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## THE BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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### **THE PRESIDENT**

Greetings to Each Every One:

Greetings to you from the one who was, who is and is yet to come. Our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. Thank you for your commitment to serve others and to fight for social justice.

The Baltimore-Washington Conference United Women have experienced God's grace as we addressed social justice issues on behalf of women, children and youth through mission. The work of the conference is carried out at both the local and district levels: Annapolis; Baltimore Metropolitan; Baltimore Suburban; Central Maryland; Cumberland-Hagerstown; Frederick; Greater Washington and Washington East. We embraced the scope of mission work which is carried out through many channels where United Methodist Women members are engaged. The BWC-UMW focus areas are: **Charter for Racial Justice, Voter Registration, Domestic Violence and Abuse-Church Teams, Disabilities-Church Audits, Maternal Health and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legacy Fund**. In each of these areas we are making progress.

The 2015 BWC-UMW Annual Celebration, hosted by the Annapolis District, was a success. We gathered at Severna Park United Methodist Church and celebrated with music, church history, awards, remembrance, singing, liturgical dance and a very special guest speaker, Donna Akuamoah, Executive Secretary, International Ministries at United Methodist Women National Office. We encouraged continued giving to our United Methodist Women Projects: Baltimore Parish Work, Baltimore, MD; Epworth House Mission Project, Washington, DC; Family Crisis Resource Center, Inc., Cumberland, MD; Montgomery Avenue Women's Center, Rockville, MD; Scholarship Fund, BWC United Methodist Women; Shenandoah Women Center, Inc., Martinsburg, WV; Susanna Wesley House, Baltimore, MD; Shepherd's Staff, Westminster, MD; and YWCA Domestic Violence Counseling and Safe House, Arnold, MD. These services are inspired by 1 Thessalonians 1:3, which relates to the vision, "Turning faith, hope and love in action," on behalf of women, children and youth around the world. These services give voice to the unheard, raise up women leaders through education, empower women to move forward, show acts of service to others, and meet the needs of those without a voice.

### **Social Justice Issues**

United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men Collaboration partnership on Domestic Violence and Abuse Luncheon was held at the Baltimore-Washington Conference Annual Conference. We look forward to continued conversation around this mission for 2016.

## The President (Cont'd.)

The Charter for Racial Justice Seminar was held May 15-17, 2015. The theme was "Making Racial Justice Happen!" This was a seminar presented by nine conferences (Baltimore-Washington Conference, Eastern Pennsylvania, Greater New Jersey, Peninsula-Delaware, New York, Susquehanna, Virginia, West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania Conference). Voter registration is the outcome from the seminar.

Blanche Powell Memorial United Nations Seminar for the BWC was held in New York City on November 22-24, 2015, with the focus on Wealth Inequality. The issues emphasis was on economic justice as it effects everyday life situations.

National United Methodist Women Leadership Development Days are a three day weekend filled with practical, hands-on workshops, networking and experience-based knowledge on mission. I attended the National Seminar in Chicago, IL. Several leaders from the Baltimore-Washington Conference attended St. Louis, MO for training. Other training venues include Tempe, AZ and Lake Junaluska, NC. Training is a key component to spiritual growth and mission education.

### **Pressing Forward:**

- The annual Administrative Planning Retreat is scheduled for January 2, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will be held at the Conference Center in Fulton, MD. Kindly bring your bright ideas.
- Plan leadership training for all officers and members. Please insure that all officers are trained regarding their duties and scope of work.
- Bring your action plans for your mission area of responsibilities. Include a process for reclaiming and establishing new UMW Units.
- Membership chairs should maintain a collection of potential names for future officers. Your district should reflect diversity in leadership with representation from across your district.
- Communicate, communicate and communicate. As a team let's improve our communication among and with each other so that God can get the glory.

I look forward to our continued working relationships in carrying out the Purpose for United Methodist Women.

