

January 2020



## ***From Your President:***

Wow! Last year flew by and I hope you received a blessing from all that UMW was able to accomplish. I know local units are active and busy, but I hope you will plan to participate in district and conference events as well. They help us grow and stretch our faith. Our mission study event is just around the corner. See information about this in this newsletter. Last year we celebrated 150 years in mission. Since I believe UMW will be around another 150 years, we need to think about what that 150 years will look like.

Remember to promote programs and prayers around our 4 top priorities for this quadrennium: climate justice, maternal & child health, mass incarceration & criminalization of communities of color, and economic inequality. Do your programs and missions reflect our values? Included in this newsletter are the conference goals and vision for 2020. As a local unit you may have additional goals. We have included a copy of the new Mission Today criteria. With three levels (gold, silver, bronze), **I believe every unit will be a Mission Today unit. That's a goal we can all strive to achieve and is a goal for the district.** We met our conference goal for 2019 of increasing our giving to Gift to Mission by \$3000 and I encourage you to try to reach the financial goal for 2020 of each member increasing your pledge by \$5. For me, that may be giving up a **snack that I don't need anyway, which would accomplish two goals; helping women and children and my health.**

Our evaluations for our mission festival in November were very positive. Please share any ideas you have for what we might include in 2020. Thank you to those who have sent in their year-end reports and if you have not done so yet, please move it to the top of your to do list. You should have received the forms in your packets in November, but if mis-placed just let me know. Another district president shared that a member said she put her forms under the Christmas tree so she would be sure to find them. I need to remind you that each unit is requested to complete the UMW national census on the UMW web site. That site is [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org); **look for Census 2019. If you don't have a computer, you can have someone help you complete this. It's due by March 30<sup>th</sup>** and the national office would like to know more about the local units.

I encourage you to invite your shepherdess to your local unit. We would be happy to provide a program or answer questions or just visit with you. If your unit is not meeting, we will visit on Sunday, come for your fundraiser or special event, or enjoy having lunch with you. If you invite a conference officer to come, you should know that your unit is responsible for their mileage. Plan a visit to the Mission Response Center in 2020. I promise it will be an eye-opener for you. See what happens to your UMCOR kits after they leave your unit. Beverly Bard can help you plan this.

Please include general conference that will take place in May in your daily prayers. There is a lot of concern and confusion surrounding the United Methodist Church right now but nothing will be decided until May. The proposal you are hearing about to separate the church is talking about a way to move forward without dissolving the church. It is a proposal. Since UMW is made up of women **from many denominations, I believe we will continue as the strong women's mission organization** we have always been. You can watch a panel discussion about the proposal at <https://youtu.be/YyK6ZGAWVQw>. Stay informed as your church family will look to you for leadership.



Stay strong sisters and remember God is in control. See you around the district and let me know how I can help you.

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## Women of Smoky Mountain District UMW:


Sometimes I have just thought about what we do in missions on a large scale. However, I am thinking that we should also realize that the individual woman or child is the one we can focus on. Our reading program has many books to help us realize the effect that one person, one unit, or one church could have on a person. Can we be the hands and feet of Jesus for one person? Yes. Whether it is time spent with that person or funds given. This is what UMW is all about. Because we are a group of many women, we are reaching not just the one person, but many people.

We have learned to appreciate many cultures, pray for many needs, and help in so many ways. Please remember that we as a group have been able to do so much. In 2019 we were able to send money for undesignated pledge funds and meet a goal. Also, we were able to send \$4,498 to the Legacy Fund to continue the missions into the future. Let us continue to make a difference in 2020.

The *Prayer Calendar* and *Response* are a MUST for knowing:

- Where our money goes
- Learning about our missionaries
- Communicating with retired missionaries/deaconesses
- National Office Annual Report (usually June issue)
- Mission Giving maps (usually Sept issue)



Articles about people/places funded with Mission Giving have the symbol  at the end of the article.

