Finally spring is here! Many of us enjoy communing with God and nature by being in the out of doors environment; perhaps planting the beautiful geraniums that we bought to support Shalom Farms; perhaps observing the various soft shades of new green on the trees as we travel the roadways in route to the many activities we are involved in; perhaps just sitting quietly on the porch soaking in the warmth and feeling the slight breeze while listening to the bumblebees stop by the periwinkle blossoms.

GOD is GOOD. He has blessed us with life and asks us to stay in His Word so we can gain strength and wisdom to get through our own struggles, while also having the energy and compassion to help others. As sisters of Grace who advocate daily for others, let us not forget to join together at our own retreats and gatherings to recharge ourselves and to share in the energy of our UMW sisters.

With this in mind, I invite you all to share in the upcoming opportunities for Renewal, Education and Fellowship. Details for the events are within this WORD newsletter.

**On The Road in Mission**, Wesley Community Service Center, Sat., April 22, 2017, Ruth Wilkinson, Trip Leader (804)-218-0627

**Conference UMW Spiritual Life Retreat**, April 28-30, 2017
Dr. Denise Honeycutt; Retreat Leader, Front Royal, VA

**UMW Breakfast @ VA. Annual Conference**, June 17, 2017
Hampton Convention Center,
Rev. Seonyoung Kim, Guest Speaker
Ticket $20.00 by June 8 Contact: Scotty Doyle (804)-744-3034

**Virginia Conference Mission Encounter**, July 28-29, 2017,
Bon Air UMC, 1645 Buford Rd, North Chesterfield, VA

Blessings for a Joyful Easter,
Scotty Doyle
804-744-3034
sdoyle22@verizon.net
Vice President

Dear Sisters,

Happy Spring to Each of You! Yes, as we are in the Lenten Season, I hope that your unit is coming along with Creative Ways to define your meaning and commitment in broadening your Call To Community throughout this year. As sisters together connecting our purpose in reaching new found sisters with our goals, growing in love for mission and social justice. Do hope to hear from you on some of the ways you are reaching out around your units to connect, especially with our younger sisters.

Thanks for your attendance at our first four gatherings we have celebrated so far in 2017. I hope to see you at our District Prayer Breakfast on April 15th at Providence UMC, 901 S. Providence Rd. Isn't it wonderful to come together over the Easter holiday celebration and be challenged to 'A Call To Community - A Community of Women' by our Conference UMW President, Mary Jane Rawley. We are indeed honored to have her to travel from Bridgewater, VA., to be our guest speaker. Also, please remember our special mission offering for 'Homeward' Thanks, Thanks!

And, then 1 week from our Prayer Breakfast, we will be traveling 'On The Road Again In Mission' Express on Saturday - April 22nd to celebrate with Wesley Community Service Center, our only National Mission in VA, their 80 years of mission to the Portsmouth area, and lend helping hands where we can.

Their Mission Emphasis (supplies) are: gallon size plastic bags (or tie-up variety); school supplies-any variety of pens, pencils, folders, crayons, loose leaf paper, spiral notebooks & backpacks; fabric to be used for children's craft projects (making doll clothes); and rolls of paper towels. If you are unable to travel with us this time, but would like to contribute some supplies- please call me and I'll be glad to come pick them up. John, their Director, and staff are looking forward to us coming. We try to travel to WCSC every three years, and we are happy it's worked out to be on their Birthday Celebration. We do have a few seats still available. Keep us in your prayers as we travel to work together in mission, education and sisterhood.

The next weekend, April 28th -30th, our Conference UMW Spiritual Life Retreat will be held at The Northern VA. 4H Center in Front Royal, VA. 'The Spirituality of Relationships' will be led by Rev. Dr. J Denise Honeycutt.

On June 2nd & 3rd we will be, again, traveling together on our 2nd 'On The Road Again In Mission' Express this year to 'UMW Day at Ferrum College'. We do have seats available.... So please sign up and invite a friend to join us. We will be working at Roanoke Community Outreach & Henry Fork Community Service Center and fellowship with our UMW sisters of Bethlehem and Redwood UMC along the way. This overnight trip we will be welcoming Ferrum's 11th President, Dr. Jody Spooner, and celebrate the heritage of The UMW of the VA Conference at Ferrum College 'Now & Forever' on Saturday.