May God continue to bless you. Have a wonderful Holiday Season, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Peace and Love,

Elizabeth  
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We thank God for what He is to us; for the benefits which He confers, and the blessings with which He visits us. But we praise Him for what He is in Himself, - - for His glorious excellences and perfections.

## VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Life is full! And if we allow it, God fills our life with abundance and love. These past few weeks have shown me just how much God is there for me, both in small and not so small things: a cloud dimming the bright sun for a few moments to allow me to see to paint the woodwork of an upstairs bedroom; an unexpected dinner out with my husband; technology working when I needed it to work; a hug of thanks from a friend; a church supper running smoothly. Sometimes, I rely on myself more than God, and then life is just too busy and hard.

It's been a busy year for your Vice President, but overflowing with God's blessings:

- Conference UMW Retreat in January
- Two Program Planning meetings, in February and August
- Attended a District Prayer Breakfast in April
- Charter for Racial Justice Seminar in May
- Domestic Violence & Abuse Awareness Collaborative Luncheon with UMM at Annual Conference in May
- Mission u in July
- Annual Conference Celebration and Officer Training in October
- Visited and spoke at two local units in October
- Attended my first Church Women United meeting in November
- 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Legacy Pastors' Dinner in November
- UN Seminar in November

Our local units and District Leadership Teams throughout the Conference have been involved with a number of the initiatives sent down to your Conference UMW Leadership Team from the National Office:

- Human trafficking
- Domestic Violence awareness and community action
- Health and maternal health
- Charter for Racial Justice
- Being green
- Better church accessibility for those with disabilities
- Voter registration
- 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Legacy Fund..... And more.....

It fills my heart to see so much Faith, Hope and Love in Action throughout our Conference! Sometimes it's hard to keep going, but when we remember to call upon God, and His most blessed Son, Jesus, we can find abundant joy in caring for the needs of the women, children and youth within our reach.

Keep up all the good work you are doing! I want to be with you, whenever I can, so please do not hesitate to call or email me with questions, concerns, prayers, or just to ask me to visit. I enjoy driving to places, far and near!

May our Lord watch over you during this upcoming Christmas season. May He give you abundant love, joy and peace, and keep you safe in His loving arms.

Blessings,  
Linda Yost  
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P.S. Just a reminder that our Conference Planning Retreat is Saturday, January 2, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Conference Center in Fulton, MD. Hope to see you there!

## **MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR**

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! For in our union with Christ He has blessed us by giving us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.  
Ephesians 1:3 (GNT)

### **CENSUS DATA COLLECTION**

It's that time of the year again, Census Data Collection time. Make your district and local unit count by collecting and reporting your United Methodist Women membership count. District Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinators have received the forms to be used for collecting 2015 membership count. District Census Data is due to me by **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016**. Each district will notify their local units on their required due date. If you need any additional information, forms or clarification please do not hesitate to call or email me. Email: daphnelhurd@icloud.com, 410-235-0103 (H) 410 627-7877 (C)

### **NEWS FROM NATIONAL**

In 2016, National UMW will be implementing a new data collection tool. The new method will a paperless format. Local units and districts will be able to go on-line and input their data. National UMW will compile and distribute the collected information to the conference MNO, more information to follow.

### **MEMBERSHIP EVENT 2016 UPDATE**

Thank you District MNO's for your participation, suggestions and ideas at the Annual Leadership Training Day session. I want to also thank everyone who has been sending me suggestions for the upcoming 2016 Membership Event, please keep those creative ideas flowing. We will give you feedback in March 2016. If you did not receive the Membership Event flyer please let me know and I will email or send it by postal service.

Peace and Joy,

Daphne Hurd  
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## **EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION COORDINATOR**

"...whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me."

