

PACIFIC WAVES



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First, thank you God for this amazing opportunity to serve!
God certainly calls the most unlikely! I am humbled and honored!

All that I know is due to my fabulous mentor, Debbie Haustedt! My involvement with UMW was nurtured, inspired, and guided by Debbie, a true disciple of Christ! She shared so much knowledge, wisdom, and love with me. I am forever indebted to her for all she has done for me! I served 4 years as Conference United Methodist Women's Secretary and 2 years as Los Angeles District Secretary. Prior to that, I had not really know much about United Methodist Women. Debbie was the one who always answered my thousands of questions with patience and intelligence! Thank you Debbie for making a difference in my life and countless others!!!!

In these past 4 years of serving on the Conference Team, I have gained so much! Until you take that step in faith and get involved, you will never know how much this organization will change your life! The friendships formed, the personal growth in terms of spirituality, and the education received about so many social justice and mercy issues are priceless! It all started in 1998, when 3 friends from church invited me to stuff envelopes for a re-chartering of our unit at Westwood UMC. I had never heard of United Methodist Women before that. Reach out and extend that invitation to someone. It will make a difference!!!

The symbol that was chosen for our new Mission Team is the butterfly. In praying about a "theme" for the team, all of sudden, signs of the butterfly emerged! The butterfly has long been a Christian symbol of resurrection, for it disappears into a cocoon and appears dead, but emerges later, far more beautiful and powerful than before. I love this image that reflects how we are not alone and that with love and nurture, one can grow and the possibilities are endless of what one may accomplish. God is always there for us! Hope, renewal, and soaring above the odds are possible! Together, we will make a difference!

Help us out, please! We want to hear your stories. We want to know what your dreams and hopes are for United Methodist Women. Our Mission Team is filled with many women, who all bring their own stories to the table. We can only serve our Purpose better by knowing what you all want to do as well! We need to work together by listening to each other and sharing with an open heart. We are here to do just that. We are looking forward to meeting each one of you and your friends as well! Take that step of faith and share United Methodist Women with others! You will never know how you touch someone's life until you try and try again!

Soaring ahead,

Leanne Nakanishi, President



United
Methodist
Women

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Cal-Pac Conference Identification Symbols for Assembly

Red and White Kukui Nut Lei
will be available for \$10.00 at District Training events and Conference events or email Sue Simmons at SuzyQ11260@aol.com for an order form while supplies last.



Dear Sisters of Cal-Pac Conference,

It is a great joy to announce the *Mid-Winter Events*, scheduled to take place on February 20, 2010! Two events are celebrated on the same day, on both sides of the Pacific, in one SPIRIT and one PURPOSE.

We're reminded of the Great Commission: as witnesses of Christ, we're called to go outside of our comfort zones and invite others in, thereby "*Widening the Circle.*"



In California, the event will take place at Wilshire UMC in the Los Angeles District. The keynote speaker is **Bishop Beverly Shamana**, who has returned home to southern California after serving as the bishop in the Cal-Nevada Conference from 2000-2008. While serving as an active bishop, she was President of the General Board of Church and Society and traveled on behalf of the Board for issues of peace and justice.

She continues to preach, lead workshops and seminars on art and creativity, which inspired her book, *Seeing In The Dark, A Vision of Spirituality and Creativity*.

In Hawaii, Aldersgate UMC will be hosting the event with **Lory Neser** as the guest speaker. Lory served as the California-Pacific Conference UMW President from 2001-2005, and as the Hawaii District president from 1997-2001. Lory retired from teaching after 37 years, and continues to volunteer in the school setting. She is a firm believer in the concept of widening the circle: "I truly believe that it is only through knowledge, understanding, empowerment and hard work that we can widen our circle and sit down together at the table. The organization of United Methodist Women is one way that this can be successfully accomplished."



Come to the Mid-Winter Event and be inspired and empowered to carry on our legacy of "Mission with a PURPOSE".

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

We look forward to seeing you there!

