



4th Quarter Issue 2019

Metro Media

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

Western North Carolina Conference.



UBUNTU

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Bring a bag lunch. Choose to serve at one of the WNCC sites listed below. Serve alongside other United Methodist Women in fellowship and love. Consider inviting a potential member to this event.

BENNETT COLLEGE - Greensboro

PROJECT: *Serve as greeters and assist with check-in at Fall Open House*

HANDS-ON MISSION: *provide personal toiletries for student welcome*

BETHLEHEM CENTER - Charlotte

PROJECT: *Holiday Stars - cut, string, tag, organize*

Bring own scissors.

Maximum participants = 30

HANDS-ON MISSION: *Classroom supplies from Wish List*

BETHLEHEM CENTER - Winston-Salem

PROJECT: *outside - planting flowers
Inside - paperwork, assembling packets,
cleaning shelves/toys, cutting out laminated pictures*

Bring bulbs, pansies, gardening tools

HANDS-ON MISSION: *classroom supplies of all kinds (especially glue sticks, copy paper), dish towels, cloths, pot holders, gloves*

BROOKS HOWELL HOME - Asheville

PROJECT: *Outside work (bring work gloves)*

HANDS-ON MISSION: *Gift cards to Lowe's, AC Moore, and Target are welcomed.*

HINTON RURAL LIFE CENTER - Hayesville

**Saturday, October 26, 9-12
Lunch provided!**

PROJECT: *Cleaning/organizing special projects, help with fall mailing and other office work, reset poverty simulation, etc.*
HANDS-ON MISSION:

MISSION RESPONSE CENTER - Terrell

PROJECT: *Checking kits*

Maximum participants = 25

HANDS-ON MISSION: *Any kits accepted
Bring lunch or eat nearby

PFEIFFER UNIVERSITY - Misenheimer

PROJECT: *Outdoor landscape beautification*

HANDS-ON MISSION: *Food staples for Cross Roads Community Connection food pantry*

UBUNTU - the South African belief in a universal bond of sharing that connects all humanity

"I am human because we are human."

Copy: [Registration Link
https://wnccumw.org/events/ubuntu-day-of-service-2019/](https://wnccumw.org/events/ubuntu-day-of-service-2019/)

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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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Memorial (Charlotte)	Kim	Shafer
Memorial (Kannapolis)	Judy	Cline
Midway (Kannapolis)	Kay	Jones
Mill Grove (Indian Trail)	Donna	Varner
Mineral Springs (Monroe)	Nancy	Ward
Morrows Chapel (Mooresville)	Lynda	Morris
Mount Mitchell (Kannapolis)	Amanda	Dyer
Mount Olivet (Concord)	Lynda	Morris
Mount Pleasant (Mount Pleasant)	Kay	Jones
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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 Birthday United Methodist Women!” I have started every meeting this year with this exclamation as we have been celebrating the 150th birthday of United Methodist Women.

Thank you for your support at our Metro District UMW events: The Prayer Breakfast at Cold Springs; the Mission Study at Myers Park; the Annual Celebration at Rocky Mount; and the regional Walk for Mission at Aldersgate Retirement Community and Morrow’s Chapel.

As we move toward the end of 2019, there are still some more events coming up. Ubuntu Day of Service is October 12. Regionally we have Bethlehem Center Charlotte, Pfeiffer University, and the Mission Response Center that are sites for service. Check out how to participate at www.wncumw.org.

The Metro District UMW Leadership Development will be held Sunday, November 3, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Memorial UMC, 4012 Central Ave., Charlotte. All returning and new officers for 2020 are invited to participate. Important information about each officer position will be shared. Please complete the registration form by October 25 indicating who will be attending so that we can better plan for you. A copy of the form is included in the newsletter. Even if you are a “seasoned” officer, please plan to attend. This is an opportunity to share and learn from each other.

If you have not invited your Nurturing Partner to visit your unit, it is not too late! Please contact us. We want to come and share and listen.

We have also included the end of year reports so that you can get a head start in completing them. All reports are due to me by December 15 so that we can complete our district reports for the conference. Please note that this year the UMW Census will be completed by the local presidents and information on how to accomplish this is on the Membership EOY report form.

