

**North Georgia  
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Methodist Women**

# The Reflector

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### Thank You God for the Sisterhood of Grace

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*Tryphenia Speed*  
NGUMW Conference President

I am pleased to share with you a joyful occasion I experienced this summer. Over the past few years, we have had several conversations about getting the former North Georgia Conference Presidents together. Well on Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>, it happened! I would like to thank Tonya Murphy (2005 - 2008) for her persistence in making this happen. An interesting thing about the timing of the gathering is some of us had just celebrated a birthday. In addition to celebrating United Methodist Women's 150 years in Mission, we celebrated birthdays and membership in United Methodist Women totaling more than 150 years.

We met at the home of Shantilata (Shan) Yohan (1993 - 1996). There were many wonderful stories shared. I felt like a child listening to them talk of their experiences, some of which I could remember as I am not a youngster on this journey. These ladies served as presidents from 1993 - 2016. This was an exciting time for me as the current president. I was able to hear from these awesome women who shared their passion and commitment to United Methodist Women; women who know God; women who have been a part of the supportive community of the North Georgia membership and the National Organization; women who have participated in the global ministries of the church through their leadership and service. This is a true example of the 2019 theme "Sisterhood of Grace".

Other presidents are Judie Wendt (1997 - 2000), Louise Young (2001 - 2004), Deloris Carhee (2009 - 2012) and Sue Raymond (2013 - 2016). When you see these ladies, say thank you for their leadership and service as we all continue this journey.



*Past NGUMW Presidents*  
(Photo courtesy of Tryphenia Speed)

In April 2020, the Southeastern Jurisdiction (SEJ) will meet in Mobile, Alabama. This will be the time to celebrate our Jurisdiction. You will find more information in this edition of The Reflector on registration. The SEJ will publish a cookbook which will be sold, and the proceeds donated to the Legacy Fund Campaign. Each Conference has been asked to submit 20-25 recipes for the book. I know the North Georgia United Methodist Women have many great cooks and there are probably some recipes that have been passed down from previous generations. Please submit the recipes to me before **November 30, 2019**. Include your name, church, district, your contact information and if there is any special information about the recipe i.e., given to you by another United Methodist Women member, etc. Please send to me via email ([spee2422@bellsouth.net](mailto:spee2422@bellsouth.net)) or mail to T. Speed, 4412 Wesleyan Pointe, Decatur GA 30034. Thanks to all who will participate in this example of the "Sisterhood of Grace".

See you soon!

*Tryphenia*

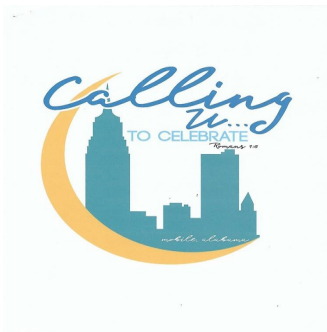


## North Georgia Conference UMW Upcoming Events



I hope everyone has been enjoying the slightly cooler weather we have been having and that you had a wonderful, restful summer. I've been busy this summer making sure we have a wonderful Conference Annual Meeting and 150th birthday celebration. Conference Annual Meeting will be held at Dunwoody United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 5, 2019. We will have a wonderful meeting with special music, a celebration of our North Georgia Conference and National history and recognition of our past North Georgia Conference Presidents. Registration is available online and by mail. Look for the registration elsewhere in this newsletter. The deadline to register is September 21st. I can't wait to celebrate with you!

Please also save the date for Conference Leadership Development Day at Sandy Springs United Methodist Church on Saturday, November 2, 2019. We will be changing this up this year by offering District officer training only. Registration will be available soon and will be done through your District President. We will not be charging for this event and will have everyone out by 12pm.



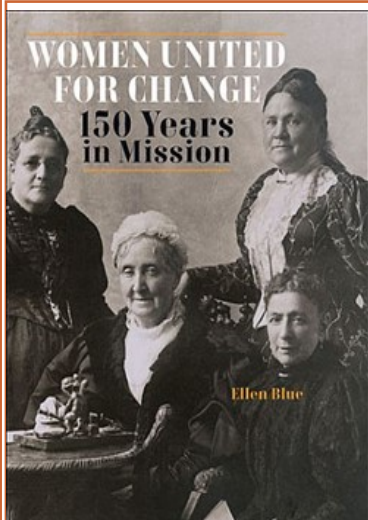
Also, a date to save for 2020 is the Southeastern Jurisdiction Meeting, April 17-19, 2020 in Mobile, Alabama. Registration is now open and there are some great workshops available. Please plan to attend. We would love to have an awesome North Georgia turn-out for this meeting. Additional information is located elsewhere in this newsletter.

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

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Stephanie Dressler, Vice President  
North Georgia Conference UMW



How inspired I am after Mission U! Women United for Change 150 Years in Mission! I love studying history. What has happened before us has shaped who we are. How systems came to be help us understand why we do things the way we do. And knowing history helps us not repeat mistakes.

