



# THE FLAME

A NEWSLETTER FOR ARKANSAS CONFERENCE  
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

"...I now remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you..." (1 Timothy 1:6)

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How wonderful it was to be in St. Louis April 29 through May 2 with 159 women from Arkansas as we joined with nearly seven thousand women from around the globe at *Assembly 2010 Faith. Hope. Love in Action*. It was an exciting event with workshops on mission education, global concerns, ecology and spiritual growth. We even got to do a little shopping in Experience Hall where fair trade merchandise was on display and for sale. The worship services were food for the soul as we listened to various speakers give witness of God's love and grace. We saw liturgical dance that made our spirit move along with the dancers. We sang songs of hope and faith and heard music from other cultures. The name of Jesus was lifted up and praise was given to the God of our salvation. Can you tell that I enjoyed being there? I am grateful that I was able to be there and hope that all who attended found it as inspiring as I did. If you would like, you can experience a little of the flavor of *Assembly 2010 Faith. Hope. Love in Action*. Go to the Women's Division web site [www.gbqm-umc.org/umw](http://www.gbqm-umc.org/umw) and check out the stories, photos, and videos you will find there. And I hope you will get used to seeing and hearing the phrase *Faith. Hope. Love in Action*. It says a lot about who we are as United Methodist Women and the opportunities we have to serve! The peace of Christ be with you all!



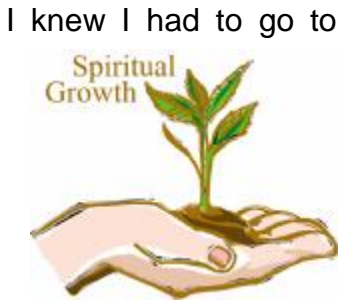
Judy Mattox, President  
Arkansas Conference United Methodist Women

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The hot days of summer are here – and it is time for the Arkansas Annual Conference. The UMW Luncheon will be 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 8 in the DeSoto Ballroom of the Austin Hotel in Hot Springs. Our program this year will highlight the Arkansas MiWatch program. Freddie Nixon has been the coordinator of this unique program since its inception in 1989. She will give us the highlights of 20 years working with volunteers in transporting children to visit their mothers at the prison. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased from Judy Mattox. A love offering to MiWatch will taken in honor of Freddie's contributions to the program.

Judy Jacobs, Conference Vice President



I knew I had to go to Assembly in St. Louis. I was looking forward to this big event that was scheduled in our area. I had to miss school, had to make up lessons for my special needs children, and had to make plans for my animals and birds. It was a hassle but I knew I had to go. I truly believe God puts us in the place we are supposed to be. The Message reads, "And don't for a minute let this Book of The Revelation be out of mind. Ponder and meditate on it day and night, making sure you practice everything written in it. Then you'll get where you're going; then you'll succeed."

While waiting in the registration line, a lady behind me introduced herself and we began talking. I asked her why she was in St. Louis. She was a speaker for one of the workshops and was looking for her room. Lisa Sykes is a United Methodist Pastor who was in St. Louis to speak on vaccines and autism. She has a son who has autism and has become a passionate speaker and advocate for the ban of Thimerosal (mercury) as a preservative in vaccines. She is very pro vaccine but totally against the use of mercury. I just couldn't believe it. I was amazed as she began talking to me about her book, Sacred Spark. I told her I was a teacher in Arkansas and had three autistic boys in my classroom. She told me how proud she was of United Methodist Women who were instrumental in the passing of the resolution in the United Methodist Book of Resolution that states, "Therefore, be it resolved that The United Methodist Church support all efforts to protect the public, especially children, from mercury-containing drugs. . .Ban the presence of any mercury compound in pharmaceutical products or vaccines, prescribed or over-the-counter."

I was amazed that God put me in that particular place at that particular time. I am firmly convinced that our God wants us to succeed and has given us everything to succeed. I have always been proud of United Methodist Women and our efforts on behalf of children and women around the world. And on that day, I knew that God wanted me to hear what Lisa Sykes had to say.

***Being in the right place is simply having a heart that is in tune with God.***

Thank you, our Loving God, for opening our eyes to the needs of women and children everywhere. Thank you for giving us opportunities to hear the needs. Thank you for the voice and means to do something about it.

Terry Gregory  
Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator

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# Are You Able?

**Raise your hands if you are able!!!**  
Would you like to serve on the Conference Mission team? The Nominating committee is always on the look-out for women yearning to serve the organization as Conference Officers. Contact me or a member of the Committee if you would like to be considered for service on the Conference Mission Team!

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**THE DEADLINES ARE NEAR!**

Summer is upon us and that can only mean one thing – Arkansas School of Christian Mission is just around the corner! It’s time to register *and* for those persons needing financial assistance it’s time to mail in your scholarship application! The deadline for scholarship applications is **JUNE 15!!!** If you need an application please contact me at [dianah1954@hotmail.com](mailto:dianah1954@hotmail.com) or phone me at 870-448-5991. Or...contact your district Education & Interpretation Coordinator. They all have the form.

Also, the “early bird” registration cost is \$150 for youth and adults and \$100 for children, but you **MUST** register by **JUNE 30** to receive the price break.

All registrations must be completed by **JULY 15**, so get busy and send in your registration OR register online at [www.arumc.org](http://www.arumc.org) This School of Christian Mission promises to be one of the best and I look forward to seeing **YOU** there!



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Assembly 2010 !!!!! What an inspiration!! FAITH - HOPE- LOVE IN ACTION is what women of mission brought home from Assembly 2010. Inspired by love,these will be put into action to help strengthen the work and faith around the world. Some brought home "THE NEW UMW BIBLE." Beautifully designed with special features, this is a great gift idea. The Bible will be available for sale in the Resource Room during ACSOCM.



Study books for 2010 School of Christian Mission will be available for sale in the Resource Room. The Beauty and Courage of Sudan will be offered again this year, Joy to the World:Mission in the age of Christianity, For the Love of GOD:Epistles of John will also be offered. Children and Youth study books will be available, as well. Attending School of Christian Mission is a great opportunity to become more knowledgeable about the issues of today!

**Program  
Resources**

Since we are no longer supplied with carry-out bags from the Mission Resource Center, the Resource Room would appreciate any unwanted tote bags you might have for the customers use.

Peace  
Goldie Haynes  
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**TIME IS  
RUNNING OUT!**

**DEADLINES:**

**JUNE 15 – Charter for Racial Justice forms due to District Social Action Coordinators  
Scholarship applications due for School of Christian Mission due to Conference officer Diana Hendricks  
Local treasurers’ reports due to District Treasurers**

**JUNE 30 – Early-bird registration for School of Christian Mission closes!**

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Online registration is now up and running. Please go to [www.arumc.org](http://www.arumc.org) , click on registrations at the top and choose Arkansas Conference School of Christian Mission. If someone besides yourself will be paying for your registration here is what you need to do. On the last page, there is a spot that asks if you have a coupon code.

Please enter the code in that box and then hit the pay later button. You will receive a confirmation email stating that you are indeed registered. This code IS case sensitive: **WesleyJohn2010** If you have any questions, just give me a call (479)719-0350 or email me. I always have my cell phone and I check email several time during the day. I am looking forward to seeing you all in July.

Beth Cobb  
ACSCM Registrar

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OUR 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.