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God’s Stewards! A Steward is a person who is a manager of another’s goods. As God’s Stewards, we are entrusted to the care of God’s precious resources.

Of great importance to United Methodist Women, is the focus on being more environmentally conscientious and “Going Green.”

Decisions we make today will affect the future. A crucial part is the little things we can do on a daily basis to eliminate unnecessary waste.

So excited about our Mid-Winter Events on Saturday, February 19th, which will focus on how to implement ways to preserve & sustain God’s precious creations!

Significant part of California-Pacific Conference & Districts’ United Methodist Women’s caring for God’s precious resources is by nurturing our Local Units!

To help you with whatever you need, will be a top priority this year!

Every Local Unit and Church is equally important to our organization!

We have developed 2 different UMW 101 Power Point Presentations which are available for your use. Every Conference Officer has been trained to conduct a UMW 101. Please contact us!!!! We are here for you!!!!

An important focus will be having District and Conference liaisons visit each Local Unit over the next couple of years! Please invite us to your meetings!

Really want to revitalize Local Units and to do things in a different way! We know some units are struggling, some units are tired, some women are frustrated by the lack of participation and interest. We need to talk with you and find out how we can change that! We have ideas which we want to share with you as well!

Directories will be distributed at the Mid-Winter Events and all our contact 411 will be listed! Our Website, Facebook Page, and upcoming electronic Pacific Waves’ newsletters will all be updated, so we can expand our ways to communicate with each other and spread the Good News!

So, “Do not worry.” (Matthew 6: 25-34) “With God, all things are possible.” (Matthew 19:26) “The earth is the Lord’s, and all that is in it belongs to God.” (Psalm 24:1) We have new Conference and District Mission Teams and we are all so blessed to serve God and you, our Sisters and Brothers in Christ. We will continue to make a difference in the lives of others and care for all of God’s creations!



*Soaring ahead with Christ’s Love,
Leanne Nakanishi, President*

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California-Pacific Annual Conference UMW

Mid-Winter Event

February 19, 2011

“The Green Team in Mission”

California

Guest Speaker: Heather Wilson
Western Jurisdiction
United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Coordinator

Hawaii

Guest Speaker: Tupou Seini Kelemen
Women’s Division Director
California-Pacific Conference Representative

Location

Whittier First UMC
13222 Bailey St
Whittier, CA 90601

Location

Keolumana UMC
1425 Keolu Dr
Kailua, HI 96734

Registration: 8:30 am
Program: 9:30 am-3:00 pm

Registration: 8:30 am
Program: 9:00-1:30 pm

“Some streets have a time limit or restricted parking— Please observe signs”
Join the “Green Team” - bring your personal cup or glass
Plastic UMW water bottles will be for sale at the Program Resource Table



Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: (City, State, Zip+4) _____

Local Unit: _____ District: _____

Childcare* _____ Age of Children _____ (please provide your child with a snack lunch)

*\$25.00 deposit per family for childcare is required with registration—deposit refunded at the event if childcare is used.

Assistance needed? _____ Please specify _____ Special food requirements, specify _____

Early Bird Registration fee: \$12.00, Lunch Included

Late Registration Fee: \$15.00 if postmarked after February 5, 2011

Make checks(s) payable to California-Pacific UMW and mail to:

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My Dear Sisters in Christ,

From my family to your family we wish you Happy Holidays and many Blessings for the New Year.

On February 19, 2011, the United Methodist Women of the California-Pacific Conference Mid-Winter Event will take place in both California and Hawaii.

The theme is “*The Green Team in Mission*”. According to the Book of Discipline “All creation is the Lord’s and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animals, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God’s creations...”

California: Event will be at Whittier First UMC, in Whittier, CA. The Guest Speaker is Mrs. Heather Wilson, Western Jurisdiction Volunteer in Mission Coordinator. She is a dynamic young woman who always inspires others and lights up the room with her innovative and creative ideas! She will also share the mission opportunities available for you to participate in.

Hawaii: Event will be at Keolumana UMC, in Kailua, HI. The Guest Speaker is Mrs. Tupou Seini Kelemen, Women’s Division Director, representing our California-Pacific Conference. She had the privilege of attending the Copenhagen Climate Conference in 2009 and shares her passion and knowledge for preserving a healthy environment.

We look forward to seeing you at these Events. Bring a relative or friend to join us in a day of Mission.

Please refer to the enclosed flyer and send in your registration early.

Joy and peace,
Ruby Roberts,
Vice President

Methodist Hospital Foundation

Many of you may have received a donation letter from the Methodist Hospital Foundation. Quoting from the letter, “The Methodist Hospital was established by your United Methodist sisters, and has continued to fulfill a special promise to women of all ages and from all walks of life: We are here to meet unique health needs, in good times and bad.... The Methodist Hospital is forever grateful for the ongoing pledges the numerous UMW groups have made, which enable us to continue to fulfill our medical mission.”

As you consider donating to the new ER project, remember to send your money through your local, district and conference channels. Your money will be applied to the conference’s \$100,000.00 pledge and will help to meet that goal.



www.methodisthospital.org

Keep updated—visit the website

Treasurer—Lorraine Hartranft

Born in Indiana in 1949 on the day before the 4th of July, I exploded into life as a part of a Christian family. My father was raised in the Friends church and my mother attended the First United Methodist Church of Auburn. My two sisters were part of the MYF group and I followed their lead by participating in the Sunday evening activities.

