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Wrapped in Prayer

Quilting Ministry Reaches Out Through Spirit-crafted Creations

by Jessica Connor

Imagine being diagnosed with terminal cancer, your body racked with pain and your mind swimming with fear, anger, depression: why me? What will my family do? How did this happen?

Imagine lying there, alone in your bed, needing comfort and prayer but struggling to grasp what can so often seem like intangibles.

Now imagine you have a warm, soft quilt wrapped around you, lovingly crafted by faithful members of a church family. As you snuggle deeper, you know you are nuzzling into prayer—that every stitch, every knot, every swatch of this fabric has

been prayed over not only by the quiltmakers but the entire congregation.

You are, quite literally, wrapped in prayer. And you take comfort. For no matter what happens to you, you are safe.

That is the ministry of the Prayers and Squares group of St. John's United Methodist Church in Lugoff, South Carolina. Since March, the quiltmakers who comprise the outreach effort have been hard at work creating hand-knotted quilts for people in need.

"Each knot is a prayer," said Regina Henson, founding member of the St. John's group, which is a chapter of the international Prayers and

Squares interfaith outreach and is an official ministry of St. John's United Methodist Women.

Ms. Henson said the ministry follows three "commandments": It's not about the quilt but all about the prayers. A person must agree to accept the gift of prayer in the form of a quilt. And no payment can ever be accepted for a prayer quilt.

The quilters gather once or twice a month, usually on a Thursday morning, to start a project together. There, in the warm and well-lit fellowship hall of St. John's, the dozen or so women pray and chat while they encourage one another. Then they

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Measuring Leadership

by Harriett Jane Olson



Leadership development is one of the outcome areas United Methodist Women prioritized as we developed our strategic plan over the past quadrennium. Involving a high percentage of laity as leaders over time is one of the markers of vital congregations according to a study conducted by the Connectional Table of The United Methodist Church, the results of which are a part of the table's proposals for General Conference in April. Developing principled Christian leaders was listed as one of the four areas of focus that were lifted up at the 2008 General Conference.

Superficially, one might think that the whole United Methodist Church was unified about developing leaders and that we were prepared to make great strides in the coming quadrennium. Perhaps we are unified in the belief that strong leaders are important—it's the means of developing strong leaders that we need to determine.

Perhaps not surprisingly, when we start trying to figure out how to measure our results, we find that we mean different things when we say "leadership."

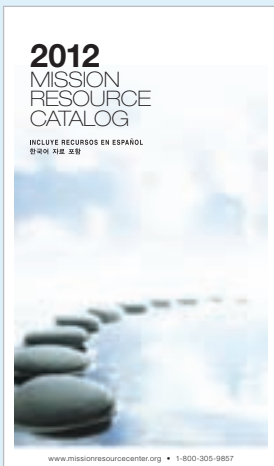
While the focus area is described very broadly, the Church has tended to concentrate its efforts on determining how to recruit and equip younger persons to be ordained ministers.

The Connectional Table study found a high correlation between vitality and congregations in which 25 percent or more of the members have exercised a leadership role in the past five years. In other words, the study showed that lay leadership is important in a strong church. Now the question is, is it the broad enlistment of members' gifts and talents that leads to vitality or do vital congregations create a climate in which laity want to lead? Is it both? (What came first: the chicken or the egg?)

For United Methodist Women, leadership is not only participating in or convening teams and committees—though many of us have learned a lot through that practice—but it is also learning to see our world and community as connected systems in which we participate and taking steps to make a difference when we see injustice or needs. Like the denomination and our congregations, we have "named" leadership roles. We also have unnamed roles of people who mentor and enlist other women into the work of living out our faith. And

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United Methodist Women Supports Pakistan Flood Recovery

by Ayra Inderyas

In July 2010 flash floods devastated all four provinces of Pakistan, resulting in untold misery and wreaking havoc on the downtrodden masses. Thousands of people were left dead and injured, and millions were rendered shelterless. Such was the fury of rains and floods that more than 20 million people were usurped from their dwellings. Fields of cultivated land, villages, small towns, cattle and other belongings were swept away. As of October 2010, Asian Development Bank and the World Bank placed the cost at \$9.7 billion against the damages to infrastructure, farms, homes and other direct and indirect losses.