Helena Kim, Vice-President

From the Treasurer

One of the privileges of being a Conference Officer is the fact that we meet at Methodist Hospital. It's given me an opportunity over the last 3 years to be inside the hospital and witness the work and care they provide the community. The heritage of what we have in Methodist Hospital is something to be proud of and uplift!

We are starting the third year of a three year commitment to the hospital for the Next Generation

of Care campaign for the new tower. We pledged \$100,000 over three years and we are currently at \$60, 983.88! I am confident that we will make this pledge plus some.

Thank all of you for your continued gifts and prayers for Methodist Hospital.

Susan Simmons,
Conference Treasurer

*Cal-Pac UMW
Mid-Winter Event*

February 20, 2010

'Widening the Circle'



California

Guest Speaker - Bishop Beverly Shamana
Wilshire UMC
4350 Wilshire Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90010
Registration 8:30am
Program: 9:30am-3pm

Hawaii

Guest Speaker - Lory Nesor
Aldersgate UMC
1352 Liliha Street
Honolulu, HI 96817
Registration 8:00 am
Program: 9:00am-1:30pm

Name _____ Phone() _____

Address _____

Local Unit _____ District _____

Childcare* Age of Children: _____ (please provide your child with a sack lunch)
\$25.00 deposit per family for childcare required with registration—deposit refunded at event if childcare is used.

Registration fee: \$12.00, Includes Lunch

Fee Waived for women 39 & under That's me! _____

Late Registration Fee: \$15.00 if post marked after Feb 6, 2010

Make checks payable to California-Pacific UMW

Registrar-California

Kimberly Duran

Contact information:
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Registrar-Hawaii

Maxine Wheeler

Contact information:
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Membership Nurture & Outreach

New officers, new projects, new programs and a new can-do spirit bring a breath of excitement and commitment to our UMW activities. You will have to admit that the Annual Conference Celebration at Westwood UMC started the ball rolling in a burst of excellence. It was wonderful to see a full sanctuary, meet outstanding guest leaders and be inspired by our UMW sisters. We were blessed!

The new officers in the local units will have training opportunities in their districts in January. I am encouraging each unit to send someone for Membership Nurture and Outreach. You may not have a designated MNO Coordinator officer but someone can take notes, collect material and share it with your board or the whole unit. This area of our purpose must be developed and successful for the organization to survive with new committed members.

How is the membership count going in your unit or district? By the time you read this **all** the local units should have sent their form to the district MNO and assisted the pastor with the UMW numbers for the local church. Each district MNO must compile the 40 or so reports they receive into a summary report for the district, so the Dec. 15th, deadline is very important and if a unit does not meet the deadline, it is a real hardship for the district. These numbers reflect our demographics and drive the development of material for all our sisters. It is just another example of how we can produce great results if each one does their part.

At the Annual Conference Celebration we welcomed three new units since we had last met Sun Valley, Paso Robles and Huntington Park. November 15th, Torrance UMC celebrated the chartering of a new unit with twenty one chartered members. Other groups are being organized all over our conference and I will let you know when we can celebrate these new sisters in our midst.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the MNO programs this past year. May the New Year bring you peace, joy, love and good health!

Jacque Howard
Cal-Pac Conference Mission Coordinator
for Membership Nurture and Outreach

Social Action Report

1 Thessalonians: 5:15

“Look for the best in each other and always do your best to bring it out.”

The final quarter of the year 2009 was very eventful and very fulfilling and culminated with the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting was held at Westwood United Methodist Church on October 24-25, 2009. It was the final meeting that was presided over by our outgoing president, Debbie Haustedt. Our incoming president, Leanne Nakanishi was installed along with several other new and continuing officers. With accolades for their accomplishments, all of the departing officers were recognized.

We had a very successful Social Action Committee Leadership Training Event. We were able to accomplish our objectives in a very expeditious manner. The objectives were as follows:

- To promote and to enhance team building
- To share and exchange relevant information related to various Social Action activities.
- To encourage attendance at Assembly 2010.
- To ensure conformity with the Social Action Priorities as delineated by the Women’s Division 2009-2012 Quadrennial
- To make plans for 2010 related to goal setting, team objectives and implementation strategies.

