

I slept and dreamt
that life was joy;
I woke and saw that
life was service;
I acted and BEHOLD
service was joy.

-R. Tagore (1861-1941)

United Methodist Women 1997 Pledge Service

Durham District Pledge of undesignated giving for 1998 is \$47,700. We make mission with women, children and youth possible across the United States and around the world.

(adapted from Conference Annual Meeting Pledge Service)

We pledge, for the benefit of many, and many nameless persons, our undesignated giving for use in education, for shelter, for health care, for spiritual nourishment, and most important, as an expression of God's love. We assume responsibilities along with over one million women across the country who are organized for mission through local UMW units.

Durham District sub-group leaders will highlight some specific missions that our pledge supports .

1

An Infant Nutrition Program in Brownsville, Texas, provides bilingual outreach to young spanish-speaking women through counselling on prenatal health and nutrition, breast-feeding, infant nutrition, baby care and parenting.

2

We continually support local Mission Studies, the School of Christian Mission, Spiritual Enrichment Event , & Thirty-nine and Under Event.

3

In Pakinstan only 21% of women over 15 years of age are literate. Quality of life is improved by our pledge for programs administered to women in Pakistan.

4

Our pledge dollars support Bennett College in Greensboro. Historically, the majority of Bennett students are of African-American descent.

5

We support the Amity Foundation in China to help blind adults set up income-generating businesses to contribute to their self-esteem and independence.

6

In Urbana Illinois, the Cunningham Children's Home offers 12 programs to help young people and their families. Subjected to emotional and physical problems heightened by crack cocaine we pledge to help them back to wholeness.

7

Because there is a belief among men in Taiwan that their health and future depend on sex with very young girls, children from poor families are lured into prostitution. We pledge to help Methodist Women in Taiwan make life better for these girls through education and legislation.

8

As contributors through Women's Division we pledge to continue the responsibility for pensions, medical and dental care for 600 deaconess's and missionaries who have served 30 years on average in projects and programs.

(UNISON RECITATION by all present)

We pledge \$47,700 in undesignated giving in the year 1998. Through undesignated dollars our range of work will include

- * completing a newly built church for worship
- * caring for children in a hospital ward
- * sheltering abused women and children
- * providing people a gathering place in a mission community center to plan and work together for better living conditions.

We pray for health and strength to follow our resolve for 1998

as Jesus taught us. AMEN

Local United Methodist Women groups attaining
Seven Star Unit designation for contributions in the year 1996
being honored at District Annual Meeting, October 26, 1997.

ALDERSGATE
ALLENSVILLE
ASBURY
ASBURY TEMPLE
BANKS-GROVE HILL
BETHANY
CALVARY
CARR
CITY ROAD
COMMUNITY
CREEDMOOR
DUKE MEMORIAL
DUKE'S CHAPEL
FIRST HENDERSON
GLENDALE HEIGHTS
GOOD SHEPHERD
LAKEWOOD
LEA'S CHAPEL
LONGHURST
MCMANNEN
MT SYLVAN
OXFORD
PARKWOOD
RESURRECTION
ST PAUL
ST PETERS
TRINITY (DURHAM)
TRINITY (PERSON)
WARREN'S GROVE

**DURHAM DISTRICT
1998 ADMINISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT BUDGET**

Officer Expenses:

Postage	850
Supplies	150
Telephone	25
Travel (mileage)	750
Other - printing	600
total Officer Expenses	2375

Meeting Expense:

District Annual Meeting	100
District Day Apart	150
District Officer Training	100
Sub-District/Cluster	100
School of Christian Mission	375
Spiritual Enrichment Retreat	250
Conference Annual Meeting	200
Other - 39 & Under	100
Miscellaneous	300
total Meeting Expense	1675

Other Expenses

District Handbook <i>is part of Printing under Officer Expenses</i>	
Newsletter - MISSION MEMOS	275
Resources and Literature	150
SMR, GTM, GIM by District	600
Audit and Banking charges	300
New Unit Recruitment	25
total Other Expenses	1350

TOTAL BUDGET **\$5400**