We would love to have many of our youth to celebrate this trip with us!

Blessings to one and all as we learn, serve and grow together!!

Love,
Ruth Wilkinson,  cumsile2day@hotmail.com
Virginia Conference

'ON THE ROAD AGAIN IN MISSION' Express

To

UMW Day at Ferrum College
June 2nd & 3rd, 2017

Friday:
8:30AM  Leave Shady Grove UMC
9:00AM  Leave Skipwith UMC
9:30AM  Leave Bon Air UMC

11:30AM  Lunch - Bethlehem UMC, Concord

2:30PM  Arrive in the Roanoke Area

An Afternoon in the Star City of the South
Roanoke Community Outreach

4:00PM  Leave the Roanoke Area
4:30PM  Arrive at Henry Fork Center
Working at Henry Fork Center

6:00PM  Dinner - Redwood UMC
7:30PM  Arrive at Ferrum College

Have a tour of 'The Conference UMW Archives'
Enjoy your evening on the 'Panther Campus' of Ferrum College

Saturday:
7:30AM  Rise & Shine with Breakfast
8:30AM  Blue Ridge Institute Museum
9:30AM  UMW Day at Ferrum College
2:00 PM  Leave Ferrum College
5:30PM  Return to Bon Air UMC
6:00PM  Return to Skipwith UMC
6:30PM  Return to Shady Grove UMC

We are hoping you will be able to join us as we journey in mission together!
And spread the word to all our sisters, even our younger sisters/brothers, who would like

to visit Ferrum in case they're interested in attending!

Cost: $158.00 includes: bus transportation; lunch & dinner-Friday; lodging, breakfast & lunch-Saturday;

snacks; drinks and gratuity for driver.

And our wonderful shared UMW spirit - NO CHARGE

1st Pymnt: March 31st -$50.00; 2nd Pymnt: April 29th -$58.00; Final Pymnt: May 20th - $50.00

Checks payable to: Richmond District UMW (You can pay full payment any time)

Send to: Ruth Wilkinson   4209 West End Dr  Richmond, VA  23294

--YOU NEED TO REGISTER SEPARATELY FOR FERRUM DAY--
To
UMW Day at Ferrum College
June 2nd & 3rd, 2017

Dear Sisters,

We're hoping that you will join us as we travel together to be in mission within the Roanoke Valley to give helping hands to 'Roanoke Community Outreach Program' and 'Henry Fork Service Center' as we head to Ferrum College to be a part of 'UMW Day at Ferrum College'. This will be a full, exciting and educational weekend as we welcome Dr. Jody Spooner, the 11th President of Ferrum College, along with celebrating the heritage of The United Methodist Women of our Conference and Ferrum College "Now" & "Forever" -- a special weekend indeed!!

The mission emphasis are:
Roanoke COP - napkins, paper plates, plastic forks, plastic cups, Lysol wipes and baby wipes
Henry Fork SC - #2 pencils, liquid glue, glue sticks, wide-ruled loose leaf paper, folder with pockets, 3 prong folders and wide-ruled, single subject spiral notebooks.
The list of the various jobs to be done will be discussed on our journey.

At Ferrum College we will be staying in one of the new dorms right across from Franklin Hall (Dining Room). These are apartment-style suites: 4 single bedrooms with desk & a chair, 2 bathrooms and a common-sitting area with a loveseat, couch and a refrigerator. Yes, we will be living 'student style' on campus . Therefore, please bring your alarm clock, a nightlight or flashlight if you think you may need one. There are no automatic 'wake-up calls'. Suitmates like looking out for each other. With that in mind, if you prefer certain sisters to be your suitmates, please one of you let me know. The clean linens, pillow & blanket will be waiting for you to make your own bed. 'Mother's work never done!!'

Just to cover some housekeeping thoughts, please wear and carry comfortable clothes, including footwear. On Friday, we will be doing various activities as we work in mission at our centers. There are variety of jobs waiting for those eager UMW sisters. As we stop for lunch, I've asked our host Unit President to have out any of their fundraisers as our ladies enjoy checking out new ideas and supporting mission work.

On Saturday, after breakfast, we will be able to go over to The Blue Ridge Institute Museum and walk through the farm and check out the current display and other interesting facts of the area in the Center before going to Arthur Chapel for the day's festivities.

