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Understanding the usefulness of technology

by Betty Suzuki, Past Director, Western Jurisdiction. Women's Division

The Women's Division {WD} upon the retirement of the Women's Division Directors {WDD} in 1996, (I was a WDD in 88-92, 92-96), offered the Directors an e-mail format so that we could stay in touch by sending information to each other as a 'group'.

Some of the directors, including myself, were not as versed in the 'newer' technologies and avoided admitting this lack of expertise due to embarrassment.

Being somewhat computer illiterate, I struggle with my P/C - downloading, cutting/pasting, saving, and sending attachments. Persevering however since this 'new age' of communication is a faster way of getting and accessing information.

Upon retirement, I noticed in our WD's Annual meeting Journal that one of the recommendations made by a departing director was to hold a retreat/reunion—sometime, whenever 'someone' could put this together, for the classes of 88-92, 92-96.

By a strange coincidence, I had been nominated/elected in 1997 by the Division to serve on the Scarritt Bennett Center Board (a facility 'purchased' by the Division during 88-92), to be used for leadership training, Schools of Christian Mission sessions, and orientation to the Division for incoming Directors, National Seminar, and spiritual retreats. I immediately sent message to the former WDD's in the formatted data group telling them about my idea of implementation of the request to have a former Women's Division Directors retreat (reunion) at Scarritt.Bennett.

At the same time, I wrote to Joyce Sohl, CEO of WD, to ask about the recommendation made and to suggest that I facilitate the planning of the event with staff from both the Division and the Scarritt Bennett Center.

The one request was accessed to not only the formatted names on e mail but also all 60+ of us who only offered addresses, moved, changed our status' in life, etc. Also, could she appoint a staff person to work with me to format an invitation as well?

I started to get individual responses from some of the former directors from whom I had not heard since the format was implemented and we had all 'moved on'. "Yes, indeed it was a splendid idea" and "yes, do it".

I then began via e-mail a search for leadership for the Retreat. Three women from Texas in the South Central Jurisdiction not only agreed, but also began working with me to implement the retreat!!

The women from Texas and I were delegates to General Conference ('96, '00, '04) so that face to face sessions as well as phone calls and e-mails began vigorously. (And continues today) (continued next page)

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CALENDAR

2006

March 2-25-Mission Travel to India-Pakistan

April 1-DD Spring Event, Centennial UMC,Sacto

May 4-7-Assembly, Anaheim

June 17-CA-NV UMW Annual Breakfast

July 15, 22-One day Mission Study Events

August 18-20 Mission Study Event, Reno

September 15-17-Mission Study Event,
Santa Nella

September 30-DD Fall Annual Meeting Event

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We had 60 positive responses and 35 came to the former WDD's Retreat and were enjoyed by all!!

The WDD of the West (Western Jurisdiction) have asked that I do another retreat. Am working on it.

Truly, this new technology (PC) works for communication around the world and keeps us in touch instantly.

We can and could do 'business' in a new way - **telecommunication, television, teleconferencing, faxes, and e-mails!!**

Happy Teleconferencing via computers to all the UMW's!

Betty Suzuki, Japanese Sacramento, UMW

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[<http://www.cnumw.org/>

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Mission Team TODAY!

Carol Edwards, Delta District President

Thanks to all who came to the Leadership Development Events. It is always good to see friends, both old and new. In addition to visiting, we shared many ideas to help us better understand how to be "Wonder Women in Mission". I want to thank the women who hosted our events, at Escalon and at St. Mark's in Sacramento. The women of Escalon UMW took on a huge responsibility for such a small unit. We felt warmly welcomed, however, especially since their church heating unit was just repaired.

Your Delta District Mission Team is finishing the final details for the retreat at Silver Spur. It will be occurring as this issue of the Dialogue is in the mail to you. We are excited about the women who are coming. Some are from outside our district and some have never before attended a Delta District UMW event.

The Mission Team is planning for the Spring Event on Saturday, April 1, 2006 at Centennial UMC in Sacramento. We will all DO MISSION TODAY as Wonder Women. We plan a variety of activities. Women can spend their time in one activity or sample several. You can write to legislators on issues important to women, children and youth. There will be a drama to practice and present. Some may chose to participate in meditation through shawl ministry or a labyrinth. How about writing to a missionary, either on paper or by email? Why do we have a Charter for Racial Justice Policies and how do we present it? What is Africa University and why is it important? This will be the day that we always meant to have--to DO MISSION TODAY.

I find myself thinking: "Wasn't that great!" and in the next breath, "What's next?" The organization of United Methodist Women is involved in some most interesting things. And even more than interesting: Important.

I am excited to be working with you as we listen to God's call to us to be in mission for women, children and youth.

In God's love,

Carol Edwards

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Calling All V.P.'s!