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### **This month's CALL to SOCIAL ACTION is brought to you by Debbie Ray:**

There are happenings in the district and I want you to be aware of them. As women who care deeply about children and their families, you make things happen. One of our priority issues this year is maternal & child health. There is a new literacy initiative in the district promoted by WNC Congregations 4 Children encouraging school/church partnerships. There are reading tutors in Haywood County, summer literacy camp in Swain County, summer feeding programs, backpack food programs, and serving as guardian ad-litem. We help provide cribs so babies have a safe place to sleep and provide equipment & clothes that young mothers need. There is also a new conference task force forming to offer training in how to advocate for children at the levels where decisions are made that affect children and their families (state, county & local). We advocate for mothers too. Did you know that the US is the only developed country that had an increase in maternal mortality rates-26.4%? We have to speak out in support of funding for maternal mortality review committees and implement recommendations in hospitals and communities. How else are you promoting this priority, not only here but worldwide? Remember pledge dollars are mission dollars.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON SPIRITUAL GROWTH!

Greetings to all new and returning Spiritual Growth Coordinators (SGC's)! Your willingness to serve is appreciated! I look forward to seeing you at district and conference events, and I hope you will seek me out and introduce yourself.

If you are still a little uncertain what your role is as SGC, simply put, you are an encourager and an educator. United Methodist Women offers many spiritual growth resources and opportunities, and it is your job to learn about them and promote their use. Are your units and circles using the *Prayer Calendar* at meetings by lifting up mission staff who are celebrating birthdays that day, and the mission focus of the day? You could also suggest your members send a card or email to a mission staffer whose birthday is the same as (or near) theirs. Do your meetings include a short devotion? Is your unit including spiritual growth topics in their programs (check your program book, *Response* bible studies, spiritual growth reading program books, mission studies, etc.)? Are you attending, and encouraging your members to attend, district events like Day Apart, Mini-Mission U, Mission Festival (which included a spiritual growth session), and conference events like Spiritual Growth Retreat and Mission U (always includes a spiritual growth study). Doing many of these things meets a Mission Today Unit criteria, but more importantly, is a practice of "intentional faith development."

I am excited about this year's district **Day Apart**, which will be Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at Canton First UMC. This year's speaker will be Martha Efird of the Metro District. Martha just completed her term as Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator. She did a wonderful job, and has been responsible for some really great Conference Spiritual Growth Retreats. I have heard her lead some very inspirational devotionals at Mission U, and I am looking forward to hearing her message at Day Apart. I know it's a sacrifice to give part of your Saturday out of your busy lives, but I hope you will see it as worthwhile, as I do, to spend some time "apart" and be inspired, worshipping together, and connecting with all the wonderful sisters of the Smoky Mountain District. I look forward to seeing you there!

P.S. If you have photographs of women we will be memorializing during our Day Apart service, please send them to me. I will accept digital format or hard copy (even photo copies), but digital would be best. If you can't scan, maybe someone in your church or family could assist you. Feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

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### PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of the 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.

## MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGES FOR 2020

Just about everywhere I go in my world of United Methodist Women I hear the same lament, "Our membership is so low and I don't know what to do to change that." Our purpose, which most of us review each time we meet, holds the key to having a vibrant United Methodist Women's Organization. It bids us to "develop a creative, supportive fellowship."

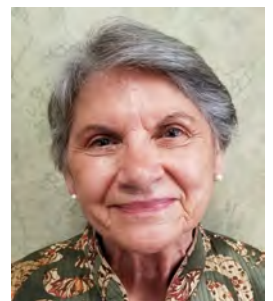
As the coordinator of Membership, Nurture and Outreach I want to challenge each UMW Unit in the Smoky Mountain District to seek one person in each unit to concentrate on inviting women to become a part of United Methodist women. Will you do that? When you find someone willing to serve in that capacity, please let me know the person's name and contact information so that we may explore ways to work together toward building up your membership.

A few points to keep in mind are:

- ◆ Remember one does not have to be a member of the United Methodist Church to belong to UMW. So consider inviting your friends, family members, co-workers, teens (our future), etc. Studies show that it takes on the average of seven invitations before a person agrees to become a member of UMW.
- ◆ Invite a potential member to a special event and offer to pick her up.
- ◆ When a new member joins, find a job for her that is important for which you really need her help. Putting together UMCOR Kits is just one example. Or, ask for her help when you are hosting UMW.
- ◆ When someone indicates a desire to become a member, give her a few items that let her know what the organization is all about, e.g. we have a flyer put together by Nancy Jo Willis, our Smoky Mountain District Communications Coordinator, that is entitled "We are Women with a PURPOSE." A copy can be sent to you upon request. A copy of another flyer called "United Methodist Women: It's Your Time," commemorating the first 150 years as an organization. A copy of "The Five Channels of Giving," a daily devotional guide such as "The Upper Room," and anything else you feel is appropriate (maybe a few Hersey's Kisses).