The vision of the original seven women to send a female teacher and a female doctor to the women of India was revolutionary! These women provided services for women in India that the missionaries sent from the church could not.

A key piece of the work that these women started was that they did it with their own money. This precedence continues today as we collect our own money and keep it separate from the local church funds. In this way, we can address issues important to us, to women, and to children. There is much work left to do. We cannot stop now.

Study our history. Become inspired. Be Bold.

***L. Susan Stroup***

North Georgia Conference UMW Treasurer  
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L. Susan Stroup, Treasurer  
 North Georgia Conference UMW



Join the movement that's transforming local communities one child at a time.

Thursday, October 17, 2019

8:00am to 9:00am

Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center  
 2800 Cobb Galleria PKWY  
 Atlanta, GA 30339

For more information, contact Brooke Cowen, Director of Foundation Relations, at [bcowen@actionministries.net](mailto:bcowen@actionministries.net) or (678) 983-9002.

**[Share the Mission and Invite Your Friends](#)**

## Greetings From Your Spiritual Growth Coordinator!

*"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: if either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."*

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NIV**

**What a joy it is to be a part of our Sisterhood of Grace in United Methodist Women!**



Carolyn Lee Wilson



It is such a wonderful feeling to know that we are surrounded and supported by our sisters in Christ who are committed to serving God and serving others through the work of United Methodist Women in our local communities and all around the world! Today I want to thank God for each one of you who work so faithfully and so diligently in your local units of United Methodist Women as you carry out our purpose.

Remember that you are a special part of a great cloud of witnesses. Your story is just as important to fulfilling God's call as those sisters who came before us. God has worked through each woman in the history of United Methodist Women, and He will continue to work through each one of us as we seek to serve Him in our organization.

Peace and blessings to you as you continue in this journey with Christ.

May God bless you every day.

**Carolyn Lee Wilson**

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women

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### BROWN BAG LUNCH AND LEARN MISSION STUDY AT MOUNTAIN PARK UMC



The Mountain Park United Methodist Women would like to invite everyone to a mission study titled **"What About Our Money"**. It will be held in the Mountain Park UMC Family Life Center on Saturday, September 14 during the hours of 9am-1pm. A continental breakfast and registration will begin at 8:30. Everyone is asked to bring a Brown Bag Lunch and the UMW will supply drinks and desserts.

Rev. Dr. Varlyna Wright will be the facilitator for the study. We will discuss aspects of how money is handled personally and within the church environment. Please participate in an event that will be both enjoyable and informative.

Please call Mountain Park UMC at 770 921-8512 to register or go to the following link to register. Please register before Friday, September 13 so we will know how many to prepare for this event.

<http://bit.ly/UMWLunchLearn>

## Dear Fellow School to Prison Interrupters:

In an effort to prevent what's known as "summer slide", **North Georgia Project Transformation (NGPT)** operated a camp at two United Methodist church sites over the summer. I volunteered at Stone Mountain First UMC. My volunteering

afforded me an excellent opportunity to meet and read with several boys and girls who are entering grades 1-6. What a joy it was to feel the excitement from the kids and see their eager faces as they prepared to show me what they could do. Some needed a little coaching but mostly, they blew me away! NGPT boasts, "100% of our camp kids maintained or improved their reading this summer!" It was such a blessing for me to have been a part of this achievement. When reading skills improve, a child's self esteem and confidence are also raised. Self-esteem and confidence is proven to help kids make better decisions and life choices, which may lead to disrupting the cycle of negative behavior. To find out more about NGPT click here <https://projecttransformation.org/north-georgia/>



**Jessica Godfrey**

I would love to hear your stories, what did you do or what are you doing to become interrupters? We can all do some thing... we can all do at least one thing.

*"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to **do justice**, and to **love kindness**, and to **walk humbly** with your God?" (Micah 6:8)*

Peace and love,

**Jessica Godfrey**, Social Action Coordinator  
North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women  
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This year's Mission u was a truly unique and unforgettable experience. The event, held at Fayetteville First United Methodist Church, transformed all in attendance through study, Christian fellowship, and worship.

Our theme this year was Radical Discipleship: Then and Now. Inspired by our foremother's mission to India over a century and a half ago to address the injustices placed on women and girls. Mission u participants were tasked with the same ideology to see, believe, and be present in order to help those in need today. We had three studies for 2019, *Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship*, *Women United for Change: 150 years in Mission*, and *What About Our Money? A Faith Response*. Our study leaders are amazing and travel every year for training and bring these awesome studies and deliver them with excellence to all of us at Mission u.

