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2019
Spiritual
Retreat

God's not finished with me yet

Memories of our Mission Springs District Retreat
March 15-17, 2019 in the Santa Cruz Mountains

BY BONNIE HOME, ALMADEN HILLS UMW

Retreat leader JoAnne Neish has music in her blood and fire in her heart, and declares herself to have a “Tigger” personality. She played her keyboard and sang to us effortlessly, and shared her most tender and personal stories with us. She told of her daughter’s courage and refusal to be pampered following a medical diagnosis. She illustrated the challenges of moving from our green and misty Bay Area to the semi-arid climate of Sparks, Nevada, showing her homemade video of a “tsunami” of a hundred tumbleweeds swirling up a nearby hill, accompanied by “Wizard of Oz” tornado music. She showed us pictures of the little “sacred space” she has set aside at home, and let us in on which daily meditation blogs she frequents.

*He started something good and
I'm gonna believe it.
He started something good and
He's gonna complete it
I'm just unfinished.*

“Unfinished” by Mandisa

“If you say ‘yes,’ you have to figure out how to do it,” she said. She remembered accepting a job singing rock and roll on cruise ships and in restaurants, and overcoming her judgmental attitude toward people who sing in such places. She was asked to play a church organ, when she’d played only the piano her whole life, but she took the job. She told how she managed to keep a huge promise to her sister, made lovingly but without careful thinking in an emotional moment. She would not have done any of those things if someone hadn’t asked. God has ideas for us if we are willing to take risks. Don’t be afraid of failure. If the Apostle Paul hadn’t gotten beyond his regrets, we wouldn’t have had our Bible or our Christian religion. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.” If you are told “no,” figure out

Attendees came from as far away as Sacramento, Walnut Creek, and Woodland, California, as well as Las Vegas and Sparks, Nevada. Twelve first-timers attended.

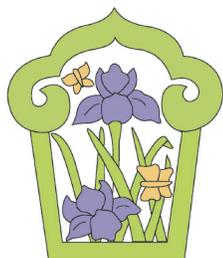
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Gum Moon Women's Residence

Annual Gala Benefit Dinner

Saturday, August 24



BY KATHERINE KIM, DEACONESS, ECRD MISSION COORDINATOR FOR SOCIAL ACTION

GUM MOON WOMEN'S RESIDENCE is a National Mission Institution of the United Methodist Women. Located in San Francisco, it and Mary Elizabeth Inn are the only two such Institutions in California.

Established in 1868 to address the unmet needs of women and children in social transition, Gum Moon provides shelter, education and vocational training. Recently, Gum Moon has expanded their social services and educational opportunities to the Asian immigrant community. Gum Moon provides safe and affordable transitional and permanent housing for women of domestic violence and sexual exploitation.

Gum Moon is having its annual "Gala" benefit dinner this summer, with the Hawaiian theme "Ohana – Celebrating Families and Community." They have a successful program every year, and make over \$100,000 every time to support their program.

This year, the Gala Benefit Dinner will be held on Saturday August 24, 2019, at 6 p.m., at the Far East Café in San Francisco's China Town. The price is \$110 per seat. A traditional Chinese dinner will be served, along with a children's entertainment program, silent auction, recognition of VIP members from the city of San Francisco, and awards for distinguished women in the community. A raffle will be held, with the Grand Prize expected to be tickets and hotel package to Hawaii. More information will be provided as available, on the El Camino Real District UMW website <elcaminorealumw.org> and via a "Quick News" email.

PURPOSE

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.

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Notes from the President

Celebrating on a cold, rainy day in Boston



K with Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar

IT WAS ALL ABOUT CELEBRATING a legacy, a family, a group of like-minded people walking down a common path!

I went to Boston for the 150th Celebration of United Methodist Women. March 23rd was cold, rainy and even snowing in downtown Boston -- weather much like the stormy day when that very first meeting of Boston's church women was held -- but I wouldn't have wanted to be anywhere else that day. The event was put on by the New England Conference UMW and held at Boston University, School of Theology.

The day was steeped in history --

- the historic growth of the Methodist church in the mid-1800's.
- the history of Boston University's beginnings.
- the history of eight women who were at the start of what has now become United Methodist Women. We are now 800,000 members and raise \$2M yearly.

All were seeds of a like-minded community.

