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# Metro Media

*The voice for the United Methodist Women of the Metro District,*



## Annual Celebration Registration:

(Begins June 10, 2019)

- On-site registration at Lake Junaluska - \$25.00 per person
- Get a **DISCOUNT!** Register early and **ONLINE!** Online advance registration, June 10, 2019 through September 8, 2019 is only \$15.00 per person! Use the online registration link on our website at [www.wnccumw.org](http://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.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Western North Carolina Conference

- What:** 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration  
**Celebrating 150 Years in Mission!**
- When:** September 13-15, 2019  
Registration begins 2pm; Program 6:45pm
- Where:** Lake Junaluska, Harrell Center

### *Keynote Weekend Speaker:*

**Christi Campos**, Executive for Development and Donor Relations

### *Mission Speaker: Belinda*

**Forbes**, United Methodist Missionary serving in Nicaragua

### *Musicians: Mark Barden and Catherine Ritch*

### *Hands-On Mission:* Gift in

Memory/Gift to Mission Cards and Christmas Shoeboxes for Armenia

### *Grace, Grit, and Gratitude Saturday Afternoon :*

Crocheting and knitting prayer shawls led by Martha Efirid Project Linus, making blankets for children in the hospital led by Ellen Knoefel

A Walk Down Memory Lane led by Betty Durham

### *Grace, Grit, and Gratitude Highlights:*

- Hosting Missionaries for Lunch
- The Celebration Continues...- Saturday Night Entertainment
- UMW Choir on Sunday
- Inspiration Point, Rose Walk, Susanna Wesley Garden, Biblical Garden, Corneille Bryan Native Garden, 2.3-mile Lakeside Walking Trail

*Hostess District: Uwharrie*



Complete information about Annual Celebration is available on our website:

[www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org)

Mark your calendar!

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Aldersgate (Retirement)(Charlotte)	Lynda	Morris
Asbury (Huntersville)	Linda	Davidson
Assurance (Huntersville)	Kim	Shafer
Bethel (Midland)	Kay	Jones
Bethpage (Kannapolis)	Amanda	Dyer
Broad Street (Mooresville)	Lynda	Morris
Calvary (Charlotte)	Debbie	Eudy
Centenary (Mount Ulla)	Lynda	Morris
Center (Concord)	Martha	Hylar
Central (Charlotte)	Sylvia	Sekle-Dueh
Central (Concord)	Lynda	Morris
Central (Mooresville)	Lynda	Morris
Christ (Charlotte)	Kim	Shafer
Cokesbury (Charlotte)	Debbie	Eudy
Cold Springs (Concord)	Lynda	Morris
Commonwealth (Charlotte)	Debbie	Eudy
Covenant (Charlotte)	Sylvia	Sekle-Dueh
Davidson (Davidson)	Nancy	Litton
Dilworth (Dilworth)	Debbie	Williams
Epworth (Concord)	Martha	Hylar
Fair View (Mooresville)	Lynda	Morris
Faith (Mooresville)	Lynda	Morris
First (Landis)	Judy	Cline
First (China Grove)	Amanda	Dyer
First (Charlotte)	Debbie	Williams
Forest Hill (Concord)	Kay	Jones
Friendship (Mount Pleasant)	Amanda	Dyer
Grace (Charlotte)	Donna	Varner
Harmony (Concord)	Lynda	Morris
Harrisburg (Harrisburg)	Nancy	Litton
Hawthorne Lane (Charlotte)	Lynda	Morris
Hickory Grove (Charlotte)	Debbie	Williams
Hunters Chapel (Cornelius)	Judy	Cline
Huntersville (Huntersville)	Sylvia	Casey
Indian Trail (Indian Trail)	Nancy	Ward
Jackson Park (Kannapolis)	Judy	Cline
Kerr Street (Concord)	Martha	Hylar

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Mount Mitchell (Kannapolis)	Amanda	Dyer
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Mount Pleasant (Mount Pleasant)	Kay	Jones
Myers Park (Charlotte)	Debbie	Eudy
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Oak Grove (China Grove)	Sheila	Barrell
Pineville (Pineville)	Nancy	Ward
Pleasant Grove (Charlotte)	Donna	Varner
Providence (Charlotte)	Judy	Cline
Roberta (Concord)	Amanda	Dyer
Rock Grove (Salisbury)	Sylvia	Sekle-Dueh
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Rocky Ridge (Concord)	Martha	Hylar
Royal Oaks (Kannapolis)	Nancy	Litton
Selwyn (Charlotte)	Sylvia	Sekle-Dueh
Simpson-Gillespie (Charlotte)	Sheila	Barrell
South Tryon Community (Charlotte)	Lynda	Morris
SouthPark (Charlotte)	Nancy	Ward
St. Andrew's (Charlotte)	Nancy	Ward
St. Francis (Charlotte)	Nancy	Ward
St. Mark's (Charlotte)	Linda	Davidson
St. Stephen (Charlotte)	Nancy	Ward
Stallings (Matthews)	Donna	Varner
Thrift (Charlotte)	Debbie	Eudy
Trinity (Kannapolis)	Sheila	Barrell
Trinity (Charlotte)	Sylvia	Casey
University City (Charlotte)	Debbie	Williams
Vanderburg ( Mooresville)	Lynda	Morris
Westford (Concord)	Kay	Jones
Williamson's Chapel ( Mooresville)	Kim	Shafer
Zion (Monroe)	Donna	Varner

