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Women Leaders, Performers Headline at Assembly

CeCe Winans, Judy Woodruff, Lila Downs, Bishop Nhanala, and More

Renown Gospel vocalist CeCe Winans, award-winning broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff, Mixtec music powerhouse Lila Downs and Africa's first woman prelate Bishop Joaquina Nhanala of Mozambique are on a growing list of women leaders in their fields slated to address plenaries and "town-halls" at United Methodist Women's "Faith • Hope • Love in Action" quadrennial Assembly, April 30-May 2, 2010 in St. Louis, Mo.

Former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders and United Methodist Native American Plan executive the Rev. Anita Phillips will also address the Assembly audience, as will a more recent addition to justice activism, Erica L. Williams, deputy director of Campus Progress, a project of the Center for American Progress.

"I am delighted that such noted women will offer additional opportunities at Assembly, along with all the sensory experiences that will be provided," said Andris Salter, Women's Division executive and coordinator of the event.

CeCe Winans

CeCe Winans is a multi-Grammy-winning Gospel singer. In 20 years she has released eight solo albums and nine albums with her brother as the duo BeBe and CeCe Winans. Her singles, "Everlasting Love" and "Alabaster Box" hit No. 1 on the Gospel charts. In 1996 she performed "Count on Me" with Whitney Houston for the hit movie, "Waiting to Exhale." In 2008, she released her eighth solo album, "Thy Kingdom Come," and in October Ms. Winans reunited with her brother BeBe on "Still," the duo's ninth album, which features "Close to You," now No. 1 on Billboard magazine's Gospel chart.



CeCe Winans

Judy Woodruff

Broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff has covered politics and other news for more than three decades at CNN, NBC and PBS networks. Ms. Woodruff is a senior correspondent for PBS's "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" and anchors a monthly program for Bloomberg Television, "Conversations with Judy Woodruff." For CNN,

she was the anchor of the week-day political program, "Inside Politics." At PBS, she anchored the award-winning documentary series, "Frontline with Judy Woodruff," and completed an extensive project on the views of young Americans called "Generation Next: Speak Up. Be Heard." At NBC News, Ms. Woodruff served as White House correspondent.



Judy Woodruff

Lila Downs

Lila Downs was born in Oaxaca, Mexico to Mixtec cabaret singer Anita Sánchez and Allen Downs, a Scottish/English-American art professor, grew up in Oaxaca, California and Minnesota, and graduated from the University of Minnesota in voice and anthropology. That background birthed a musical vision anthropological in nature and as varied as the ancient and earthy cultures that inspire her. Ms. Downs' powerful persona and voice caught Hollywood's attention. She played a role in the Salma Hayek film about Mexican artist Frida Kahlo, sang the Oscar nominated soundtrack song "Burn It Blue," and became the first Mexican to perform on the Academy Awards telecast. While many of her songs address the heated topics of immigration, political justice, and transformation, Ms. Downs' vulnerability, compassion and humor are always present in the music.



Lila Downs

Bishop Joaquina Nhanala

Elected as the first female United Methodist Bishop in Africa in 2008, Bishop Joaquina Nhanala presides over Mozambique Episcopal Area covering Mozambique's North and South annual conferences and the South Africa Provisional Annual Conference. Prior to her election, Bishop Nhanala was pastor of a large church in Matola, a suburb of Maputo, coordinated women's projects for the Mozambique church and led a World Relief HIV/AIDS program designed to mobilize churches for education and advocacy in Mozambique's



Bishop Joaquina Nhanala

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Assembly Is Coming!

by Harriett Jane Olson

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together ...but exhorting one another...." (Hebrews 10:25)

You might wonder if attending United Methodist Women's "Faith, Hope, Love in Action" Assembly in St. Louis next spring is a good use of your personal and our collective funds at this time of economic stress. You might also wonder if it can possibly live up to its reputation. There has been a lovely conversation on some of these topics on the Assembly online community (www.umwonline.org). Your "conversation" in that medium is inspiring and it "sounds" like every House Party, Regional School of Christian Mission and conference United Methodist Women annual meeting I've attended. Just stand next to someone who attended Assembly, and you'll hear how powerful it was for them! United Methodist Women – including clergy – across the country have told me all they "wouldn't miss it" or that they are bringing someone who has never been, or are incorporating a trip to Assembly into their plan to start a new unit or circle or event in their district.

Imagine the impact of thousands of women praying together for God's good purposes to be seen on the earth! Singing, dancing, weeping, clapping, we'll experience the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst and moving on the earth, just like the spirit moved in the creation.

I'm guessing, if you spend a few moments right now, you could come up with a short list of people who would fit into the category of "I just wish she'd go to Assembly." Maybe you're one of those people yourself! What if today you invited just one of those people on your short list to come to Assembly with you? If she really can't go, you might need to make another phone call tomorrow, but just make one call today.