We often hear it said or say it ourselves, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life."... a great reminder to make today count for something good. This, then, is a reminder to you and your group of UMW that 2020 is the first year of our second 150 years and we want to make it even better for those who follow after us. Let that be our legacy!

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**Book Nook....** Do you have UMW reading program books in your unit? If you have all read them, how about bringing them to a district event and we will share with our sisters. Read a good one; tell us about it!

— Debbie Ray, SMD President

## SMOKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S

# MINI MISSION U

**JOIN US!!**

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**

**9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**Long's Chapel United Methodist Church**

**133 Old Clyde Road, Lake Junaluska, NC**

**(828) 456-3993**



**TO START:** 9:00 – 9:30 AM = Registration and a light breakfast

**LUNCH:** Bring a sandwich, salad, or whatever you like. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

**NUTURING FOR COMMUNITY: WOMEN UNITED FOR CHANGE: 150 YEARS IN MISSION.** Will be exploring and celebrating the history of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations.

**LEADER:** Barbara Campbell, retired Deaconess and also retired from the Women's Division of United Methodist Women. Barbara is a resident of Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville, NC. Barbara taught this course last year at Conference Mission u at Pfeiffer University.

**BRING TEXT** or you can order from UMW Material Resources (1-800-305-9857) for \$10/copy. Attending a Mission Study fulfills criteria #4 for a Mission Today Unit (the group spends a minimum of 4 hours in study).

**An Offering** will be taken for Undesignated Giving.

**Hands-on Mission Project** is UMCOR: Hygiene and School Kits. (Special Attention: Make checks for Shipping & Toothpaste payable to "WNCC-UMW.") Participating in a hands-on project fulfills criteria #27 for a Mission Today Unit.

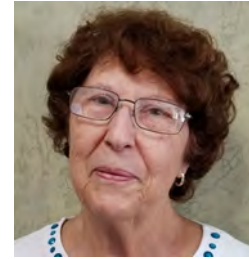
**DIRECTIONS:** From the East or West on US 74/US 23, take Exit 104. This is US 209 (Crabtree Road). Go 0.7 miles and at the stop sign, turn right. Go 0.1 mile (Old Clyde Road) and church will be on the left.

## POINTS FROM A PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Starting a new year, let us start with something that is essential: AN AGENDA.

“An agenda is an outline of a meeting. It is a list of things to be acted upon or information to be given.” An easy format is as follows:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Opening Ceremonies (optional)
  - A. Welcoming Remarks
  - B. Invocation (God First)
  - C. UMW Pledge
- III. Minutes of Previous Meeting
- IV. Reports of Officers
  - A. Report of the Treasurer
- V. Report of the Executive Board (if annual meeting)
- VI. Reports of Standing Committees
- VII. Reports of Special Committees
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Announcement of Program
- XI. Adjournment



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*Robert's Rules in Plain English*, second edition, pages 24 & 25.



## Ways to Give to the Legacy Fund

- ◇ Make a gift to the Legacy Fund through your local unit United Methodist women treasurer.
- ◇ Use our Western North Carolina Conference Legacy Commitment Form, available on our website at [www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund](http://www.wnccumw.org/legacyfund).
- ◇ Online on the national office website at [unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund).
- ◇ **By phone:** 800-278-7771 (8 am—6 pm EST, M-F)
- ◇ **Text** Legacy150 to 41444
- ◇ **By check:** note “Legacy Fund” in memo and mail to: United Methodist Women, Treasurer’s Office, 15th Floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115
- ◇ **Other methods** include gifts of stock, life insurance, bequests, and other forms of planned giving. If you are interested in making a gift like this, contact the national office at 800-278-7771.