## PRESIDENT

Happy 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday United Methodist Women! Are you still celebrating? I am—at every unit meeting visit; every Metro District UMW event; and every WNCC UMW event! 2019 is a celebration year and thank you for celebrating all that United Methodist Women has accomplished over the last 150 years and will continue to accomplish for at least the next 150.

There are many more opportunities to celebrate, fellowship, worship, learn and serve together. The Metro District UMW Annual Celebration will be held Saturday, August 24 at Rocky Mount UMC. Together we will celebrate all your accomplishments in 2018. The WNCC UMW Annual Celebration will be at Lake Junaluska September 13-15 as we celebrate the accomplishments of the districts and the conference. October 12 is the Ubuntu day of service. Several sites have been selected across the conference for service---Bethlehem Center-Charlotte and the Mission Response Center are two of the closest to most of us. Look at the list when information comes out and choose where you might best serve. Memorial UMC in Charlotte will host this year's Metro District Leadership Development Day, Sunday, November 3. This is an opportunity for new local officers to ask questions and receive information from the district team; but it is also a time for experienced officers to share with each other and with newly elected officers. You all have something to offer. We all have something to learn.

If your unit has not been visited by a district team member, it is not too late. We would love to come and meet all of you. It has been my pleasure to travel around the district to various meetings, worship services, and special events. Thank you for the opportunity to see how your ladies are living the UMW mission of "Faith, Hope, and Love in Action"!

Lynda Morris  
President  
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## TREASURER

We have had a terrific first half of the year in Metro District United Methodist Women and I look forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. We are blessed to be working together for the Lord!!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Metro District Celebration that is coming up on August 24th—please mail me the list of readable attending names and one check from your unit made out to Metro District UMW by August 12th. The attendee list and check should arrive at least 10 days before the event to provide time for programs to be printed, name tags to be completed, and the Host unit time to prepare. My mailing address is: Kim Shafer, PO Box 20087, Charlotte, NC 28202-0027.

The mailing due date for the next Quarterly remittance is Tuesday, August 27th. The Conference Love Offering is best taken to Western NC Conference Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska in September or sent directly to Conference treasurer, Nancy Reigel, and is a Gift to Mission in Celebration of United Methodist Women 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!

A big Thank You to all the units who continue to support the Legacy Fund. Remember that Legacy Funds can be submitted anytime throughout the year. The suggested amount per member is only \$18.69 per year for 5 years to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. There is also a suggested Mission Today criteria of \$186.90 Legacy Fund giving per Unit annually for five years. We are excited to keep UMW going in the future and \$18.69 per member for five years and happy to play our small part to keep Missions going strong!

Please remember our Conference goal is to increase Mission Giving by just \$5.00 in the Gift to Mission channel. I will have plenty of Gift to Mission cards at the Metro District Annual Celebration, so remember to check your stock and see what you need before you attend. Thank you for all you do in support of the United Methodist Women to support women, children and youth! FAITH-HOPE-LOVE in ACTION!! We do 'Make It Happen! I love working with all of you to better this world we live in!!

# VICE PRESIDENT

Mark your calendars for our final Metro District 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday event!!! Rocky Mount United Methodist Women have graciously agreed to host this year's Annual Celebration, "**Prayer, Praise and Perseverance**", on Saturday, August 24, 2019. Breakfast will begin at 8:30 am. Prepare for a few surprises and some exciting moments!!

Church histories and photos depicting UMW activities (local, district and conference events) from the past and present may be sent through August 10. This information will contribute to a rolling picture history displayed during breakfast and prior to Sanctuary events. Please be sure each photo sent is accompanied by the following information: event, church name and city/town, as well as the year or approximate time frame. Names are not necessary, but will be included if available. Any hard copy photos (address below) will be returned at the Annual Celebration; information can be written on the back.

Remember to bring your Bethlehem Center Items. They will be collected to the left of the canopy before entering the church (See item list at the end of this article).

