



4th Quarter Issue 2020

# Metro Media

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*Western North Carolina Conference.*



More Information Coming Soon!

**Registration will open October 1, 2020**

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for Mission u LIVE via Zoom!

**Mission u Spiritual Growth Study:  
Finding Peace in an Anxious World**

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

Virtual Online Study via Zoom Meeting  
Online registration for the Zoom Meeting will open on October 1, 2020.  
We also expect to live stream each session on our YouTube page.  
Please read the text book: Finding Peace in an Anxious World,  
continue to pray and sign up for the study.

Finding Peace in an Anxious World resource page on the United Methodist Women website  
The book is available in paperback (\$10.00) from the UMW Mission Resources E-Store,  
and also as a Kindle book (\$5.95).

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. Sandra will lead us through the study using the Serenity Prayer as a guide to help us de-stress 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*

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# PRESIDENT

Greetings,

As 2020 rolls into Quarter 4, we are still dealing with the issue of COVID-19. Thank you all for trying to come up with ways to stay socially distanced while still trying to fulfill the mission of United Methodist Women. Many of us have learned how to use technology for virtual meetings and more recently may have found ways to have small in-person meetings while still staying safe.

Thanks to those who were able to attend the Metro District UMW Annual Celebration and Memorial Service. Thanks to Vice President Nancy Ward and Kay Jones, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, for planning the program. Special thanks to the WNCC UMW Technology Team for giving excellent support with Zoom. Though it was a different type of meeting, it allowed us to come together to recognize achievements and honor our UMW sisters who died in 2019. You should have received your 2019 Certificates of Recognition by email or by mail.

Opportunities are still available during the next few months:

**Ubuntu**—Though not all the usual service activities may be available, the Alliance Center for Education (formerly Bethlehem Center Charlotte) still needs help with creating the Holiday Stars. 8-10 ladies are needed October 10 to cut out the stars for all the children served. A follow-up date of November 17 will provide an opportunity for 10 ladies to finish the stars by adding the information labels for each child. More details will be coming. According to the new guidelines for a Mission Today Unit: **Units may develop their own UBUNTU event in their communities.** So, you may have already accomplished this or can before December.

**Metro District UMW Leadership Development Day**—All local officers are invited to participate in a virtual meeting Saturday, November 14 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. This is a time of sharing new information with local officers and for local officers to share concerns and suggestions with each other. All Metro District UMW local officers will meet together so you will all get to hear about every office—except Treasurers who will be in a separate meeting. Whether you are new or “seasoned”, we encourage you to attend. There is no long distance to travel—only to your computer, laptop, notepad, or phone. Hope to “see” you there.

Please register today at: <https://wnccumw.org/districts/lddlocalunitofficers2020/>

**End of Year Reports:** You will find all the EOY Reports included in this newsletter. Also included is the form for your 2021 officer information. Please complete all relevant forms for your unit and return them to me by December 15. It has been a difficult year, but you may surprise yourselves with what you have been able to accomplish. Forms will also be emailed and will be able to be downloaded from [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org).

I never like to wish my life away, but in all honesty I am looking forward to 2021 and pray that we will be able to meet and greet in person at all of our conference and district events as well as local meetings.

Blessings to you all! Take care and stay safe!

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## VICE PRESIDENT

On August 24, Metro District United Methodist Women (UMW) held its first combination live and virtual Annual Celebration and Memorial Service. Thank you to the St Stephen United Methodist Church Administrative Staff for providing the live venue and the Western North Carolina Conference (WNCC) Administrative and Technical Teams for establishing and guiding us through the virtual venue. Richard Ramsey, Contemporary Worship Leader/Technical Support, and Steve Morris, President Lynda Morris' husband, generously gave their time to provide critical support transitioning between cameras.

We are grateful to all members of the St Stephen staff and the Metro District Leadership Team who braved this challenging time to enhance our program with in-person participation. They blessed our event with beautiful music, a comprehensive officer presentation and voting, an inspiring officer installation and special recognition, a thought-provoking worship service, and a thorough review of our contribution to mission, both local and global. As always, the entire Metro District Leadership Team supported this event with accurate reports, prayers and presence.