God is active in the world today and United Methodist Women are part of it. We will celebrate this in St. Louis with a few packed hours of worship, learning, action and prayer. We'll learn about today's pressing issues from national leaders. And we'll talk about our history of being on the forefront of world-changing events because our history is a clue to our future. We'll hear from each other, and pray for the women and young people with whom we work. We'll think, feel and act – together!

How could you miss out on this event? Do you want to hear from dynamic circles, units, districts and conferences? Do you want to see the latest in resources and hear from leaders? United Methodist Women Assembly is the place for you! Real women, real faith, real world engagement, it's all at Assembly!

See you in St. Louis!

Harriett Jane Olson is deputy general secretary of the Women's Division of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries.



Harriett Jane Olson



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three southern provinces. United Methodist Women-funded scholarships helped finance Bishop Nhanala's theological studies.

Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders

Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders is a United Methodist and a pediatrician who served as the U.S. Surgeon General of Public Health Service in 1993 under President Bill Clinton. She was the first African American to serve in the position. Dr. Elders argued the case for universal health coverage and was a spokesperson for President Clinton's health care reform effort. She was a strong advocate for comprehensive health education, including sex education in schools.



Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders

She was outspoken in her views, and was forced to resign after only 15 months in

the position as a result of a controversial remark about sex education and HIV/AIDS prevention.

The Rev. Anita Phillips

The Rev. Anita Phillips is a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and an elder in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church. She is currently appointed to extension ministry and is the executive director of the Native American Comprehensive Plan, one of five racial-ethnic national plans within the United Methodist Church. Ms. Phillips has served several Native American churches in Oklahoma and was a district superintendent for six years. A social worker in Native American communities for more than 20 years, Ms.



The Rev. Anita Phillips

Phillips has a master's degree in social work from the University of Oklahoma and a master's of divinity from Phillips Theological Seminary.

Erica L. Williams

Erica L. Williams is deputy director of Campus Progress, a project of the Center for American Progress, where she leads a staff advancing progressive policies with and for 18-27 year olds across the nation. She directs national campaigns on such issues as economic mobility, equal opportunity and climate change. Ms. Williams has served as a field associate for the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Work, and is a 2008 *O Magazine* Women Rule Leadership Award winner and a 2008 Aspen Institute Fellow.



Erica L. Williams

Mission Forward: Lay Women, Vocation and Calling

Explore the history, present and future of mission at the Mission Forward Symposium, an optional pre-Assembly event set for April 29, in St. Louis, MO. Learn where mission has been, the changes and shifts that have happened in being in mission, and how to engage in forward-looking mission.

The symposium will feature interactive conversations, music and visuals that engage the synergy of God's mission, panels and a keynote address by Dana Robert, author of the 2010 Mission Study, *Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity*.

My Assembly Story: Turned on to Mission

by Yvonne Bouknight

I attended Assembly with my mom, aunts, cousins and sister-in-law and came back ignited for mission and United Methodist Women. At the "Make Plain the Vision" Assembly in Orlando, Fla., I saw how United Methodist Women worked to protect, support and empower women, children, youth and families around the globe.

I was a young woman with two children, but when I returned home after that Assembly, I became a volunteer, quietly working a few hours each month to organize dry goods at a food pantry, with my two small girls helping. I worked in my community with the Girls Scouts and the school board, voicing my opinion and working with the administrators and parents to create programs to improve education and services in the schools.

My children became teens, and I was able to devote more time to United Methodist Women at the local and eventually the conference level. United Methodist Women shaped me to be a voice. My mom served as a great example. I follow her model of involvement in school, church

and United Methodist Women. Many of the saints say they see her in me as I work in the church, still quietly, but with vigor because I understand why now more than ever it is important for us to be advocates for those who aren't in a position to speak for themselves.

Prayerfully, at least one of my daughters can attend Assembly with me in 2010. They have seen the model. They know that it is important for us to be there for others. They volunteer and help where and when they are needed with haste. They just need a spark to catch the flame to spread the love of Jesus through United Methodist Women to carry on a family tradition that dates back to the Wesleyan



PHOTO BY: DANA JONES/RESPONSE

Author Yvonne Bouknight was turned on to mission by Assembly's call to action. Here Women's Division officers deliver to Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.) more than 7,000 letters from United Methodist Women's 2002 Assembly advocating for more federal funds for child care.

Service Guild. I want them to carry on what our foremothers began.

Yvonne Bouknight is treasurer of the Greater New Jersey Conference United Methodist Women.

Ubuntu Day of Service

Nearly 300 women are signed up through early online registration for the pre-Assembly Ubuntu Day of Service, a hands-on mission excursion that will send hundreds of United Methodist Women throughout St. Louis, Mo., as volunteers and helping hands for local non-profit organizations.

"It'll be a full day of action," said Marva Usher-Kerr, Women's Division executive and coordinator of the Ubuntu service opportunity named after the Zulu concept of community meaning, *I am because we are*. The day will start with an orientation for the volunteers and a com-

missioning of those who will serve in a ceremony led by Bishop Robert Schnase, Women's Division president Inelda González and Deputy General Secretary Harriett Olson. Then participants will be sent out to serve in their work areas.

