From the President......Ellie Young

Rocky Mountain Conference United Methodist Women! What an awesome community of women working to be in relationship with others in the local community and our global community. We are – as our logo so aptly puts it - Making It Happen! We are in mission with women, children and youth locally, nationally and globally.

As United Methodist Women coming together in community, we are connected, relationships are created, we create and share goals. Our creativity gives us a new way of seeing, gives us a willingness to ask questions as we respond to the call of the Holy Spirit.

As I listen to the stories of what the women of Rocky Mountain Conference are doing in their local units to be of service to members of their community as well as working to create a better quality of life for our global sisters, my heart is filled with respect for each and every member. You are amazing members of this organization and it is my hope that you, in turn, are filled with a sense of appreciation of all that we as United Methodist Women do for women, children and youth throughout our global community.

To do our work, we are gifted with resources through the District, Conference and National organization. Have you connected with your District Shepherdess – she is a great source of information and if she doesn’t have the answer right away, she is always willing to help! District gatherings celebrate the work and accomplishments of the local units. This year is especially unique as we celebrate the work and the foremothers of the North East Colorado sub-district. Their accomplishments will be remembered and honored at the District Celebrations! Now, local members of the North East Colorado sub-district will go forward as part of the new Peaks and Plains District or the new Trinity District.

Conference meetings celebrate the work of each of the Districts. Conference Spiritual Life Retreat creates a space for us to renew and reflect as we head into the work of the coming year – we are prepared spiritually to go forward in faith, hope and love. At this time, we are in the process of completing our series of Mission u events. What a wonderful opportunity for continuing education!

VERY IMPORTANT! October 21 and 22, we will be gathering at Broomfield UMC for our Rocky Mountain Conference Annual Meeting (much more information in this newsletter)! What a beautiful time of fellowship! What an awesome time to further celebrate the accomplishments of the women of this Conference. Do plan to join us as we gather to grow in our understanding of what is new in UMW and the possibilities and resources that are available for us!

You are invited to attend Leadership Development Days (LDD) – an opportunity offered by the National Office. LDD events will be held in St Louis MO, November 11 – 13; Tempe AZ, November 18 -20, 2016 and Charlotte NC, January 27 – 29, 2017. These events are open to ALL women. To find out more go to http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/ldd.

Grace and Peace to Each of You – the Amazing Women of Rocky Mountain Conference! Ellie

PS: Just talked with Ann Heard, and the Annual Meeting plans are exciting! See you there!
What time is it?
What is happening in your own community that concerns you?
Where do you have opportunities to lead?

In Broomfield, CO in October, the Rocky Mountain Conference of United Methodist Women will come together for education, renewal, business, worship and fellowship.

We will focus on the scripture from Esther, specifically Esther 4:14, ‘For Such a Time As This’ and take some time to discern our unique call to leadership as United Methodist Women of the Rocky Mountain Conference in the midst of concerns and critical social issues of our day.

We have invited Bishop Karen Oliveto to join us for our closing worship on Saturday.

On Friday evening Rev Anne Dunlap, representing the SURJ organization will speak about engaging in racial justice issues from our individual perspectives.

We will have workshops on relevant topics, The Bible and Human Sexuality, Criminalization of People of Color, Engaging in Racial Issues, Suicide Intervention and Climate Justice.

So plan now to come to Broomfield October 21 & 22nd. Ubuntu work projects will begin at local organizations (Precious Child and FISH) on Friday morning at 9am. Broomfield UMC is excited to welcome all the women of the Rocky Mountain Conference. Organize car pools in your area and come together to the annual meeting.

Things to bring with you
Bring your own mug and/or water bottle - Be Just, Be Green

We will be collecting Personal Care products, feminine hygiene and diapers for the local organizations that we will be volunteering at on Friday morning - Precious Child and FISH

Registration form and Scholarship form are available in this issue of the Go & Tell and online at www.rmcumw.org

Peace,

Ann Heard, vice president
Thank you to all UMW women as we are $6809 above last year’s giving thru July. This is good news to all the agencies and missions that are supported by your generosity. Let’s keep up the mission work that has been started. Read your Response Magazine to learn of the details of how this money has helped many organizations and peoples throughout the world. For example, Kenya Operation Hope in July/Aug Response, this methodology is its role helping people identify their own problems and providing them with the tools to develop solutions. Begun in 2005 a UMW grant helped provide capital for the loans program as well as a computer lab. 240 people are trained in the 3 month course every year. Read your Response for many more examples of assistance to peoples around the world. Pass the information you learn on to your women.