**Please mail attendance list and checks by August 9, to ensure enough programs, table settings and food for all participants.**

Blessings,

Nancy Ward, Metro District UMW Vice President

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## **BETHLEHEM CENTER WISH LIST: Teacher Supplies for the classrooms**

**Choose a few items from the list below; pack each type of item in separate zip-lock bags.**

Dry erase markers

3 Tab-folders with folders (in red, yellow, navy blue, orange, purple, pink and green)

Industrial pencil sharpener

Pencils

Pens

Markers

Colored Pencils

Construction Paper

Copy Paper

Composition Notebooks

3" 3 ring binders (in red, yellow, navy blue, orange, purple, pink and green)

Felt

Chenille Sticks

Glue sticks

Glue bottles

Art and Crafts Kit

Play dough

Kinetic Sand

**METRO DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Annual Meeting, Saturday, August 24, 2019

***PRAYER, PRAISE AND PERSEVERANCE***

Hosted by Rocky Mount United Methodist Church of Lake Norman,

1739 Perth Road, Mooresville, NC 28117

**LIST OF ATTENDEES**

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ x 7.50 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration and Breakfast 8:30 - 9:30 am

Program 9:30am - 12:00pm

Church _____
Number Attending _____ x 7.50 per person = \$ _____
Registration and Breakfast 8:30 - 9:30 am
Program 9:30am - 12:00pm

To ensure enough programs, table settings and food for all participants, registrations and checks must be **mailed by Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Please send one check per unit, payable to “Metro District UMW.”

Mail check to: Kim Shafer, Treasurer, PO Box 20087, Charlotte, NC 28202-0027

**DIRECTIONS (Use a GPS if available)**

**Fom I-485 N/I-77 N:** Keep left on I-485N toward I-77 N, Huntersville (21 miles). Take Exit 23 C-A to merge onto I-77 toward Statesville/Charlotte. Keep left to merge onto I-77 N (.3 miles). Keep right to merge onto I-77 N toward Statesville (.8 miles). Keep right on I-77 N (at 1.9, then 4.8 and 6.3 miles). Take Exit 36 for NC150 toward Mooresville/Lincolnton (3.2 miles). Use the left two lanes to turn left onto NC 150 W/W Plaza Dr (signs for Lake Norman/Airport/Lincolnton). Continue to follow NC 150 W (2.3 miles). Turn right onto Perth Rd. (2.5 miles). The destination is on the right.

**From China Grove:** Take NC-152, Turn right onto Perth Road.

**From Salisbury:** Take Mooresville Rd, NC-150. Turn right onto Perth Rd.

**RULES OF ORDER FOR THE METRO DISTRICT**  
**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**  
**ANNUAL CELEBRATION MEETING**

Meetings shall open and close at the times stipulated in the official program.

All new business that has not been considered by the Executive Committee of the District shall be presented in writing to the Secretary seven (7) days prior to being considered by the voting delegates.

Proposed resolutions must be submitted in writing to the District President sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of the District Annual Celebration Meeting.

All motions except on matters of procedure shall be written and signed by the maker and furnished to the Chair before action is taken.

The Secretary, unless directed otherwise, shall not record motions ruled out of order, points of order on which no appeal is taken, or trivial matters of privilege.

In seeking recognition from the Chairperson, a member must stand to address the Chair and, on being recognized, state her or his name before making comment or motion.

The maker of a motion, in preference to any other delegate, shall be entitled to the floor immediately after the motion is stated.

Debate shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes per topic.

No member shall speak to a motion a second time until all others have been given the opportunity to speak

No member shall speak more than twice on the same questions, nor more than two (2) minutes at one time, without the consent of the body. General consent shall be required if additional time is to be given.

The voting body of the Metro District shall be composed of local unit members in attendance.

A quorum shall be a simple majority of the membership present representing the units in the District.



## MISSION EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION

Happy Birthday UMW! I have enjoyed seeing the 150 birthday celebrations so many units have hosted – both within our district, our conference and across the country. Seeing the photos, videos and posts on social media has been wonderful. Again, Happy Birthday UMW, let's keep up the good work!

Thank you to all who attended our District Mission Study at Myers Park UMC in May. 'What About Your Money?' was led by Laquetta Barbee. Laquetta's message was informative and up-lifting. Based on your evaluations, those attending gained much and enjoyed the day. Thank you also for the hands-on mission donations for Christmas Boxes for Armenia. This July, I will be attending [Mission u](#) at Pfeiffer University. While enjoying the studies offered, I will be in search of our District Mission Study speaker for 2020. I am looking forward to the study, *Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission*. If you see me, please share your thoughts on the studies you attend.

I hope your unit is working towards their Mission Today unit criteria. 2018 Mission Today Units will be recognized at our District Annual Celebration in August. Please review the Mission Today criteria – which you received at leadership training last November – as you work to be a 2019 Mission Today unit. If you need to review, please visit the conference website [wncumc.org](http://wncumc.org) for a copy. And I am available for clarification. I hope to see everyone at our Metro District Annual Celebration, Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup>!

**Nancy Litton, ME&I Coordinator**



## PARLIAMENTARIAN

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and staying cool.

We have the District Annual Celebration coming up on August 24<sup>th</sup> at Rocky Mount UMC and the Conference Annual Celebration on September 13-15 at Lake Junaluska. I just wanted to remind you that during both celebrations the voting of officers will happen. As you know voting is very important. All district officers and local unit members in attendance can vote.

For the conference voting, each unit shall have a voting delegate at the conference Annual Celebration. If a unit has fewer than 50 members, they would have one voting delegate. You are allowed one extra voting delegate for every 50 members. District officers and chairperson of district committees are voting delegates.