I raised two daughters in the United Methodist Church. They saw how it is important to be a servant as I taught Sunday school and was a Girl Scout leader. In 1990 after moving to California, I didn't attend church for several years. Then after realizing that God was missing in my life, I found a great church home in Brea.

In 1997, I began helping the minister every Sunday morning as liturgist. My faith grew as I learned more of what God's Word said. Passages from the scripture that a person has heard all their life began to be real as the Holy Spirit opened my heart and mind to receive God's message. I

have attended a community Bible study for the last ten years and feel it is very important to stay grounded in the Word.

I find it a joy to praise God through music and have been a choir member for over 14 years.

When I had a huge change in my life in 2000, the United Methodist Women of the Brea church supported me and I found out just what it meant to have Sisters in Christ.

Now after many years as a local and district officer, I continue my faith walk in sharing with other the Missions that UMW support. May you all be blessed knowing that UMW women will be there for you too.

Blessings to each of you,

Lorraine



Vice President—Ruby Roberts



I have been an active member of the United Methodist Church and the United Meth-

odist Women (UMW) for 11 years. I served as UMW local unit president, San Diego District UMW vice president and president. As UMW District president, I served on the board of directors for the National Division Projects and Local Projects within Cal-Pac Conference such as the Neighborhood House of Calexico, Metro, and New Entra Casa. I am active in my community and volunteered at my grand kids' elementary school. I enjoy spending time with the grand kids Taylor and Bryan, my UMW sisters in Mission, shopping with friends--especially for shoes, going to the movies, traveling, gardening, and exercising at will. *Ruby*

Sara Dickens—Committee on Nominations, Class of 2014

I am a Native Californian, having been born in Santa Maria, CA and spending most of my growing-up years on a vegetable farm in Arroyo Grande. I graduated from Arroyo Grande High School and then graduated from the University of Redlands with a major in sociology and minors in psychology and education. My husband Jim (also a University of Redlands graduate) and I have three adult children and six grandchildren.

I am a fourth-generation Methodist. Jim and I were youth leaders at the University Methodist in Redlands while they were attending U of R and then junior high leaders at Glendale First. We live in Torrance and have been members of Walteria United Methodist Church for forty six years.

I have served my local church in many capacities through the years, currently serving as Staff/Parish Chair, Secretary for Leadership Council and singing in the choir. I am a Certified Lay Speaker and finished the two-year Lay Academy in May 2008. In my local unit of United Methodist Women (UMW) I have served as President,, Vice-President, Spiritual Growth, and Social Action. I recently served the Long Beach District UMW as Chair of Nominations.

"United Methodist Women has been an important part of my life and spiritual growth since I was a young mother and I feel strongly about the continued mission and outreach of Women's Division through UMW."

Blessings, *Sara*



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC CONFERENCE
2011 Application for Partial Scholarship to
Attend School of Christian Mission**

Scholarship funds are available to provide financial assistance to women within our Conference who are seeking a spiritual, educational, and supportive community experience. Applications are available to any woman living within California-Pacific Annual Conference.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ 18 or older _____

District _____ Church _____

E-mail _____ Language _____

PLEASE PROVIDE IN 250 WORDS OR LESS, WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION, WHY YOU NEED THE SCHOLARSHIP, AND HOW YOU WILL SHARE THIS EXPERIENCE. PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL PAPER. PUT YOUR NAME AT THE TOP OF EVERY ADDITIONAL PAGE. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN **MAY 1, 2011**.

Please complete this form and send it to: **Angie McCard ,13772 Golden West St. #703 , Westminster, CA 92683** or **E-MAIL IT TO HJ5FT6@YAHOO.COM**

___ Have you applied for and/or received any other scholarships for the 2011 School of Christian Mission, if so from whom and for what amount _____

___ Have you sent in your SCM application?

From the desk of Vera Tom, Secretary

February 19, 2011 is the date you must be sure to attend our Mid-Winter event at Whittier First UMC (CA) and Keolumana UMC in Kailua (HI).

The District Secretaries will be distributing the directories at both locations.

Always email me if there are any corrections or updates to your directories.

Invite, involve, and welcome all the women of your churches in your district to come and experience your Mid-Winter event.

Thanks to the diligent work of eight great district secretaries, our Conference Directory will be completed for distribution in February.

Have your district treasurer bring a check to Mid-Winter to help defray the cost of the directories for your District Officers. We ask for a donation of \$5 per directory.

Aloha,

Changes in the Pacific Waves

Effective April 2011

This will be the last paper issue of Pacific Waves.

Future issues will be emailed to anyone who has email at no charge. You will also be able to access it in pdf format on the Cal-Pac website (www.cal-pac.org).

When you reach the home page, click **Ministries**, when the next page comes up you will find **United Methodist Women** on the left had side at the bottom, this will take you to our page.

Using email and the website will save money that we can now send to mission.

We don't want to leave anyone out therefore if you have questions contact Vera Tom, (**page 4**) or Donna Johnson (**page 43**) in the California-Pacific Conference United Methodist Women 2010 Directory.

A subscription for printed copy of Pacific Waves can be found on **page 16**.