The Greeting Card Challenge is going well for 2016. The Gift to Mission category for greeting cards has increased by a small amount. Remember to use those cards personally or thru your unit. Cards are available thru your District Treasurer and at the Annual Meetings.

Contact me if you have questions about Where Our Money Goes. Do look at the UMW website as there is information about many mission projects.  Mary Huggins, Treasurer

Spiritual Growth

Greeting to all the women of the Rocky Mountain Conference. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. I was privileged to attend the Mission u three day event at Highland Ranch UMC which was very inspiring. The 3 subjects were interesting and informative: ‘Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action’, ‘The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God’s Good Gift’, and ‘Latin America.’

The instructors of the ‘Bible and Human Sexuality’ class were open and encouraged everyone to talk. We studied biblical text and many theologians thoughts about human sexuality through the thousands of years of Judeo-Christianity history. We talked about the influence of our families and society while our generations were growing up and the impact it had on our individual view of sexuality.

‘Climate Justice’ deepened our understanding of climate change and its impact on God's creation. We were challenged to find ways in our communities to address the climate injustice that is happening in God’s world and to ask the hard questions regarding profit and our growing economy. The Bible provides a witness to 3 kinds of relationships: our relationship with God, each other and God's creation.

The third study was 'Latin America.' We studied the history of the Latin American countries, the challenges they faced while seeking their independence during the late 19th and early 20th century. Today the Latin American countries are focusing on the challenges of the 21st century that face their regions.

Everyone is invited to the Rocky Mountain Conference of United Methodist Women Annual Celebration to be held on October 21 & 22, 2016 in Broomfield, CO. Meet the new and old officers and join in the fellowship of the wonderful exciting group called United Methodist Women.

Blessings to One and All, Sandy McCormick, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

The reading books and Program Books for 2017 are ready to order. If you would like me to order prayer calendars, program books, or anything out of the ordinary that I will be ordering, please let me know by September 20th at judyscrim@gmail.com or contact me by phone - 303-702-9094. Thanks!! See you at Annual Meeting in October!! Judy Scrimshire

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Membership Nurture and Outreach - Dea Carroll

I hope all of the Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinators are getting ready to come to RMCUMW Annual Conference on October 21 and 22 at Broomfield. We will get together and discuss how the membership count went for 2015. We were really down in numbers, but I think that was due to the new way of counting. We will probably have to come up with some other way to do it. I will be interested to find out how the new counting system worked for you.

I would also like us to talk about ways to bring that membership number up, so please bring some ideas to share. After all who wouldn’t want to be a member of a group(UMW) that is on the cutting edge.

One more thing you should be thinking about right now is working with your Spiritual Growth Coordinator on the Memorial Service. Keep these numbers for membership count time early next year.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Broomfield. It is important to come so we can grow in knowledge and get excited about United Methodist Women.

Social Actions...JoAn Hopkins

On the street I saw a girl cold and shivering in a thin dress hoping for a decent meal. I became very angry and said to God "Why did you permit this? Why don’t you do something about this." For a while God said nothing. That night he did reply: "I certainly did do something about it. I made you". Anonymous

When I read this I felt sad, then I felt guilt when reality hit. This is what UMW and Mission U is trying to do! All of these studies are giving us a look at reality of why we were made. Not just attend a class, not just read about it, but to teach and be a mentor and get others to be in action. We don’t have to try to do it all, you would probably not do any of it well, but decide on one that you have passion and strong interest in promoting.

The current studies are Latin America, The Bible and Human Sexuality, and Climate Justice. If you did not attend, the presenters were very great and all of them said they were available to do presentations for smaller groups.

