

The January 1994 General Meeting of the United Methodist Women was called to order by co-President, Mary Whanger, with the singing of "This is my Father's World" and a short devotion followed.

Linda Wilson introduced the speaker, Sarah Carroll, who is a Duke graduate and is presently associated with "Center for Community Self-Help" who spoke on NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement). This agreement allows for free trade, goods without restrictions of tariffs between Canada, U. S. and Mexico. Miss Carroll spoke specifically about Maquiladora (meaning factory) Zone where there are 2000 factories that are U. S. owned and employ about 500,000 young women between the ages of 17-24 and the average wage is \$.51 an hour.

The Methodist Church stand on Nafta is as follows:

The United Methodist Church, and covenant community committed to justice must work toward a just global economy - faced with this task we specifically call upon the United Methodist Church to challenge all bodies related to the Church to be more energetic in using their investment portfolios to strengthen developing national economics and global economic justice..

President Whanger announced the Durham District Lay Rally will again be held at Duke Memorial United Methodist Church on February 6, 1994, at 3:00 P.M. A sheet was passed to sign up for cookies for refreshments following the rally.

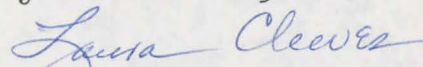
Co-president Dorothy Sander will edit a UMW news sheet which will be inserted in the Sunday morning bulletin. Circle news and special requests will be included.

At the UMW Executive Committee meeting on Saturday, January 8, 1994, it was suggested that UMW change meeting times to a quarterly basis; March, June, September and December. A questionnaire will be circulated in the Circles to determine preference for meeting times, days, etc.

The UMW Assembly meeting "Count Me In" will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 28-May 1, 1994. Betty Craig will be our representative.

Hilda Coble announced that baby quilts are being made by UMW members and given to all new-borns in our church. Also, Circle 8 members (Virginia Clark, Chairman) provided several health kits for Durham Rescue Mission, as a Christmas project. Also, canned goods were donated by circle members for the Urban Ministries Center and were delivered by Anne Marie Langford.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.


Laura Cleaves,
Substitute Secretary for
Beulah Latta, Secretary

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