Pasadena President, Kimberly Dugan

Hi,

My name is Kimberly (Kim) Dugan. I attend Covina UMC and live with my family, husband Steve, kids Joshua, Matthew, Sarah and newly adopted puppy Radcliffe in Upland. I started attending circle meetings at West Covina UMC about 20 years ago. It wasn't until I moved to the Covina church that I learned more about District and Conference events. I served on the Conference Committee on Nomination from 2003-2007, the last two years of my tenure as Chairperson. I didn't expect to be asked to serve on the Pasadena District team as President, but God has a different plan. I am very honored to serve the women with His guidance. It is amazing the impact we have on women, children and youth.



Kim

**Chairperson, Committee on
Nominations**

Term and Tenure

By Barbara Miller

As your Committee on Nominations (CON) starts looking for candidates for next year's slate, it is important for them to know about term and tenure. Term relates to the time an officer serves in an office, and tenure is the total time a woman serves on a team. Our by-laws are specific for district and conference teams; local units have more leeway but should follow the by-laws as they are able.

The term for CON is **four** years; a woman is to be elected to that office **once**, not twice. Serving on the CON is not included in a woman's tenure on the district or conference level. A woman can serve on CON at any time: it can be the first office she holds, the last one she holds, or between other offices. The chairperson for CON is to be chosen from within the committee, for a term of two years. If there is no CON, the Executive Committee can choose a chairman and help her find members; from there it is the CON's responsibility to find officers for the team.

The term for all other offices is two years. A woman can serve two terms in one office, for a total of four years in that office. This woman can be elected to a second office, for a tenure of eight years. If in those eight years she has not served as President, she can be elected President, extending her tenure to twelve years. If this same woman serves four years on CON, her tenure is still twelve years, even though she has served on the team for sixteen years.

It does not matter which conference a woman's tenure is accumulated; the tenure goes with her. When you consider a woman for a position, ask if she has served on a district or conference team in another conference, for she cannot start over in another conference.

Tenure records are to be kept forever.

The district officers who attended my training in October have a notebook full of information that can be reproduced and given to the rest of the CON members; they are expected to train their committee, so all know what to do. If you have questions, please contact me at the number listed the Conference Directory.

Good hunting!

Barbara

**2011 Conference Directory— Local units,
designate a representative to pick up the
church and unit directory at Mid-Winter.**

Thanks for your help!



“BUILDING BRIDGES”

At Cal/Pac Schools of Christian Mission

There's a class you shouldn't miss.

It's unique to our own Conference....

No one else is doing this....(YET)

It's a class for our young women

Who are college-age and more

To engage in Mission Study

With those who have gone before.....

There will be a course of study

Thought-provoking and worthwhile,

And a chance for young and “older”

To enjoy each other's “style”.... (OF LEARNING)

Those of us who came together

“Building Bridges” last July,

Sharing stories, learning, laughter,

Think YOU ought to come and try.....

So...when SCOM registration time

Comes ‘round again next spring,

Consider joining in the Bridging Class

And share the gifts YOU bring.....(To Bridge-
Building)

By: Roni Kuester

From the Dean and Assistant Dean 2011 School of Christian Mission

Aloha!

We are Collette Andersen and Maxine Wheeler. It is our honor to serve on the Cal-Pac UMW Conference team as Dean and Assistant Dean for the Schools of Christian Mission. Between the two of us, we have over 75 years of exciting history with United Methodist Women. Our interests are similar: walking with God, spoiling our grandchildren and, great-grand (Collette), creating supportive communities and empowering others through education! We love our island home on Oahu, but greatly enjoy connecting with our UMW sisters in California! It is such a joy to celebrate our diversity!

YES, we will be having two schools this summer:

Hawaii on July 7-9 (Korean Language) and July 8 - 10 (Tongan and English 3 day school) at Camp Pineapple 808, Helemano, Oahu

California on July 21-23 (Korean Language) and July 22-24 (3 day Hispanic, Tongan, and

English school) at Biola University, La Mirada "All Things Made New" will include studies on: Haiti, Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity, and Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice, and Reconciliation. More information to follow as we continue to plan ... Joy to the World! The Lord IS Come!

Collette **Andersen**, SCM Dean, Waianae UMW
Maxine **Wheeler**, SCM, Waianae UMW

Youth and Adult Registration Forms to School of Christian Mission (SCM)

Collette Andersen, and Maxine Wheeler gave you information to get you excited about 2011 SCM).

If you can't attend personally ways to be involved are endless. Have a fund raiser to send another person who needs financial help. Make a donation to the scholarship fund. Offer child or adult care so someone might have the days free to commute. .

Registration forms will be found on the Cal-Pac website for both California and Hawaii School of Christian Mission on or before April 1, 2011.

Program Resources



The Bargain Book sales proved to be a huge success when it premiered at the Annual Celebration in October 2010. The Executive Committee would like to thank all the individuals and units that donated books for the sale. Over \$300 was raised in our inaugural sale of Bargain Books. **All proceeds benefit Mission Giving.** Due to the interest and success, we will continue selling Bargain Books at Conference events. Please stop by the Resource Room to donate any slightly used books you or your unit would like to contribute.

Don't forget the Children/Youth Reading Program will begin in January 2011. (Contact your District Secretary of Program Resources or reference the September 2010 issue of Pacific Waves for details.)

Régan Pope, Secretary of Program Resources

Well, WJLT can stand for a lot of things: What Jesus Loves Today, or With Jesus Love and Tendering, or What Jesus' List Today?

