

# THE SIGNAL

FIVE RIVERS DISTRICT  
 GREAT PLAINS CONFERENCE  
 UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

## 2017 Calendar of Events

## Spring 2017

- April 1**      **Deadline for METour Application**
- April 7**      **Spring District Meeting Registration Deadline**
- April 22**     **Spring District Meeting, Richmond UMC, 9:30 a.m.**  
                  **Includes Officer Training**  
                  **District Executive Meeting to Follow**
- April 28-30**   **Great Plains Spiritual Growth Retreat at**  
                  **Camp Comeca, Cozad, Nebraska**
- May 27-June 3** **METour to Chicago**
- June 7**        **UMW Dinner & Eunice Harrington Award at Great**  
                  **Plains Annual Conference, Grand Island, Nebraska**
- June 7-10**     **Great Plains Annual Conference, Grand Island,**  
                  **Nebraska**
- July 16-21**    **Mission u at Kansas Wesleyan, Salina, KS**
- July 28-30**    **Mission u at Holiday Inn, Kearney, NE**
- Aug. 18-19**    **Mission u, Topeka KS, place TBA**
- Sept. 29-30**   **Great Plains Conference UMW Annual Meeting**  
                  **York, Nebraska**
- Sept. 16**      **Fall District Meeting, Ottawa First UMC**
- Nov. 30**      **Early Registration Deadline for 2018 Assembly**

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- May 18-20**    **2018 National Assembly, Columbus, Ohio**



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### Nominations

### Committee

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## Big Sister/Little Sister List

Please call us for anything

Barbara Kruger:	Clearfield and Iola
Carolyn Elder:	Ives Chapel, Lawrence First, Melvern, Richter, and Plum Creek
Dorothy Miller:	Blue Mound, Kincaid/Selma, Parker, and Turkey Creek
Kim Mullins:	West Liberty, Pleasanton, and Hiattville
Ruth Jansen:	Eudora, Edgerton, Ottawa Trinity, and Welda
Carol Shobe:	Mapleton, Uniontown, and Vinland
Kathy Hill:	Paola, Princeton, Richmond, and Worden
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Rhonda Headley:	Ft. Scott First, Fulton, Hammond, Prescott, and New Lancaster
Dianne Throop:	LaCygne, Wellsville, and Osawatomie
Rachel Wegener:	Baldwin First, Lawrence Central, and Lawrence Centenary
Kay Salisbury:	Gridley, Lyndon, and Vassar
Sarah Peters & Sheryl Reiter:	Beagle, Fontana, Lane, Mound City, and Ottawa First

## From our President

It's almost time for our spring meeting. We are trying something a little different this year. We are going to centrally locate our spring and fall meetings and hopefully increase our attendance.

There will be training sessions, so we hope all officers will be attending. Of course, everyone is welcome to attend! There will be something for everyone to do. Please bring questions for us!

I attended the January conference winter leadership training meeting with our treasurer, Kim Mullins. We drove to Hays in mid-January. This was the first meeting with our new conference president, Karen Dunlap. I hope everyone gets a chance to meet her – she is very easy to talk to. I think she will be a great president. I have gotten to know her the past couple of years at conference meetings – she was her districts' president until she accepted the conference position.

Our conference theme this year is "I Choose Joy!" What a wonderful concept for our conference to focus on. We need to make a conscious effort to find the joy in everyday life and situations.

One of my favorite things to do as president is visiting UMW units and getting to know so many of the ladies in our district. I have made so many new friends! I recently had the privilege of speaking at Garnett UMC for their UMW Sunday. It's always nice to put a face to an e-mail name!

As always, please contact your big sister if you have any questions, or even to invite them to your unit meeting or an event you are having. It's great to hear of events your units are having – please let us know so we can help promote it to the rest of the district.

I hope to see as many of you as possible on April 22 at Richmond UMC for our meeting. Please come and introduce yourself to me!