It is hard to believe that I am completing my second year as your president. Thank you for this honor. I am looking forward to the next two years as well! As 2019 is ending, our work as United Methodist Women does not stop. Continue to live out our vision of Faith, Hope and Love in Action!

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TREASURER

Hi everyone!!! Thanks to everyone who submitted their remittances in by September 1st – we had a successful 3rd quarter and I want to personally thank all the Units who have been able to keep their pledges current and as strong as possible. The next quarterly remittances are due to be mailed by November 26th.

Also, I want to thank all the units who continue to support the Legacy Fund. The suggested amount per member is only \$18.69 per year for 5 years to celebrate our 150th birthday. There is also suggested Mission Today criteria of \$186.90 for the Legacy Fund giving per Unit for five years.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the District training – including treasurers on Sunday afternoon, November 3rd at Memorial UMC in Charlotte, NC.

Remember to send me an email if you have any questions.

Kim Shafer, Treasurer

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VICE PRESIDENT

The Metro District United Methodist Women (UMW) final 150th Birthday event, our Annual Celebration, was underscored by an informative, well-coordinated-presentation by Kris Peurifoy and Molly Welch. Utilizing UMW history, Kris laid the foundation for the future, emphasizing changes in our lives; Molly followed with insight into today's young women accompanied by approaches to encourage and value their involvement in UMW. The response at the event and in the evaluations suggests appreciation for this knowledge as it represents a need throughout our UMW Units. Thank you, Kris and Molly!

Thank you to the entire Rocky Mount at Lake Norman United Methodist Church Family! Everyone contributed cheerfully, graciously and enthusiastically to create a setting for Christian fellowship and learning. Together they provided a welcoming environment; a delicious, nourishing breakfast; inspirational music; and technical support to enhance the entire day.

Thank you, also, to the UMW District Leadership Team. They worked diligently to ensure accurate reports in the Annual Celebration Program, a smooth registration process and meaningful, inviting displays that highlighted mission work in our district and conference. If any area tugged at you, and you are interested in joining this awesome team, please contact a member of the Nominations Committee or any Team member.

As we prepare for 2020, we ask that each unit continue to send photos to add to our rolling history display. Additionally, please contact us if your church has the capacity and would like to host one of our three events: Mission Study, Prayer Breakfast or Annual Celebration.

With Christian love and gratitude,

[Nancy Ward](#), Vice President

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SECRETARY

Local Officer Training is on November 3rd at Memorial United Methodist Church, 4012 Central Avenue, Charlotte, NC. The training will start at 3:00 pm and end at 5:00 pm.

When you accepted the position of Secretary of your unit, one of the things you agreed to was to attend training and learn as much as you can about keeping records for your unit. Much information will be shared and hopefully most of it will help to make your job go smoothly.

The Communications Coordinator under Sheila Barrell will be joining our group again this year. We all can learn from this committee something that will help in our note taking.

Please bring a copy of the list of the officers for your unit so we can make changes in our Database. We want to be sure that you receive information about events, District Newsletters, as well as Conference information.

Please encourage all the officers in your unit to attend the training. The District Team tries to share as much information as possible so every local officer will understand their position and know who to contact if they need help.

Judy Cline

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MISSION, EDUCATION, AND INTERPRETATION

Help Wanted! Assistant ME&I Coordinator, Metro District Team 2020

I am looking for an assistant for Mission, Education, and Interpretation for 2020. Someone who is interested in our mission studies but would like to know 'just a little more'; someone who enjoys hands on projects – school kits, hygiene kits and flood buckets and would like to help others understand their benefit; someone who enjoys working with a team – learning about new people, helping with the *Big Picture* – planning the year activities for Metro United Methodist Women, meeting our conference leadership & visiting our local units. Beyond the district you may also experience attending Conference activities like the Walk for Mission, UBUNTU, and Mission u and seeing the behind the scene work .