Please keep August 28, 2021, reserved for the Metro District Annual Celebration to be held at St. Stephen United Methodist Church in Charlotte, NC. At that time, we plan to deliver a more live presentation with a virtual option for those ladies unable to attend in person. Until then, Zoom Webinars appear to be our 'current interaction normal' until COVID is under a modicum of control. We encourage you to participate in these opportunities to maintain connection with your United Methodist Sisters. All events can be found on the WNCUMW website: <https://wncumw.org/>.

**Blessings for a safe and healthy fall and holiday season,**

**Nancy Ward**

**See next page for an evaluation of the Metro District Annual Celebration.**

## SECRETARY

I have enjoyed my four years as you Metro District Secretary.

Debbie Eudy from Memorial UMW in Charlotte will be your new Metro District Secretary starting in January 2021.

The newsletter will give you the last few scheduled meetings for 2020. This has been a very different year and we can only hope 2021 will be better.

If I can help in any way, please contact me.

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# Metro District Annual Celebration and Memorial Service: *Let Your Light Shine* August 24, 2020, St Stephen UMC and Virtual Program Evaluation

What about the August 24 Metro District Annual Celebration and Memorial Service did you enjoy most?

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What can we improve upon for our next Annual Celebration?

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In the future, would you take advantage of the opportunity to attend virtually if in-person attendance was not possible for any reason – personal (illness, injury, no sitter) or community/state imposed?

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This is my first Metro District Annual Celebration: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Under 30          \_\_\_\_\_ 31 - 49          \_\_\_\_\_ 50 - 65          \_\_\_\_\_ Over 65

My UMW unit would be willing to host a Metro District UMW event: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Which event(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and return to: Nancy Ward,  
[nward001@carolina.rr.com](mailto:nward001@carolina.rr.com) or 4003 Colton Ridge Dr., Indian Trail, NC 28079

## PARLIAMENTARIAN

It is so strange to attend UMW events virtually instead of in person. It was fun to talk to people you hadn't seen in awhile or for the first time at our District Annual Celebration in August.

But even going virtual we can still make UMW strong by attending the remaining virtual meetings, studies, and talks being offered.

Donna Varner

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## NOMINATIONS

Ladies:

The Metro District has an urgent need for someone to be the Secretary of Program Resources for the 2021 – 2022 term. This would be a great way to join the Executive Team. Due to ordering our books and materials online you would not be required to have books on hand. You would not have to set up books at our in person events. It is a great way to promote the Reading Program. If you are interested in this position or know someone who might be interested please contact one of the members of the Nominations Team. We can also add members to the Committee in 2021 if you would like to be on our team.

Please remember to contact the members of your local UMW. I was doing a great job of calling my friends in the spring but I have fallen behind at this task through the summer. You may be like me. While NC has relaxed our Covid rules we need to remember many are still staying away from people. Call someone today.

Martha Hyler

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## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

What a year it has been! Life as we have known it has changed. We live in one of the most difficult and dangerous times that most of us have ever seen or experienced. Churches, businesses, schools, restaurants closed, no sporting events, no social gatherings, social distancing, and wearing face mask, to name a few that hopefully will keep us from contracting the Coronavirus. We are living in perilous times. All around us people's hearts are melting with fear as they realize that unseen enemies could attack anytime and anywhere—in a restaurant, in an airport, in the workplace, in a grocery or department store, or a place of recreation. Folks are wondering how long they'll live and what kind of world they will leave behind for their children and their children's children after them. As Christians, however, we have our hope in the Lord. God is still on his throne, and our lives are in his hands. Many people may fear that we are living in the "last days". We should not be afraid because God promised in his Word that as long as we put our faith and trust in Him, He would be with us. As you go about your life ask yourselves these questions:

1. Am I heeding the warning of the Holy Spirit to be spiritually alert in these last days?
2. If God were to ask me to minister to someone who is suffering, do I feel prepared to help that person?  
How can I become better prepared?
3. Do I feel overcome with fear or filled with fear as I contemplate what it will take to face the special challenges of our generation?