"We'll end the day with a closing ceremony and a debriefing where we can share our stories and reflect on what we saw and heard," Ms. Usher-Kerr said. "St. Louis will know that United Methodist Women cares about St. Louis. It's going to be exciting and the women are going to take that excitement of service into Assembly!"

Assembly Scholarships

Celebrate 140 years of women organized for mission by helping 140 women experience United Methodist Women's 2010 Assembly through the Assembly Scholarship Fund! The scholarships can be used toward Assembly registration fees, transportation to the event, lodging costs or meals.

Honor a United Methodist Women member who's blessed your life with a gift to the fund in her name or

simply invest in the life of a sister United Methodist Women member with a gift to the Assembly Scholarship Fund! Go to umwmission.org or send gifts to Martha Knight, Women's Division/GBGM, 475 Riverside Drive, NY, NY 10115.

To apply, download Assembly Scholarship Fund applications at www.umwmission.com. Deadline for application is Dec. 1.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION FORM

April 30th – May 2nd, 2010 St. Louis, Missouri

Please complete all information. Send one registration form and \$250 registration fee for each person to Women's Division General Board of Global Ministries, P.O. Box 632420, Baltimore, MD 21263-2420. Make check(s) or money order(s) payable to Women's Division. Visa and MasterCard are also accepted; see below to make a credit card payment. Note: If you require a hotel room, you must contact the hotel directly. Fixed costs mandate a \$50.00 cancellation fee, a \$30.00 bounced check fee and allow for no refunds after April 10, 2010. Registration deadline: April 1, 2010 or before, if seating capacity is met.

Please print or type clearly and neatly

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 E-mail: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone Daytime: (____) _____ Evening, if different: (____) _____

Planning an Assembly that reflects the diversity of United Methodist Women is our priority. The following information will help us in this process. _____ Laity _____ Clergy Gender: _____

Ethnicity: _____
 Age: _____ 18-25 _____ 26-35 _____ 35-49 _____ 50-69 _____ 70-79 _____ 80+
 Name of your UMW Conference: _____
 Local unit _____ Circle _____ None _____

Emergency Info: Name to contact: _____
 Phone No: (____) _____ Circle Yes if person is at the Assembly

Optional Pre-Conference Events (Thursday, April 29, 2010): Indicate whether you are attending. Select one. There is a \$50 additional fee with your registration.

_____ Ubuntu Day of Service _____ Mission Forward Symposium

For Ubuntu Day of Service only: Indicate preference of work activity (1 being first choice, 2 being second choice, etc.)

_____ Administration (filing, etc.) _____ Personal Interaction (after-school, youth, etc.) _____ Light Work
 _____ Heavy Work _____ Social Justice

Optional Pre-Registered Workshops: If interested, please indicate your top five choices, in order of preference.

1st: _____ 2nd: _____ 3rd: _____ 4th: _____ 5th: _____

FRIDAY WORKSHOPS		
#	Name	Description
OPTIONAL PRE-REGISTERED		
When you register for Assembly, you may select up to two pre-registered workshops you would like to attend. Keep in mind there will be many other activities that do not require registration Friday and Saturday: seminars, town hall meetings, film screenings and exhibits. You will receive a schedule at Assembly of these activities.		
ADVOCACY		
1	Organizing for Social Justice on Campus (3:30-5:30 pm, 4/30)	Learn how to help students (including yourself) recognize and cultivate their own power to impact the decisions that affect their community.
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3	Community Organizing 101 (8:30-10:30 am, 4/30)	Housing, public education, recreation, community needs-Learn how you can organize to make changes that benefit your community.
4	Community Organizing 101 (4-6 pm, 4/30)	Housing, public education, recreation, community needs-Learn how you can organize to make changes that benefit your community.
5	Prison Ministries (8-10 am, 4/30)	"I was in prison and you visited me." Find ways you and your unit can be involved in ministries with people who are incarcerated.
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7	Service & Action (11 am-1 pm, 4/30)	UMW responds to the world's needs with compassionate care and also ask, "Why?" What can we do to change the root causes? Learn skills to link these.