The team established unanimously that the Social Action Conference Priorities for 2009-2010 will be:

- Economic Justice
- Health Care
- Environmental Justice
- Immigration/Civil Rights

Here’s wishing you, your families and loved ones a healthy and a happy holiday.

Yours in Christ,

Susan H. Bradshaw
Cal-Pac Conference Mission Coordinator
for Social Action

Education & Interpretation

Today, I give thanks to all of you who attended the Annual Meeting at Westwood UMC. It was great to see old faces and to meet new ones. I am glad that I am going to be able to serve you and to educate you at the same time.

I would like to thank my trainers at Leadership Training Event, they made the class fun and interesting at the same time. I learned where the money goes and I will be telling you this in our journey with Christ. Did you know that the relationship between Women's Division and the Board of Global Ministries has changed? Well it has. Women's Division is now in charge of the seven Regional Missionaries, all the National Missions, and some of the International Missions.

At the training we were able to meet Women from all over the US, it was very nice when we got to do an icebreaker and go around the room and interact with other UMW officers. At one point I was near Harriet Jane Olsen and I said that is not fair you do not have a name badge, little did I know who she was at that time, or I might not have said that. Did you know that she is the Deputy General Secretary of Women's Division?

In our journey together I will be giving you information about the partial scholarships for the School of Christian Mission. I will be talking to you about some of the missions projects that we have here in the US not just California. I hope that we will be able to expand our concepts of mission together while benign educated on what is happening with the United Methodist Women.

Mission Today paperwork will be turned in soon, I will be contacting all the District Education & Interpretation coordinators to let you know the deadline, start working on this because it will be due soon.

Angie McCard
Cal-Pac Conference Mission Coordinator
for Education and Interpretation

Spiritual Growth

Philippians 4:4-7 (NRSV)

4 Rejoice! in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

“Rejoice in the Lord always.” This is difficult to do. Yet throughout both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament we see this concept being acted out. When Job was tested he said, “Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord,” (Job 1:21, NRSV).

When Jesus quoted the opening of Psalm 22, saying: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matt. 27:46, NRSV) he was bringing to mind that it goes on to say: “to him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down... and I shall live for him” (Psalm 22:29, NRSV).

We have all been through trying times, and it is at those times, when we struggle through our faith, that we come out knowing “the Lord is near.” When we realize this we become witnesses for the glory of God. When the faithless see us triumph through devastation with an inexplicable peace, they see the Lord's work.

My oldest brother lost his wife to suicide not so long ago, he asked that we sing “It is Well with My Soul” at her funeral; this is “the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding.”

It is this guarding of our hearts and our minds that we want to share with the marginalized. We cannot promise that things will get better now, but we can promise that God will see them through the hard times.

Grace and Peace to You All,
Leah Griffin
Cal-Pac Conference Mission Coordinator
for Spiritual Growth



Please note this important information about

Pacific Waves

First is the size of this issue; which is, in fact, only twelve pages long. It just happened to work out this way for this issue, but we do have plans to intentionally have smaller issues.

Which leads me to my second point, we will no longer be printing registration forms and scholarship applications in two issues. Instead, they will be printed in just one issue, and then they will be available for printing off of our web page.

“What web page?”, you may be wondering. This is, of course, my third point. Following many trials and tribulations, we do have an active web page, through our Conference website. The current access to it is a bit lengthy, and I am working with the Conference to streamline it, but for now you:

Start at cal-pac.org

Under Directories on the left side of the screen, select Boards & Agencies;

Under Ministries, again on the left side of the screen, almost at the bottom, select United Methodist Women

This will take you to our page where you will find current information, applications and registration forms, as they are available. The intention of this is to reduce our impact on the environment by reducing our paper use.