In this scenario of natural disaster and calamity, Church of Pakistan Lahore Diocese launched a project on immediate basis for the relief of flood-affected people in South Punjab. Relief kits comprised of food items, clean water and daily kitchen necessities were made available for 1,500 families that could sustain a family of approximately six persons for 10 days.

Because of financial constraints, the Church of Pakistan Lahore Diocese could



Bishop Malik and his office staff pray before trucks carrying goods to flood-affected areas.

not expand its immediate relief efforts beyond 1,500 families. In such disasters, women are usually left behind in becoming beneficiaries of relief due to their restricted mobility and responsibility of taking care of children.

As the year went by, the Women's Desk of the Church of Pakistan Lahore Diocese decided to offer support to families in the form of dairy goats, small cash for work and sewing machines, with the purpose of giving them an opportunity for economic activity. Goat rearing is a common

profession of the villagers, and it provides an opportunity to earn sustenance and livelihood. Sewing machines were meant to target those with stitching skills to earn a living. Five thousand rupees were given to families in need of seeds and fertilizers for their small-scale farms. This idea was graciously supported by United Methodist Women, and a grant of \$15,000 was given to the Women's Desk to turn the concept into reality.

Pakistan is a grossly underdeveloped country. A considerable proportion of the coun-

try's 180 million people live below the poverty line. The people of Pakistan's South Punjab Province, one of the hardest hit areas, were left devoid of the bare minimum necessities of life, without health facilities, education or potable water, living in extremely unhygienic conditions in thatched mudhouses.

"Poverty knows no bounds" was the sentence I uttered when I visited two Christian villages in South Punjab in May 2011. Weak and frail people in tattered clothes were seen

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(left) Women's Desk staff issuing tokens. (right) Villagers gather at the convent school.



(top) Villagers gather at the convent school. (2nd) Women's Desk staff issuing tokens. (3rd) Administering need assessment through survey questions. (bottom) Mud house.

Photos by Anjeed Khan

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all around. I was pained to witness this. Then I noticed a cross hanging on the wall of a house, and the air around me was filled with hope.

The recovery provisions were delivered amid sweltering heat and humidity in July 2011. Nearby Catholic priests hosted Women's Desk team members at their residences and allowed members to use their convent school as venue for distribution. We issued advance tokens to beneficiaries to avoid disputes. Goats were given to 45 people, 25 young women received sewing machines, and 117 families were given cash.

One vibrant youth member of the Catholic Church named Laban was given the responsibility to monitor the impact of the recovery provisions. Laban recorded stories that explained how recovery support helped and brought positive effect to the affected. When I contacted Laban in November 2011, I was filled with enthusiastic satisfaction when he told me no one had sold their dairy goats and

were instead rearing them to reap the benefits. Laban also shared the story of Siraj Fazal, age 50, a farmer who received cash and used it to purchase fertilizer and pesticides. Because of this Mr. Fazal did not need to take out a high-interest loan, a step that keeps poor farmers in the cycle of debt. Rakhil James, age 35, received a sewing machine, and shared, "I stitch clothes and make money amounting to approximately Rs. 2,000 [equivalent to 22 U.S. dollars] a month." This sewing machine provides her an opportunity to contribute to her sustenance. And Clara Micheal, age 55, was given a dairy goat. She reared it and it has delivered a kid, which she will sell in the market. Goat milk provides much needed nutrition to her children.

Special thanks are accorded to United Methodist Women members for their generous financial support.

Ayra Inderyas is secretary of the Women's Desk of the Church of Pakistan Lahore Diocese working for women's rights and development.

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we have hundreds of women and men who are supported through scholarships and training and ongoing giving who offer leadership, from a school for nurses in the Philippines to a community center in Nashville, Tenn.

A friend of mine once owned a small business. When she sold the business, she decided she wanted to work for a nonprofit organization that addressed some of the community needs she had observed. She ended up working at a charter school and tutoring academy that had a large number of students receiving free and reduced price lunches—meaning their families were below or near the poverty line. The Roman Catholic sister who hired her commented, "You're Methodist—that's good. You women know how to get things done."

This sister recognized the leadership nurtured by The United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women. Now if we could just find ways to count it. ...

