

WISCONSIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2007 IN-GATHERING RESULTS

Current as of 06/18/07

In-Gathering Donations

4,214 baby blankets/quilts/shawls
1,878 school bags/kits
189 flood buckets
161 tool kits
49 sewing kits
11 teacher bags
18 school desks
10 laptops
1 treadle sewing machine
15 health kits
2 layettes
7 birthing kits

Donations Distributed To:

500 blankets to Wisconsin WIC
(Women, Infants, and Children program)
30 school bags/kits to Rising Sun Camp
for children with incarcerated parents
30 school bags/kits to St. Francis Food Pantry
in Eau Claire, WI
22 school bags/kits to Harbor House Crisis
Shelter, Superior, WI
13 flood buckets to Harbor House Crisis
Shelter, Superior, WI
80 blankets to Harbor House Crisis
Shelter, Superior, WI

The remaining donations were taken to Midwest Mission Distribution Center for distribution throughout the world.

The estimated value of these donations is approximately \$62,897

Donations to date toward shipping funds for the In-Gathering: \$11,630.86

Donations toward bed nets for "Nothing But Nets" Malaria Prevention Campaign: \$543.00

OFFERINGS RECEIVED AT 2007 WISCONSIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Current as of 6/18/07

Clergy Transition Fund (Received at Service of Ordination)	\$1,424.86
Summer Developers/Wiley College (Received at Opening Worship)	\$2,002.00
Youth Service Fund (Received at Youth led Service)	\$1,173.28
Red Bird Mission Ministries (Received at Memorial and Healing Service)	\$1,453.04
East Angola Ministries (Received at Commissioning Service and Retirement Recognition)	\$1,076.68
Hurricane Recovery Ministry (Received at Closing Worship)	\$ 973.74
Total Offering Receipts	\$8,103.60

2007 RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY AWARDS FOR YEARS OF SERVICE - 2007

60 YEARS

Alvin L. Briggs
Frank A. Dauner
Merlin J. Hoeft
Arvid E. Morey
Richard O. Truitt

50 YEARS

Donald K. Dinsmore
Thomas R. Jarrell
Quentin R. Meracle
William E. Morton
Owen D. Owens
Thomas J. Raber
Raymond E. Robinson
James A. Scott
Royce A. Wade

25 YEARS

Joyce L. Alford
Arthur M. Arveson
Christine Deaner-Rogers
Tony R. Fuller
Terry Hettenbach
Carolyn Sights Hinshaw
Richard W. Hutchison
Paul D. Johnsen
Thomas A. Lambrecht
Thomas P. Morgan

THELMA W. GREGG MEMORIAL FUND AWARD

The Thelma W. Gregg Award is named for a woman from Wauwatosa Avenue UMC who demonstrated her Christian commitment in a tireless promotion of the missionary outreach of the Church. The award was established in 1993 by the family to recognize and honor lay persons who are doing vital missions in ways that reflect the love of Christ. The award includes a financial gift to be designated to an Advance project by the recipient.

**The 2007 Thelma W. Gregg Memorial Fund Award
is given to:**

**THERESA TROSTMILLER
Elm Grove: Community UMC**

Theresa has tirelessly demonstrated her Christian commitment in promotion to missionary outreach of the church and personifies the mission spirit intended in this award. Ms. Trostmiller is actively and creatively engaged in local, national, and global ministries. She has a passion for helping all people, an exceptional gift for leadership, and has been a key mission servant for the twenty years she has been a member at Community United Methodist Church. She has served on the board of United Methodist Children's Services, The Gathering, the Missions Committee of CUMC, the United Methodist Women, and has raised funds for missions including Heifer project and literacy classes in Brazil.

FRANCIS ASBURY AWARD

The Francis Asbury Award offers recognition to individuals who have made a significant contribution to fostering the Church's ministries in higher education at the local, district, or annual conference level.

The 2007

Francis Asbury Award is given to:

DOUG CAVES

First United Methodist Church, Madison, Wisconsin

Doug has served on the Wesley Foundation board for UW-Madison for many years in a variety of leadership capacities. During his time on the board, Doug helped the ministry to work through dissolving of a fledgling campus ministry program and has been instrumental in helping build The Crossing into a strong, ecumenical campus ministry located in the heart of the UW-Madison campus.

For the last two years, Doug has served on The Crossing Visioning Committee and he also served on the Wisconsin Conference Board of Higher Education and Student Ministry for several years.

LOVE IN ACTION AWARD

The Love in Action Award is presented annually by the Disaster Response Committee of the Board of Global Ministries of the Wisconsin Annual Conference. The award recognizes outstanding commitment and passion to God's mission through disaster response and relief.

This year two recipients earned this award:

**The 2007 Love in Action Awards
are given to:**

REV. DORIS RILEY SIMPSON

Viola UMC and West Lima UMC

Doris led her family, church and community in the relief and long-term recovery after the tornado that damaged the Vernon-Richland county areas on August 18, 2005. Doris served on the community long-term recovery committee, ensuring compassionate use of donated funds for the survivors.

