



# Mary and Martha Mail Circle

United Methodist Women  
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Sunday, February 7, 2016, the Super Bowl will take place at Levi's® Stadium in Santa Clara, California. And like any big sporting event, a game like this intensifies the space where human trafficking can occur.

That's why United Methodist Women has asked members to join the Intercept the Traffickers photo campaign and open your umbrellas to raise awareness of human trafficking. Thousands will travel to the San Francisco Bay Area to take part in Super Bowl festivities. Among the travelers will be those arriving by force, fraud, or coercion—they will not be there of their own free will but as victims of human trafficking.

Super Bowl ranks second only to Thanksgiving as the day on which Americans consume the most food, and some of those who are trafficked will be serving food in restaurants or at catered parties related to the Super Bowl. Others will clean hotel rooms, wash dishes, tidy nail salons, deliver dry cleaning, or wash windows. Some will be trafficked as sex workers for escort services or in "gentlemen's" clubs.

### We CAN be involved.

Since we do not meet in order to make a group photo like those on [Flickr](#), we've been exploring how we can be involved in the Intercept the Traffickers Campaign. It has been proposed that we can use the "DEFENSE against tears of human trafficking" image as our Facebook profile image from now through February 7, 2016. Wouldn't it be wonderful if others copied our idea and share it on Facebook and other places? We can make an impact on many, many, friends and relative and even strangers who may not have given a thought or prayer to this particular sin.



We can pray for the victims. We can also pray for the sinners to be convicted against their sin and turned to a Christ like way of life, keeping women

and girls safe and uplifted.

We can share the facts and figures from United Methodist Women [website](#) at every opportunity.

### What is an "umbrella" defense?

It is named after the football defensive play created by New York Giants coach, Steve Owen. The innovative formation (it was 1950) enabled the Giants to shut out the then-formidable Cleveland Browns.



Yellow dots in the graphic represent players in umbrella defense formation.

As writer, Cedah Mayo wrote in her poem Umbrella Protection:

*Many lives before I have been beaten down  
My spark crushed by the cruelty of mankind  
My trust broken by selfish hearts  
I dream of when I shall return to the land of dreams  
Until then I must build my arms stronger  
To hold my umbrella for longer  
To protect my human me from the negativity that I face  
From the human race.*

Under an Umbrella, we are shielded the storm and protected from the heat.

- Our Umbrella Defense will shield trafficked women and girls from the glare of insensitive bystanders;
- Our Umbrella Defense will show that we care and encourage survivors to hold on a little longer;
- Our Umbrella Defense will form colorful ribbons of hope—hope for more beds, more money and more prosecutions;
- Our Umbrella Defense will be a sign of Recovering Grace

Let's name human trafficking as the crime that it is. Let us commit ourselves to ACTS of prevention and protection so that those who are victimized can move from trauma to thriving. Behind your

**Selections From the Prayer Calendar**  
+ *Mary and Martha Birthdays*

- FEB 1 Church of Pakistan Lahore Diocese Women  
 FEB 2 Wilma Fran Lynch.  
 FEB 3 Judy Poole  
 FEB 4 Jeremias Alfiado Franca  
 FEB 5 Betty Tshala  
 FEB 6 Bidwell Riverside Center, Des Moines, Iowa.  
 FEB 7 Sonia Cruz  
 FEB 8 Idelia Ulmer  
 FEB 9 Carol Partridge  
 FEB 10 Maria Maine  
 FEB 11 Rukang Chikomb  
 FEB 12 Enock Gustave  
 FEB 13 Ut Van To  
 FEB 14 Florence Ogugua Mefor  
 FEB 15 Philippines: Kapatiran-Kaunlaran Foundation  
 FEB 16 Erin Hancock  
 FEB 17 Delbert Groves  
 FEB 18 India: Empowering women and young girls  
 FEB 19 Gary Locklear  
 FEB 20 Jae Hyoung Choi  
 FEB 21 Alina Saucedo  
 FEB 22 Daniel Godwin  
 FEB 23 Carol Bruder  
 FEB 24 Gertrude Dailey  
 FEB 25 Tara Vinson  
 FEB 26 Sierra Leone: Providing primary healthcare  
 FEB 27 Mary Escobar  
 FEB 28 Karen Caldwell  
 FEB 29 Philippines: United Methodist Youth Fellowship

*Needed - A Mail Circle member with a FEB birthday!*



Christ United Methodist Women Yearbook 2016, beautifully prepared by Susan McRae, CUMW Communications Coordinator, is now available. It can be sent to you as a PDF. Let us know when you are ready to receive it and we'll e-mail it to you. It is so convenient to have all this information at your fingertips on your computer. Thanks, Susan.