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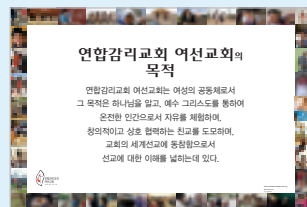
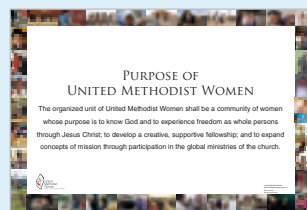
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Bethlehem Wiley United Methodist Women

by Diane Meadows

The Bethlehem Wiley United Methodist Women in Chattanooga, Tenn., held our Annual United Methodist Women Day on the fourth Sunday in October, the same Sunday on which it is held each year. This year we celebrated our theme "Faith • Hope • Love in Action," with a scripture focus on Matthew 28:1-10.

The United Methodist Women members oversaw the entire

service, and the order of worship was chosen from the United Methodist Women Program Book. We used the United Methodist Women PURPOSE for both the call to worship and litany, and the history of the United Methodist Women was printed in the bulletin and also read aloud. The litany was led by Mabel Scruggs, an active member of our United Methodist Women at age 102. Later in the service Ms. Scruggs was awarded a mission pin dur-

ing a Special Recognition Moment of Mission. Through an inspirational mime ministry, we also offered a memorial for our members who passed away in the past year.

After a song by the United Methodist Women members of the parish choir, Pastor Lois Ann Smith-Roberts gave the message and followed it up with a beautiful solo that brought the congregation to its feet. Later that evening we sponsored an instrumental

concert by our local Chattanooga Gospel Orchestra group, with Ms. Scruggs's son participating.

It was a beautiful, sunny, full day with everyone receiving a blessing and walking away with a little more information and appreciation of United Methodist Women.

Diane Meadows is president of the United Methodist Women at Bethlehem Wiley United Methodist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Milton United Methodist Women

by Marilyn Eyster

The Milton United Methodist Women in Milton, Wisc., featured our newest Wisconsin United Methodist Women mission, Hmong House of Good News, at our United Methodist Women Sunday 2011. Hmong House is a center in Milwaukee where Hmong seniors 55 and older living in the area can come together for a time of healthy fellowship and activities. It brings seniors from the isolation of their homes into contact with others from the Hmong community and into an environment providing support and help with living and functioning in a new culture.

Tabatha Yang, the director, agreed to come as our speaker. There are two Hmong churches in the Milwaukee area both with chartered, active United Methodist Women units. We invited the youth from the two churches with their United Methodist Women leaders to join us for the day. The New Hope Hmong United Methodist youth performed a traditional dance for the two services and Christway United Methodist youth acted out a powerful skit about temptation and resisting it. There were about 26 youth joining us in all. The dancers in their traditional native costumes joined our



(left) New Hope Hmong United Methodist Youth perform a traditional dance on United Methodist Women Sunday. (right) Donna Bane, president of Milton United Methodist Women, presents a special recognition pin to Betty Roberts for her ministry to senior citizens.

women in greeting and welcoming members of the congregation as they arrived for the church service.

Also joining us for the morning were four members of the board of directors for the mission. After they were introduced to the congregation, all United Methodist Women members present stood and joined in repeating the United Methodist Women PURPOSE. Our unit president presented two women in our congregation who have been faithful in local missions with special mission recognition pins. The liturgy for the morning was put together by two of our Milton United Methodist Women members. The chairperson of the board of directors read our scripture (Roman 12:4-13) and our United Methodist Women members were ushers and provided

and served refreshments for fellowship time between the two services.

Members of the board of directors had a display in the narthex about the Hmong House ministry and had some of the crafts made by the seniors for sale. They also took orders for an egg roll fundraiser they were holding the following Saturday in a neighboring community.

Our congregation was interested to learn more about this important ministry to Hmong seniors and contributed generously to a free will offering. They were highly impressed with the vitality and friendliness of all of the Hmong youth participating in the service. This characteristic was especially evident during our time of greeting at the beginning of the service.