I don't know about you but I will not live in fear of living in the "last days" or living in perilous times. As the words of a song says:

"I don't know about tomorrow	I don't worry for the future	Many things about tomorrow
I just live from day to day	For I know what Jesus said	I don't seem to understand
I don't borrow from the sunshine	And today I'll walk beside Him	But I know who holds tomorrow
For it's skies may turn to gray	For He knows what lies ahead	And I know who holds my hand."

My hope is that 2021 brings a vaccine to control the coronavirus and our lives get back to some semblance of normal or life as it was before the pandemic. My prayer for each of you is that you remain safe and put our faith and trust in God that He will bring all of us through these challenging times and we all grow spiritually in our faith walk.

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## MISSION, EDUCATION, AND INTERPRETATION

I continue to pray you are each well and safe during this Pandemic! As this is my last newsletter article to you, may I also say how much I have enjoyed being your ME&I Coordinator the last 4 years! Please welcome Maisha Walker into this role beginning January 1, 2021.

**Mission Study Update** First may I thank Pineville UMC and Tonya Lanier for patience and perseverance in our previous plans – Thank You! Gathering together as we are accustomed to is still not possible. A virtual training is our only solution. We have the opportunity to join all United Methodist Women in the study *'Finding Peace in an Anxious World'*, edited by Erin James-Brown. Registration for the study will open on October 1, 2020 on the Conference website (<https://wncumw.org/events/mission-u-2020/>). The study will be offered in one-hour segments, each evening October 26-29<sup>th</sup>. Sandra Williamson will be our teacher. You will need to attend all four (4) one-hour sessions. Since it will be virtual, you will be able to enjoy the workshop in the comfort of your home – or back yard, local park or wherever you would like!

**Hands-On Mission Project** Since we will not gather as a group, I am asking you to arrange delivery of your Hands-on Mission supplies. The Mission Study items: **work gloves, reusable wipes and trash bag rolls** should be delivered to the Mission Response Center, 8973 Greenwood Road, [Terrell, NC](#). Brian Mateer, Associate Director of Missional Engagement, is the contact to arrange a deliver date; please contact him at 704-714-2340. There are set days for drop off, but COVID has made even a schedule hard to guarantee; please make an appointment with Brian before traveling to the Mission Response Center. And please coordinate with surrounding units if possible – to reduce the number of trips, conserve gasoline, etc. If you have collected **Hygiene Kits**, these will go to the Mission Response Center as well. The shipping money for these can be sent to Kim Shaffer, Metro Treasurer with your quarterly remittance. Take **School Supplies or kits** to the Alliance Center for Education (previously known as the Bethlehem Center) 5701 Executive Center, Charlotte NC. Be sure to label the school supplies that you drop off as OST (Out of School Time). If you would like to donate items to the Alliance Center for Education and have not purchased them yet, there is a link to Amazon with a wish list for school items. These would go to the classrooms and children in the Early Head Start and Head Start programs. Simply click on the link and shop. Items will be delivered directly to Alliance Center for Education. <https://a.co/hcaL661>

For our annual report I will still need a 'count' of what we have collected. Please send the number of items (number of kits, number of supplies & type) donated and for the loose/individual items their estimate value. Example: 3 pairs work gloves, \$14.99 or 75 notebooks \$1.00 each.

Thank you so much for your work in serving the mission of UMW. It has been a privilege to work with you as your Mission Education and Interpretation Coordinator!

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## PROGRAM RESOURCES

Midnight Teacher, by Janet Halfmann, is a book that tells the remarkable story of Lilly Ann Granderson, an enslaved woman, who was sold after her mother's death. Her master's children had taught her to read using a ragged blue-back speller which Lily used to teach others on the plantation. Lily was sold to a man from Mississippi, where it was illegal for slaves to learn to read.