Matthew 26:45

First, a report on the Baltimore-Washington Conference 2015 District Mission Today Unit Competition: The Washington East District United Methodist Women won the Competition and was the recipient of the beautiful first place Mission Today Crystal Award. Second and third place winners respectively were the Annapolis District and the Baltimore Suburban District. Our heartiest congratulations go to each of these three districts and to their local units which qualified in the Mission Today Unit Checklist Program! The Crystal Award will rotate annually to the district having the highest percentage of local units qualifying in the Mission Today Unit Checklist Program. In a spirit of friendly competition, the Washington East District must work to keep the Award in 2016, and we encourage all other districts to endeavor to take it away! We will see you all in the winner's circle.

In early 2016, we will circulate a document that will include various examples of how to meet requirements for each of the 18 items included on the Mission Today Unit Checklist form. The purpose for the document will be to promote a better understanding of ways that the items can be completed to ensure Mission Today Checklist certification requirements are met.

Great news! *Response* can now be obtained by digital subscription. This makes it possible to read *response*, the official magazine of United Methodist Women, on your tablet, e-reader, phone or computer. And, you can subscribe at a 15 percent discount from the printed magazine price. Check it out!

The last thought I will leave with you references local units' 2016 Pledges to Mission. The Pledge to Mission is one of the more important United Methodist Women's individual and group funding activities. This method of giving supports the United Methodist Women's global mission platform. Importantly, remember that the making of a realistic unit Pledge begins with a bottom-up approach in which each local unit works with its members to build its target Pledge. The target Pledge may also include funds anticipated from other local unit sources. Once the unit's target Pledge is decided and indicated to the district treasurer, it becomes incumbent on the unit to ensure that the Pledge to Mission is met. Accordingly, each local unit is encouraged to move quickly to establish a realistic 2016 Pledge to Mission if you have not already done so. Then, work to ensure your Pledge becomes a reality!

Education and Interpretation Coordinator (Cont'd.)

Finally, as the year draws to a close, I take the opportunity to thank all local units and districts for their great work in the name of mission. Let us all be mindful of our upcoming 2019 anniversary celebration, and continue to pursue ways we can make our celebration a reality now and into 2019.

Happy holidays, everyone!

Ann Price  
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**SOCIAL ACTION COORDINATOR**

Well Ladies, we finally have some exciting news: we have a date for our **Maryland Legislative Advocacy Day – February 17, 2016 – so hold that date.** Ann Price and I are working with Pastor Kevin Slayton, the Advocacy Consultant for BWC, to put together a substantive program of education and advocacy on issues important to women and society in general. It will be a half day program in Annapolis, so clear your morning and early afternoon and please spread the word to all of your units. More information about the bills we will be focusing on and the registration details will follow in late December or early January.

Another exciting development announced at last night's BWC Church and Society meeting is the opening of the first health clinic in a United Methodist Church in BWC. Irance Reddix, Associate Pastor at St. Johns in Baltimore, has been working on this Faith and Health initiative for the last two years and now has her clinic open two days a week to start with. The program, called Life Bridge, from hospital to church, hopes to encourage holistic care so that patients in hospitals are followed by church clinics offering spiritual, as well as physical care. Is this something your churches might be interested in?

For those of us who attended the May Charter for Racial Justice Seminar in Blackstone, VA, check out the BWC web site on Racial Justice and Reconciliation gatherings held by the Greater Washington District to bring about Community Transformation. The third gathering was in October with more to be held next year. I hope to attend the next one, and hope to see some of you there. This is a working group with lots of good ideas for all of us.

Let me know what's going on in your districts.

I pray that your Advent season will be full of love and peace.

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**BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE-UMW BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



I am pleased to report that we have had another successful year with our investments. During the year of 2015 we have been able to:

- Continue to support the Baltimore Parish Works each quarter with a check for \$7,500 for a total of \$30,000.
- Donate \$5,000 for interpreters for Mission u.
- Donate \$13,000 to Susanna Wesley House for the cleanup of the mold and mildew situation.
- Donate \$12,000 to the Baltimore-Washington Conference for the Scholarship Fund.
- Donate \$5,000 to Wilson Memorial to help with expenses for providing shelter for 6 women and their children to keep them from being homeless.