Thanks and Blessings of HOPE & LOVE to all!

Ruth Wilkinson       cusmile2day@hotmail.com       or 804 218-0627 (cell)
TREASURER

Quarterly remittance forms are due to the Conference Treasurer by the 20th of the last month of each quarter. The date for each quarter is:

First Quarter - March 20th  
Second Quarter - June 20th  
Third Quarter - Sept. 20th  
Fourth Quarter - Dec 20th

The 2017 Richmond District UMW pledge to Mission is $52,000. We sent $2,436.88 Mission Giving and $705.74 Designated Gifts - Total $3,142.62 to the Virginia Conference UMW for the first quarter. THANK YOU

A Rainbow Giver gift of $60 is given in addition to your regular gift to mission. (Form enclosed)

In Christ,  
Rosa Lewis, District Treasurer

Mission Education & Interpretation

"Where does our money go?" I'm sure we have all heard that question at least once. We all want to be sure our money is doing what we want it to do, providing assistance to women, youth, and children. Our UMW has 6 channels of undesignated giving: Pledge to Mission, World Thank Offering, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, Special Mission Recognition, and Candle Burning. We trust that when we donate to any of these, our gifts are supporting mission projects and agencies providing shelter, food, education, child care, medical services, and other needs to those most vulnerable in our country and around the world. In addition, our annual offering for the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial is designated giving, this year for maternal and child health, one of our District's Social Action Priorities. There is an element of trust involved in giving to the District UMW. The donations go up the chain through the Conference UMW to the National Office to be dispersed to missions listed in the Prayer Calendar, featured in the Program Book, and described in Response Magazine. If you regularly use these resources, you will know that your mission dollars are "Faith, Hope, and Love in Action". "Think globally, act locally." As your dollars go around the world to take Christ to places where you cannot go, use your hands and feet to bring him into your community. I hope you have been using your "Living Into Our Purpose" (LIOP) form to inspire your unit to work for the Kingdom right where you are. You will find the form in the Richmond District Yearbook on pgs 17-19 and will also be printed in the next issue of the WORD. This is a reminder that your completed form is due to me by August 15.

Blessings,  
Barbara Tuttle  
Btuttle48@verizon.net
Thank you all for your work in making our UMW 2016 Census a success, and I look forward to sharing the results when I receive them from our Virginia Conference. I have enjoyed reaching out to you through e-mail and telephone calls and seeing the diverse group of women we have in the Richmond District.

When you were completing your 2016 Census on line at unitedmethodistwomen.org you were also encouraged to continue to the "myUMW" site and complete an individual survey to receive your UMW Membership Card. I hope many of you took advantage of that, and now I want to encourage you to have your members complete that as well. It is not necessary to have an e-mail address to complete the myUMW survey, so all your members are eligible. Each of you who completes the survey will have a chance to select how you want to receive national UMW information: by e-mail, the post office, or both. Please share this link http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/myumw with your members, and reach out to your members who do not have computer access so that their information can be included as well. All this information will help make UMW outreach much more personal for all of us.

Kathy Dictor - MN&O Coordinator
kbdictor@gmail.com

Spiritual Life

The Word Among Us

The word of God comes to us in many forms. Bible centered preaching, scripture reading, songs, study groups and devotional articles bringing to us the truth of God. But we must not overlook personal reading and study.

In Matthew, Jesus shows us how he has come to fulfill the law and establish the principles of the new covenant which frees us from the burden of the law. The Holy Spirit comes alongside the word of God to teach, empower, instruct, convict, and purify us, the result is understanding repentance renewal and growth in Jesus. Theologian Philip Jacob Spencer wrote "The more at home the word of God is among us, the more we will bring about faith and its fruits. Let's pray with the psalmist open our eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law, so that we might love it out in our lives.

When the word of God is within us it flows out from our lives.

Hilda Watson, Spiritual Growth
Greetings. I enjoyed seeing UMW sisters at the February 22, 2017 "Hearts for Justice" tea, an event designed to highlight the United Methodist Charter for Racial Justice. Beth Nolan, a staff at VOICES for Virginia's Children, Virginia's only independent, multi-issue child policy and advocacy organization was the speaker. She addressed the topic of "Children and Poverty" by presenting income data for children in each city/county in the Richmond District and then breaking down the data by race and ethnicity to help us get the whole picture of what's happening with kids who live near each of us. If your unit wasn't represented at this event, but you'd like a copy of this local data, contact me at wenda.singer@yahoo.com and I'll forward the information to you.