Blessings to all,

Barbara Kruger  
Five Rivers District President

## Nominations Chair

The Nominations Committee thanks everyone for all for your support of the Five Rivers District Board. We need and truly appreciate your service.

If you are interested in serving, e-mail your intent to me at: [larryandkay@embargmail.com](mailto:larryandkay@embargmail.com). It saves the committee much time and worry.

Kay Salisbury, Nominations Chairperson  
(785) 549-0116, Melvern/Quenemo UMW

## Secretary Notes

Greetings to all secretaries of the Five Rivers District UMW!

I hope all of you had a good winter. As we watch God's handiwork "bud out, bloom and come to life", hopefully we will all feel renewed!

We know it's important as secretaries of our local UMWs to accurately report the business of our meetings. We are able to do that by listening carefully as the business of the meeting is conducted, and accurately recording it in our minutes.

Listening and writing are mentioned in the Bible in several passages. A passage regarding listening is discussed in James 1:22: "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry." Writing is discussed in Corinthians 3:3: "You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of human hearts."

Recording the minutes of our UMW units may seem like a routine task. However, the biblical passages referencing listening and writing are far from routine!

I hope to see all of you at the Spring meeting on April 22 at the Richmond UMC!

Blessings to all as we begin the Lenten season celebrate Holy Week, and the beautiful time of Easter!

Dorothy Miller, Secretary  
Five Rivers District UMW

## 2017 Spring Spiritual Retreat

(See Registration Form on Page 11 of this newsletter)

The first ever Spring Spiritual Retreat for the Great Plains United Methodist Women is being held at Camp Comeca on April 28, 29 & 30, 2017.

This event is a spiritual retreat based on the lives of the 5 women in the lineage of Jesus found in Matthew 1:1-17. These 5 women are: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba and Mary.

***On the Path Home*** will be led by Carol Van Gorp from the National Office of the United Methodist Women. It will be a time of learning, fellowship and getting to know ourselves and our fellow Great Plains UMW women & friends.

The event will begin with Check-in from 3 – 6 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 28. We will have Opening Worship and our first *On the Path Home* session. On Saturday there will be learning sessions, bible study and time for reflection. On Saturday evening we are planning a FUN time. Everyone attending is asked to share (if they wish) a story, poem, game or song. We will be visited by a UMW Friend, Frieda Mae for fun time. Sunday the event will close with an *On the Path Home* session followed by Closing Worship & Communion. We will be done by noon and lunch will be on your own on your way home.

The registration form can be found on line at: <http://www.greatplainsumc.org/UMW> or from any District President or Journey in Faith Team Leader/Spiritual Growth Coordinator.

**There will be NO on-line registration.** Registration forms are to be mailed to: Rena Conner, PO Box 683, Alma, NE 68920-0683

For further information contact: Jenelle Erb, Journey in Faith Team Leader, Great Plains Conference UMW.

E-mail: [druffle@frontiernet.net](mailto:druffle@frontiernet.net) Home Phone: (402) 893-3995 Cell Phone: (402) 340-1341

*Boxes in support of freeing individuals from "sexual trafficking."*

*Melvorn & Quenemo UMW*





## Great Plains Conference UMW Local Unit Mission Program “Every Unit a Mission Do Unit”

Each local unit is to fulfill the PURPOSE of the United Methodist Women. Each unit is to determine how to do this in their unit. The Great Plains Conference is using Journey Teams to identify the journey each United Methodist Woman and unit makes as we put Faith, Hope and Love in Action. Your unit’s programming for the year should have something from each of the Journey Teams as part of your program. By selecting the activities your unit will do, you will have participated in a Journey in Planning.

Sometimes, we get in a rut, so this year we invite you to try at least one new thing that you haven’t done before in your unit. Below are some ideas to get you started thinking about the Journey, however, use your creativity to make the PURPOSE come alive for your unit. (Read the PURPOSE at each meeting, sponsor a young woman for METour, Charter for Racial Justice, etc.)