It stands for Western Jurisdiction Leadership Team (WJLT). It used to be called Core Group.

What is WJLT? And what does it do? First, let me show five Jurisdictions in the United States. (see below)

In each Jurisdictional Leadership Team, there are nine members: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, chair of the nomination committee, and 4 members.

Since I am a member of the Committee on Nomination (CON), I have a very specific role to carry out. That is to find nine United Methodist Women who will serve next WJLT.

We five CON members will finalize our slate of 9 names for 2012-2016 by April, 2011.

The above reasons are why I visit other conference UMW Annual Events, and other members visit us, also. Last year, I visited the Desert Southeast Conference in Phoenix. This year, I visited Yellowstone Conference in Sheridan, Wyoming.

Until the end of Oct. I am still collecting the Profile forms. Those who have experience in serving the conference team and are able to travel week days and/or weekends, please ask me about the Profile form or contact me at 562-860-6050 or e mail me at habaragihan@yhoo.com.

Our 2012 Quadrennial Theme is *Fire in My Soul*
Save the Date June 1-3, 2012 for
2012 Quadrennial in **PORTLAND:**



Western Jurisdiction



- Alaska-Missionary
- California-Nevada
- California-Pacific
- Desert Southeast
- Oregon-Idaho
- Pacific Northwest
- Rocky Mountain
- Yellowstone

Northeastern



North Central



South Central



Southeastern

As you see, Cal-Pac conference belongs to the Western Jurisdiction and in it there are 8 conferences. Our prime purpose is to make the Quadrennial Event possible. That is to elect the directors of the Women's Division. Therefore, as soon as we are elected as Jurisdiction Leadership team members, for four years, we are planning and organizing the coming Quadrennial Event.

Social Action Coordinator—

Korean Language Co/Coordinator

Greetings,



I am Suzy James. I grew up in Tulsa, OK and Downey, CA then found at Cal Western University, San Diego that there were many other nationalities in the world. Diversity, WOW! Since the '60's issues of Peace, Justice and Human Rights have never been far from my thoughts.

I served as Pasadena District Social Action Mission Coordinator for four years under Barbara Miller's direction, so I fell well trained. I have been on Cal-Pac Church & Society Committee for three years, am a Representative to Annual Conference and a member of the Immigration Task Force. I've been active in my unit over the years but only discovered the wide world of United Methodist Women in the past six or seven years. Fortunately, our unit always had strong programs and a healthy respect for social issues.

I have lived in Pasadena for forty-two years raising two girls with my husband, Art. Tracy lives in San Dimas raising eleven year old Grace and nine year old Judah. Erin, in Darwin, Aus-

tralia has two year old Patrick and one on the way. Erin, with her wandering ways has provided many years of travel for us.

Although I am only average in ability, singing is my life. St James United Methodist Church (forty-two years there) had a forty strong folk singing group developed by Jim Strathdee. My husband Art later led the group. We traveled summers for twelve years across the USA, Europe, and finally to Australia with a two year old, singing about those issues...yes, I'm a closet hippie.

Our church choir (with a few St James Singers) still sings folk songs and old hymns now and then. I sing with the Sierra Madre Choral, often in cars, and in showers.

I'm excited to be able to learn from all the opportunities this new position presents. We are an extremely powerful body of ladies, with great influence if we exercise it.

Yours in Christ,

Suzy
Suzanne James
California Pacific
Mission Coordinator for
Social Action

Dear UMW Sisters

My name is Suki H. Murayama
Since 1967 I have attended Los Angeles Korean United Methodist Church. I am currently serving as Staff Parish Relations Committee Chairperson and a member of the choir.

My husband Paul and I have two children. Our son, Jason is married to Julia and they reside in Woodland Hills, CA. Our daughter, Jennifer, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, resides in New York. I recently retired from Banking & Finance; my last position was Senior Vice President & Regional Manager East West Bank.

I am trying to live the rest of my life with focus on serving God.

In October 2010, I was elected as Korean Language Coordinator 2011-2014. I am privileged to join Cal Pac United Methodist Women as Korean Language Coordinator and need your prayer for this new responsibility.

Look forward to learning from all of you,

Suki



Committee on Nominations, Class of 2012

Hello,



My name is Mary "Mele Faiva" Blagojevich; loving mother of three children and three beautiful grandchildren.

I have been a member of Lennox Tongan UMW for over thirty years. Recently I was elected to serve the United Methodist Women (UMW) on the Nomination Committee (class of 2012).

I decided to become part of the UMW because I saw the great opportunity to inspire and to educate the Pacific Islanders women and younger generation to contribute and to participate in this phenomenal organization of our California-Pacific Annual Conference. *Mele Faiva*

**California- Pacific Conference United
Methodist Women Present: "Cultural Corner"
Traditions, Celebrations, Information, from the
Cal-Pac UMW Language Coordinators**

