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To: District officers of the Corbin District UMW, local unit presidents, District Superintendent, conference president and secretary

Recorded by: Mary E. Dunn, acting secretary Corbin District UMW

Greetings friends in Christ!

Many thanks to Mary E. Dunn, acting president Corbin District UMW, for recording the minutes of the spring meeting held at Ferguson UMC. What a wonderful job she has done.

The Corbin District UMW met on April 30, 2005, for their Spring Day Apart. The ladies of United Methodist Women of Ferguson United Methodist Church were the hostesses. Forty-seven were present at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by acting president, Mary E. Dunn, followed by a word of welcome by Marsha Epperson, president of Ferguson UMW. Rev. Russell Janes, pastor of Ferguson UMC offered our opening prayer.

Jeannette Hislope, who accompanied herself, presented our special music. Her choice was a variation on "Amazing Grace".

Our featured speaker was Carol Crawford of Henderson Settlement. Carol has served for over seventeen years as a United Methodist missionary in the Redbird Missionary Conference. Carol also served in the early '80's as a World Division missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries for two terms of service. In January 2004, she became the full time pastor of Wallins UMC in Wallins Creek, KY.

Carol shared her personal experience as a young child and as a young adult while searching for God's purpose in her life. She prayed for the confidence to speak God's word. Then she prayed for power, through the name of Jesus. As a result of her prayer, she was filled with the Holy Spirit and was able to speak with confidence and with boldness.

She quoted from "Unto the Hills" by Billy Graham. The book is focused on the Holy Spirit. Carol touched on being controlled by the Holy Spirit. When your life is filled with the Holy Spirit, you are filled with compassion. You receive wisdom, understanding, power and abundant grace. Those present were "dared" to pray for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit so that we might have those qualities that we need to be an instrument for good in the name of Jesus. We were also "dared" to serve in His name. Carol closed by singing a cappella a favorite song, "There is a Redeemer".

A business meeting, with Mary E. presiding followed the program. Mary E. stated that we have received an invitation from the Somerset First UMW to host our Fall Annual Meeting on September 17. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

Local presidents were encouraged to share the content of our District Newsletter with their local units. We try to keep you informed of items of interest to United Methodist Women year round. Conference Directories for the year 2005 were available at the meeting for each local president. Anyone who could deliver one to a local unit not represented was asked to do so.

Mary lifted up the request from conference for each district to put together at least 100 kits this year for UMCOR. If your unit has already mailed some, please let Mary E. know as we can count those. Bring them to the fall meeting at Somerset or the conference annual meeting at Corbin First. If you do this, you will NOT have to pay shipping, as there will be a truck at Corbin on which to load these.

Information relevant to the Conference Annual Meeting was shared. The district as a whole, not only Corbin First, is hosting the meeting. Every unit is able to make some contribution. We will need ushers for the offering, Communion servers and those who can to give directions to the church. If any unit can help with any of these items, please contact Mary E. The conference Mission Team suggested that anyone who is talented in making crafts is invited to make small items and bring them to either the district fall meeting or the conference annual meeting. Please price them yourself. These will be sold and the proceeds will go to undesignated giving.

We are still in need of a president to succeed Mary E. Dunn. We also need an Education and Interpretation Coordinator. Please contact any member of the nominating committee for information about any of these offices. (See Corbin District Directory for information).

The meeting closed with prayer and blessing for the meal by Rev. Janes. The ladies of Ferguson UMW served a delicious meal.

Mary E. Dunn, acting secretary Corbin District UMW