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## CELEBRATING THE VISION



*GREETINGS to my sisters in Christ! This month I thought I would share some thoughts below from Beverlee Scott, who is the Appalachian District Energizer and whose article appeared in their last newsletter. Kris*

As I write to you today, the historic date of March 23, 2019 is not far away. I have been thinking about how my life might be different from the ladies of 150 years ago. I am 71 years young. Through the miracle of television and more recent technological advances, I have been a witness to many events in my lifetime. I have seen men and women go into space, walk on the moon, construct a space station and I have seen failures that led to the deaths of some of these brilliant people. I have been a witness to the fury of Mother Nature – hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, fires, earthquakes, ice and snow storms, heat waves and bitter cold – both in person and in the media.

The age of innocence, for the younger generation, no doubt ended on September 11, 2001. But for me, the age of innocence ended on November 22, 1963 with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. I lived near Houston, Texas at the time and, beyond the grief, also felt the shock and shame of something so horrible that happened in my home state. Like everyone else, I spent days glued to the television watching the aftermath of both of these infamous days.

I have also been a witness to human injustice and suffering – the Civil Rights marches and riots, the Vietnam Conflict, famines and deadly outbreaks of disease, and religious and civil wars around the world whose victims were mostly women and children.

We have all been a witness to the oppression and the tragedies and the atrocities. As Christians and, specifically, United Methodists we have responded to meet these disasters with our time, energy, money and our prayers. But what about the women 150 years ago who did not have the advantages we take for granted today? They had to rely on the actual testimony of others to gather information. So it was that two women – wives of missionaries who were home on furlough from India – spoke to six church women who had braved the rainy, stormy weather. Mrs. William Butler and Mrs. Edwin Parker were witnesses to the conditions of women's lives in India. They told of the social conditions in India that did not permit health care for most women and education for young girls. In 1869, these eight women formed the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. This small nucleus of women collected money and sent an educator, Isabella Thoburn, and Dr. Clara Swain to India. I could end here with the well known phrase 'and the rest is history'.

But we all know that the struggle continues even today for women's economic justice, maternal health, day care for children and education for youth around the world. Our rivers and streams are dumping grounds for toxic waste and our oceans are populated with islands of plastic debris. In other words, our planet and the people living on it need our help.

United Methodist Women can respond to these problems either with mission projects already in place or in partnership with other like-minded organizations. Take some time to reflect on your own life experiences. Take some time to reflect on the action that our foremothers took to begin to right the wrongs and injustices of the world. Take some time – but not too long – to support the mission work of the greatest church woman's group, the United Methodist Women.

***Support your Legacy Fund—Another 150 years in Mission!***  
*Kris Peurifoy, Krispeurifoy@aol.com, 704-786-2741*

# HISTORIAN

Women United for Change is about women organized and mobilized for mission against all odds in response to the call of the Holy One. Organizing, struggling but not giving up. These women established vibrant societies. First organized in the United States, those societies recruited missionaries and raised money to send and financially support them internationally. Later, they begin to engage in new and creative forms of mission in their own country. The women did not enjoy the freedoms we possess, and none had the benefit of the knowledge about our world that we possess today. Each was a heroine who was willing to step outside the bounds of what her culture—and sometimes even her church—expected of her. And every one of them made mistakes. Learning about the women who created what would become today’s United Methodist Women can help us to move beyond our expectations about them and understand who they truly were.

In 1965, the *Methodist Woman* magazine quoted a Scarritt faculty member who called Methodist deaconesses “Loving Trouble-Makers” . She did not mean that they loved making trouble. Rather, she meant that they made trouble because they loved. They loved others enough to raise their voices and speak for those whom Jesus would have called “the least of these”. There is a spiritual, “Wade in the Water”, that promises, “God’s gonna trouble the water”. It is based on John 5:4 (King James Version), a reference to an angel who would periodically trouble the waters in the pool of Bethesda so that the first person who stepped into them afterward would be healed. Jesus demonstrated that we don’t have to be first to be healed. We whose history has been overlooked can also be healed and be healers, of ourselves, our church, our world. We, too, can “trouble the water” and bring forth change, the kind of change the sisters before us brought forth and the kind of change that is needed today.

Our situation within The United Methodist Church is complicated now. But it has always been complicated, and nevertheless, women have persisted with their work despite uncertainties about the future. “Between 1869 and 1893, nine woman’s home and/or foreign missionary societies were organized”, which much later became United Methodist Women. Church mergers and reorganizations within mission boards “have changed names, policies, procedures, and authorities of the woman’s missionary societies—but never their commitment to women and children”.

(From: *Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission* @ 2019 United Methodist Women. All rights reserved. Used by permission.)

Learn more about the amazing women that stepped out of their place to participate in mission societies at Mission U, July 18– 21, 2019 at Pfeiffer University.

