

## 2019 Catawba Valley District – President’s Report

The following is a compilation of the annual reports submitted to the designated Mission Coordinators for Membership, Mission Education and Interpretation, Program Resources, and Social Action.

A copy will also be submitted to Dianne Beam to be included in her gathering of data for the WNCC United Methodists Women’s Annual Report Book.

### Active Units and How Year-End Reports Are Utilized

The Catawba Valley District has **96** active United Methodist Women (UMW) units, down from 100 active units in 2018. At the end of 2019 there was a total of 2948 members down from 3013 at the end of 2018. This is a 2.6% decrease from 2019. These 96 units represent 62.5% of the **153** churches in the district.

To be considered an active unit, the unit must have within the past two years (1) submitted year-end paperwork, (2) and/or corresponded with a district or conference officer, (3) and/or submitted a pledge or monetary donation to the district treasurer. Year-end paperwork packets were provided to all local unit presidents who attended Local Unit Leadership Development Day training and packets not picked-up at the training were delivered by Local Unit Visit Partners (Shepherdesses) or mailed to the known president or church address listed on the conference website. Of the 96 units at this time, we received 80 reports and 4 list of officers in 2019 as opposed to 79 reports in 2018. Much of the year-end paperwork continues to be incomplete. Information provided on the year-end reports is used to create the annual report book, achievement certificates, statistics for these reports, and used to update the district and conference mailing lists.

### 2019 Statistics

**Membership:** In 2019, the Conference closed **7** churches in the Catawba Valley District, however, to my knowledge only **2** had active units. There are **3** units that report disbanding at the end of last year due to lack of members or loss of interest. **Four** units have reported they are withdrawing from the organization due to ideological differences and an unwillingness to support United Methodist Women. I spent a great deal of time speaking with these unit presidents to redirect their perceptions but was unsuccessful. There is one other unit considering withdrawing and another considering disbanding. Fortunately, we were able to reactivate 5 units we had lost contact with over many years. I am in hopes they will become active in their presence and financial support this year. **45** units reported gaining a total of **271** new members, an **increase of 230%** gaining in membership over the previous year and a **increase of 9.2%** in the total number of new members. Many of these new members came about as a result of reactivating several large units. There were **336** members lost to death or other reasons. We have learned of **2** new circle start ups of women under 50 in 2019. Our district officers made **42** visits to **34** units in 2019. While this is a lower number of visits than in 2018, we continue to urge units to invite!

**Mission Today:** **28** Units are considered Mission Today as they completed 12 of the 26 criteria. This is a **17.8% reduction** over 2018 recognized Mission Today Units.

**5 Channels of Giving:** **53** Units gave in all Five Channels of Giving. This is a **17.8% increase** from the number of units giving in all five channels over 2018.

**Reading Program:** **58** women and children participated in the Reading Program. This is a **26.6% decrease** over the previous year.

**Justice Today:** 24 units indicated that they are Justice Today Units. This is a **22.6%** decrease from the previous year.

### **Catawba Valley District Activities for 2019**

The Catawba Valley District hosted the following events in 2019:

1. February 2, 2019: There were 242 members in attendance at the Spiritual Growth and Memorial Service, at First UMC in Dallas. Our Speaker was Catawba Valley District Superintendent Reverend Angel Pleasants. The 409 hands on mission items of nonperishable food went to the Dallas-High Shoals Christian Ministries. We collected \$1172.00 in the Love Offering in honor of the 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday of United Methodist Women and this all went to undesignated giving.
2. March 23, 2019: Catawba Valley District celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday by holding our Walk for Mission in 3 locations throughout the district. Two malls and one church Life Center were utilized for indoor walks beginning at 8:00 AM. Cupcakes and cartons of water were available and Legacy necklaces were awarded at each site for the walker obtaining the most donations. **54** walkers representing **22** units donated \$5656.00 in the Walk to Mission category and another \$1252.86 in the Legacy category for a total of \$6908.86 by far the most ever raised in this event in the Catawba Valley District.
3. April 6, 2019: Our mission study was the What About Our Money topic led by Anita Fox who led the study at Mission U and is an officer on the Catawba Valley District team. The study took place at Messiah UMC in Lincolnton and was attended by 65 women representing 22 units, although we received paid registrations for 81. We collected 62 packs of socks and 32 packs of underwear for the Christian Ministries of Lincoln County.
4. August 17, 2019: Our Annual Meeting was held at First UMC in Cherryville. Th Mission Speaker was Wanda Watts from Project Agape and the "The Mighty Saints" Drama troupe provided a historical skit "A Handful of Women" to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of United Methodist Women. The event was attended by 113 members representing 38 units although we had registrations for 131. Our Hands-on Mission consisted of 103 Christmas Boxes for Armenia, 12 Health Kits, 15 School Kits and 144 pairs of children's socks collected and dropped off at the Mission Response Center. \$415.00 in Shipping costs was collected and turned over to Linda Greer, Conference ME&I. The Love Offering to undesignated giving in honor of "The Handful of Women" netted \$650.00.
5. November 2, 2019: District Leadership Development Day was held at Bethlehem UMC in Claremont. It was attended by 38 women representing 22 churches. Year-end report paperwork was handed-out to each president or unit representatives at the event. All other units received year-end paperwork by mail with the request to return completed information by December 15, 2019. Many units returned information in January 2019 and it was used to prepare this year-end report. A few cleaning items were collected for Safe Harbor recovery center for women in Hickory.

