

1 **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

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3 The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose
4 PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;
5 to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through
6 participation in the global ministries of the church.

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8 he function of the conference and the district organizations of United Methodist Women is to
9 work with the local units to be most effective in living our Purpose using the resources made
10 available to us through Women's Division and following the book of Discipline.

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12 The year 2009 has been a year of transition for United Methodist Women with a Steering
13 Committee and subgroups made up of equal representation of both the North and South
14 Conference United Methodist Women. This group formulated a slate of officers for the new
15 Indiana conference of United Methodist Women beginning in January 2010. New Standing
16 Rules were written, a budget and pledge created as well as guidelines for the 2010 School of
17 Christian Mission. The ten new districts will be following a similar format.

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19 An Organizational Meeting of the United Methodist Women of Indiana will be held at Zionsville
20 UMC, in Zionsville, IN. on October 17, 2009. At that time the 2010 Officers will be elected and
21 installed and take office January 1, 2010. Standing Rules, Budget and Pledge for 2010 will also
22 be approved at the October 17th meeting.

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24 Steering Committee: Jeanie Park and Vickie Newkirk Conveners, Sue Shafer, Jacque Hardin,
25 Ellen Rhoades, Alma Sigler, Mary Jane Compton, Pat Weeks, Sally Lindenmayer, Carolyn
26 Maxey, Rosa Bernard, and Vertelle Staton

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28 South Indiana Conference: The Local Units continue to be faithful to our purpose in this time of
29 Conference and District changes. We continue to encourage education for mission using our 3
30 Studies, Response Magazine, the Reading Program, and the Prayer Calendar. We continue to
31 support Lucille Raines Residence, a ¾ house in Indianapolis owned and operated by United
32 Methodist Women of Indiana. We continue to support the Milk Program with boxes of dried milk
33 and money for the Nutritional Program at Kissy Clinic in Sierre Leone. We were faithful to
34 Mission Giving through Women's Division with \$207,079.84 in 2008.

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36 School of Christian Mission was held on the UIndy Campus in July. Over 300 Women, Children
37 and Youth attend the Weekday School and the Super Saturday Event.

38 The UMWomen's Conference was held at Seymour First on October 18, 2008 where officers
39 were elected to serve the year 2009.

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41 A District Training Event was held in November.

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43 A Silent Retreat was held in March at Sarto House in Evansville with 55 in attendance.
44 A Women's Spiritual Retreat led by Carolyn Marshall was held at McCormick's Creek in April
45 with 100 in attendance.

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47 North Indiana Conference United Methodist Women: The local women sent \$315,198.15 to
48 Women's Division in support of our 102 national mission institutions and over 400 international
49 projects in over 100 countries. The local units also support many mission projects in their
50 communities with their time as well as their dollars.

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In February, Carolyn Marshall, past Women's Division president and executive director at Lucille Raines Residence challenged us at our Spiritual Retreat to live in the present.

We are planning for the North Conference School of Christian Mission to be held July 8-12 at Manchester College. Studies will include "Food and Faith", "The Beauty and Courage of Sudan" and "Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival".

All of the 9 Districts as well as the North Indiana Conference United Methodist Women are planning fall gatherings to celebrate who we have been in our present districts and conference and then looking forward to the October 17th meeting of the United Methodist Women of Indiana. Harriett Jane Olson, Deputy General Secretary of Women's Division will be with us at this inaugural celebration.

Submitted by Sue Shafer President South Indiana Conference United Methodist Women and Jeanie Park, President North Indiana Conference United Methodist Women