Some know of my roots ... born in India of Methodist missionary parents. My grandmother, one of the first women doctors in India, who served a community of women and children who had no medical care. My mother, an educator, groomed at Isabella Thoburn University in India, a learning institution started by the eight women in Boston.

As I heard the speakers outlining the historic events, and skits of conversations between Isabella Thoburn (providing education) and Clara Swain (providing medical lifelines to women & children of India), I was thinking of my grandmother and mother. I realized I've grown my family by about 200 more as I connected with those attending the event that day.

To my great surprise I also connected with the Bishop of the New England Conference, Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar. Years ago, as a young seminary student at Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas, TX, Bishop Suda was mentored by Hendrix and Eileen Townsley, my mom and dad! Later when he spoke to the assembled crowd, he shared a story of having Thanksgiving dinner with my parents.

We never know how wide our family circle may be! However, I'm learning.... if I just say "YES", I may be pleasantly surprised by where God will lead!

Filled with gratitude for my UMW sisters, my trip to Boston, I look towards the next 150 years.

K Stone, President
UMW, El Camino Real District

P.S. Throughout this issue, look for candle images. These show the dreams and visions of the Mission Springs Retreat attendees that decorated the UMW birthday cake.

Highlight of the UMW 150th Anniversary Celebration

UMW General Secretary and CEO Harriett Jane Olson said, "The future of United Methodist Women is what we make it ... The women who gathered at Tremont Street didn't have a road map. They had a network of connections. They were very moved by the needs that were presented to them. They were profoundly trusting that God would provide. And so are we." She encouraged us to charter our minds and work with these goals --

- Ask whom we need to invite to the UMW table as partners.
- Invest ourselves in the work of prayer.
- Continue to offer education that transforms our members and the world.
- Learn not just to have data put into our brains but to have our hearts expanded.
- Remember the benefits of connecting. The voices of the marginalized have always informed United Methodist Women's work.
- United Methodist Women must continue to be inclusive and welcoming, in viting women of all ages, of all racial and ethnic differences, of all first language differences, mobility differences, socioeconomic status, and differences of sexual orientation. Our LGBTQIA siblings are already a part of the work and are shaping us as the movement shapes us all.



A UMW of all races & faiths ... widen the circle.

A UMW of Love & Laughter.

A UMW with opportunities to learn.

El Camino Real District UMW
CALIFORNIA/NEVADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
UMW BREAKFAST

Friday, June 21, 2019
Greens on Tenth, Modesto, CA

See News & Events at <www.elcaminorealumw.org>

Bilingual Education Event bears fruit

BY CAROLYN LAMCKE

The El Camino Real District officers of United Methodist Women held an Education Event at First Salinas UMC on April 6. The focus of the Spanish-English bilingual event was on describing what United Methodist Women do, and how to become a unit or revive a unit.

Women from predominantly Spanish-speaking congregations were invited to the event. Each attendee received a packet containing information about UMW, in Spanish and English. Four translators were on hand for English to Spanish, or in some cases Spanish to English, conversations. The music was sung in both languages. And in any language, the food provided by the UMW of First Salinas UMC was wonderful!

Each of the officers described a different aspect of UMW, from our history (150 years!) and our Purpose, to program and mission resources, to where the money goes. We showed a video, “Educación Popular en Salud

/ Education for Health,” highlighting UMW work in Chile. Rev. Karla Lundin, from Hollister and East Salinas, and Rev. Robin Mathews-Johnson,



from Watsonville, added their perspectives as well.

During the Q&A time, there was a lively discussion about how to raise funds to enable participation in events such as the annual Spiritual Retreat, and to contribute to UMW Mission Giving. Many examples of fund-raising were given, which can now be found on our website at <www.elcaminoalumw.org/unit-resources/program-ideas/>.

At the end of the event, during lunch, the women of Watsonville UMC formed a new unit! Two other groups are considering doing so.

We may hold a similar event next year, for other churches who are thinking about forming a unit or regrouping. Please let me know if you are interested.

Above: Spiritual Growth Coordinator Sandra Nesheim visits with one of the attendees.

Left: Carolyn Bircher shares Program Resource ideas.

Far right: Lynn Hermoso, with translator Ruth Aguirre, fielded questions from attendees.

Below: Rev. Karla Lundin, Carolyn Lamcke, and Rev. Robin Mathews-Johnson developed and sponsored this event.



