

**Blue Ridge District
United Methodist Women
Annual Meeting Agenda**

August 31, 2020

Zoom Webinar

Welcome and Announcements Gwen Harris, Blue Ridge District Interim President

Invocation Joanie Strohm
WNCC United Methodist Women District Advisor
Blue Ridge District

Business Meeting

Call to Order Gwen Harris, Blue Ridge District Interim President

Treasurer's Report/2021 Budget Linda Johns, Blue Ridge District Treasurer

Report of Nominations and Elections Delores Meadows, Blue Ridge District Nominations Chair

Election of 2021 Officers Gwen Harris, Blue Ridge District Interim President

Recognition of Outgoing Officers Delores Meadows, Blue Ridge District Nominations Chair

Installation of Officers

Barbara E. Campbell, Blue Ridge District Historian

Legacy Fund Dixie Liggett, United Methodist Women
Program Advisory Group

Close Business

Gwen Harris, Blue Ridge District Interim President

Prayer Calendar Tracey Owens, Blue Ridge District MEI Coordinator

Devotion Lucy Earls, Blue Ridge District MC Spiritual Growth

Remembering Fran Jordan Jo Pyatt, Blue Ridge District Secretary

Offering Linda Johns, Blue Ridge District Treasurer

Benediction Gwen Harris, Blue Ridge District Interim President

We are grateful to Julia Willis, Lynne Gilbert, and the entire Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women Executive Committee for orchestrating our Blue Ridge District Annual Meeting as a Zoom Webinar.

Announcements for Blue Ridge District UMW

Annual Celebration Love Offering

The Love Offering is a gift to undesignated mission giving, a way to support the ministries of United Methodist Women in our country and around the world. Two ways to give are available:

- Go to www.wnccumw.org and click on the Blue Ridge District's pink box. At the bottom of the box is a "DONATE" message. Each District has a unique link to ensure that Blue Ridge will get credit for every gift. People can use PayPal or a credit card.
- Members can also give by writing a check to United Methodist Women and designating it as District Love Offering. They need to mail it to the Blue Ridge District Treasurer:

Linda Johns
22 North Oak Terrace
Arden, NC 28704

Hands on Mission Giving

In a recent Zoom meeting, Conference ME&I Coordinator Linda Greer relayed information about our Hands on Mission Projects. At that time, Cleaning Kits (formerly Flood Buckets) were not needed, but Hygiene Kits and School Kits are needed. Continue to assemble these kits and store them at home or at church. The District Executive Team will designate drop-off points around the district. In the next newsletter, Blue Ridge District ME&I Tracey Owens will let you know where the drop-off points are and the timeframe for dropping kits off. The District will see that they are delivered to the Mission Response Center located in Terrell, NC.

District Events

November 14-District Leadership Development Day-(Groce UMC)
(Local unit officers receive help from their District counterparts.)

Conference Events

September 26-27-Virtual Annual Celebration
(One highlight will be hearing Deaconess Cindy Johnson tell of her work with migrants living in a tent city near the Texas/Mexico border and waiting for a chance to seek asylum in the United States.)

October 10-Unbuntu Day of Service-Variou Sites

October 24-Virtual Leadership Development Day
(District officers will meet with Conference counterparts by Zoom to learn about their positions.)

TBA –Virtual Mission u
(The study book is Finding Peace in an Anxious World.)