**Report by Tupou Seini Kelemen
Women's Division Director**

***Do I take my shoes off when entering my
home?***

by Ellie Yang, Korean Language Co/coordinator

The earliest use of an **ondol** in Korean traditional architecture has been found at an archaeological site in present-day North Korea as early as Bronze Age. The term Gudeul, **under-floor heating** has been colloquially spoken for over two thousand years, while the term ondol has show up in modern times around the end of 19th century. It uses direct heat transfer from wood smoke to the underside of a thick masonry floor. In modern usage it refers to any type of under-floor heating, or a hotel or sleeping room in Korean (as opposed to Western) style. The main components of the traditional ondol are a **fire-box** or **stove** accessible from an adjoining (typically kitchen or master bedroom) room, a raised **masonry** floor underlain by horizontal smoke passages, and a vertical, freestanding **chimney** on the opposite exterior providing a draft. The heated floor is supported by stone piers or baffles to distribute the smoke, covered by stone slabs, clay and an impervious layer such as oiled paper. **Ondol** had traditionally been used as an exclusive living space for sitting, eating, sleeping and pastimes, in most Korean homes, until housing styles were westernized to enjoy modern comfort. With the traditional type of ondol, floor spots closer to the furnace were normally warm enough with warmer spots reserved for elders and honored guests. Korean homes started to have modern versions of ondol floors heated by circulated hot water from water heaters, or an electrical heating system of **dielectric heating** or **induction heating** since 1960s. Currently, ondol are exclusively used for heating in typical single homes, high rise apartments and even luxury hotel rooms.

Besides its traditional flooring style a Korean can never imagine walking into their home with shoes on essentially for the insanitary reasons. Like my mom always said, "I will not let anybody walk into my house with their shoes on, not even Mr. President when my granddaughter follows me around with four legs on the floor."

Ellie

As we come close to the end of 2010, we look ahead with excitement and enthusiasm to the challenges of 2011 and beyond. I have been asked by some of you, regarding the Election Process for becoming Directors and Officers of Women's Division and The General Board of Global Ministries, 2012 – 2016 Quadrennium.

As a member of the Committee on Nominations for the Women's Division, I would like to share with you this short timeline of what is expected to happen as we journey toward the happenings of 2012.

Fall 2010: Women's Division reviews the nomination and election process of the future Division.

March 2011: Communication is sent out to Conference and Jurisdiction organizations regarding the nominating process, calling attention to inclusiveness and tenure rules on Board as defined by General Conference.

Spring – Fall 2011: The Conference Committee on Nominations:

Names a slate of three (3) nominees and one (1) alternate for possible membership on the Women's Division. Makes the slate available to the Executive Committee and then to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.

Fall 2011: Conference UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Annual Meetings (Please refer to 2008-2012 Conference Bylaws, Article V, Section 5, page 107.)

2012: Training for the System of Election of Women's Division.

Selected Women's Division Directors, Jurisdiction Leadership Team.

Presidents, Chairpersons of Jurisdiction Committee on Nominations and Staff liaisons are trained in the new system for the Quadrennial Election of Women's Division Directors.

June 2012: Jurisdiction UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Quadrennial Meetings.

Elects Jurisdiction Leadership Team (¶536.4)

Elects the following number of women (4 Directors and 3 alternates from Western

Jurisdiction) from among the nominees of each Conference United Methodist Women

within the Jurisdiction as nominees for the Women's Division and General Board of Global Ministries.

Details of the election process will be forthcoming, but for now, I would like to put everything aside and concentrate on an upcoming birthday party. You guessed right! It is the coming of the Christ Child and what that means for us Christians. Yes, it was foretold so long ago of the coming Holy One. So, claim it now because our Salvation is here.

Merry Christmas, Mele Kalikimaka and Kilisimasi Fiefia to one and all.

Tupou Seini



Mujeres
Metodistas
Unidas

FE • ESPERANZA • AMOR EN ACCIÓN

Nuestra vision Poner en práctica la fe, la esperanza y el amor para el bien de la mujer, la infancia y la juventud alrededor del mundo. Le invitamos a venir y aproveche esta Bendición del Altísimo, porque El estará en medio de todas estas actividades:

● TALLERES DE CAPACITACIÓN ● APRENDER ● GOZARSE

Proyectos Nacionales y Locales de las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas
Calexico Neighborhood House "To Serve & Advocate"



20 Preguntas sobre las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas

1. ¿Quiénes son las Mujeres Metodistas? 2. ¿Quién es miembro? 3. ¿Qué se espera de sus miembros? 4. ¿Cuán grande es la organización? 5. ¿Hay una unidad en cada iglesia? 6. ¿En qué consiste el programa de las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas? 7. ¿Qué es *response*? 8. ¿Cómo se sostiene financieramente la organización? 9. ¿Qué pasa más allá de la unidad local?.....

Las Alegrías de la Membresía

Quien?

Todas estan invitadas! Unidades Locales y Districtos de Pasadena.

Cuando?

Sábado 29 de Enero, 2011 de 9-2 p.m.

Costo?

Nada, Donaciones aceptadas para la Misión

Donde?

Baldwin Park UMC,
3970 N. Maine Avenue,
Baldwin Park, CA 91706

"Pienso que el aspecto más importante de las Mujeres Metodistas Unidas es que tenemos la oportunidad de transformar vidas para la gloria de Dios."

-Emma Vega, Coordinadora Hispana



correo electronico: emma.vega@yahoo.com

Propósito:

La unidad organizada de Mujeres Metodistas Unidas es una comunidad cuyo propósito es conocer a Dios y experimentar libertad en la totalidad de sus vidas mediante Jesucristo; desarrollar un compañerismo creativo y de apoyo, y ampliar los conceptos de misión mediante la participación en los ministerios globales de la iglesia.