Sylvia Casey, Historian

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## PROGRAM RESOURCES

Looking for your summer read? Check out *The Same Sky* by Amanda Eyre Ward.\*

Alice and Carla have very different lives. Alice and her husband own a barbecue restaurant in Austin, Texas. Carla lives with her grandmother and six-year old brother in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Alice is settled into her community and her life seems perfect, but she feels like something is missing. Carla lives in poverty and the violence of the city that surrounds her. After her grandmother dies, she decides to leave Honduras and make the dangerous trip across Mexico to the States, where she hopes to be reunited with her mother.

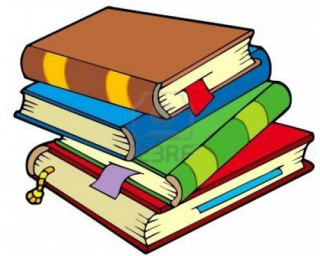
The story is told in two voices – voices whose lives intersect in a way neither could imagine.

\* This book does contain language that may be offensive to some

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## NOMINATIONS

Dear UMW Sisters,

You will find the 2020 Proposed Slate of Officers in this newsletter. We will be voting on these ladies who have promised to have an active role in our community of women at the Metro District's Annual Celebration. I hope to see you at Rocky Mount on August 24<sup>th</sup>. You will notice two things about this Proposed Slate of Officers. 1. We could use more members on the Committee of Nominations. If you would like to help the Metro District Team by serving on this committee you could easily begin in January 2020. 2. In 2021 we will have six officers that will be leaving the administrative team. If you have a desire to serve the United Methodist Women this would be a great time for you to begin. You could have an opportunity to learn what is required in each office from the present officers in 2020.

WE NEED YOU. Please call or email one of the members of the Nominations Committee. We would like to talk to you about helping.

Martha Hyler

Committee of Nominations

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## **2020 Proposed Slate of Officers**

In accordance with the Standing Rules and Constitution of the United Methodist Women, the Committee on Nominations submits the below nominees for office on the Metro District executive Committee for 2019.

### **PRESIDENT (2020 – 2021)**

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### **PARLIMENTARIAN**

Donna Varner, St. Stephen

### **VICE PRESIDENT (2019-2021)**

Nancy Ward, Matthews

### **HISTORIAN**

Sylvia Casey, Simpson-Gillespie

### **SECRETARY (2019-2021)**

Judy Cline, Royal Oaks

### **COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

### **TREASURER (2019-2021)**

Kim Shafer, Hickory Grove

### **CLASS OF 2020**

Martha Hyler, Bethel Midland

Linda Davidson, Simpson-Gillespie

### **EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION (2019 – 2020)**

Nancy Litton, Jackson Park

### **CLASS OF 2021**

### **SOCIAL ACTION (2020 – 2021)**

\*Sylvia Sekile-Dueh, Hickory Grove

### **CLASS OF 2022**

\*Debbie Williams, Tryon St. Mission

\*\*Kelli McKinnon, Tryon St. Mission

### **SPIRITUAL GROWTH (2020 – 2021)**

\*Kay Jones, Cold Springs

### **MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH (2019- 2020)**

Debbie Eudy, Memorial Charlotte

### **COMMUNICATIONS (2019-2020)**

Sheila Barrell, Westford

### **SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES (2020 – 2021)**

\*\*Faye Coggin, St. Stephen

Codes: \* Continuing for a new term

\*\*New Nominations

## SOCIAL ACTION



Hello My UMW Sisters,

I am having a great time interacting with you all at our district events. As promised, I will continue to discuss each of our priorities in our newsletter. Please make use of the information.

Since 2000, the maternal mortality rate in the United States has increased **26.4 percent** – the only developed country whose rate did not decline.

Many women are unable to access proper health care prior to, throughout and, after pregnancy.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for every **100,000 live births, 40 African American women die compared to 12.4 white women. This puts African American women at the highest rate of maternal mortality, dying at three to four times the rate of white women.** Think about it.

### **What does the Bible say?**

Motherhood is sacred. Mothers are important figures in our biblical tradition. Women like Eve, Hagar, Sarah, Elizabeth and Mary the mother of Jesus are remembered in their roles as bearers of life. Within scriptures there are stories of maternal tragedies and loss. Both Rachel (*Gen. 35:15-20*) and the wife of Phineas (*I Sam.4:19-20*) died after prolonged and difficult labor. Tragically we see that still happening today.

### **What does the United Methodist Church say?**

Health is a condition of physical, mental, social and spiritual well-being, and we view it as a responsibility-public and private. Healthcare is a basic human right (*Social Principles paragraph 162V*).

For many women, especially those living in poverty and developing countries, giving birth is dangerous and life-threatening. Worldwide maternal mortality is a leading cause of death for women of childbearing age ... God desires that every mother, child, and every family not only survive, but thrive. (*2016 Book of Resolution #3203 "Maternal Health: The Church's Role"*).

### **What do we do as United Methodist Women?**

#### **CAMPAIGN:**

**END MATERNAL MORTALITY** - Call on health care workers, lawmakers and advocates to fund maternal mortality review committees and implement recommendations in hospitals and communities.