8	Women as Peacemakers (1:30-3:30 pm, 4/30)	This workshop will focus on women's roles as peacemakers in the past and present offering tools for engagement in peacemaking.
ECONOMIC JUSTICE		
9	Chocolate, Flowers & Justice (11 am -1 pm, 4/30)	What do chocolate, flowers and justice have in common? This workshop will look into market systems that seek to empower workers and consumers through fair trade.
10	Color of Wealth (1-3 pm, 4/30)	This workshop will critically examine the way in which race shapes the distribution of resources and privilege in the U.S. You will review strategies, campaigns, and actions that will help close the racial wealth divide and promote greater economic equality.
11	Foreclosure & Mortgage Crisis (10:30 am - 12:30 pm, 4/30)	What happened? This workshop will study the root causes of the financial crisis and ways to avoid foreclosure and scams.
12	Foreclosure & Mortgage Crisis (4-6 pm, 4/30)	What happened? This workshop will study the root causes of the financial crisis and ways to avoid foreclosure and scams.
13	Crisis Causada por Incumplimiento Hipotecario y Reposición de Viviendas (Spanish Only) (4-6 pm, 4/30)	¿Qué es lo que ha sucedido? Este taller examinará las causas fundamentales de esta crisis financiera y maneras de evitar reposición de viviendas y maniobras engañosas para que eso ocurra.
14	주택 압류 및 모기지 위기 (4월 30일(금), 오전 11시-오후 1시)	이번 워크샵에서는 금융 위기의 근본 원인 및 주택 압류와 각종 금융 사기를 피하는 방법에 대해 알아 봅니다.
15	Living in God's Abundance: Theology of Enough (8-10 am, 4/30)	This workshop will take a look at the idea that God has created enough for us all to live healthy and fulfilling lives, and ways we can make certain that the world's resources are distributed equitably.

Charge my registration fee to a credit card – VISA OR MASTERCARD ONLY – Your card will be charged immediately.

Cardholder's Name: _____ VISA MASTERCARD

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Special Needs and Instructions: Check all that apply

_____ I will bring a wheelchair to the Assembly.

Wheelchair rental, please indicate days needed and size. Please note there is a \$10 per day fee due with your registration fee.

_____ Thursday (Ubuntu Day, optional pre-conference event) _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____ Sunday

Size of wheelchair: _____ 16" _____ 18" _____ 20" _____ 24"

Describe other special needs required at the Assembly _____

If this space is inadequate, use a separate sheet to describe needs.

Translation requirements: _____ American Sign Language _____ French _____ Hmong _____ Korean _____ Portuguese

_____ Russian _____ Spanish _____ Tongan

Child Care: Provide name(s) & age(s) of children and select the days child care is needed. Note: There will be a \$15 per child, per day fee due with your registration fee. Child care is provided for children ages 2–12 years old.

Name(s) & Age(s): _____

Days required: _____ Thursday (Ubuntu Day, optional pre-conference event) _____ Friday

_____ Saturday _____ Sunday

Office Use Only:

How Paid: _____

Category: _____ MA: _____ FW: _____

16	Global Issues of Poverty: Debt & Trade (1:30-3:30 pm, 4/30)	Nearly half of the world now lives on less than \$2 a day. This workshop will look at how global trade and economic policies lead to greater inequality and poverty, and how the church can work for a more just and sustainable future.
17	Retirement (8-10 am, 4/30)	Are you over 18? You need to know how you will be able to live in retirement. It's never too early to think about it! What do you need to know even when you don't want to think about it?
18	Retirement (3:30-5:50 pm, 4/30)	Are you over 18? You need to know how you will be able to live in retirement. It's never too early to think about it! What do you need to know even when you don't want to think about it?
19	Downsizing Your Life (1-3 pm, 4/30)	The current economic environment has issued each of us challenge: make do, be satisfied or even find joy in spending less and having fewer material possessions.
EDUCATION		
20	Cradle to Prison Pipeline (1-3 pm, 4/30)	Addressing this issue requires focusing on where it begins. This workshop will explore how inadequacies in the education system propel certain groups of people into the criminal justice system.
21	Early Childhood Education (8-10 am, 4/30)	The years before a child reaches kindergarten are among the most critical in his or her life to influence learning. Come learn about the importance of early childhood education.
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23	Hate in the Hallways (10:30 am-12:30 pm, 4/30)	Sixty-five percent of teens report that they have been harassed or assaulted because of their race, sexual identity or socio-economic class. This workshop will look at some of the causes, as well as the important work of preventing bullying in schools today.

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25	How to Apply and Pay for College (11 am-1 pm, 4/30)	Learn how to navigate the road to the college/university that is right for you-educationally, monetarily, and environmentally. Learn the skills to help you stand out from the crowd. This workshop will help you discover options for affording a college education. Learn about scholarships, grants, and loans that are available to you.
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27	Public Education (9-11 am, 4/30)	When education is the buzz word in politics and local communities, it is appropriate for people of faith to take a serious look at the system of public education. This workshop will show you how to push aside the rhetoric and really advocate for public education in your community.
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE		
28	Climate Change- Tools for Change (10 am-Noon, 4/30)	Trace the footprints of your lifestyle, look for ways to change your lifestyle and also public policy.
29	Greening Your Life (8-10 am, 4/30)	Learn ways to reduce your carbon footprint.
30	Water Crisis: Pollution, Privatization and Over Consumption (8:30-10:30 am, 4/30)	Access to water is a fundamental human right. One billion people lack access to safe drinking water; 1 million children die each year of water-borne diseases. Protect the human right to water.