WANTED: NATIONAL LEADERS

by Barbara Miller

The election of Women’s Division Directors will take place at the quadrennial meeting of United Methodist Women in Portland, Oregon, in April 2012. The Conference Committee on Nominations (CON) needs your help in identifying and recommending two nominees from the Cal-Pac Conference for this election.

What characteristics and skills should you look for when considering leadership for Women’s Division?

1. Knowledge of and involvement in the United Methodist Church.
2. A desire to grow spiritually and theologically.
3. Knowledge of and involvement in the United Methodist Women.
4. Demonstrated skills in such areas as: policy development; financial development and resource allocation; communication and interpretation; decision-making/consensus building; problem solving; assessment and evaluation; team work; time management.
5. Proven leadership skills, with the ability to work with the organization’s diverse membership, accept fiduciary responsibility, and practice good stewardship of resources.

Time commitment for: attending Women’s Division committee meetings, covenant groups, conference calls, and more; leading national or regional events; serving on the board of the General Board of Global Ministries of the church.

(p.174 Committee on Nomination handbook)

Your help in finding strong, capable and committed women will be greatly appreciated. To nominate a woman, contact any of the Conference CON members, found in the conference directory, or me at: barbara@lantoga.net.

Logo for United Methodist Women

Below notice the official logo Women’s Division has authorized for use in all printed, online, and projected material regarding United Methodist Women (UMW). You may see other logos - they are obsolete. Please use the logo, correctly sized (by dragging at the corner, not the top, bottom, or side) to fit your need. If you need assistance, please call or email me and I’ll “walk you through the process.”

Women of “faith, hope, love in action” share our logo; and when asked, be prepared to share your story of United Methodist Women.

Peace and love,
Donna
donnaj0964@aol.com



Join the Cal-Pac Mission Green Team
bring your own coffee cup,
glass, or water bottle,
to future events.



Bottles with the UM W logo
will be for sale on the
Program Resource Table
at the Mid-Winter Event.
Money goes toward our pledge
to the Methodist Hospital.



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Vision Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world. We invite you to come. With open hearts, come prepared to receive the blessings from the Lord just for you. Bring a friend. Lunch and Spanish and English translation will be provided.

● WORKSHOPS ● TRAININGS ● UMW 101

National & Local Projects within our California-Pacific Conference
Calexico Neighborhood House "To Serve & Advocate"



20 Questions about women organized for mission

1. What is United Methodist Women? 2. Who is a member? 3. What is expected of a member? 4. How big is the organization? 5. Is there a unit in every church? 6. What is the scope of the program? 7. What is *response*? 8. How is the organization supported financially? 9. What happens outside of a local unit?

Joys of Membership

Who?

Open to all women of the California-Pacific Conference are invited. Co-Hosted by the Pasadena District.

When?

Saturday January 29, 2011
from 10-2 p.m.

Cost?

None, Donations accepted
for Mission Giving

Where?

Baldwin Park UMC,
3970 N. Maine Avenue,
Baldwin Park, CA 91706

"I believe that the most important part of United Methodist Women is that we have the opportunity to transform lives for the glory of God." -Emma Vega, Spanish Language Coordinator, California-Pacific Conference



Email: emma.vega@yahoo.com

Purpose:

United Methodist Women is 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.

**From the Office of Mission Coordinator
for Education and Interpretation**

Dear Sisters in Christ,

As we prepare for Advent, we as United Methodist Women must remember what Paul wrote, **"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."** Philippians 3:14

Thank you to all who worked so hard to become Mission Today units and for turning in your reports to me in a timely manner.

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship for School of Christian 2011, your application must be **postmarked or emailed on or before May 1, 2011.**

NO late applications will be accepted.

We have two Schools of Christian Mission, and the **scholarships are limited this year. Please submit your application early. There is an application in this issue of the Pacific Waves and on our California-Pacific Annual Conference website (cal-pac.org - found under Ministries, then United Methodist Women).**

It was great to see so many women at the Annual Celebration! I saw women of all ages and this is wonderful. Our Conference is so diverse and it makes us work together better. I am glad to be able to serve God and the women of the Cal-Pac Conference. I hope that we continue to grow, to serve, while we show our younger women that we are about mission, and that we are the ones that must stand up for those who do not have a voice, or are afraid to use their voice.

Angie McCard



Candle of Commitment

Sue Simmons, Conference Treasurer reads the Candle of Commitment pledge amount as Roni Kuester and Maxine Wheeler light the candle.



Candle of Commitment

The list below contains names of United Methodist Women (UMW) that were not received in time to be printed in the Annual Celebration Program. We recognize and thank them for their service to children and youth.

Clarice Carnahan, Lompoc UMW

Elizabeth Brooks, Santa Barbara 1st UMW

Lisa Moiso, Santa Barbara 1st UMW

Debbie Wieder Fisher, Santa Barbara 1st UMW

Theresa Pietsch, Santa Barbara 1st UMW

No Name, Sherman Oaks UMW

Fern Gilbert, Ojai UMW

Jan Simmons, Ojai UMW

Turner Cottage caregivers, Santa Barbara Dist. Ex. Board

No Name, Shepherd of the Valley UMW

Pacific Waves Subscription

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In keeping with our commitment to 'go green,' Pacific Waves will be delivered electronically, beginning with the next issue in April 2011.