The two-day event started out with praise and worship, and allowed us to spend time catching up with our friends from other churches and districts that we haven't seen in a while, and share time together. On Friday evening we took a trip down memory lane with 23 United Methodist Women who traveled to the Red Bird Missionary Institution in Beverly, KY. We viewed pictures and shared stories of our adventures doing what we could to assist the community; painting homes, cleaning up the school, participating in arts & crafts with the children, and celebrating how we we're truly blessed to be a blessing. The group also learned what sisterhood is really about with 23 of us all in the same cabin together for a week. Our downtime was spent sharing devotionals, food, laughter, and just having real family time together. We also had a dynamic trio from, Holy Disruption, a cohort of young women leaders, share what they are doing in our communities, meeting with other women, sharing and studying the book *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools* by Monique Morris. The book will be implemented as part of Mission u's curriculum next year.

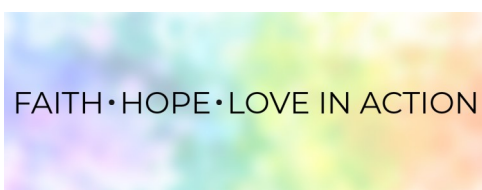
We all have a mission story. Lessons shared at Mission u will carry us through as we continue to honor our foremother's legacy by disrupting and acting on injustices pushed on women, children, youth, and men in our communities.

Submitted by:

**Janice M. Walker**, Education and Interpretation Coordinator  
North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women  
Education and Interpretation Coordinator



Janice Walker, E & I Coordinator  
North Georgia Conference UMW





Vanessa Warner, Chair  
Committee on Nominations

## CONFERENCE NOMINEES FOR 2020

to be voted on at

**Annual Meeting - October 5, 2019**

**DUNWOODY FIRST UMC**

### FIRST TWO-YEAR TERM

**Committee on Nominations**  
**Bernadette Hartfield - ACPK**

### SECOND TWO -YEAR TERM

**Vice-President**  
**Stephanie Dressler - AROS**

**Treasurer**  
**L. Susan Stroup - ROCA**

**Social Action**  
**Jessica Godfrey - ACPK**

**Education & Interpretation**  
**Janice Walker - ADOX**

**Membership, Nurture and Outreach**  
**Nadine Lacy – AMAR**

### UMW National Board of Directors Nominees

**Deloris Carhee**  
**Haejin Ban**  
**Alternate - Cindi Hicks**

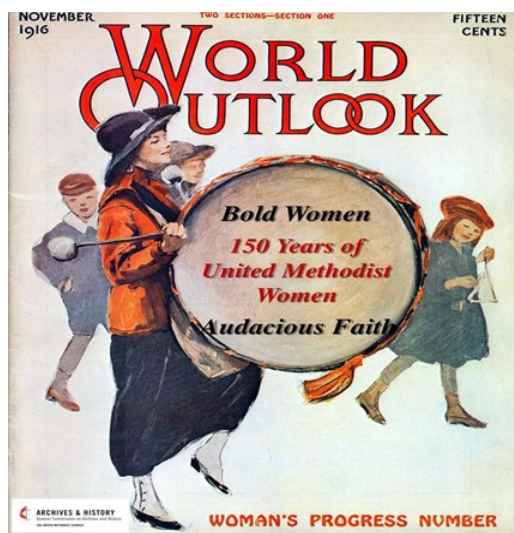
### UMW National Program Advisory Group Nominees

**Bobby Solomon**  
**Ariel Murphy**  
**Kathy Cook**  
**Alternate - Celestine Jones**

The North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women Committee on Nominations submits the above named individuals to fill vacant slots on the Conference Leadership Team for the year beginning 2020. This slate of nominees is to be elected by the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women at the Annual Meeting on October 5, 2019.

The National Board of Directors and Program Advisory Group Nominees will be recommended to the South-eastern Jurisdiction Committee on Nominations in April 2020 in Mobile, AL.

## North Georgia United Methodist Women History Quiz



**Are you smarter than the average North Georgia United Methodist Women's member?**

1. At the time of the 1971 merger of the Georgia Conference (Central Jurisdiction) and the North Georgia Conference (Southeastern Jurisdiction) to form a new North Georgia Conference Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, who were the conference presidents?
2. Following the merger, what was the new name and new purpose of the new organization?
3. When and where was the first annual meeting held of the North Georgia Conference of United Methodist Women?
4. Who was the first president of the North Georgia Conference of United Methodist Women?
5. How long has the North Georgia United Methodist Women been in mission, including all predecessor organizations?

*(\*\*Check out your answers on page 10 of this publication\*\*)*

I encourage all United Methodist Women to become more informed on the history of the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women.

