

# PrayerList for the Unity Women's Desk

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March 2017

As we enter the Season of Lent, may this be a time of renewed dedication to serving our Lord Jesus Christ who gave His life for us. May your prayer life be a time of experiencing the presence of the Lord in a new and personal way.

Remember to pray on March 1 for the world-wide Unity as we celebrate the anniversary of the beginning of our Unity in 1457. Churches have been asked to celebrate this anniversary on March 5 and to collect the Unity Offering to support the Unity Mission Conference which will be held November 15-20, 2017 in Capetown, South Africa.

Try to participate in a World Day of Prayer service in your community on March 3. This year the program will be brought by the women of the Philippines and is entitled, *Am I Being Unfair to You?*

Remember that **March 8 is International Women's Day**, which is celebrated internationally with a variety of activities. The UWD is sponsoring a celebration in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, along with Salem Academy and College, the oldest continuously operating women's school in the USA. Please pray for this event. If all goes well, we will share our planning process with others who may wish to hold similar events in the future.

Pray for women and girls who wish to pursue an education, but who are being denied access to such a basic need for all. Pray that through the efforts of the UWD, many more Moravian girls and women will have the resources needed to pursue an education.

Pray for women and children who are victims of human trafficking. Pray that the Lord will show us how to stop this dreadful practice and bring justice and safety to all of God's children. May the resolution passed at our 2016 Unity Synod find means to address this world-wide problem. Let each of us look out for the health and safety of those who may be at risk.

Pray for children everywhere. May we find ways to bring justice to all people so that our children may grow up in a more just world.

Several months ago we asked you to pray for volunteers to go to Nepal to help with the school there. Sisters Fran Huetter and Sarah Jennings have answered that call and are leaving for Nepal on February 28. Please pray for their safety as they travel and that the Lord will bless their efforts to help with this important ministry in Nepal. Thank you for your prayers that have been answered with their willingness to go and serve.

Pray for the Southern Province in America which will kick-off a year-long capital campaign on March 12 to raise funds to ensure the future of the Unity Women's Desk. Each Province has been asked to find ways to support the work of the UWD. The Southern Province has chosen to hold this Province-wide campaign with the theme: "Standing with Our Sisters: Empowering Moravian Women around the World."

Pray for the delegates who will be traveling from different places throughout Nicaragua for a women's conference this month. Also pray for Sister Tania Fonseca who will travel from Cuba

to Nicaragua for the conference on March 20, as well as members of the Morava de Paiva Congress of Costa Rica and Honduras. May the Lord bless these women as they meet together to praise our Lord and to find new ways to serve Him.

A retreat, "Vocations for Everyone," (based on passages from Romans) will be held in the Southern Province of America. The dates are Friday, April 28 - Sunday, April 30, 2017. The retreat facilitator will be the Rev. Carol Foltz, and the retreat will be held at Laurel Ridge Moravian Conference Center-Higgins Lodge, 124 Pendry Dr, Laurel Springs, NC 28644 For Information about the retreat please contact: The Provincial Women's Board 500 S. Church St, Winston-Salem, NC 27101 336-722-4911 [pwbmcsp@gmail.com](mailto:pwbmcsp@gmail.com)

Give thanks and praise for the many churches who have assembled Birthing Kits, Layette's of Love, and Healthcare Kits to send to Honduras and Tanzania. Although we have experienced some problems with shipping kits to Tanzania, hundreds of kits have already reached their destinations and others are being sent. We have heard that they are a blessing to those who have received them to assist with the birthing process and to clothe newborns.

Pray for women who have heard the call to ordained ministry and have answered the Lord with all their hearts, despite the obstacles that have been placed in their way. May the Lord assure them that the way will be opened in the Lord's time.

Pray for the Advisory Board as they review the policies and procedures that have been followed through the first six years of the UWD and as they determine whether any of these policies need to be revised. Give thanks and praise that as the ministry and resources of the UWD have grown that we are able to increase our grants given as scholarships and projects and as we are better able to grant loans so that more women can start new businesses.

Pray for our Provincial Coordinators and Sub-Desk Coordinators as they work to improve their relationships with the local women's organizations and Provincial boards in each Province. May the relationships between the UWD and the local women's organizations improve the lives of the women in each Province. In doing so, we will improve the lives of women and their families that they may enjoy the abundant living which the Lord desires for each of us.

Pray that those of us who are fortunate in material things may be willing to share them with our sisters who are not so blessed. Pray that our sisters who are rich in spirit may share those blessings with those who do not know the joy of serving God with their whole hearts. May we work together to share whatever blessings the Lord has bestowed on us with our sisters and brothers around the world.

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