Put a check mark by the activity your unit completed. Use the blank lines for a one sentence report of something new that you tried.

Name of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ District: Five Rivers

Name of person completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT IS DUE JANUARY 10, 2018 to: Donna Grigsby, PO Box 661, Iola, KS 66749-0661 or email to: [donna.grigsby@cox.net](mailto:donna.grigsby@cox.net). Units will be recognized at the Spring District Meeting and in the Great Plains Conference UMW Annual Meeting booklet.

**Journey in Faith – Activities might include the following:**

- Use the Prayer Calendar to **pray** regularly for a Missionary/Church and Community Worker.
- Use a United Methodist Women’s resource to provide a devotion for each meeting.
- Have a program on one of the recent spiritual growth mission studies:
  - 2015 *The Call: Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly*
  - 2016 *The Bible & Human Sexuality – Claiming God’s Good Gift*
  - 2017 *Living As A Covenant Community*

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**Journey in Action – Activities might include the following:**

- Attend Legislative Event for Advocacy in Faith (LEAF)
- Become a Green Unit and implement one step.
- Study the difference between mercy and justice then do a justice activity.
- Have a program on one of the recent Social Action Studies:
  - 2014-2015 *The Church and People with Disabilities*
  - 2016-2017 *Climate Justice – A Call to Hope and Action*
- A focus on Maternal and Child Health is a new initiative of United Methodist Women. Do your women know that part of your Pledge to Mission goes to help improve Maternal and Child Health globally?

- Make **UMCOR Health Kits**

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**Journey in Giving – Activities might include the following:**

- Sponsor a young woman for the METour, May 22-June 3, 2017.
- Adopt one of the three Great Plains Conference National Mission Institutions (NMIs) and give a designated financial gift to them each month—**Della C Lamb**, Kansas City, KS and **Epworth Village**, York, NE are paid through your District Treasurer. **The Big Garden**, Omaha is paid directly to them.
- Learn about the Journey of Your Mission Dollar.
- Become a 5 Star Unit with contributions to Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition (\$40), Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering;
- Or a 7 Star Unit with all the above plus Corsages for Mission (\$1 each), and Dedicated Light (\$45) given in memory or in honor of someone. *Both 5-Star & 7-Star are paid through District Treasurer.*

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**Journey in Growth – Activities might include the following:**

- Make a list of the women in your church who are not members of UMW and invite them to join you for a special program or mission activity such as making UMCOR kits.
- If you are a small unit, consider joining with a nearby unit to do some meetings or special activities together.
- Reach out to women in your community and welcome them to participate (women do not need to be United Methodists in order to participate).
- Participate in a Mission Do activity (volunteer your services for an NMI or other local agency).
- Invite a METour participant or staff to share about her experience.

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**Journey in Learning – Activities might include the following:**

- At least one member complete a level in the UMW Reading Program.
- Regularly share information from Response magazine at meetings.
- Participate in the District UMW Meetings.
- Participate in the Great Plains Conference United Methodist Women’s Annual Meeting/Celebration.
- Participate in a District or Conference Mission u.

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**UMW 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.

# Five Rivers District Spring Meeting



*April 22, 2017*  
**Richmond UMC**  
**116 N Kallock**  
**Richmond, KS 66080**  
**(913) 205-4688**

Welcome and Fellowship 9 a.m.  
Meeting 9:30 a.m. until 12 p.m.

## *The Inside Scoop on UMW*



**Mail in registration due by April 7, 2017**

**Registration Fee: \$5.00**

(Covers Program Booklets, Church Usage Fees, Honorarium for the Speaker and Musician)  
 Officer training provided at this meeting.