Also, if your unit uses the "Living Into Our Purpose" document to guide your programs and activities during the year, you may already know that having a local program on the Charter for Racial Justice or attending a district event (like the" Hearts for Justice" tea) is one way to meet one of the requirements of the document. The district mission team is working on resources to help you with a unit program on racial justice and will even have a speaker (or speakers) available by this fall to present a program at a unit meeting. As you begin to plan your schedule of programs for the 2017-2018 year, keep that possibility in mind. Please make your request as early as possible to assure that a presenter can be available.

Some other social action "Living Into Our Purpose" activities for local UMW units are:
1. Present a program based on a District or Conference Social Action Priority and
2. Have "green" meetings and participate in or develop an Environmental Justice Program.

The national (and VA Conference) UMW Issue Priorities for 2016-2020 are Economic Inequality, Climate Justice, Criminalization of Communities of Color, and Maternal and Child Health. Use the following website for more information about each priority:

http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/general-conference/issuepriorities2016-20. These priorities weren't available at the time the Richmond District 2017 yearbook was printed. On page 7 of the yearbook it lists priorities as human trafficking, environmental justice, and poverty. As Marilyn Blagg, the conference UMW social action coordinator has noted, "I feel certain many of you have been working on these [former priorities] and are finished with them, or there is work remaining. Please do not abandon projects just because our priorities have changed. Continue to make a difference in the lives of women, children and youth." However, if you're looking for a new issue to address, please consider one of the priorities for the current four year time period.

Blessings to each of you.

Wenda Singer, Mission Coordinator for Social Action

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**Communications**

**Correction(s) to the 2017 District Yearbook**

page 4 & 14 - Lloydette Diggs new email is lloydettediggs@gmail.com

page 24  Ginter Park - Judith Rew - michael_rew@verizon.net

page 22  Bethel (Oilville) - Janet Toney - nanajanet64@gmail.com@gmail.com

page 23  Centenary - Leader- Anne Baughan - 2116 Magnolia Grove Way, Midlothian, VA 23113

794-5026 abaughan2005@comcast.net

page 23  Enon - remove home phone #569-9480 (no longer in use)
Other Happenings!

You're Invited!

Who: Huguenot United Methodist Women
What: Presentation by Erin McKenney, Director of Just Neighbors Ministry in Arlington, VA., which is a program offering immigration legal services to low-income immigrant communities bringing immigrant and non-immigrant communities together through community clinics. Erin is past president of the UMW unit at Annandale UMC. We look forward to learning and discussing with our UMW sister. This ministry is a Virginia Advance Special that also is supported through the General Board of Global Ministries
When: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.
Where: Huguenot United Methodist Church, 10661 Duryea Drive, located in northern Chesterfield County. (This was the location of December's Advent Service.)

Questions: Contact the UMW unit president, Stuart Joerg, at stuartj8@earthlink.net
Yes, **YOU** can become a **RAINBOW WOMAN**!!

Have you thought about you personally giving to all five channels of giving?

A **Rainbow Women** gives to all five channels of giving:
- $40 to give someone special a Special Mission Recognition Pin
- $5 Pledge to Mission
- $5 Gift to Mission
- $5 Special Recognition in Memory
- $5 World Thank Offering
- $60 Total

Your $60 **RAINBOW WOMAN** offering must specify that you are giving to the above five channels and designate who want your pin to go to, who your Gift in Memory is for and that you are giving that $60 for a Rainbow Woman. If you simply give $60 to your unit treasurer, you will not be a Rainbow Woman, You must designate that it is for Rainbow Woman giving.

