Western North Carolina Conference

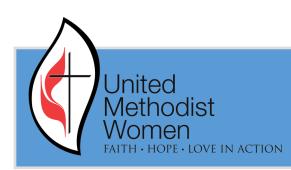
United Methodist Women



47th Virtual Annual Celebration

Celebrating 151 Years in Mission

September 26-27, 2020





ARTICLE X: RULES OF ORDER

Section 1: Rules Of Order For Annual Celebration Of The

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

A. General Information

- 1. Celebrations shall open and close at the times stipulated in the official program.
- 2. Members and guests shall wear nametags at all times to all functions to indicate delegate status.
- 3. During voting sessions (business sessions) delegates shall be seated within a designated voting bar.
- 4. Members and visitors not designated as delegates shall be seated elsewhere.

B. New Business

- 1. All new business that has not been considered by the Executive Committee of the Conference shall be presented in writing to the Secretary twenty-four (24) hours prior to being considered by the voting delegates.
- 2. Proposed Resolutions must be submitted in writing to the Conference President sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of the Conference Annual Celebration.

C. Motions

- 1. All motions except on matters of procedure shall be written and signed by the maker and furnished to the Chair before action is taken.
- 2. The Secretary, unless directed otherwise, shall not record motions ruled out of order, points of order on which no appeal is taken, or trivial matters of privilege.

D. Debate

- 1. In seeking recognition from the Chair, a member must stand to address the Chair and, upon being recognized, state his or her name before making comment or motion.
- 2. The maker of a motion in preference to any other delegate shall be entitled to the floor immediately after the motion is stated.
- 3. Debate shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes per topic.
- 4. No delegate shall speak to a motion a second time until all others have been given the opportunity to speak.
- 5. No delegate shall speak more than twice on the same question on the same day, nor more than two (2) minutes at one time without consent of the body.
- 6. General consent shall be required if additional time is to be given.

E. Voting Membership

The voting body of the Conference organization shall be composed of the following persons:

- 1. One representative of each local unit of fifty (50) members or less, with one additional representative For each additional fifty (50) members in the unit.
- 2. All District officers and chairpersons of District Committees.
- 3. Past Presidents of the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women and conference past presidents of the United Methodist Women now living within the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference.
- 4. District Presidents, as members of the Conference Executive Committee.
- 5. Conference officers and chairpersons of committees.
- 6. Any member of the United Methodist Women National Office or of the Jurisdiction organization residing within the bounds of the Conference.
- 7. The resident Bishop.
- 8. The President of the Jurisdiction Deaconess Association if residing within the bounds of the Conference.
- 9. All elected members-at-large.

F. Delegates For Quorum

A quorum shall be a simple majority of the delegates registered for the Celebration.

G. Parliamentary Authority

- 1. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority.
- 2. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates is required to suspend or amend these rules.



47th Virtual Annual Celebration United Methodist Women Western North Carolina Conference September 26-27, 2020

Julia Willis, President

Joanie Strohm, Vice President & Chair of Program Committee

2020 Program Committee

Joanie Strohm, Julia Willis, Dianne Beam, Darlene Gardner, Linda Greer, Lynne Gilbert, Carolyn Payne, Renee Hayes, Lisa Bacon, Nancy Reigel, Kathy Chadwell, Gwen Harris, Martha Isenberg

Visit our Conference Web Site, www.wnccumw.org

You can find lots of information at our conference web site. Conference event information, registration forms, Mission Today resources, the Conference Gram, and links to many resources available on the National Office web site are just a few of the things you can find there.

Join Our Conference Email List!

If you are interested in receiving email with Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist information, updates, the *Conference Gram*, go to the website and sign up. Also, find us at <u>www.facebook.com/wnccumw</u>, and <u>www.twitter.com/wnccumw</u>. Join now!

Very Special Appreciation

The Program Committee would like to thank the following:

- All the United Methodist Women who joined us on webinar
- Members of the Conference Executive Committee
- Officer installer Kim Eller, National Director alternate
- Our Special Speaker, Deaconess Cindy Johnson
- Howard Smith and Tracey Owens for sharing their musical talents
- Bishop Paul Leeland for Greetings Sunday afternoon
- Our special tech team: Lynne Gilbert, Lisa Bacon, Sara Williams, Kathy FitzJefferies, Lynda Morris, and Kim Shafer

Walk in God's Light

"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness. 1 John 1:5

Saturday Afternoon 2 pm

Music with Howard Smith and Tracey Owens

Theme Song "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" vs.1 UMH #206 Hymn: "Thy Word is a Lamp" UMH #601

Hymn: "Thy Word is a Lamp"UMH #601Hymn: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"TFWS #2173

Greetings & Call to Annual Celebration	Julia Willis, President	
Introduction of Program Committee	Joanie Strohm, Vice President	
BUSINESS SESSION	Julia Willis, President	
	Dianne Beam, Secretary	
	Jatana Royster, Parlimentarian	
	Nancy Reigel, Treasurer	
	Sandy Letchworth, Committee on Nominations, Chair	
Program Advisory Group Report	Dixie Liggett, PAG member	
Mission Moment	Linda Greer, Mission Education & Interpretation Coordinator	
Shining a Light on Our Districts	Renee Hayes, Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator	
Introduction of Special Speaker	Joanie Strohm, Vice President	
Special Guest Speaker	Cindy Johnson, Deaconess	
Benediction	Joanie Strohm, Vice President	
Music with Howard Smith and Tracey Owens		
Hymn: "This Little Light of Mine"	UMH #585	
Hymn: "We are Called"	TFWS #2172	
Theme Song "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"	vs.2 UMH #206	