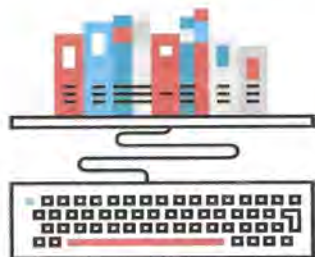
## THE EVER-CHANGING WORLD OF PROGRAM RESOURCES:

As you know by now, we will no longer have a supply of books from the Reading Program available at our district meetings. All books have to be paid for in advance now so I will only have a few, if any. The guidelines below will tell you how to purchase books in the Reading Program from third party vendors. At meetings I will have a list of the 2020 Reading Program books and you can also find the catalog on line at:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>.



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### NEW FOR 2020

#### Where to Find Books

You might notice that books in this publication are not listed with stock numbers; nor will you find the usual order form and shipping information. For the first time, this year United Methodist Women members will obtain Reading Program books exclusively through third parties—libraries, local bookstores and online. Think of this resource not as a catalog, as in past years, but as a guide.

By no longer offering books directly, United Methodist Women will make more efficient use of program resources. If you obtain materials locally, this change will also be good for the environment and will help you to become more connected with your community. Although Amazon is always a convenient option, please consider obtaining Reading Program books through:

- School and public libraries
- Local independent bookstores
- Franchises of larger bookstore chains

As always, most Reading Program books can also be found for reading electronically on your Kindle, tablet or other devices. For ebooks free of charge, check your local library, Google eBookstore, Project Gutenberg or Open Library. Searching for titles on Google might yield even more results.

If you do order books through Amazon, please remember to visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon's charitable giving page, and select "**United Methodist Women**" as your charitable organization. For all eligible purchases made on [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon will donate 0.5% to United Methodist Women.



**Andrews United Methodist Women  
is hosting a program on**

**Racial Justice  
featuring our own local  
Award Winning Historian and Activist  
Author, Artist and Speaker**

**Ann Miller Woodford**

**Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am – 2:00pm**

**Andrews United Methodist Family Life Center  
101 Chestnut Street (corner of Main and Chestnut St.)  
Andrews, NC 28901**

**Potluck Lunch  
at 12:00 will be served  
each UMW unit will bring their favorite dishes to share**

**Please feel free to invite guests**

**Please RSVP to**

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## Nurturing Partner/ Shepherdess Assignments 2020

Deborah Ray	Canton Central, Long's Chapel, Shady Grove
Judy Bromley	Clyde Central, Maple Grove
Esther Manchester	Ranger, Robbinsville, Oak Forest, <u>Tomotla</u>
Gail Powell	Sylva, Love's Chapel, Beaverdam
Reatha Cabe	Canton First, <u>Finchers Chapel</u>
Julie Leatherwood	Cullowhee, Maggie Valley, Piney Grove
Bobby Payne	Crabtree, Waynesville First, Peachtree
Beverly Bard	Rockwood, Pleasant Hill
Carol Harper	Bryson City, Hayesville
Velma <u>Zeek</u>	Andrews, Franklin First, Murphy
Sharon Cooper	Elizabeth Chapel, Francis Cove
Treva Upton	Plains, <u>Cruso</u>

### LET'S KEEP THE COMMUNICATION OPEN AND CURRENT!

It's the start of a new year and we still need updated unit officer lists. I know most of you have sent them on to Debbie Ray, but I would appreciate your forwarding them to me also so that I can update the mailing roster for the district newsletter.

If you have a change in officers or email and addresses throughout the year, please let me know so we can keep our Roster current and our mailings focused. Please also include your pastor(s) name (s) and contact info as he/she is also considered a member of our UMW.

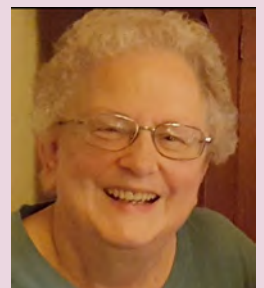
**Special Note to Pastors:** If you don't have an active UMW unit in your church, please at least post this newsletter or pass it on to some of the women in your congregation. Thank You!

If you'd like any of the flyers in this newsletter sent individually to you for use in your unit, just let me know and I will send them on to you.

This publication can be helpful to all your members so forward it to your entire group or make copies and pass it out. If you have any questions or feedback, don't hesitate to contact me by email: [smdcommcoor@gmail.com](mailto:smdcommcoor@gmail.com) or by phone: (850) 428-3636.

