



Long Island East District

United Methodist Women

NEXUS

April 2018

Message from Your President

Dear Sisters in Christ and all others,

I trust that we have all had a Glorious Resurrection Sunday and we are now living our lives as Easter people. Hallelujah!

As I began thinking of what I would say to you in this issue, long before Easter Sunday, I kept thinking of the phrase, "and a little child will lead them". I refer you to the book of Isaiah, especially chapter 11:1-10. Some say that these verses are letting us see how the world will be at the coming of the reign of the Messiah. What struck me deeply was imagining a time when the wolf would live with the lamb and that a nursing child could crawl safely among poisonous snakes, a time when nothing or no one would hurt, or destroy anything or anyone on the holy mountain. At that time, "The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord." Isn't that a time that we all long for?

Now back to the phrase, "and a child will lead them". Is that not what we are seeing today? Thank God for the children! Our government seems to have been at a stalemate with the underserved. Our elected officials have not been doing the things which would lead to the wolves living with the lambs or a baby possibly crawling safely among the poisonous snakes. At this time, they don't even seem to acknowledge that there are lambs, or babies. They seem to rejoice and live their lives as wolves and poisonous snakes. They don't seem to even acknowledge that we all live on this same planet with others who are all intimately related to each other. So, how could they possibly lay down or crawl among those not like themselves if they don't even acknowledge that they exist. Our mountain is far from holy. In fact, our mountain is being destroyed. Those in power do not appear to make the connection. Our children are being destroyed. Without our children our very existence will cease to be.

Thank God for, "the little children" from the USA and all over the world, who have grasped the message from Jesus the Risen Christ. They are the Easter people. They are leading us on the mission which Jesus charged to us the Disciples. Let us rejoice in the Resurrection. Join in the living of the reign of the Messiah. Make our holy mountain one that will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, welcoming to all peoples and all creatures.

Join with the Westbury UMW, April 28, 2018 for our Spring meeting as we all go forth in MISSION.

Yours in Christ,

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Membership News

Greetings to all our Long Island East UMW members and best wishes for many blessings during 2018.

Thank you for the Units who participated in the Census for 2017 thus far. I have not gotten the count yet, so I can only attest to the five units who personally contacted me. I know that we have many more Units as you made pledges for that time period. You just were not counted! And as I always say, there is strength in numbers. Others need to know those numbers in order to recognize our strength.

Even though the deadline will have passed, I urge you to continue to report your numbers. In the past they have extended the deadline, so I hope they will do that again, giving you who have not reported additional time.

This year we have continued to report our membership statistics directly to National using our secure Internet Census Form. The information you provide will be used for UMW membership statistics only and will not be shared with any outside organization. Please follow the directions below.

To send in your information:

- 1 Go to www.unitedmethodistwomen.org
- 2 You will see an array of boxes
- 3 Click on the box titled Census 2017 (It says, "Presidents click to complete the census, but any UMW officer can complete the form if need be.)
- 4 The Form will appear
- 5 Fill out the information to the best of your ability and when you are ready click SEND

If you need any help or have any questions contact Grace H. Bryant at glhb2003@yahoo.com or call 516-334-4166

Also encourage individual members to click on myUMW to get individual membership cards.



A Note from LIE District Treasurer

Thank you to the units who have sent in remittances for the first quarter. A check in the amount of \$1,841.47 has been sent to the conference treasurer.

There have been some questions regarding the use of Gift to Mission Cards. The following information about this is from the current UMW Handbook. A gift of \$5 or more for mission may be sent in honor of any person. A card is sent by the donor who may be an individual or the local group to the honoree to commemorate a variety of occasions. Cards in my inventory include: Congratulations, Happy Birthday, Thinking of You, A Baby, Thank you, A Special Day and In the Service of Christ. Christmas cards in five designs are available in packets of five for \$25. As district treasurer, I would send the card(s) requested to the local unit treasurer. I bring the cards with me to district meetings if anyone wishes to see them.

Please do not wait until the end of the year to submit your pledges. The sooner they are received, the sooner they can be sent to the many missions that UMW supports. Suggested dates for the remainder of this year are June 15, September 15 and December 15.

In order to qualify for 5-Star recognition, **unit monies must be received by September 15.**

For receipts to be counted for the year 2018, **unit monies must be received by December 15.**

Thank you.

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Greetings from the Nomination Chair

Sisters in Christ,

We are looking for people who can serve as officers at the District level.

Please look at your unit to see if there is anyone interested in serving on the District Team.

Nominations for all positions will be taken from the floor at the LIE UMW Annual Meeting on October 6, 2018. However, we are not waiting until October to start our search. We will be distributing Talent Bank forms to everyone at our Spring meeting so we can begin to encourage you to consider joining us, and to especially invite you to one of our Team meetings between now and October.

As part of the District Team, I learned more about UMW, its missions, and the opportunity to get to know faithful leaders. But most of all, I experienced how we are connected as a body of Christ.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Dorothy Kim, District Nomination Chair

BOLDLY GO IN FAITH

Heb 11:1 (KJV) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. In the Old Testament we have Noah whose faith in God (, endured ridicule for decades as he built the ark in anticipation of a flood (Gen. 6:1-22) in a land that it had never been rain; Esther who faced the possibility of death to save her people (Esther 5:1-6, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego save in the fiery furnace(Daniel 3:19-28, and Daniel in the lions den (Daniel 4:18-27.:

In Matthew 9:18-31, we see several people approach Jesus with bold faith. First, the leader of the synagogue asks Jesus not just to heal his daughter, but even to raise her from the dead. While Jesus is on the way to the leader's home, a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years touches his robe. She risked rebuke from Jesus and others because touching Jesus in this way made him ceremonially unclean. Finally, two blind men ask Jesus for mercy. But they don't ask humbly or politely. Rather, they shout to get Jesus' attention, barging into the house where Jesus was staying in order to get him to heal them. Bold faith!