**Happy Birthday February 21!**  
to  
**Alina Saucedo**

Alina Saucedo is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving as advisor on institutional and community development of the Women and Community Association of San Francisco Libre, Nicaragua.



The 19-year-old San Francisco Libre ministry prepares women and youth leaders to transform their lives and those of their families and communities. Emphases are on human rights, gender and age equality, health, economic independence, and overall education. It provides a women's clinic and sponsors at Youth Network Against Violence. It maintains a pharmacy and a copy center that produce limited income. The association is also working to develop similar programs in other remote areas of Nicaragua.

Alina was formerly the Global Ministries mission finance auditor for Central America and parts of South America and the Caribbean, based in Costa Rica. Still earlier, she worked in mission finance in Bolivia, after having been commissioned in 2007.

A native of Bolivia, Alina comes from a family that has served the Methodist Evangelical Church in Bolivia for more than 40 years. Both of her parents, the Rev. Blanca Paucara and the Rev. Felipe Saucedo, are pastors. Her home congregation is the Messiah Evangelical Methodist Church.

Alina earned a license in financial auditing from the University of San Andrés, La Paz, and became a teacher of socially disadvantaged youth and children. She then attended the Bolivian Catholic University, also in La Paz, where she studied business administration and social psychology. She completed her academic work in 2006.

She has broad experience in the church and social organizations, where she has worked particularly in the area of leadership development with young people and women, and been involved in vocational training on a community level.

**"Family, places, spaces, and people are the living expression of the presence of God in my life,"** she says.

Alina and her husband Michael Keyse were married in July 2009.

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umbrella chart a strategy to pass laws that prosecute the traffickers, not the victimized. Let our umbrella line of defense bear witness to the strength of survivors and to our partnership in their journey to wholeness.

United Methodist Women members are called to listen to the mandate of our faith to help the vulnerable. The 800,000 members of United Methodist Women can open umbrellas that shut down the traffickers and embrace survivors. What a powerful statement of our ongoing work to say we can form the line of defense to intercept human trafficking, wherever it exists in the world! In your church, the store, at work, and on Facebook as we make the umbrella our profile image we can share United Methodist Women links on all social media: [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) Use **#UMWumbrellas** wherever you share.



### Service Projects Beginning anew in this New Year 2016

Your involvement in service projects will be published here as you report them to us.

This publication is the monthly virtual meeting of the Mary & Martha Mail Circle, United Methodist Women at Christ United Methodist Church, Mobile, Alabama. Our Circle is just like each of the other Circles of Christ UMW with the exception that we do not have monthly meetings other than by this "virtual" program, devotion, prayer calendar/concerns, and Response moments. We make annual pledges to mission and participate in the projects of CUMW in all ways possible. We attend General Meetings as we are able. We constantly keep each other and each woman of UMW in our prayers.

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### Member Involvement Beginning anew in this New Year 2016

Your involvement will be published here as you accept responsibility

- Weekly Prayer Focus - Norma Spiller
- Members Cards - Patsy Adams
- Missionary Cards- Melissa Motes
- Circle Coordinator - Vera Moore
- Reception April 24 - Faye Sellers