As of this writing we are in need of someone from the Cumberland-Hagerstown District to sit on the BWC Board of Trustees. It is essential that all districts are represented on the board. We meet two times a year – the second Tuesday of April and September at the Baltimore-Washington Conference center. If you are a member of the Investment Committee, you would need to meet two weeks after the regular meeting. However, if you are on the Nominating Committee, you only have to come to the center two times a year. Mr. Doug Potter is our Investment Advisor and we have all learned so much from being a part of this team. If you are in the Cumberland-Hagerstown district, please prayerfully consider being a Trustee.

Susan Howes, President  
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## **COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR**



### **YOU SHALL CALL HIS NAME JESUS**

To an ARTIST, he is One altogether lovely.

To an ARCHITECT, he is the Chief Cornerstone.

To an ASTRONOMER, he is the Sun of Righteousness.

To a BAKER, he is the Living Bread.

To a BANKER, he is Hidden Treasure.

To a BIOLOGIST, he is Life.

To a CARPENTER, he is the Sure Foundation.

To a DOCTOR, he is the Great Physician.

To an EDUCATOR, he is the Great Teacher.

To a FARMER, he is the Sower and Lord of the harvest.

To a FLORIST, he is the Lily of the Valley and Rose of Sharon.

To a GEOLOGIST, he is the Rock of Ages.

To a JEWELER, he is the Pearl of Great Price.

To a PHILOSOPHER, he is the Wisdom of God.

To a CHRISTIAN, he is the Son of the living God, the Savior and Lord.



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## NOMINATIONS CHAIRPERSON



As we  into  let us be reminded “to give thanks always” regardless of the situations or circumstances we encounter. Let us give thanks for the organized unit of United Methodist Women, our mission and our purpose. We give thanks for the national office that provide directions for us at the conference, district and local levels.

Each year the national office offers leadership days in three different locations to prepare women for leadership positions. They sponsor up to seven women from each conference to attend. The Committee on Nominations (CON) is responsible for submitting the names of women within its conference to attend leadership days. Conference presidents, conference treasurers, district presidents, district treasurers and members of the Committee on Nominations are the targeted leadership positions that are encouraged to attend; however, anyone can attend at his/her expense.

Other workshops that are offered to empower women are as follows:

Discerning to Lead, Communicating across Generations, Telling Your Story, Tools for Spiritual Growth, Standing in Faith, Facilitation Skills, Music & Worship, Overworked & Undervalued – Women, Race and the Economy, Building Allies in the Church, Board Member Responsibilities, and Action Planning for Women and Children’s Health in Your Community.

The three locations are:

St. Louis, MO	November 13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>
Tempe, AZ	November 20 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Lake Junaluska, NC	January 8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>

Attending on behalf of the Baltimore-Washington Conference are: Elizabeth Stemley, Conference President; Susan Howes, President, Washington East District; Linda McNeil, Conference Treasurer; Dorothy Medley, Treasurer, Annapolis District; Gertrude White, Communications Coordinator; Jeanette Thomas, Nominations Chairperson; and Mikele Delmore, CON member.

Nominations (Cont'd.)

As you can see, help is available for leadership positions and any other areas of interest you may have. So put away any doubts or fears that keep you from saying “yes” when approached about a leadership position within the Conference.

Be blessed today and always,

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**ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT**

Dear UMW Sisters in Christ:

The Annapolis District UMW has continued to keep busy this year with all of our mission projects. We are registering people to vote, educating our churches on the Charter for Racial Justice and hosting and attending annual meetings.

Our Annapolis District Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at the Centenary UMW in Shady Side. Our guest speaker was Rev. Leo Yates who spoke on “The Church and People with Disabilities.” Many thanks to the women of Centenary UMC for hosting this important meeting. Thanks to all of the women who attended and donated baby items to the Emergency Baby Pantry at Food Link.