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32	Food and Faith (1:30-3:30 pm, 4/30)	This workshop considers how our faith is nurtured, strengthened, and enhanced by food and all the ways food touches our lives.
33	Caring for Creation (1-3 pm, 4/30)	Listening to stories of the pain of Creation, this workshop will equip participants to be stewards and caretakers of Creation.
34	Environmental Racism (11 am-1 pm, 4/30)	Look at the issues that deal with inequitable environmental burdens (pollution, industrial facilities) borne by communities of color and low income in the U.S. and in developing countries.
35	Women, Food and Agriculture (1-3 pm, 4/30)	Although in the rural areas where most of the world's hungry people live, women produce most of the food that is consumed locally, their role in food production is rarely recognized. This workshop will explore women's roles in agriculture and food production and ways we can ensure that girls and women have equitable access.
36	Global Food Systems (1:30-3:30 pm, 4/30)	This workshop will look beyond the food on our tables to explore the global economy that makes up our food system and the peoples involved.
FAMILIES		
37	Sandwich Generation (8-10 am, 4/30)	Caring for you parents, children and/or grandchildren? The workshop will consider the various stresses and needs of caregivers and explore ways to handle this reality.
38	La Generación "Sándwich" (Spanish Only) (1:30-3:30 pm, 4/30)	¿Está cuidando o haciéndose cargo de sus padres, hijos y/o nietos? Este taller analizará los desafíos y necesidades de aquellas personas a cargo de familiares y explorará maneras de bregar con esta realidad.
39	샌드위치 세대의 도전 (부모와 자식을 동시에 부양해야 하는 세대) (4월 30일(금), 오전 8시 30분-10시 30분)	여러분의 부모님과 자녀들, 그리고/또는 손자들을 돌보고 계십니까? 이번 워크샵에서는 돌보는 사람들이 받게 되는 다양한 스트레스와 그들에게 필요한 것은 무엇인가에 대해 생각해 보고, 이러한 현실에 대처할 수 있는 방법들에 대해 알아 볼 것입니다.
40	Grandparents Raising Children (10:30 am-12:30 pm, 4/30)	This workshop will help grandparents identify resources available to them in their communities and will provide churches with ideas for assisting when this happens in their congregations.
41	Parenting for Peace and Justice (1-3 pm, 4/30)	Is there a way to intentionally parent your child in a more peaceful, justice-oriented environment? Practical suggestions for how to examine our children's lives and promote conversation/experiences/exposures to peace and justice.
42	Raising Children Who Are Gay (11 am-1 pm, 4/30)	However you feel about homosexuality, having a 'gay' child presents some very real challenges in our communities. From bullying issues to healthy sexuality to how the parent feels, this workshop explores these challenges and provides suggestions for communities and churches to help.
43	Raising Children Who Are Gay (4-6 pm, 4/30)	However you feel about homosexuality, having a 'gay' child presents some very real challenges in our communities. From bullying issues to healthy sexuality to how the parent feels, this workshop explores these challenges and provides suggestions for communities and churches to help.
44	Returning Soldiers (8:30 am-10:30 am, 4/30)	When a family member comes home from military service, they often have difficulties readjusting to "normal" life. Come learn what you can do as a church, friend, or family member to make this transition as smooth as possible.
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HEALTH CARE		
46	Health Care Reform- Women's Issue (11 am-1 pm, 4/30)	As the majority of health care recipients, women have particular interest in the changes that occur within health care and its impact on them. This workshop examines the issues of health care reform with women in mind.
47	Care Giving Today: Facing the Challenges (8-10 am, 4/30)	This workshop will identify the physical and emotional impact of care giving and how to recognize and manage stress and burnout.
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49	Malaria: Looking Beyond the Net (8:30-10:30 am, 4/30)	Malaria is preventable, treatable and a curable disease. Yet, more than one million people die annually from malaria, mostly children under five years of age, with 90 percent of malaria cases in Africa. This workshop will examine the root causes of malaria and explore other tools available that are making substantial progress in the fight against this disease.
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51	Vaccine Safety (1:30-3:30 pm, 4/30)	This workshop will examine vaccine history, provide basic information and explore practical ways to advocate for safer vaccines. Come hear a presentation that supports the vaccine program but wants to be sure this prevention measure is as safe as it can be in our world today.
52	Feminization of HIV/AIDS (1:30 pm-3:30 pm, 4/30)	Increasingly, the face of HIV/AIDS is a woman's face. This workshop will explore the social, cultural and physiological factors that make women vulnerable to this epidemic.

