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## *Back to School Edition*

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There are two beginning cycles in a year. One in January and the other with the beginning of a new school year. Each of these times gives us an opportunity to turn a page in our lives, reflect, start over again; rather, **in a better and improved way.**

With the challenges in our current lives of economic impacts, loss of jobs, loss of loved ones, loss of hope; we, **UMW**, need to hold onto our faith, love & respect of humanity and ourselves as we build and move forward serving as examples and disciples of Christ.

Don't let the turn of times pull you down in becoming negative or cause an unacceptable ripple effect. Remember our purpose and become proactive. Most importantly, we are the models for our youth and children.

**Little eyes and little ears are sponges.**

**What are some ways you can become a better example today?**

Let the light of Christ shine through you so others can see and feel your positive attitude.

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**Nominations Committee—Jesusita Ponce**

The UMW Conference Committee on Nominations has worked hard to select the **Slate of Nominees**. These individuals will be voted upon at the Annual UMW Meeting in Dallas, Texas, at the Wyndam Hotel, Sept 30-Oct 2, 2011. Let us all be **UNITED IN PRAYER** for these women as they have made a commitment to His calling. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chair on CON.

**President-** Raquel Mariscal

**Secretary-** Grace Perez

**Education & Interpretation-**Leticia Ortegon

**Membership Coor-**Alicia F Garcia

**Secretary of Program Resource—**Bessaida Villalva

**Nominations committee member (2015)** Esther Torres

**6 Jurisdiction Delegates:** Raquel Mariscal, Helen Escamilla, Lucy Burciaga, Sylvia Flores, Bessaida Villalva, Bertha Castaneda

**UMW Division and Directors Nominees:** Mary Helen Gracia, Alicia F Garcia, Hope Garza,



**Prayer Concerns**----For **Marisa Barrera**, wife of Rev Rudolfo Barrera (retired). She underwent surgery on August 4, 2011, for a cancerous tumor in her kidney. She is at St Luke Hospital in San Antonio, TX. Let us all pray and ask The Great Physician to guide the healing of our loved and admired UMW. Well wishes can be sent to: **Marisa Barrera, 3810 Ridgeline Dr, San Antonio, TX 78228-2030.**

----**Rosa Marina Barton**, wife of Rev Roy Barton (retired). Rev Barton was placed on Hospice on July 25, 2011. The couple, members of Agape Memorial UMC—Dallas, have been residence of **Avalon Alzheimer's Care Home, 3400 North Country Club Rd, Irving, TX 75062.** Keep the Barton family, **especially Marty**, in prayer for continued strength.

**Condolences to:**

---**Lucy & Al Burciaga** (El Paso, Texas): Lucy's sister in law (Al's older sister), **Estella Ibarra** passed away on July 29, 2011. **Estella** had been a long time active **UMW** as a member of Emmanuel UMC in Paso. She was 97 years old. We salute her life in mission and extend *un abrazo de cariño* of Christian support to the Burciaga family at this time of loss. We love you Lucy! **Al & Lucy Burciaga, 2810 Mountain Ave, El Paso, Texas 79930**

---**Jeannie & Sam Moreno & Juanita & Juan Trillo** (Dallas, Texas): These UMW sisters loss their older sister **Pauline Cervantes** last week before the School of Christian Missions. **Pauline** had been a life time member of Agape Memorial UMC and an active **UMW** always with a smile on her face and a giving heart. We embrace the loving memories of support she impacted upon the lives and families she touched. Pauline was 85 years old. We share in your loss with heartfelt sympathy and comfort. **Sam & Jeanie Moreno, 319 Andre Dr Irving, TX 75063 and Juan & Juanita Trillo, 143 W Ireland Dr, Irving, TX 75062**

----**Cata Hernandez** (Dallas, TX), wife of **Gilbert A Hernandez** who passed away on Aug 5, 2011. Gilbert was an active member and key leader of Agape Memorial UMC and representative of the Rio Grande Conference in numerous capacities. We greatly share with the Hernandez family in their loss of this profound Disciple of Christ who served his Lord, church, family and others well. **Cata Hernandez, 3535 Ingleside, Dallas, TX 75229-6038**

**ACCOLADES!!!**

**Congratulations!!**

**Bravo!**

\*\*\*On September 1, 2011, **Lucy Burciaga**, will become the President of the **Church Women United** of the state of Texas. She is the first person from the Rio Grande Conference to hold this position and the first Hispanic in the state. We share in this honor.

\*\*\* Rev **Cristian De La Rosa** has been appointed as an associate professor at Boston University School of Theology. We rejoice in this accomplishment.

\*\*\*To the **Northwest district women** who pitched in with the set up of the literature room at the School of Christian Missions and for the lovely reception on Fiesta night.

**Upcoming Rio Grande UMW Events**

**Annual UMW Meeting**

**Sept 30-Oct 2, 2011**

**Dallas, Texas**

**"All Things Made New:  
Forgiveness and Reconciliation"**

**Wyndham Hotel  
(214) 357-8500**

**District Annual Meetings**

**Central**-----Nov 5, 2011

Dallas—Agape Memorial UMC

**Sur**-----Nov 5, 2011

Edinburg—El Buen Pastor UMC

**Northwest**—Nov 5, 2011

El Paso—Wesley UMC