

MISSION TIES

Central Texas Conference United Methodist Women

A Letter From Linda "UMW Sisterhood"



During my recent trip to Italy I had time to read the last two issues of *response* magazine. I'm always so excited about the work of the women and impressed with the creativity of the projects described. I want to encourage each local UMW organization to send in an article to "Bright Lights" describing what your local group has done and include a photo or two. I know you're doing great things following the servant role of Jesus because I've seen them listed on the Mission Today forms. Please set that as a goal for this year.

United Methodist Women are movers and shakers. We have power when we bind to-

gether on issues that help women, children, youth and the disenfranchised. We should all write letters or call our legislators on important issues as well as being active locally. Work for justice! "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever flowing stream." Amos 5:24

Remember the four focus areas for this quadrennium: immigration, domestic violence, human trafficking and climate control. Help to educate your UMW and your church about these four priorities. See what action you can take to help bring about change. We still have the CTC UMW t-shirts that say "Make It Happen" available for \$15. Call or email me if you'd like one.

Remember to check out the ctcumw.org website for registration and information on upcoming events plus photos of past events. Re-

member to put these dates on your calendar:

"Make It Happen" - UMW Assembly, April 25-27 in Louisville, KY

UMW Workday at United Community Centers - May 17 from 9am - noon

UMW Luncheon at Annual Conference - Tuesday, June 10, at noon at the Aristide Event & Conference Center, Mansfield, TX. Purchase \$15 tickets by May 25 from the conference or district UMW Presidents.

Mission u - first full week in August at First UMC of Temple, at Genesis UMC in Fort Worth and the weekend event at Glen Lake Camp.

CTC UMW Annual Autumn Gathering, Oct 4 at Trinity UMC in Arlington

Linda Hutchings, CTC UMW President

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Dates to Remember:

- May 17 UMW Workday at United Community Centers 9 AM
- June 10 CTC UMW Annual Luncheon at Aristide Event Center, Mansfield 12 Noon
- July 1 Registration deadline for Mission u
- August 4-6 Mission u at FUMC Temple in Temple
- August 5-7 Mission u at Genesis UMC in Fort Worth
- August 8-10 Mission u at Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center in Glen Rose



UMW Luncheon at Annual Conference

**Tuesday, June 10,
2014**

**Aristide Event &
Conference Center**

**570 North Walnut
Creek Dr.
Mansfield, TX
76063**

Tickets \$15 – Reserve by May 25

**Speaker – Sally
Vonner, Assistant
General Secretary,**

**Membership &
Leadership Development**

From the UMW National Office

**Tickets available
online at ctcumw.org
or from the**

Conference and District UMW Presidents.

CTC UMW Workday at United Community Centers

Saturday, May 17, 2014 9am to noon

Select a site and gather a group of workers, adults or youth, and converge at the center of your choice at 9am ready to work. We will help clean and prepare the centers for their summer enrichment programs.

The centers are:

Wesley Center

3600 N. Crump

Fort Worth, TX 76106

Bethlehem Center

970 E. Humbolt

Fort Worth, TX 76104

Polytechnic Center

3100 Avenue I

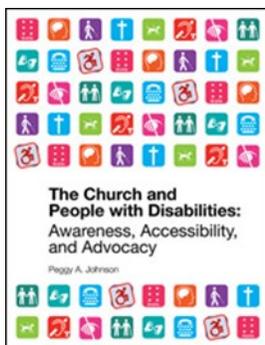
Fort Worth, TX 76105

United Community Centers, Inc. is the only National Mission Institution of the UMC in our conference. They greatly appreciate the support of the United Methodist Women. UCC is also the conference project of CTC UMW known as Mission Sparks. Please register for this workday at ctcumw.org so we'll know at which center you will be working. Thanks and we'll see you then



From a humble acorn, the mighty oak tree will grow. That strength and commitment to mission is symbolized in the Mission u symbol. Come join us at **Mission u** this August, as we plant a few “mission acorns” that will grow into mighty works for women, children and youth throughout the world. Along with studying about timely important issues (The Church and Disabilities, The Roma of Europe) we will nourish our souls and spirits (How Is It With Your Soul?) guided by dedicated and talented study leaders.

Mission u Studies:



The Church and People with Disabilities

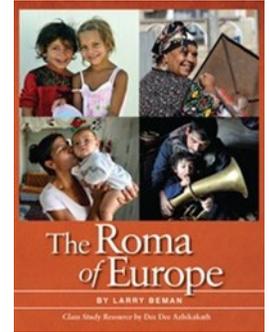
Awareness, Accessibility and Advocacy

By Bishop Peggy A. Johnson

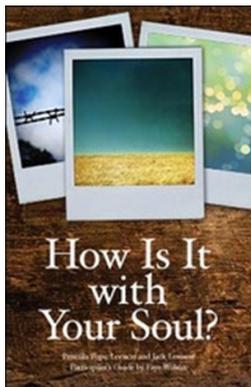
The study is meant to touch the heart as well as inform and prompt the participant to action. The author lifts up needs of veterans and challenges faced by ministers with disabilities as well as increasing awareness of issues around disability awareness.

