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President's Message



We now have a theme for this year: **TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK.** We are a team of sisters in Christ and daughters of God. And so, we listen to each other and work together to fulfill the dream: To build a world fit for all God's children.

One way to build such a world, is to go with the national CWU priority of health, in particular the prevention of diabetes. Children and adults should eat well-balanced, nutritious meals and do their exercises.

Another dream is to make our units grow by energizing Key Women in the various churches. At our Leadership Training, **Clara Fuller**, Ecumenical Development Chair, presented a job description for Key Women, and **Carolyn Irby** described the structure.

The job description list is rather long. Carolyn suggested to center on a few of those, For instance: Use the bulletin insert of the Celebrations, and use the Wellsprings or Celebrations Bible Studies with young women. She also suggested that our Area Chairpersons make sure that all Key Women receive the **STATE NEWS**.

Matching the theme "Key Women Are the Key to Ecumenical Development", our Spiritual Life Chair, **Melba Gilden** presented us with eight biblical keys to CWU leadership: love, consecration, unselfish service, friendliness, kind words, smile, advice and encouragement and faith.

Not to forget the SW Regional Event in Albuquerque, April 9-10, "**A Unity Fiesta For Everyone**". There will be lots of team workshops and celebrations which make the Dream Work.

Your sister in Christ,

Ilse

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Prayer Concerns: Please keep the following in your prayers ...

The people of Haiti
All of the Olympic Athletes
All who serve in the military
All who are facing physical, emotional, spiritual challenges



Be a Yo-Yo for God

Matthew 28:16-20

(You have to read the scripture for this to make sense!)

THE EARLY DAYS: Historians have successfully unearthed ancient Greek yo-yos (or “discs,” as they were called then) in Athens museums constructed of painted terra cotta, wood, and metal, and decorated with images of mythological creatures. Images of yo-yos can also be seen on the walls of ancient Egyptian temples.

AN OFFERING TO THE GODS: It is believed that the first actual use of the yo-yo was not for pleasure, but for protection. Around 500 B.C., it was a custom for a child to offer one of his discs to the gods for protection and goodwill. Ancient documents tell us that what we know as the yo-yo, was also a favorite mind boggler of such important historical figures as Napoleon and the Duke of Wellington.

The yo-yo has enjoyed many periods of popularity throughout world history and may be the second oldest toy in the world (after dolls). First patented in 1866 by James L. Haven and Charles Hettrich, the Yo-Yo has enjoyed periods of popularity for generations with kids from 1 - 100.

The modern story of the yo-yo starts with a young gentleman from the Philippines, named Pedro Flores. In the 1920s, he moved to the USA, and worked as a bellhop at a Santa Monica hotel. Carving and playing with wooden yo-yos was a traditional pastime in The Philippines, but Pedro found that his lunch break yo-yo playing drew a crowd was the first appearance of the name "yo-yo," which means "come-come" in The Philippines. He started a company to make the toys, calling it the Flores Yo-Yo Company.

Donald F. Duncan, an entrepreneur first encountered the yo-yo during a business trip to California. A year later, in 1929, he returned and bought the company from Flores, acquiring not only a unique toy, but also the magic name "yo-yo." About this time, Duncan introduced the looped slip-string, which allows the yo-yo to sleep - a necessity for advanced tricks. During the 1950s, Duncan introduced the first plastic yo-yos and the Butterfly® shaped yo-yo, which is much easier to land on the string for complex tricks. The biggest yo-yo boom in history hit in 1962, following the innovative use of TV advertising. Financial losses at the end of the boom, and a costly lawsuit to protect the yo-yo trademark from competitors forced the Duncan family out of business in the late 60s. Flambeau Products, who made Duncan's plastic models, bought the company and still owns it today.

In the Matthean passage, we are told to go out into the world to make disciples of all whom we meet. However, what we learn from the Yo-Yo is that we need to come back together from time to time to learn, grow, and encourage one another in our Christian witness.

You can tell out the wonderful story, you, yes you.

~ Melba Gilden
Spiritual Life Chair



I'm out-right, in-right, upright, downright,
happy all the time.
I'm out-right, in-right, upright, downright,
happy all the time.
Since Jesus Christ came in,
and cleansed my heart from sin
I'm out-right, in-right, upright, downright,
happy all the time.