I am looking for an assistant for two reasons. 1.) To see the work of ME&I Coordinator and expand your understanding how our work makes an impact, and 2.) to consider a term on the Metro Leadership Team. It just might be for you! I joined the Salisbury District in 2008 as an assistant to Program Resources - as a district officer I have learned sooo much about the impact of UMW, made many, many NEW friends (and acquaintances), taken trips – to 2014 Assembly, Lake Junaluska, and Brooks-Howell, seen the collective work of a group (of exceptional women) make lasting impact and grown spiritually in ways my weekly worship could not provide. When I leave the District Team in 2020 I will have enjoyed 12 years of friendship with women I would never have known – their presence in my life, my faith walk, my personal joys & trials has given me much more than the work or effort I have contributed. It is an experience I wish all UMW ladies could have. Join me, join us for a 'trial' year – or the beginning of a longer walk in service to Christ!!!

I am happy to share details of this work – nailskate@gmail.com, 704.794.7930 and we can have coffee, ice cream, lemonade and discuss face to face – or a phone call or email conversation, your choice!

Nancy Litton, ME&I Coordinator



PARLIAMENTARIAN

Summer is coming to an end, I think. With it still being in the 90s it is hard to tell. Hope everyone is looking forward to cooler weather.

I just want to remind you that there are some updates to the District and Conference Standing Rules, so in the future be sure that you use the September 2019 version.

These will be on the website by October 1st.

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PROGRAM RESOURCES

“Income and wealth inequality in the United States impacts women and communities of color, which, in turn, further marginalizes those who may already be vulnerable. Decades of poor policy choices got us to this point. Fair and just policy changes now could reverse the income and wealth gap. United Methodist Women are called act locally and in national efforts to begin to bridge the inequality gap.” (<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/economic-inequality>.)

The fight for income inequality and low wages can be found in industries from health-care aids and garment workers to farmers and berry pickers to retail workers to fast-food servers. This fight can be found in countries around the world. This fight needs us all to speak up for those who work in dangerous conditions, work long hours for little pay, and work without the security of guaranteed hours.

In *We Are All Fast-Food Workers Now The Global Uprising Against Poverty Wages*, Annelise Orleck “traces the evolution of a new global labor movement sparked and sustained by low-wage workers.” She tells the stories of workers who feel the impact of free trade policies as they fight for a living wage. She shares their struggles and heartaches, their resistance and rebellion, and their hope for change and better living and working conditions.

If you are looking for your next reading program book, this one is a good pick. It will push your thinking and challenge you to take a closer look at how and where you are spending your money, and who is benefiting from your spending. This a great book to spark discussion and change.

Amanda Dyer

Secretary of Program Resources



NOMINATIONS

Dear UMW Sisters:

2019 has been a great year for the Metro District UMW. We have celebrated our 150th anniversary at a wonderful prayer breakfast and annual celebration. We have learned much at our mission study and Mission u. Now it is time to plan for our future.

The Metro District UMW Leadership Development for local officers will be held on November 3rd from 3:00-5:00 at Memorial UMC in Charlotte. I hope to see all local officers there.

We have a need for service on the Metro District team. The Nominations Committee needs to have at least five more members. If you would be willing to serve please get in touch with me or another committee member. It is a great way to become informed of the ins-and-outs of UMW!

In 2021, several officers will be leaving our team. Among those positions that must be filled are the offices of Vice President, Treasurer, and Mission Education and Interpretation Coordinator. If you would consider accepting one of these offices this would be a great time to let the Nominations Committee know. You could learn about the position from the current office holder. Please give us a call and be in prayer for the future of the Metro district United Methodist Women.

Sincerely

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My Dear Sisters,

I am having a great time serving as your Social Action Mission Coordinator and seeing all of you at Conference and District functions. As promised we will continue to look at our priorities and for this quarter we are looking at Economic Inequality. Please continue to share the information with your local units.

Income and wealth inequality impacts women and communities of color in the United States. There is a shift in the way wealth is distributed in our country which makes life difficult for the majority. **Income for the top 1% of the population has grown 185% over the past 35 years; income for the rest of the population has increased an average of only 13%.**

Jobs are paying minimum wage (or less for tipped workers), which cannot sustain a family. **Women make up 75% of the low wage workers and are disproportionately women of color.** We see the cost of higher education and student debt putting strain on families, most especially young families.

Despite the booming of the housing market, there is housing crisis as we see housing programs on the decline. Even though there are significant changes to health care access we are still experiencing health crisis which places financial burden on families. The root cause for all of this is as a result of specific policies that have shifted the wealth of this country to the top: cuts in taxes for the wealthy, corporate tax cuts, cuts in public services, etc.