1. Special Mission Recognition Pin in ___Honor or ___Memory of: _________________________________
   (Please check appropriate box) (Name of person being honored or memorialized)
   Send pin to: (Name) ________________________________________________________________
   (Address) ________________________________________________________________________

2. Pledge to Mission

   (Thank You, Baby, Birthday, In the Service of Christ, etc.)
   Send card to: (Name) ______________________________________________________________
   (Address) ________________________________________________________________________

4. Gift in Memory: In Memory of: _______________________________________________________
   (Name of person in whose memory the gift is made)
   Send card to: (Name) ______________________________________________________________
   (Address) ________________________________________________________________________

5. World Thank Offering

   Given by (Rainbow Woman’s Name) ____________________________________________________
   Address: __________________________________________________________________________
   City/State, Zip: _____________________________________________________________________
   District ____________________________________________________________________________

   All components must be submitted to your Unit Treasurer at one time. We suggest that this Rainbow Woman gift be given in addition to your regular pledge to mission.

If you have any question about becoming a Rainbow Woman, please call:

District Treasurer:

Conference Treasurer: Linda Borrer
849 Grim Rd., Stephens City, VA 22655
linda.borrer1@gmail.com (540) 868-1497
RICHMOND DISTRICT
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST
PROVIDENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

901 South Providence Road, Richmond, Virginia 23236

April 15, 2017

Schedule and Registration Form

8:30AM Registration

9:00 – 11:00AM Breakfast and Worship. Keynote Speaker: Mary Jane Rowley, Virginia Conference UMW President

Name of Church

List of Attendees for Name Tags (print)

Total $ enclosed: $__________@ $ 7.00 each. 1 check from your unit made payable to: Richmond District UMW

Return this form with your check no later than April 8, 2017 to: Rosa Lewis, Treas., 829 Old Denny St., Richmond, VA 23231 so that we receive a more accurate count for breakfast.

Child Care provided: # of children_________ ages________________________
Rev. Dr. Denise Honeycutt

Denise is a passionate, enthusiastic follower of Jesus Christ. She is the Executive director for the Center for Mission Innovation, the newest unit of the United Methodist Ministries. Denise has joyfully served as the head of UMCOR, the pastor of large and small congregations, a missionary in Nigeria, and the Virginia conference Director of Mission and Global Justice. She is a United Methodist Elder in the Virginia Conference. Denise is married to the very gifted and prophetic Pat Watkins. She and Pat currently live in Atlanta, GA.

MISSION EMPHASIS FOR RETREAT: Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth, the only national United Methodist Women project in VA, needs gift cards in any amount from Food Lion or Walmart. The cards allow the Center to offer assistance for food or pharmacy items. Please bring a gift card(s) to the retreat.

OTHER ITEMS TO BRING TO RETREAT: Bible, pen/pencil, paper, money for offering and ice cream social, layers of clothing for warmth, and cash or checks for the BOOK ROOM and LOGO ITEMS.

April 28 - 30, 2017
The Spirituality of Relationships

Retreat Leader: Rev. Dr. Denise Honeycutt

4 H Educational Center
Harmony Hollow Road
Front Royal, VA 22630
Tel: 540-635-7171
### April 28–30, 2017 Spiritual Life Retreat

The Retreat Program begins officially a **Saturday at 10:00 a.m.** with the option of arriving Friday afternoon or evening, and ends with lunch on Sunday. There will be two offering opportunities, one Saturday and one Sunday. Dress will be casual. Bring your favorite snacks. There are vending machines for soft drinks.

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### Virginia Conference United Methodist Women

**Spiritual Life Retreat**

**April 28–30, 2017**

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**Overnight Attendance:** please check-in when you will arrive:
- Linens, soap, TP provided
  - Friday through Sunday (with Friday dinner) $165.00
  - Friday through Sunday (without Friday dinner) $150.50
  - Saturday (Sat. lunch at 12:30 - Sunday lunch) $110.00
  - Private room (limited # of private rooms) add $25.00 more per night

Total for Overnight registration remitted $ ____________________________

**NOTE:** ABOVE PRICES DO INCLUDE ROOM, MEALS, AND $17.00 REGISTRATION FEE.

**Day Attendee:** $17 registration fee plus cost of meals, participation begins upon arrival
- Friday dinner $14.50
- Saturday Lunch $10.75
- Saturday dinner $14.50
- Sunday Breakfast $8.50
- Sunday Lunch $10.75

Total for Day registration remitted $ ____________________________

Mail registration form and check for the total amount, payable to Virginia Conference United Methodist Women, to the registrar:

Mary Saylor  
Questions? 757-722-5775  
P.O. Box 7316  
Hampton VA 23666

Registration deadline: April 21, 2017
No refunds after April 21st
Who Should Attend

This is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society. The event is open to everyone: clergy and laity, men and women, adults and children. Safe Sanctuary policy will be followed. .5 CEU available.