Thanks!

Nancy Jo Willis, SMD Communications Coordinator





## Mission Today 2020

United Methodist Women  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Western North Carolina Conference  
Become a Mission Today Unit!!

### NEW IN 2020:

**Mission Today Gold – Complete 12 criteria: 7 with asterisks (\*) and 5 other.\*\***

**Mission Today Silver - Complete 10 criteria: 5 with asterisks (\*) and 5 other.\*\***

**Mission Today Bronze - Complete 8 criteria: 4 with asterisks (\*) and 4 other.\*\***

\*\*Note: "Other" may also include items with asterisks (\*).

### 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, (Gold, Silver or Bronze) UMW units must complete a number of the following criteria as indicated above. **#1 of the Criteria is not optional. You must complete this one to become a Mission Today Unit of any level.** Activities conducted between January 1-December 31, 2020, will be recognized at annual meetings in 2021. This is an ongoing program, so strive to become a Mission Today Unit!

### 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 Available on our conference website on the "Downloads Available" page under "Mission Resources."
  - e. Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low-income programs, civil rights, etc.

If you are a "Justice Today" unit, you have met this criteria. See "Downloads Available" on conference website.

- \*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/general-conference/issuepriorities2016-20](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/general-conference/issuepriorities2016-20)
- \*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. Available at [www.Cokesbury.com](http://www.Cokesbury.com) for \$3.99 plus tax and shipping.
- \*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 in 2020.
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 or Visit: [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/action](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/action) Attach the issue and action that was taken to Mission Today report.
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 national website: [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org) Type "Children's Sabbath" in the search box.
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 2020 Conference Financial Goal is: To increase unit pledge giving by at least \$5.00 per member. The unit will help accomplish the goal by increasing giving in this channel by at least \$5.00 per member over 2019.
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.

### **Be a Mission Today Unit!**

#### **Mission Resource Center**

Website: [www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org) UMW Mission Resources, PO Box 742349, Atlanta, GA 30374-2349;  
 Phone: 1-800-305-9857 (toll-free); Fax: (770)280-0061; e-mail: [cs@umwmissionresources.org](mailto:cs@umwmissionresources.org)  
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Western North Carolina Conference

## 20/20 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 and promote personal advocacy for our four United Methodist Women priority issues:** *Climate Justice, Maternal & Child Health, Criminalization of Communities of Color & Mass Incarceration, Economic Inequality*
- **Achieve our Conference Financial Goal:** Increase unit Pledge giving by at least \$5.00 per member
- **Make 2020 a strong beginning of the NEXT 150 Years of United Methodist Women in Mission!**

Sincerely,

*Your WNCC UMW Team*

January 6, 2020 e-News

## Western North Carolina Conference e-News

### This Time of Change

*Harriett Jane Olson, General Secretary & CEO  
United Methodist Women*

Dear UMW members and friends,

You have likely read recent media reports pointing to a split in the United Methodist Church. Many outlets grossly overstated what has happened, and I am writing to clarify.

Over the past several months, persons who have various leadership roles in our denomination and in some of the groups that have prepared their own separate plans for how the denomination should proceed in 2020 met with a mediator to see if it was possible to come together around a single plan. On Friday, Jan. 3, they announced that they had reached an agreement to move ahead through separation. Their proposal would allow traditionalist United Methodists to form a new Methodist/Wesleyan body. The protocol has provisions dealing with properties, pensions and sketches out some of the timing and process that would be required. I encourage you to read the [United Methodist News Service article](#) about it. At this stage, this agreement is a proposal. Actual legislation for the General Conference to consider will need to be drafted. It is a recommendation that has yet to be voted on or approved.

The current outline does not address United Methodist Women or the agencies of the church very much, except to say that, if the proposal is adopted, they and we would remain part of the UMC rather than the traditionalist denomination that could be formed if this approach is adopted by the General Conference. As you may know, United Methodist Women has been following the development of all the plans and at times providing input or response. Along with you, we know that there is urgent work for United Methodist Women to take on—supporting women, children and youth and marginalized persons and advocating for policies that are more just. Our commitment is to be a place where all the women who affirm the Purpose and want to work together in mission can belong. With this in view, the United Methodist Women Board of Directors has already made changes to our bylaws to ensure that women committed to this mission could continue to belong, regardless of whether they or their church or their Conference separates from the UMC.