We as United Methodist Women are asked to educate ourselves on these issues and understand how these impact women, youth and children. Our United Methodist Social Principles affirm, *"We support measures that would reduce the concentration of wealth in the hands of few."* (Social Principles, The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2008, P. 163).

The prophets warn us that an economic system based on greed, economic exploitation, and the indifference to the needs of the poor is contrary to God's will and leads to ruin for the society (Amos 8:4-6; Jeremiah 22:13-17)." (*Resolution 4052, "Economic Justice for a New Millennium,"* The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church, 2012, pp. 546-547)

So with this said, sign up for e-mail action alerts: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/actionalerts

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MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE, AND OUTREACH

Greetings,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and are getting ready for cooler temperatures.

When cooler temperatures arrive remember it is not too late to participate in a Walk for Mission.

This can be done as a group in a park or on an individual walk through your neighborhood.

If you haven't already invited your Nurturing Partner or other District Team member to your unit for a visit please do so. We are here for you and want to visit your units. Nurturing Partners are listed in this newsletter or you can contact me and I will set you up with a team member.

I hope you have registered for UBUNTU Day Of Service October 12, 2019 from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM. Registration must be done online and closes October 1. Cost is free. Remember to bring your lunch.

Continue to invite ladies to your unit. Remember anyone can join United Methodist Women. They do not need to be a member of your church or even be a Methodist. Start groups at your job, in your neighborhood, book clubs, garden clubs or craft/quilting groups etc. Remember to turn in your year end reports on time. It helps us to turn in our correct numbers to Conference on time.

Peace,

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Summer's end is just around the corner even though the weather doesn't feel like it. At summer's end comes Fall and hopefully cooler weather. It is during Fall that God uses his paint brush to color the leaves in all their brilliant colors for us to enjoy their splendor. There are also various activities taking place in the Fall and Winter months. For example, sports of various kinds, band competitions, family celebrations, shopping not only for the perfect gift for that special person in your life but also for family members. It seems that the last three months of the calendar year pass faster than the other nine months put together. In our busyness not only during the holidays during these fall and winter months but also the other months, do we take the time to smell the roses and thank God for each day he has given us and all the blessings he has bestowed on each one of us.

Three main events take place during the last quarter of the year. First, many churches and other organizations hold Fall Festivals and/or Trunk or Treat activities during October in celebration of Halloween. Also there are many children that go through neighborhoods Trick or Treating. When a child comes to your door, do you remember to tell them that God loves them as you hand them their treat?

Second is Thanksgiving in November. This is a time when families gather around the table to share a meal together. During this time together do we take the time to thank God for the grace and goodness he has blessed each one of us with? Do we remember those who may not have family to share a meal with or even have money to buy food? Do we do anything to help those less fortunate than us?

Third is Christmas in December. Are we too busy shopping for that perfect gift for those on our list, decorating our homes, and planning that special meal to take the time to celebrate the birth of our Savior and to thank God for sending His son as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins? Again, do we do anything to help those less fortunate than us, who may not even have a family to celebrate with?

Then comes January and the beginning of a new year. Before we begin a new year, let's take a look back on this year. On March 23, 2019, the 150th Birthday of United Methodist Women, we had a great time **Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future** at the Metro District Prayer Breakfast. **What About Our Money** was the topic for our Mission Study held on May 18, 2019. June 13-15, 2019 we were at Lake Junaluska for the 2019 Spiritual Growth Retreat with a theme of **Thorns and Roses** with Deaconess Clara Ester as the retreat leader. At Mission u, July 18-21, 2019, we studied **Women United For Change, 150 Years in Mission**, women who brought about change in their communities. The Spiritual Growth study was **Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship**. September 13 - 15, 2019 brought together women from throughout the Western North Carolina Conference to the Annual Celebration. We learned how to lead with **Grace, Grit and Gratitude**. If you missed any of these events, you missed an opportunity to learn and/or be touched spiritually.

What is ahead for us in the year 2020. The Metro District Team members are already planning events for the new year. Below is a snapshot view:

District Mission Study - TBA — District Prayer Breakfast - late April or early May, 2020
Spiritual Growth Retreat - June 12-14, 2020 Lake Junaluska
Mission u - July 23 - 26, 2020 — District Annual Celebration - August 22, 2020
WNCC UMW Annual Celebration = September 11 - 13, 2020 Lake Junaluska

Confirmed dates and locations will be announced as soon as available. Please keep these dates in mind, placing them on your calendar and plan to attend these opportunities to grow spiritually.