Registration

Classroom space is limited. Register today. Online registration using a credit card is encouraged.

Registration Closes July 15. Go to: vaumc.org/MissionEncounter

Make Scholarship requests to Business Manager: JoAnn Liskey, 540-434-2997, 4856 Shen Lake Dr., Rockingham, VA 22801

What to Bring

Bring your Bible, course study book, notebook, and pen/pencil.
Purchase books in advance or in Event Book Room before class. Find links to order online at vaumw.com or call 1-800-305-9857 to order.
Also, bring your contributions for Days for Girls mission project.

Travel

Event Location
Mission Encounter will be held at Bon Air UMC, (804)272-2042
1645 Buford Rd
North Chesterfield, VA 23235

Make your own hotel reservations:
Special Group Rate of $99 has been negotiated with Holiday Inn Express, 9933 Mayland Dr, Henrico, VA
Call (804) 934-9300 to make your reservation for Friday night, July 28.
Be sure to ask for Group Rate for Mission Encounter/UMW.
Registration for this rate is only available until June 26. Register early!

Bon Air UMC is located in the Bon Air neighborhood of Richmond, VA with easy access from the Jahnke Road exit off the Powhite Parkway.
There are at least 3 good routes from the church to the hotel, each taking about 19 minutes.

Mission Encounter 2017
Friday & Saturday
July 28 & 29
Richmond, VA
Bon Air UMC
with accomodations at Holiday Inn Express.

4 Courses
- Climate Justice
- Living as a Covenant Community
- Missionary Conferences of the UMC in the USA
- Children's Class Study on Missionary Conferences

Plus
- Worship and Singing
- Food and Fellowship
- Hands on Mission Project

Open to Everyone
Mission Studies

2017 Issue Study:
Climate Justice:
Call to Hope and Action
By Pat Watkins

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Pat Watkins

This study invites you to understand climate justice, which means setting right our relationships with each other and the earth. Climate injustice is the result of climate change. The study will challenge you to see what needs to happen for climate justice to become a reality in the world today. The church needs to more powerfully model a way of doing it differently. This will entail not just focusing on the environment, but also asking hard questions regarding financial profit, a growing economy, our independent way of thinking and our understanding of efficiency.

2017 Spiritual Growth Study: Living as a Covenant Community
By Evelyn R. McDonald


Covenants are found in the Bible from the moment God created man and woman until the last page of Revelation. The 2017 Spiritual Growth Study examines major covenants throughout the Bible and what they reveal about God’s character and eternal love for us. This study will enhance your understanding of how God works with us, in us, and through us. As we explore these covenants, we will discover that covenantal living calls us to acts of mercy and justice, not only with those in our community, but with all—regardless of their social, political, financial, or religious standing. Through covenantal living, we are connected to God, others, and the whole creation.

Schedule & Fees

Mission Encounter is Friday, July 28 & Saturday, July 29, 2017.
Registration: 8:00 am - 9:45 am Friday ME will end by 5:00 pm on Saturday.
Breakfast will be available at the hotel.
Cost will be $99 for ME for everyone.
Rooms cost $99 plus taxes & fees and each attendee must make their own hotel reservations.

Mission Project

Contributions for Days for Girls include:
- One-gallon size Ziploc freezer bags (non-zipper/slider please)
- Travel-size soap
- Terry wash cloth
- Medium to dark panty briefs (girls size 10 to 14)
- Cotton flannel in medium to dark colors; no camouflage, animal or people prints please. Bring fabric washed and dried with no fabric softener.