**Eloise Sykes**, Conference Historian  
North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women



Eloise Sykes, Conference Historian  
North Georgia UMW

## Why Leave a Legacy?

I work with children at Zoar UMC and through Mission u. I am seeing a generation of young girls who are going to need United Methodist Women and its PURPOSE as much as I have. I would like to help ensure that they will have a strong organization that will help them grow in faith, become the whole persons they are called to be, be part of a supportive community and encourage their commitment to social action. United Methodist Women has helped me in those areas, and I would like to help make sure that future generations have those same benefits available. I remember the first time I was asked to speak outside my local unit. I was invited to talk to a unit meeting at Covington First UMW about what the PURPOSE meant to me. I was so nervous I didn't sleep the night before and was a nervous wreck as I stood up to speak. But UMW truly is a supportive community and those ladies were so hospitable and gracious. I can't believe that I now look forward to speaking to groups and attribute that change in my attitude to my involvement in United Methodist Women!

I recently had the privilege of hosting Christi Campos, Executive for Development and Donor Relations, at my home. Christi was coming to North Georgia, to visit in the homes of ladies who had expressed an interest in the Legacy Fund, and I had a great time showing her around the state and hearing what UMW had meant in the lives of these women. It was obvious we could not make it to see everyone so I asked if we could have a gathering at my house. A tea was an opportunity to get together with a group of ladies who shared my passion for United Methodist Women. There were a couple ladies I invited who were going to be out of town, but everyone who was able accepted the invitation. It was really a time of fun and fellowship and everyone who attended has shared with me how much they learned. When something has been as transformative in your life as United Methodist Women, you love talking about it and sharing it with others.

A wise former North Georgia UMW President, President of the SEJ Core Planning Group, UMW National Director and lawyer, Doris Paul, used to do financial workshops for our conference. At one work shop I remember her saying, "If your heirs can't get by on 90% of your estate, they can't get by on 100%." My husband and I grew into tithing. We did not even realize that we were tithing until we did our income taxes one year. It has become a way of life for us and we want our estate to reflect the importance that ministry has had in our lives. My portion of our estate tithe will support the ministry that has helped me be the whole person that I think Christ has called me to be as a woman of faith, United Methodist Women. The Legacy Fund is the method that I am using to make this planned gift.

Each one of us has to make up our own mind how we will support UMW. We can support its ministries through out local unit pledge, through the channels of giving and now through our gifts to the Legacy Fund. I hope that generations of young women will experience the opportunities for growth and service that we who have been part of this 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration have experienced!



Submitted by:

**Sue Raymond**, Parliamentarian  
North Georgia Conference United Methodist  
Women



Sue Raymond, Parliamentarian

## how you can help



**We need some extra supplies for the UMCOR kits.**

Needed to complete UMCOR kits at Impact:

### Hygiene Kits

- ♦ Toenail or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or metal nail files)
- ♦ Adhesive bandages (¾ by 3 inches)
- ♦ Common household bandages acceptable

### School Kits

- ♦ Hand-held pencil sharpener (1-inch or longer - remove from packaging)
- ♦ Two-gallon re-sealable plastic bags

### Cleaning Buckets

- ♦ One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener (three solid, or three gel fresheners also acceptable)
- ♦ One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)
- ♦ Pump spray bottles must have protective covers



You can bring these supplies to the United Methodist Women Annual Meeting on October 5, 2019 at Dunwoody United Methodist Church.

## Check your answers!

**Are you smarter than the average UMW member??**



1. Mrs. Linda Belle McCommons, North Georgia Conference  
Mrs. Ester P. Shopshire, Georgia Conference
2. Name: North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women  
New Purpose:  
*"The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."*
3. In 1973 at Trinity-on-the Hill United Methodist Church in Augusta, Georgia.
4. Mrs. Maude Sneed
5. 141 years - The first organizational meeting of North Georgia Conference, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in 1878.

## News From Around the Conference.....



### ADOX DISTRICT UBUNTU DAY

UBUNTU DAY will be held at Impact, The Warehouse on November 9, 2019

Time: 1 to 3 PM.

The address is: 2323 Sylvan Rd., Atlanta, GA. 30344.

We will be working as a team inspecting different types of kits to make sure they are assembled as directed.

Dress comfortably.

*Iris Green*

**ADOX Communications Coordinator**



### Rome/Carrollton District

The Rome First United Methodist Women met the morning of August 24, 2019 for their General Meeting/ Coffee. The speaker for the meeting was Judge Billy Sparks of the Rome-Floyd County Drug Court. This accountability court was started by now retired Judge Tami Colston in 2017. The drug court is an 18 month program aimed at helping a person with a drug conviction break the cycle of repeated drug convictions and jail time. They will be drug free, have a stable job and have the tools they need to turn their lives around. The person has to be chosen by the Drug Court Team and voluntarily go into the program. They must be nonviolent, not a gang member, not a drug dealer or sex offender. They usually have 3-5 years left of their sentence, but can voluntarily extend their probation time to finish the program. There are 24 people now participating in the 5 phases of the Drug Court program. The person must stay off drugs, have random drug testing, have a curfew, attend group therapy 2x/week and individual therapy, attend AA meetings 2x/week, peer review 2x/month, court every week to meet with the Drug Court team, perform community service, get a job by the beginning of phase 2 and pay \$25/week fee. The surveillance team monitors them at home, work and play. There are rewards for meeting goals, but also sanctions for failing a drug test, being late for court or work, etc. Drug Court is a way to keep nonviolent offenders out of jail----- maybe one solution to interrupt the school to prison pipeline.