Although she faced harsher penalties she expanded her education efforts. Patrollers caught Lily leading her school. The punishment was 39 lashes. However, they found no law against a slave teaching a slave. This book has detailed, realistic illustrations using acrylic paint and colored pencils. The artwork shows Lily Ann's determination to improve lives through literacy.

My prayer is that as the pandemic, civil unrest and other concerns continue; that God will keep you safe and well.

Faye K. Coggin

Secretary of Program Resources



## MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE, AND OUTREACH

Greetings,

What a year 2020 has been. I hope everyone is staying well during this time. With cooler temperatures in the horizon, I want to encourage everyone to participate in an individual or small unit social distanced Walk for Mission. This can be done in a park or on a walk through your neighborhood. Donations collected should be sent to Kim Shafer. With things starting to open up and restrictions being lifted, if you haven't already invited your Nurturing Partner or other District Team member to your unit it is not too late to do so. We are here for you and want to visit your units. Nurturing Partners are listed in this newsletter or you can contact me and I will set you up with a team member. Also we are also willing to do virtual visits if you hold them. Just send your Nurturing Partner an invitation. Continue to invite ladies to your unit. Remember anyone can join United Methodist Women. They do not need to be a member of your church or even be a Methodist. Start groups at your job, in your neighborhood, book clubs, garden clubs or craft/quilting groups etc. Consider holding a New Member Event next year. Information can be found on United Methodist Women website. Also remember to turn in your year-end reports by December 15<sup>th</sup> and put your information in the UMW census. It helps us to turn in our correct numbers to conference on time.

Peace,

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# HISTORIAN

## Bethlehem Center of Charlotte Gets Rebranded

In the February 2020 issue of the Western North Carolina Conference Gram, Betty Durham, WNCC UMW Historian, and Lynda Morris, Metro District President and BCC Board Member wrote an article that gave a brief history of the Bethlehem Center of Charlotte (BCC).

**“Founded by United Methodist Women in 1940, the Bethlehem Center of Charlotte (BCC) is a National Mission Institution operating in a covenant relationship with United Methodist Women. BCC started in Charlotte's Brooklyn Community (now called First Ward) to address the need for temporary housing and other services for women and children whose income was at or below the poverty level. In 1956 after Charlotte's Urban Renewal, BCC's headquarters were relocated and its services expanded to include a kindergarten, activities for older children and youth, and parenting classes. BCC has branched out from its original location to 13 locations across Mecklenburg County, serving over 800 children in a Head Start pre-school setting.”**

2020 marks the 80th anniversary for Bethlehem Center of Charlotte. On August 20, CEO William McDonald excitedly announced a name change for BCC. The new name is **ALLIANCE CENTER for EDUCATION**. With the celebration of the 80th anniversary, the BCC Board felt it was an opportune time to “update the brand to more accurately reflect the center’s ties to education, upward mobility and equality”. The name change and rebranding enhances the center’s vision to “positively affect the future of children at risk by improving their economic mobility through education”. The mission remains the same and the connection with United Methodist Women has not been severed. The Center looks forward to continuing its work to impact children into the future.

For more information: 704-375-1417  
[www.alliancecenterforeducation.org](http://www.alliancecenterforeducation.org)

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Be Safe, Be Blessed,  
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# TREASURER

Hello Treasurers!

I and so glad we are all here to finish out 2020 together. I hope you will all continue serving in 2021.

Please remember to reach out to your circle members and provide them an update individually of where they stand with their personal 2020 pledge. The amount of reduction in our 2020 remittances is not unexpected, but is still very sad; and it is more important than ever to communicate. We are better when we work together, so please share any virtual fundraiser ideas that have worked in your unit. Let me know how I can help you.

Thank you for ALL you do and for serving faithfully. You make my job easy because you always send in your remittances on time and it is very much appreciated by both me and the Conference.