53	Reproductive Health - More than Abortion (11 am-1 pm, 4/30)	This workshop helps to address the broader issue of reproduction including family planning, access to information, human sexuality education and cultural practices that damage women. Come hear about issues of access and concerns for reproductive freedom of women.
54	Talking to Your Children about Faith and Sex (10:30 am-12:30 pm, 4/30)	Children learn a lot about sex by the fact that the church rarely speaks to the healthy, wonderful gift that it is. Come share some practical suggestions about plunging into this super-charged issue in a reasonable and healthy way and then keep the conversation going.
55	Choosing Long-Term Care: How do we care for the elderly? (11 am-1 pm, 4/30)	Choosing the right long-term care organization is a challenging task. This workshop will analyze the various types of long-term care and services to help you make good decisions.
56	Racial Inequalities in Health (8:30-10:30 am, 4/30)	Health is more than health care. This workshop will address how racism imposes an added health burden.
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HUMAN RIGHTS		
58	Awareness and Action: Human Trafficking (8:30-10:30 am, 4/30)	Approximately 600,000-800,000 people are trafficked annually around the world for work and sexual exploitation. This workshop will explore the pressing issue of modern day slavery and ways you can work to end it.
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60	Why Do People Migrate? (8-10 am, 4/30)	The number of people migrating to the United States has been steadily increasing. This workshop will look at the push and pull factors of global migration, one of the integral factors to understanding the comprehensive immigration reform debate.
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SPIRITUAL GROWTH		
70	Singing a New Song-Global Praise (10 am - Noon, 4/30)	In this workshop, we will experience singing songs from the various Christian communities around the world praising God. Participants registered for this workshop must purchase "For Everyone Born: Global Songs for an Emerging Church". This song book is available through Mission Resource Center.
71	새 노래로 찬양-글로벌 프레이즈 (4월 30일(금), 오후 2시-4시)	이 워크샵에서는 전세계 다양한 기독교 공동체에서 하나님을 찬양하는 노래들을 불러 볼 것입니다. 이 워크샵에 등록한 참가자들은 "For Everyone Born: Global Songs for an Emerging Church." 를 구입하셔야 합니다. 이 노래집은 미션리소스센터 (Mission Resource Center)에서 구입하실 수 있습니다.
72	Un Nuevo Canto de Alabanza Global (Spanish only) (8-10 am, 4/30)	En este taller aprenderemos y cantaremos cantos de alabanza a Dios procedentes de diversas comunidades cristianas de alrededor del mundo. Participantes necesitan comprar el libro de canciones llamado "For Everyone Born: Global Songs for an Emerging Church" que está disponible en el Centro de Recursos Misionales.
73	Being in Sabbath (5-7 pm, 4/30)	This workshop will explore how to experience deep rest within, in small and large ways, in our hectic lives.
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77	Liturgical Dance (8:30-10 am, 4/30)	In this workshop, we will learn to praise God through our bodies, in movements in adoration of God.
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81	Worship Center and Social Gospel (10:30 am-12:30 pm, 4/30)	In this workshop, we will learn to create worship centers that will express our love of God in Christ as well as love for life, peace, and freedom of "the least of these."
82	Creative Worship (1:30-3:30 pm, 4/30)	We will experience what it is to be swept into praise and blessedness with "every ounce of our being" in order to engage in a world of deep needs.
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83	Creative Programming (8-10 am, 4/30)	Imaginative, innovative and inspired ways to program for the local unit.
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ADVOCACY		
92	Organización Básica de la Comunidad (Spanish Only) (1:30-3:30 pm, 5/1)	Vivienda, educación pública, recreación, necesidades de la comunidad. Aprenda a organizar para conseguir cambios que beneficien a su comunidad.
93	지역사회 조직화 101 (5월 1일(토), 오후 5시-7시)	주거, 공교육, 여가활동, 지역사회에 필요한 것들 - 여러분의 지역사회에 혜택을 주는 변화를 만들기 위해 어떻게 지역사회를 조직화 할 수 있는지 배웁니다.
94	Service & Action (1:30-3:30 pm, 5/1)	UMW responds to the world's needs with compassionate care and also ask "why?". What can we do to change the root causes? Learn skills to link these.
95	Women as Peacemakers (5-7 pm, 5/1)	This workshop will focus on women's roles as peacemakers in the past and present, offering tools for engagement in peacemaking.
ECONOMIC JUSTICE		
96	Chocolate, Flowers & Justice (4:30-6:30 pm, 5/1)	What do chocolate, flowers and justice have in common? This workshop will look into market systems that seek to empower workers and consumers through fair trade.
97	Color of Wealth (2:30-4:30 pm, 5/1)	This workshop will critically examine the way in which race shapes the distribution of resources and privilege in the U.S. You will review strategies, campaigns, and actions that will help close the racial wealth divide and promote greater economic equality.
98	Living in God's Abundance: Theology of Enough (1:30 pm-3:30 pm, 5/1)	This workshop will take a look at the idea that God has created enough for us all to live healthy and fulfilling lives, and ways we can make certain that the world's resources are distributed equitably.
99	Global Issues of Poverty: Debt & Trade (4:30-6:30 pm, 5/1)	Nearly half of the world now lives on less than \$2 a day. This workshop will look at how global trade and economic policies lead to greater inequality and poverty, and how the church can work for a more just and sustainable future.
100	Downsizing Your Life (1:30-3:30 pm, 5/1)	The current economic environment has issued each of us challenge: make do, be satisfied or even find joy in spending less and having fewer material possessions.
EDUCATION		
101	Cradle to Prison Pipeline (2:30-4:30 pm, 5/1)	Addressing this issue requires focusing on where it begins. This workshop will explore how inadequacies in the education system propel certain groups of people into the criminal justice system.