Visit daysforgirls.org to learn more.
Registration
2017 Virginia Conference Mission Encounter
July 28 - 29

Student Information: please print
Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
____________________________________
Email ________________________________
Phone #(______) _______________________
Church ______________________________
District ______________________________
Check one:  □ UMW Member □ UMW Unit Officer
□ UMW District Officer □ UMW Conference Officer
□ Clergy □ Deaconess □ Home Missioner □ Missionary
□ Retired Missionary □ Guest
Age Level: (Circle One)
6-12  13-18  19-29  30-39  40-49  50-59  60 >
In case of emergency, please notify:
____________________________________
Phone #(______) _______________________

Select Classes: (number by preference)
____ Geographic: Missionary Conferences of the
United Methodist Church in the USA
____ Spiritual Growth: Living as a Covenant Community
____ Korean Language: Living as a Covenant Community
____ Issue Study: Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action
____ Children (ages 6-12) Joined and Held Together:
   A Children’s Study on Missionary Conferences
Note: When not in class session, all children must be in
company of their responsible adult.
____ I need .5 CEU

Cost:
____ $99: Class registration and 3 meals
   (same price all ages)
Make checks payable to Mission Encounter
for the full amount.

   No refunds or cancellations
after July 15

Questions concerning registration?
Call Betsy Hanmer 434-736-9241
Mail registration and check to:
Betsy Hanmer, P.O. Box 206
Keysville, VA 23947
Dear UMW President/MNO,

Please list the names of your UMW members who have passed away during the year September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017. To honor these women, their names will be read during the Memorial Service at our Richmond District Annual Meeting, September 23, 2017 and at the Conference Annual Meeting, October 28, 2017. These names will also be listed in our program and on a memorial board at both meetings.

Name of Church: ____________________________________________________________

Name and Address of Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture & Outreach or President:
(Please Print)
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

List Deceased UMW Members only: (PLEASE PRINT)

1. ________________________________________________________________

2. ________________________________________________________________

3. ________________________________________________________________

4. ________________________________________________________________

5. ________________________________________________________________

If none, check here ________ and return.

In order for your members to be honored, please return this form by September 1, 2017.

The completed form may be returned by email or regular mail to the address below. Please only provide the names of UMW Members and not all church women.

Thank you for your help in this process.

Kathy Dictor
7538 S. Franklins Way
Quinton, VA 23141

Phone: (804) 932-3247
Email: kbdictor@gmail.com
# Richmond District UMW

**Checklist of Due Dates for 2017**

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|                                  | August 15, 2017| Living Into Our Purpose (LIOP)               | Barbara Tuttle  
3623 Luckylee Crescent  
N. Chesterfield, VA 23234-5709 |
|                                  | August 15, 2017| Reading Program Unit Report                  | Marilyn Bell  
2501 St. Regis Dr.  
N. Chesterfield, VA 23236 |
|                                  | September 1, 2017| Candleburning                               | Money & Report to: Rosa Lewis  
829 Old Denny St.  
Richmond, VA 23231 |
|                                  | September 1, 2017| Report of Deceased UMW                      | Names only to: Kathy Dicior  
7538 South Franklins Way  
Quinton, VA 23141 |
|                                  | November 30, 2017| 2018 Unit Officer List                      | Scotty Doyle  
3202 Huntsbridge Ct.  
Midlothian, VA 23112 |
|                                  | December 5, 2017| Unit Pledge to Mission                      | Bring to Advent Service to put in plate during Pledge Service |
|                                  | TBA            | 2017 Unit Membership Online Census from 1/1/2017-12/31/2017 | Kathy Dicior  
7538 South Franklins Way  
Quinton, VA 23141 |
A Look Ahead

April 15th  District Prayer Breakfast
8:30 A.M.  Registration; Breakfast and Worship 9-11 A.M.
Providence UMC  901 S. Providence Rd., Richmond, VA  23236
Speaker: Mary Jane Rawley, Conference UMW President

April 22nd  On the Road Again in Mission"  (Details enclosed)
Wesley Community Center, Portsmouth, VA

April 28-30th Conference UMW Spiritual Life Retreat
4-H Center, Front Royal, VA  (Details enclosed)
600 4H Center Dr., Front Royal, VA  22630

June 2-3rd  UMW Day at Ferrum College  (Details enclosed)

June 17th  UMW Breakfast @ VA Annual Conference
Hampton Convention Center, Hampton, VA

July 28 & 29th  VA Conference Mission Encounter
Bon Air UMC

August 12th  Richmond District UMW Day at Shalom Farms
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

September 9th District Mini-Mission Encounter
"A Call to Community - A Call to Mission"
River Road UMC  1 PM - 5PM.
Mission studies offered are: 'Missionary Conferences of the UMC in the US (Red Bird, Oklahoma and Alaska)', 'Living as a Covenant Community' and 'Climate Justice'.