



Blue Ridge District Newsletter

United Methodist Women

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

See pages 12-13 for important information regarding rescheduling of Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska

BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT

2018 UNIT OFFICERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING

For New AND Returning Unit Officers

*Celebrating Leadership and Learning
in United Methodist Women*



Snow Hill United Methodist Church - Morganton

November 3, 2018

9:30 Registration, 10:00 Classes

This event is not just for unit officers, but for every UMW member. Come and learn new ideas!

Love Offering: Western North Carolina Conference Disaster Response

Hands-on Mission Project: Hygiene Kits (see page 16)
(If child care is needed, please contact Gwen Harris at gwenaharris68@gmail.com)

Directions: I-40 East towards Morganton from Asheville: Take exit 94 for Dysartsville Rd. Turn left onto Dysartsville Rd. Turn left onto US-70 W. Turn right onto Snowhill Church Rd. Your destination will be on your right. **I-26 from Hendersonville:** Take 1-26 to I-40 East and follow directions above.

**Attending the leadership training fulfills criteria #20 of Mission Today Unit!!
(See pages 17-18)**



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2018 NURTURING PARTNERS (SHEPHERDESSES)

Your Nurturing Partner is a personalized connection between your district leaders and your unit. Please call your Nurturing Partner during the year if you have any questions or needs. She will be notifying you to remind you about special events throughout the year. Your Nurturing Partner would like to come visit your unit and would appreciate an invitation. Our goal is to visit every unit throughout the district during the year

PLEASE ASK YOUR NURTURING PARTNER TO VISIT YOUR UNIT!

Nurturing Partner	Church	Nurturing Partner	Church
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A Message from Your President

It just seems like I asked you how your summer was going and here it is fall. We have some important date changes due to Hurricane Florence. Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska has been rescheduled to October 12, 13 and 14. If you have already registered and reserved your room, this stays the same. Leadership Development Day (District Officers) is now October 20 at First United Methodist Church in Morganton. Ubuntu Day of Service is totally cancelled. The District Leadership Day is November 3 at Snow Hill United Methodist Church in Morganton. This is a chance to hear new ideas, share ideas you have particularly in the area of increasing membership. Unit presidents will be given year end report forms. We hope to see each UMW Unit represented. The Prayer Breakfast for 2019 is scheduled March 23 at Central United Methodist Church in Asheville. The Mission Study is scheduled May 4 - site to be announced. A complete Conference calendar of dates/events is listed on the back page of the newsletter. The District calendar will be finalized at the September meeting and sent to all UMW presidents.

It is still not too late to invite your Nurturing Partner for a visit or to share a program.

Contributing to the Legacy Fund is ongoing. Remember, when you give to the Legacy Fund, you are giving to an endowment that will keep on giving well into the future.

Thank you for the wonderful support you have given the District this year. Most of all for the tremendous difference you make in your many missions outreach in the lives of so many women, children and youth. YOU are amazing United Methodist Women. God bless you.

Fran Jordan, *Blue Ridge District President*

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”
–Mahatma Ghandi

Vice President



Our 2018 Unit Officers Leadership Training will take place on November 3, 2018, at Snow Hill UMC-Morganton with registration beginning at 9:30. Everyone is invited to come, but local unit officers ***need*** to attend so that they can be up to speed on their responsibilities as unit officers. They also need to be there to receive District and Conference resources and materials that will be helpful.

This year's Love Offering will go to Western North Carolina Conference Disaster Response, and the Hands-on Project will be hygiene kits. As I write this article, Hurricane Florence's damaging winds and record rainfall are pounding our coast and moving inland. People all over the state will need our help.

For those who have not attended before, leadership training brings together all women holding the same office throughout the district for a session that is conducted by the person who holds their particular office at the District level. The District officer acts as the facilitator. She shares information and materials, and everybody is free to ask questions or share ideas.

All leaders need the most current information to be effective. That information will be available at the 2018 Unit Officers Leadership Training!

Gwen Harris, *Blue Ridge District Vice President*

Treasurer



It seems almost impossible, but our 2018 UMW year is almost over. We had a great time at our Annual Celebration at Abernethy. I urge each unit to continue your celebration of your UMW year. The giving of each unit is important as we move toward reaching our \$82,000 Pledge to Mission.