We are a church in Mission. Most UMW groups have many needs that they are working for that takes a lot of time and energy. That is important and you are not expected to give less for those projects. We are asked to study the new mission needs, provide education for your group and others in your congregations and community. The hope is that someone will see it as a mission they "must" promote and make sure that time is given to a need that is a good one for their group. Put up a bulletin board, write an article for your newsletter and local paper, set up a presentation by one of the great Mission School presenters and invite other groups in the community. After all we need to remind others that most of us have pretty comfortable lives and realize we should give thanks for our blessings by passing it on.

Thanks to all of you for the many Social Actions you work on so loyally. If you need help please call or e mail me @ jodhop@hotmail.com JoAn Hopkins

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A Picture tells a thousand words!

As we celebrate another year in mission at our Conference Annual Meeting in October, I would like to collect as many pictures as possible of United Methodist Women in our conference involved in Mission. PLEASE send me your pictures, along with the information about the name of your church, what district you are in and what mission you are involved in – e.g. what the picture is about. They can be sent to me in several ways:

- Digital by email at jana.jones@comcast.net
- Text them to me at 303-910-5199
- Snail mail them to me at Jana Jones, 19948 E Union Dr, Centennial, CO 80015

Yours in Christ, Jana Jones

Mission u report from Donna Parsi

The 3-day Mission u event was held at St. Andrew UMC this past July. The host church is allowed to recommend an outreach project to support, and the choice this year was the Rocky Mountain Diaper Depot. The Rocky Mountain Diaper Depot, RMDD, was started in 2014 by Joan and Bill Youmans. They had participated in a Just Faith class and had learned about the many inequities in our communities. Lack of diapers for children in low-income families touched their hearts. In the past two years, they have collected and donated 250,000 diapers, and a lot of wipes, to local agencies helping low-income families.

A child, on average, will use at least six diapers per day. With 60,000+ children under the age of 5 living in the Denver metro area, that’s a lot of diapers! A child must have their own disposable diapers and wipes to participate at any child-care center. Laundromats do not allow diapers to be washed due to health hazards. Low-income parents often have to make the choice of buying diapers for one child or food for the family. Not having enough diapers for routine changes can lead to reusing dirty diapers, which creates rashes and other health problems for the child.

At Mission u, we were asked to bring disposable diapers or wipes for this project. With everyone’s help we collected 4,708 diapers and pull-ups and 59 packs of baby wipes!! Thank you to everyone who participated for your generous donations. With UMW’s ongoing focus on maternal and child health, the RMDD is an easy way to help the children in our community. If you would like more information about this organization, or a speaker for your next program, please check their website at www.rmdiaperdepot.org.
Good morning everybody,

As of the first of August I am officially your director. I want to share what I have been doing up to this point. I was chosen to be on the national special nominating committee for choosing PAG members, Board officers, and appointing attendees as voting members to the World Fed of Methodist and Uniting Church Women event. I had no idea (good and bad) how this organization would do this. So I did my homework checking several sources who had worked with all of the nominees for PAG from our jurisdiction conferences. The process was long and drawn out over several days. Most of the new PAG members from WJ were the ones that clearly stood out. (My exciting news was, that even though PNW has a director, we also have Noriko back as PAG. Gosh, the Olympic competitions had nothing on me as I advocated for her return. Harriett so appreciates Noriko's heart for Legacy and everyone knows her work ethics, experience, and attention to detail. It was a pretty easy sale.) She was one of five additional PAG members chosen along with representation for deaconess/home missioners (HADHM), General Board of Discipleship - Division on Young People, and then Older Adult Ministries. According to the Discipline we also added eight UMW regional missionaries, and of course our jurisdiction presidents.

Sometimes I had a voice in the decisions and sometimes the past members of this committee made the decisions regardless of my input. It was clear to me right away that all choices were scrutinized by age and ethnicity.