The final point I want to let you know is that due to scheduling issues for your communications coordinator, the April issue of Pacific Waves will not be sent out until late in the month, so if you don't receive it right away, don't worry, it is coming. (Do call me if you haven't received it by the middle of May, though.)

Blessings,

Kara Colling

Cal-Pac Conference Communications Coordinator



Register for Assembly 2010!

Women's Division is preparing a very exciting weekend for us in St. Louis this spring. Visit the UMW website at gbgm-umw.org and follow the links for more information and to register.

April 30—May 2, 2010

Annual Celebration Giving

Mission Giving:	2927.75
Collaborative:	1759.50
Total:	4687.25

Plus: 880.00 in gift cards.

“This is the largest offering in the three years I have been the Conference UMW Treasurer,” reports Sue Simmons.

LOGO CONTEST

Here's a chance to show your artistic talent and have your work be on the cover of Regional School program cover!

Logo to encompass all 3 studies: Joy to the world
Sudan
For the Love of God

Size: 8 1/2 X 11, a separate 3X5 card with name, address, phone, and permission for Pacific School to use if selected.

Submit to Helena Kim by Feb 10, 2010

Contact Information on page 4 of
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Committee on Nominations

by Barbara Miller, Chair

Elections were held during our October Annual Celebration and my duties as chairperson started with a bang. Good thing I have good running shoes!

I have already started working with my committee to find ladies with the gifts and graces needed to fill our 2011 vacancies, but we could use your help. Besides the gifts and graces of our officers, we are looking to be an inclusive team, with representation of, but not limited to: age, culture, vocation, marital and employment status, and physical abilities. If you know someone who is a hard worker, shows leadership qualities, and is dedicated to UMW, please refer them to me and I will follow up on the lead. Include your name and contact numbers, your friend's name and contact numbers, and in a few words why you think they would be a good addition to our team. You can always include yourself if you are interested in working with the conference team.

You can contact me through the information on page 8 of the 2009 Cal-Pac UMW Directory. I look forward to my new position on the conference team, and to seeing you at our upcoming events.

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Write 'Pacific Waves Auto Subscription' on the memo line of your check

Send to Cal-Pac UMW Treasurer: Susan Simmons

Contact Information is on page 4 of the 2009 Cal-Pac UMW Directory

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Complete the form below and include it with your check

Send check and form to Cal-Pac UMW Communications Coordinator:

Kara Colling

Contact Information is on page 5 of the 2009 Cal-Pac UMW Directory

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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Church _____ District _____

_____ One Annual Subscription donation of \$7.00

_____ Group of three annual subscriptions for \$15.00—with additional copies going to:

2. Name _____ 3. Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

City, St, Zip _____ City, St, Zip _____

E-mail _____ E-mail _____

For questions or additional information, please call Kara Colling, Contact Information is on page 5 of the 2009 Cal-Pac UMW Directory



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF CALIFORNIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE
Application for Partial Scholarship to Youth Alive 2010

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 Youth Alive 2010. Applications are available to any United Methodist Youth living within our Conference.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

District _____ Church _____

E-mail _____ High School _____

IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP THE YOUTH MUST, IN THEIR OWN FORM OF EXPRESSION, DISPLAY WHY THEY SHOULD RECEIVE HELP IN ATTENDING 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 PHOTOGRAPH OF ARTWORK), 2-4 MINUTE INTERPRETIVE DANCE OR SKIT

ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED VIA VIDEO, MAIL OR E-MAIL. THEY MUST BE POSTMARKED BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2010. (VIDEO MUST INCLUDE A MANUSCRIPT ALONG WITH VIDEO.) IN ORDER TO SUBMIT VIDEO VIA E-MAIL, IT MAY BE UPLOADED TO YOUTUBE OR FACEBOOK.