Walk in God's Light Sunday 2 pm

Music with Howard Smith and Tracey Owens

Theme Song "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" v	vs. 3 UMH #206
Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" vs. 1, 2, &	4 UMH #103
Solo: Tracey Owens "Light of the World"	TFWS #2204
Introduction	Joanie Strohm, Vice President
Mission Moment & Prayer Calendar	Linda Greer, Mission Education & Interpretation
Greetings from Bishop Leeland	
Recognition of Outgoing Officers	Julia Willis, President
Installation of Officers	Kim Eller, National Director, Alternate
Celebrating Mission, Mission Giving and our 2	020 Love Offering
Building Our Legacy	Nancy Reigel, Treasurer Linda Greer, Mission Education & Interpretation Coordinator Dixie Liggett, PAG/Legacy Team Member
Presentation of SMRs and Gift to Mission Cards	Joanie Strohm, Vice President
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:4-6, 5:6-7	Carolyn Payne, Social Action Coordinator
Litany - 'In Light of'The Current Situation	Written by Carolyn Payne
One: In light of the current situation, that has gripped Many: "Here on earth you will have many trials and s overcome the world " John 16:33 One: There 's fear of the future, and division over the havoc—-unabashed!	sorrows. But take heart, because I have
Many: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by p	rayer and supplication, with thanksgiving
 let your requests be made known to God." Photometry One: The light of the world glows dim, it seems to fluct the weeds in the world have grown tall, they'v Many: "See, darkness covers the earth and thick dark 	tter, it seems to flicker, re grown stronger, they've grown thicker. Kness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises
upon you and his glory appears over you." Is	
 One: In these strange and weary times in this dark ar how do we know God's Grace? Many: "Grace and peace be yours in abundance th our Lord." 2 Peter 1:2 	

- One: When we grow dreary of the battle, and become faint in the fight, and our heart is heavy laden from the burdens of the night.
- Many: "Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners so you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:3
- One: With Faith, Hope and Love in Action as our PURPOSE and our Truth, how shall we serve your women, your children and your youth?
- All: "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let Your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father In heaven." Matthew 5:14/16

Amen!

President's Message "Light Through 20/20 Vision"

Julia Willis, President

Memorial Service"Memorial Candle Lighting Service"Darlene Gardner,(From the Mennonite Church in Canada; Used with permission)Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Josh Gardner, Soloist "Come to Jesus" Lyrics and Music by Chris Rice

Sending Forth

Julia Willis, President

Music with Howard Smith and Tracey Owens

Hymn: "We Are Singing, We Are Marching"	TFWS #2235
Theme Song "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" all verses	UMH #206

Upcoming UMW Events:

- October 24, 2020, 10:00 am Leadership Development Day (LDD) for <u>District Officers</u> "Walking in God's Light in Leadership", Virtual training via Zoom meetings. District Presidents will share Zoom information with District Officers.
- October 26, 27, 28, & 29, 7:00pm 2020 Mission u LIVE! Mission Study: Finding Peace in an Anxious World, led by Sandrea Williamson. Online registration opens October 1, 2020. More information at www.wnccumw.org/events/mission-u-2020/.
- November 14, 2020, 10:00am ALL DISTRICTS Leadership Development Day (LDD) for Local Unit Officers, <u>Circle Chairs, and other leaders</u>, Virtual training via Zoom meetings. Save the date! Watch our website for additional information at: https://wnccumw.org/districts/lddlocalunitofficers2020/

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PRESENTS ...

MISSION U 2020

October 26, 27, 28 & 29, at 7:00pm

Mission Study: Finding Peace in an Anxious World Study Leader: Sandrea Williamson Music: Catherine Ritch

Mission u Spiritual Growth Study—Finding Peace in an Anxious World

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Study Leader: Sandrea Williamson Music provided by Catherine Ritch October 26-29, 2020 7:00-8:15pm

Virtual Online Study via Zoom Online registration for the Zoom Meeting will open on October 1, 2020.

Please read the text book: Finding Peace in an Anxious World, continue to pray and sign up for the study.

At this time of COVID-19 we are surrounded by much uncertainty and anxiety all over the world. We are not able to "Pass the Peace" at our houses of worship, our children are not able to attend school, so many lives have been lost and many are facing economic uncertainty. Across the country there are marches everyday demanding justice and calling for police reform following the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and others. The stress level for many of us is at an all-time high. Sandrea will lead us through the study using the Serenity Prayer as a guide to help us **destress and refresh** so we may continue to live out our **Purpose** as United Methodist Women.

God, Grant me the Serenity To accept the things I cannot change Courage to change the things I can And the Wisdom to know the difference

Author: Reinhold Niebuhr

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



Special Speaker: Cindy Johnson

Deaconess Cindy Johnson is serving in the La Posada Providencia in the Rio Grande Conference

Cindy Andrade Johnson, was born and lives in Brownsville, Texas. A teacher by profession, Cindy worked with students who were expelled from their homes because of trouble with law enforcement. In response to her lifelong calling to work and advocate for others, Cindy was involved in local justice issues within and near her community. A lifelong United Methodist, she actively participated in her local, district, conference, and jurisdiction United Methodist Women teams and initiatives.

Feeling that teaching alone would not allow her to "sincerely implement the Commission that our Lord has given us," Cindy committed to mission service and was consecrated a Deaconess of the United Methodist Church. She accepted a two-year obligation to serve as a Public Witness Organizer with United Methodist Women and became known for her creativity; for her effectiveness is using social networking to organize, and for building personal relationships.

Deaconess Cindy began working with the United Methodist Women National Office by serving as a consultant with the Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner. In that position she served around discernment, helping individuals around the country discern their calls to ministry, and promoting and educating individuals about the opportunities for laity in the Church. Cindy continues to serve in that role today, in addition to her work with La Posada Providencia in the Rio Grande Conference providing shelter to poor immigrants and helping them to integrate more quickly in the United States culture. It is her ministry with La Posada that she feels she is focusing on her true calling, working with the immigrant population.

Her commitment to mission and ministry is evident by her extra-curricular activities on behalf of the United Methodist Church. Cindy has served on multiple occasions as a delegate to General Conference, several terms as a Board member for the General Board of Church and Society, and as a member of the Program Advisory Group of United Methodist Women. She has served on the Board of Good Neighbor Settlement House, a national mission institution.