Southwest Regional Event

"A UNITY FIESTA FOR EVERYONE"

Albuquerque, New Mexico

April 9-11, 2010

(Friday dinner to Sunday noon, following closing worship)

This Week-end Celebration of Southwest CWU Sisterhood includes:

- Stimulating Workshops such as Collegial Leadership, Working for Justice, Going Green, Creating Worship, Diabetes ~ a National Priority, and more.
- Inspiring Worship and Bible Study honoring the Native American and Hispanic traditions.
- Energizing Keynote Messages from Margurite Carter, National President, & Martha DeWarf, former Regional Coordinator.
- Honoring of women who have received the **Valiant Woman Award**. Please have as many present as possible.
- "Music that Moves You", featuring the New Mexico CWU Mosaic Choir and an Event Choir.
- Meaningful time to share news and views with your Southwest CWU sisters or for private meditation in the Nativo Lodge's Tepee.

Name: _____ Unit: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ email: _____ I would like to sing in Event Choir _____
I need childcare ___ # of children: _____ Ages: _____

Registration and meals for entire event - **\$150**. Saturday only, with lunch **\$60**.

Dietary needs: Vegetarian _____ Other dietary needs: _____

Registrations to be sent to: Ruth May, 1820 Morris NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112

Phone: (505)298-4875 email: may.ruth68@yahoo.com Make checks payable to CWU in NM.

Registration deadline: March 8, 2010

Transportation needs/Times from/to Airport: _____

Hotel: NATIVO LODGE, 6000 Pan American Freeway NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

Rooms need to be booked directly with hotel. Phone: Toll free (888) 628-4861 Website: www.Nativolodge.com

Rates: Single: \$82 Double: \$92 Triple: \$102 Quad: \$112 Rates do not include tax.

Rates include complimentary full hot breakfast. Rate is good 3 days pre/post event.

Nativo Lodge uses environmentally safe practices. Free parking.

PLAN to CARPOOL?

If you have needs regarding transportation from Southern California/Southern Nevada, PLEASE contact Marie Durflinger (562) 863-5650 or mariedurf@verizon.net. She has volunteered to help coordinate our efforts to send as many from our State Unit as possible. Please let her know of your plans to attend.

ALERT!

Victoria Fischer, SW Regional Coordinator, asks each of our local units to create a banner of 12x12 inch art work, representing the geographical uniqueness or special aspect of that unit, done on paper, cloth, or any other material that is not ceramic. These local banners will be exhibited on the wall behind the altar.

Please, bring your banner to the SW Regional Event on April 9-10, or send it with a woman from your area who will attend, or send it to: **Victoria Fischer**
393 Victoria Ave.
Salinas, CA 93906-7283

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to fill a few vacancies in the CWU State Unit:

We need chairpersons for:

Ecumenical Celebrations

Resource Materials

Area 1 (Saddleback) and 10 (San Diego).

If you feel called or need more information, please phone State President **Ilse Peetz at 661-944-2842**.

Until we are able to fill the position of Ecumenical Celebrations, please send all Celebrations Reports to Ilse Peetz.

News From Our Local Units!

From CWU in San Diego ~ Words from Marion Taylor, President:

Friday, January 8, our Annual Meeting was blessed with a marvelous program focused on the theme:

WOMEN OF FAITH CHANGE THE WORLD.

Rachel Purnell (12 years old) wrote about women in the Bible who displayed victorious faith. Four CWU ladies presented the stories. The music, and the soloist, Brenda Herndon and Sevena Brooks, were uplifting, but when it came to our theme song, Faith Is The Victory, that is when we needed all of you who were not there to join in the singing.

Then, President Taylor announced their first Forum to be held February 5:

Women of Faith, Jochabad and Miriam (Exodus 2.1-11).

They will take a special offering for GET ON THE BUS. This ministry enables children to visit their parents in prison.

Attention All Units

The famous GREEN CARDS have been mailed to all active Unit Presidents or Treasurers that were listed in the 2009 Year Book. Please be generous with the amount of your unit pledge to the State Unit this year. Please mail back the pre-stamped Green Card as soon as possible or you will get a call from me. Thank you in advance!