Please complete this form and send it to: **Angie McCard**

Contact Information can be found on page 43 of the 2009 Cal-Pac UMW Directory



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF
CALIFORNIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE
2010 Application for Partial Scholarship to
Attend School of Christian Mission**

**FAITH·HOPE·LOVE
IN ACTION**

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 our Conference.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

District _____ Church _____

E-mail _____

Is your application for Conference _____ or Language Coordinators _____

PLEASE PROVIDE IN 250 WORDS OR LESS, WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION. PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL PAPER. PUT YOUR NAME AT THE TOP OF EVERY ADDITIONAL PAGE. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN-JUNE 15, 2010.

Please complete this form and send it to: **Angie McCard**

**Contact Information can be found on page 43
of the 2009 Cal-Pac UMW Directory**

Please print a copy of your completed application and keep it with your records.



Mujeres Metodistas Unidad Conferencia California Pacifico

Emma Vega, Coodinadora Hispana

¿Qué hay de nuevo en 2010? Te gustaria saber en detalle de la organización de la Mujeres Metodistas Unidas?

Guardar la fecha: Sábado 24 de Abril 2010

Qué: Mujeres Metodistas Unidas Conferencia California Pacifico Evento Annual en Español "UMW 101" es un día de capacitación

Dónde: Iglesia Metodista Unida de Huntington Park

Tema: Talleres, y programa de Acción Social (Inmigración)

Entre los invitados: "Task Force" Equipo de Inmigración Conferencia California Pacifico

Costo: \$ 10

Estoy tan emocionada de este año, que después de mucha oración y búsqueda que ahora tenemos tres Coordinadoras Hispanas en nuestras Distritos, para asistir en el cumplimiento de nuestra propósito como Mujeres Metodistas Unidas. Nuestras damas tienen muchos dones y talentos para llevar a la mesa para la gloria del Señor. Ellas son:

♥ Regresando Nohemi Bunch, Burbank UMC, Distrito Pasadena ♥ Ligia Anderson, Baldwin Park UMC, Distrito Pasadena ♥ Yolanda Rivera, San Marcos UMC (Anaheim), Distrito Santa Ana.

Está escrito " que su palabra es una lámpara a nuestras pies", y con la ayuda de nuestro Señor JesuCristo, es mi oración que los siguiente dos años, juntas como un equipo, que pronto podemos desarrollar y construir nuevas relaciones, hacer visitas, servir a las unidades activas, ayudar a crear nuevas unidades, y tomar las recuentos de composición de membresias más precisa. Además, con la guía del Espíritu Santo y de División de Mujeres, como sus Coordinadoras Hispanas estamos para servirles para ayudará a identificar cuáles son las necesidades reales? Mientras que ser intencional a seguir proporcionando oportunidades para el desarrollo de futuro liderazgo y ejecutar programas que conectan a la misión de Dios en la Iglesia Metodista Unida a nivel local y dentro de nuestra Conferencia.

Eventos recientes?

19 de Septiembre 2009 Crecimiento Espiritual Evento Annual Mujeres Metodistas Unidas en Española fue una bendición recibido en la Iglesia Metodista Unida de Ontario. Líderes, Pastoras, y otros grupos ecuménicos estuvieron presentes. Mensajes por Invitados: Rev. Gabriela Sainz, directora de "Welcome Home Ministeries" o Bienvenida a Casa y Lita Nelson, Coordinadora Espiritual de Conferencia California Pacifico.

Dos talleres sobre la Mujer en el Ministerio y restauración del alma fueron presentadas.

6 de Noviembre 2009, como su voz a la Conferencia de Inmigración, me uní a los socios con la Comisión "Joint Commission" para visitar los centros de inmigración de deportación, se reunió con oficiales del Gobierno Mexicano, y con Pastores de la Iglesia Metodista en Tijuana, México. Fue realmente una experiencia que nunca voy a olvidar y mantener en mis oraciones. Mientras caminábamos por las calles y escuchar las historias reales del pueblo Mexicano era un paso pequeño para tartar de comprender y alcanzar a nuestros vecinos y aprender cómo podemos servir mejor a ellos/ellas? Más por venir el día 24 de Abril de 2010, para ser continuadoQue Dios las Bendiga! En Cristo, Emma.