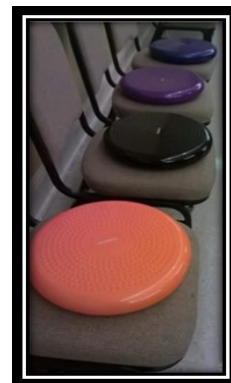


President of Rome First UMW Cindy Shelton (left); member Beth Farquhar (right)

The mission project for the General Meeting was to bring money to purchase Wimbledon Cushions for the children at Anna K. Davies Elementary School. These cushions were designed for children with autism so they can sit and focus in class while moving on the "wobble" cushion.

Submitted by:

***Candice Taylor***, Communications Coordinator  
Rome/Carrollton District



Wobble cushions donated



The Atlanta Emory District United Methodist Women held a Social Action event Saturday, August 24, 2019 at Grayson UMC. The Grayson folks did an outstanding job hosting about thirty-five women from twelve different churches in two districts.

Vicki Tyler with NETT Church Works, a 501(c)3 non-profit affiliated with The NETT Church, gave an excellent presentation about the exciting plans in the works for the former John Wesley UMC campus. That site is now the "Network Campus," and in partnership with HomeFirst Gwinnett, an initiative of Gwinnett County, United Way, and Primerica, they will soon be opening the *only* emergency shelter space in Gwinnett County for women and children experiencing homelessness. At this shelter, Gwinnett County will have an assessment center with coordinated entry to all of the services available to help people get back on their feet, including an on-site health clinic and job training programs. This coordinated entry will be a game-changer for people experiencing poverty and homelessness because they will no longer have to go from one non-profit to a government department to a faith-based organization to get different kinds of help: a case manager on site will help ensure each person gets the services and help needed.

Another partnership they're developing at Network Campus is with Proskuneo School of the Arts, an arts-based afterschool program for children. To help with that program getting off the ground, the Atlanta Emory District United Methodist Women collected school and art supplies for the children they'll be serving. You can see in our photo how much we collected. As always, United Methodist Women know how to come together to do something good for women and children!

The purpose of Network Campus is "building community through connection," and they plan to "address the challenges associated with poverty and homelessness" with the ultimate goal of "strengthening the emotional, social, and spiritual vitality" of the Norcross community within a distance of 2.5 miles of the site. Project 2.5 is inspired by Jesus' miracle of using 2 fish and 5 loaves to feed thousands, and the initial plans include creating shared-use spaces and community event space, turning an empty field into a large recreational / green space to be used by the shelter residents and community organizations focused on at-risk children, and providing laundry and shower facilities for area homeless, in addition to the shelter.



Atlanta Emory United Methodist Women is excited to support Network Campus in their efforts, and our members hope their model of strategic partnerships will truly make a difference in the lives of Gwinnett people experiencing poverty and homelessness.

Submitted by:

*Judy Campbell*

Photo courtesy of Judy Campbell

# BREAK THE CHAINS of HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## GRIFFIN DISTRICT UMW Human Trafficking: it's massive and it's everywhere

Submitted by:

**Alice Smith, President**

**Griffin District United Methodist Women**

Probably we all know that human trafficking is an enormous problem, but that stark point loomed large once again at the Griffin District United Methodist Women's human trafficking awareness and action event Aug. 17 at Wesley Chapel UMC.

Our speakers, Maja Hasic from Tapestry located in Tucker, and Sabrina Crawford, founder of Gigi's House in Jonesboro, work with two very different groups of trafficked victims. Maja's clientele is the immigrant and refugee community and Sabrina's is teenage victims of sex trafficking from communities right here in Georgia.

"Anyone can be a potential victim of human trafficking," Hasic said. "In the U.S., trafficked individuals come from all over the world, especially from economically depressed countries."

Said Crawford: "It [sex trafficking] is happening in our communities to our kids. ... We have a 10-bedroom home. We have 10 girls at this time and we turn away girls every day." Plans are underway for an expansion of Gigi's House so that more teenagers can be helped.



Guest speakers were Maya Hasic, left, from Tapestry and Sabrina Crawford from Gigi's House.

The Griffin District event was well-attended, with 150 participants, including 16 youth. Some 150 10-dollar gift cards to Walmart and Target were donated to aid recovering victims at Tapestry, Gigi's House and the Salvation Army' Haven Atlanta. All three organizations expressed gratitude for the gift cards that will greatly benefit those with whom they work. In addition, participants received copies of the state-mandated posters listing trafficking hotline numbers and were asked to help get them displayed in businesses in their communities.