Respectfully Submitted

Belinda Worsham

President

Catawba Valley District United Methodist Women

February 12, 2020

Attachment:

Roster of 2020 Catawba Valley District Officers

Membership Summary

WNCC UMW 2019

District Catawba Valley District

Membership as of 1/1/19 3013

Members added in 2019 271

Members lost in 2019 336

Membership 12/31/19 2948

Number of units in 2019 96 Going forward in 2020 – 95 thus far

5 units reactivated, 4 units separated for philosophical differences, 3 units disbanded for loss of members or lack of interest, 2 units churches closed.

(Number of deaths if you have this from the Spiritual Growth Coordinator)

115

Return to Renee Hayes by **February 15, 2020**

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**United Methodist Women  
Western North Carolina Conference  
District Mission Today Report for 2019**

**District:** Catawba Valley

**Total Active Units:** 96

**Total Units Listed:** 28

**Name:** Belinda Worsham

**Position:** Past President

**Phone:** 704-489-0604

**Local Unit Name:**

ASBURY (Lincolnton)

BETHLEHEM (Claremont)

BOGER CITY

BROOK'S CHAPEL

CHRIST (Drexel)

EBENEZER (Vale)

EL BETHEL

FIRST (Conover)

FIRST (Dallas)

FIRST (Gastonia)

FIRST (Hickory)

FIRST (Lincolnton)

FIRST (Mount Holly)

FIRST (Valdese)

HARTZELL MEMORIAL

KNOB CREEK

LAUREL HILL

LINVILLE

MARVIN

MESSIAH

MOUNT HARMONY

MOUNT PLEASANT (Sherrills Ford)

OAK HILL

PISGAH (Catawba)

PLEASANT GROVE

POLKVILLE

SALEM (Morganton)

WESTVIEW

## 5 Channels of Giving

All units who gave to all 5 Channels: Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, World Thank Offering

Abernethy Memorial (R.C.)	Hoyle Memorial(Shelby)
Asbury(Lincolnton)	Knob Creek(Lawndale)
Bess Chapel(Cherryville)	Laurel Hill
Bethel(Hickory)	Linville(Morganton)
Bethlehem(Claremont)	Marvin(Lincolnton)
Bethlehem(Lincolnton)	Maylo(Gastonia)
Boger City(Lincolnton)	McKendree
Bradley Memorial(Gastonia)	Messiah
Brooks Chapel(Polkville)	Mt Beulah
Christ(Drexel)	Mt. Pleasant(Gastonia)
Denton's Chapel	Mt. Pleasant(Sherrills Ford)
Ebenezer(Catawba)	Mt. View(Catawba)
El Bethel	New Home
First Belmont	Oak Hill
First Conover	Palm Tree(Vale)
First Dallas	Park St.
First Gastonia	Pisgah
First Hickory	Plateau
First Lawndale	Pleasant Grove
First Maiden	Polkville
First Mt. Holly	Reep's Grove
First Valdese	Rhynes Height
Friendship	Rock Hill
Galilee	Salem(Burke)
St. Peters	South Point
Tuckers Grove	St. Lukes
West View	Trinity

Western North Carolina Conference  
United Methodist Women  
Justice Today 2019

District: Catawba Valley  
Total Units: 96  
Total Units listed below: 24  
Compiler's Name: Belinda Worsham  
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Send report by **February 15, 2020** by mail or email to: Carolyn Payne

*Please list the names of local units completing the requirements for Justice Today during 2019.*