Our total amount sent to Conference Treasurer through third-quarter of the year is ***\$60,462.54***. Undesignated giving totaled ***\$45,357.98***, which is applied to our 2018 pledge to mission of \$82,000. As you can see, we have some catching up to do. I know we can make our goal. Let's close out 2018 with a bang. Remember that UMW fiscal year ends December 1st. Your Unit Treasurer will be sending all reports and monies to me by that date.

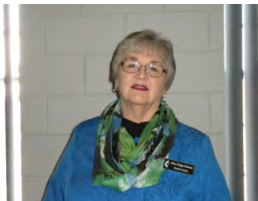
Fourth quarter is historically our largest quarter in undesignated giving. As all units seek to complete the five channels of undesignated giving, world thank offering, and walk for mission. Be in prayer that the Blue Ridge District again exceeds our yearly Pledge to Mission. Encourage your unit to meet and exceed their Pledge again this year.

I encourage you to invite your District Nurturing Partner or a Conference Officer to your Unit meeting. Communication is extremely important in everything we do. Sharing information and experiences about missions supported by United Methodist Women keeps all of us focused on our goals. We can learn so much from each other.

Many of our units may be small in the number of members, but we are all big in heart and in working for United Methodist Women. I am very proud to be serving you as District Treasurer. It is a pleasure to meet many of you at District and Conference events.

Carol Bryson, *Blue Ridge District Treasurer*

Spiritual Growth



Welcome fall! For many of us, we are moving into a very busy time in our churches and United Methodist Women.

What a wonderful year for our Blue Ridge District. We have been blessed with many opportunities to gather in prayer, study, celebration, and fellowship with our fellow United Methodist Women.

Plans are already being made for the 2019 year. We will begin our year with our **Prayer Breakfast** to be held on **Saturday, March 23**, at Central United Methodist Church in Asheville. Put this on your calendar **NOW**. This is an important change to our 2019 calendar. What is so special about **March 23** that we wanted to change the date of our Prayer Breakfast? This is the exact date 150 years ago when our women began to organize for mission. Be sure to join us as we celebrate this milestone in style!

Please read your newsletters and take advantage of all the opportunities you will have in 2019 to be an active participant in the work of the United Methodist Women. Blessings for a great fall and winter season.

Lucy Earls, *Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth*

Education and Interpretation

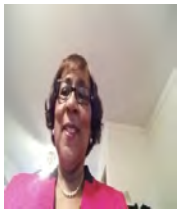
A big “Thank You” to all who brought hands-on-projects to the District Annual Meeting. We received 23 shoe boxes for Armenia children, 10 UMCOR school kits, and 2 hygiene kits. These kits will be added to others from across the conference at the annual celebration rescheduled for October 12-14. Hope to see you there. Also, a reminder of our District Leadership Development Day, November 3, at Snow Hill UMC in Morganton, NC. Hands-on-project will be hygiene kits.

Is your unit a “Mission Today Unit?” in 2017 only 40% of Blue Ridge units participated. As you make plans for 2019, please consider becoming a “Mission Today” unit. (See pages 17-18)

I am happy to report that Steve Taylor, Home Missioner, will lead our Mission Study, “What About our Money” on May 4, 2019 (place to be determined). Please put the date on your calendar. As I write this article, hurricane Florence is hitting the North Carolina coast. In speaking with Steve, who is located in Lumberton, I found that one of his responsibilities is disaster relief. I could hear worry in his voice as we talked. He told me of some of the towns that already had over 10 feet of water, including New Bern, where there was a flooding emergency. He said many of the houses in the area were not built on pylons and more that 30” of rain was predicted in the coming hours and days. Please join me in ongoing prayer for Steve and all who are affected by this disaster.

Jeanette Byrd, Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation

Membership Nurture and Outreach



Hello UMW Sisters. Summer is gone! Fall is here and winter is not far behind. I pray each of you and your Local Unit have enjoyed a blessed, busy and productive year in service to God and our UMW purpose.

Prayerfully, your Nurturing Partner has visited or scheduled a visit to your Local Unit. Units please make known your needs and concerns. Invite Nurturing Partners or any member of the Executive Team to do a program or attend a program or event you are sponsoring. Remember, we want to be a part of every Unit. We are all connected in service and in our commitment to United Methodist Women.

Our Leadership Training for local officers and anyone interested in attending is Saturday, November 3rd at Snow Hill United Methodist Church in Morganton. Mark your calendar. Hope to see you there.