Kay Jones, 704-720-0864, 704-467-7597

Kay3tom@carolina.rr.com



Metro District United Methodist Women

2019 JUSTICE TODAY REPORT

(Charter for Racial Justice)

Unit/City _____ Submitted by:

Unit Status

- ___ **Gold Unit** having completed 6 or more of the following actions
- ___ **Silver Unit** having completed 4 or more of the following actions
- ___ **Bronze Unit** having completed 2 or more of the following actions

Unit Programming

- ___ Devoted a meeting to studying and discussing the Charter for Racial Justice Policies
- ___ Used a program on racial justice/human rights from the UMW Program Book and/or "Resources for Racial Justice: Tools for UMW Leaders" handbook
- ___ Participated in a bible study on racism
- ___ Watched the video "Charter for Racial Justice", copy available in each District. (study guide available)
- ___ Gave a book report on a Reading Program book selected from the Social Action area
- ___ Invited an International guest to come and speak about their home country
- ___ Regularly shared local newspaper articles relating to racism (both positive and negative)
- ___ Regularly shared articles from response and New World Outlook relating to racism

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Unit Enrichment:

- _____ Displayed Charter for Racial Justice Policies AND lifted up at least one issue at each unit meeting

- _____ Supplied each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies

- _____ Purchased and discussed two UMW Reading Program books about a different culture or written by someone of a different racial or ethnic background

- _____ Participated in a qualifying UMW Social Action Mission Study

- _____ Studied in-depth a particular issue relating to the Charter for Racial Justice Policies, i.e., racism, immigration rights, voting rights, racial/ethnic profiling

- _____ Attended as a unit OR an individual gave a report to the unit about the experience of attendance to a music program, theatre performance by person(s) of a different culture, race or ethnic background

Beyond the Local Unit:

- _____ Gave a Special Mission Recognition pin to someone who works to promote racial justice

- _____ Sent one (1) member to Mission U to take the social action study

- _____ Held a postcard writing party encouraging legislation favorable to the economically deprived or challenged

- _____ Experienced worship with a church of an ethnic background different from your own.

- _____ Hosted an international tasting party, cultural fair or other event

- _____ Planned a worship experience for your unit or church with an emphasis on racial justice, i.e., UMW Sunday

Metro District United Methodist Women 2019 Membership Form

Please review and complete the information below regarding membership in your unit. This form must be returned to me by **December 15, 2019**:

Lynda Morris, 2539 Winterbrooke Dr, Matthews, NC 28105 or lfmorrisap@aol.com

Church/Unit Name: _____

Church Address: _____

Unit President First and Last Name: _____

Unit President's Phone and email: _____

Number of members (as of 1/1/2019)	
Number of New members added this year	
Number of Members lost by death or other reasons	
Final number of Members (as of 12/1/2019)	

Name of person reporting this data: _____

Position of person reporting the data: _____

Phone and email: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CENSUS ONLINE AT www.unitedmethodistwomen.org CLICK ON THE "CENSUS" BOX AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS. Questions or problems, contact Lynda Morris 704-847-2521 or 704-619-2013

How can your District or Conference leadership support you in your efforts during 2020?

BELOW, PLEASE LIST THE NAMES OF ANY UMW MEMBERS WHO DIED IN 2019:



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

READING PROGRAM

	Participants PLAN I	Participants PLAN II	Participants PLAN III	Participants PLAN IV	Participants CHILDREN
NAME of PERSON READING					
1.					
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20.					
Total Number of Readers in					

SURVEY ON SELECTION OF HOST CHURCHES

When we select host churches for our district events, we have tried to vary the location around the district. This year events have been in Charlotte, Mooresville and Concord. This means that the length of travel time varies. The team is seeking your input. Would you rather that the events were centrally located so that everyone travels about the same time/miles?

Or would you rather we keep rotating around the various areas of the district—understanding that some will have further to travel? Let us know what you think: lfmorrisap@aol.com or 704-847-2521 (leave a message) or text 704-619-2013.