102	Public Education (1:30-3:30 pm, 5/1)	When education is the buzz word in politics and local communities, it is appropriate for people of faith to take a serious look at the system of public education. This workshop will show you how to push aside the rhetoric and really advocate for public education in your community.
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE		
103	Climate Change- Tools for Change (4:30-6:30 pm, 5/1)	Trace the footprints of your lifestyle, look for ways to change your lifestyle and also public policy.
104	Greening Your Life (2-4 pm, 5/1)	Learn ways to reduce your carbon footprint
105	Food and Faith (5:30-7:30 pm, 5/1)	This workshop considers how our faith is nurtured, strengthened, and enhanced by food and all the ways food touches our lives.
106	Caring for Creation (1:30-3:30 pm, 5/1)	Listening to stories of the pain of Creation, this workshop will equip participants to be stewards and caretakers of Creation.
107	Environmental Racism (5-7 pm, 5/1)	Look at the issues that deal with inequitable environmental burdens (pollution, industrial facilities) borne by communities of color and low income in the U.S. and in developing countries.
108	Women, Food and Agriculture (1:30-3:30 pm, 5/1)	Although in the rural areas where most of the world's hungry people live, women produce most of the food that is consumed locally, their role in food production is rarely recognized. This workshop will explore women's roles in agriculture and food production and ways we can ensure that girls and women have equitable access.
109	Global Food Systems (2:30-4:30 pm, 5/1)	This workshop will look beyond the food on our tables to explore the global economy that makes up our food system and the peoples involved.
FAMILIES		
110	Sandwich Generation (5-7 pm, 5/1)	Caring for you parents, children and/or grandchildren? The workshop will consider the various stresses and needs of caregivers and explore ways to handle this reality.
111	Grandparents Raising Children (1:30-3:30 pm, 5/1)	This workshop will help grandparents identify resources available to them in their communities and will provide churches with ideas for assisting when this happens in their congregations.
112	Parenting for Peace and Justice (5:30-7:30 pm, 5/1)	Is there a way to intentionally parent your child(ren) in a more peaceful, justice-oriented environment? Practical suggestions for how to examine our children's lives and promote conversation/ experiences/ exposures to peace and justice.
HEALTH CARE		
113	Health Care Reform- Women's Issue (5-7 pm, 5/1)	As the majority of health care recipients, women have particular interest in the changes that occur within health care and its impact on them. This workshop examines the issues of health care reform with women in mind.
114	Vaccine Safety (5:30-7:30 pm, 5/1)	This workshop will examine vaccine history, provide basic information and explore practical ways to advocate for safer vaccines. Come hear a presentation that supports the vaccine program but wants to be sure this prevention measure is as safe as it can be in our world today.
115	Feminization of HIV/AIDS (2:00 pm-4:00 pm, 5/1)	Increasingly, the face of HIV/AIDS is a woman's face. This workshop will explore the social, cultural and physiological factors that make women vulnerable to this epidemic.
116	Reproductive Health - More than Abortion (2:30-4:30 pm, 5/1)	This workshop helps to address the broader issue of reproduction including family planning, access to information, human sexuality education and cultural practices that damage women. Come hear about issues of access and concerns for reproductive freedom of women.
117	Talking to Your Children about Faith and Sex (4:30-6:30 pm, 5/1)	Children learn a lot about sex by the fact that the church rarely speaks to the healthy, wonderful gift that it is. Come share some practical suggestions about plunging into this super-charged issue in a reasonable and healthy way and then keep the conversation going.
118	Choosing Long-Term Care: How do we care for the elderly? (5-7 pm, 5/1)	Choosing the right long-term care organization is a challenging task. This workshop will analyze the various types of long-term care and services to help you make good decisions.
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Deaconesses, Home Missioners Often Serve Atypical Needs

by Yvette Moore

In the Internet age, access to information is more than power – it's a matter of justice. Many people can't afford to purchase computers or the expensive high-speed connections needed to search the Internet for jobs, housing or educational opportunities. That's why newly commissioned United Methodist Deaconess Myka Stephens of Chicago, Ill., sees helping congregations become community venues for information as her ministry.

"My vision is to empower congregations to think of information ministry as a form of outreach to the community to make information available, to bridge the gaps," she said.

As a deaconess, Ms. Stephens will help grow and work with congregational libraries to make computer resources, literacy materials, and books for children, and books and magazines for adults available to families who participate in church outreach ministries like food pantries.

Ms. Stephens' ministry vision may be uncommon but it aligns perfectly with deaconesses' 100-year-plus tradition of laywomen spotting a need and going to work. Now, with the newly approved restructure of the General Board of Global Ministries, the hands-on work of home missioners and deaconesses like Ms. Stephens is once again directly connected to United Methodist Women.

Newly commissioned Deaconess Susan Lewandowski of Beaverdam, Va., is helping immigrants in Spotsylvania, Va., learn English as well as earn general education diplomas.