Thank you for all you do. May God bless us one and all.

Connie Martin, Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach

Social Action

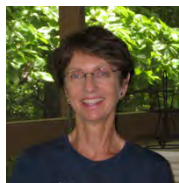


DID YOU KNOW?

If just 10% of United Methodist Women members (80000 women) used a reusable water bottle for 365 days rather than buying water in a bottle, we would save at least enough energy to power an average household for 552 years! Just Be Green! Go to unitedmethodistwomen.org and learn about sustainability.

Kathy Kennedy, Blue Ridge District Mission Coordinator for Social Action

Communications Coordinator



As we head to the end of 2018 and into a new season, I will share one quote from my daily calendar.

“For everything there is its own season,
A time appointed for everything under the heavens.
All, all things work together for good:
We accept all and rejoice.”

Adapted from the Hebrew Scriptures

As usual if you would like the Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women to know what your unit is doing to help women, children, and youth, please send me your information via email if possible. The deadlines for submitting articles:

January 15, 2019 (Newsletter emailed or mailed first week of February)

March 15, 2019 (Newsletter emailed or mailed first week of April)

June 15, 2019 (Newsletter emailed or mailed first week of July)

Sept. 15, 2018 (Newsletter mailed first week of October)

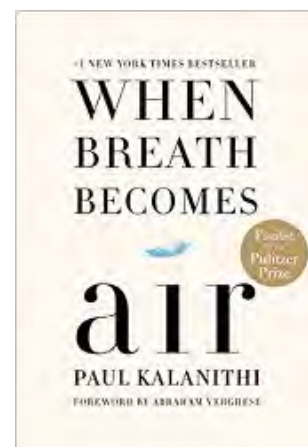
Peggy Sanders, Blue Ridge District Communications Coordinator

Program Resources

Greetings everyone!



As I write this, the stream that runs beside our home is roaring like a freight train. The incredible force of the water brought on by hurricane Florence is massive, unstoppable, uncontrollable. My heart is racing and I am afraid. I'm reminded of so many times in life where some torrential force has seemed so overwhelming, so overpowering, only to be followed by the calming hand of God—who quiets the waters and soothes the fearful soul. By trusting in the one who harnesses the wind, I can learn so much about faith from devastating natural disasters. They are mighty and powerful, but God is even more so. My prayer is that the troubled waters in your own areas will recede and be stilled, as we are reminded so clearly during times like these: this world is not our final home.



A very moving and poignant book I have just finished is “When Breath Becomes Air,” by Dr. Paul Kalanithi. If you like the writings of-- e.g. Abraham Verghese and Khaled Hosseini-- this story will appeal to you. Dr. Kalanithi is given a terminal cancer diagnosis at a pivotal point in his young, ambitious life as a neurosurgeon. After years spent pursuing his career, now he must learn how best to spend the time he has left. It is a beautiful story of the ironies of life and death, written by a sensitive young doctor who brilliantly tells the story of what happened to him. The book is very capably completed posthumously by Dr. Kalanithi's wife. You will need tissues, but you will also be quite enlightened by this book!

I am looking forward to learning about the new system of displaying and making available program resources in the future. Our conference Secretary of Program Resources—Sibyl Long--will be sharing the new process with us at our upcoming conference and leadership training events. Then I will look forward to sharing the new design with all of you!

You DO know that you can contact me at any time for questions or assistance, right? Take care, and Happy Reading!

Leith Tate, Blue Ridge District Secretary of Program Resources

Committee on Nominations

Do you enjoy meeting with old friends and meeting new friends? When you join the District UMW Team this happens. We gather to plan for the future, look at the present and learn from the past. The Nominating Committee is given the task of filling each position on the team but we cannot be everywhere nor do we know everyone. Consider an area of service that interests you or perhaps you know someone who is just perfect for an office. The members of the Nominating Committee are always eager to follow up on any suggestions.

Delores Meadows, *Blue Ridge District Nomination Committee Chair*

Historian

United Methodist Women: Living History: History is more than scrapbooks and old photographs. Both are important but we are also living history – as we share stories, recall special occasions and search for the origins of “we’ve always done it that way.” What we have been or are doing builds the foundations of United Methodist Women in the future.