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## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Local Unit 2020 Mission Study Report

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**Virtual Mission u**

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**Name of Study** \_\_\_\_\_ **# Attended** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Attendees must have attended all 4 of the 1-hour sessions to count.**

Finding Peace in an Anxious World \_\_\_\_\_

**District Mission Study N/A for Metro. Only fill out if another district's study was attended**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Study/Indicate what district was attended \_\_\_\_\_

**(Local) Sub-Groups, Circles, Fellowship Reports \***

Name of study	# Attended	#Hours
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Children or Youth Mission Study Report\***

Name of study	# Attended	#Hours
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

***\*Remember that to count as a Mission Study, programs must be National Mission Study Topics and be a minimum of 4 hours.***

Return this form to your District President, Lynda Morris lfmorrisap@aol.com  
 OR 2539 Winterbrooke Dr., Matthews, NC 28105

Metro District United Methodist Women

**2021 UNIT OFFECERS**

**Please type or print clearly**

Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Church City: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Office	Name	Address	Zip	Phone	Email
<b>President</b>					
Vice President					
<b>Secretary</b>					
<b>Treasurer</b>					
<b>Nominations Chair</b>					
Spiritual Growth					
Mission Education & Interpretation					
Social Action					

Metro District United Methodist Women  
**2021 LOCAL UNIT OFFICERS**

**Please type or print clearly    Unit Name:**

Office	Name	Address	Zip	Phone	Email
Membership Nurture & Outreach					
Program Resources					
Communications					
Historian					
Parliamentarian					
Circle Chair					
Circle Chair					
Circle Chair					
Circle Chair					
Circle Chair					
Pastor					



# 2020 Mission Today Report

## United Methodist Women Western North Carolina Conference

Name of Unit \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Person Reporting \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone(s) Include Area Code: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Night \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW IN 2020: (Changes are highlighted in yellow.)**

Mission Today Gold – Complete 10 criteria: 6 with asterisks (\*) and 4 other.\*\*

Mission Today Silver - Complete 8 criteria: 4 with asterisks (\*) and 4 other.\*\*

Mission Today Bronze - Complete 6 criteria: 4 with asterisks (\*) and 2 other.\*\*

\*\*Note: "Other" may also include items with asterisks (\*).

**Highlighted items were changed for 2020 due to COVID-19.**

Report activities conducted between January 1-December 31, 2020; Mission Today units will be recognized at Annual Celebrations in 2021.

Please check all the activities your unit completed in 2020 and return this form to your District President.

Putting a check in the blank next to a criteria states that your unit HAS COMPLETED that particular criteria in 2020. If unsure of your giving, you may contact your District Treasurer who has these records on file. Check blank in front of number of criteria completed in 2020:

**CRITERIA:**

- \_\_\_ \*1. The Unit will make a Pledge to Mission.
- \_\_\_ \*2. The unit will use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting or circle meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission and our mission work with women, children and youth. A new Prayer Calendar is printed each year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- \_\_\_ \*3. The unit will use at least two programs from the Program Book during the year. A new Program Book is printed every year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- \_\_\_ \*4. The unit or circle will conduct or participate in at least one mission study each year. Contact your district or conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation to learn what the studies are for each year. (If members of your unit attend the conference Mission u or your District Mission Study and your unit takes an action growing out of the study, Gift to Mission, ministry related to the study, etc., your unit will meet this criteria.)
- \_\_\_ \*5. The unit will have at least two members subscribing to *response* (1 member subscribing with units less than 15 members; Local unit subscription may count as one.) Order information is printed at bottom of page 2. \$24.00 for a one-year print subscription (includes digital subscription); \$20 for a one-year digital only subscription.
- \_\_\_ \*6. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least two ways during the year. Possibilities are:
  - a. Have members read and discuss books and articles about other races and cultures;
  - b. Sponsor or attend an interethnic event between two or more units;
  - c. Intentionally recruit women of other ethnic groups to be members and officers of the unit;
  - d. Use the "Resources for Racial Justice: Tools for UMW Leaders" handbook. (Available on our conference website on the "Downloads Available" page, and on the "Mission Today" page.)
  - e. Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low-income programs, civil rights, etc.
- \_\_\_ \*7. The unit will have a program and/or complete an action addressing one of the Issue Priorities for 2016-2020. These are 1. Climate Justice; 2. Maternal and Child Health, 3. Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration; and 4. Economic Inequality. Find information at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/service-adocacy](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/service-adocacy).
- \_\_\_ \*8. The unit will add at least two new members (one member for units with less than 15 members) to its roll.
- \_\_\_ \*9. The unit will have one program from the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church 2017-2020.