#### Openings:

- Prepare Bible study for the monthly virtual meeting.
- Prepare mission stories for the virtual meeting.
- Prepare reports from mission projects.
- Attend General CUMW meetings.
- Prepare reports from General CUMW meetings.
- Prepare a special program for the virtual meeting.
- Provide items of interest for virtual meeting.
- Report your work with a local service project.
- Prepare items for Annual CUMW Bake Sale.
- Work at the Bake Sale tables.
- Prepare soup for the Annual UMW Soup Sale.
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- Prepare items for UMCOR kits.
- Prepare items for Safe Haven.
- Serve at Safe Haven events.
- Send greeting cards to sick Mail Circle members.
- Attend CUMW Mission Study.
- Write a report of a mission study.
- Attend Mobile District Annual Day.
- Attend Mobile District Spiritual Enrichment Day.
- Maintain a Mail Circle page or group on Facebook.
- Maintain Mail Circle items on Pinterest.
- Follow [unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org).
- Follow [UMCMission.org](http://UMCMission.org)
- Follow [twitter.com/UMWWomen](http://twitter.com/UMWWomen)
- Follow United Methodist Women on Facebook.
- Follow [www.youtube.com/user/UMWWomen](http://www.youtube.com/user/UMWWomen)
- Follow [www.flickr.com/photos/UMWWomen](http://www.flickr.com/photos/UMWWomen)
- Follow [www.pinterest.com/umwomen/](http://www.pinterest.com/umwomen/)
- Follow [www.awf-umw.org/](http://www.awf-umw.org/)
- Follow [www.awf-umw.org/mobile.html](http://www.awf-umw.org/mobile.html)
- Share Mail Circle items on Facebook.
- Write about Mail Circle on your Facebook page.
- Write about Mail Circle on your Twitter account.
- Send cards and notes to missionaries.
- Visit CSports and let them know you are praying.
- Visit other CUMW Circle meetings.
- Other
- Other

**Where shall we add your name?**



**CUMW BAKE SALE – March 20, 2016**  
**Courtyard Porch and Christ Center**  
**Sale Time 8:00 – 12:00 Noon**

**Suggested Bake Sale Guide**

4 – 5 cookies in sandwich bag	\$ 2.00
1 large cookie single wrap	\$ .50
2 large brownies wrapped	\$ 1.00
½ Bundt cake wrapped	\$ 8.00
1 whole cake wrapped	\$15.00 – \$20.00
1 pie or tart with single crust	\$10.00
1 pie with double crust	\$12.00
1 loaf cake	\$ 8.00
1 frosted cake	\$15.00 – \$20.00
1 loaf bread-banana, strawberry, etc.	\$ 8.00
1 cupcake	\$ 1.00
½ dozen cupcakes	\$ 4.00
1 dozen cupcakes	\$ 8.00

Please wrap, price and bring items as early as possible to the Courtyard or Christ Center on Sunday, March 20, 2016. We can sell more baked goods, if we have them. We can sell all you can bring!! Each circle will receive a share of the profits from the sale. Your contributions will make it a success!!!!

Thanks,  
 Jean King

Workers needed at the sales tables. Let Jean know your best time.

**Responsively Yours**

Adapted from [Action Alert February 2015](#)

Human Trafficking remains one of the most dangerous epidemics plaguing our nation's youth today. In the United States there are an estimated 293,000 children at risk of being exploited and trafficked for sex. Most are young girls between the ages of 12 and 14. The federal government defines human trafficking as: "sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age"; or "the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery." The overwhelming practice used in law enforcement today is to arrest anyone suspected of being involved in prostitution, regardless of age. Recently the policy of arresting juvenile sex work offenders has come under fire. This tactic has been criticized by many as too punitive a measure to be taken against juveniles, especially since most of those arrested were coerced into the illicit trade. Below is the story of a young girl called Tami who like so many young women was forced into sex trafficking:

A pimp kidnapped Tami on her way home from school in Los Angeles. He held her captive for six months, raping, beating and starving her. At night, he sold Tami for sex with other men. Tami tried to escape by telling every john who purchased her that she was only a kid. For months, Tami pleaded with her buyers: "I'm only 15. Can you please take me to a police station?" But none did. When she finally encountered police officers, they did not rescue her; they arrested her.

Hopefully, with the help of advocates for the victims of human trafficking, more states and localities will begin to adopt the new laws and policies like Safe Harbor and companies will endorse and sign onto programs like LA's First Step diversion program and New York's Human Trafficking Intervention Court are effective models that can be replicated in other localities and districts. With your help we can defeat the scourge of human trafficking in the 21st century, because all victims of human trafficking deserve to have their rights protected and be given the opportunity to live a life free from exploitation.

Get involved in Alabama:

**Alabama Human Trafficking Summit**

Sponsored by

**Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force**

Friday, February 5, 2016 - 9 AM to 4:45 PM

Embassy Suites Montgomery

300 Tallapoosa St. Montgomery AL 36014

Registration deadline: February 1, 2016.

Join us to **STOP** human trafficking in Alabama!

<http://www.enditalabama.org/>