Blessings and peace,

Sylvia Sekle-Dueh

Social Action Mission Coordinator

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## MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH

Greetings,

Our second annual Metro District Regional Mission Walk was held Saturday, May 4, 2019 with 2 regions participating. Charlotte regional walk was held at Aldersgate Retirement Community. Four units/churches were represented. There were 10 participants. There was \$575.00 raised. All of these were increased from last year. Mooresville/Davidson regional walk was new this year. It was sponsored by Morrow's Chapel United Methodist Women and took place at Morrow's Chapel UMC on Brawley School Road in Mooresville. Thank you Morrow's Chapel. Since this was the first year for this regional walk participation was light. Only members of Morrow's Chapel UMW and a visiting Metro District Officer participated raising \$90. I am sure this will increase next year. Our total so far for the Mission Walk 2019 is \$665.00. **WAY TO GO LADIES!** It is still not too late to do a walk. Remember it can be by units or as individuals. We would like to add a walk in the Concord/ Kannapolis and Monroe regions next year. If your unit is interested in sponsoring a walk, please let me know.

UBUNTU Day of Service is Saturday October 12, 2019 from 9 am-3 pm. Registration began on July 1 and continues until October 1. The sites for service are our 5 National Mission Institutions: Bethlehem Center, Charlotte, Bethlehem Center, Winston Salem, Brooks-Howell Home, Asheville, Bennett College, Greensboro, and Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer, as well as Mission Response Center, Terrell and Hinton Rural Life Center, Hayesville. The event is no cost but you do need to sign up. More information to follow.

Don't forget to invite your Nurturing Partner or other Metro Team Member to your unit/circle meetings. We would love to meet with you. We are here for **YOU!**

Blessings,

Debbie Eudy

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Are we all united to answer God's call?



## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Ladies:

If you were unable to attend the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska June 13—15th, we missed you! It was a great retreat! The theme was “Thorns and Roses” and the speaker was Deaconess Clara Ester who is also the Vice President of the United Methodist Women board of directors. Throughout the worship sessions Deaconess Ester shared with us that God never promised us roses but he told us we would have thorns and that our thorns are a gift from God. No matter what we are going through we need to let it go, turn it over to God and let him handle it. Thorns can be opportunities for God’s love to be displayed. It is not what we can do but what God can do through us.

The music was great and on Friday night we were blessed to hear a concert by the Lake Junaluska Singers.

This retreat was a change from previous retreats. It was expanded to two nights and two days. There was time for worship, relaxation, and for the first time breakout sessions were offered for us to choose from. Breakout sessions included a Prayer Bead Workshop, Connect Bible Study, “A Letter”, Drama, Gospel Women, Scripture and Prayer, Boat Ride, Trolley Garden Tour, Devotion Walk/Sing Around the Lake, World Methodist Museum Tours, and the WNCC UMW Choir.

A Legacy Rock-A-Thon was held during the retreat to raise funds for The Legacy Endowment Fund. Plan now to attend the 2020 Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska. Date to be announced later.

I hope you have registered and will be attending Mission u at Pfeiffer University July 18—21, 2019. The Spiritual Growth Study is “Mark and Radical Discipleship”. The stories of the women in Mark are a focus in this study and how, although often unnamed, they are prominent among Jesus’ followers and in Mark’s recounting of the gospel story. Look forward to seeing you there!

Kay Jones, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Metro District

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## SECRETARY

Hope that you have taken notes at several Unit Meetings and that you are comfortable with what should be included. Your notes should be accurate and precise. Your notes are an important part of your Unit history. Remember to add the last name of someone you mention in your minutes so if someone in the future looks at your minutes they would know that person.

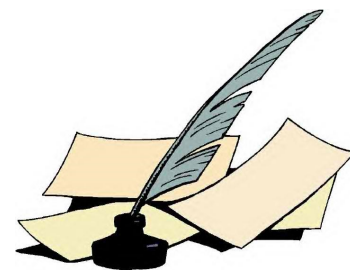
There are several important dates to remember:

1. July 18-21 is Mission u at Pfeiffer University
2. August 24 is Metro Annual Celebration at Rocky Mount UMC
3. September 13-15 WNCC UMW Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska

Remember to invite your nurturing partner to a Unit Meeting.