The Roma of Europe

By Larry Beman



This study will introduce us to the Roma, with an emphasis on Eastern Europe, their history up to and including the twentieth century. It will delve into the ways they are treated in contemporary European culture, introduce their lifestyle and spirituality, and investigate ways the church and other organizations are working alongside them.



How Is It With Your Soul?

By Priscilla Pope Levison & John Levison

Framed within four verbs, “pray,” “learn,” “mentor” and “transform,” the study gives an overview of the setting for this question “How Is It With Your Soul?” It moves in a trajectory from the individual to the church to the world. Within this framework, the study seeks to discuss biblical texts, Wesley and the early Methodist, faithful women past and present, and spiritual practices.

Disabilities and Our Response: A Study for Youth

By Beth Miller

The underpinnings of this study acknowledge all as children of God, each created in God's image but unique. Each person brings different abilities and disabilities to the community. In God's kingdom, everyone has a place, including persons with disabilities. We are all called to "fit together" much like pieces of a puzzle. When we come together, we begin to see the bigger picture.

Making a New Picture Together: Welcoming Persons with Disabilities Into Our Lives

A Study for Children by Beth Miller

The lessons and activities of this study are similar to opening a box containing a new jigsaw puzzle. The bigger picture is not readily apparent as one looks at individual pieces. As the child put the pieces of this study together, they will develop a new understanding of persons with disabilities. Putting together the "puzzle pieces" of their own lives, they will realize that no one trait properly identifies them.

Looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at Mission u
2014!!!

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
MISSION u 2014

Check all that apply:**First UM Church 2nd & Adams, Temple, TX 76503**

<input type="checkbox"/> August 4-5, Mon/Tues	Evening – How Is It With Your Soul? (1 study in two parts) 6PM
<input type="checkbox"/> August 5, Tues.	Day Class – How Is It With Your Soul? 7:30 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> August 5, Tues.	Day Class – The Church and People with Disabilities 7:30 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> August 6, Wed.	Day Class – How Is It With Your Soul? 7:30 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> August 6, Wed.	Day Class- The Church and People With Disabilities 7:30 AM

Genesis UMC 7635 S. Hulen St., Fort Worth TX 76133

<input type="checkbox"/> August 5-6, Tues/Wed.	Evening – How Is It With Your Soul? (1 study in two parts) 6 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> August 6, Wed.	Day Class – How Is It With Your Soul? 7:30 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> August 6, Wed.	Day Class – The Church and People with Disabilities 7:30 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> August 7, Thur.	Day Class – How Is It With Your Soul? 7:30 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> August 7, Thur.	Day Class- The Church and People With Disabilities 7:30 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> August 6-7	Children's Study – Making a New Picture Together: Welcoming Persons with disabilities Into Our Lives 7:30 AM

Glen Lake Camp 1102 NE Barnard St, Glen Rose TX 76043

<input type="checkbox"/> August 8, Fri	Evening - Mission activity, movie, fellowship 6PM
<input type="checkbox"/> August 9, Sat.	How Is It With Your Soul? 7:30 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> August 9, Sat.	The Church and People with Disabilities 7:30 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> August 9, Sat.	The Roma of Europe 7:30 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> August 10, Sun.	How Is It With Your Soul? 7:30 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> August 10, Sun.	The Church and People with Disabilities 7:30 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> August 10, Sun.	The Roma of Europe 7:30 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> August 9-10	Children's Study – Making a New Picture Together: Welcoming Persons with disabilities Into Our Lives 7:30 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> August 9-10	Youth Study – Disabilities an Our Response 7:30 AM

Registration by July 1 should be mail to LeOnita Jefferson, 1717 Ellington Dr., Ft Worth TX 76112

or online at www.ctcumw.org . Appropriate funds to follow in a timely manner. Classes will be assigned in order of registration received. Cancellation Policy: Class registration will be refunded less \$10 processing fee if requested in writing to Judith Graham, Business Manager on or before day of class; except for lodging, which is not refundable unless cancelled one week prior to event,. Full refund if class is cancelled due to lack of enrollment. Study books available at conference events or www.umwmissionresources.org . Directions to the site of your choice will be provided with your confirmation letter or mail.