After the second service

we invited all of our Hmong guests to join with the youth of our church for a pizza party before heading home to Milwaukee. A member of our church who is also a Milton emergency medical technician (EMT) had an emergency call early in the service so she borrowed the recording to watch at home. She told us that she enjoyed it so much that she watched it twice. The morning involved young and old, important ministry and times of fun and laughter, and our whole congregation was enthusiastic and talking about United Methodist Women's Sunday.

Marilyn Eyster is co-vice president of the United Methodist Women at Milton United Methodist Church in Milton, Wisc., and is the communications coordinator for Capital District in Wisconsin.

Sunday Celebrations

Lucien United Methodist Women

by Donna Kapka

The Lucien United Methodist Church in Lucien, Okla., had a special worship on Sunday November 20 in recognition of the work of the United Methodist Women. The Lucien United Methodist Women has two groups: one meeting in the afternoon and one night circle that meets several months a year. The groups' main fundraisers are a spring and fall bazaar and greeting card sales. The money is used for missions around the world and locally.

The United Methodist Women leaders led a portion of the worship that included a dedication of hymnals in honor of

longtime United Methodist Women members Helen Miller and Nadine Betchan. Following the dedication a special choir made up of women

of the church sang "I'll Follow Him." The Rev. Ruth Atterberry's sermon was from 2 Corinthians 9:6-15.

During the service, Wayne

and Martha Casteel were recognized for the many years of service as auctioneers at the bazaars since the early 1960s. They received a pocket cross as a token of our love and a gift certificate. A slide show of the Casteels was also shown.

Members of the congregation placed leaves on a Thanksgiving tree, expressing thanks to God for all their personal blessings, and following Sunday school a Thanksgiving dinner was held in the fellowship hall.



Photo by Donna Kapka

United Methodist Women members and friends offer a prayer for Wayne and Martha Casteel.

Donna Kapka is a member of the United Methodist Women at Lucien United Methodist Church in Lucien, Okla.

Whatcoat United Methodist Women

by Alfreda Fisher-Dean

On Sunday, November 20, 2011, the United Methodist Women of Whatcoat United Methodist Church in Dover, Del., celebrated United Methodist Women Sunday during the 11 a.m. service. The United Methodist Women members lead the processional wearing red carnations on black dresses or pantsuits. The processional hymn was "We've Come This Far by Faith."

The call to worship was in

memory of our deceased members who helped us to get to this milestone. United Methodist Women members were at the church door to greet worshipers and were on hand to pass out the bulletin. Our service included many of our members.

Ramona Anderson, our United Methodist Women Peninsula Delaware Conference president gave the morning prayer. The W. Anthony Powell Mass Choir, to which many of our members

belong, provided the morning's music. United Methodist Women member Gwendolyn Roberts offered a solo.

Althea Armstrong, a lay speaker and member of our unit, gave the message, sharing information about United Methodist Women and our local unit. A memorial service was held for two of our members who passed away this year.

This year for the first time we were able to give to one of our members the volun-

teer service pin. Ms. Anderson presented the pin to Carolyn Bernice Dean-Martin, who has been a very active member, always willing to help where she can. Ms. Dean-Martin is the youngest member of our unit and at the present is serving on the district level nomination committee. She is our van driver for our district meetings and does the Christmas shopping for our adopted family. She helps the ladies whenever they call on her.

Dover District President Denise Snyder and Dover District Vice President Valerie Reeves were in attendance. Our service closed with the congregation repeating the United Methodist Women PURPOSE as the benediction. It was both a meaningful and informative service for all who attended.



Photos by Alice and Rudell Potter

(left) Althea Armstrong was the speaker at United Methodist Women Sunday at Whatcoat United Methodist Church in Dover, Del. (center) Peninsula-Delaware United Methodist Women President Ramona Anderson presents a volunteer service pin to Carolyn Bernice Dean-Martin. (right) Alfreda Fisher-Dean lighting the candles in memory of deceased United Methodist Women members during Whatcoat United Methodist Church's United Methodist Women Sunday.

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Alfreda Fisher-Dean is the United Methodist Women president at Whatcoat United Methodist Church in Dover, Del.

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bring their projects home to complete and pray over privately. Finally, when the quilts are complete, they are taken to Sunday worship, where the entire congregation prays over them while tying prayer knots.