Today we go forward as United Methodist Women leaning on our faith to all corners of the earth and here at home embracing the world in Faith, Hope, Love in Action
“We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, effects all indirectly. (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

United Methodist Women inherits the vision and toil of women of Its 140-year legacy started when in response to a lack of women's health and education in India. November 1869, the newly formed organization raised funds and sent Isabella Thoburn, an educator, and Dr. Clara Swain, a doctor, to India. Women who step out on Faith. In 2013 the UMW , Harriet Jane Olson stated, “Our work is not just about service, it's about worship, it's about standing up, stepping up making our voices heard,” she said. “We try to help governments see the world the way we see the world because it will positively impact the lives of women, children and youth.”

Do you have such bold faith? Do you ever ask the Lord for big things? Impossible things? Do you risk reaching out to him, even when others, and maybe even you yourself, think you're being foolish?

Let us continue to step out boldly in our faith, here at home, within our homes and to all corners of the world to eradicate hunger, social injustice and raise up women's rights.



NEXUS LIE Dates for 2018

All UMW LIE Local Unit Officers are welcome to attend any of our District Team Meetings. We meet on Wednesday mornings, 10AM-12AM, on the dates scheduled below. We meet at the home of President, Grace Bryant. RSVP; See Directory Other UMW Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. Dates and locations are listed below or will be listed in future newsletters.

April 3, 2018 UMW 2017 Census due. (Membership Count)

(Continue until further notice)

April 18, 2018 LIE District Team Meeting

April 21, 2018 Freeport UMW Prayer Breakfast 10:00am, 46 Pine St. Freeport

April 28, 2018 NYC UMW LIE Spring Meeting, Westbury UMC (See flyer)

May 1, 2018 Jo Gibson Scholarship Deadline (see flyer or website)

May 9, 2018 LIE District Team Meeting

May 18-21, 2018 United Methodist Women Assembly, Columbus, OH

(Registration \$330 ends April 9, 2018)

June 7-10, 2018 NYAC Annual Meeting Hofstra University

June 20, 2018 LIE District Team Meeting

July 27-29, 2018 Mission u, Stamford Hilton Hotel, Stamford, CT

(Registration ends July 1,2018)

October 6, 2018 NYC UMW LIE Fall Meeting (site TBA)

The District Team is available and wishes to visit churches within the LIE District which do not have a local UMW unit or one which is currently inactive. Please contact Grace Bryant, LIE President to make arrangements.

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**New York Annual Conference Mission u
Josephine Gibson Memorial Scholarship 2017 Application Form
Mission u (formerly CSOCM) Dates – July 27-29, 2018**

Scholarship Application Deadline: May 1st, 2018

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER DEADLINE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Eligibility for this scholarship is limited to those persons who are members of the New York Conference, ATTENDING Mission u for the FIRST TIME, adult females, youth ages 12-17, or adult males who are chaperoning male youth.

(All youth must have a chaperone)

NAME _____ E-MAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____

Local Unit _____ District _____

Female Adult _____ Are you an officer in your local or district United Methodist Women? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, what office do you hold in UMW? _____

Female Youth _____ Age 12 - 13 - 14 - 15 - 16 - 17 (please circle age)

Male Youth _____ Age 12 - 13 - 14 - 15 - 16 - 17 (please circle age)

Male Adult _____ chaperoning Male Youth; please write in their name(s) _____

In the space below (and on the back if needed) please tell us (1) why you want to attend Mission u, (2) why you should be considered for scholarship assistance, and (3) how you will use what you learn at Mission u in your Local Unit, District United Methodist Women and/or your Local Church.

SPONSOR: I am a (local) (District) (Conference) UMW officer. I support this application for a Jo Gibson Scholarship. You may contact me for additional information at: _____

(Telephone Number of Sponsor)

(Name of Sponsor)

Submission of the application DOES NOT guarantee that you will receive a scholarship.

Completed application MUST be postmarked by May 01, 2017

Mail to: Joann McClam 112-25 167th Street Apt 4D, Jamaica, NY 11433

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LONG ISLAND EAST

2018 Spring District Meeting

April 28, 2018

Westbury United Methodist Church

265 Asbury Avenue

Westbury, New York 11590

516-333-0874

Rev. Sheila Beckford, Pastor

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: IN OUR BACKYARDS

Registration/Breakfast

8:30 – 9:30 AM

Program/Meeting

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

We will again be collecting new clothing items (ladies underwear size 8, socks size 9-11, XL sweatshirts and XL sweatpants with drawstrings) for the SAFER Project, which provides services for victims of rape, sexual assault and/or domestic violence.

We will also be collecting paper goods for Far Rockaway Mission.

Directions: If needed contact Kira Bryant, Communications Coordinator



Spectrum LIE

In spite of the blustery weather March 2 the United Methodist Women of Westbury celebrated the World Day of Prayer as we usually do. We invited the other units of LIE and all of the churches in the Westbury community. We shared the worship service which had been written by the women of Suriname, and prepared a meal which included items native to the people of Suriname. We are very blessed to have a member of the Westbury church who is a native of Suriname. He prepared some of the food especially, "Pinda Soup" which is peanut soup. It was delicious as well as the other things he prepared. He then gave a wonderful presentation about the very diverse people, the culture, the land and any questions we had. Although the weather kept our numbers down, it was a wonderful service, a delicious luncheon, and a day of learning about our sisters of Suriname. Hope to see some more of you next year on the first Friday in March.

Mary Campbell, President
Westbury UMW