ELECTING THE NEW SALT OF OFFICERS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS AN INTERESTING PROCESS AS WELL. OUR NEW PRESIDENT IS A 41 YEAR OLD FROM THE MID-WEST WHO IS GOING TO BE AMAZING. HER DAY JOB IS A PROFESSIONAL FUND RAISER FOR NON PROFITS AND HAS BEEN A FORMER FLIGHT ATTENDANT AND DONE MISSIONARY WORK ABROAD. SHE SPEAKS EXTREMELY WELL AND CAN CERTAINLY HOLD HER OWN. HER SKILL WITH MARKETING STRATEGIES WILL BE A WONDERFUL ASSET FOR THIS ORGANIZATION. THE NEW VICE PRESIDENT IS A RETIRED DEACONESS, PRIOR NATIONAL INSTITUTION DIRECTOR COMING FROM THE DEEP SOUTH. THE SECRETARY IS SOMEONE WHO CAN OBVIOUSLY TAKE NOTES BUT WAS ALSO CHOSEN BECAUSE OF HER ABILITY TO PULL TOGETHER AMAZING WORSHIP PROGRAMS (WHICH IS EVIDENTLY A SKILL NEEDED). THE TREASURER IS MARTHA KNIGHT WHO IS STAFF AND DOESN'T GET ELECTED. THEN THERE ARE THE TWO CHAIRS ON THE BOARD. THE FIRST IS CHAIR OF GOVERNANCE. THE WOMAN ELECTED FOR THIS IS A FORMER NY CITY POLICE OFFICER AND GREAT TEAM PLAYER. MY NOMINATION AS CHAIR OF FINANCE CAME AS A SURPRISE. EVIDENTLY IT IS A POSITION OF MANAGEMENT, NOT FINANCIAL EXPERIENCE. THERE WERE SEVERAL QUALIFIED CANDIDATES, BUT I WAS ELECTED FOR MY MANAGEMENT SKILLS, WORK ETHICS, AND COMMUNICATION. NO ONE WAS MORE SURPRISED AND HUMBLED THAN I WAS. THEIR CPA'S, FINANCIAL PLANNERS, ATTORNEYS, AND THE TREASURER WILL WORK WITH ME ON THE TEAM. AS USUAL I HAVE A VERTICAL LEARNING CURVE.

SO THERE YOU HAVE IT. THIS ISN'T A REPORT; JUST WANTED TO SHARE WHAT I HAVE BEEN UP TO AT THIS TIME)

MORE TO COME. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO AND KNOW THAT I TRIED TO BE YOUR VOICES. PUT ME ON SPEED DIAL IF YOU NEED ME.

Blessings, Stell

Legacy 150

2019! That is the year we celebrate 150 years of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations. 150 years of faith! 150 years of hope! 150 years of love in action! As we celebrate this occasion, we are invited to prepare for the next 150 years. A Legacy Fund Endowment has been created. Gifts may be made through your district or conference treasurer, or go by going directly to the UMW website.

What seeds can your financial gift plant for future growth? We would encourage all women who have contributed to Legacy 150 to proudly wear your Legacy pin to the October Annual Meeting,
SLATE OF RMC UMW 2017 NOMINEES

Election at Annual Meeting, October 23-24, 2017

Vice President  Diann Eason nominee for 1st year of 1st term

I am a Colorado native raised, baptized, and married at the Wheat Ridge Methodist Church. My husband and I have 2 daughters, 2 great sons-in-law and 4 great grandchildren.

While I did not belong to The United Methodist Women during my young professional life, my mother-in-law, Elma Eason introduced me to the fellowship of United Methodist Women. While following my husband's employment opportunities, I have been a member of the Price United Methodist Church in Utah, Green Mountain United Methodist, and finally have been a member of the Broomfield United Methodist Church for 34 years.

I have found UMW to provide loving support, wonderful education, and enrichment in my spiritual journey as I served in various offices on the Mission Team for the Broomfield Unit; Membership, Nurture & Outreach, Treasurer, Program Resources, Vice-President, and now as President.

I have a passion for programs and resolving issues involving children and women of all ages.

Blessings, Diann Eason

Treasurer  Robin Ball nominee for 1st year of 4 year term

Robin is an active member of Community United Methodist Church. Lay Leader is her current office in the church which involves many different aspects of the church.