Pacific Waves is automatically distributed to every local church and primary unit officer listed in the UMW Conference Directory. All of the secretaries should have submitted the appropriate email information to the Conference UMW Secretary, Vera Tom, by now. Electronic subscriptions have no expiration date, but will be discontinued if they are returned as undeliverable.

In addition, any person may receive Pacific Waves by subscribing in the following manner. Send an email with your full name and telephone number to:

Donna Johnson, Communications Coordinator at: Donnaj0964@aol.com

Those who still require a printed copy should send the completed form below and a check payable to Cal-Pac UMW for \$10.00 for a one year subscription to:

Lorraine Hartranft
UMW Conference Treasurer
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Anaheim, CA 92806

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**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
OF
CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC
CONFERENCE
APPLICATION FOR
SPIRIT QUEST: GO FISH**

Scholarship funds are available from the United Methodist Women of the Cal-Pac Conference to provide financial assistance to any youth within our Conference who would like to attend Spirit Quest 2011. Applications are available to any United Methodist Youth living within our Conference.

Name _____ Telephone _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
District _____ Church _____
Email _____ Jr. High School _____

IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP THE YOUTH MUST, IN THEIR OWN FORM OF EXPRESSION, DISPLAY WHY THEY SHOULD RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND SPIRIT QUEST.

POSSIBLE SUBJECTS FOR THE APPLICATION: HOW THIS EVENT MAY STRENGTHEN THE STUDENT; WHAT THE STUDENT PLANS TO GAIN FROM THE EVENT; HOW THE STUDENT HAS DISPLAYED JUSTICE (SOCIAL/ECONOMIC/ENVIRONMENTAL), OR MISSION (SPIRITUAL/SOCIAL/EDUCATION) IN THEIR OWN LIFE. EXAMPLES OF EXPRESSIONS: 1/2 – 1 PAGE ESSAY, POEM, SONG, RAP, VISUAL ART: SCULPTURE, PAINTING, ETC. (PLEASE ONLY SEND PICTURE OF ART), 2-4 MINUTE INTERPRETIVE DANCE OR SKIT.

ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED VIA, VIDEO, MAIL OR EMAIL. THEY MUST BE POSTMARKED BEFORE JANUARY 20, 2011. (VIDEO MUST INCLUDE A MANUSCRIPT ALONG WITH VIDEO.) IN ORDER TO SUBMIT VIDEO VIA EMAIL, IT MAY BE UPLOADED TO YOUTUBE, OR FACEBOOK.

Please complete this form and send it to:
Angie McCard
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or
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Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth

Spiritual Event Planning

How many of you have wanted to have a spiritual event, but didn't know what the second step to planning was? I say second step because I am giving everyone the benefit of the doubt that the first step (prayer and Bible reading) is understood. So, God has hinted to you (loudly called, placed an incredible burden on your heart, sent several messengers to let you know) that you are to hold a spiritual event. This can be an intimidating thing, believe me I know how frightening the call of God can be. However, we as United Methodist Women have wonderful God inspired helpers. Let's look at planning an event: we will need resources, a date, and help.

Resources: As United Methodist Women we have a tremendous amount of resources right at our finger tips. We have the Resource Secretaries, who can guide us to books, pamphlets, and other materials. We have a resources page specifically for Spiritual Growth: the easy way to access it is to go to new.gbgm-umc.org/umw; type in the search bar "spiritual growth resources;" a result list will come up and you can pick the most applicable link. There are resources for Christian and non-Christian annual observances, Bible studies and meditations, and retreats. We also have the United Methodist Women online community (<http://www.umwonline.org/>) with groups that have been created by other women just like you, who are doing the things you want to do. If you aren't tech savvy use this as an opportunity to get to know other women in your unit. You can even ask someone who isn't in United Methodist Women to help, therefore becoming a witness to what we as United Methodist Women are doing in this world.

Date: Set a date. I know there is a temptation to set a date that everyone can make. Know that this will never work; you will never have an event that everyone will come to. I encourage you to set a date that several people can fit into their schedule and stick to that date. Once you have an event scheduled do not change the date to accommo-

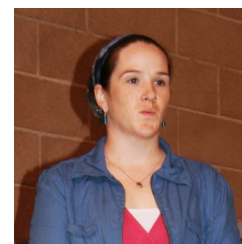
date more people; you may lose more than you gain. Imagine this scenario: the date of the event has arrived, all your team is there and ready, but only two women show up. This has happened to everyone. Remember that success is not measured by the number of people in attendance, but by how open you are to Holy Spirit's work. Your team can be ministered to, and those few women who did show up should not be treated as if they don't matter. Imagine how special they would feel to know that God planned an event just for them.

Help: Get help! It is easy to assume that you can do this on your own (and you probably can), but God created us as communal beings; you will have greater success and not be as burned out if you are willing to delegate responsibilities. You have human resources in your Local Unit, District Unit, and Conference Team. Never assume that your sisters in Christ will turn you down. Some may have to due to prior engagements, but God may be calling someone else to service through your invitation. Make the event a cluster event; invite several churches to participate in planning and attending. I also would like to take the time to encourage you to enlist the help of younger women. Many of the young women you may see as "just babies" are adults with educations, work experience, and enthusiasm.

As you can see, planning a spiritual event can be a fun and exciting way to let God work through you while meeting new people, learning, and becoming more spiritually grounded. As always, feel free to contact me via email or snail mail for anything you may need.