Gean Halliday, Finance Chair (909) 593-5351

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED ACTION ALERT

“Be it resolved that: CWU affirms the following principles in guiding our efforts for a just resolution to the global debt crisis. We are aware that such a resolution is urgent as millions of lives are in jeopardy...The unjust debt should be canceled...” CWU Social Policy Book, The Global Debt Crisis (1989) page 91.

TAKE ACTION FOR HAITI

Below you will find two actions you can take. Email your Representative and Sign the online petition to Treasury Secretary Geithner.

NOTE: if you miss the deadline with the email to Representatives—email him or her anyway! Let them know how you feel about this issue.

In the wake of Haiti's unimaginable tragedy, one obvious and simple step toward a just recovery is for the international community to cancel Haiti's \$1 billion debt.

Even before the earthquake, Haiti suffered from an extreme poverty exacerbated by the combined effects of the food, fuel and economic crises, a series of natural disasters, and legacy of unjust debt. For decades the country was forced to divert tens of millions of dollars in debt payments from investments in hospitals, schools, or other infrastructure--resources that could have helped in the aftermath of the earthquake.

This cycle begins with Haiti's independence and continues through their history. Shortly after Haiti won independence from France and abolished slavery, France threatened to invade and re-establish slavery unless Haiti paid "reparations" for the loss of the "property", including slaves, forcing Haiti to pay the equivalent of \$21 billion today. More recently their debts increased under the brutal dictatorships of the Duvaliers, who spent aid money on lavish parties and brutal militias.

Jubilee USA Network, a coalition that includes many of LAWG's partners, has worked for the cancellation of Haiti's unjust debt for many years. We celebrated last June, when Haiti finally received cancellation of \$1.2 billion of its debts owed to the IMF, World Bank, and the US and other governments.

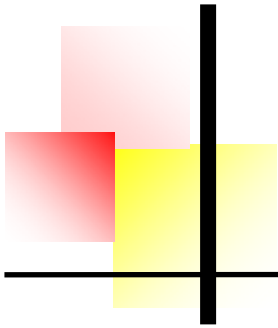
Now, we must continue our work and ensure that Haiti's \$1 billion remaining debt is cancelled swiftly and without conditions. **Until only noon tomorrow, Congressional leaders are circulating a letter to Treasury Secretary Geithner with this message.**

We must also work to make sure that Haiti doesn't get back into the chains of debt--aid should be in the form of grants, not loans. Yesterday, however, the International Monetary Fund approved an additional \$102 million loan to Haiti. While the IMF Managing Director has stated his intention to work for Haiti's debt to be cancelled, we clearly must keep up the pressure. It seems obvious that Haiti's resources be used for reconstruction and recovery, not debt repayments.

Thank you for your ongoing support and focus at this critical time.

Denominations & Communion

Denominations & Communion Tea



Join us for a Tea Party!

We are having another tea to learn more about our denominational contacts and for them to learn about us. We also want to thank them for their support and do some networking.

*Please invite others in your unit and friends to come. It will be a **Potluck**. Please call Elaine Shelby about food and tea pots. Everyone should bring your own tea cup. We will have entertainment also! Thanks for coming!*

Karil Drake, Chairperson

Date: Saturday, May 8, 2010

Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm

**Where: Salem Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
1211 N. Brand Blvd.
Glendale, CA 91201**

**RSVP: Karil Drake
(818) 243-9573
KarilDrake@yahoo.com**

**Potluck RSVP: Elaine Shelby
(858) 549-4450
eleanz@san.rr.com**

**Questions: Karil Drake
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KarilDrake@yahoo.com**

Denominations & Communion Tea Registration Form (no fee)

Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Local Unit Affiliation _____ Position _____