This photo taken from above shows many of the participants at the human trafficking awareness event (left photo). The youth delegation from Locust Grove includes: first row, from left: Summer Hatcher, Allison Cook, Jordan Cotten, Katelyn Polk, Autumn Davis and Danielle Murphy; second row, Erin Hogberg, Jenifer Polk, children's director, and Dana Murphy, youth director (right photo)



Rev. Bert Neal, Pastor  
Wesley Chapel UMC

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Women provided superb hospitality for the day, planned an inspiring worship service that included hymns, special music and dance in addition to the speakers, and served an abundant and delicious breakfast. Wesley Chapel pastor, the Rev. Bert Neal, closed the day with a blessing of the gift cards and posters and some remarks about how we as followers of Christ must be willing to assist traumatized victims as they seek healing and wholeness.

Crawford founded Gigi's House for girls aged 13-19 after she became aware of the enormity of teenage trafficking right in our own backyards. Fourteen is the average age of a minor sex trafficking victim, and 12 the average age of entry into this lifestyle. Most of these teens come from an abusive home life, and many have a history with the child welfare system.



Youth from Wesley Chapel UMC are, from left, Ashati Gray, Zaiya Holcombe and Khamoyne Carter

(continuation from page 14—Griffin District)

Often they are sold into trafficking by one of their parents or a boyfriend. Just as often they are runaways lured into sex trafficking by manipulative predators who prey upon their insecurities and vulnerabilities and promise them a bright new world and future.

"These traffickers are so smart to know what to say," Crawford said. "They [the girls] are looking for love. They are just looking for it in the wrong places."

Gigi's House is a faith-based program which "I really believe is God's ministry," said Crawford, a member of Community Bible Church in Stockbridge. "Pray for us," she said. "Pray for the girls' lives to be transformed; pray for my team who works with them; and pray for the traffickers."

The home is staffed 24/7 and residents are constantly checked on. In addition to round-the-clock supervision, the teens receive counseling from licensed therapists, medical care, home schooling, mentoring and other help.

In addition to praying for the ministry, there are other helping opportunities, such as mentoring, tutoring, administrative aid and donations of money and gently-used items to a newly-opened retail store.. The home's expenses run about \$60,000 per month. and only about three-fourths of this comes from DFCS, which places the girls at Gigi's House when they become wards of the state.

Tapestri works with men and boys, in addition to women, who are victims of sex trafficking, domestic violence or labor trafficking. While sex trafficking seems to receive a higher-profile, there are many labor victims who come to the U.S. expecting a better life only to find them themselves in involuntary servitude in a modern-day form of slavery. These workers are often found in restaurants, hotels and in agricultural settings.

In a workshop, Hasic discussed the posters listing numbers trafficking victims can call for help, which were mandated by Georgia state law in 2013. These posters are required to be displayed in such settings as adult entertainment establishments, bars, airports, bus and rail stations, truck stops, emergency rooms, urgent care centers, farm labor contractors, privately operated job recruitment centers, safety rest areas along the interstates, and hotels.

Each church present at the human trafficking event was given posters and asked to assist in getting them displayed in strategic locations. When approaching a business, Hasic said, ask to speak to the supervisor; make them aware, if they don't already know, of the human trafficking hotline, and ask them to display the poster. Failure to comply can result in a misdemeanor conviction and a fine.

Hotels and health care providers are important places to have these signs posted, since a survey in 2017 indicated that 75 percent of survivors said they had come into contact with hotels and 69 percent into contact with health care professionals at some point in their victimization.

Some victims gather enough courage to escape their captivity on their own and will make their way to a house of worship, Hasic said.

"You really are in a position to help", she said.

#### For more information:

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Tapestri  
Maja Hasic, Human Trafficking Program Director  
404-474-0048  
maja@tapestri.org    www.tapestri.org

National Human Trafficking Hotline  
1-888-373-7888  
www.acf.hhs.gov/endtrafficking

Georgia Hotline for Domestic Minor Trafficking  
1-844-842-3678



North Georgia  
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47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting



October 5, 2019

9:30am – 2:00pm

Dunwoody UMC

1548 Mt. Vernon Rd.

Dunwoody, GA

30338

Register On-line: <https://www.stoudes.com/umw2019annualmeetingoct5th> or complete & mail this paper form with check.

Name: PLEASE PRINT	
Phone	Email
Church	District
Emergency Contact: LIST NAME & PHONE	
Check Age Group: Teen[ ] 20's[ ] 30's[ ] 40's[ ] 50's[ ] 60's[ ] 70's[ ] 80+[ ]	
First time attending UMW Annual Meeting? [ ]Yes No[ ]	
Will you need free ***childcare***? [ ]Yes No[ ]	
Special Needs/Limitations: HEARING ASSISTANCE   MOBILITY   OTHER	

[ ] \$20.00 MEETING & LUNCHEON, prior to September 21, 2019

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS? [ ]GLUTEN FREE [ ]DIABETIC

[ ]OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] \$10.00 Meeting Only, prior to September 21, 2019

[ ] Guest of Conference (CONFERENCE TEAM, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS, PRESENTERS, ETC.)

September 21, 2019 or later: Meeting Only-No Lunch \$15 [ ]

Make checks payable to NGC UMW

Registrar M Emerson

1045 Chatham Rd

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Registration deadline is

September 21, 2019.

No Lunch Available for Late  
Registrations Made or Post-Marked  
on or after 9/21/19

Translation: \$15 at the door the day of  
the event does NOT include lunch or  
informational packets

No Refunds, Substitutions OK

*check*

**Annual Meeting Agenda:**

8:15am – 9:15am	Registration
9:30am – 12:00pm	Worship Service & Business Meeting
12:00pm – 2:00pm	Awards Luncheon

**\*\*\*Childcare is Free!\*\*\***

Deadline to reserve is 9/21/19.

**Bring a sack a lunch for each child.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions / Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

# History & Legacy



**1869:** 8 women

**Today:** 800,000 members

United Methodist Women inherits the vision and toil of women's missionary societies of eight denominations since 1869. Its 150-year legacy started when the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society first organized in Boston in response to a lack of women's health in India.

Women in the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren traditions organized about the same time in history (1869-1893) when women and children were legally classified as "chattel, legally dead, non-persons." There was little service to women because of prejudice and limitations of cultural attitudes in the church and in society.

**Living the Legacy: A Historical Timeline**, depicts the continuing journey of women in mission from 1869-2002.

In 1869, Mrs. William Butler and Mrs. Edwin Parker, wives of missionaries to India, were home on furlough. They spoke to a group of eight women in Boston. Mrs. Butler told about the desperate spiritual and physical needs of women in India. A male doctor could not treat women. Schooling for girls was almost non-existent. Single, trained and dedicated women were needed for medical and educational work.

The women who were present called another meeting of women, wrote a constitution, and organized the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (WFMS). By November 1869, the newly formed organization raised funds and sent Isabella Thoburn, an educator, and Dr. Clara Swain, a doctor, to India.

Ms. Thoburn began a school with six young girls in Lucknow. This school expanded to include Isabella Thoburn College, the first women's college in Asia. Dr. Swain began her medical work, resulting in the establishment of the first women's hospital in Asia. Both of these institutions are still serving the people of India.

In 1875, Lizzie Hoffman was instrumental in forming the Woman's Missionary Association of the United Brethren Church. After spending one night praying, she was convinced that the women of the church should be organized for special mission work. Sierra Leone, in Africa, was the first country to which missionaries were sent.

Strong Woman's Home Missionary Societies were founded in 1880 (Methodist Episcopal Church) and 1890 (Methodist Episcopal Church, South).

In 1879, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church was founded; and in 1884, the Woman's Missionary Society was organized in the Evangelical Association. These groups became powerful, independent women's organizations, sending hundreds of missionaries all over the world and supporting many projects.

The Ladies Aid Societies, which had existed for many years, were incorporated into the missionary societies in the 1940s. Through reorganization and denominational mergers, these various groups were brought together. In 1973, United Methodist Women became the women's mission organization of The United Methodist Church.

The United Methodist Church General Conference 2012 voted to make United Methodist Women's national policymaking body autonomous. The transition began Oct. 1, 2012. Harriett Jane Olson in her chief executive report at the organization's annual meeting in New York City, October 2013 reported, "Our work is not just about service, it's about worship, it's about standing up, stepping up making our voices heard," she said. "We try to help governments see the world the way we see the world be-





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## ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE:

Website <http://www.umwsej.org/registration>



## PURPOSE

OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.



## Calling u... To Celebrate

### Southeastern Jurisdiction United Methodist Women Quadrennial

### April 17 – 19, 2020 - Mobile, Alabama



**ONLINE REGISTRATION:** Website: <http://www.umwsej.org/registration>

**LOCATION OF SEJ EVENT:** Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel - 64 South Water Street, Mobile, Alabama. Phone direct to the hotel: 251-438-4000 or the 800 number: 1-800-922-3298 (A block of rooms has been reserved until March 15, 2020.)

**COST OF ROOMS:** \$129 plus tax per room Friday through Saturday night. When making reservations to receive this special rate you must mention **Southeastern Jurisdiction United Methodist Women**.

**REGISTRATION:** Early Bird Registration **cost** is: \$185 per person - deadline for early bird registration is December 1, 2019. After Dec. 1, 2019 will be: \$210. After March 2 there is a late fee of \$25 for a total of \$235. Registration closes March 15, 2020. Registration refund: 50% up to March 15, 2020. NO REFUNDS after March 15, 2019

**CHECK IN:** 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the lobby of the hotel on Friday, April 17, 2020. Persons arriving after 6:00 p.m. on Friday should make prior arrangements with Registrar, Gertrude Stewart. Registration will continue on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.