Mary Jo Borrego, Delta District Vice-President

Well, I hope this will give you some program ideas. We are doing something different for **Spring Event April 1** at Centennial UMC, Sacramento. Instead of a speaker, we are having activities. You may find something to inspire your unit. So please all come.

I enjoyed meeting some of you at St. Mark's and was sorry to miss Escalon but I was SICK.

Let me know if you have had a good program that others might use. Email gets us connected.

Mary Jo Borrego 209-532-7930 jofrank@sonnet.com



It Is Written!

Joyce Brinsky, Delta District Secretary

You will find a complete outline of the Secretary's duties on Women's Division website: **Scroll down to http://gbgm-umc.org/umw/local_officers.cfm**

"The **SECRETARY** must understand the organizational form, the **PURPOSE**, the program and the total involvement of the local unit in order to perform the responsibilities assigned to her and to assist the president."

Questions and/or comments:

Joyce Brinsky 916-428-2617 jmbrinsky@aol.com



From The Treasurer's Chest

Marietta Hovis, Delta District Treasurer

A new year, a fresh new start for all of us in our personal endeavors and those of our organization. It is amazing what we can accomplish individually and as a group. We don't always get to see first hand the changes we have made in someone's life, but what we do is astonishing in the world today.

Sometimes we grow weary and overwhelmed trying to accomplish projects and at times it may seem impossible to accomplish the goals we have set for ourselves. It is at these times that we need to keep in mind that when we serve others, we are serving Christ. In Matthew 25:40 "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

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I'm sorry more of you could not attend the Leader's Training we held in Escalon and Sacramento, we had an informative group participating. I look forward to finally meeting all of you in person and anytime you would like a visit to one of your meetings, I will be happy to come and answer your questions and give you updates on our activities.

At this time I would like to remind you of the dates I need to have your pledges, designated and undesignated gifts. Please mark these dates on your calendars for the year 2006:

March 1st – quarter ends

June 1st – quarter ends

September 1st – quarter ends

December 10th – quarter ends

We are approaching the Lent Season and your unit may want to consider having special "World Thank" offering during this season, if you don't already schedule a time for a "World Thank" offering. Or possibly a time to present Special Mission Recognitions.

Some of you are still using the old forms that were replaced with new forms in 2005. **Please destroy the old forms** as they are obsolete and no longer used. If you need new forms, let me know and I will send a new form to copy.

May God guide you throughout this coming year and may you sow seeds throughout this world.

Marietta Hovis 209-257-1423 marjh@volcano.net



Information.....Answers

Ann Spelbos,
Delta District Secretary of Program Resources

The *Reading program* is a very useful way to gain knowledge of how other countries conduct their business. There are many kinds of books available to read, and a person can find something of interest in all four categories. There are some books available in large print, for those with failing eyesight. Books are written in an inspiring and informative manner. The reading list from 2005 and 2006 are acceptable for credit.

"The Bible undergirds all Christian reading and that of the Reading Program. Everyone should read it without special credit. *Response* and *New World Outlook* are essential for our understanding of mission. They must be a part of the reading plan in order for credit to be given for participation in the program.

[Women's Division website <http://gbgm-umc.org/e-store>]

Ann Spelbos 916-725-4710 aspel@comcast.net



Nominating Committee

Judie Streeter, Chairperson
Delta District Nominating Committee

You need:

1. Handbook for United Methodist Women 2005-2008: Focus on Local and District Units.

2. Constitution & Bylaws 2005-2008.

You Need to Know:

1. The president of your unit cannot serve on the Committee on Nominations. She is ex-officio. She may offer recommendations.

2. Changes in terms of officer:

Chairperson may serve up to two years.

Committee members may serve up to four years.

See Handbook and Constitution & By-laws. May be purchased from the Service Center.

Judie Streeter 916-381-4050 judies43@netzero.com

MISSION COORDINATORS



Come and see

Virisila Batiratu, Delta District MC Spiritual Growth

Ni sa bula na veitokani marama ena Delta District.

Greetings to the United Methodist Women of Delta District.

John 4:10 – Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.

We would like to thank all the Spiritual Growth Coordinators who attended the Leadership Training at Escalon on January 21st and at St. Mark's in Sacramento on January 25th. The Bible reading was from the Gospel of John. (John 4: 4-15). The woman at the well, all she has is her water pitcher. Day in and day out, she carries her water pitcher. She has hope that things will change. Our hope is that things will change this year. Let's open to God for change, the change has to begin within us. As a spiritual person open yourself to God.

We encourage all the Spiritual Growth Coordinators at Delta District local units:

1. Read your Bible so God can speak to you.
2. Pray so you can talk to God about your gift as a Spiritual Growth Coordinator.

We have to be open to listen and learn from each other. We are Wonder Women in mission today. We are women who hope things will change. Pray for the Spring Event at Centennial UMC in Sacramento, and plan to come on April 1, 2006.