**Gold Units**

BROOKS CHAPEL  
EL BETHEL  
FIRST MOUNT HOLLY  
FIRST (Valdese)  
LAUREL HILL  
ST. LUKES  
TRINITY

**Silver Units**

CHRIST  
EBENEZER (Vale)  
FIRST DALLAS  
FIRST GASTONIA  
KNOB CREEK  
MT. PLEASANT (Sherrills Ford)  
MT. PLEASANT (Stanley)  
PLATEAU

**Bronze Units**

ASBURY  
FIRST CONOVER  
MARVIN  
MESSIAH  
PARK STREET  
PLEASANT GROVE  
POLKVILLE  
RHYNE HEIGHTS  
TUCKERS GROVE

Reading Program Names 2019.xlsx

<b>Reader's Name</b>	<b>Church Name</b>	<b>Reading Plan</b>	<b>Year</b>
Alice Williams	Bethlehem (Claremont)	Plan 1	2019
Dianne Hefner	Bethlehem (Claremont)	Plan 1	2019
Iris Kaamans	Boger City	Plan 1	2019
Shelly Steed	Boger City	Plan 1	2019
Jeanette Hanks	Christ (Drexel)	Plan 1	2019
Mary Lail	Christ (Drexel)	Plan 1	2019
Lisa Swink	Christ (Drexel)	Plan 1	2019
Leslie Bolin	El Bethel	Plan 1	2019
Gwen Perkins	El Bethel	Plan 1	2019
Pat Bess	El Bethel	Plan 1	2019
Carol Dickinson	First (Conover)	Plan 1	2019
Pris Britton	First (Dallas)	Plan 1	2019
Carol King	First (Lincolnton)	Plan 1	2019
Kathy Dedmond	First (Lincolnton)	Plan 1	2019
Letha Owens	First (Lincolnton)	Plan 1	2019
Jane Finger	First (Lincolnton)	Plan 1	2019
Gayle Park	First (Lincolnton)	Plan 1	2019
Cheryl Cole	First (Lincolnton)	Plan 2	2019
Rosalind Welder	First (Lincolnton)	Plan 2	2019
Lori Steard	First (Mount Holly)	Plan 1	2019
Dot Harris	First (Mount Holly)	Plan 1	2019
Linda Painter	First (Mount Holly)	Plan 1	2019
Jen Boggs	First (Valdese)	Plan 1	2019
Jane Jones	First (Valdese)	Plan 1	2019
Phyllis Sweezy	First (Valdese)	Plan 1	2019
Pat Zimmerman	First (Valdese)	Plan 1	2019
Jane Bjork-Colton	First (Valdese)	Plan 2	2019

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Lorinda Richard	Knob Creek	Plan 1	2019
Nell Jenkins	Maylo	Plan 1	2019
Jenny Clanton	Maylo	Plan 1	2019
Doris Avery	Messiah	Plan 1	2019
Melinda Avery	Messiah	Plan 1	2019
Mary Lee Avery	Messiah	Plan 1	2019
Robin Moore	Messiah	Plan 1	2019
Faye White	Messiah	Plan 1	2019
Belinda Worsham	Mt Pleasant (Sherrills Ford)	Plan 2	2019
Anne Aldrdge	Oak Hill	Plan 2	2019
Anita Foxx	Oak Hill	Plan 1	2019
Elanora Miller	Oak Hill	Plan 1	2019
Gaye Bonnel	Park Street	Plan 1	2019
Debbie Frame	Park Street	Plan 1	2019
Susan Kirby	Park Street	Plan 2	2019
Monte Compton	Pisgah (Catawba)	Plan 1	2019
Becky Burke	Pleasant Grove	Plan 1	2019
Victoria Blake	Pleasant Grove	Plan 1	2019
Ellen Hoyle	Pleasant Grove	Plan 1	2019
Marie Michael	Pleasant Grove	Plan 1	2019
Ruth Stamey	Polkville	Plan 1	2019
Melissa Peeler	Reeps Grove	Plan 1	2019
Sue Gilbert	Reeps Grove	Plan 1	2019
Sandy Peeler	Reeps Grove	Plan 1	2019
Alberta Scoggins	South Point	Plan 1	2019
Virginia Ellington	South Point	Plan 1	2019
Jo Anne Hensley	South Point	Plan 1	2019
Margaret Quinn	Trinity	Plan 1	2019



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Jean Glenn	Trinity	Plan 1	2019
Pat Wilhelm	Trinity	Plan 1	2019
Sharon Riggan	Trinity	Plan 1	2019