Cindy is bold, courageous and audacious for justice and "thanks God every day for providing her with wonderful family and friends."

Pianist: Howard Smith



Howard Smith grew up in Lenoir, North Carolina and started playing the piano at age four. All his life, Howard has devoted his talents and life to the Lord. Howard has played in the church as far back as he can remember. He took private lessons for eight years but contributes his talent as God-given. He won talent competitions as a teenager and now as a senior adult has won the best senior pianist award in the Church of God in North Carolina this year. He has served as Minister of Music and Pianist at the Bethlehem Church of God in Hickory for 15 years and as the Minister of

Music in the Pentecostal Holiness Church and served on their state music committee. Howard currently serves as pianist and organist at First United Methodist Church of Marion. He is the accompanist for the Old Fort Community Chorus and performs at Biltmore House a few times a year. Howard is married and has 4 children and 2 grandchildren.

Since churches closed in March, he has played a live stream concert every Sunday morning for those who cannot attend church and to be a blessing to those who listen. Howard states "Most of all, I love the Lord with all my heart. To God be the glory!"



Musical Director: Tracey S. Owens

Deaconess Tracey S. Owens has been singing all of her life and playing the piano since she was 8 years old. As well as piano lessons, Tracey has vocal and choir director training. She was raised in Greensboro, NC and her home church is Tabernacle UMC. Her first professional singing performance was at age 13, singing in a wedding. She began directing the children's choir at age 17, and has directed and accompanied children, youth and adult choirs, as well as children and youth handbell choirs, In North Carolina and Georgia.

Currently Tracey is on staff at Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville as the Director of Activities. She is a consecrated Deaconess in the United Methodist Church since 2014 and is commissioned in the Western

North Carolina Conference. She is married to Rev. Warren Owens, pastor of Marion First UMC, and they have a college age son Samuel. Tracey has been a member of United Methodist Women most of her life, remembering her mother hosting circle meetings in their home. She is currently the Mission Education and Interpretation Coordinator for the Blue Ridge District UMW. She previously served as the Spiritual Growth Coordinator and was on the Nominations Committee. Locally, she serves as the Vice President and Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the Marion First UMW unit.

Tracey says "I am honored to be asked to lead the music at the 2020 WNCC UMW Annual Celebration. Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"

United Methodist Women

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Approved by Finance Committee on Amended & Approved by Executive Committee on Approved by Annual Meeting on August 1, 2020 August 2, 2020

			2020			
		2019 Actual Paid	Budget	Paid Thru 7/17/2020	Proposed 2021 Budget	difference
	rence Pledge to Mission nated Funds (UMW Inc & Other)	\$577,481.38	\$525,000	226,683 18,372	\$500,000	-25,000
II. Admin A.	strative & Membership Development Funds Conference Officers					
	1. Travel and Meals	\$1,121.70	\$1,600	\$147	\$1,000	-600
	2. Printing and Postage	\$424.14	\$500	\$73	\$250	-250
	3. Stationary and Supplies	\$551.52	\$1,000	\$10	\$1,000	0
	4. Sampler Subscription	\$440.00 \$770.42	\$480 \$600	\$210	\$480 \$3.000	0 2,400
	 Recognition of Retiring Officers Telephone 	\$770.43	\$600		\$3,000	∠,400 0
	7. Reading Program	\$291.53	\$300	\$251	\$300	0
	8. Equipment: Purchase & Maintenance	\$1,099.95	\$2,000	\$1,227	\$2,000	Ő
	9. Annual Report Book Dedication	\$1,000.00	\$1,000	<i><i><i></i></i></i>	\$1,000	Ő
	10. Web Master	\$535.99	\$500	\$299	\$500	Ō
В.	District A & MD Funds	\$49,795.27	\$63,125	\$21,257	\$62,075	-1,050
С.	Jurisdiction A & MD Funds	\$4,000.00	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	-2,000
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D.	Mission u 1. Study Leader Training	\$7,243.96	\$7.000	\$735	\$5.000	-2,000
	2. Conference	\$26,038.36	\$9,000	\$1,592	\$9,000	-2,000
	3. Youth Camp	\$654.67	\$1,000	\$1,00Z	\$1,000	0
E.	Conference Programs & Events	+	+ .,			0
⊑.	1. Annual Meeting	\$18,242.32	\$20,000		\$20,000	0
	2. Hostess Expenses (Mission u & Annual Meetin	\$500.00	\$500		\$500	0
	3. Spiritual Growth	\$11,727.31	\$11,500	\$390	\$11,500	Ő
	4. Officer Training (Dist Officers)	\$1,771.44	\$1,800	+	\$1,800	Ō
	5. UMW Leader Development Day (LDD)		\$200			-200
	6. Membership	-\$36.00	\$1,000		\$500	-500
	7. Social Action (Legislative events, etc.)	\$30.00	\$1,000		\$100	-900
	8. Other Events (Including Under 39)	\$526.87	\$750		\$500	-250
F.	State, Regional & National Seminars					0
	1. National Seminar					0
	2. Assembly (2018) / SEJ (2024)	\$9,500.00	\$9,500	\$855	\$0	-9,500
	3. Assembly Love Offering (2022)		\$600	¢000	¢0	0
	4, Scholarships - Assembly (2022)/SEJ (2024)		\$600	\$200	\$0	-600
G.	Publications					0
	1. Conference Gram	\$6,373.49	\$8,000	\$4,249	\$6,000	-2,000
	2. Annual Report Book	\$145.50 \$101.40	\$250	¢000	\$250	0
	3 Love Offering Brochure	\$191.42	\$300	\$202	\$250	-50
H.	Contribution to Affiliate Organizations	¢450.00	* 1		<i><i>h</i> <i>i i i i</i></i>	0
	1. Church Women United of NC	\$450.00 \$100.00	\$150 \$100		\$150 \$100	0
	2. NC Council of Churches - Special Friends	\$100.00	\$100		\$100	0
Ι.	Committee Meetings	64 646 46	AA AA-	* ~~ ·	<i>* / *</i>	0
	1. Executive	\$4,016.40	\$6,000	\$994	\$4,000	-2,000
	2. Finance Committee 3. Nominating Committee	\$1,560.71 \$1,257.50	\$2,000 \$500	\$818 \$520	\$1,000 \$750	-1,000 250
	 Nominating Committee Other Committees (Prog. P&T Workday, Under 39 etc.) 	\$1,257.50 \$2,514.06	\$300 \$2,000	\$5∠0 \$1,000	\$750 \$500	∠50 -1,500
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J.	Audit	\$8,000.00	\$4,000		\$4,000	Ő
K.	Miscellaneous		+ .,		,	0
ΤΟΤΑΙ	LA&MDFUNDS	\$160,838.54	\$162,255.00	\$37,028	\$140,505	-\$21,750
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TOTAL	L FUNDS NEEDED/DISBURSED	\$960,838.54	\$687,255.00	\$562,028	\$640,505	-\$46,750