- \_\_\_ \*10. The unit will contribute to all Five Channels of Mission Giving.
- \_\_\_ \*11. The UMW Purpose will be recited at each general and/or circle meeting.
- \_\_\_ \*12. The unit will contribute \$186.90 or more to the Legacy Fund.
- \_\_\_ 13. At least one member of the unit will attend Mission u and report back to the unit on classes and events they experienced. **Virtual participation qualifies as attending.**
- \_\_\_ 14. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend the district or conference Annual Celebration and report back to the unit about the event and what they experienced. **Virtual participation qualifies.**
- \_\_\_ 15. The unit will have at least one person joining the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information at least three (3) times a year. (To join, contact the United Methodist Women Washington Office, 100 Maryland Avenue NE, Room 100, Washington, DC 20002. Phone #: 202-488-5660. Email: [csad@unitedmethodistwomen.com](mailto:csad@unitedmethodistwomen.com) (Attach to Mission Today report the action that was taken and to which issue.)
- \_\_\_ 16. Members will correspond with five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar at least once a year.
- \_\_\_ 17. The unit will co-sponsor, with the local church, a Children's Sabbath. (This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children.) The United Methodist Women National Office and the Council of Bishops support this effort. Children's Sabbath materials are on our website.
- \_\_\_ 18. Each unit or circle meeting will include a "response Moment" where an item from **response** magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
- \_\_\_ 19. The unit will sponsor one teen member (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman member (ages 18 to 39) to at least one conference event during the year.
- \_\_\_ 20. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend a district Prayer Breakfast, district Day Apart, conference Spiritual Growth Retreat, or any other special district or conference event other than Ubuntu Day. **Virtual participation in any of these events qualify as attending.**
- \_\_\_ 21. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will participate in an Ubuntu Day Event. **Units may develop their own UBUNTU event in their communities. If checked, explain what you did at bottom of page.**
- \_\_\_ 22. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will complete Plan 1 of the Reading Program and give a report to the unit on one of the books read.
- \_\_\_ 23. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year and/or for their United Methodist Women's Sunday. This Qualifies as a Local Unit Visit (LUV).
- \_\_\_ 24. The unit will add one new teen (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman (ages 18 to 39) circle during the year, or one new teen member (ages 12 to 17) or one new young woman member (ages 18 to 39) during the year.
- \_\_\_ 25. 100% of the unit's active members will make a gift of at least \$18.69 to the Legacy Fund.
- \_\_\_ 26. The 2020 Conference Financial Goal is: To increase unit pledge giving by at least \$5.00 per member. The unit will help accomplish the goal by increasing giving in this channel by at least \$5.00 per member over 2019.
- \_\_\_ 27. Each unit will be responsible for supporting at least one local mission project and participate in one Conference Hands-on Mission Project during the year. The local project should be listed on your Mission Today report.

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**List Local Project(s) here: You may attach an additional page if necessary.**

**Metro District United Methodist Women  
2020 Membership Form**

**Please print clearly or type**

Please review and complete the information below regarding membership in your unit. This form must be returned to me by **December 15, 2020**:

**Lynda Morris, 2539 Winterbrooke Dr, Matthews, NC 28105 or lfmorrisap@aol.com**

Church/Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit President First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit President Phone and email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members (as of 1/1/2020)	
Number of NEW members added this year	
Number of members lost by death or other reasons	
Final number of members (as of 12/2020)	

Name of person reporting this data: \_\_\_\_\_

Position of person reporting the data: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Each Local Unit is asked to complete the Census questions as they relate to your unit on the national website at**

[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)

If you have questions or need help, please feel free to contact Lynda Morris.

