

AGENDA

Blue Ridge District LDD, Virtual

November 14, 2020

Welcome	Joanie Strohm, Conference Vice President
Devotion	Conference
Prayer Calendar/Mission Moment	Conference

Blue Ridge District Officer Presentations and Program

President	Gwen Harris
Vice President	Lucy Earls
Secretary	Jo Pyatt
Spiritual Growth Coordinator	Jennie Greenway
“Our Money: Where It Goes and What It Does”	Barbara E. Campbell
MEI Coordinator	Tracey Owens
Social Action Coordinator	Kathy Kennedy
Membership, Nurture & Outreach Coordinator	Martha Phillips
Secretary of Program Resources	Jeannette Byrd
Communications Coordinator	Tammy Long
Committee on Nominations Chairperson	Delores Meadows

2021 Calendar for Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women

All Executive Committee Meetings begin at 9:30 AM

January 9 – Conference President/Treasurer Workday – Location TBA

January 10 (Sunday) – Zoom District Executive Committee Meeting – 2:00 P.M.

January 23 – President/Treasurer Workday (Snow Date)

February 6 – Finance/Various Committee Meetings – Location TBA

February 7 – Conference Executive Committee Meeting TBA

March 6 – District Executive Committee Meeting – TBA

March – Scholarship Committee – Pfeiffer University – Date TBA

March 27 – District Mission Study – TBA (March 27 and 28 at 2:00 P.M. for two hour sessions if we must do on Zoom)

May 1 – Prayer Breakfast – TBA

April-Special Executive Team Meeting (If Needed) to Discuss Prayer Breakfast and or Hostessing Duties

May 8 – Mission u/Program Committee – Location TBA

June 5 – District Executive Committee Meeting –TBA

June 11-13 – Spiritual Growth Retreat – Lake Junaluska

**June 17-20 – WNC UMC Annual Conference – Lake Junaluska (Father’s Day Weekend)

July 15-18 – Mission u – Pfeiffer University

August 7 – Finance/Various Committee Meetings – TBA

August 8 – Conference Executive Committee Meeting – TBA

August 21 – District Annual Celebration – TBA

**August 29-September 7 – UMC General Conference – Minneapolis, MN

September 10-12 – Annual Celebration – Lake Junaluska

September 25 – District Executive Committee Meeting – TBA

October 2 & 9 – Ubuntu Days of Service – Various Locations

October 23 – Leadership Development Day (LDD) – Location TBA

October 30 – District Leadership Development Day – TBA

November 12 – New Member Orientation – Location TBA

November 13 – Various Committee Meetings –TBA

November 14 – Executive Committee Meeting – TBA

BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2021 OFFICERS

New officers, officers taking a different position, or officers taking a new two-year term are in **Bold**.

Officers whose names are starred are serving an extended term.

<p><u>President:</u> Gwen Harris (Windom) 215 Grand View Lane Burnsville, NC 28714 (828) 682-4589 gwenaharris68@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>Vice President:</u> Lucy Earls (Oak Grove) 913 Race Path Church Rd. Ellenboro, NC 28040 (828) 453-8566 jlearls@att.net</p>	<p><u>Secretary:</u> Jo Pyatt (East Marion) PO Box 1621 Marion, NC 28752 (828) 652-2530 pyattjo@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>Treasurer:</u> Linda Johns (Skyland) 22 North Oak Terrace Arden, NC 28704 H: (828) 684-9366 C: (828) 712-9266 lljturtle58@gmail.com</p>
<p><u>Spiritual Growth, MC:</u> Jennie Greenway (Oak Grove) 164 Emma Drive Ellenboro, NC 28040 (828) 453-9637 or (828) 289-1642 jengreenway@bellsouth.net</p>	<p><u>MC, Education & Interpretation</u> Tracey Owens (Marion First) 249 Fleming Ave. Marion, NC 28752 (828) 246-6006 traceybh@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>Social Action MC.</u> Kathy Kennedy (Grace) ** PO Box 2556 Leicester, NC 28748 H: (828) 683-4678 C: (828) 231-3229 kenkat12003@yahoo.com</p>	<p><u>Membership Nurture & Outreach:</u> Martha Phillips (Pine Grove) PO Box 49 Linville Falls, NC 28647 (828) 765-7009 mcwphillips@gmail.com</p>
<p><u>Secretary of Program Resources:</u> Jeannette Byrd (St. Paul's) 203 Aurora Dr. Asheville, NC 28805 (828) 230-5308 jbyrdasheville@aol.com</p>	<p><u>Communications Coordinator:</u> Tammy Long (Moore's Grove) 240 Seasons Circle Apt. 102 Fletcher, NC 28732 (828) 774-6010 lynn79@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>Data Processing:</u> Carol Bryson (Grace) 14 Buckner Road Leicester, NC 28748 (828) 776-0678 csbryson64@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>Parliamentarian:</u> Betty J. Letzig (St. Paul's) 266 Merrimon Ave. Asheville, NC 28801 (828) 225-0414 MoHar1926@outlook.com</p>
<p><u>Historian:</u> Barbara E. Campbell (St. Paul's) 266 Merrimon Ave. Asheville, NC 28801 (828) 225-0414 charlie585@msn.com</p>			

Committee On Nominations

<p><u>Chairperson:</u> Thelma McGraw (Skyland UMC) 90 White Pine Drive Fletcher, NC 28732 (828) 684-7106 vtmcgraw@broadriverrehab.com Class of 2022</p>	<p>Vennie Abrams (Tryon Comm. Interdenominational Church) 630 Blackwood Road Columbus, NC 28722 (828) 863-4274 aluvenia@yahoo.com Class of 2021</p>	<p>Bess Redmond (Biltmore UMC) 19 Wright's Cove Trail Fairview, NC 28730 (828) 231-7625 missbess@charter.net Class of 2021</p>	
<p>Donna Anderson (Central UMC) 7 Duncannon Street Weaverville, NC 28787 danderson45@charter.net Class of 2022</p>	<p>Dorothy Johnson (Addie's Chapel) 63 Tomahawk Trail Marion, NC 28752 (828) 738-8148 (828) 460-3778 dot.johnson47@gmail.com Class of 2023</p>	<p>Leith Tate (Black Mtn. UMC) PO Box 208 Montreat, NC 28757 (828) 669-5564 tateleith@gmail.com Class of 2023</p>	

Member at Large

Dixie Liggett, (Skyland), 8 Springside Park, Asheville, NC 28803, (828) 864-1831, lliggett3@charter.net

Western North Carolina Conference District Advisor for the Blue Ridge District

Joanie Strohm, (Weaverville), 111 Collins Road, Marshall, NC 28753, (828) 649-1156, ssjsmars@charter.net

Leadership

The **president**, working with the leadership team, will actively seek to advance all phases of the work of United Methodist Women.

She will:

- a. Preside at all meetings of the unit and its leadership team and serve as an ex officio member of all committees, where they exist, except the committee on nominations. "Ex officio" is defined as having voice and no vote.
- b. Prepare reports as necessary with the elected officers.
- c. Develop with the leadership team ways to plan and engage in mission.
- d. Represent the unit in all meetings or name a substitute.
- e. Be a member of the local United Methodist church with which the unit is affiliated and serve, where they exist, as a member of the church council or on the administrative council or administrative board/council on ministries. Membership in the local church may include affiliate membership.

The **vice president**, working cooperatively with the president, will assist the unit in fulfilling the Purpose.

She will:

- a. Assist the president in any way needed.
- b. Job shadow the president to gain awareness of her duties and responsibilities.
- c. Guide the leadership team in its responsibility for planning and implementing the program of the unit.
- d. Encourage attendance at all meetings.
- e. Assist with programming.
- f. Encourage the use of the Program Book, prayer Calendar, response, and books from the Reading Program of the United Methodist Women.
- g. Perform the duties of the president in her absence.
- h. Promote ecumenical relations.
- i. Serve on the committee on finance where one exists.

The **treasurer** will be informed concerning the financial responsibility of the unit and the program and responsibilities of the United Methodist Women national organization.

She will:

- a. Receive and disburse funds on order of the unit, account for all funds of the unit and work with the leadership team to develop a plan for receiving funds from individuals or subgroups on a regular basis.
- b. Remit all funds, except those designed for mission locally and for local administration and membership development, to the district treasurer. These remittances will be made monthly or quarterly as the conference and/or district organization may direct.
- c. Make itemized reports to the unit at regularly scheduled meetings and annual reports to the unit, submit the local unit's books annually to the audit committee of the local church and send an annual itemized statement of all funds to the district treasurer.
- d. Chair the committee on finance where one exists or, if there is no separate committee, chair the leadership team when dealing with matters related to finance.
- e. Serve on the leadership team and other committees when dealing with financial matters.

The **secretary** will be informed about the program and the total involvement of the local unit in order to perform the responsibilities assigned to her and to assist the president.

She will:

- a. Keep accurate minutes of all meeting of the unit and its leadership team and give notice of these meetings.
- b. Serve as custodian of records and official documents.
- c. Sign all official, legal and financial documents, making certain each is properly dated.
- d. Keep an accurate roll of membership.
- e. Send a list of elected leaders of the unit, including addresses, ZIP codes, telephone numbers and emails, to the secretary of the district organization immediately upon their election and interim changes, and send the name of the new president to the resource center: United Methodist Women Mission Resources.
- f. Serve on the leadership team and other committees as necessary.

The **chairperson** of the **committees on nominations** and other members are responsible for the nomination of all elected leaders of the unit. This requires a clear understanding of the duties of each elected leader and knowledge of the skills, interests and potential of the members of the unit.

She will:

- a. Develop plans to help members of the committee see their task as an ongoing one.
- b. Provide information to the committee concerning vacancies that need to be filled.
- c. Identify and promote new leadership.

The chairperson will serve on the leadership team and other committees as necessary.

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women
2021 Calendar for Local Treasurers

January	February	March	April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Send Names and Contact Information for Unit's 2021 President and Treasurer and 2021 Pledge if that was not done in 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> If Unit has several Circles, arrange process for collecting Circle Pledge, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and Special Mission Recognition orders and monies <input type="checkbox"/> Begin collecting Pledge and other monies and deposit in Unit UMW Checking Account 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Quarter Letter due from District Treasurer with instructions for 1st Quarter Remittance <input type="checkbox"/> Mid Month begin preparing 1st Quarter Remittance <input type="checkbox"/> Mail 1st Quarter Remittance forms and check to arrive to District Treasurer by March 1. See instruction letter for what to include. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue collecting Pledge and other monies and deposit in Unit UMW Checking Account <input type="checkbox"/> 28th End of First Quarter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Continue collecting Pledge and other monies and deposit in Unit UMW Checking Account 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Continue collecting Pledge and other monies and deposit in Unit UMW Checking Account
May	June	July	August
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Quarter Letter due from District Treasurer with instructions for 2nd Quarter Remittance <input type="checkbox"/> 5-15 General Conference , Minneapolis, MN <input type="checkbox"/> Mid Month begin preparing 2nd Quarter Remittance <input type="checkbox"/> Mail 2nd Quarter Remittance forms and check to arrive to District Treasurer by June 1. See instruction letter for what to include. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue collecting Pledge and other monies and deposit in Unit UMW Checking Account <input type="checkbox"/> 31st End of Second Quarter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 11th-13th - Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska <input type="checkbox"/> 17th – 20th UMC Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska <input type="checkbox"/> Continue collecting Pledge and other monies and deposit in Unit UMW Checking Account 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 15th – 18th Mission u Pfeiffer University <input type="checkbox"/> Continue collecting Pledge and other monies and deposit in Unit UMW Checking Account 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Quarter Letter due from District Treasurer with instructions for 3rd Quarter Remittance <input type="checkbox"/> Mid Month begin preparing 3rd Quarter Remittance <input type="checkbox"/> Mail 3rd Quarter Remittance forms and check to arrive to District Treasurer by September 1. See instruction letter for what to include. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue collecting Pledge and other monies and deposit in Unit UMW Checking Account <input type="checkbox"/> 29th – Sept. 7 UMC General Conference – Minneapolis, MN <input type="checkbox"/> 31st End of Third Quarter
September	October	November	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 10th-12th - Conference Annual Meeting, Lake Junaluska <input type="checkbox"/> Continue collecting Pledge and other monies and deposit in Unit UMW Checking Account 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 & 9^h Ubuntu Day of Service <input type="checkbox"/> Continue collecting Pledge and other monies and deposit in Unit UMW Checking Account <input type="checkbox"/> Gather information for and Begin Developing 2020 Unit Budget. <input type="checkbox"/> Present and get approval for 2020 Unit Budget in October or November. <input type="checkbox"/> Along with other Unit officers or members, prepare to attend the Local Leader Development Day sponsored by the District Officers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 4th Quarter Letter due from District Treasurer with instructions for 4th Quarter Remittance <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize collection of Pledge and other monies and deposit in Unit UMW Checking Account <input type="checkbox"/> Mid Month begin preparing 4th Quarter Remittance <input type="checkbox"/> Mail 4th Quarter Remittance forms and check to arrive to District Treasurer by December 1. See instruction letter for what to include. <input type="checkbox"/> Include Name and Contact information of 2020 President and Treasurer and 2020 Pledge. <input type="checkbox"/> 30th End of Fourth Quarter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize 2020 Treasurer Records. If Unit has new incoming President or Treasurer, change signatory information on checking account. Both Treasurer and President must be signatories. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin Collecting 2021 Pledge and other monies and deposit in Unit UMW Checking Account



Forms, Forms, Everywhere

Whatever am I to Do

Every Quarter

Remittance Form
Check

SMR Varies

Special Mission Recognition Form
Remittance Form
Check

Legacy Donations Varies

Legacy Donations Cover Page
Remittance Form
Check

GTM Card Orders Varies

Gift to Mission Cards Form
Remittance Form
Check

GIM Card Orders Varies

Gift in Memory Cards Form (same as Gift to Mission)
No money involved

Varies

Donations to Love Offerings

District Love Offerings
Remittance Form
Check

Conference Love Offerings
Check to "WNCC Treasurer"
Send Directly

Notes:

No SMR orders after November 30th until January 1st

Please fully fill out forms You can fill in the items that do not change and make copies.

Then you can quickly finish the forms as you use them.

Quarters end on February 28th, May 31st, August 31st, and November 30th. Please send at least five days prior to the end of the month to allow for delivery.

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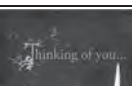



GIFT TO MISSION

ORDER FORM

FOR LOCAL AND DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Local treasurers order Gift to Mission cards from district treasurers singly or in packs of 10 cards. \$5 per card or \$50 per pack of 10 cards. Christmas cards can be ordered in packs of 5 cards. Minimum \$25 per pack of 5 cards.

Local Unit: _____	District: _____
Conference: _____	Period from: _____ To: _____

TYPE OF CARD	No. Cards	No. Packs	SENDER ADDRESS	AMOUNT
 New Baby (10) M7007				
 Congratulations (10) M7028				
 Peace (10) M7006				
 In the Service of Christ (10) NEW M7029				
 On Your Special Day (10) M7008				
 Thank you! Thank You (10) M7004				
 Thinking of you... Thinking of You (10) M7002				
 Thinking of you... Thinking of You (10) M7011				
 Happy Birthday Variety Pack (5) NEW M7009				
 Christmas Cards Variety Pack (5) NEW M7010				
Gift in Memory M5033-1 (Cards not pictured.) M5035-1				

Local treasurers: Send form to your district treasurer.	Total amount of order: \$
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Keep a copy for your records. Always put your name and address in the space provided. DATE: _____

TREASURER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
THE REMITTANCE FORM
FOR LOCAL UNIT TREASURERS

Local Unit: _____ District: _____

Conference: Western North Carolina Period From: _____ To: _____

UNDESIGNATED GIFTS	TOTAL
1. Pledge to Mission	
2. Special Mission Recognition	
3. Gift to Mission	
4. Gift in Memory	
5. World Thank Offering	
Walk for Mission / Other Undesignated Giving	
TOTAL UNDESIGNATED GIFTS (Lines 1 thru 5):	

DESIGNATED GIFTS	AMOUNT	
6. A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial		
7. Supplementary Gifts		
A Brighter Future for Children and Youth		
Assembly Offering		
Scarritt-Bennett Center		
World Communion Scholarships - DISCONTINUED BY GBGM		
Magazine Fund		
National, International, & UMCOR Projects <small>(if additional pages are needed, please complete the Supplementary Gifts -- Details Form)</small>		
NAME OF PROJECT	ADDRESS	
Total from additional page--Supplementary Gifts --Details Form		

SUBTOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS (Line 7 only):

8. The Legacy Fund	
9. Other Designated Gifts	
TOTAL DESIGNATED GIFTS (Lines 6 thru 9):	

TOTAL REMITTANCE Check #: _____ **TOTAL:** _____

Treasurer: _____ Address: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
E-mail address: _____ Date: _____



Western North Carolina Conference
2021 LOVE OFFERING & FINANCIAL GOAL

Love Offering

**A Gift to Mission in honor of our members' Faithful Commitment to Mission Giving,
through good times and pandemic times**

Financial Goal

**Each unit will make at least one Gift to Mission of at least \$5.00, using any cards they
have, in honor of one person in Mission listed in either the Prayer Calendar or a
response magazine article.**

Ideas for Interpretation:

- Any unit can do...at least \$5.00 Gift to Mission to treasurer
- Main Concept...Participation in Gift to Mission channel
- Use any greeting card they have (of course including Gift to Mission cards), and give at least \$5.00 to their treasurer / to district treasurer
- Includes using e-giving for Gift to Mission / Email any kind of e-card & make a Gift to Mission
- Interpretation to say Gift to Mission cards are important...still encourage use, but the Gift is the most important thing. In absence of availability of cards, especially in a pandemic, alternative way to do Gift to Mission

Sincerely,

Your WNCC UMW Team



United Methodist Women Legacy Builder FAQ

What is 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.

Why is it important? Becoming a **Legacy Builder** is a way for our members to participate in a sustainable and regular way of giving to The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign that moves us closer to achieving the fund's \$60 million goal by the end of 2020.

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.
- Or purchasing baby chicks to create entrepreneurship opportunities for women and youth in Mozambique.

Can I stop my giving or adjust my donation at any time? Of course, just call the development office at 212-870-3705 or e-mail us at: legacy150@unitedmethodistwomen.org.

Will I receive verification of my donations for tax purposes? All donors will receive an annual statement reflecting the prior year's gifts. This statement will be mailed in February.

How do I become a Legacy Builder? Make a commitment of \$18.69/month or more to The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Complete the information on the **Legacy Builder** return envelope and mail it to the national office . . . Or
- You can make an online gift on our secure website: [unitedmethodistwomen.org/Legacy Builders](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/LegacyBuilders) . . . Or
- Text-to-Give by dialing 41444 and texting LEGACYBUILDER to set up regular payments . . . Or
- Contact the Development Office at 212-870-3705 or via e-mail: legacy150@unitedmethodistwomen.org

In this historic 150th anniversary year, please consider becoming a **Legacy Builder**. Now is the time to come together as United Methodist Women, and invest in our future mission work, as our foremothers did in 1869!



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FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Remittance Instructions for United Methodist Women Treasurers Mission Giving, Supplemental Giving, and Legacy Fund

United Methodist Women local, district, and conference treasurers receive and transmit contributions from members of the organization.

Mission Giving and Supplemental Giving

These contributions are sent “through the channels” of United Methodist Women. “Through the channels” means from local to district to conference to the National Office.

Mission Giving is unrestricted, undesignated giving and includes

- Pledge to Mission
- Special Mission Recognition
- Gift to Mission
- Gift in Memory
- World Thank Offering

Conference may also have their own means of raising additional unrestricted mission funds, such as mission ribbons, mission corsages, or candle burning, and those funds are also sent through channels.

Supplemental Giving is gifts for specific programs or projects and includes

- Call to Prayer and Self-Denial
- Assembly Offering
- A Brighter Future for Children and Youth
- National and international projects

Legacy Fund

The Legacy Fund is a permanent endowment held at the National Office. Income from the Legacy Fund will ensure the future of United Methodist Women.

Legacy Fund donors are encouraged to either

- Mail their gifts and pledges directly to the National Office, or
- Make their gift online

For Legacy Fund contributions *received by a district or conference treasurer*: Beginning January 1, 2017 and continuing thereafter, all district and conference treasurers are asked to send all Legacy Fund gifts and pledges directly to the National Office as they receive them, rather than sending them through channels.

Checks and pledge cards can be sent as-is. Cash should be deposited and one check sent. There is a cover sheet to accompany these gifts. If possible, treasurers should send donor information (name, mailing address, amount of gift) with the contributions so that each gift and pledge can be

acknowledged promptly and accurately by the National Office. Conferences will receive Legacy Fund giving credit.

The address is

Office of the Treasurer
United Methodist Women National Office
475 Riverside Drive, Room 1503
New York, NY 10115

Questions should be sent to legacyfund@unitedmethodistwomen.org; 212-870-3741.

This applies to Legacy Fund gifts and pledges only. All other contributions (Pledge to Mission, Gift to Mission cards, World Thank Offering, Call to Prayer, etc.) should still be sent through regular channels.

H Mui; December 2016

Cover Sheet For Transmitting Legacy Fund Contributions



Date: ___/___/___

Local Unit _____

Total # of Checks: _____

Conference _____

District _____

Name	Check #	Amount	In Memory/In Honor of (Name and Address)	DONOR'S ADDRESS FOR CASH DONATIONS ONLY
Total		0		

Treasurer: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

TREASURER'S PLEDGE FORM

YEAR: _____

(Return this with your 4th quarter report...or as soon as info is available)

To: *(insert District Treasurer name & address)* _____

Unit Name _____ *(insert year)* **Pledge to Mission \$** _____
(to be paid by December 1)

(insert year) **Local Unit President's Name** _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

(insert year) **Local Unit Treasurer's Name** _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ FAX _____ Email _____

New _____ or Continuing _____ Treasurer (check one)

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YEAR: _____

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Telephone _____ Email _____

(insert year) **Local Unit Treasurer's Name** _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ FAX _____ Email _____

New _____ or Continuing _____ Treasurer (check one)

Education and Interpretation Coordinator holds primary responsibility for interpreting the impact and importance of Mission Giving as an act of faith and commitment. Coordinator empowers women to understand, interpret and participate in United Methodist Women's mission with women children and youth, and outreach of the church, as well as engage in raising funds for mission and outreach.

She will:

- a. understand and interpret United Methodist Women mission projects and concepts of mission, working closely with the finance and program committees to ensure that members are well-informed about what happens to their gifts and what ministries are made possible through their Mission Giving;
- b. promote and interpret the need for Mission Giving to fund the total mission program of United Methodist Women, including ministries with women, children and youth, leadership development, spiritual growth, service and advocacy, and transformative education;
- c. develop and promote strategies for engaging in and growing Mission Giving at all levels of United Methodist Women, including promotion of the Five Channels of Mission Giving;
- d. inform United Methodist Women members of transformative education and leadership development opportunities such as Mission u and Leadership Development Days;
- e. promote mission studies, local mission opportunities, Mission u, leadership development events, spiritual growth retreats, Assembly, Ubuntu Days of Service, annual meetings and other events underwritten by Mission Giving;
- f. promote and utilize United Methodist Women print, online and audiovisual resources to tell the mission story, and ensure these resources are available for mission programs and projects.

Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator

Coordinator works actively to fulfill the Purpose and find creative ways to nurture current members and cultivate new members.

She will:

- a. keep the leadership team informed about needs and concerns of membership;
- b. chair the Committee on Membership and recommend to the leadership team plans for membership cultivation and official signup via myUMW;
- c. work with the unit to become a community, provide regular creative fellowship activities and work with them to create and encourage mentoring strategies;

- d. include time and space for women to share their concerns and experiences with one another at unit gatherings (online and in person);
- e. actively stay in touch with and support members through life's joys and struggles;
- f. work with the leadership team to value the inclusion of women of different cultures and life stages;

Communications Coordinator

Coordinator works actively to fulfill the Purpose and find creative ways to assist communication within United Methodist Women.

She will:

- a. work with elected leadership to promote the organization and Purpose as well as publicize United Methodist Women activities
- b. provide and promote United Methodist Women resources and how to use them;
- c. establish and maintain contact with church and secular press;
- d. serve on the following committees: Leadership Team, Program, and others as assigned;
- e. ensure that unit United Methodist Women actions are promoted via the Internet and social media, enlisting help as needed.

Program Resources Coordinator

Coordinator helps the elected leaders of the unit and the unit membership to be informed of and secure United Methodist Women-related resources for their task of fulfilling the Purpose.

She will:

- a. place order for resources
- b. be informed about and promote the use of print and online resources, which are available through United Methodist Women Mission Resources and United Methodist Women website, promote the Reading Program and help prepare yearly reports about the Reading Program for the district;
- c. promote response magazine (print and online);
- d. be informed about online resources, such as videos, training classes, podcasts and other audiovisual resources and how to access them;
- e. serve on the leadership committee.

UMW Spiritual Growth Coordination

Leader coordinates opportunities for spiritual and theological development as related to mission. She will:

- a. serve as a member of the leadership team;
- b. understand and communicate the connection between personal spiritual development and mission as expressed through social and global involvement;
- c. organize and promote special times and events for worship, prayer and meditation such as, A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, ecumenical worship, retreats, social action and advocacy events and devotions at meetings;
- d. incorporate language and images into worship that are inclusive of and affirming to women, people of color, people with disabilities and thoughtful toward native peoples and social climates;
- e. equip women to engage in and lead biblical, theological and doctrinal study, utilizing the annual spiritual growth study, issues of response magazine, New World Outlook, United Methodist Women Program Book, Prayer Calendar, Reading Program and "Doctrinal Standards and Our Theological Task" in *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016*.
- f. develop and curate spiritual growth resources (e.g., devotionals, worship services, retreat ideas, books, websites, etc.) to share with other units;
- g. attend each of the following events at least once during the course of her term: Leadership Development Days, Mission u and Assembly;
- h. establish relationships with local and district stakeholders (nonprofits, local churches, primary and secondary schools, etc.) that undergird the missional focus of United Methodist Women for the purpose of extending our reach and impact within our communities and the world;
- i. serve as contact person for district spiritual growth coordination leaders, provide resources and conduct annual training as determined by the leadership team and maintain a database of member names, emails and addresses; and
- j. serve on committees as recommended by the leadership team.



Taken from

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/members-leaders/responsibilities/spiritual-growth-coordinator>

How can you grow spiritually?

The first line of the United Methodist Women's Purpose states that we are to know God. Our highest purpose is to grow in our spirituality and help those around us do the same. We are the largest denominational faith organization with 800,000 members who have been charged with this purpose.

How can we accomplish this task?

1. Pray continuously.
2. Read(Bible, Upper Room Devotional, Response Magazine, Prayer Calendar, Reading Program and other Uplifting and Motivational books)
3. Have a positive attitude!
4. Take time for yourself and relax.
5. Be grateful.
6. Realize hard times are going to come. Trust in God and know he will never leave you.

Information from

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/>

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Social Action Coordinator

Leader works with your local leadership team to engage members in service and advocacy for justice as it is rooted in our biblical tradition. She encourages work on the quadrennial priorities of the United Methodist Women national office for the greatest potential impact for change.

2021-2024 priorities are:

*Mass Incarceration/Criminalization of Communities of Color, with particular emphasis on the Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline campaign, and

*Climate Justice, with a particular focus on Just Energy 4 All campaign.

There are only 2 priorities for this quadrennium enabling us to focus the resources and time of our members and national staff to go deeper into each of the issues we're engaging and develop stronger local and national partnerships in these areas.

Christian Social Action. United Methodist Women has been challenging social injustice for over 150 years. Members improve the lives of women, youth and children nationally and internationally. In all advocacy efforts UMW supports its work with a scriptural basis and adheres to the denominational mandates in the Book of Discipline and Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church. UMW works in partnership with coalitions on many justice issues to extend its reach.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18

Why do UMW members engage in social action?

It is part of our heritage. The Methodist movement significantly changed the living conditions of poor people in England during the 18th century. John Wesley used the term "Social Holiness" to describe the process of changing laws and developing institutions that more closely resembled God's Kingdom that Jesus announced. It is the equivalent of today's social justice.

Newspaper Headlines and Social Conditions of Wesley's day:

- Jobless Rate Goes up
- Demonstrations and Riots
- Changing Economy Threatens Middle Class
- Tax Structure Unfair
- Health Care System Failing
- Gap Between Rich and Poor widens
- Prison Conditions horrible
- Poor have no access to schools
- Vast majority of people lived in abject poverty

- In the 18th century Britain was involved in 11 wars and returning veterans had no benefits
- Slave traders became immensely wealthy and influential in business and politics (human trafficking)

Resources:

United Methodist Women uses UMW Online as a way to share information by role or responsibility with local, district, conference and jurisdictional leaders. If you need access to one of these groups and have not received an invitation, please contact:

umwonline@unitedmethodistwomen.org

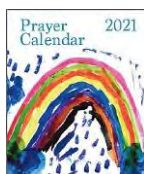
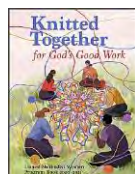
Mission Resources:

- Prayer Calendar- UMW members need tools to do God's work; our goal is to provide a wide variety of resources ranging from web content, to print materials, to learning experiences and opportunities to serve.
- The Kitchen- The United Methodist Women Kitchen is one of those places where we organize to ensure that all are fed, both literally and figuratively. Resources will help you rethink your outreach and "cook up" fresh ideas.
- Reading Program- Encourages members to think critically about current issues including race and racism.
- Mission U- Offers an opportunity to study current issues impacting society based on recent mission study topics.
- Action Alerts- Keep interested individuals informed about important legislation and policies regarding issues of particular concern for United Methodist Women and its members. Alerts encourage individuals to contact their representatives or other legislators to push for change. You can sign up to receive email alerts or read them online at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/actionalerts.
- Become a UMW Justice Today unit (Charter for Racial Justice)

BLUERIDGE DISTRICT PROGRAM RESOURCES



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Mission Today 2020 – Revised due to COVID-19

United Methodist Women Western North Carolina Conference

MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Become a Mission Today Unit!!

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 (*).

The purpose of promoting a Mission Today Unit is to:

Energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action. Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so the United Methodist Women understand where their money goes. Encourage the use of mission resources through United Methodist Women. Expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

What is a Unit?

A unit is any organized group of United Methodist Women within a church or district. Some units are composed of several circles, which periodically get together for a unit meeting.

How Do We Become a Mission Today Unit?

In order to be recognized as a Mission Today Unit, (Gold, Silver or Bronze) UMW units must complete a number of the following criteria as indicated above. Activities conducted between January 1-December 31, 2020, will be recognized at annual meetings in 2021. This is an ongoing program, so strive to become a Mission Today Unit!

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 Available on our conference website on the "Downloads Available" page under "Mission Resources."
e. Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low-income programs, civil rights, etc.

If you are a "Justice Today" unit, you have met this criteria. See "Downloads Available" on conference website.

*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/general-conference/issuepriorities2016-20

*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. Available at www.Cokesbury.com for \$3.99 plus tax and shipping.
- *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 in 2020.
- 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 meeting 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 or Visit: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/action Attach the issue and action that was taken to Mission Today report.
- 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 national website: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org Type "Children's Sabbath" in the search box.
- 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.**
- 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.

Be a Mission Today Unit!
Mission Resource Center

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