A UMW
where
all are
welcome

another way to ask the question. You may get a “yes” if you rephrase it. One door may close, but feel the breeze of the open window. Love those who treat you well, and pass along the love that has been given to you. After telling her stories, JoAnne encouraged us to share our stories privately in small groups of four.

An added feature to this year’s retreat was a slide show by Elaine Hill who attends Campbell UMC. She and husband Eugene are two of the NOMAD Mission Volunteers who live in their own trailers or RVs while repairing all kinds of church properties. Elaine told about several properties owned by the United Methodist Women where she and her team have worked – (1) the UMCOR center in Louisiana, built on a peninsula owned by the UMW since 1932 and housed in a school formerly run by the UMW; (2) the lovely Crossroads Urban Ministry building owned by UMW since 1905 in Salt Lake City, Utah; (3) the David & Margaret Youth & Family Services in the southern California town of LaVerne, an empty hotel given to the UMW in the 1890s to use as an orphanage; (4) Calexico Neighborhood House established for women and children in the border town by two women Methodist missionaries in 1938, which the UMW continues to support. Elaine and Eugene’s next NOMAD project is at this Calexico property. (Learn more about NOMADs at <www.nomadsumc.org/>.)

On Saturday night the fifteen Talent Show performances were fabulous, as always – humorous skits and videos, a Persian Bracelet Dance, vocal solos, a piano solo and duet, and some standup comedy. At intermission, there was a birthday party for the UMW’s 150th year, with tiny cupcakes spelling out “150.”

For Sunday’s worship service, District President K Stone told how her mother became a student at the Isabella Thoburn University, named for one of the two original missionaries sent to India by our UMW. Kat Teraji’s message was about obstacles, beginning with the one that made her late to Mission Springs. She showed slides of the Japanese art of kintsugi, where broken pottery is repaired with powdered gold, not hiding its cracks but beautifying them. Our Potter knows how beautiful we are, cracks and all.

There were a few surprises this year. Mission Springs has installed a giant covered basketball court, plus outdoor ping pong and foosball. One of the access roads is now pedestrians only. New on the menu – barbequed ribs and gorgeous cherry pies. For our offering we “passed the hat” – two charming straw hats with pastel ribbons. Our Prayer Walk was a ten-part quiz on UMW history, with prizes.

JoAnne told us that Jesus had gone up on the mountain to Mission Springs to be with us. One of the sweetest moments was to hear JoAnne play and sing her own composition ~

*Listen and hear the whispers
of your heart,
God is calling ...*



WE’RE OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD

BY LYNN HERMOSO

It was a magical Saturday night up in the cool mountains of Scotts Valley as United Methodist Women throughout El Camino Real District once again gathered for the annual Mission Springs Retreat.

It is often said that one of the highlights of the weekend retreat is the Gifts & Graces presentation. There was no disappointment delivered. Rather, the only thing delivered was thunderous applause for the talented acts that participated in Saturday night’s talent show.

The show started with Hollywood Dorothy, a take-off from the Wizard of Oz heroine character, skipping towards the stage to the

MATINS

BY LYNN HERMOSO, VALLEY FAITH UMW

Tucked away from the hustle and bustle of Silicon Valley, ECRDUMW Leadership created a most relaxing retreat for the annual 3-day overnight event. Held in the peaceful mountain location of Scotts Valley, we were surrounded by beautiful, towering redwoods with an umbrella of cool air through the days and twinkling stars in the evenings.

What a peaceful place to commune with God.

Early morning Matins gatherings, led by Spiritual Growth Coordinator Sandra Nesheim, created a calmness before a hectic morning and prepared my focus towards the Lord. Sandra led us in song, followed by contemplation as we reflected on her morning message.

I was filled with the sense of how much I had matured in my faith, and how truly I did not regret waking up early every morning during retreat to attend Matins. Five years ago, I probably would have just rolled over and pulled the covers over my head for 20 more minutes of sleep.



Amidst the majestic beauty of the redwoods, I'm humbled and filled with thanksgiving to have experienced God in the early morning dawn.

I always look forward to ECRD's annual retreat in March. Now I look forward to seeing other early risers and sharing fellowship with them. After the retreat, I have continued the practice of early morning prayers. Instead of jumping into the morning chill, I roll over in my bed, pull the sheets over my head and jump into my prayers.

Next year at the retreat, I'm knocking at your door to ask you to come join me.

