



**Blue Ridge United Methodist Women**  
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**To:** All Local Units  
**From:** Gwen Harris  
**Date:** November 2, 2020  
**Re:** Year End Reports

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Thank you to each of you for your leadership with your Local unit! Covid -19 has brought special challenges. The cancellation of meetings at the Local, District, and Conference levels has made our normal projects much more difficult and has robbed us of the fellowship with one another that encourages and sustains us. However, the work of helping women, children, and youth around the world has continued.

To complete our work for the year, I need for the following reports to be completed and returned to me by December 15.

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|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Membership      | 3. Mission Today | 4. Reading Program          |
| 2. Mission Studies | 5. Justice Today | 6. 2021 Local Unit Officers |

You may ask other members of your unit to fill out reports, but you need to assume the responsibility for getting them back to me by December 15, 2020.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about any of these forms. We want this information for our records, but more importantly, we want to celebrate with you the accomplishments of your unit in 2020.

Blessings,

*Gwen Harris*

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Enclosures

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
Local Unit 2020 Mission Study Report**

District \_\_\_\_\_ Blue Ridge \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_

Report Completed by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office in UMW \_\_\_\_\_

**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 Blue Ridge. 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 \***

<b>Name of study</b>	<b># Attended</b>	<b>#Hours</b>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

<b>Name of study</b>	<b># Attended</b>	<b>#Hours</b>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

*\*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, Gwen Harris, at:  
[gwenaharris68@gmail.com](mailto:gwenaharris68@gmail.com) OR 215 Grand View Lane, Burnsville, NC 28714

**Blue Ridge 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**:

**Gwen Harris, 215 Grand View Lane, Burnsville, NC 28714 or [gwenaharris68@gmail.com](mailto:gwenaharris68@gmail.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 Gwen Harris.

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

Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women  
**2020 READING PROGRAM REPORT**

Name of Local Unit/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Unit Membership \_\_\_\_\_

NAME of PERSON READING	Participants PLAN I	Participants PLAN II	Participants PLAN III	Participants PLAN IV	Participants CHILDREN
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					
11.					
12.					
13.					
14.					
15.					
16.					
17.					
18.					
19.					
20.					
<b>Total Number of Readers in each Plan</b>					

# Blue Ridge 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 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 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.**

Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women

# 2021 LOCAL UNIT OFFICERS

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					



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# 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					