiratory diseases, asthma attacks, adverse birth outcomes, heart attacks, increased hospitalizations, reproductive problems, blood disorders, neurological problems, cancer, and contribute to climate change, which further impacts health.
- **Waste God's Resources:** Natural gas leaks exist at a higher rate than previously calculated through the supply chain, from extraction to end-user consumption. Globally, oil and gas companies leak and vent an estimated \$30 billion of methane per year into the atmosphere.

### Why Chevron?

**Chevron Corporation** is the second biggest emitter of carbon dioxide in the world since 1880. It is one of the largest global producers of natural gas globally, and its production is still increasing. While many major oil and gas companies have been taken proactive measures to reduce methane, Chevron has not done so. Investors are pushing Chevron to clean up its act. On May 30<sup>th</sup> Chevron's investors will vote on a [shareholder resolution](#) to hold the company accountable for more transparency on reporting methane emissions and climate risks.

**Tell Chevron's new CEO Michael Wirth** that he has an opportunity to change the company's approach to climate and demonstrate it can play a constructive role in building climate solutions by proactively reducing its methane waste.

Learn more at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/chevron>. Thank you for signing today!

Grace and Peace,  
**Elizabeth C. H. Lee**  
Executive, Economic and Environmental Justice  
United Methodist Women





At “**The Power of Bold**” United Methodist Women Assembly we were filled with the faith, hope and love that moves women to action. The focus was especially on women, children and youth—groups often left behind.

The opportunity to learn more about our four social justice priorities was also presented. More than 3,000 attendees supported the Rally around Economic Equality and Living Wages for All. We attended Community Gatherings with deep spiritual journeys and cutting-edge speakers who inspired and offered tools to mobilize and activate. Engaging and learning from one another in interactive workshops was very fulfilling. We connected with experts in the Ubuntu Networking Library to help shape our action plans. Discovered how to mobilize for change at the action tables in our social justice immersion exhibits. Enjoyed the leaders that participated in the **BOLD** Talks. A great opportunity to encounter women from all generations to understand what they seek and what motivates them to action. We left knowing how to create a community culture where all women feel fully welcomed, valued and empowered to unite for bold and courageous action.



Prayer, preparation and participation was quite evident for the event held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio!

## Exciting and Inspiring Speakers



Pictured top to bottom/ left to right:

Michelle Alexander (Author, “The New Jim Crow”); Katharine Hayhoe (Climate Scientist, Nat GEO TV Host); Tamika Mallory and Linda Sarsour (Women’s Rights Activists); Marian Wright Edelman (Children’s Defense Fund); Leymah Gbowee (Nobel Peace Prize Recipient); Hannah Adair Bonner (Activist/Film Maker) and Harriett Jane Olson (CEO/General Secretary United Methodist Women)

Submitted by: Linda Brown, Communications Coordinator  
North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women

## North Georgia Conference UMW Calendar 2018-2019

Event	2018	Location	2019
Program/CON/Executive	Jan 13	Cascade UMC Atlanta GA	Jan 12
Finance/ E & I	Feb 3	Elizabeth Lee UMC Chickamauga GA	Feb 2
Faith, Fun, Everyone	Mar 10	Bethany UMC Marietta GA	N/A
Program/CON Executive	Apr 14	Rome 1 <sup>st</sup> UMC Rome GA	April 13
Spiritual Growth Event/Social Action	N/A	N/A	May 3 - 4
The Assembly	May 18-20	Columbus OH	N/A
NGC Annual Conference UMW Breakfast	Jun 12-14 Jun 13	Classic Center Athens GA	Jun
CON/ Program Executive	Jul 14	Clark Atlanta University (tbc) Atlanta GA	Jul 13
Mission u	Jul 27-28	GA Baptist Conf. Ctr. Toccoa, GA	Jul
Annual Meeting	Oct 6	Rome 1 <sup>st</sup> UMC Rome GA	Oct 5
Program Committee	Oct 19	Teleconference	Oct 18
Leadership Development/ Executive Meeting	Nov. 3	Johns Creek UMC Johns Creek GA	Nov 2
<b>District President's Annual Reports</b>	Aug. 1		Aug 1
<b>2019 District Officers &amp; Dates</b>	Nov. 1		Nov 1



It is our great pleasure to invite you to Mission u 2018. Mission u will be held at the Georgia Baptist Conference Center in Toccoa, Georgia. The dates are July 26-28, 2018.

We are encouraging you to register early. There is a Mission u registration form **included in this publication**, if you prefer to complete a manual form. You can also register and pay online at [www.ngumw.org](http://www.ngumw.org) or by clicking on this link: <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/334233>

Come and share this time of prayer, study, and fellowship with others from around the conference. This event is especially designed for all United Methodist – men, women, youth, and children – who want to deepen their understanding and passion for missions.

We are asking for your prayers for the Mission u planning team as we get everything ready for you. Pray for the study leaders and enlightening Mission u studies they've prepared for you.

If you have questions, please contact Gloria Dixon at [missionu.registrar@outlook.com](mailto:missionu.registrar@outlook.com) or 770-871-5685.

We look forward to seeing you at Mission u.

Peace and Blessings,

Gloria Dixon, Mission u Registrar  
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Please share this newsletter with others in your unit or church.