



Purpose of United Methodist Women

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.

Calling All Women!!!

You're invited to join the *United Methodist Women* on **Sunday, February 10, 2:30-4:00pm for an afternoon of fellowship and interesting discussion. *Karen Moore and Cathy Wray*, both from our own Tabernacle congregation, recently returned from a Mission trip to Guatemala and will share their experiences with us. We hope you will make plans to come and hear all about the adventures of *Karen, Cathy, Jimmy and Brad...* We're looking forward to spending time with you!**



Tabernacle UMW Circle Invitation

Tabernacle UMW invites each woman in the church to join us in a Circle. Circles meet at different times each month throughout the year. We hope you will find a time that serves your needs, and look forward to meeting you and becoming new friends.

Bethany	2 nd Wednesday of each month	10:00am	Parlor
Fellowship	2 nd Monday of each month	10:00am	Rm 130
Friendship	1 st Tuesday of each month	7:00pm	Parlor
Sunshine	3 rd Monday of each month	7:00pm	Rm 130



AN OFFERING TO SUPPORT BENNETT COLLEGE

Dear Friends of the Western North Carolina Conference:

One hundred years ago, the 19th Amendment was added to the Constitution of the United States providing men and women with equal voting rights. This amendment was the fruit of the women's suffrage movement started in the 1848.

Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina, one of our United Methodist-Related Historically Black Colleges, has served for more than 100 years as a college for women of color within the bounds of our WNC Conference. Due to severe financial difficulties, Bennett College is in danger of losing its accreditation. Presently, the Board of Trustees are working to assure a sustainable plan for Bennett's future, and they need our continued financial support to fulfill this plan.

The college has been working with the General Board of Higher Education & Ministry (GBHEM) as well as with additional consultants to assist them during this difficult time. The WNC Conference invited Dr. Phyllis Worthy Dawkins, President of Bennett College, to speak to last year's annual conference, received a special offering at annual conference, and has held conference meetings on their campus to raise awareness of the college. The denomination continues to support Bennett College through GBHEM and the Black College Fund. We are grateful for all these efforts.

Due to the severity and timing of this crisis, I would like to invite Western North Carolina United Methodists to celebrate the 100 years of Women's Suffrage and the passing of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution by receiving a second mile offering for Bennett College, sending this offering of gratitude and hope to the WNCC Treasurer, designated for "*Bennett College*." In doing so, you will join others in offering support and aid to this college which has committed itself to a vision of producing phenomenal women scholars and global leaders.

In a recent meeting, Dr. Dawkins expressed her sincere gratitude for the support of our United Methodist Church, for our Western North Carolina Conference, and for the privilege of serving one of our United Methodist-Related Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Thank you in advance for your generosity for Bennett College.

With gratitude for our shared ministry,

Paul Leeland

Bishop, Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church