

Greenwood District UMW

Social Action Event

Saturday, February 17, 2018 – Moore Memorial UMC
201 Magnolia Street, Winona, MS 38967

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. in Educational Building with Continental Breakfast
Event ends no later than 1:30 following lunch

Registration fee is \$10. Five dollars of this amount will go to our mission project

I Challenge You at Revels UMC in Greenville

This event is open to United Methodist Women, Clergy, and UM men and women who are interested in the issues of Maternal and Child Health & the Criminalization of Communities of Color in the U. S.

Leading the session on **Criminalization of Communities of Color in the U. S.** is **Ms. Zakiya Summers** who is the Director of Communications and Advocacy for the American Civil Liberties Union of Mississippi. Prior to ACLU, she served as Events and Communications Director for One Voice, a policy advocacy organization that works for the benefit of marginalized populations in partnership with the Mississippi NAACP.



A resolution from United Methodist Women that was presented to the last General Conference states, "There is an increase in mass incarceration in the US that disproportionately impacts people of color due to institutionalized racism; racial profiling; and mandatory sentencing. Now, US immigration enforcement policies are replicating this model, increasing the mass detention of migrants of color. The United Methodist Church needs to actively work to dismantle current policies that depict whole groups of people as criminals and respond with profiling and mass incarceration."

Leading the session on **Maternal and Child Health** is **Ms. Barbara Rose Brooks** who currently serves as Project Development Director for Tougaloo College where she works with Delta Health Partners Healthy Start Initiative, a Maternal Child Health Outreach Project. Delta Health Partners began working to reduce infant mortality among high-risk and underserved residents of the Mississippi Delta in 1999. TC/DHP targets seven delta area counties that are some of the most disadvantaged areas in the country – Bolivar, Coahoma, Quitman, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tunica and Washington. Residents face the daily challenges associated with abject poverty, chronic unemployment, limited educational opportunities, and extreme rural living. They also face a health care infrastructure weakened by increasing demand, rising costs, and diminishing resources.



Barbara currently serves as Alderwoman for the City of Leland. In June, 2005, she was elected as the first female and the first African American Mayor of Leland.



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