

2014 Western North Carolina Association Church Women Report

In mid-September, 2013, our Fall Enrichment meeting was held at Piedmont Crossing in Thomasville, and was led by Addie Luther, our second Vice President. Our Keynote Speaker was Rev. Dora Atlas, who had just moved to Piedmont Crossing from Asheboro that week. The theme "An Abiding Hope" was the focus of her speech and I presented the program material. Cynthia Buckwell presented the scholarship award to the Nazareth Childrens Home recipient. Our offering was sent to the Southern Conference for Our Churches Wider Mission.

The UCC General Synod no longer recognizes women from each conference, and because of this, we decided to honor our Woman of the Year, Eugenia Holste, at our WNCA Annual meeting in October 2013. Brenda James did this for me at that meeting and presented Eugenia with a certificate and a corsage.

We had very good attendance of our Board and District Representatives at the March expanded Board of the Southern Conference Church Women held at the conference office in Burlington. I led the training session for District Representatives at this meeting.

Also, I attended meetings held by the Planning Committee for the Southern Conference Women's Summer Conference, led by Nora Norred.

The 108th Fun Fest by Nazareth Childrens Home in Rockwell was held on Saturday, June 7th. The WNCA Women had a tent and lots of goodies for sale that were donated by churches throughout the association. Sale proceeds were donated to Nazareth Childrens Home and to the Nazareth Childrens Home Scholarship Fund, which is supported by the WNCA Church Women. Any left items went to Nazareth Childrens Home Thrift Store in Salisbury.

The Southern Conference Women's Summer Conference was held Black Lake Retreat Center near Asheboro under the leadership of Rev. Callie Rogers Witte and Rev. Dorothy Lester. (Unfortunately, Dorothy could not attend due to the death of her husband.) This was the best attended gathering of Southern Conference church women in a number of years, which was a total attendance of 85.

It really was a rousing success!

In August, three of the four program districts held meetings. On September 20, our Fall Enrichment Meeting was held at Black Lake Retreat Center, with a new President elected, Addie Luther. Nora Norred was elected to replace Addie as Second Vice President.

Respectfully Submitted,

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