Adult registration:

Circle all that apply: Officer (Conf/District) Clergy Laity First Time Female Male

Registrant's needs (see attached page)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Church: _____ District _____

(page 2) Name _____

Event Location: _____

COSTS:

ADULT CLASSES:

Temple/ Genesis: Evening Class (includes snacks both nights) Both nights/one price \$50= _____

Day Class (includes snacks and lunch) # of Days _____ X \$50 = _____

Glen Lake: Class (includes snacks and lunch) # of Days _____ X \$50 = _____

ADULT & CHILDREN LODGING:

Glen Lake Still Water (per person/per night – shared room Fri. night X \$ 80 = _____

Includes breakfast next morning) Sat. night X \$ 80 = _____

Still Water (per person/per night – private room Fri. night X \$ 110 = _____

Includes breakfast next morning) Sat. night X \$ 110 = _____

Cabin (per night includes breakfast Fri. night X \$ 50 = _____

next morning) Sat. night X \$ 50 = _____

Children 2 and over \$35 per night # of Days _____ X \$ 35 = _____

EXTRA MEALS: Saturday **Commuter** may add dinner if staying over for activities \$10 each = _____

Genesis – Children are free if accompanied by sponsoring adult, signed Consent form and sack lunch is brought.

\$0

Or \$10 for lunches upon request. # of Days _____ X \$10 = _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED = \$ _____

Deadline for registration is July 1. Scholarships are available with preference to first time attendees.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO **MISSION U.**

Mail to LeOneita Jefferson, 1717 Ellington Dr. Fort Worth TX 76112

817-457-0350

ctc-mission-u@sbcglobal.net**Child / Youth Registration**Genesis Child care (up to 5 years) Children (Grades 1st-6th)
Or Glen Lake Child care (up to 5 years) Children (Grades 1st-6th) Youth (12 to 18 years)

Name: _____ Preferred Name _____

Relationship to child _____ -- _____

☿ Female ☿ Male Date of Birth ____/____/____ Grade/Fall 2014 _____

Address _____
Street City Zip

Phone _____ Home Church _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone # _____

Registrant Needs and Information for Mission u 2014

Name: _____ Phone : _____

Location: _____

The meeting sites for this year's Mission u are accessible. Amplification will be used. Child care for small children will be provided at all locations. Persons attending the classes are requested to refrain from using heavily scented personal care products in order to enhance accessibility for everyone, including those with allergies and chemical sensitivity. Persons with disabilities requiring additional services or alternative formats for printed material to participate in the classes should contact LeOneita Jefferson at 817-457-0350 or ctc-mission-u@abcglobal.net. Please contact us with any questions.

In order to participate I will need:

Child care: number and ages of children _____

A ride to and from the event

Accessible parking space

A chair with armrests or special seating considerations: _____

Note taker

Large print

Guide or orientation to facility

Accommodations for service animal (with proof of animal health records)

Special Diet: Explain: _____

Allergies: _____

Assistance with meal: _____

Assistance with parking.

Other _____

An assistant will accompany me (needed for meal count)

Directions to the site of your choice will be provided with your confirmation letter.

I am driving and would be able to provide transportation

I will be able to assist at _____ (location) in the
_____ area

Central Texas Annual Conference

Mission u

Parental Consent Form for Children / Youth
Please complete one form per Child / Youth.

I give my permission for (name) _____ to participate in the Central Texas Conference Mission u to be held:

August 6 – 7, 2014 (Weekday School at Genesis United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Texas)
 August 9 - 10, 2014 (Weekend School in Glen Rose, TX)

I am aware of the purpose of this event and understand the scope and nature of the programs and activities my child will participate in during the event. All activities will be supervised by adults. **Certified lifeguards are on duty during all water park activities at Glen Lake.** Please designate the activities in which your child can participate as follows:

Mission Activity	Nature Walk	Water Games (Glen Lake)
Gym activities	Playground	Running

I give permission for medical treatment to be given in the event of accident or injury and I expect to be notified as soon as possible. Please complete the following so the Mission u staff can better care for your child:

Allergies (Include food, inhalant, topical, and medical allergies):

Medications being taken and times for doses (Mission u staff cannot administer medications):

Physical or Mental Limitations that might require adaptations for full participation:

Special Instructions that will ensure that your child is cared for to the best of the Mission u staff's ability:

Insurance NO YES

Insurance company _____ Policy # _____

Signature of Parent/Legal

Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Print Name of Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Child's Date of Birth _____

Please return this form to the Mission u staff when dropping off your child the very first time. Youth cannot be left without the completed form on file with the Youth's Mission u Director.

<http://www.glenlake.org/directions>

Directions to Glen Lake Camp use this link:



<http://www.functemple.org/contact.html>

and paste into browser):

Directions to FUMC Temple can be found at this web address (copy



<http://www.genesisumc.com/templates/System/details.asp?id=41478&PID=937296>

Location of Genesis UMC at this web address:

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