As our 150th birthday approaches on March 23, 2019, take a few minutes at each meeting “to remember” the things that bring us together. Select a topic (below) and ask each member to share:

- Her first memory of a “missionary society” meeting,
- Name of the “society” she first joined: Woman’s Society of Christian Service; Women’s Society of World Service; Wesleyan Service Guild; World Friendship Group for Girls; other.
- The name of the person/event that influenced her to join.
- A United Methodist Women program, project or speaker that was especially meaningful

Happy Remembering!

Barbara E. Campbell, *Blue Ridge District Historian*

Program Advisory Group

A missed opportunity. That is what a nurse at the county health department called any time a patient was at the health department and no one reviewed her immunization status with her. I thought of that phrase on the last leg of my flight home from Assembly in May. My flight from Columbus had been delayed long enough that I missed the last flight to Asheville and was forced to spend the night in Charlotte. The next morning on the flight to Asheville I was seated next to a woman who asked if Asheville was my home. I explained about being at Assembly. She said she had grown up a Methodist and that her mother had been active in what was then WSCS, but that she herself had no church connection now. I couldn’t help myself! I told her everything I could about United Methodist Women and explained the Legacy Fund. (Charlotte to Asheville is only a 25 minute flight. I needed more time!) We went separate ways to get our luggage, and too late I realized I had not asked for her contact information. I missed the opportunity to invite her to make a contribution to the Legacy Fund in honor of her mother. If only I had had with me our one page brochure and the commitment envelope... Now I am promising myself to always have with me a copy of the brochure and the envelope. I suggest that you, too, carry those so as not to miss an opportunity to promote the Legacy Fund.

If you need brochures and envelopes, please call or e-mail me.

If you need brochures and envelopes, please contact me and I am available to help you promote the Legacy Fund and other giving. Call me at [828-684-1831](tel:828-684-1831) or e-mail me at lliggett3@charter.net

Dixie Liggett, *Western NC Conference District Advisor for the Blue Ridge District*

(More information on The Legacy Fund on pages 14 and 15)

**Blue District Annual Meeting
Held on August 25th at
Abernethy UMC**



District UMW President Fran Jordan talking with the guest speaker, Dr. Phyllis Dawkins President of Bennett College



Delores Meadows leading the singing. (She is Chair of the UMW District Nominations Committee.)



Abernethy UMW President Robin Jones



Jo Pyatt talking with some UMW members.



Abernethy UMW Members who helped with the annual meeting



UMW Members from Moore's Grove UMC

**Blue Ridge District
United Methodist Women**
2019 Scholarship Application Form

One scholarship to the Mission u! (formerly School of Christian Mission) and one scholarship to the Conference Annual Meeting will be given this year. Each unit is encouraged to submit a name(s) of someone who will be a first-time attendee. Young women ages 15-20 are also eligible. **Please complete this form and return to the District President by the following deadlines:**

Mission u: April 28, 2019 Annual Meeting: July 30, 2019

Name: _____ Church: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Adult or Youth? _____

Please check if you would like to apply for either or both of these scholarships:

_____ Mission u! (formerly School of Christian Mission) (July 18-21)

_____ WNCC – UMW Annual Meeting (Sept. 13-15)

Short Biographical Sketch (Just a paragraph or two about yourself.)

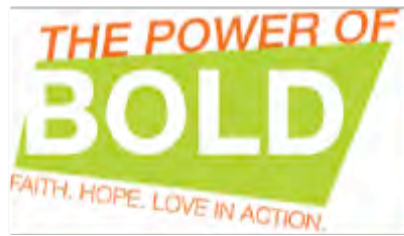
Why do you wish to attend the Mission u! (formerly School of Christian Mission) or Conference Annual Meeting?

Applicant's Signature _____

Recommendation of the UMW President of your local unit:

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail to: District President – Fran Jordan, PO Box 447, Black Mountain, NC 28711



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Western North Carolina Conference

**New date:
Oct 12 - 14
See next page
for details**

**Annual Celebration
Registration:**
(Begins June 18, 2018)

- On-site registration at Lake Junaluska - \$25.00 per person
- **Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE!** Online advance registration, June 18, 2018 through September 9, 2018 is only \$15.00 per person! Use the online registration link on our website at www.wnccumw.org.
- **Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable.** If you pre-register and are unable to attend, your registration fee is not refundable, but someone else can attend in your place.
- **Register yourself AND others!** Our online registration offers the opportunity for you to register up to 35 guests at the same time that you do your own registration. Help other members of your local unit to register online — especially those who may not use a computer! Each registration session must have a unique email.
- **DO NOT** mail Annual Celebration registration fee money to Lake Junaluska. Contact us if you have a question about registration.