Left: Five past and sitting District UMW presidents were at the retreat this year. Left to right: Connie Hunter, Patricia Madsen, Betty Spencer Dickey, Sally Wenzel, K Stone.

Below: Jo Neish led the retreat program with enthusiasm and song.

Far left: We celebrated UMW's 150th anniversary by adding our hopes for the future to the birthday cake.

tune of "Follow The Yellow Brick Road" with Toto nestled in her basket. "Dorothy" played MC that night and dressed in her iconic blue dress, and red ruby slippers. Embellished with a blue boa and her tiara, she delighted her audience upon entry.

There was a cornucopia of talent displayed. Nancy Kline and Becky Sawyer, a mother-daughter duo from 1st Sunnyvale UMC, incorporated images of biblical characters with modern day music. The song "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head" was the clue for Noah's ark.

Continuing the theme of "Broadway Shows," we witnessed a hair-raising, tear-jerk rendition from Les Misérables from this year's song leader, Karen Parker. Jo Neish, Retreat Guest Speaker, accompanied herself on the piano and sang, "Wind Beneath My Wings."

Our Spiritual Growth Guru, Sandra Nesheim,

was told of a heavenly act to come. The audience waited in great anticipation. Then two UMWs strode down the center aisle to play a piano duet! Carolyn Lamcke and Wanda Garrett brought the house down. Our surrounding walls shook and the glass near shattered from the deafening, thunderous applause.

These were just a few of the many talents that participated. You had to be there!

The annual El Camino Real United Methodist Women's Mission Springs Retreat once again delivered an awe-inspiring, faith-based, Sisterhood, song-filled weekend. Mark your calendar for next year's UMW weekend retreat, March 13-15, 2019. Somewhere over the rainbow, we found our blue skies up in Mission Springs.



Treasurer

DEBBIE OW

FOCUS ON GIVING

From the beginning, UMW has been trusted with donations from individual members and local member organizations to be used in accordance with the stated purposes of UMW. We support programs in the United States and around the world that benefit women, children and youth— thereby impacting entire communities. A total of \$4,730,218 were given as grants by the national UMW in 2016. Of this amount, \$34,448 went to Gum Moon Residence Hall and \$15,912 went to Mary Elizabeth Inn. These two missions are both in San Francisco and serve at homeless and at-risk women.

Local units raise money from member donations, auctions, bake sales, rummage and garage sales, etc. and that money is sent to the District and Conference UMW, who forward it to the National UMW where it is disbursed to the many organizations that support women, children and youth throughout the world. Local units should plan to contribute the bulk (around 80%) of all funds raised to El Camino Real District UMW. Remaining funds can be used for local UMW programs, scholarships to Mission u or other events, or given to local charities that support women, children and youth. Monies should not be used to supplement local church expenses or capital projects.

UPDATE ON FIRST QUARTER GIVING

In the first quarter of 2019 (January through March), we received Mission Gifts from these eight UMW local units:

Asbury	\$ 440	Santa Clara	\$ 600
Cambrian Park.....	2,800	Trinity	806
Campbell	1,800	Watsonville.....	638
Good Samaritan.....	675	Woodside	2,400
		Total.....	\$10,159

In addition, a total of \$2,288 was collected for the Legacy Fund at the Connect & Learn Event and at the Mission Springs Retreat.

Congratulations on a successful fundraising quarter. I challenge all remaining units to send in their contributions by September 30th to achieve 5-Star Giving status. Please contact me if you have any questions about your Mission Giving contribution.

Treasurer
Debbie Ow
(at right)
attended
the CA/NV
Conference
UMW
Leadership
Development
Days for
training in
Tempe, AZ,
February 2,
2019.



Secretary

SUZANNE DOUGAN

UMW DIRECTORY UPDATE

I've been working away at updating the District UMW directory, which lists contacts for each UMW unit in our El Camino Real District. For those units who have emailed me their changes, thank you. If you still need to update your officers' names and contact info, please get them to me as soon as possible. We intend to publish the directory in mid-May. Note that if we don't receive your unit's update, the information in the directory will be the same as it was listed for last year.

Why should your unit update its Directory information?