REV. DAVID SHARPE

Stoughton UMC

David has worked to train, lead, and build up the Conference Disaster Response Committee. He has trained local church members and circuits. He coordinates and hosts UMCOR training in the Wisconsin Annual Conference. David is a leader of the other Voluntary Organizations Assisting in Disaster (VOADS) in Wisconsin. He helped Stoughton form a community group(s) to direct the long-term recovery from the August 18, 2005 tornado.

**COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN
BRIDGE BUILDER'S AWARD**

The Commission on the Status and Role of Women (C.O.S.R.O.W.) Bridge Builder's Award is given to person who have been and are good bridge builders between men and women, lay and clergy in our Wisconsin Annual Conference and in society.

FRANK AND MARTHA KUHLMAN

Frank is a graduate of UW-Madison, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminar, and served two years in military service in Korea. Martha was a school teacher in Iowa, has served as a Christian educational director in several churches, and has attended Garrett-Evangelical.

In 1962 Frank, Martha, and their son moved to Tokyo, Japan, to attend language school. While in Japan, a second son was born. From 1964-1987 the couple taught English to young adult Japanese and Frank served as a chaplain. Before leaving GBGM they also spent three years teaching English in China.

Returning to the United States in 1990, Frank served as pastor of churches in Pepin and Alma, WI. Frank and Martha have also been part of seven international and three U.S. Volunteers in Mission trips. Frank has been a leader in environmental activities and Martha has served in leadership for United Methodist Women. Both have demonstrated deep commitment to missions for women, youth and children. They also have shown a pattern of inclusiveness and patience in their lives.

As of May, 2007, they are moving to a retirement community in Ohio to be near family.

KADY HERR-YANG

Kady bridges the Hmong community with the greater communities through participation in church activities.

Kady shares the following: "Through the years of being a member of the United Methodist Women, I have acquired many leadership skills. I learned to advocate for women who were silent about their opinions and views. Here in the Hmong community, culture still plays a big role in everything we do. Trying to keep our culture alive, yet at the same time recognizing the need to assimilate to the American society, can be quite a challenge."

After evaluating the needs of the Hmong people in Milwaukee, Kady organized a leadership-training event for men and women. The Bible Retreat at Spencer Lake in Waupaca in 2003 empowered Hmong women in the church and in their community.

In 2005, Kady helped organize a Bible Women training event for the Hmong and Lao sisters in Laos by bringing six Hmong women trainers to Laos to do actual training. With encouragement and ongoing leadership training, both the Hmong and Lao sisters have become leaders in their own communities.

Kady is a Hmong interpreter/translator by profession.

DIANE QUADE, 2005 BRIDGE BUILDER AWARD RECIPIENT

Diane Quade's experience includes the following service to United Methodist Women: Thirteen years at the Conference level, eight years on Women's Division as a Director, General Board of Global Ministries Director, Assistant Dean for School of Christian Mission, four years as Youth Mission Camp Director, plus five District and four local unit offices. She has coordinated the Janesville Breakfast Club for the school district and has led 4-H.

Retiring from her Wisconsin Conference UMW's presidency on October 22, 2005, Diane Quade was surprised with the 2005 COSROW Bridge Builder Award; therefore it was not publicly announced during the Annual Conference Session.

Diane has empowered women and men with information, addressed children's needs, positively advocated for women and children's issues, and supported diversity.

**DENMAN EVANGELISM AWARDS
HONOR WORK IN EVANGELISM**

The Denman Evangelism Award is presented annually to a United Methodist lay and clergy person in each Annual Conference for outstanding work in Christian evangelism. The award was named for the late Dr. Harry Denman, distinguished lay evangelist whom Dr. Billy Graham called "my mentor in evangelism." The awards are made possible by the Foundation of Evangelism, which was founded in 1949 by Dr. Denman.

**LAITY AWARD
RON SMITH
Poynette and Inch UMCs**

Ron has been chosen because of his active hands-on involvement in bringing children and young parents into the church. This has been accomplished through a Wednesday evening Church school program that is growing and reaching out to many unchurched in the community. Ron organizes special field trips to farms and parks to show young people the wonders of God's creation. He also is responsible for the "Mystery Nights," where three crosses appear in mysterious places in the community and become opportunities for learning about the love of God. Ron reaches out not just to children but to all people in the community with a strong faith and a love that is visible to all. In addition to this, Ron is also involved in mission work and mission trips. He has been on seven VIM trips in the last ten years.

**CLERGY AWARD
HOWARD C. (SKIP) ROBERTSON
First United Methodist Church, Marion, Wisconsin**

Rev. Robertson has been chosen for his personal approach, his vision, and his success in reaching out to the community. During the time Skip has been associated with Marion UMC, the church has gone from having no Sun day School to having a Wednesday after school program that has nineteen children. He is instrumental in opening the church to various organizations for their meetings. The church has hosted community related events, such as a chili supper, a "Come Home for Christmas" event, and an event called "A Field of Praise" which brought over one thousand people to a three day event with speakers and music focused on worship. In the last two years Marion UMC has taken in seventeen new members, and average attendance in worship has gone from 22 in 2001 to 49 in 2006. Rev. Robertson works not only to bring people in but also to involve them in the life of the congregation.