"It's almost like a tangible Holy Spirit," said Annah Hiers, St. John's director of youth ministries. "We have toddlers coming to the altar on Sundays to tie knots, and 90-year-olds. It's bringing together all ages and interests in globalization."

As of December, more than two dozen quilts have been given to those in need of prayer, including one for the church's day care. That quilt hangs just outside the day care door, where all who enter may stop, tie a knot and say a prayer.

Lisa Wilson, the church's day care director, said knowing people are praying for her day care kids through the quilt knots "just blesses me to my bones."

Ms. Henson said she's heard from the families of quilt recipients how much they have appreciated them. She said one man requested no flowers at his funeral, yet the family allowed the coffin to be draped in the quilt because it meant more to him than anything else in his last few months.

Another quilter, Sue Ansley, knew a woman who passed away with her quilt wrapped around her. "It made me feel warm inside to know we played a part in encouraging her," Ms. Ansley said.

Quilter Mary Bess Johnson agreed: "A lot of joy comes from doing something you know someone's going to hold and snuggle."

The Rev. John Mims, St. John's senior pastor, said the quilts can almost be compared to a laying-on of hands—it's a tangible expression of prayer reflecting the heartfelt love of the full church. "It's phenomenal—the entire congregation is involved," Mr.

Mims said. "It's not just the group of ladies; it's the spirit of the entire church as the quilt is blessed on the altar. They all come down, even the youth, to tie the knots. It's amazing. ... You put your hands on the quilt and you're just overwhelmed."

Ms. Hiers noted how scientific tests demonstrate the power of a soft touch and the power of prayer. She said the prayer quilts are a "channel of God's love and mercy—literally, through your hands, a conduit." Not only does it help the quilt recipients but also the quilters and those who add their prayers by tying knots.

On Sunday mornings, when the full congregation is invited to tie knots and pray over the quilts at the altar, Ms. Henson said the children are especially intrigued. "The children want to know, 'Now, who's that for?'" she said, pointing out the teaching opportunity the exercise creates.

Quilter Betty Hawkins said the ministry is "so rewarding" for her and her peers. "We get as much out of it as the people we give them to," Ms. Hawkins said.

After all, the quilters thoroughly enjoy one another's company, working as a team to glorify God, and they often spend extra time together bargain shopping for material. "We have a ball—it's lots of fun," Ms. Johnson said, hugging one of her fellow quilters as they prepare to piece together their latest project: a spring-themed pink and grass-green floral quilt.

At the end of the day, the quilters are all quick to point out that the quilt ministry has nothing to do with the quilt at all. It's all about the prayer, the love and the Christian touch of a church doing all it can to serve the Lord. It's about reaching out and showing the love of Jesus any way they can.

"Our mission concept is to spread the kingdom of God and to do that we've got to go outside the church," Ms. Mims said.



Photos by Jessica Connor

(top) Regina Henson ties a knot on a quilt for the aunt of Prayers and Squares quilter Pat Dixon. Ms. Dixon's aunt, who lives in upstate New York, is struggling through kidney and brain cancer, and her son-in-law recently committed suicide. "Every time she has chemo, she's just freezing, so this will really help her along with the prayers," Ms. Dixon said. (mid) Every quilt is crafted in prayer then prayed over by the entire congregation, who also tie prayer knots. "It's almost like a tangible Holy Spirit," said Annah Hiers, St. John's director of youth ministries. (bot) Margaret DeGroat (from left), Betty Hawkins, Mary Bess Johnson, Pat Dixon, Regina Henson and Sue Ansley work on their latest project: a spring-themed pink and grass-green floral quilt.

With nearly two dozen handcrafted quilts given in Christian love to date—and only a third of those to church members—they're on the right track.

Jessica Connor is the editor of the South Carolina United Methodist Advocate.

This article first appeared in the January 2012 edition of the South Carolina *United Methodist Advocate*, the newspaper of the South Carolina Annual Conference (www.advocatesc.org).

Ethel Harpst to Receive Georgia Women of Achievement Honor

by Tara Barnes

This March, United Methodist Women foremother Ethel Harpst will be honored by Georgia Women of Achievement for her work with women, children and youth.