What: 45th Annual Celebration
Celebrating 149 Years in Mission

When: ~~September 14-16, 2018~~
Registration begins 2pm; Program 6:45pm

Where: Lake Junaluska, Harrell Center

Keynote Weekend Speaker:
Stell Wallace Financial Chair of National United Methodist Women

Mission Speaker:
Reverend Beth Crissman *Blue Ridge District Superintendent*

Musicians: *Ginger Haselden (song leader) Glenda Fuhrmann (pianist)*

Hands-On Mission: Gift in Memory/ Gift to Mission Cards and Christmas shoeboxes for Armenia

A BOLD Saturday Afternoon :
Hands-on Projects —make plastic bags into rugs/mats; sew feminine hygiene kits and organize UMCOR kits led by Lynn Alexander, President of Northern Piedmont District

Social Action workshop “School to Prison Pipeline” led by Carolyn Payne, WNCC UMW Social Action Co.

Legacy Fund workshop

BOLD Highlights:

- myUMW Membership Card/ Registration
- Hosting Missionaries for Lunch
- The Celebration Continues...-“Boldly Go Where No One Has Gone” Saturday Night Entertainment
- Inspiration Point, Rose Walk, Susanna Wesley Garden, Biblical Garden, Corneille Bryan Native Garden, 2.3-mile Lakeside Walking Trail

Hostess District: Appalachian



Complete information about Annual Celebration is available on our website:
www.wnccumw.org
Mark your calendar!

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Questions & Assistance Online Registration
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Because of the approach of Hurricane Florence, and the potential serious impact of the storm across our conference, Annual Celebration 2018, which was scheduled for the weekend of September 14-16 has been rescheduled for October 12-14, 2018, at Lake Junaluska. This was our best option to insure the safety of our members in traveling to and from Lake Junaluska.

All room reservations, deposits and payments will transfer to the rescheduled dates. Some sleeping rooms in The Terrace will need to be moved to Lambuth Inn, but rooms are available for all reservations.

If you cannot attend on the new date, contact Lake Junaluska reservations at 1-800-222-4930 by September 26th to cancel your room with only a \$15 cancellation fee. Names on reserved rooms can be changed without a fee if you locate someone who wants to take your room. Your on-line \$15 registration fee for attending is still in place. **We hope to see all of you at Lake Junaluska, October 12-14, 2018!**

Online Registration is OPEN AGAIN, now through October 7th

- **On-site registration at the retreat - \$25.00 per person**
- **Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE! Online advance registration, through October 7th is only \$15.00 per person! Use the online registration link shown above.**
- **Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable. So, if someone registers for Annual Celebration, and is unable to attend, their registration fee is not refundable, but it is ok for someone else to attend in their place. Register yourself AND others! Our online registration offers the opportunity for you to register up to 35 guests at the same time that you do your own registration. Help other members of your local unit to register online — especially those who may not use a computer!**
- **Our online reservations process through Constant Contact uses ProPay or PayPal to securely process payment of the registration fee. Both are secure, widely used processors of online payments. If you choose "Pay with Credit Card" in our online registration, you will be able to enter your credit card information right on our registration system screen, and your card will be processed by ProPay. This option should be very simple and straight forward. If you choose to use PayPal, you will be redirected over to the PayPal website to either use your personal PayPal account, or to process your credit card transaction as a PayPal guest.**

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07efhgk88iabdbb9dc&llr=yoget6bab>

2018 Ubuntu Day of Service

Because of the necessary rescheduling of Annual Celebration, and Leadership Development Day for District Officers, our Ubuntu Day of Service originally scheduled for October 20th has been CANCELLED. Watch for information about other opportunities.

WNCC Leadership Development Day for District Officers NEW DATE!

When: Saturday, Oct 20, 2018

Where: First United Methodist Church, 200 N King St, Morganton, NC 28655, USA

THE LEGACY FUND

Celebrate United Methodist Women! 150 Years and Counting...



United Methodist Women has a rich legacy as a mission movement since 1869, and we are building for the next 150 years of service in God's mission on behalf of women, children and youth in communities down the street and around the world.

Make your Legacy Fund gift today!

Please retain for your records
Western North Carolina Conference
United Methodist Women
My Legacy Fund gift:



Every member is encouraged to make a gift to The Legacy Fund of at least \$18.69 per year, over and above her Pledge to Mission, for five years (2015-2019).

- \$1,869 \$500 \$300 \$200 \$50 \$18.69 Other _____
 monthly annually beginning _____ 20__ (month/year)

Turning Faith, Hope and Love into Action since 1869.
All donations tax-deductible. Give your Legacy Fund commitment form and your gift to your local United Methodist Women treasurer.

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Yes! I want to celebrate United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary and help ensure we continue to put faith, hope and love into action for another 150 years.

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women
My Legacy Fund gift:

- \$1,869 \$500 \$300 \$200 \$50 \$18.69 Other _____
 enclosed monthly annually beginning _____ 20__
- In honor / memory of _____
- Please contact me about including United Methodist Women in my **estate planning**.
- Please contact me about the **major gift program**.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Conference: *Western North Carolina Conference* District: _____

Give your Legacy Fund commitment form and your gift to your local United Methodist Women treasurer.

Frequently Asked Questions about The Legacy Fund / 150th Anniversary Celebration:



Our Western North Carolina Every Member Legacy Fund Goal:

That every member of
United Methodist Women
make a gift to
The Legacy Fund
of at least
\$18.69 per year,
over and above
her Pledge to Mission,
for five years
(2015-2019).

What is The Legacy Fund?

- A key element of the 150th Anniversary celebration in 2019.
- A designated fund (endowment) of the national office of United Methodist Women. (Only interest can be expended.)

What is the purpose of The Legacy Fund?

- To assure the continuation of ministries with women, children and youth, worldwide, into the next 150 years.
- To enable United Methodist Women to respond more adequately to new and emerging needs.
- To minimize the risk of severe budget fluctuation in years of recession, regional financial crisis, or change in giving by the membership.

How will the funds be used?

- The total program of United Methodist Women is mission. Interest from The Legacy Fund will be added to Mission Giving funds to formulate the national budget of United Methodist Women. (Mission Giving is the largest source of that budget which includes grants to National Mission Institutions such as the Bethlehem Centers in Charlotte and Winston-Salem, international programs and projects, program resource production, training, and more.)

Why should I give to The Legacy Fund?

- The Legacy Fund is OUR special anniversary gift to future United Methodist Women members and ministries.
- To “pass on” the legacy we have inherited. “To stake out our legacy for future generations.” (January 2015 response, page 3). Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, India, is an outgrowth of the work of the first missionary of our organization. The College motto is: “We Receive to Give.”
- Because we believe in the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and want our daughters, granddaughters, nieces and friends to share our sense of meaningful “sisterhood.”
- To be part of the joyous celebration in 2019 culminating 150 years of ministry.

How does the money get to the National Office?

- Gifts are given to the local treasurer who sends the Legacy Fund money and commitment cards to the District treasurer following regular procedures. There is a line on the local treasurer Remittance form for The Legacy Fund.

Does a Legacy Fund gift count for the individual or Unit Pledge to Mission Giving?

- No. This is a special additional gift to celebrate the 150th anniversary. In fact, it is critical that we sustain and even increase our Pledge to Mission Giving during this five year campaign; the needs have never been greater.

How do we give? Annually? All at once? What about non-cash gifts?

- Each person can determine her schedule of giving; any schedule is appropriate.
- Non-cash gifts of stock, property, life insurance, etc., can be given through the United Methodist Women National Office. Contact the Treasurer’s office at 212-870-3740.



How do I get a Legacy 150 pin?

- When you turn in a Commitment Card, you will receive a pin at your district annual meeting.

For more information visit:

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women - www.wnccunw.org/legacyfund
United Methodist Women National Office - www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/give

Hygiene Kit

Hygiene kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Hygiene kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes. **Hygiene Kit Value:** \$12 per kit

Assembly

1 hand towel

- 15" x 25" to 17"x 27";
- NO kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber Towels.

1 washcloth

1 comb

- Must be sturdy and at least 6" of teeth;
- No pocket combs or picks please;
- Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth

1 toenail or fingernail clipper

- No emery boards or metal nail files

1 bath-size soap

- 3 oz. and larger sizes only;
- No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content;
- Do not remove from original packaging.