METRO DISTRICT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019
3:00-5:00 P.M.
MEMORIAL UMC, 4012 CENTRAL AVE, CHARLOTTE

Please list the names of your returning and new officers who plan to attend.

Name of Unit _____

President _____

Vice President _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Communications _____

Social Action _____

Spiritual Growth _____

Membership Nurture & Outreach _____

Mission Education _____

Parliamentarian _____

Historian _____

Program Resources _____

Nominations _____

Circle Chair(s) _____

Please mail registration form by **October 25** or email to LFMORRISAP@AOL.COM
Lynda Morris
2539 Winterbrooke Dr
Matthews, NC 28105



2019 Mission Today Report

United Methodist Women

Western North Carolina Conference

Name of Unit _____

District _____

Name of Person Reporting _____ **Position** _____

Phone(s) Include Area Code: Day _____ **Night** _____

Email _____

In order to be recognized as a Mission Today Unit, UMW groups must complete a minimum of twelve (12) 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!

Report activities conducted between January 1-December 31, 2019; Mission Today units will be recognized at Annual Celebrations in 2020.

Please check all the activities your unit completed in 2018 and return this form to your **District President**.

Putting a check in the blank next to a criteria states that your unit HAS COMPLETED that particular criteria in 2019. If unsure of your giving, you may contact your District Treasurer who has these records on file. Check blank if completed in 2019:

CRITERIA:

- _____ ***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 have a program and/or complete an action addressing one of the Issue Priorities for 2016-2020.

These are 1. Climate Justice; 2. Maternal and Child Health, 3. Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration; and 4. Economic Inequality. Find information at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/service-advocacy.

_____ *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 Celebration 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 2019 Conference Financial Goal is: To increase our giving in the Gift to Mission channel by at least \$3,000.00. The unit will help accomplish the goal by increasing giving in this channel by at least \$10.00 over 2018.
- ____ 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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List Local Project(s) here: You may attach an additional page if necessary.

Updated December 2018

METRO District United Methodist Women

2019 MISSION STUDY REPORT

Unit Name: _____

Report completed by: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Office in UMW: _____

Mission u

Name of Study	# Attended
Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark	_____
Women United for Change 150 Years in Mission	_____
What About Our Money	_____
District Mission Study	_____

Name of Study	# Attended
What About Our Money	_____

(Local) Sub-Groups, Circles, Fellowship Reports*

Name of Study	# Attended	Hours
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Children or Youth Mission Study Report*

Name of Study	# Attended	Hours
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

** Remember that to count as a Mission Study programs must be National Mission Study Topics and be a minimum of 4 hours.*

2020 UMW LOCAL UNIT OFFICERS

Unit Name:----- submitted by:

Church Address: ----- Church Phone:

Church City: ----- Church Zip: -----

Please place an asterisk * next to your address or your email to indicate how you would like to receive your newsletters.