- So other units can contact you with opportunities to work together
- So your District UMW team can contact your unit with resources for mission and ministry
- So new leaders receive information about being in UMW leadership



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of strong,
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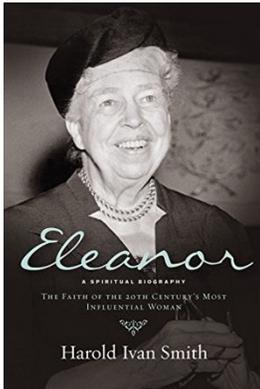
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Book Review

BY CAROLYN BIRCHER,
SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES

ELEANOR: A SPIRITUAL BIOGRAPHY

by Harold Ivan Smith



Eleanor Roosevelt was the longest serving and likely the most influential First Lady in American History. A life-long Episcopalian, she believed that faith without works is dead. She also was very familiar with scripture and spoke openly about her faith.

However, her vision of the Christian faith didn't fit well with more conservative Christians who often accused her of not being a Christian. She, on the other hand, was not shy about challenging people who claimed to be Christians, but who expressed anti-Semitic sentiments or were racist.

This biography shows how Eleanor's faith developed. Her childhood, although privileged, was not easy, with an alcoholic father, a mother she couldn't please and a controlling grandmother

who received custody after the death of her parents. Things got better during adolescence, when she was sent to England to study. The school headmistress was very progressive. She recognized Eleanor's potential and took her under her wing. While the headmistress was an atheist, she didn't douse Eleanor's faith, but instead challenged her to examine it.

The book touches on FDR's affairs. They kept their marriage intact by making a truce of sorts that gave Eleanor permission to follow her heart where it led--to advocacy on behalf of those on the margins. Prior to Eleanor, most First Ladies stayed in the background, hosting teas and such. But Eleanor traveled widely, engaging those who were struggling, seeing realities that FDR could only learn about through the stories of others.

Eleanor served as a voice for Jewish refugees, often causing great discomfort for administration leaders. As a delegate to the UN, she committed herself to human rights. While she was a committed Christian, she also respected other religious traditions, believing that everyone had the right to practice religion as they chose. She was a strong advocate for Civil Rights and spoke out against segregation (and the use of the Bible to defend it). She supported Civil Rights leaders, eventually becoming a friend of Martin Luther King. So, while FDR was willing to overlook the segregationist views of some of his partners, she wasn't.

This very readable biography tells Eleanor's story well, connecting her faith and actions. She was certainly a person to admire and to emulate. She was not afraid to speak her mind. Although she had the blessings of wealth, she put herself in a position to truly know the concerns of those who often were ignored by people of her station.

This book is in the Leadership Development category of the 2019 UMW Reading Program book list.

Climate Justice Event



Saturday, June 1
9am - Noon

Learn about climate issues and how to help.

Participate in a Climate Justice simulation

All Community invited

Guest speakers:

Rev. Char Bear – Climate Reality Corps

Betty Spencer Dickey – Western Jurisdiction UMW Environmental Guide

No charge but offering taken for “The Women’s Carbon Fund”

To support this climate care event, please car pool, and bring your own re-usable water bottles.

Please pre-register at <elcaminorealumw.org>

Los Gatos United Methodist Church
111 Church Street
Los Gatos, CA 95030

9:00 Registration begins
Snacks and coffee

El Camino Real District UMW

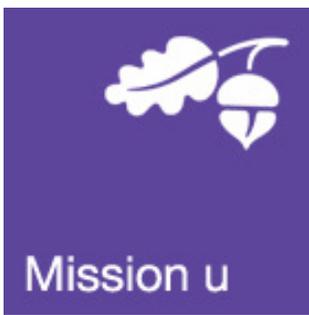
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Mission u 2019

Learning Together for the Transformation of the World

Mission u is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society, based on current mission study topics. There is a focus on our responsibilities in fulfilling the mission work of the church in current world context. In addition, the events include worship, singing, mission projects, and time for fellowship. These conference-wide events are open to members and non-members of United Methodist Women.

Mission u Event Options

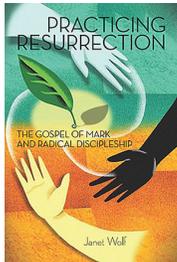
In our California-Nevada Conference, we can choose from three **Mission u** events each summer. They are in varied locations, and for different lengths of time. You can choose the event that best fits your plans. Registration includes meals and several options for accommodations.

- **2-day event** - June 7-8, at Community UMC, Quincy, CA
Register by May 10; \$75-160 per person
- **One-day event** - August 3, at First UMC, Santa Rosa, CA
Register by July 3; \$65 per person
- **Weekend event** - August 16-18, at South Reno UMC, Reno, NV
Register by July 18; \$100-350 per person

In addition, youth may participate in a version of the Mission u event tailored for youth ages 12-17. The youth program is available at all three Mission u events, at no charge.