Judy Cline, Metro District Secretary

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## Metro UMW Dates to Remember 2019

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| March 23   | Metro District Prayer Breakfast<br>Cold Springs UMC, Concord<br>150 <sup>th</sup> Celebration of UMW!<br>(Hygiene Kits)   |
| May 4      | Regional Walk for Mission<br>Aldersgate Retirement Center and<br>Morrows Chapel, Mooresville, NC<br>Walk any time between 9 am-noon<br>Get sponsors and raise funds for mission |
| May 18     | Metro District Mission Study<br>Myers Park UMC, Charlotte<br>(Project Agape Christmas Boxes)  |
| August 24  | Metro District Annual Celebration<br>Rocky Mount UMC (Items for Bethlehem Center)   |
| November 3 | Metro District Local Officers<br>Leadership Development Day, 3:00-5:00 p.m.<br>Memorial UMC, Charlotte  |



Western North Carolina Conference

## 2019 Vision & Goals

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# Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world

- **Raise awareness & build relationships with the United Methodist Women mission institutions in our conference:** *Bethlehem Center Charlotte, Bethlehem Center Winston-Salem, Brooks-Howell Home, Bennett College, Pfeiffer University*
- **Raise awareness of our four United Methodist Women service and advocacy priority issues:** *Climate Justice, Maternal & Child Health, Criminalization of Communities of Color & Mass Incarceration, Economic Inequality*
- **Achieve our Conference Financial Goal:** Increase our conference giving in the Gift to Mission Channel by at least \$3,000
- **Celebrate 150 Years of United Methodist Women in Mission!**

Sincerely,  
*Your WNCC UMW Team*

# Western North Carolina United Methodist Women 2019 CONFERENCE EVENTS

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

June 13-15 • Lake Junaluska



*Thorns & Roses*

## ANNUAL CELEBRATION

September 13-15 • Lake Junaluska

**150**

*years strong with*

*Grace, Grit  
& Gratitude*

## 150 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

March 23<sup>rd</sup>

In Your District

Check with your district for  
Celebration Details



## LEGISLATIVE DAY

*E to the Third Power: Educate, Engage, Enact*



April 27, 2019

St. Andrews UMC  
Winston Salem



## MISSION U

July 18-21 • Pfeiffer University

Practicing Resurrection:  
The Gospel of Mark and  
Radical Discipleship



Women United for Change:  
150 Years in Mission

What About Our Money:  
A Faith Response



## Ubuntu Day of Service

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

Across the Conference

*"I am  
because  
you are"*

**ubuntu!**

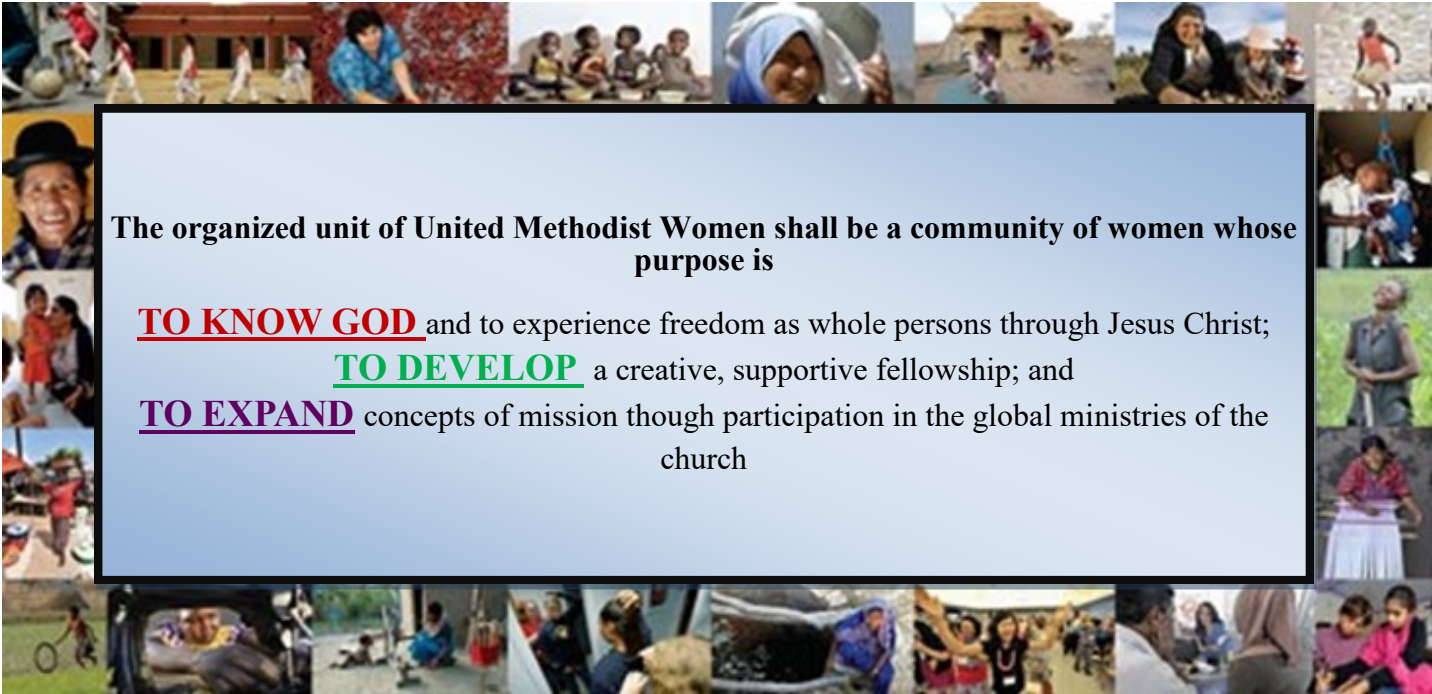


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# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Western North Carolina Conference

- What:** 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration  
**Celebrating 150 Years in Mission!**
- When:** September 13-15, 2019  
Registration begins 2pm; Program 6:45pm
- Where:** Lake Junaluska, Harrell Center

## Annual Celebration Registration:

(Begins June 10, 2019)

- On-site registration at Lake Junaluska - \$25.00 per person
- **Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE!** Online advance registration, June 10, 2019 through September 8, 2019 is only \$15.00 per person! Use the online registration link on our website at [www.wnccumw.org](http://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.