Number of People Attending _____ Your Home church _____

Mail to: Karil Drake, 1329 Western Ave., Glendale, CA 91201



World Day of Prayer 2010: Cameroon

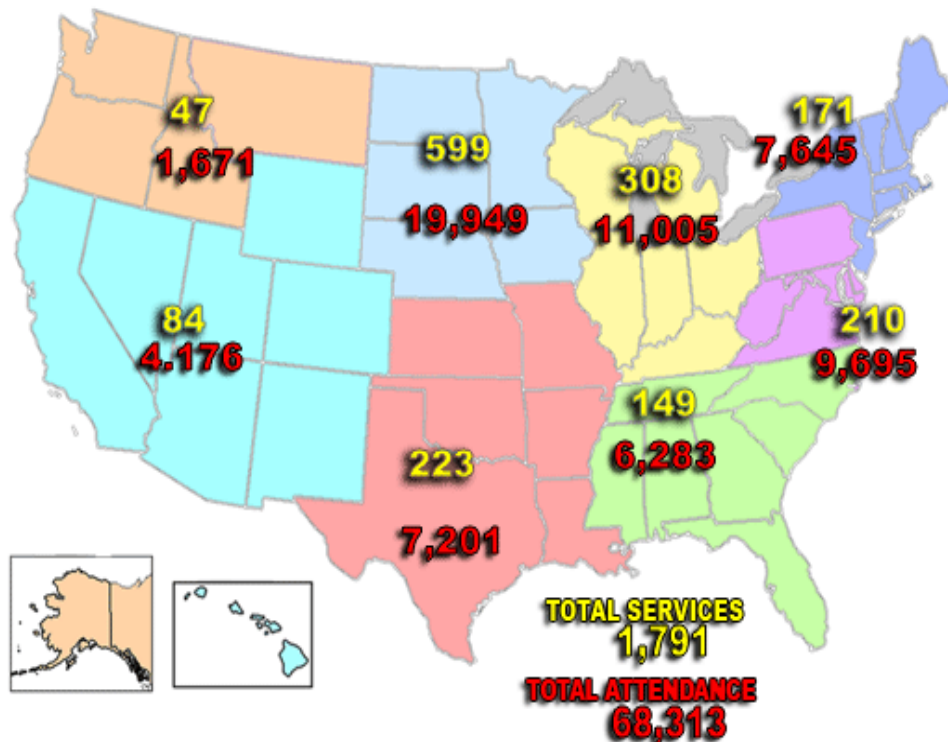
Friday, March 5, 2010, we journey to Cameroon and enter a world vibrant with song and praise. From Cameroon's southern coastal plains to its thick tropical forests to its mountainous Adamawa massifs, we will pick up our instruments and make music. Together we will dance in the procession while singing praises to God. Together we will fulfill the call of Psalm 150: ***Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God.***

This year's theme, "Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God," takes its cue from Psalm 150 and begins the way the Psalm does, "Praise God." Through this invocation, God is called up as "...our refuge and strength, ever ready to help, strengthen, guide and enlighten us in times of joy and sadness."

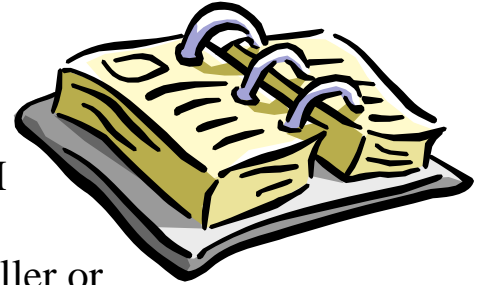
Wherever we find ourselves in life, we also find God's unconditional love. Blessed with great cultural wealth, this perspective of God's unconditional love is at the very core of the Cameroonian capacity to praise God.

On March 5, 2010 we will join with people all over the earth and with all of creation. Together we will fulfill the call of Psalm 150: Let everything that has breath praise God. We anticipate yet another wonderful service which the World Day of Prayer Committee in Cameroon has prepared for us. ***Let's turn our prayers into action!***

WPD-USA 2009 MAPPING OF SERVICES AND ATTENDANCE



CWU Calendar of Events for 2010:



- Regional meeting – April 9 and 10, Albuquerque, NM
- Denominational tea – May 8, Salem Lutheran, Glendale
- Spiritual life retreat – Sept. 18, **Ilse** will talk to Clara Fuller or
Carmen Ivory's units
- Annual meeting – Nov. 20, Ilse's church, Pearblossom Community
UMC-need to confirm
- Board meetings – March 27, Bethel AME Church, Los Angeles 90047
or Joyce Randall's church
- July 17, Bethel AME Church, Los Angeles 90047
or Joyce Randall's church
- Oct. 16, Bethel AME Church, Los Angeles 90047
or Joyce Randall's church

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