(Conference Treasurer has permission to transfer line items)

United Methodist Women

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Approved by Conference Finance Committee on Approved by Conference Executive Committee on

2021 DISTRICT A&MD BUDGETS - COMPOSITE REPORT

	(MEMO) TOTALS								
		Appalachian	Blue Ridge	Catawba Valley	Metro	N Piedmont	Smoky Mtn	Uwharrie	Yadkin Valley
DISTRICTS PLEDGE TO MISSION 2013	917,000	73,000	66,000	142,000	183,000	150,000	44,000	96,000	163,000
DISTRICTS PLEDGE TO MISSION 2014	904,350	73,000	70,000	142,100	183,250	150,000	40,000	83,000	163,000
DISTRICTS PLEDGE TO MISSION 2015	892,180	73,000	77,500	135,100	170,000	150,000	40,580	83,000	163,000
DISTRICTS PLEDGE TO MISSION 2016	779,500	73,000	79,000	115,000	100,000	125,000	41,500	83,000	163,000
DISTRICTS PLEDGE TO MISSION 2017	789,000	70,000	80,000	110,000	125,000	125,000	42,000	74,000	163,000
DISTRICTS PLEDGE TO MISSION 2018	744,000	63,000	82,000	110,000	127,000	105,000	42,000	55,000	160,000
DISTRICTS PLEDGE TO MISSION 2019	712,500	62,000	82,000	100,000	121,000	105,000	41,000	51,500	150,000
DISTRICTS PLEDGE TO MISSION 2020	679,100	56,000	82,100	80,000	115,000	100,000	41,500	51,500	153,000
DISTRICTS PLEDGE TO MISSION 2021	665,100	52,000	82,100	80,000	110,000	100,000	41,500	51,500	148,000
Officer Expense:									
Postage	4,475	400	700	700	150	500	450	375	1,200
Supplies	3.975	500	600	500	400	350	600	125	900
Telephone	0								
Travel (mileage)	6,600	300	1,600	500	600	150	200	550	2,700
Printing (letters, handouts)	2,050	200	200	200	300	500	200	250	200
TOTAL OFFICER EXPENSE	17,100	1,400	3,100	1,900	1,450	1,500	1,450	1,300	5,000
Meeting Expense:									
District Annual Meeting	4,000	300	600	600	200	350	500	750	700
District Spiritual Enrichment	3,450	200	500	600	400	300	800	100	550
District Officer Training	2,800	200	400	600	400	150	500	400	150
Other District Events	4,225	300	200	200	250	1,525	100	500	1,150
TOTAL MEETING EXPENSE	14,475	1,000	1,700	2,000	1,250	2,325	1,900	1,750	2,550
Other Expenses:									
Newsletter - Printing	13,800	1,500	2,500	1,500	1,400	2,000	450	1,250	3,200
Newsletter - Postage/permit	4,550	550	300	1,500	700	300	350	200	650
Resources and Literature	2,100	150	300	150	200	200	200	100	800
SMR, GTM, & GIM Local Women Stipend	4,700 3,600	700 450	500 450	300 450	300 450	600 450	800 450	400 450	1,100 450
Miscellaneous	1.750	430 50	300	450	500	400	100	100	300
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	30,500	3,400	4,350	3,900	3,550	3,950	2,350	2,500	6,500
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2021 A&MD TOTAL BUDGET	62,075	5,800	9,150	7,800	6,250	7,775	5,700	5,550	14,050
2020 A&MD TOTAL BUDGET	63,125	5400	9150		6,100	7,775	5,700	5,500	15,700
2019 A&MD TOTAL BUDGET	69,250	7050	9150		7,000	10,000	5,600	6,250	15,700
2018 A&MD TOTAL BUDGET	72,725	7,250	9,650	9,975	8,400	10,000	5,500	6,250	15,700
2017 A & MD TOTAL BUDGET	73,550	7,250	10,200	9,700	7,550	10,500	6,400	6,250	15,700
2016 A & MD TOTAL BUDGET	83,400	7,250	9,700	10,950	14,750	11,650	6,400	7,000	15,700
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2014 A & MD TOTAL BUDGET	82,975	6,800	6,550	12,250	14,500	13,400	6,400	7,500	15,575
2013 A & MD TOTAL BUDGET 2012 A & MD TOTAL BUDGET	80,000	6,100	5,500	12,250	15,250	12,800	6,400	7,900	13,800
	107,220								

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Nominees for Conference Offices

Nominees for a two-year term 2021-2022

Secretary Communications Coordinator *Indicates a second Two Year Term Dianne Beam* (ME) Lisa Bacon* (SM)

Nominees for a one-year extension (2021)

Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation Committee of Nominations:

Linda Greer (AP) Michelene Mathews (ME) Martha Phillips (BR) Deborah Matthews (UW)