"Their oral English is good, now they want to learn to read and write well enough to go on to technical college, Ms. Lewandowski said, describing her students. "I believe education is a tool of empowerment to move up and out of poverty. Most of my students live paycheck to paycheck."

Ms. Lewandowski said prayer and help with discernment let her know the deaconess community was the place for her.

"I was awakened from a very vivid dream where I was helping a homeless woman," she said. "With prayer, I started to see teaching as a ministry, and

my work as a place I could bring my faith for action."

Likewise, laymen home missioners also serve in areas of critical need that aren't often thought about in terms of ministry. Home missioner Charles Barrow works on a research farm of North Carolina State University in Raleigh growing vegetables to test weed control, herbicide control, fertilizers and more.

"It depends on what the professor's project is testing," he said. "It's like a normal farm. We'll plant sweet potatoes, and when the harvest comes, we get the data. When we're done, rather than plow the field under, I give that food to



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Newly commissioned Deaconess Cynthia Johnson is a special education teacher in Brownsville, Texas, and an advocate for just immigration policies.

food banks and church pantries. We'll deliver 180,000 pounds of food in 2009. We grow so much food in the United States. Nobody should ever go hungry."

Mr. Barrow is part of a class of seven new deaconesses and two home missioners commissioned for service with prayer, a charge and the laying on of hands in a special ceremony during the General Board of Global Ministries' annual meeting in Stamford, Conn., in October. Bishop Bruce R. Ough of West Ohio, president of the mission board, officiated the service punctuating the meeting where directors of both the Women's Division and Global Ministries approved a board restructure lodging the Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner in the Women's Division, the national policy-making body of United Methodist Women.

Yvette Moore is editor of *United Methodist Women News*.

Restructure Shifts Mission Oversight to United Methodist Women

by Yvette Moore and Leigh Rogers

The boards of directors for the Women's Division and United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries both approved a restructure of Global Ministries that will change the way the division has related to United Methodist Women-supported national and international ministries and partners for more than 40 years. The action directs staff to move forward with the plan "as soon as practicable" following the division's annual meeting in Stamford, Conn., Oct. 9-12, where the vote was taken.

With the unanimous passage of the Plan for Reconfigured Relationships, Global Ministries will transfer oversight of United Methodist Women-supported national mission institutions, relationships with international partners and regional missionaries to the Women's Division, the national policy-making arm of United Methodist Women. The division will also assume responsibility for the administration and funding of the Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner and commit to grow and extend these opportunities. Implementation of the plan will create several new staff positions in the Women's Division for the additional work.

United Methodist Women has not had direct oversight of the work it supports since 1964, when the then Board of Missions was restructured and the former Woman's Division of Christian Service's home and foreign field operations were transferred to the board's national and world mission divisions.

Deputy General Secretary Harriett Olson said direct oversight of United Methodist Women-supported mission would strengthen connections between local women and mission partners.

"Now it's our turn to decide on what action to take, to hear the needs and aspirations of our members and our world and to organize as best serves



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Children learn to swim at North Rampart Community Center in New Orleans, La., a national mission institution supported by United Methodist Women.

them," Ms. Olson said. "We have a lot to do and a lot to celebrate."

The approved restructure coincides with a strategic plan currently being outlined by the Women's Division to build a 10-year organizational trajectory for continued mission with women, children and youth.

"The national mission institutions will be looking forward to being under the Women's Division," said Marilyn Zehring, Women's Division director from Nebraska Conference and chair of the national ministries committee. "There is a disparity [in the relationships] between United Methodist Women and national mission institutions. Some United Methodist Women units have no relationship with their neighboring institutions while some are in close contact. We are working on bridging any gaps and hope the restructuring will help."

Yvette Moore is editor of *United Methodist Women News* and Leigh Rogers is the public relations executive for the Women's Division of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries.

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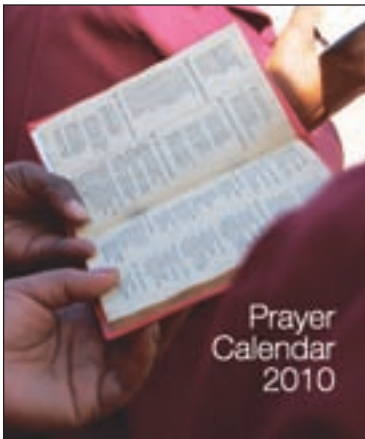
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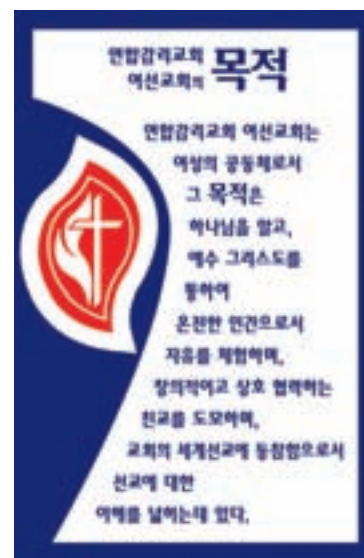


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