Complete form below with check made payable to: Five Rivers District UMW

Mail Bottom portion only to: **Kim Mullins, 1309 S Main St., Fort Scott, KS, 66701**

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**Please designate someone in your unit to pick up all the name tags and Agenda packets.**

**Name of Local Unit** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Person** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Print names of those attending:*

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_____	_____	_____
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**Non-refundable Registrations at \$5.00 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Make check payable to Five Rivers District UMW (in Memo: Spring District Meeting)**

**Child Care provided at NO charge. MUST BE REGISTERED.**

**Children's Names and age:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## “Finding Something Wonderful”

Something wonderful happens when you read. Silence. Focus. When you truly read, the busy sounds of the world should fall silent letting you focus on the message of the writer. The written word has power. Why did God, the great God Almighty, give these special talents to mankind: the talents of reading and writing? He knew the value and He knew that we need to silence our world occasionally to hear Him speak. William Faulkner, an American fiction Nobel Prize Winner, says when accepting that honor for literature that "man's puny voice" will go on because we have written language. I'd like to say that "God's powerful voice" will go on because we have reading--the reading of His word.

Some of us know that. We are blessed. We not only read the Bible, we've come to read other literature that often reawakens our spirits. Over 50 UMW members of the Five Rivers District will earn a reading certificate in April at our District Meeting. That translates to many spirits being enriched or awakened by our selected reading list.

Just recently, ok, after Christmas, I read Max Lucado's, Because of Bethlehem. I found a sense of contentment and peace I'd hidden in the Holiday Rush. Just one of the many nuggets in that book, "in the manger, God loves you; through the cross God saves you" made me breathe easier. So find a book, find The Book, and read. You'll find silence and peace. Honest.

Rhonda Headley, Program Resources

## Communications Coordinator

I made it through my first year as your Communications Coordinator. Thank you so much to Judy Love for answering all of my calls and questions. I appreciate Judy's guidance and support very much.

It's not too late to send me changes that have taken place in your units. Changes such as new members, deceased members, changes in addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses. In addition, if someone has access to e-mail now, I would like to know their e-mail address so those individuals can be kept up-to-date electronically.

If you haven't turned in your changes for 2017, it is not too late to get those turned into me.

Thank you and please don't hesitate to call me if you have questions, I don't mind one little bit!

Rachel Wegener  
Five Rivers District, Communications Coordinator  
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## Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Hopefully spring will be here soon and we can enjoy the beauty and colors that God provides. It will be a time of rebirth. With that in mind we hope that many of you will be able to attend the first ever Great Plains Spiritual Growth Retreat at Camp Comeca, in Cozad, Nebraska on April 28-30. You can find registration information and forms in this issue. I have been told that Camp Comeca is very pretty and will provide an uplifting location for spiritual growth.

I also hope to see many of you at the Five Rivers District spring meeting on April 22 at Richmond UMC. There will be officer training held at this meeting as well as at the fall meeting. If I can help you in any way, please let me know.

I would like to share a devotional that we received in a Christmas card from one of our very devoted and long-time UMW members of Edgerton UMC. It is "How a Double-Stuffed Oreo helps me remember Scriptures that reflect God's gifts".

**He fills the space from top to bottom.** *from everlasting to everlasting You are God. Psalm 90-2b*

**He is the "creamy middle".** *He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:17*

**He gives me much more than "double-stuff".** *My power now at work in you can do more than you can ask or imagine. Ephesians 3:20-21*

**His portions are abundant.** *Out of the fullness of His grace He has blessed us all, by giving us one blessing after another. John 1:16*

**He is unbelievably good.** *Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him. Psalm 34:8*

**Unlike a Double-Stuffed Oreo** *He will be with me: He will never leave me nor forsake me. Joshua 1:5*

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**Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator**

As of the beginning of March I have heard from 44 out of the 75 churches listed for Five Rivers District on last year's report. These have all been entered on the National UMW Census, either directly by the local or by me. Of the 31 churches not reporting, I am wondering if some of them either no longer exist or have combined with other congregations. In comparing the membership report from last year with the UMW District and Local Leadership List handed out in January, I am not finding listings for the following churches:

- Big Creek UMC – combined with Humboldt Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Bronson UMC – combined with Moran Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Greeley UMC – combined with Garnett Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Linwood – combined with Lawrence Centenary Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Mildred UMC – combined with Elsmore Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Neosho Falls – combined with Yates Center Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Pomona UMC – combined with Vassar Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Prairie View UMC - \_\_\_\_\_
- Quenemo UMC - \_\_\_\_\_
- Redfield UMC \_\_\_\_\_
- Salem-Iola UMC \_\_\_\_\_
- St Johns UMC – combined with West Liberty Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I am also showing the following churches as disbanded, please confirm:

- Ottawa Union Chapel UMC
- Prairie View UMC
- Union Chapel
- Waverly UMC
- Williamsburg UMC

Of the churches reporting, eight report that they have no active UMW members.

Nineteen churches have not reported their membership numbers to the District. Please send this information in as soon as possible. If you need additional copies of the form, e-mail me at: [ruthjansenz13@gmail.com](mailto:ruthjansenz13@gmail.com).

Baldwin City First UMC	Ottawa Trinity UMC
Clearfield UMC	Pleasanton UMC
Colony UMC	Richter UMC
Fort Scott St John UMC	Turkey Creek UMC
Hammond UMC	Uniontown UMC
Hiattville UMC	Vassar UMC
Kincaid-Selma UMC	Wellsville UMC
Louisburg UMC	Worden UMC
Melvern UMC	Yates Center UMC
Osawatomie First UMC	

Ruth Jansen, [ruthjansenz13@gmail.com](mailto:ruthjansenz13@gmail.com)  
 Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Coordinator

## From the Vice President

As we begin another new year, we are already planning our **Five Rivers District Spring Meeting**. The date of our meeting is **Saturday, April 22, 2017** at the United Methodist Church in Richmond, Kansas. **Registration and refreshments will begin at 9 a.m. and the meeting will start at 9:30 a.m.** Please note the change in start time because we know some of you travel quite a distance. The meeting will include training for local officers and there will be something interesting for all who aren't officers. Our program will be "**The Inside Scoop on UMW**". Knowing more about available resources to your units and programs we participate in throughout the year will give you a broader knowledge of the impact UMW has in our lives, and in the lives of our churches, communities and beyond. The meeting will end by 12:30. Please mark your calendar and get your registration in because you won't want to miss it!

As your District Vice President, I look forward to seeing you at our meetings and other activities throughout 2017.

*"Let me say first of all that your faith in God is becoming known throughout the world. How I thank God through Jesus Christ for each one of you" -- Romans 1:8*

Blessings,

Carolyn Elder  
Five Rivers District Vice President



## Social Action

Can you believe this mild winter we are finishing? Early spring is here and I personally am getting ready for a Lenten Study called "24 Hours That Changed the World". We can and should consider what we each can do in 24 hours that has an impact on our world and local issues. At this time, you can have your pick of any number of social issues that you or your local unit can study or take part in. Pick an issue and write letters, make telephone calls or send e-mails. Study articles from Response or the front page of the newspaper. You can make a difference! I would love to hear from you on what issues you are taking on. See you in training at our Spring meeting.

Kathy Hill, (913) 882-9667  
[kshill65@gmail.com](mailto:kshill65@gmail.com)

## From District E&I Coordinator

I'm excited to report that 18 units sent me their Mission Do reports for 2016. That's five more than last year. It is interesting to see all that you have been doing. Several units have taken steps to become "green units" by using church plates for dinners instead of disposable products. Others have supported mothers and children in need, donated to Camp Chippewa programs, held Bible studies in nursing homes, provided blankets, gloves and hats to local charities and made ditty bags for the Women's Prison Ministry in Topeka, to name a few.

The purpose of the Mission Do Report form is to help your unit realize what all you have accomplished throughout the year and to give you ideas on things to do to expand your knowledge of the mission of UMW. You will find a 2017 Mission Do form included with this Signal.

