

United Methodist Women

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.

Beginning January 2010, United Methodist Women officially became the United Methodist Women of Indiana. The North and South Conferences as well as the 18 districts held celebrations and times of remembrance as they closed out the 2 conferences and 18 districts. On October 8, 2009, we celebrated the uniting of the 2 conferences into one with Harriett Jane Olson, executive director of Women's Division as our speaker, and Bishop Mike Coyner celebrating communion. New officers were elected; a budget and standing rules were approved for the new conference. A pledge was made to Women's Division from the Indiana conference to further the mission and support of women, children and youth. Each of the ten new Districts met that day as well, to elect officers and approve a budget and standing rules.

As a new conference we held two Spiritual Retreats in Indianapolis, meeting on a Thursday/Friday and a Saturday/Sunday. A traditional Silent Retreat at the Sarto House in Evansville was also held in March.

Plans are underway for our School of Christian Mission to be held July 13-16, 2010, at Anderson University. The studies are: For the Love of God: John's Letters; Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity; and The Beauty and Courage of Sudan. Scholarships will be available for children in the Chi-Mi-Ca program, for young women to the age of 35, and for clergy. We will also offer a program for youth, Yo-Pe-Mi-Ca.

Another program that has become very popular is our Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund. (By March 1, we had given out over \$13,000.) This fund provides scholarship money to young people 13 to 25 who are participating in a work, study, or travel experience in a project supported by the General Board of Global Ministries of the UMC, a Conference Advance Special, or other projects at the discretion of the scholarship committee. Amounts are to be determined by the Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund committee.

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