



Visions

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Greetings My Sisters;

In this time of natural and manmade disasters, I pray we all are doing our part promoting peace and unity. As we assist our global community in our own ways through mission, which is what we do, I send love and peace to all of you.

The fall season is one of my favorite seasons. Witnessing all the hues of the fall leaves remind me of our many colors in our grand sisterhood of this great organization. As we hold our district and conferences annual celebrations/meetings, I am reminded of the African symbol “Sankofa.” It is a bird looking back with the feet going forward. As we celebrate the year’s activities and programs, Detroit and West Michigan will be doing just that as they prepare to merge into one conference, let us not forget our strong history as we move into the future.

As I reflect on our jurisdiction work, we have accomplished much. We started planning for our 2020 quadrennial meeting, have launched a Facebook page, and North Central Jurisdiction web-page is active at <http://umcnic.org/ncj-umw> as well as a link on the North Central Jurisdiction United Methodist Church page.

Please contact your Legacy Coordinators to promote the fundraising effort so that North Central Jurisdiction conferences can meet and exceed our goal by 2019. Green Team and Charter for Racial Justice Coordinators are available as well as resources for planning programs in 2018.

In this issue, Indiana Conference shares an update on LIMITLESS. The LIMITLESS program will strengthen our legacy and promote growth of new units. How well did LIMITLESS in your area do this year?

Congratulations to Iowa (#1), West Michigan (#2) and Detroit (#5) in registrations for Assembly the first week. Let’s all meet or exceed the goal of 30%. See you at Assembly!

Matthew 5: 14 & 16: *You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to you Father in heaven.* NRSV

With A Servant’s Heart,

Rita

Why Water Matters Summit

All faith leaders are invited to attend this time of learning, organizing and celebration. This event will feature workshops, resources and leadership from Native American traditions and practices to provide a theological foundation for environmental action and to create an awareness of the relationship between racism and the environment. Bishop Sally Dyck and Wisconsin Conference President Laura Pfeffer will be presenters. The summit will take place November 16-18, 2017 in Minneapolis, MN. Registration can be found on the following webpage: <http://www.whywatermatters.org/>



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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
ASSEMBLY MAY 18-20, 2018

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United Methodist Women Assembly 2018 is a time for fellowship, equipping for service and collectively experiencing God's call to mission with women, children and youth. Through moving worship, inspiring speakers, engaging exhibits, riveting workshops and town hall-style meetings, participants will leave Assembly with knowledge, courage and determination to change the world as part of a daring and compassionate 150-year-old movement of women committed to turning faith, hope and love into action.

LIMITLESS PROGRAMMING

United Methodist Women of Indiana held our Limitless event July 21-22, 2017 at DePauw University in Green Castle, Indiana. 13 young women and 6 mentors convened at Gobin UMC for a fun weekend of worship, bible study, learning and fellowship. Shannon Priddy, our National President, was present to share with the young women. Ascent 121, a residential and outpatient treatment center for young women rescued from sex trafficking, presented. The hands-on mission was door decorations for Ascent 121.

The event was held contemporaneously with Mission u Sampler Day. Reverend Mary Kathryn Pearce, who led the Spiritual Growth study for Mission u, shared the study with our group.

Plans are underway for 2018. The planning team which consists of the Young Women's Coordinator and a team of vibrant young women are excited about a mission trip in 2018.

Introduction of Conference President

Camille McCaskill is a retiree of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. She has over twenty five years of experience as an administrator, manager, educator, workshop presenter/facilitator and volunteer. Her education credentials include a Bachelor of Science Degree and Master of Social Work Degree from St. Louis University in St. Louis, MO. Camille is the first African American President of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference United Methodist Women.



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