The woman at the well, when she knows the truth about herself, she left her water pitcher at the well and ran to the village and said to the people, "Come and see the person who knows everything about me."

Virisila Batiratu c/o Centennial UMC, Sacramento



Peace I Give to You

Judy Church, Delta District MC Education/ and Interpretation

"Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you." Jesus' words ring out for our world today. The 2006 mission studies theme, *Harvesting Peace*, challenges us to look at what peace means for each of us as members of the global community, as people of India and Pakistan, and as members of different religious groups. Opportunities to explore these roles are at one-day or weekend events:

One-day events:

July 15, Castro Valley UMC

July 22, Good Samaritan, Cupertino

Weekend Events:

August 18-20, Reno

September 15-17 Santa Nella

Registration forms will be available at Spring Meetings.

Judy Church 209-522-2565 juchur2@aol.com



Legislative Issues

Judi Rath, Delta District MC Social Action

California-Nevada Conference United Methodist Women have a great opportunity coming soon to learn about the social issues facing Californians and how we can effect change through the legislative process. On March 26-28, the CA-NV Conference UMW and the California Council of Churches are again coordinating their events back to back in order to maximize the use of time and travel to Sacramento. The UMW Legislative Event begins with a worship service on Sunday evening, March 26, 2006 at the UMC Conference Center in West Sacramento. Monday morning will be devoted to a panel discussion in preparation for visiting your legislator in the afternoon. The Council of Churches Legislative Issues Briefing will begin with a dinner on Monday evening and continue on Tuesday with workshops including such topics as Immigrants in California, Health Care, Living Wages, Death Penalty Initiative Process and Clean Money Campaign.

For those of you coming from out of town, you can reserve a room at the Best Western Harbor Inn (near the Conference Center) when you submit your registration form.

Recently, I sent registration forms to each unit Mission Coordinators for Social Action or the President in the absence of a MCSA. Please check with them if you are interested in attending or visit the Delta District web site at <http://cnumw.org/deltacnumw/> to get a registration form.

Participation in these events is preparation for living out the "action" in our title!

Peace and blessings,
Judi Rath 916-456-5859 judirath@surewest.net

In Good Hands with Old Friends and New



Flo Perry, Delta District MC Membership, Nurture & Outreach

To all of you who have sent me your 2005 membership records, many thanks. I know the rest of you will do it soon. The Conference has asked for these figures and we need to let them know that Delta District is alive, active and very well.

Weren't the Leadership Training sessions great! We saw old friends, made some new ones and shared ideas about how to make our local unit open to United Methodist Women.

I am looking forward to the retreat at Silver Spur Center [it will probably have happened by this printing]. As busy as we all are, centering down and getting in touch with our inner core, is vital to our spiritual health. What a treat to be with old friends and new as our creative spirit takes over.

Finally, look around your unit. Find a younger woman and be a mentor to her. Find out what her special gifts are and help her develop them so that one day you can sit back, knowing the UMW leadership in good hands.

I am as near as the phone or computer, if you need to talk. Let's keep in touch.

In His service,
Flo Perry 916-921-0809 flobo@lanset.com



Visual Resources- Videos/DVD Power Point Presentations

Contact Judi Rath, 916-456-5859, judirath@surewest.net:

1. "Charter for Racial Justice" (15 minutes),
2. "To Do Justice: Christian Social Response" (17 minutes),
3. "Stolen Childhoods" (85 minutes-this is not a UMW resource but is an excellent video on child labor in seven different countries and the persons trying to help the children). A portion of the video could be used for a program
4. three copies of the DVD "Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price" (90 minute or shorter 20 minute version-also not a UMW resource). This video would be good to use in conjunction with the 2006 Mission study on globalization.
5. "The Journey of the Mission Dollar" (about 15-20 minutes)
6. "Here Am I Lord."

Contact Doris Young 916-355-0526,doriyou@comcast.net

Can be sent as e-mail attachment or CD copy

PowerPoint Presentations:

1. "All About Women's Division"
2. "India-Pakistan"
3. "Africa University" and mission

Please distribute copies [First Draft. Final copy available after April 30.]

United Methodist Women
Mission Education Weekend Event
Conference Application Form / Registration

Special Circumstances Scholarship

Every year, the Conference and District Methodist Women offer scholarships to women and men to help cover the cost of registration fees only at the Weekend Event of the applicant's choice.

Special Circumstances Scholarship: There are (4) of these Scholarships available to each District. The applicant must have attended a School of Mission Event in the Past, be able to pay at least \$75 or MORE of the registration fees, and all of their travel and book expenses. The Conference will then, if awarded, pay the balance of the registration fees only to a Weekend Event.

Please indicate amount you will pay \$_____.