Justice Today Committee

Congratulations National Directors Kim Eller, Alternate Tonya Lanier, Alternate **District Presidents** For information only-Elected by their District)

Blue Ridge, Gwen Harris Northern Piedmont, Sandrea Williamson Uwharrie, Cathy Ward

Program Advisory Group Sherry Sink

Proposed 2021 Calendar of UMW Events

January 9	President/Treasurer Workday—Virtual
January 28-30	National LDD Training –Virtual
February 6	Finance/various Committee Meetings—Location TBD
February 7	Executive Committee Meeting
March	Scholarship Committee—Pfeiffer University
May 8	Mission u/Program Committee—Location TBD
June 11-13	Spiritual Growth Retreat—Lake Junaluska
June 18-20	WNC Annual Conference—Lake Junaluska
July 15-18	Mission u—Pfeiffer University
August 7	Finance/various Committee Meetings—Location TBD
August 8	Executive Committee Meeting
Aug 29-Sept 7	UMC General Conference—Minneapolis, MN
Sept. 10-12	Annual Celebration—Lake Junaluska
Oct 2 & 9	Ubuntu Day of Service—various locations
October 23	Leadership Development Day (LDD)—Location TBD
Nov 12	New Member Orientation—Location TBD
Nov. 13	Various Committee Meetings—Location TBD
Nov.14	Executive Committee Meeting

2020 Conference Officers

President Julia Willis Vice President Joanie Strohm Dianne Beam Secretary Treasurer Nancy Reigel Kathy Chadwell Secretary of Program Resources **Communications** Coordinator Lisa Bacon Mission Coordinators: Social Action Carolyn Payne Spiritual Growth Darlene Gardner **Education & Interpretation** Linda Greer Membership Nurture & Outreach **Renee Hayes** Chair. Committee on Nominations Sandy Letchworth (22) Martha Phillips (20), Michelene Mathews (20), Members, Committee on Nominations Velma Zeek (21), Sherrie Miller (22), Deborah Matthews (22) Stephanie Cude (21),

Ann Aldridge (23), Laquetta Barbee (23)

Historian Parliamentarian Chair, Scholarship Committee Webmaster/Legacy Team Liaison Dean, Mission u National Program Advisory Group Resident Bishop Betty Durham Jatana Royster Cathy McCauley Lynne Gilbert Patricia Moore Dixie Liggett (2016-2020) Bishop Paul L. Leeland

2020 Mission u Officers

Dean Assistant Dean Housing Manager Business Manager Patricia Moore Lynn Alexander Amanda Dyer LaDonna Butts

2020 District Presidents

Appalachian Blue Ridge Catawba Valley Metro Northern Piedmont Smoky Mountain Uwharrie Yadkin Valley Sherry Summerlin Gwen Harris (interim) Janet Bjork-Colton Lynda Morris Sandrea Williamson Deborah Ray Cathy Ward Martha Isenberg

THE LEGACY FUND

Celebrate United Methodist Women! 151 Years and Counting...



Our Western North Carolina Every Member Legacy Fund Goal:

That every member of United Methodist Women make a gift to

The Legacy Fund of at least \$18.69 per year,

over and above her Pledge to Mission, for at least five years.

March 23, 1869 ~ Today...

151 Years in service of God's mission on behalf of women, children, and youth!

Consider Becoming a Legacy Builder!

A Legacy Builder moves forward the mission of United Methodist Women by making a monthly gift of \$18.69 or more to The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign in honor of United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary. **Just as our foremothers invested in our future in 1869**, gifts to the campaign will ensure that United Methodist Women continues to prepare future generations of women to practice mutuality in mission, working to transform the lives of women, children and youth in deeper and even more impactful ways. More information at: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/donate/legacybuilder

What is the impact of my giving \$18.69/month or more?

Endowing core expenses will equip United Methodist Women to make even more of a difference in the lives of women, children and youth in communities around the world, for example:

- Providing healthy snacks to an afterschool program for children living in poverty in rural Kentucky.
- Supplying books for an international scholarship recipient in the Philippines.
- Purchasing baby chicks to create entrepreneurship opportunities for women and youth in Mozambique.

Where can I get more information about The Legacy Fund?



Visit our website at: wnccumw.org/legacyfund/

You can also contact any of our Legacy Campaign / 150th Anniversary Team members, your District President, or your District Treasurer.

Information available on the website includes:

- Legacy/150 Campaign Commitment Form & FAQ
- How you can make your gift(s) to The Legacy Fund
- Variety of Legacy videos & resources to use in your local unit
- Links to more information on the United Methodist Women National Office website at: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150/

150 LEGACY BUILDER

Our Conference Legacy Campaign Team:

Contact us!

We are happy to answer your questions, and to share information with your local unit!

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Blue Ridge - Dixie Liggett Northern Piedmont - Betty Durham Smoky Mountain - Julie Leatherwood Uwharrie - Lissell Currie Yadkin Valley - Rhita Newcomb

Report of Program Resources

In 2019, 159 local units reported participation in the UMW Reading Program (26%), this is a total decrease of 1%. There were a total of 630 readers reading in Plans 1-4. The total number of children readers were 116.

For over 150 years, United Methodist Women have been involved in mission that includes prayer, study and action. The Reading Program is a study opportunity, but it should also lead to action. The purpose of the program is to encourage United Methodist Women members to

A. Expand understanding of and participation in God's mission.

- B. Increase sensitivity to all human beings—their needs, interests and concerns.
- C. Encourage critical thinking about issues facing humanity today.
- D. Grow in understanding of Scripture as it relates to Christian faith in contemporary life.
- E. Enhance self-knowledge and act from that knowledge.
- F. Strengthen involvement in local and global Christian mission.

Sibul Long. Secretary of Program Resources

The Struggle Continues!

August 18, 2020, marked the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote. The Suffrage Movement took almost a decade to end successfully. This was not an easy victory, most things of value are not easily won.