**BELOW, PLEASE LIST THE NAMES OF ANY UMW MEMBERS WHO DIED IN 2020:**



In an effort to care for the safety and well being of all of our members, a **virtual All District Leader Development Day for 2021 Local Unit Officers, Circle Chairs, and other leaders has been planned**

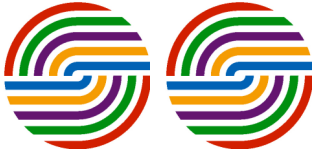
You can get complete information about Leader Development plans for ALL EIGHT districts at <https://wnccumw.org/districts/lddlocalunitofficers2020/>.

We all look forward to the day when we can again gather safely in person!

**Using Zoom Meeting**, we will have a brief gathering time with all eight districts together, and then divide into breakout Zoom Meeting rooms by District. Handouts by District should be available on the website by November 9th.

**Registration is required** for these free Zoom meetings, and **registration is now OPEN**.

**Register TODAY for the Metro District UMW Leader Development Day!** <https://wnccumw.org/districts/lddlocalunitofficers2020/>



Metro District United Methodist Women

# 2020 JUSTICE TODAY REPORT

*(Charter for Racial Justice)*

Unit/City \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_

## Unit Status

- \_\_\_ **Gold Unit** having completed 6 or more of the following actions
- \_\_\_ **Silver Unit** having completed 4 or more of the following actions
- \_\_\_ **Bronze Unit** having completed 2 or more of the following actions

## Unit Programming

- \_\_\_ Devoted a meeting to studying and discussing the Charter for Racial Justice Policies
- \_\_\_ Used a program on racial justice/human rights from the UMW Program Book and/or "Resources for Racial Justice: Tools for UMW Leaders" handbook
- \_\_\_ Participated in a bible study on racism
- \_\_\_ Watched the video "Charter for Racial Justice", copy available in each District. (study guide available)
- \_\_\_ Gave a book report on a Reading Program book selected from the Social Action area
- \_\_\_ Invited an International guest to come and speak about their home country
- \_\_\_ Regularly shared local newspaper articles relating to racism (both positive and negative)
- \_\_\_ Regularly shared articles from response and New World Outlook relating to racism

## Unit Enrichment:

- \_\_\_ Displayed Charter for Racial Justice Policies AND lifted up at least one issue at each unit meeting
- \_\_\_ Supplied each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies
- \_\_\_ Purchased and discussed two UMW Reading Program books about a different culture or written by someone of a different racial or ethnic background

\_\_\_\_\_ Participated in a qualifying UMW Social Action Mission Study

\_\_\_\_\_ Studied in-depth a particular issue relating to the Charter for Racial Justice Policies, i.e., racism, immigration rights, voting rights, racial/ethnic profiling

\_\_\_\_\_ Attended as a unit OR an individual gave a report to the unit about the experience of attendance to a music program, theatre performance by person(s) of a different culture, race or ethnic background

**Beyond the Local Unit:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Gave a Special Mission Recognition pin to someone who works to promote racial justice

\_\_\_\_\_ Sent one (1) member to Mission U to take the social action study

\_\_\_\_\_ Held a postcard writing party encouraging legislation favorable to the economically deprived or challenged

\_\_\_\_\_ Experienced worship with a church of an ethnic background different from your own.

\_\_\_\_\_ Hosted an international tasting party, cultural fair or other event

\_\_\_\_\_ Planned a worship experience for your unit or church with an emphasis on racial justice, i.e., UMW Sunday

# 2020 READING PROGRAM

<b>NAME of PERSON READING</b>	<b>Participants PLAN I</b>	<b>Participants PLAN II</b>	<b>Participants PLAN III</b>	<b>Participants PLAN IV</b>	<b>Participants CHILDREN</b>
1.					
2.					
3.					
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10.					
11.					
12.					
13.					
14.					
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16.					
17.					
18.					
19.					
20.					
<b>Total Number of Readers in each Plan</b>					

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