

## Carol Van Gorp



Carol Van Gorp is an Executive Secretary of International Ministries at the United Methodist Women National Office, since 2007. The work of International Ministries for United Methodist Women is all about relationships with mission partner organizations and networks around the world. Carol's work involves developing and maintaining international relationships in advocacy, missionary programming, grant funding, resource sharing, leadership training and UMW member interaction with partner organizations. Carol says, "The most meaningful aspect of living out this work with United Methodist Women is to learn firsthand how the organization's vision and giving directly impacts so many lives around the world just as much today as it has done for nearly 150 years. The stories and reports we receive relate to us that the UMW commitment to women, children and youth remains relevant and important."

Carol is a graduate of Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia, with a major in Psychology and Recreational Therapy. Prior to her current position, she worked with UMCOR and Mission Volunteers to connect members of the United Methodist Church with beneficiaries and partners of the UMCOR field programs through the United Methodist Volunteer in Mission program. Carol also provided programmatic support for the Regional Missionary Initiative of the International Ministries Committee of the former Women's Division and the General Board of Global Ministries.

Prior to professional work with the United Methodist Church, she served the elderly residents of the former Moses Ludington Nursing Home in Ticonderoga, New York, as Activities Director for 15 years and brought dignity, new memories and the local community to all living and working in the home.

Carol lives near her family in Schroon Lake, NY, deep in the Adirondack Mountains.