As United Methodist Church examines next steps, United Methodist Women will continue to be a place where the needs of women and children are front and center. As we do, we encourage each of you to be informed of what is being considered and to offer leadership in your congregation and in the District and Conference. Times of dramatic change can bring new possibilities. They are also times to remain vigilant about our core commitments and our identity, both as a denomination and as an organization.

In this time of change, we encourage members to remain connected to each other, remain centered on the work we are called to do in the world and to remain watchful of information on next steps, confident that God is at work.

In Love,

Harriett Jane Olson  
General Secretary and CEO  
United Methodist Women

Posted: 1/5/2020



JOIN US AT THE LAKE FOR THE  
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE – UMW  
2020 SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

**YOU LIFT ME UP**

Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>  
Go to [www.wncumw.org](http://www.wncumw.org) for complete retreat information

**Opening Session 6:45 pm Friday – Closing by noon on Sunday**  
in Stuart Auditorium, Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>  
LODGING & RETREAT REGISTRATION OPENS**

Lodging Reservations for Lake Junaluska (details on reverse side)  
On-line Retreat Reservation [www.wncumw.org](http://www.wncumw.org)

**EXTENDED RETREAT &  
EXPANDED PROGRAMMING**

more

**God-Time**

**On-line Registration \$25/person 2/3 through 6/6**

On-Site registration \$35/person

Note: On-line Registration fees  
are transferable, but non-refundable.



**2020 RETREAT LEADER**  
PASTOR LISA BETH WHITE  
TABERNACLE UMC BLACK MOUNTAIN

**EXPANDED RETREAT PROGRAMMING**

- Friday Dinner: Buffet dinner at Terrace and Lambuth for lodging guests
- Friday Evening: Opening Plenary – Speaker Rev. Lisa Beth White
- Saturday Morning: BREAK-OUT SESSIONS may include
  - Book study & Bible study
  - Meditation and prayer settings
  - Boat ride (weather permitting), Trolley tour, World Methodist Museum tour
  - Singing round the Lake, WNCU UMW Choir & MORE

Saturday Afternoon & Evening: Speaker Rev. Lisa Beth White  
Sunday Morning: Closing Session with Rev. Lisa Beth White



**MUSIC LEADERS**  
Rev. MARK L. BARDEN  
CATHERINE RITCH

**CHILD CARE AVAILABLE  
DETAILS ON WEBSITE**

**QUESTIONS**

**Retreat Information**

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Mission Coordinator-  
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Lynne Gilbert  
Webmaster  
lgilbert.umw@gmail.com  
336-207-3479

**Online Payments**

Nancy Reigel  
Conference Treasurer  
828-268-0637

**Lodging Reservations**

Lake Junaluska  
Reservations Center  
1-800-222-4930

**LAKE JUNALUSKA ACCOMODATIONS & RATES**

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

**Housing Reservations  
OPEN FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**TO RESERVE  
YOUR ROOM  
CALL**

Lake Junaluska  
1-800-222-4930

Select 1 for reservations  
and the next available  
agent will assist you.

The reservations team is  
on duty from 8:00 am until  
5:00 pm Monday-Friday

Group Code: 43975

No reservations for the  
WNCU UMW Spiritual  
Growth Retreat Lodging  
Package Rates may be  
made on-line

**The Terrace / Lambuth Inn (renovated rooms)**  
**TWO-NIGHT LODGING PACKAGE -Minimum 2-night stay**

Rooms include: private bath, free WiFi, cable TV, air conditioning, mini-fridge  
Packages below include 2 night lodging, 5 meals\*, all taxes & gratuity  
\*5 Meals: Friday Dinner, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, Sunday Breakfast

TERRACE / per person	LAMBUTH / per person
Single \$332.83	Single \$310.63
Double \$206.29	Double \$195.19
Triple \$178.91	Triple \$167.81
Quad \$165.22	Quad \$154.12