Registration

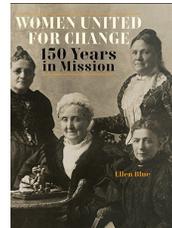
When you register, you may choose from these study options:



Spiritual Growth

Practicing Resurrection

Katherine Parker, study leader



Women United for Change - 150 Years in Mission

Rosie Kumar, study leader

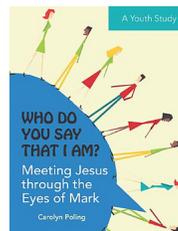


Social Issue

What About Our Money?

A Faith Response

Lynette Lee, study leader



Youth Study

Who Do You Say That I Am?

Maya Parmar, study leader

Registration Forms

All forms are available at our District UMW website, <elcaminorealumw.org>; see the list of Upcoming Events. Registration can be done online (see the registration form) or by mail. Scholarships are available.

Some tips if you are planning to go

- Our co-deans Adi Nabou and Liz Muniz recommend that you order study books (in advance) from the Mission Resource Center <www.umwmissionresources.org>.
- “Go green” and bring your own water bottle and/or mug.



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the UMC
to risk
more for
all God's
children

2019

JUNE 1 District UMW Social Action Event

Los Gatos UMC
Los Gatos, CA

JUNE 7-8 Two-day Mission u event

Quincy UMC
Quincy, CA

AUGUST 3 One-day Mission u event

Santa Rosa UMC
Santa Rosa, CA

AUG. 16-18 Weekend Mission u event

South Reno UMC
Reno, NV

AUGUST 16 Mission Link articles and photos due for Fall issue

AUGUST 24 Gum Moon Gala Annual Benefit Dinner
San Francisco, CA

OCTOBER 19 Calif/Nev Conference UMW Annual Celebration

Location tba

OCTOBER 26 El Camino Real District UMW Annual Celebration

Location tba

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JAN. or FEB. Connect & Learn

Location tba

MAR. 13-15 Spiritual Retreat

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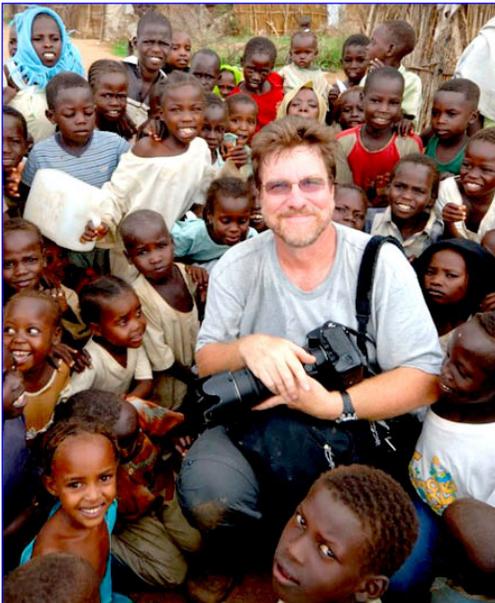
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Two events with Rev. Paul Jeffrey

Wednesday, May 22

St. Andrew's UMC, Palo Alto
5pm - Potluck Dinner
6:30pm - Program

Thursday, May 23

Almaden Hills UMC, San Jose
6pm - Potluck Dinner followed by Program

Rev. Paul Jeffrey, Photojournalist Missionary, to speak

THE REV. PAUL JEFFREY, A UNITED METHODIST MISSIONARY PHOTOJOURNALIST, will be a guest speaker at two events in our District.

Paul has filed stories from more than 75 countries, covering disasters, poverty, and war, personally experiencing the human side of "news." He's a senior correspondent for *Response*, the magazine of United Methodist Women, and his articles have appeared in many places, including the *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Time* magazine.

Karen Johnson, of St. Andrew's UMW, says, "Paul is retiring in July, so this is our last opportunity to hear him give a talk on his missionary work as a photo journalist. He has had many articles in our *Response* magazine.

THIS IS FOR EVERYONE, not just United Methodist Women."

K Stone, of Almaden Hills UMW, agrees, saying, "Almaden Hills has been in a covenant relationship, supporting Paul's work, which has brought the world to us for many years through his 'Global Lens'."

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