One may ask, how in the time of ""high button shoes as the fashion", and "women belong in the home" as the attitude, was this insurmountable challenge not only mounted but tamed. It is clear, these women neither swooned in dismay, or wrung their delicate hands in despair. They got involved, they lobbied/heckled politicians, practiced civil disobedience, broke windows, set fire to mailboxes and empty buildings, they marched, got arrested, and made **BOLD** demands!

For daring to ask to have some say in matters that directly affected them, these women found themselves misunderstood by friends and family. Some were jailed for their views and frequently sexually assaulted by their jailers. Often, they resorted to hunger strikes to draw attention to their cause only to be brutely force-fed by their imprisoners.

This was not a pretty, clean dignified struggle, the way forward was divisive and often unclear, the choices to be made were uncomfortable and even dangerous; however the goal was/is well worth the effort.

In our 150-year tradition, United Methodist Women are staunch believers in the biblical foundation for our involvement in Social Justice. We must be relentless in our efforts to keep moving forward; because, **The Struggle Continues**, therefore, I urge you as we move toward an election in a year that has been biblical in its consequences, don't be put-off by your frustrations, or predictable inconvenience to your time or space...too many sacrifices were made for us to sit this one out!

Written by Carolyn Payne, Social Action Coordinator

Report of the Treasurer

Western North Carolina United Methodist Women continued our tradition of **Making Mission Happen** during 2019 with TOTAL Mission Giving of \$763,129. This includes all Love offerings and giving through the eight districts...Giving that turns Faith, Hope and Love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

Western NC United Methodist Women, in 2019 YOU made the following happen for Mission:

Total Giving through the 8 districts from local units	\$740,351
A drop pf \$21,366 compared to 2018.	
Conference Love Offering	\$14,301
Walk for Mission Spiritual Growth Retreat Love Offering Mission u Love Offering Special Offerings from Conference Committee Meetings Legislative Day Offering	\$17,772* \$5,069 \$2,177 \$741* \$490
Undesignated Mission Giving sent to UMW National Office (\$72,519 short of the 2019 Pledge of \$650,000)	\$577,481
Designated Giving to UMW National Office (includes Call to Prayer & Self Denial, general, national, international & UN Donations to other local projects	\$55,694 MCOR) \$5,475

An asterisk (*) indicates those categories that increased over 2018.

In addition, the 2019 Financial Goal for Western NC United Methodist Women was to increase giving in the Gift to Mission Channel by \$3,000. We met and exceeded that goal.

Think about those numbers and what they mean.

They mean Western NC UMW members are keeping the flame started 150 years ago alive and strong. When those eight women looked beyond themselves and their local area and saw the greater needs in the world. We spent this past year celebrating that Legacy. You WNCC United Methodist Women LIVED that Legacy.

Nancy J. Reigel, Conference Treasurer

Report of Scholarship Committee

For the 2019-2020 school year, the Scholarship committee awarded a total of \$19.900.00. These funds went to the following recipients: Corrie Bruce (High Point University), Yajaira Chavez (Brevard College), Rebecca Dyer (Pfeiffer University), April Martin (Pfeiffer University), and Elizabeth Stribling (Pfeiffer University). We were not able to award one scholarship for this year because it is exclusive to students at Bennett College or Greensboro College and we had no applications to meet this criteria.

Thanks to the committee members: Julia Willis, Linda Greer, Lynda Morris, Lisa Bacon, Nancy Reigel and Belinda Worsham.

As a reminder, contributions to the General Scholarship Fund can be made from individuals, circle groups, units and districts. Continue to pray for our recipients and our conference educational institutions.

Cathy McCauley, Scholarship Chair

Report of Mission Education and Interpretation

\$150,00 in year 150! Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women mission activities in 2019 included Mission Giving in all Five Channels of undesignated giving, attendance at District and Conference Mission Studies, meeting Mission Today criteria and participating in hands-on mission activities in our communities, our districts, our conference, our nation and around the world. Participation in these mission activities has enhanced our lives as well as the lives of our neighbors.

The collective response from hands-on projects at conference and district events for 2019 are as follows:

	SUBTOTAL—CONFERENCE EV SUBTOTAL—DISTRICT EVENTS TOTAL	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
UMCOR Kits from District Events Project AGAPE Christmas Shoe Other Collections at District Eve	Boxes	\$25,755.50 \$9,238.00 \$12,787.00
Project AGAPE Christmas Shoe	Boxes Annual Celebratic	on \$21,690.00
UMCOR Kits from Conference E	vents: Spiritual Growth Re Mission u Annual Celebratic	\$8,934.00

The various districts gave generously to the Bethlehem Centers as well as to other organizations within their districts.

The Mission Response Center continues to have an overload of Cleaning Buckets that need inspection. Groups are needed to come to the Mission Response Center to assist with the inspection of UMCOR Kits and Christmas Shoe Boxes for Project AGAPE in Armenia. MRC is open on a limited basis so contact Brian Mateer via email to schedule your group: bmateer@wnccumc.org.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support of projects that benefit and empower women, youth and children,

Linda Greer, Mission Coordinator of Education and Interpretation

Report of Membership Nurture and Outreach

The Western North Carolina United Methodist Women saw total membership drop to 18,885 (down by nearly 200) from the year before. Our total number of local units also dropped to 617 (down by 20 units). Our Walks for Mission continue to be a highlight of districts, increasing by nearly \$2000 raised for a second straight year to a total of \$17,772 in 2019. We continue to lead our churches with grace and grit as we lift up those in need through our mission giving.

Rence Hayes, Mission Coordinator of Membership Nurture and Outreach

Report of Mission u

The Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Women held Mission u 2019 at Pfeiffer University July 18-21. There were 206 in attendance, including 110 full-time students, 89 oneday overview students, and 7 youth campers. There were 35 first-timers. Eighteen full time participants applied for Advanced Lay Servant credit, representing six districts. Four participants received CEU credit for completing 10+ hours of study.