She is also very active in United Methodist Women. Currently she is the President of our Utah/Western Colorado District a position that includes participation in the District and Conference Leadership Teams.

Robin’s passion is mission in many different formats. You might find her busy at providing school supplies to students in Pagosa Springs or Zimbabwe; the Methodist Thrift Shop; CUMC Food Pantry; sending sheets to a hospital in Afghanistan; getting Thanksgiving dinner packages ready; assembling UMCOR kits; advocating for better schools; transporting household items to Shiprock Home for Women and Children; leading a Volunteer in Mission trip to Zimbabwe in 2013; facilitating at a poverty simulation; raising funds for mission; or Chairperson for the Rocky Mountain Conference Board of Global Ministries; or spreading the word about mission. Stand too close and she’ll have you helping with something!

Education and Interpretation  Pat Chase nominee for 2nd year of 2nd term (completing Jana Jones term)

I am Pat Chase and have lived in Parker, Co for the past ten years.

I live with my youngest daughter, husband and their two boys. I also have another daughter and a son and a total of 7 grandchildren-4 boys and 3 girls. My grandchildren are a very important part of my life.

I have been a United Methodist Woman for 9+ years. I currently hold the position of MNO on the MH/PP District and on the Local Unit at Parker-E&I. I served 3 years - E & I in the MH/PP District.

My hobbies include: reading, knitting, quilting, traveling to and thru the Mountains and last but not least photography.

The most important of all is Jesus Christ, My Lord and Savior. Without Him, I would be nothing.
Membership Nurture & Outreach

Dea Carroll nominee for 1st year of 2nd term

Dea grew up in eastern Colorado and is a native Coloradan. She now lives in Fort Collins where she is a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She has been involved in United Methodist Women for 30 plus years. She has held several positions in her Unit including President, Treasurer, Coordinator of Social Action, Program Resources, Circle Leader, and Committee on Nominations. She also helped start a circle for teenage girls and is still involved in a co-mentor role with the teen circle (named “TUF”: Teens United in Faith).

She has served on the United Methodist Women Peaks and Plains District as Coordinator of Membership Nurture & Outreach and on the Nominations Committee. She was on the Rocky Mountain Conference United Methodist Women’s Nominating Committee for four years, two of those as Chairman. She has been serving as Conference Coordinator for Member Nurture and Outreach for the last two years.

Her husband of 48 years is very supportive and helpful. So helpful that he has received a Special Mission Recognition Pin. They have two sons and two daughters-in-law, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. She enjoys crocheting, gardening, reading, crafts, and movies.

Committee on Nominations

Beth McKee nominee for 1st year of 4 year term

I was born and raised in Red Oak, Iowa and attended Methodist Churches since I was born. I first attended Stratton UMC (a 3 circuit church in the middle of corn fields), then Red Oak, Iowa, and up to Des Moines, Iowa. I married there and we moved west and I attended Missoula, MT and Kennewick, WA UMC.

I got involved in UMW and all the various projects in the various churches, especially Kennewick where I learned about UMW. I moved to Golden, Colorado 33 years ago and told the Real Estate agent before I had even signed the papers to buy my condo, that will be my church as we drove by the Golden First UMC. Also at Golden I got involved with the local UMW unit and then was 4 yrs. on District as Education and Interpretation and 4 yrs. as District Membership, Nurture, and Outreach. The last 4 years I have been on the District Nominations.

In 1983, I transferred from the Department of Energy at Richland, Washington to Rocky Flats as I was raising a 2 year old son alone and wanted to be close to my mother and two sisters that live in this area. When Rocky Flats closed I began working at Lutheran Hospital 18 years ago in July as a Credentialing Assistant. My little son (who is taller than me now) will be 35 in October and in July he moved to Seattle.