In 1914 the Women's Home Missionary Society, a predecessor of United Methodist Women, established the McCarty Settlement House for children in Cedartown, Ga., assigning Ms. Harpst the position of superintendent. As a teacher at the school Ms. Harpst began taking in children whose parents had died of illness. Ten years later, recognizing the needs of the Cedartown community and the calling of Ms. Harpst, the Women's Home Missionary Society established the Ethel Harpst Home for Children in 1924 to provide basic care for orphans and children whose parents could no longer provide adequate care.

A woman with a mission, Ms. Harpst throughout the 1920s worked to raise funds for her home so it could continue to grow and to help even more children and youth. Through her efforts the campus ex-



Ethel Harpst circa 1948.

panded and hundreds of acres of land were dedicated to her cause.

Thanks to Ms. Harpst's work, the site is now home to the Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers, a national mission institution supported by United Methodist Women with three locations in northwest Georgia, its main campus still located in Cedartown.

Ms. Harpst shares the name of the center with a woman who had a similar mission, Sarah Murphy. In 1931, Ms. Murphy, a child of former slaves, founded the Sarah D. Murphy Home at the edge of the Cedartown community, one of the first institutions established in Georgia to care

for African-American children. Like Ms. Harpst, Ms. Murphy worked as a teacher and began taking in orphans, establishing her home as the Great Depression took hold of the country. When Ms. Murphy died in 1961, the then Woman's Division of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church took jurisdiction of the home. Ms. Murphy was honored by the Georgia Women of Achievement in 2004.

In 1984 the Sarah D. Murphy Home and Ethel Harpst Home merged at the request of The United Methodist Church to become the Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers, an independent, not-for-profit organization committed to serving the needs of children in its community. The mission of the centers is to provide a safe and nurturing environment where severely abused and neglected children can thrive and heal. You can learn more about the centers by visiting www.murphyharpst.org.

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Institution that relate to The United Methodist Church through the Women's Division, the national policymaking body of United Methodist Women. National mission institutions include community centers, women's residences, residential treatment centers, colleges and mission schools. Approximately two-thirds of the institutions are housed in Women's Division-owned property, while several are housed in property owned by conference United Methodist Women.

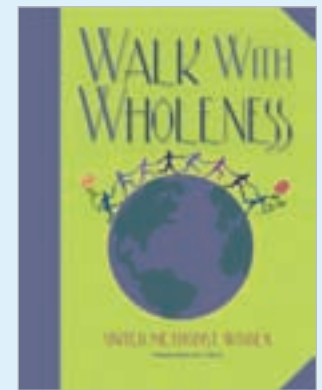
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That United Methodist Women works to ensure that the preservative Thimerosal, a mercury-containing organic compound, is not used in vaccines in the United States and worldwide? Studies have shown Thimerosal to be a neurotoxin, leading United Methodist Women to take a stand against its use. United Methodist Women supports the use and provision of vaccines and so works to ensure that vaccines are safe. At the 2008 General Conference of the United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women introduced a resolution calling on the church to work with national and international health officials and agencies to ensure mercury-free vaccinations for all. This resolution passed and is now a policy of The United Methodist Church. You can find this resolution (no. 3206), titled "Protecting Children From Mercury-containing Drugs," on pages 372-377 of *The Book of Resolutions of the United Methodist Church, 2008* (Nashville: The United Methodist Publishing House, 2008).

Planned Giving:

Faith, Hope, and Love in Action Into the Future

Our foremothers first organized for mission in the 1800s. They met to pray, to study about far-off places and to raise money to support the women they had recruited and sent. These women were faith, hope and love in action.

Today, more than 140 years later, we carry on the work they started. Thanks to financial planning, we can also ensure that ministries with women, children and youth will be supported long after we're gone. Making a planned gift is a powerful way to express our compassion and values. We, too, can be faith, hope and love in action.

A planned gift:

- Is the integration of our personal, financial and estate planning goals.
- Makes a charitable gift possible in circumstances that may not have otherwise been possible for us.
- Is being a good steward—giving more effectively, giving more without increasing the cost of the gift, and often giving a larger gift at a lower cost.

Contact Sandy Wilder (swilder@texas.net) with the Women's Division for information on making a planned gift. If you have already made such a gift, please let the Women's Division know so that you can be thanked appropriately.



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