### *Keynote Weekend Speaker:*

**Christi Campos**, Executive for Development and Donor Relations

### *Mission Speaker: Belinda*

**Forbes**, United Methodist Missionary serving in Nicaragua

### *Musicians: Mark Barden and Catherine Ritch*

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

### *Grace, Grit, and Gratitude Saturday Afternoon :*

Crocheting and knitting prayer shawls led by Martha Efind  
Project Linus, making blankets for children in the hospital led by Ellen Knoefel

A Walk Down Memory Lane led by Betty Durham

by  
***Grace, Grit, and Gratitude Highlights:***

- Hosting Missionaries for Lunch
- The Celebration Continues...- Saturday Night Entertainment
- UMW Choir on Sunday
- Inspiration Point, Rose Walk, Susanna Wesley Garden, Biblical Garden, Corneille Bryan Native Garden, 2.3-mile Lakeside Walking Trail

**Hostess District: Uwharrie**



Complete information about  
Annual Celebration

is available on our website:

**[www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org)**

**Mark your calendar!**

### **Contact Persons:**

#### **Annual Celebration Program**

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#### **Questions about Online Payments**

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**Lake Junaluska**  
Conference & Retreat  
Center, P. O. Box 67  
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

**Reservations Phone #:**

1-800-222-4930 (Toll Free)

**Lake Junaluska  
Reservations:**

**Housing Reservations  
Open June 10, 2019**

To book Lake Junaluska  
lodging for  
Annual Celebration

Group Code :

31325

- **Call the Lake Junaluska reservations department at 1-800-222-4930.**
- Then select 1 for the Reservations Department, and the next available agent will be glad to assist you.
- The Lake Junaluska reservations team is on duty from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.



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**2019 Annual Celebration**

September 13-15, 2019 - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

**Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates**

**The Terrace or Lambuth Inn\***

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, elevator, free WI-FI, mini-fridge)

Rates are per person, per day, room & meals, before applicable taxes.

	The Terrace Room per night	Lambuth Inn Room per night		Weekend 5-Meal Package*
Single	\$116.00	\$112.00	+	\$65.00
Double	\$58.00	\$56.00	+	\$65.00
Triple	\$45.33	\$42.33	+	\$65.00
Quad	\$39.00	\$35.50	+	\$65.00

\*Lake Junaluska operates The Terrace and Lambuth Inn on an American Plan, and meals are required with the room.

**NOTE: NO SUNDAY Lunch will be provided in this package!**

**Hillside Lodge and Apartments (meals optional)**

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, free WI-FI, three floors, no elevator)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals, before applicable taxes.

Single	\$75.00
Double	\$37.50
Triple	\$28.33
Quad	\$23.75

**NOTE: PHOTO ID and CREDIT CARD required for EACH PERSON at Check-In Payment by Credit Card or Cash....NO CHECKS!**

**Lake Junaluska Lodging Information:**

Event lodging reservation deposit is equal to the first night's lodging and is due at the time of reservation. Any rooms not reserved with a Lodging Reservations Deposit will be released into general availability 30 days prior to an event. Individual lodging reservations deposit refund policy: 15 days or more before an event receive a full refund minus \$15 processing fee; 14 days or less before an event will not receive a refund.

**EXPRESS CHECK-IN:** To expedite check-in time, pay room in full at time of reservation or when contacted via email in advance of meeting and make any roommate changes.

**CHECK IN TIME for all facilities is 4:00pm; check out is 11:00am.**

**Photo ID and CREDIT CARD for each person for incidentals required at Check-In.** For those who do not have a credit card, the Lake suggests purchasing prepaid credit card prior to arrival.

**Meal Information: (NOTE: NO Sunday Lunch in this package!)**

The room rate that shows on your confirmation letter is the room rate only, meals are an additional cost. Meals are optional for all facilities other than The Terrace or Lambuth Inn. Guests staying in optional meal facilities may purchase a 3-meal package at the same cost of \$39.00 per person, or \$65.00 per person for 5 consecutive meals or individual meals can be purchased: \$10.00 for breakfast, \$13.00 for lunch and \$16.00 for dinner. Children 4 through 11 years of age receive meals at half price, 3 years of age and under eat free. **A 5-meal package of \$65.00 per person will automatically be added for each person staying in The Terrace or Lambuth Inn (dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch & dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday).** (tax and gratuity will be added to all meal charges)