I am a member of First United Methodist Church in Golden and attend all the Church and UMW Annual meetings (District and Conference), Mission U, Spiritual Retreats, and much more. I enjoy meeting all the wonderful women from around my District and the Conference. We talk a lot and I snap their picture (my mother was a professional photographer – I can’t help it).
Spiritual Growth

Sandy McCormick nominee for 1st year of 2nd term

Sandy was raised as a United Methodist in Moscow, Idaho. She remembers going to UMW with her Mom and Grandma Hofmann. Sandy has been a member for many years but did not become really active until her children were grown and her family moved to Binghamton, New York. Since joining Hilltop United Methodist Church in Sandy, Utah, she has held offices in the UMW Unit: President, Vice President, and Spiritual Growth Coordinator. On the Utah/Western Colorado District Team, Sandy has been President, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, and Committee on Nominations (both as member and chair). Sandy has served on the Committee of Nominations for conference UMW.

Committee on Nominations

Ann Heard nominee for 4th year of 4 year term (completing LaVilla Shriver’s term. [LaVilla has moved up to the Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations.]).

Proposed changes to the 2016 Standing Rules, Rocky Mountain Conference United Methodist Women:

Any time “Officer(s)” is used, it is to be changed to “Leaders” or “elected Leaders” as grammar permits.

ARTICLE A: NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND APPOINTIVE PROCEDURES

9. The President, with approval from the Leadership Team, shall appoint the following: who shall become part of the Leadership Team with full privileges of participation. (unnecessary)

9.e and 10 switched numbering as “Standing Rules chair” would already be a team member and “other persons” might not:

9.e Standing Rules Chairperson shall be appointed annually and may succeed herself

10. The President may also appoint annually other persons to fulfill a specific role in the RMC Leadership Team. Their covered expenses will be determined by the Executive Team.

Because of difficulty filling Korean Language Coordinator and Hispanic-Latino Coordinator positions and the existence of many other cultural groups, it was determined to do as some other conferences, and create a Cultural Coordinator position who will be a Voice for and work with diverse cultures. This causes the following changes.

11. Delete

11. (was #12) Hispanic-Latino Coordinator: Cultural Coordinator: This position is appointed by the President in consultation with Conference Hispanic leadership.

The duties of the Hispanic-Latino Coordinator: Cultural Coordinator are:

a. Consult with the Conference Leadership Team regarding Hispanic members’ needs, concerns and programming.

b. Plan for the Hispanic diverse UMW membership in the conference.

c. Take part in the Leadership Team, program committee, finance committee, and Mission u committee in the Conference.

13, 14, 15, 16 become 12, 13, 14, 15
ARTICLE B: COMMITTEES

1. Leadership Team: Language Cultural Coordinators,
   1.a ...Language Coordinators

3.c The Conference Treasurer shall request the submission of District pledges and budgets no later than July 1st. District pledges and budgets shall be submitted to Conference Treasurer no later than July 1st.

6.a ...Language Coordinators

7. Mission Educations...and by virtue of their office, the language coordinators.

9. Language-Cultural Coordinators,

ARTICLE D: FUNDS

1. The Treasurer shall make a written report quarterly to the Conference Leadership Team, and District Treasurers. and a written financial report January through September to the Conference Organization at Annual Meeting to be published in the program book. At the Annual Meeting, the previous year’s financial report and current year-to-date report will be presented.

9.b The Mission Resource Sampler shall be ordered from Mission Resource Center by the Treasurer,...Language Cultural Coordinators.

14. Retiring Conference Officers may shall return their vest or purchase their vest for $25. $100.

18. a. and b. mailed submitted (three times)

19. Balances forwarded at the end of the year shall be deducted from budget request.

Chair: Jeri Neely, Ellie Young, Ann Heard, Mary Huggins, Robin Ball, La Villa Shriver, Judy Scrimshire. Proposed for approval October 22, 2016,
What does it mean to be a United Methodist Women member?

United Methodist Women is a community of women committed to mission. Membership provides many opportunities, including the following:

- Prayer, Bible studies and spiritual retreats;
- Hands-on missions in local communities;
- Mission education experiences;
- Leadership development and training opportunities;
- Opportunities to support work with women, children and youth;
- Partnership with women in mission in the country and around the world;
- Advocacy for social justice issues, including those pertaining to the environment, domestic violence, immigration and the many other concerns that impact the lives of women, children and youth;
- Engagement in racial justice issues.
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This newsletter contains Annual Meeting information and registration forms.