Blessings,

Leah Griffin





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APPLICATION FOR YOUTH ALIVE
2011**

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Name _____ Telephone _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
District _____ Church _____
Email _____ High School _____

IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP, THE YOUTH MUST, IN THEIR OWN FORM OF EXPRESSION, DISPLAY WHY THEY SHOULD RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND YOUTH ALIVE.

POSSIBLE SUBJECTS FOR THE APPLICATION: HOW THIS EVENT MAY STRENGTHEN THE STUDENT; WHAT THE STUDENT PLANS TO GAIN FROM THE EVENT; HOW THE STUDENT HAS DISPLAYED JUSTICE (SOCIAL/ECONOMIC/ENVIRONMENTAL), OR MISSION (SPIRITUAL/SOCIAL/EDUCATION) IN THEIR OWN LIFE. EXAMPLES OF EXPRESSIONS: 1/2 - 1 PAGE ESSAY, POEM, SONG, RAP, VISUAL ART: SCULPTURE, PAINTING, ETC. (PLEASE ONLY SEND PICTURE OF ART), 2-4 MINUTE INTERPRETIVE DANCE OR SKIT

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Communication Coordinator—Donna Johnson

My life at a glance, because it's been long and blessed. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, November, 1942

I am the oldest of nine children (seven girls and two boys. Raised on a farm near Camden, I attended the same country school (outside of Camden) for twelve years.

As a young child I attended the Methodist Church across the gravel road from our house. "Granny" lived with us, or we lived with her, and she was the one who took all the "kids that were old enough" to church each Sunday.

My church life changed when Granny at the age of 80+ married again and moved to Louisiana. Soon after that Mom began taking us to the Church of Christ, where I was baptized.

David and I met at Southern State College (now SAU) and were married in 1964. Our son Michael was born in 1967; while we were stationed at Fort Sill, OK.

After graduation from the University of Arkansas Mike took a summer job at United Airlines. So far it has been a "twenty-year summer."

My first "question for God" came when I was a freshman in college and Sue, my five-year-old youngest sister died. Many other "God questions" were to

follow, some when I was not an active church member, others when "Christ was the center of my whole life." I learned from these questions, even from some that haven't been answered.

I learned God is with you when you are in a room full of people, but you still feel alone. God is with you when you are alone, and no one, not even your family understands why "alone" is the best for you, at that time. Asking God my questions, helped me to grow spiritually and emotionally.

David and I began attending Bellflower United Methodist Church in February 1983 and joined the church in August. I've taught Sunday School, lead Bible study, and social issue topics, served on and chaired most committees. I found a place to call home when asked to serve on the church owned preschool board (BUMP), as I learned it came with "built-in grandchildren."

I'm a certified Lay Speaker, and a graduate of the Lay Ministry Academy.

My hobbies include but are not limited to "weeding" commonly called gardening, photography, reading, traveling, and training "Jake" our six year old Sheltie. Sometimes it works - -sometimes not; but it does teach patience.

Love and hugs,

Donna



Roni Kuester, Committee on Nominations 2014



I am Roni Kuester a newly elected member of the Committee on Nominations for Cal/Pac Conference United Methodist Women. This a new experience for me,, though I have been active in United Methodist Women for more than thirty years.

I previously served in leadership in the local church in Huntington Beach, in Santa District and in the Cal-Pac Conference. I also had the opportunity to work with young women in the Schools of Christian Mission for Cal-Pac and has trained leaders in several Regional Schools Of Christian Mission.

Roni



*for your prayers, cards,
calls, emails, flowers, and visits
while I was in the hospital.*

*You are my forever chosen
sisters*

*and friends and
I thank God for you.*

*Love and hugs,
Donna Johnson*



Milan Choi Korean Co-Coordinator and Presidents of three Korean units chartered in 2010.



Naty Lagaso Marva Usher-Kerr (guest speaker) and Rosie Guadarrama take time for a photo at the end of the day.



California-Pacific Annual Conference Mission Team,
Not pictured Valasi Iuta, Roni Kuester, and Donna Johnson



Outgoing officers with Tupou Seine Kelemeni (Women's Division Director), Bishop Mary Ann Swenson,, left to right: Kay Delany Moore, Collette Andersen, Tupou Seini, Bishop Swenson, Milan Choi, Joyce Martin,, Carol, Harader, Mary Butler, Kara Colling, Sue Simmons, and Helena Kim.



Above Betty Lopez displays a quilt that will be given to the Methodist Hospital. The squares designed by participants at 2010 SCM was quilted by Betty. Thank you ,Betty, for your love in action.



On November 19-21, 2010, five newly installed Cal-Pac UMW officers Suzy James, Rubye Roberts, Barbara Miller, (front row) Loraine Hartranft, and Donna Johnson (back row) attended the Leadership Training Event sponsored by Women's Division.



Leanne Nakanishi, President, United Methodist Women California-Pacific Conference welcomes all to the 2010 Annual Celebration.



Tongan Youth Choir from Bellflower First United Methodist Church



Below: Chinese Children's Choir from Los Angeles Chinese Methodist Church.

Rev. Nestor Gerente,
Rev. Marilyn Huntington,
Bishop Mary Ann Swenson,
and
Rev. Richard Garner





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PACIFIC WAVES
JANUARY 2011

MID-WINTER EVENT

February 18, 2011

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

California—Whitter UMC

Hawaii— Keolumana UMC



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