District Deadline: May 31, 2006

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO YOUR DISTRICT MISSION COORDINATOR FOR EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

The District level must have reviewed applications to the Conference level by no later than June 5th, 2006.

Application for: (please check one) Conference Scholarship___ District Scholarship___

Name _____ M F Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Email) _____

Local Church _____ City _____ District _____

In Emergency Notify _____ Telephone _____

Roommate preference for Weekend Event _____

Any Medical Problems? Yes No If yes, please list _____

Events you wish to attend:

August 18-20, 2006 Reno, Nevada (Weekend Event)

September 15-17, 2006 Santa Nella, California Santa Nella Mission de Oro (Weekend Event)

Mission study you wish to attend: (Please indicate your first and second choices)

Shalom, Salaam, Peace – Spiritual Study 1st ___ or 2nd ___ Korean Language ___

The Impact of Globalization – Current Issue 1st ___ or 2nd ___ Spanish Language ___

India and Pakistan 1st ___ or 2nd ___ Young Women ___

Mail to:

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Judy Church

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Modesto, CA 95355

juchur2@aol.com

PLEASE USE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR YOUR REMARKS [or additional page]

Why do you wish to attend? What reason deems the need of this Special Circumstances Scholarship? Have you applied and/or received a Special Circumstances Scholarship before? Yes No If yes, please list _____

The decision of the Conference and District Scholarship Committees will be guided by your statements. Please be specific in your answers. The purpose of the Scholarship Program is to provide personal enrichment and to expand concepts of Mission through participation in the Global Ministries of the Church.

IF SELECTED, I WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE FULL PROGRAM OF THE SCHOOL.

_____ Applicant's Signature

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Local UMW President's office or Pastor's comments and recommendations:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Local Unit President's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Saturday, April 1, 2006

9 a.m. Registration—9:30 a.m. Gathering

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Directions are on the back

Deadline: March 27, 2006 - No refund after deadline

Contact Person:

Ph./e-mail

(print clearly)

NAMES and Churches

CHILD CARE NEEDED FOR:

PLEASE BRING SACK LUNCH FOR EACH CHILD.

Names and Ages

Registration: \$2 Lunch: \$6 Number of Attendees

Please send \$8 checks payable to Delta District UMW Total Enclosed \$

To Treasurer: Marietta Hovis, 300 New York Ranch Road, #34, Jackson, CA 95642

[Late registration, call Marietta, 209-257-1423 or e-mail marjh@volcano.net]

### SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

It is time once again to recognize those women who gave much to their church, their unit and their sisters in Christ. Every unit has them and Delta District would like to have you nominate one of these women to receive a Special Mission Recognition Award at the Spring Event in April the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Receiving this award in the presence of so many friends and sisters of United Methodist Women is a very special experience. This is one small way that we can let these women know that we appreciate them.

Please, send this statement by March 15, 2006. You may resubmit nominees who may not have been selected before. Please make every effort to make a nomination.

Write a statement of why your nominee is deserving of this award and send it to:

Virisila Batiratu, Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth

C/o Centennial UMC, 5401 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95822

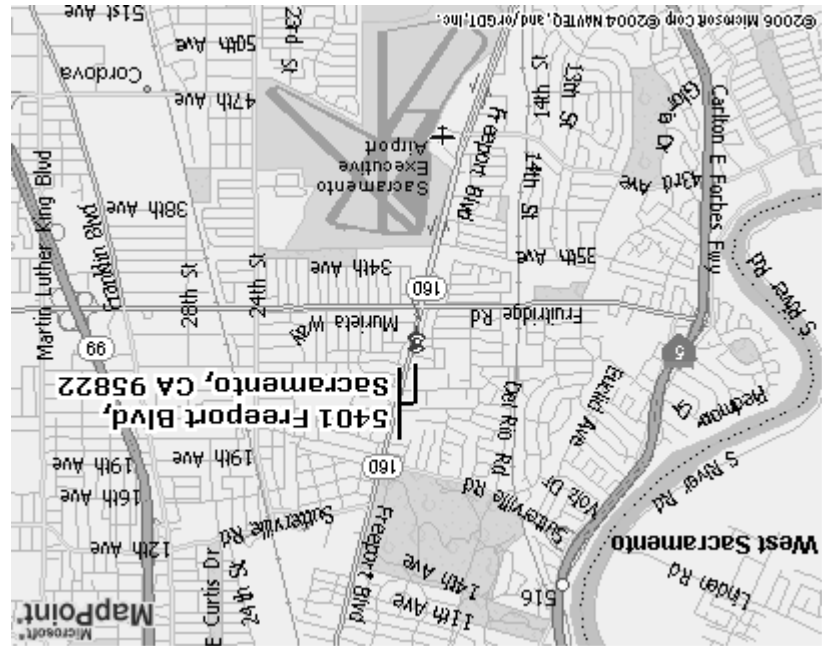


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