1 toothbrush

- Adult size only;
- Do not remove from original packaging.
- Personal advertising not acceptable

10 adhesive bandages (3/4 by 3 inches)

- Common household bandages acceptable

1 plastic bag

- One-gallon size sealable bag only.

Assembly Directions

- Lay hand towel flat on a table.
- Lay the washcloth in the center of the hand towel.
- Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth (except the plastic bag).
- Fold the sides of the hand towel to cover the items.
- Grasp the bundle tightly and roll over the remainder of the towel.
- Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal.

Important Notes

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new.
- Do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits.
- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols

Taken from UMCOR website:

<https://www.umcor.org/umcor/relief-supplies/relief-supply-kits/hygiene>

The purpose of promoting a Mission Today Unit is to: Energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action. Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so the United Methodist Women understand where their money goes. Encourage the use of mission resources through United Methodist Women. Expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

What is a Unit? A unit is any organized group of United Methodist Women within a church or district. Some units are composed of several circles, which periodically get together for a unit meeting.

How Do We Become a Mission Today Unit? In order to be recognized as a Mission Today Unit, UMW groups must complete a minimum of twelve of the following criteria, including seven of those marked with an asterisk (*). #1 of the Criteria is not optional. You must complete this one to become a Mission Today Unit! Activities conducted between January 1- December 31, 2018, will be recognized at annual meetings in 2019. This is an ongoing program, so strive to become a Mission Today Unit!

Criteria for a Mission Today Unit:

- *1. The Unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission. (Must be completed.)
- *2. The unit will use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting or circle meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission and our mission work with women, children and youth. A new Prayer Calendar is printed each year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- *3. The unit will use at least two programs from the Program Book during the year. A new Program Book is printed every year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- *4. The unit or circle will conduct or participate in at least one mission study each year. Contact your district or conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation to learn what the studies are for each year. (If members of your unit attend the conference Mission u or your District Mission Study and your unit takes an action growing out of the study, Gift to Mission, ministry related to the study, etc., your unit will meet this criteria.)
- *5. The unit will have at least two members subscribing to response (1 member subscribing with units less than 15 members; Local unit subscription may count as one.) Order information is printed at bottom of page 2. \$24.00 for a one-year print subscription (includes digital subscription); \$20 for a one-year digital only subscription.
- *6. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least two ways during the year. Possibilities are:
 - a. Have members read and discuss books and articles about other races and cultures;
 - b. Sponsor or attend an interethnic event between two or more units;
 - c. Intentionally recruit women of other ethnic groups to be members and officers of the unit;
 - d. Use the “Resources for Racial Justice: Tools for UMW Leaders” handbook. (Available on our conference website on the “Downloads Available” page, and on the “Mission Today” page.)
 - e. Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low-income programs, civil rights, etc.
- *7. The unit will become a member of the Western North Carolina UMW Justice Today. See link to info on Justice Today at our conference website, www.wncumw.org/social-action. Scroll down to "Justice Today 2017."
- *8. The unit will add at least two new members (one member for units with less than 15 members) to its roll.
- *9. The unit will have one program from the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church 2017-2020.
- *10. The unit will contribute to all Five Channels of Mission Giving.
- *11. The UMW Purpose will be recited at each general and/or circle meeting.
- *12. The unit will contribute \$186.90 or more to the Legacy Fund.
- 13. At least one member of the unit will attend Mission u and report back to the unit on classes and events they experienced.
- 14. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend the district or conference annual meeting and report back to the unit about the event and what they experienced.
- 15. The unit will have at least one person joining the United Methodist Women’s Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information at least three (3) times a year. (To join, contact the United Methodist Women Washington Office, 100 Maryland Avenue NE, Room 100, Washington, DC 20002. Phone #: 202-488-5660. Email: csad@unitedmethodistwomen.com (Attach to Mission Today report the action that was taken and to which issue.)
- 16. Members will correspond with five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar at least once a year.
- 17. The unit will co-sponsor, with the local church, a Children’s Sabbath. (This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children.) The United Methodist Women National Office and the Council of Bishops support this effort. Children’s Sabbath materials are on our website.
- 18. Each unit or circle meeting will include a “response Moment” where an item from response magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
- 19. The unit will sponsor one teen member (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman member (ages 18 to 39) to at least one conference event during the year.

20. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend a district Prayer Breakfast, district Day Apart, conference Spiritual Growth Retreat, or any other special district or conference event other than Ubuntu Day.
21. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will participate in an Ubuntu Day Event.
22. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will complete Plan 1 of the Reading Program and give a report to the unit on one of the books read.
23. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year and/or for their United Methodist Women's Sunday. This Qualifies as a Local Unit Visit (LUV).
24. The unit will add one new teen (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman (ages 18 to 39) circle during the year, or one new teen member (ages 12 to 17) or one new young woman member (ages 18 to 39) during the year.
25. 100% of the unit's active members will make a gift of at least \$18.69 to the Legacy Fund
26. The unit will accomplish the Conference Financial Goal for 2018: To Increase Membership by 5%.
27. Each unit will be responsible for supporting at least one local mission project and participate in one Conference Hands-on Mission Project during the year. The local project should be listed on your Mission Today report.

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response features include:

- Bible studies
- opportunities for spiritual growth and development
- program suggestions
- articles on where the Pledge to Mission money goes
- regular features such as "Bright Lights" and "Responsively Yours"

response helps United Methodist Women reach out to:

- New and potential members of United Methodist Women
- Every woman in your church who shares our commitment to mission and welfare of women, youth, and children
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(taken from <https://www.unitymethodistwomen.org/response>)



If someone asks you about United Methodist Women and why they should join, below are some great things to say. (Taken from <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/members>.)

What is United Methodist Women?

United Methodist Women is a supportive, inclusive Christian membership organization where women like you grow spiritually, develop as leaders and serve and work to create a world in which all women, children and youth thrive. United Methodist Women is celebrated as the women's ministry of The United Methodist Church.

What does United Methodist Women do?

Our members nurture one another in community and support U.S. and international projects and partners improving the lives of women, children and youth with their prayers, volunteer and advocacy efforts, and financial gifts.

Why should I join United Methodist Women?

United Methodist Women is a community of women committed to mission. As a member you can take advantage of many opportunities, including the following:

- Prayer, Bible studies and spiritual retreats.
- Hands-on mission in local communities.
- Mission education experiences.
- Leadership development and training opportunities.
- Supporting work with women, children and youth.
- Partnership with women in mission in the country and around the world.
- Advocacy for social justice issues, including those pertaining to the environment, domestic violence, immigration and the many other concerns that impact the lives of women, children and youth.
- Engagement in racial justice issues.

How does United Methodist Women support and grow its work?

Our members elect a representative board of directors that sets policy for the organization and determines the places we can make the most impact. Staff and members work to carry out the organization's goals and expectations. Members commit through their financial giving to support the transformation of lives around the world.

Who can join United Methodist Women?

Any woman who commits herself to the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and to engage in mission, study, personal growth and social action can join. You don't have to be United Methodist or meet an age requirement to be a member.

**We are
faith, hope and love in action.**

FAITH

Thousands of women participate in our reading programs and educational opportunities annually to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action.

HOPE

Our national mission institutions empower women, care for children, educate and equip youth, care for the neglected, advocate for social justice issues, create economic opportunities and strengthen neighborhoods.

LOVE

Our members give out of their love for the world and provide financial support for national mission institutions, higher education scholarships for international students, and 121 programs taking place in 110 countries.

ACTION

United Methodist Women members' voices are heard around the world as they call for justice on issues such as immigration, human trafficking, domestic violence, health care and the environment.



Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women
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Mark Your Calendar for 2018:

Blue Ridge District UMW Events for 2018:

Oct. 20 **Ubuntu Day of Service, CANCELLED**
Nov. 3 **Blue Ridge District Leadership Training, Snow Hill UMC - Morganton**

Western North Carolina Conference UMW Events for 2018:

Oct 20 **Leadership Development Day for District Officers, Morganton FUMC**
(new date!)



Mark Your Calendar for 2019:

March 23 **150th Anniversary Celebration/Day of Giving/Prayer Breakfast, Central UMC in Asheville**
April 27 **Legislative Day**
Jun 14-15 **Spiritual Growth Retreat (pending confirmation) Lake Junaluska**
Jul 18-21 **Mission u, Pfeiffer University**
Sep 13-15 **Annual Celebration, Lake Junaluska**
Oct 12 **Ubuntu Day of Service, Various Locations**

For More Information:

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