

# Be Strong and of Good Courage

2020 Uwharrie District Annual Celebration

<b>Conference Treasurer Remarks</b>	Nancy Reigel, WNCC UMW Treasurer
<b>Greetings &amp; Invocation</b>	Julia Willis, WNCC UMW President
<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>	Cathy Ward, President, Uwharrie District
<b>UMW Purpose</b>	Vickie Brown, Parliamentarian
<b>Prayer Calendar</b>	Betty Hunt, Spiritual Growth
<b>Mission Moment</b>	Andrea Mohammad, Mission Education & Interpretation (Hands on Mission Project: school kits, hygiene kits, new clothes for kids ages 2-14)
<b>Scripture Lesson</b>	Layla Mohammad, Historian, Joshua 1:9
<b>Devotion</b>	Cheri Barker, Program Resources
<b>Love Offering</b>	Diane James, Treasurer, Andrea Mohammad MEI (A Gift to Mission Honoring & Affirming Clergywomen: Past, Present and Future)
<b>Special Music</b>	Rescue by Lauren Daigle, Becky Wall, Norwood First Methodist (during Love offering)
<b>Prayer Dedication</b>	Andrea Mohammad MEI
<b>Introduction of Speaker</b>	Sarah Lee, Vice President
<b><i>Be Strong &amp; Of Good Courage</i></b>	Barbara Brooks, President UMW, First Methodist Myrtle Beach, S.C.
<b>Litany: God is in Control</b>	Helen Shore & Vanessa Brooks
<b><i>Business Section</i></b>	<b><i>Opening</i></b> <b><i>Cathy Ward, President, Uwharrie District</i></b>
<b>Minutes/2019 Annual Meeting</b>	Elizabeth Lookabill, Secretary
<b>Treasurer's Report (Proposed 2021 Budget)</b>	Diane James
<b>Report of Committee on Nominations</b>	Pat Jarvis, Chair, Committee on Nominations
<b>Election of Officers</b>	Cathy Ward, President & Pat Jarvis, Chair Nominations
<b>Recognitions</b>	Jane Ellickson, Communications, Diane James,
<b>Special Music</b>	Be Strong In the Lord by Linda Lee Johnson/Tom Fettke Kim & John Thompson, Norwood First Methodist
<b>Benediction</b>	Rev. Laura Auten, Missional Strategist & Superintendent Uwharrie District

God is in Control

*"Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."* -Isaiah 41:10

In an attitude of prayer and gratitude, may we lift our voices as one through this responsive reading.

Leader: Loving God, You know our lives have changed over the past few months in ways we would have never imagined. Yet, in the midst of uncertainty, loneliness, sickness, and loss...

**All: You are in Control**

Leader: This world-wide pandemic is frightening, Lord. As we continue to do what is necessary to stop the spread of the virus, help us as Your people to remain calm, yet vigilant and keep in mind that...

**All: Our God of Healing and Mercy is in Control**

Leader: We are grateful that as we strive each day to find new ways to continue the mission and advocacy work we do in Your name we know that...

**All: Our God of Justice is in Control**

Leader: As we provide support for the vital mission work of our National Mission Institutions across the United States, we know we can say...

**All: Our God of Abundance is in Control**

Leader: We know, Dear Lord, that you bless and sanction the work of our Regional Missionaries, retired missionaries and deaconesses, and active deaconesses and home missionaries.

**All: Our God of Love and Service is in Control**

Leader: We know that in the development of each of our mission education resources...

**All: Our God of Wisdom is in Control**

Leader: We pray that through our leadership development programs, and in each decision we make to support and lift-up the faithful work of our members we remember that...

**All: The God Who Leads Us All is in Control**

Leader: As we diligently work for racial justice, maternal and child health, and the care of Your glorious creation...

**All: Creator God, We Know You are in Control**

Leader: We are grateful that in all our advocacy work for the needs of women, children, and youth...

**All: Our Mighty God is in Control**

Leader: God, in all our efforts to put our faith, hope and love into action help us remember that...

**All: Our Loving God of Action is in Control**

Leader: As we walk through our collective journeys, You lead us, guide us and comfort us and with each step we know that...

**All: Our God of Guidance is in Control**

Leader: And, God, as hard as it is for us to sometimes let go of trying to control every detail of our own lives, we know we can and should because...

**All: The God Who Gives Us Choice is in Control**

Leader: As we meet today and each time, we gather to connect, plan, and do Your work we are blessed to know that You, God, are in Control.

**All: Enable us to let go of our worry, fear, and self-centeredness and let You, God, be in Control.**

Leader: Amen

*--Deaconess Christi Campos, executive for donor relations, United Methodist Women*

## **Mission Projects for 2020:**

No Agape Christmas shoe boxes this year. We will be doing Project AGAPE which is collecting children's clothing size 2-14. Needs to be new clothing with tags.

We are also collecting school kits and hygiene kits for UMCOR.

**The WNCC Resource Center is reopening** on August 1.

Bryan Mateer 704-714-2340, [bmateer@wnncumc.org](mailto:bmateer@wnncumc.org) is our contact person for the mission response center.

During the week of September 28<sup>th</sup>-October 2<sup>nd</sup>; school kits, hygiene kits, as well as the children's clothing will be picked up for UMCOR. Location to take items is at Memorial UMC, 101 Randolph Street, Thomasville, N.C. Phone number is 336-472-7718. Ask for Susan (Church secretary).

For listing of supplies go to: [umcmmission.org/umcor](http://umcmmission.org/umcor)

Any further questions please contact Andrea Mohammad at 910-264-2225, [AHope4UsAll@gmail.com](mailto:AHope4UsAll@gmail.com) *OR*

Vickie Brown at 336-596-5523, [vickiebrown961@gmail.com](mailto:vickiebrown961@gmail.com)

For information about registering for our annual celebration, or to print an agenda, program book or other handouts go to:

<https://wnccumw.org/districtcelebrations/>



## THE PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of 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.