The Annapolis District also hosted the Baltimore-Washington Conference UMW Annual Celebration & Officers Training on October 24, 2015 at Severna Park UMC. The guest speaker was Donna Akuamoah who spoke on the topic of maternal health. The Liturgical Dance group from Baldwin Memorial UMC performed. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by Mission BBQ. Many thanks to all of the attendees who brought items to be put into maternal health kits. These kits were delivered to the Healthy Start Program in Anne Arundel County. Also, thanks so much to Severna Park UMC for welcoming all of us and preparing a wonderful breakfast.

“Created for Happiness” was the theme of the Annapolis District Annual Retreat on November 7, 2015 at the West River Retreat Center. The Rev. Tony Love was our guest speaker and it proved to be a day of learning, great food and fellowship.

Annapolis District (Cont'd.)

Many thanks to the committee that organized this wonderful event: Margaret Johnson, Louella Wilburn, Sandy Poland, Erma Ellecamp, Dorothy Medley, Emma Krouser, La'Sonia Nick-McGriff and Charlotte Green.

Several members of the Annapolis District attended the Blanche Powell Memorial United Nations Seminar from November 22-24, 2015 in New York City. This year the seminar topic was "Wealth Inequality."

Our district officer's training will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2015 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Annapolis.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Blessings to all,

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**BALTIMORE METRO VOICE**

**BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

The Baltimore Metropolitan District United Methodist Women will continue to advocate for women, children and youth. We will put to use those tools to work and encourage other women to continue their mission to minister with women and children in our nation and around the world.

We participated in the Susanna Wesley House Luncheon held at the Wyndham-Peabody Court Hotel in Baltimore.

The BMD has been faithfully meeting and performing God's work. Our Annual Fall Meeting was held at Emmarts United Methodist Church in Windsor Mill, MD; present were 100 + UMW which resulted in an overflow of participants for the facility. Conference President, Elizabeth Stemley, was in attendance along with Daphne Hurd, Conference Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator, who installed the 2016 Officers and Coordinators. A number of young women have now joined our Mission Team.

Baltimore Metropolitan District (Cont'd.)

Our guest speaker was a representative from the House of Ruth, Danielle Branche. She is the Community Educator who goes to schools and churches to inform them about intimate partner violence. Her presentation was very informative highlighting Domestic Violence and Abuse. The audience participation was exceptional.

The women provided underwear and socks for both men and women for our prison ministry. They were later delivered to "Alternative Directions" in Baltimore City.

Knitted Shawls were presented at the Annual Conference Celebration. Those who attended this event brought the necessary items for the Maternal Health Kits.

The Baltimore Metropolitan District will continue to provide items for prison ministry to satisfy our **Purpose.**

Plans are in the making for the BWC Annual Fall Celebration in our district. For the 2019 UMW Legacy event, ideas are being shared and taken into consideration.

BMD face book is very much up to date with district and conference notices directed by our younger UMW.

**Face book address:** Baltimore Metropolitan District United Methodist Women Face Book

God's Blessings to All

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## **BALTIMORE SUBURBAN DISTRICT**

Hello Everyone!

Our District Annual meeting was held at St. John's UMC on September 26, 2015. Our guest speaker was Kate Mackereth, who was a study leader for the Latin America study at Mission u this year. She educated us on the struggles our Latin American neighbors face in our own country.

We had many wonderful entries for the Creative Mission Award contest. We heard about all of the great things our units are doing to help fulfill the purpose of the United Methodist Women. They voted at the Annual meeting and the award will be given to the unit with the most votes at the 2016 Spring Prayer Breakfast. Great work is being done in the Baltimore Suburban District to help women and children!



We look forward to 2016 with excitement as a District. We will continue to support our units and help them grow by guiding them in the important initiatives of the United Methodist Women while encouraging the work they are doing in their own units. Our District will continue to grow its social media presence, informing units of the opportunities for mission which exist with UMW, such as Charter for Racial Justice, Domestic Violence, & UMW Legacy.

Be Blessed!

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## **GREATER WASHINGTON DISTRICT**

The Greater Washington District (GWD) continues to give God the glory for its many blessings and support. The GWD is finding God in many places through its United Methodist Women mission projects on behalf of women and children. The churches continue to be enthusiastic about its ministries outside of the walls of the local church units. GWD continues to be strong and vibrant in its overall mission work. It is spiritually led and Holy Spirit guided to accomplish the work of the kingdom of God on earth. GWD has been actively working in various ministries on the local church level and attending enrichment programs, events, and mission ministries sponsored by the Greater Washington District and the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

In this regard, GWD has participated in the National UMW voter registration drive and is participating in the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-Legacy Celebration. Four members from GWD churches attended the Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women Annual Celebration on October 24, 2015, in Severna Park, Maryland. Four members attended the Epworth House Project Committee's Annual Meeting, November 11, 2015. And to end the year of preparation for mission and ministry, three GWD members attended the UN Seminar in New York City with the BWC United Methodist Women.

On the local level, Greater Washington District churches continue to be engaged in domestic violence , prison ministries, earth stewardship issues, racial justice issues, immigration issues, maternal and parenting classes, Bible studies, recruiting new members, and trying to start new UMW units in their churches.

Closer to home, GWD continues to knit and crochet Prayer Shawls for members of their congregations. The Prayer Shawl ministry has grown to include: babies, hospitals, nursing homes, senior citizens homes, the sick and shut in, orphanages, and military installations.

Also, district churches have been creative in raising finances through rummage and yard sales, etc., to meet their conference pledges, while promoting the mission of United Methodist Women.

Finally, the Greater Washington District has been very busy working to "Fill the Void," of, poverty, and spiritual devastation as we live as children of light (Ephesians 4:17-32 NIV) at home and throughout the world (Matthew 28:29 NIV), through wisdom, spiritual growth and understanding.

Geraldine Whitley, President  
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## **WASHINGTON EAST DISTRICT**

2015 is almost at the end of its term and I will have completed my first year as President of this District. First I want to say, I have been blessed with an awesome Leadership Team. It was a joy to see so many United Methodist Women at our Annual Celebration last month at St. Matthews UMC in Bowie. We not only celebrated our accomplishments, but we were entertained by their Gloria Ringers with 4 songs from their bell choir.

On Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Washington East District along with Annapolis and Greater Washington hosted the pastors for dinner at the Dunkirk VFD as part of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legacy Committees commitment to help educate and work as a team with the pastors. The goal is to have all the districts in the conference do the same and I am excited to have begun this endeavor.

At the Baltimore-Washington Conference Annual Celebration, I was pleased to accept along with Alice Jackson, our Education and Interpretation Coordinator, the first place award for having the highest percentage of local units qualifying in the District Mission Today Checklist Program in 2015.

On the first Saturday in December instead of meeting at the Rod N Reel Restaurant for brunch and fellowship, we are going to have a Team Building Retreat so that we can be even stronger than this year.

2016 is filled with so many more opportunities to help and learn and educate others. Maternal Health is one of our goals and our plan is to have three workshops on the same day on maternal health from the agencies in the counties where our units are located. CareNet works with St. Mary's and Calvert Counties, Catherine's Journey works with Charles County and Laurel's Pregnancy Center with Prince George's County. This way each unit can work hand-in-hand to help the expectant moms. At our annual meeting I gave out the posters to help encourage everyone to register to vote. There will be a big push for this as the primary election comes up in April.

I was asked to attend the Leadership Training in St. Louis in November. I am honored that they gave me the opportunity to learn more so I can be a better leader in the near future. I have learned a lot in 2015 but I have so much more to learn and this opportunity can only make me a better servant to do God's will for women, children and youth.

Enjoy the holidays, remember those less fortunate and get ready for 2016 because it's going to be a busy, productive year. God Bless each of you.

Susan Howes, President  
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TO EACH AND EVERYONE  
FROM  
THE BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE  
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