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Catawba Valley District Newsletter

New Format for the Catawba Valley District Annual Meeting

Due to all the meeting restrictions currently in place because of the Covid - 19 virus, we will be attempting a new Virtual Style format for our annual meetings across the Conference. The Catawba Valley District will hold our meeting in August in the form of a “Webinar” where we can all be connected via the internet. The exact day is still to be determined but for sure will be between Aug 24th and Aug 31st. We will notify you of the exact date as soon as we know.

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We are aware that this is will be an entirely new experience for some of you, but please don’t let that discourage you from participating. This is our biggest meeting of the year and there is much work to be done here; therefore we need as many of you as possible to be part of this very important proceeding. So we are asking a little something from each of you. Those of you who do not know how to do internet meetings should not hesitate to ask someone to help you and those of you that do know how, please make it your mission to offer help to your sisters who need it. Each and every one of you falls into one those two groups of people and if each of you does this, everyone who wants to participate, can. You might “attend” in small groups where possible.

All persons participating in the meeting will be able to hear and communicate with every other person and will be able to participate in all matters before the district organization, including without limitation, the ability to propose, object to, and vote upon a specific action to be taken by the district organization, to the extent they would be entitled to vote at a physical meeting.

Some of the agenda items that must be addressed in this meeting are:

- ◆ Approval of A & MD Budget
- ◆ Election of District Officers
- ◆ Approval of Pledge
- ◆ Presentation of the Treasurers report
- ◆ Installation of Officers
- ◆ ...and more

Addition information will be forthcoming concerning the all details needed to register and participate in our Annual Meeting. So be on the lookout for more.

President's Note

If you're like me, a bigger font is just what I like and need, I'm finding it harder to do the jigsaw puzzle! So, you're all staying home and wearing the mask if you have to go to the store for groceries, right?

Guess what! The Exec. Team is putting together a virtual Annual Meeting. It's with the help of the Conference leaders and tech-savvy helpers. It is so necessary to get the business of UMW done and planned for 2021. Further information will be in this copy and more to learn about as we get into July.

I hope you will be there. But the date will change to between Monday Aug. 24th and Monday Aug. 31st. All Districts are having to jockey for a place and I will know from my team by Sat. June 27th. Conference webmaster, Lynne Gilbert, Has graciously offered her help and expertise. So, stay posted on emails or the UMW website.

We, all 8 District Pres. and 5 conf. Officers plus tech people, gathered for a Zoom mtg. last week, plus another to happen on July 1st. All doing our best to have a **worthy to remember Annual Meeting**. I need your prayers and I think all of us do, as well.

Keep up the good work, our world is still a hurting and harrowing one. It's more important than ever to do the Mission work of UMW. Thank you.

Ever Hopeful, Janet Bjork-Colton

Treasurer's Report

Hello Everyone. Here are the statistics for giving this year.

Undesignated Giving

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|--------------|-------------|
| Pledges | \$25,894.40 |
| SMR's | 600.75 |
| GTM cards | 527.75 |
| GIM Cards | 560.00 |
| WTO | 862.61 |
| Walk/Mission | 20.00 |

Total UG * \$29,465.01 (* Note: This is not even half of the \$80,000 pledge to conference.)

Designated Giving

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Call to Prayer | \$ 3488.36 |
| Brighter Future | 30.00 |
| Assembly Offering | 30.00 |
| Scaritt-Bennett | 30.00 |
| Magazine Fund | 20.00 |
| WNCC Scholarship Fund | 30.00 |
| Legacy Fund | 1494.34 |

There have also been Love Offerings to the District and Conference.

I hope that all members are doing well in such bad times and look forward to better times when we can all meet again.

Joan Jones, CVD UMW Treasurer

Spiritual Growth Virtual Event 2020

Now Online

As we were unable to meet in person for the Spiritual Growth Retreat this year, some very industrious people in the Western NC Conference worked very hard to prepare a virtual event for the United Methodist Women instead. They called it “**For Such A Time as This**” (Esther 4:14). Inspiring and challenging messages were delivered by:



Rev. Pam Blackstock

Central
Charlotte
Metro District



Session 1



Rev. Dr. Suzanne Michael

New Hope
Winston-Salem
Yadkin Valley District



Session 2



Rev. Lisa Beth White

Tabernacle / Swannanoa
Black Mountain / Swannanoa
Blue Ridge District



Session 3



With Music By: **Catherine Ritch and Rev. Dr. Mark Bearden**

For additional information or to watch the sessions go to: <https://wnccumw.org/events/spiritual-growth-retreat-2020/>

Let's Catch Up On Our Reading!


Stir Crazy? Me too. We are all practicing SAFETY. My new perfume is Clorox. We should all be up to Level 3 in the Reading Program. Just in case you aren't, why not read 1 and get credit for 2.

- ◆ In the Social Action category, read SO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT RACE.
- ◆ In Spiritual Growth, read PRACTICING RESURRECTION: THE GOSPEL OF MARK AND RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP.
- ◆ For Mission- WHAT ABOUT OUR MONEY? A FAITH RESPONSE.
- ◆ For Community- WOMEN UNITED FOR CHANGE: 150 YEARS IN MISSION.

I am not sure what will happen next year for Mission U, but if you didn't count the books for last year, you can count for this year. STAY SAFE, travel thru books, and as John Wesley preached Do No Harm.

Anita Fox—Program Resources Coordinator

Confirmation of Cancellation
July 23-26 Mission U, at Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer, NC has been cancelled. An online version is being considered. We will update you on details later.



Editor's Corner

In the 4th quarter CVD UMW Newsletter, we will get a first hand account of a very successful professional woman's struggles with racism and racial discrimination in her life. She has never spoken out about it until now, but she feels like the time has come to tell her story in hopes of helping others and being an instrument of positive change. I think it will be well worth waiting for.

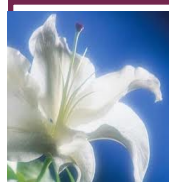
2020 Catawba Valley District United Methodist Women

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We really need some good people to step up and accept a position on the District Team. Please consider it. Remember what Jesus said—"My yoke is easy and my burden is light". Well these positions are like that when you have him beside you. Please Join Us! Patricia Withrow—Nominating Chair – patriciawithrow@yahoo.com

Remember—one of the people on the above list is your UMW Unit Nurturing Partner (complete list was in 1st Qtr. newsletter). Your nurturing partner will be contacting you, periodically, but if you need something, or have questions feel free to contact your nurturing partner.

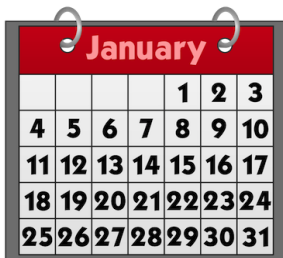


**In Memory of
Betty Jacobsen
CV District Coordinator
for Social Action
May 12, 2020**

WHAT IS JUNETEENTH

On January 1, 1863, President Lincoln issued the **Emancipation Proclamation**. Sadly it took more than two years for the news of freedom to reach enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas on **June 19, 1865**.

And so, on **June 19** we honor and celebrate the day that all Black Americans became free, and we continue to fight for **racial equity for all Black Americans**.



Catawba Valley District United Methodist Women 2020 Calendar of Events



Aug Catawba Valley District Annual Meeting, on line—date to be determined but will be between 8-24 and 8-31

Nov 14 Catawba Valley District Leadership Development Training, Ebenezer UMC, Vale