Welcome to Our New Conference Officers!

Vera Tom, Secretary

Aloha my name is Vera Tom. I am married with three children, Levi, Korianne, & Blaise. I have a challenging full-time job working with children with special needs ranging in age from 9-11 years old. During the winter and spring time of the school year, I have the privilege of training them for Special Olympics Hawaii in track and field where they compete at the States Games at the University of Hawaii-Manoa. I am a member of Kilohana United Methodist Church in Honolulu. I am a lay member to annual conference, a Sunday school teacher, a member of the Administrative Board Council, a liturgist, and previous chair of Evangelism. Presently, I am working on creating a pictorial directory for my church, a picture board, and designing new name tags. UMW is close to my heart where I was the UMW President for four years and am currently Treasurer in my local unit for the past 3 years. With Hawaii District UMW I served on the Committee on Nominations from 2006-2009. During my free time I enjoy sewing, baking, line dancing, and partying with my Red Hat friends. I am a member of the Cal-Pac Committee on Disability Concerns.



Barbara Miller, Chair Committee on Nominations

I am Barbara Miller, the Chairperson for the Committee on Nominations. You've probably seen me over the years as your conference treasurer and mission coordinator for social action. I am also the one who has been selling fair trade items at our conference events for the past four years. I was elected to the Committee on Nominations in 2009 and was elected chairperson for 2010. I look forward to working with my committee as we build a great team that will work for you in 2011.

Leah Griffin, Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth

Leah Griffin is a God fearer, a humanist, and a geek. She adamantly fights against ignorance, social injustice, and gender roles. She has a wonderful husband, Noor, and a precious cat, Katy. In December of 2006 she obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies; specializing in Biblical Languages followed by a Bachelor of Science in Psychology in May of 2007; she earned both degrees from Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas. She is currently working on a Master of Arts in Theology specializing in Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Literature at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. Before college Leah trained for 17 years in classical Ballet under Endelisia Prince of Prince Ballet and Alex Ossadnik of Santa Fe Festival Ballet. She also apprenticed as a French chef under Nelli Moltezos in Santa Fe, New Mexico; where she specialized in desserts, salads, and cheeses. When Leah grows up she wants world peace.

Angie McCard Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation

I am the only child of Gordon and Gaunnie Hardin Dixon (former lay leader for the Cal-Pac conference). My grandfather was a Methodist minister in the Lexington Conference of the Central Jurisdiction. I have been a member of Bellflower First UMC for five years and am a third generation UMW. I do not work at this time but consider that my job is to make Disciples of Christ.

I graduated from Hollywood High, where I excelled in sports. While in high school, I was also an active member of the "Highlanders," a United Methodist Youth group affiliated with Hollywood First United Methodist Church.

While attending Los Angeles Valley College, I played on the Varsity Basketball team. (In 2008, I was inducted into the LA Valley College Basketball Hall of Fame.)

My Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education was received from Long Beach State University (1979), followed by a Master's degree in Educational Counseling and another Master's degree in Educational Instruction, both from National University (1996).

I learned early the importance of serving others, and came to understand that we should view all humanity as a single group of people -- that God loves and accepts each of us. I was taught as a child that "Jesus Loves all the Little Children of the world; Red, Yellow, Black or White," and I was taught the significance of that message.



UPCOMING UMW EVENTS

UMW Sunday

January 24, 2010

Local Churches

Assembly

2010

April 30-May 2, 2010

St. Louis, MO

Annual Celebration

October 23, 2010

Location: TBD

Mid-Winter Events

February 20, 2010

California:

Wilshire UMC

Hawaii:

Aldersgate UMC

School of Christian Mission Events

3-Day/English — July 23-25, 2010

3-Day/Korean — July 22-24, 2010

3-Day/Spanish — July 23-25, 2010

3-Day/Pacific Islander-- July 23-25, 2010

3-Day/Young People----- July 23-25, 2010

Chapman University



UMW 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.