A UMW Special Mission Recognition Pin was presented to Linda Reep to thank her for the 28 years of service she has given to Mission u both as Dean and as technology assistant to the study leaders.

The spiritual growth study was **Practicing Resurrection: the Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship**, the issue and repeat study was **What about Our Money? A Faith Response**. This year we celebrated our UMW heritage with the anniversary study of **Women United for Change: 150 years in Mission**. The youth study was **Who Do You Say I Am? Meeting Jesus through the Eyes of Mark**.

The Youth visited the Faith Action and World Relief Center in High Point, worked in the community garden at Crossnore School and Children's Home, and toured the International Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro. Evenings were spent discussing the Gospel of Mark and in fellowship. It was evident the youth had a meaningful learning experience and bonded with one another as they gave a moving report Sunday morning.

Adult participants had three optional workshop opportunities on Friday afternoon: Chair Aerobics, UMW Storytelling, and Mission Encounters led by two of our Deaconesses and a Home Missioner. Saturday afternoon all full time classes attended **"The Story Continues"...**presented by the Legacy 150 committee. The committee also sponsored a fun filled birthday party for the 150th celebration. The Saturday evening plenary addressed **Thanksgiving for 150 years in Mission** and included **the Living Wage for All** issue of paid family and medical leave. A portion of the script was developed by our full-time spiritual growth leader, Steve Taylor.

We are very grateful to all study leaders as they put in many hours of preparation, traveled to training, and prayed for each of us. They created a class environment where all could participate and build fellowship. A special thank you to Cathy Ward, President, and the members of the Uwharrie District who served as hostesses. They received many compliments on making us feel welcomed and refreshed.

Mission u's working relationship with Pfeiffer is wonderful largely due to Rev. Maegan Habich (University Chaplain and Director for Church Relations), who went above and beyond to be of assistance. I would like to especially thank the Mission u officers, Lynn Alexander, LaDonna Butts and Ginger Hightower for their tireless work and support.

"We stand together now, as our foremothers have stood together in the past, to continue our mission story, taking part in God's story for the world"

Patricia Moore, Dean, Mission u





Each year an Annual Report Book is created highlighting the activities of the conference and districts, officers, financial reports, etc. This book is dedicated to honor a United Methodist Women member from our conference.

The honored recipient is presented a diamond-studded Special Mission Recognition Pin and a \$1,000 donation is given in her honor to undesignated Mission Giving through the National Office by the conference. Often her family is invited to share in the presentation celebration. Upon completion of the Annual Report Book with her photo & dedication, she is given copies to share with friends and family.

A written nomination form is required along with reasons for the recommendation. See your district president or district and conference newsletters for an application form. A conference committee of five persons appointed by the president receives these written nominations by June 1st or other specified date.

Criteria for the nomination per Standing Rules Article V, Section 8, E (1)-(5):

- (a) Nominee shall have served on local, district & conference levels of UMW
- (b) Nominee must demonstrate leadership ability and work well with peers
- (c) Committee members may be considered
- (d) A person may receive this honor only once

Partial List of former recipients:

2017 Kim Eller
2014 Dot Alvord
2011 Patricia Wiseman
2008 Sharon Smith
2005 Amy Johnson
2002 Dixie Liggett
1999 Dori Thurman
1996 Mildred Carter
1993 Faye Cox
1990 Sandra Galyean

2018 Lynne Gilbert
2015 Bess Redmond
2012 Tonya Lanier
2009 Sandy Hieronymus
2006 Kris Peurifoy
2003 Elizabeth Holbrooks
2000 Beth Griffin
1997 Bishop Charlene Kammerer
1994 Vada Beck
1991 Linda Reep

2019 Nancy Reigel 2016 Martha Phillips 2013 Julia Willis 2010 Sherry Sink 2007 Karen Wilkerson 2004 Polly Pearson 2001 Sara Williams 1998 Janet Collins 1995 Mildred Gibson 1992 Mary Kizer

Recipient

Will be announced in 2021

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE 2019 MISSION TODAY UNITS!

Appalachian District

Barbara Heck Boone Broad Street Clifton First North Wilkesboro First Taylorsville Hiddenite Hudson Littlejohn Monticello Mount Bethel-Hickory Mount Herman New Covenant Sparta Stony Point Union Grove Wilkesboro

Blue Ridge District

Abernethy Addie's Chapel Bald Creek Biltmore **Black Mountain** Central Columbus-Tryon East Marion **First Marion** Fletcher First Hendersonville Gilkey Grace Mills River Montmorenci Moore's Grove Oak Grove Oakley **Piney Mountain** Saluda Skyland St. Paul's Weaverville Windom

Catawba Valley District

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

Metro District

Bethel-Midland Centenary Central-Charlotte Central-Concord Christ Cokesbury **Cold Springs** Epworth Fairview Forest Hill Grace-Charlotte **Hickory Grove** Indian Trail Jackson Park Matthews Memorial-Charlotte Midway-Kannapolis **Mineral Springs** Pineville Providence **Rocky Mount Royal Oaks** Simpson-Gillespie South Park St. Mark St. Stephens Stallings Westford Williams Chapel

Smoky Mountain District

Andrews **Bryson City Canton Central** Clyde Central Crabtree Cullowhee **Elizabeth Chapel** First Canton **First Franklin** First Murphy **First Waynesville** Long's Chapel Maggie Valley Maple Grove **Oak Forest** Ranger Rockwood Shady Grove

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE 2019 MISSION TODAY UNITS!