**Hillside Lodge & Junaluska Apartments &  
Lambuth (non-renovated rooms)**

**PER NIGHT/PER PERSON LODGING W/O MEAL PLAN**  
Rates include 11% room tax and meals may be added

Single \$ 99.90	Junaluska Apartments provide a great setting for young families to share our retreat experience in a cozy relaxed setting. Most apartments have a small kitchen w/mini-fridge, countertop burner, microwave, limited dishes and cookware
Double \$ 49.95	
Triple \$ 38.85	
Quad \$ 33.30	

Rooms include private bath, air conditioning, TV & coffee maker no elevator

**APPLICABLE TO ALL ABOVE LODGING:**  
**No additional room charge for children age 11 and younger staying with parent or guardian**

**HOUSING GRATUITY AT GUEST DISCRETION**  
**Rates for all facilities exclude incidentals and/or room damage**

**Important Lodging Information:**

- Telephone Reservations: \$100.00 credit card or debit deposit due at time of reservation. Exception: Payment of deposit by check – Lake Junaluska must receive check within 10 days of reservation or room will be released.
- Check-in: 4:00 p.m. on June 12 and Check-out: BEFORE 11:00 a.m. on June 14
- Cancellations made by May 28<sup>th</sup> will receive a refund of their deposit LESS \$15 /person fee.
- No refund for cancellations on or after May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Photo-ID and Credit Card required of each guest at check-in.



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See updated kit contents  
[umcor.org/UMCOR/relief-supplies](http://umcor.org/UMCOR/relief-supplies)

Nancy Jo Willis  
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310 Cassady Lane  
Murphy, NC 28906



## 2020

### WNCC–UMW Calendar of Events

June 12 – 14	Spiritual Growth Retreat @Lake Junaluska
July 23 – 26	Mission u @ Pfeiffer University
Sept. 11 - 13	WNCC UMW Annual Celebration @ Lake Junaluska
Oct. 10	UBUNTU Day of Service
Oct. 24	Leadership Development @ Hickory UMC

### SMD-UMW Calendar of Events

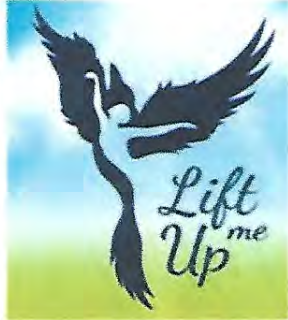
March 21	Mini Mission u at Long’s Chapel UMC from 9am – 2pm 133 Old Clyde Road, Waynesville, NC 28785
April 25	Day Apart @ Canton First UMC from 9am – 12noon 31 Newfound Street, Canton, NC 28716
August 22	SMD Annual Meeting @ Ranger UMC from 9am – 12noon 156 Ranger Road, Murphy, NC 28906
November 14	SMD Missions Festival @ Franklin First UMC from 9am – 12noon 66 Harrison Avenue, Franklin, NC 28734

### SMD UMW Unit Calendar of Special Events (open to all)

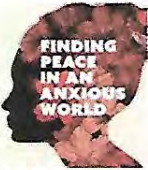
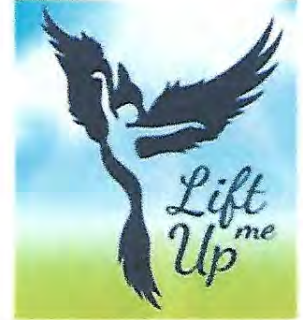
February 15	Racial Justice Program @ Andrews UMC from 9am – 2pm 101 Chestnut Street, Andrews, NC 28901. Potluck lunch.
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Western North Carolina United Methodist Women  
**2020 Conference Events**



Spiritual Growth Retreat  
"You Lift Me Up"  
June 12 - 14  
Lake Junaluska

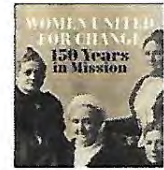


Finding Peace  
in an  
Anxious World

Mission u  
July 23 - 26  
Pfeiffer University



Pushout: The  
Criminalization of  
Black Girls in School



Women United for  
Change: 150 Years  
in Mission

Annual Celebration / September 11-13 / Lake Junaluska

*Light Up Our Spirits*  
*with Faith & Hope so Love IS Action*



Ubuntu Day of Service  
"I am because you are"  
Saturday, October 10  
Across the Conference