I encourage the women in your units to read the Response magazine and have someone give a "Response Minute" at each meeting telling about an interesting article in that month's issue. Also, have members take turns using the Prayer Calendar to pray for the missionaries daily.

Blessings,

Donna Grigsby  
[donna.grigsby@cox.net](mailto:donna.grigsby@cox.net)

## From our Treasurer

I hope this finds you all well and blessed. I first want to start off with a HUGE "Thank You" to all of you for your patience and understanding with me this past year. I am more confident this year as I am understanding what I need to do and when it is due. Everyone did a great job sending in their forms and pledges. I am going to have packets for each of the local unit treasurers at the spring meeting. I hope this will help in everyone using the same forms.

In other news we as a conference exceeded our pledge! On a district level we did not meet our pledge. Thanks to all who gave.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at (620) 768-9914 or e-mail me at: [kmullins84@yahoo.com](mailto:kmullins84@yahoo.com). I hope to see everyone at the Spring meeting in April. "GOD is Good"

Blessings,

Kim Mullins, Five Rivers District Treasurer  
(620) 768-9914, [kmullins84@yahoo.com](mailto:kmullins84@yahoo.com)  
1309 S Main Street  
Fort Scott, KS 66701



Great Plains Conference United Methodist Women Spiritual Retreat

# ON THE PATH HOME

Spiritual retreat based on the lives of the five women in the lineage of Jesus  
Led by: Carol Van Gorp, National Office of the United Methodist Women

## APRIL 28 – 30, 2017

Camp Comeca and Retreat Center, 75670 RD 417, Cozad NE 69130

On-site Check-In: Friday, Apr 28, 3–5:30 p.m.

Friday dinner at 6 p.m. and session begins at 7:15 p.m. with opening worship.

Saturday sessions throughout the day and an evening of fun and a visit from a UMW Friend, Frieda Mae.

Sunday morning closing session and worship. Dismissed by noon (lunch on your own).

*All Women and Their Friends in the Great Plains Conference are Welcome to attend!*

### REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

**Accommodation Choices:** Includes 2 nights lodging, Friday-dinner, Saturday-3 meals, Sunday-breakfast.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Overlook Lodge: \$140.00/person plus \$25.00 non-refundable fee** (Add \$100 for private room)  
(Motel type rooms – 2 or 3 beds/room). Very few rooms on 1st floor. Rooms on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor—no elevator.  
**First floor required due to health** \_\_\_\_\_ (check line if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Dormitory: \$120.00/person plus \$25.00 non-refundable fee.** First floor.  
Bunk beds (will use bottom bunks only) with bathroom facilities.  
Bring your own bedding and towels.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Cabin: \$100.00/person plus \$25.00 non-refundable fee.** First floor.  
Bunk beds (will use bottom bunks only). Toilet and sink only.  
Showers in a separate shower house. Bring your own bedding and towels.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Commuter: \$60.00/person plus \$25.00 non-refundable fee. No lodging provided.**  
If motel desired, there is a Rodeway Inn, 809 S. Meridian Ave., Cozad. Tel: 308-784-4900.

**Roommates desired - list names on reverse of this form** (Lodge–1 or 2; Cabin–up to 6; Dorm–up to 7). If no roommates, roommates will be assigned.

**Special Dietary Requirements:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For the Saturday “Night of Fun” I will share (poem, song, jokes, etc):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Register by Friday, April 14, 2017**

Register by submitting this completed form with a \$25.00 non-refundable fee to Rena Conner, PO Box 683, Alma NE 68920. The remaining amount is due by mailing a check to Rena by April 14. There will be no refunds after April 14. Checks payable to Great Plains Conference UMW. The earlier you register, the more likely you are to get the lodging desired. Questions: Contact Rena at: rc68920@gmail.com or (308) 928-9231.

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