Northern Piedmont District

Archdale **Bass Chapel Bethel-Archdale** Bethlehem-Climax Burnett' Chapel Celia Phelps Christ-Greensboro **College Place** Fairfield **First High Point** First Randleman Flat Rock **Gideon Grove** Hinshaw Hopewell Laughlin Memorial Lebanon Madison **Memorial-High Point** Morehead Mt. Pisgah Muir's Chapel New Salem **Pleasant Union** Prospect St. John's-Greensboro St. Matthews St. Stephens Stokesdale West Market Street

Uwharrie District

Bethany –Albemarle Bethlehem Central-Asheboro Central-Denton Central-Monroe Christ Empire Charge-Seagrove First Asheboro First Lexington First Norwood Jordan Memorial Milford Hills Mount Carmel Mount Vernon New London

Uwharrie District (continued)

Pisgah Pleasant Hill-Seagrove Providence Rockwell St. Luke St. Stephen

Yadkin Valley District Ardmore **Baltimore** Bethel-King **Bunker Hill Centenary-Clemmons Centenary-Winston Salem** Center-Mocksville Concord-Mocksville Fairgrove Fairview-Thomasville Faith Farmington First Thomasville Hardison Harmony Grove **Hickory Ridge** Level Cross Lewisville Love's Main Street Memorial Midway Mitchell's Chapel Mt. Carmel Mt. Tabor Mt. Zion **New Hope-Winston Salem** New Mt. Vernon Oak Forest Palmyra Pine Grove-Kernersville Pine Grove-Winston Salem Pinnacle Pleasant Hill Saint Andrews Salem-Mount Airy Sharon Shiloh-Germanton Shoals St. James St. Paul

Tabernacle Trinity-King Union Union Ridge Withers Chapel Woodleaf Yadkin College Yadkinville

Special Mission Today

- 2020 Criteria due to Covid –19: There will be three levels of Mission Today Units so every single unit can achieve Mission Today Status!
- Gold will require 10 criteria: 6 with asterisks*, 4 other
- Silver will require 8 criteria:
 4 with asterisks*, 4 other
- Bronze will require 6 criteria: 4 with asterisks*,
 2 other

Report of Social Action

2019 Justice Today Units

"Working for Justice Through Service and Advocacy"

Gold Units

Appalachian

Monticello, W/S Gold Wilkesboro Blue Ridge Biltmore Moore's Grove Oak Grove St. Paul's Weaverville Catawba Valley **Brooks Chapel** El Bethel First Mount Holly First (Valdese) Laurel Hill St. Lukes Trinity Metro Central, Charlotte Mineral Springs **Royal Oaks** Simpson-Gillespie, Charlotte St. Stephen Memorial-Charlotte Epworth, Concord Central, Concord **Northern Piedmont** First Randleman Morehead Pleasant Union St. John's Greensboro Stokesdale **Smoky Mountain** Crabtree Elizabeth Chapel Murphy First Ranger Waynesville First Uwharrie Bethlehem, Waxhaw Central, Denton Jordan Memorial, Ramseur Milford Hills, Salisbury Prospect, Monroe St. Luke, Asheboro

Gold Units Continued

<u>Yadkin Valley</u>

Centenary, Winston Salem Center, Mocksville First, Thomasville Hardison Lewisville Love's Memorial Mt. Zion New Mt. Vernon Pine Grove, Kernersville Pinnacle Sharon St. Paul Tabernacle Yadkinville

Silver Units Appalachian Hudson New Covenant, Lenoir Sparta **Blue Ridge** Black Mountain Pleasant Grove, Forest City Windom Catawba Valley Christ Ebenezer, Vale **First Dallas** First Gastonia Knob Creek Mt. Pleasant, Sherrills Ford Mt. Pleasant, Stanley Plateau Metro Williamson's Chapel, Mooresville Providence Matthews Hickory Grove, Charlotte Grace, Charlotte Forest Hill Jackson Park Aldersgate, Charlotte

Silver Units Continued

Northern Piedmont

Burnett's Chapel Collins Grove Hopewell Prospect Raleigh's Crossroads St. Matthews St. Stephens **Smoky Mountain Canton Central** Longs Chapel Maple Grove Shady Grove Uwharrie Bethany, Albermarle Central. Monroe Empire Charge (Piney Ridge, Pleasant Hill, Stouts Chapel) First Asheboro First Norwood Mount Carmel, Lexington Mount Vernon, Polkton New London (New London) Pleasant Hill, Seagrove St. Stephens, Lexington Stony Hill, Albermarle Yadkin Valley Bunker Hill Faith Farmington Harmony Grove First Mocksville Palmyra Saints Home Union Union Ridge Woodleaf Yadkin College **Oak Forest**

Report of Social Action—Continued

Bronze Units

Appalachian

Boone Broad Street, Statesville Clifton, Warrensville Cool Springs Grace Chapel Hiddenite Littlejohn, Lenoir Mt. Herman, Lenoir Blue Ridge Averv's Creek Balfour Central Columbus/Tryon East Marion First Rutherfordton Piney Mountain Saluda Catawba Valley Asbury First Conover Marvin Messiah Park Street Pleasant Grove Polkville **Rhyne Heights** Tuckers Grove

<u>Metro</u>

Thrift, Charlotte First UMC, China Grove Centenary Fairview Trinity-Kannapolis Hunter's Chapel **Northern Piedmont** Archdale Bass Chapel Bethel, Archdale Bethlehem, Climax **College Place** Glencoe Hinshaw Holmes Grove Laughlin Memorial Mt. Carmel, Reidsville Muir's Chapel New Salem Pleasant Garden St. John's. Eden Tabernacle Triad Native American West Market Street **Smoky Mountain** Rockwood Franklin First

<u>Uwharrie</u>

Central, Asheboro Christ, Salisbury First Salisbury Mount Tabor, Salisbury Mount Zion, Norwood Olivet, Lilesville Pisgah, Asheboro Providence, Salibury Rockwell, Rockwell Shiloh, Granite Quarry Tabernacle, Trinity Yadkin Valley Baltimore Centenary, Clemmons Fair Grove First, Pilot Mountain Hickory Ridge Level Cross Midway Mitchell's Chapel Mt. Carmel New Hope Pine Grove, Winston Salem Salem Shoals Trinity, King Trinity, Winston Salem St. James Wither's Chapel

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