

North District United Methodist Women
Report to District Conference
September 9, 2007

When the mission team from North District left the UMW Training at Lakeview, they were so excited about the coming year. There were some challenges in combining the districts but the opportunities were overwhelming as our ideas and goals were shared. Taking the best ideas and traditions from each other and moving forward, a strong new district was formed that was ready and eager to serve our Lord.

The District Officers began planning the Local Officer Training which was held on January 27 in Marshall at Wesley UMC. They were astounded by the turnout.

Several of the district officers attended the Resurrection Women Retreat at Lakeview on March 2-4. They discussed ideas for the North District's Spiritual Growth Retreat on April 28 at Winterfield UMC in Longview. Chris Skaggs was the facilitator at the Retreat. While the turnout for the event was not as good as hoped, everyone who came enjoyed the event.

The North District Cooperative School of Christian Mission was held at Mims Chapel on Sunday afternoon, August 26, 2007. The theme was "*Sing Across the Walls*" and there was a large turnout. The study leaders included: Rev. Danny Wayman- "*Globalization: It's Importance in Our Lives*"; Yvonne Hampton- "*God's Mission, God's Song*"; Melba Spann- "*Israel-Palestine*"; and Rev. Bill Webb presented North District Missions - Opportunities for Service.

The United Methodist Women of the North District have started a visitation program to the local units in this district which will be an ongoing project for the next several years. Visit is also planned to United Methodist Churches who currently have no UMW with the hope that they will join us in our purpose "to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church." Currently, a new UMW unit at Wiley College in Marshall, Texas is being formed.

In October, several United Methodist Women spent a week at UMCOR Depot Sager Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana. They worked in the warehouse sorting health kits and in the sewing room helping construct school bags. The fellowship was wonderful. A trip has already been planned for next year in April.

Many of our units have responded to UMCOR's call for flood buckets to help with the recent flooding in the United States. Our "Hands On Project" for 2007 which includes school kits, health kits, layette kits and spare parts will be delivered to the Texas Conference Fall Festival to be held September 28-29 at Lakeview.

On November 3, 2007, the North District United Methodist Women's Fall Festival (Annual Meeting) will be held at Pittsburg, Texas from 9:30 am-12 noon. This will primarily be a business meeting and will complete our year's activities.

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