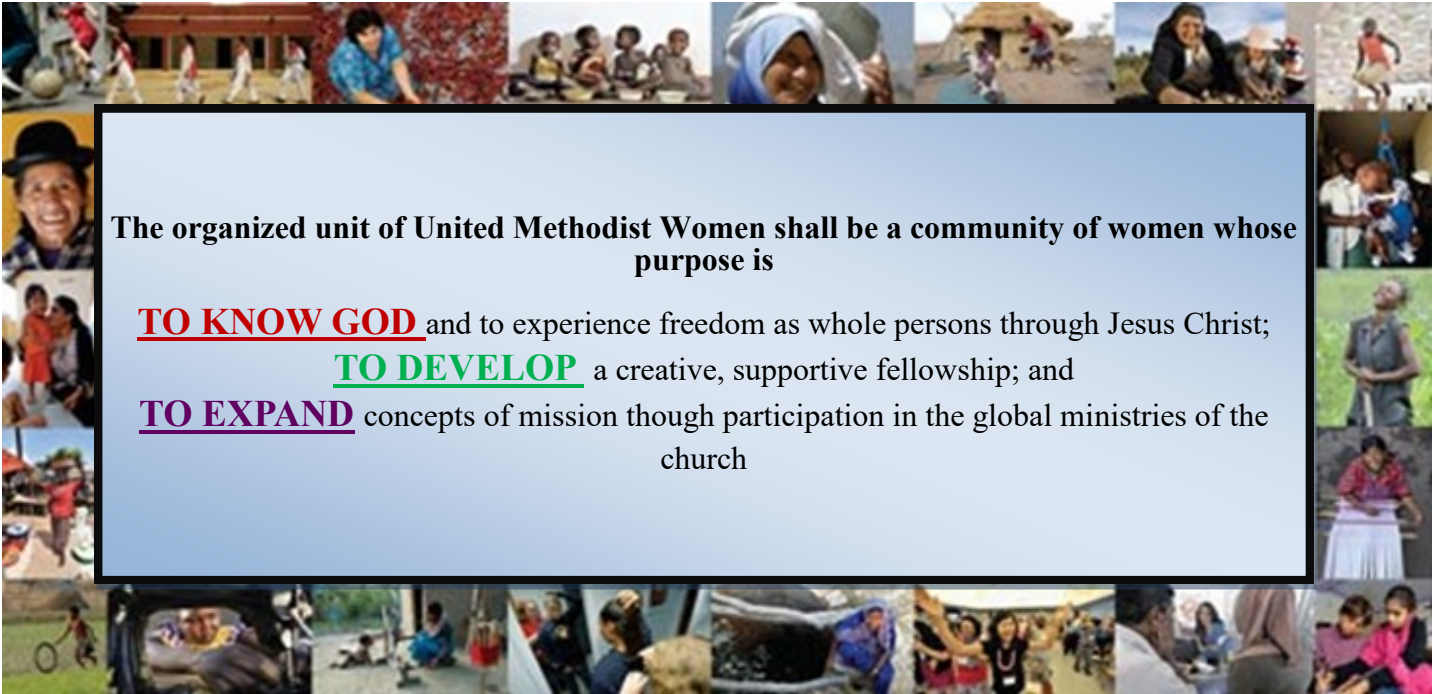
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United Methodist Women make it our PURPOSE!**





CELEBRATING THE VISION



I just returned from the 46th Annual UMW Celebration at Lake Junaluska. All who attended were blessed in so many ways as we celebrated United Methodist Women through song, increased our knowledge through inspiring messages, renewed old acquaintances, made new friends, laughed, cried... **BUT, through it all the same message resounded again and again...** United Methodist Women has made and continues to make a difference in changing the lives of women, children and youth! I continue to be in awe of how much this organization has done and is continuing to do.

The leadership of United Methodist Women from the very top on down is *passionate* about the issues affecting women and children and the needs are great! Our emphasis right now is on Climate justice, Maternal and Child health, Criminalization of people of color and Mass Incarceration and Economic Inequality. Folks, we live in a hurting world. Though we members come from different circumstances, we are so blessed! The saying: *What would Jesus do?* that was so popular awhile back, still holds true today. Perhaps we don't ask that question of ourselves enough.

Right now each of us as members needs to *step up* to see that we are supporting our mission organization, starting with our pledge. This is what is used to support the work of United Methodist Women *today!* Are we really giving all we can? We do not have dues. Mission Giving is based *strictly on the heart!*

Secondly, we are asked to also give to the Legacy Endowment Fund. We currently have, as of July 18th, \$27,988,234.00, 47% of our goal of \$60,000,000. *This is a goal we can achieve!* It takes us all, working together to share the vision for our future.

In addition, encourage those in your unit, not only to help financially, but to *learn more* about United Methodist Women. *It is hard to grasp a vision when there is no real understanding of an organization's purpose!* Those 8 ladies in Boston in 1869 did not get together because they were concerned about a lack of tea parties. They were concerned about women's circumstances in India and although our organization today emphasizes several areas, we are rooted in social action! I think we tend to forget that.

If you are reading this article, there is a good chance that you are a dedicated United Methodist Woman. Thank you and God Bless You! If you are reading this for the first time, welcome and God Bless YOU! SHARE this newsletter with your members and ENCOURAGE them to become more involved.

WE CAN HELP!!! Call on your Metro District team members or me to help in *any* area of concern. Have a wonderful fall season!

Your sister in Christ,
Kris Peurifoy, Legacy Fund Energizer
Krispeurifoy@aol.com, 704-786-2741