**MISSION EVENT:** Ubuntu Day will be a workday at Dumas Wesley Community Center Departing from the hotel at 9:30 a.m. on Friday - returning to the hotel about 2:30. There is a \$35 fee to be paid during Online Registration. If your conference would like to donate items to this United Methodist Women supported facility I have listed a few items as suggestions for the Sybil Smith Apartments (there are 17 apartments for single parents with children to live for up to 2 years while they are learning parenting skills, work skills, money management skills, etc.)

**CRITICAL NEEDS:** dish sets, flatware sets, pots/pans sets, garbage can (kitchen), knife sets, twin comforters, pillows, bathmats, towels, washcloths, hand towels shower curtains, toilet paper, trash bags, storage/organizer for clothes.

**NON-CRITICAL NEEDS:** aluminum foil, zip-lock bags, coffee filters, paper towels, potholders, measuring spoons, measuring cups, kid's sippy cups, can opener, coffee pot, pitcher, mops/brooms and trash bags to name a few.

**WORKSHOPS:** We will be offering 10 different workshops with great leaders! Check them out at our registration site.

**SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION LEGACY COOKBOOK:** The cookbook will be available for purchase at registration. This cookbook will have approximately 20-25 recipes from each conference, and it will also include a brief history of each conference. Cost at registration will be \$15 - at the event: \$20. All proceeds will go to the Legacy Fund Campaign.

**MEALS:** Meals included area box lunch and the dinner banquet on Saturday. You are responsible for any other meals. The hotel will have several Kiosk stations in the hotel as well as the restaurant located in the hotel. There are several restaurants in the close vicinity of the hotel.

**PARKING:** The hotel has a parking garage. We have a special rate of \$8 per day (you must mention the SEJUMW event. You cannot go in or out without paying each time. For Charter buses there is parking space available in the adjoining convention center as a cost of \$25 per day.

**TRAVEL:** At Online Registration, your mode of travel, your arrival and departure times must be included. Airport shuttle to and from the airport is complimentary. You must notify the Registrar, Gertrude Stewart if you will be using the shuttle.

**ONSITE CHILDCARE:** Childcare for ages 2 years to 10 years will be available during the times we are in session at a cost of \$50 per child. Snacks and juice include. No meals.

**LOCAL SITES/THINGS TO DO:** The Mobile area has numerous world-class attractions including: The USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park, Bellingrath Gardens and Home, and the Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center. Carnival Fantasy offers year-round voyages from Mobile to exotic ports in the Western Caribbean to include Cozumel, Progresso and Costa Maya. In addition to sight-seeing opportunities, Mobile has numerous locally owned popular restaurants featuring fresh caught gulf seafood that are nearby and convenient to the hotel. Go to: [meetinmobile.org](http://meetinmobile.org) for more information about local attractions.

**THE MOBILE REGIONAL AIRPORT:** is served by Delta Airlines, US Airways, American and United Airlines that offer daily non-stops from Atlanta, Charlotte, Dallas, Houston and Chicago. There are 40+ daily flights.

# North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women Calendar 2019-2020

<b>Event</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>2020</b>
Program/CON Executive-Overnight	<b>Jan 11-12</b>	Collinswood at Aldergate Buckhead, GA	<b>Jan 11</b>
Finance/ E & I/Historians	<b>Mar 2</b>	TBD	<b>Feb 15</b>
Faith, Fun, Everyone	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Mar 7</b>
Program/CON Executive	<b>Apr 13</b>	Dunwoody UMC AROS District	<b>April 11</b>
Spiritual Growth Event/Social Action	<b>May 3-4</b>	Rock Eagle Eatonton, GA	<b>N/A</b>
NGC Annual Conference	<b>Jun 11-14</b>	Classic Center Athens GA	<b>Jun</b>
UMW Breakfast	<b>Jun 12</b>	Classic Center	<b>Jun</b>
Limitless Event	<b>Jul</b>	TBD	
CON/ Program Executive	<b>Jul 13</b>	TBD	<b>Jul 11</b>
Mission u	<b>Jul 26-27</b>	Fayetteville First UMC	<b>Jul</b>
Annual Meeting	<b>Oct 5</b>	Dunwoody UMC AROS District	<b>Oct 3</b>
Program Committee	<b>Oct 11</b>	Teleconference	<b>Oct 16</b>
Leadership Development/ Executive Meeting	<b>Nov 2</b>	Sandy Springs UMC AROS District	<b>Nov 7</b>
<b>District President's Annual Reports</b>	<b>Aug. 1</b>		<b>Aug 1</b>
<b>2020 District Officers &amp; Dates</b>	<b>Nov. 1</b>		<b>Nov 1</b>

## **Ubuntu Day of Service**

Date and Time: To be determined by each District

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