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Nearly 100 National Mission Institutions in the United States supported by United Methodist Women's giving are empowering women, caring for children, educating and building youth, looking after the neglected, advocating for social justice issues, creating economic opportunities and changing neighborhoods.

2020 Conference Love Offering

Our Conference Love Offering gifts are above and beyond District and individual pledges. Such undesignated offerings are applied toward the Conference Pledge and become part of the monies used by United Methodist Women to create and support projects around the world to better the lives of women, children and youth.

You may bring your individual Love Offering or your unit's Love Offering to our Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women's Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska, or send it directly to:

Nancy Reigel, Conference Treasurer
WNCC United Methodist Women
375 Troy Norris Road
Boone, NC 28607

Please make checks payable to:
Treasurer, WNCC UMW

On-Line Love Offerings can be made on our web site, www.wnccumw.org. Just click on the "DONATE NOW" icon in the Love Offering section by Dec 31st.

Note: Please do not send your Love Offering to your District Treasurer.

**Thank you for your support of
the 2020 Conference
Love Offering!**

United Methodist Women Western North Carolina Conference



2020

LOVE OFFERING

A Gift to Mission

Honoring and Affirming

Clergwomen:

Past, Present and Future

Annual Celebration
Lake Junaluska, NC
September 11-13, 2020

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Then

Stalwart Women Refusing to Hear “No”

- 1869 Margaret Van Cott is granted a local preacher’s license ME.
- 1876 Anna Oliver first woman to receive a Bachelor of Divinity degree from an American theological seminary.
- 1878 Anna Howard Shaw receives a Bachelor of Divinity degree.
- 1880 The General Conference of the ME refused to ordain Ann Howard Shaw and Anna Oliver and denies women the right to preachers’ licenses. Anna Howard Shaw joins the MP and is ordained by its New York Annual Conference.
- 1884 The MP General Conference rules that Anna Howard Shaw’s ordination was out of order.
- 1889 Ella Niswonger becomes first woman ordained in the UB.
- 1894 Sarah Dickey is ordained by the UB.
- 1910 The General Conference ME denies women laity rights.
- 1914-1918 First World War**
- 1920 The local preacher’s license, the first step to ordained ministry officially extended to women in the *Book of Discipline* ME.
- 1924 Women in the ME are given limited clergy rights.
- 1936-1945 World War II**
- 1946 Women are denied ordination by the UB.
- 1956 Women in the MC win full clergy rights. Maude Kristler Jensen is the first woman to be granted such rights.
- 1968 Merger forming the United Methodist Church**
- 1972 United Methodist Women name adopted**
- 1996 4,955 United Methodist Women ministers.



A Gift to Mission Honoring and Affirming Clergywomen: Past Present And Future

Today

Stalwart Women Continuing to Answer the Call

- The United Methodist Church has about 12,300 women ministers of a total of about 83,800. (2014)
- In the Western North Carolina Conference there are 356 women in ministry. Total appointed clergy in the Conference is 1,093.
- Of the eight District Superintendents, five are women.
- On January 15, the WNCC delegation endorsed a woman, Rev. Amy Coles as their episcopal nominee.

Does your unit know of clergywomen who have had meaningful impacts on the lives of your members?

Make your Love Offering in her/their honor.

Just add her/their names to the memo on the check or include it on a separate slip of paper when you send it in or place your offering in the basket at the 2020 Annual Celebration.

A full list will be made available in 2021.

For your own records: Record her/their names here:
