

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
SMOKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT
MISSIONS FESTIVAL/LEADERSHIP TRAINING AGENDA

November 14, 2020

Conference: Welcome, devotion, mission moment, prayer calendar

District: Breakout rooms – Smoky Mountain

1. Officer's Training: 25 minutes
 - A. Treasurers – Judy Bromley
 - B. Social Action – Myrtle Kinyon
 - C. Program Resources – Gail Powell
 - D. Communications – Nancy Jo Willis
 - E. Presidents – Debbie Ray
2. Missions, Education – Beverly Bard – 5 minutes
3. Devotion in Motion – Lisa Bacon – 5 minutes
4. Spiritual Growth – Carol Harper – 15 minutes – See Response Sept/Oct Issue, pg 8. Have food & drink available.
5. Membership, Nurture – Esther Manchester – 15 minutes

Litany on the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women

by Sachi Kajiwara

Leader: The organized unit of United Methodist Women . . .

Group: *The Discipline says every local church shall have one.*

Leader: . . . shall be a community of women . . .

Group:

*of different colors,
of different sizes,
of different mental and physical abilities,
But all God's people . . .*

Leader: . . . whose purpose is to know God . . .

Group:

*Through an in-depth study and application of scripture,
Through worship in private or in community,
Through prayer with increasing sensitivity to the needs of others . . .*

Leader: . . . to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; . . .

Group:

*By having the right of choice for each individual,
By daring to be ourselves,
By loving ourselves and others in the spirit of Christ . . .*

Leader: to develop a creative supportive fellowship; . . .

Group: *Not just in crisis situations within our local group but within the global context of a caring, loving community, despite disagreements with one another . . .*

Leader: . . . to expand concepts of mission . . .

Group:

*Growing in understanding as individuals and as a unit,
Through study, action, and reflection,
Through working with persons from all races and cultures,
With an awareness of need, a willingness to help,
And the ability to share . . .*

Leader: . . . through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Group: *By sharing God's vision for humanity, not only in the immediate community where we live but "even to the ends of the world . . ."*

All: *The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.*

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Taken from "Ceremonies"
a collection of Worship Resources
Women's Division

In addition, banks require more paperwork to prove that the money being deposited is from and for the organization that opened the account. They require that a tax identification number or employer identification number (EIN) be used any time a bank account is open. If the organization is exempt from revenue taxation (by IRS) they ask for these documents as well.

Each local unit of United Methodist Women relates up to the conference organization of United Methodist Women. Each conference United Methodist Women treasurer has received an EIN from the IRS. With that in hand, she has written to the General Board of Finance and Administration (GCFA) of The United Methodist Church for a letter that states that your United Methodist Women conference organization falls under the Group Ruling from the IRS, stating that churches and affiliated organizations (such as United Methodist Women) are exempt from revenue taxation. The bank may ask for this information as well. It will be in the form of the letter from GCFA to your conference United Methodist Women treasurer and the letter from the IRS stating that the United Methodist denomination is exempt from revenue taxes.

As accounting standards have gotten tighter, it is critical that bank accounts have two people who can sign checks. The treasurer should not sign any check that reimburses her for any expenses she has incurred. The president should sign any such check. It is important that each check the treasurer writes has the approval of the president or secretary. The president should see all bank statements monthly. These are standard accounting practices and normal procedures in churches and all other organizations.

LOCAL TREASURER

The local treasurer holds many of the responsibilities of the realities of the financial landscape. The local unit treasurer handles all the funds and keeps the books of the local group. There should only be one unit treasurer, not one per circle.

Duties of the Local Unit Treasurer

1. Make sure you have one checking account in the name of United Methodist Women. The president of the unit and the treasurer are the signers on the account. The bank will ask for a tax ID number to open a new account. This is held by your United Methodist Women conference treasurer. Please contact her for the documentation and the appropriate number. **Do NOT deposit United Methodist Women funds in a personal account or a local church account. Keep all United Methodist Women funds separate from personal and church funds.**
2. Obtain working materials:
 - Ledger book.
 - Supply of local remittance forms (photocopied from this handbook and website).
3. Plan storage space for supplies, papers and books in a safe place.
4. Keep a file of all signed pledge cards until the next pledge service and a record of each contribution received at meetings and other occasions.

5. Record pledges, offerings and other income in a ledger book or computer records then deposit the money in the group's bank account as soon as possible.
6. Write checks for all disbursements as approved by the executive committee, recording the date, payee, reason for payment and amount in the cashbook or in the computer records. The president or secretary should sign or initial invoices to be paid or vouchers associated with each check.
7. Balance the books and reconcile the bank statement monthly.
8. Be prompt in sending remittances approved by the local group to the district treasurer (or conference treasurer where no district exists). If gifts are designated, indicate the designation in the proper space on the remittance form. **Never change designations without consulting with the donor.**
9. Consult the previous local treasurer or the district treasurer for any questions or help needed.
10. At the end of each year, create a giving statement for each member who has given \$250 or more. It should contain the name, address of the donor and a statement: "No goods or services were received in exchange for this donation."
11. Arrange for the year-end audit/review. Ask the auditor/reviewers to send the audit report directly to the United Methodist Women district treasurer.

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year for The United Methodist Church is the calendar year, January 1 to December 31. All funds to be sent to the United Methodist Women National Office must be forwarded through district and conference treasurers in time to reach the New York office on or before December 31.

Remittance Procedure

The remittance form is the same for local, district or conference treasurers. All United Methodist Women treasurers can choose to submit it in one of these ways:

- Use the computer template provided by the United Methodist Women National Office. For information on using the online remittance form, ask for help from district treasurer.
- Download the form from www.unitedmethodistwomen.org.
- Copy and fill out the general remittance form (Section 7), print it and mail or fax it to your district counterpart.

Responsibilities of the Local Committee on Finance

The leadership team, also known as the executive committee, may serve as the finance committee.

Keeping the Purpose in mind, the committee shall:

1. Analyze local income and giving patterns and prepare financial goals and strategies to recommend to the executive committee that will strengthen Mission Giving.
2. Prepare the total budget of the group for approval by the executive committee and adoption by the group.

2021-2024 UMW Social Justice Priorities

FAQ

What are UMW's Social Justice Priorities for the 2021-2024 Quadrennium?

United Methodist Women's Mission Priorities for the 2021-2024 quadrennium are:

- **Mass Incarceration/Criminalization of Communities of Color**, with a particular focus on the Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline campaign, and
- **Climate Justice**, with a particular focus on Just Energy 4 All campaign.

Why are we only doing two priorities? What about Maternal Health and Economic Justice?

As we move forward in this moment, we do so with a great sense of intention and discernment. To be impactful, we are constantly assessing what is needed in this moment and where our strengths lie. Reducing the number of priority issues for this quadrennium enables us to focus the resources and time of members and national staff, go deeper into each of the issues we're engaging, and develop stronger local and national partnerships in these areas.

In this time of diminishing resources, this kind of focus makes us more effective and have greater impact for good.

As we wind down our work on Maternal and Child Health and Economic Justice/Living Wage by yearend, we are confident that the organizations we've partnered with over the past quadrennium will continue to advance justice and equity in these areas.

And so, beginning in 2021, our Social Justice Priorities will be Mass Incarceration/Criminalization of Communities of Color, with a particular focus on the Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline campaign, and Climate Justice, with a particular focus on Just Energy 4 All campaign.

What about our work on gender equity and racial justice?

United Methodist Women is a women's mission organization whose founding and subsequent work evidenced the efficacy of women to lead, achieve, and answer God's calling in a time when women's role in church and society were stymied.

Gender justice and women's leadership development are part of United Methodist Women's core commitments and will always be a key component of our work.

Likewise, **United Methodist Women has a long-standing commitment to eradicating racism.** We began this work over 100 years ago and regularly re-commit to fighting racism and anti-racist work. We know that all people are beloved in God's eyes, and until they are loved in the eyes of all, our work persists.

Recent videos of extrajudicial killings of George Floyd and other people of color has forced the church and the nation to confront the inequities in law enforcement and institutional racism. Our work on Mass Incarceration/Criminalization of Communities of Color and the Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline campaign and Climate Justice are most important at this time. Our work on these issues consistently reveals their intersectionality with gender inequity and racial injustice, placing us in a unique position to lead as the nation assesses the role of systemic racism.



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Charter for Racial Justice in an Interdependent Global Community

Adopted by the 1980 General Conference of The United Methodist Church

Because we believe:

1. That God is the Creator of all people, and all are God's children in one family;
2. That racism is a rejection of the teachings of Jesus Christ;
3. That racism denies the redemption and reconciliation of Jesus Christ;
4. That racism robs all human beings of their wholeness and is used as a justification for social, economic, environmental and political exploitation;
5. That we must declare before God and before one another that we have sinned against our sister and brothers of other races in thought, in word and in deed;
6. That in our common humanity in creation, all women and men are made in God's image, and all persons are equally valuable in the sight of God;
7. That our strength lies in our racial and cultural diversity and that we must work toward a world in which each person's value is respected and nurtured;
8. That our struggle for justice must be based on new attitudes, new understandings and new relationships, and must be reflected in the laws, policies, structures and practices of both church and state;

We commit ourselves as individuals and as a community to follow Jesus Christ in word and in deed, and to struggle for the rights and the self-determination of every person and group of persons.

Therefore,

as United Methodists in every place across the land, we will unite our efforts within the church to take the following actions:

1. Eliminate all forms of institutional racism in the total ministry of the church, giving special attention to those institutions that we support, beginning with their employment policies, purchasing practices, environmental policies and availability of services and facilities.
2. Create opportunities in local churches to deal honestly with the existing racist attitudes and social distance between members, deepening the Christian commitment to be the church where all racial groups and economic classes come together.

3. Increase efforts to recruit people of all races into the membership of The United Methodist Church and provide leadership development opportunities without discrimination.
4. Establish workshops and seminars in local churches to study, understand and appreciate the historical and cultural contributions of each race to the church and community.
5. Raise local churches' awareness of the continuing needs for equal education, housing, employment, medical care and environmental justice for all members of the community, and to create opportunities to work for these things across racial lines.
6. Work for the development and implementation of national and international policies to protect the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of all people such as through support of the ratification of United Nations covenants on human rights.
7. Support and participate in the worldwide struggle for liberation in church and community.
8. Facilitate nomination and election processes that include all racial groups by employing a system that prioritizes leadership opportunities of people from communities that are disproportionately impacted by the ongoing legacy of racial injustice, and use measures to align our vision for racial justice with actions that accelerate racial equality.

What is racism?

Racism is the use of power for maintaining privilege and systematic discrimination through institutions and structures of society in order:

- To deny access to education, employment, housing, social services and other rights and benefits of society either by law or by custom.
- To perpetuate, solidify and guarantee the economic, political and social power of one group over other groups.

Racism can be easy to see or hidden, intentional or unintentional. Its impact is measured by its effects, not by personal motivations. Racism combines with other identity issues such as gender, economic status or national origin to multiply its effects.

Where do we find racism?

Racism may be present in many circumstances:

- At the individual level, you may feel fear, rage, distress, blocked.
- At the interpersonal level, you may experience relationships of destructive conflict or exploitation.
- At the institutional level, some groups tend to be barred from certain decision-making positions or levels.
- At the cultural level, one group sets the "norm" for everyone, and the values we pursue reflect a rejection of difference and diversity.

Where does racism come from?

In the 21st century, Christians living in the United States are heirs to the legacy of racism. This is a legacy of racism by the white European majority toward peoples of color within the United States and from other parts of the world. It is a history stemming from the earliest days of the nation to this very moment. For white Americans there is the legacy of white privilege, and for persons of color there is the memory of discrimination and prejudice. Today, the realities of globalization breed economic insecurity for all and manifest structural racism that thrives by deepening the tensions and competition between communities of color but results in more benefits for the powerful. In a global context, racism is at work everywhere.

The United States—a nation of many peoples of different races, nationalities, languages and cultures—is challenged to make the Charter for Racial Justice a charter for everyone.

The Charter for Racial Justice was created and adopted by the Women's Division (now United Methodist Women) of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries in 1978. In 1980 the division successfully recommended adoption of the charter by the whole denomination. General Conference has consecutively readopted it, every eight years since, most recently in 2008. The charter continues United Methodist Women's urgent call for study and action on the principles and goals of its vision.

Living the Charter

Racial justice is a biblical issue

Read Exodus 1:8-14. How were the Egyptians and the Israelites each "raced"? Who are the "Egyptians" and who are the "Israelites" in the United States today?

Racial justice is a leadership issue

Who are the leaders in United Methodist Women? When and how are leadership and power shared across lines of race, ethnicity, language and class? Make institutional changes that build relationships of mutuality rather than charity.

Racial justice is a community issue


Assess changes in your community, state and nation. Where are racial/ethnic tensions arising? Make standing up for racial justice a regular part of your spiritual practice.

Racial justice is a public policy issue

Learn about laws that limit the rights of immigrants, racial/ethnic minorities and the poor to public education, social services and jobs. Join with others to exercise your political power to ensure equal and basic rights for all.


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Sign Up for Social Action Alerts!

United Methodist Women is focused on four issue priorities, and within them, four campaigns. You can receive periodic e-mail alerts on any or all of these campaigns to stay informed and to take action! Sign up for any of the campaigns below. (Your e-mail is never shared with other organizations.)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Conference _____

I would like to receive information on the following:

- General social action updates
- Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline
(Criminalization of Communities of Color/Mass Incarceration)
- A Living Wage for All (Economic Inequality)
- Just Energy for All (Climate Justice)
- End Maternal Mortality (Maternal Health)

Members and friends can also sign up at: unitedmethodistwomen.org/actionalerts. Please help us by circulating this at all local, district and conference United Methodist Women meetings!



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Table 2 below suggests functions, possible titles, and roles to fulfill the United Methodist Women's mission purpose and tasks.³

Table 2

Possible Titles	Roles and Functions
Communications coordinator Communications manager Communications team leader	Coordinate publicity and promotion in the group, church, community; prepare news releases.
Secretary for program resources Program resources manager Secretary (assigned task)	Coordinate material resource procurement and distribution; promote current program resources; order and distribute materials as determined.
Mission coordinator for spiritual growth Spiritual life leader	Offer opportunities for the group to connect biblical and theological study to mission issues and actions; regularly include spiritual growth resources and practices to the group's experience.
Mission coordinator for social action Social action team leader Service and advocacy leader	Bring justice issues of concern to women, children and youth to the attention of the unit; facilitate advocacy action planning; promote the United Methodist Women social justice priorities.
Mission coordinator for education and interpretation Education and interpretation team leader	Inform and promote mission giving and mission education opportunities within United Methodist Women.
Mission coordinator for membership nurture and outreach Membership coordinator	Maintain membership lists; develop ways to attract, welcome, and maintain new and current members.
Legacy Fund coordinator Financial secretary	Interpret and promote the 150th anniversary Legacy Fund and secure gifts; provide opportunity for members to fundraise to fulfill pledges and other giving opportunities. (See also Section 5, Funding the Mission.)

3. See this section "Living the Vision," and Handbook section 2, "Know Your Mission Organization," and Section 3, "Roles and Responsibilities in the Organization" for additional ideas on leadership roles.



President Points

- Delegate when necessary. You are part of a team member. Be willing to let others help.
- Make sure each officer knows the responsibility of their job. The local handbook is an excellent resource for information. Utilize the district and conference team members if questions arise that you cannot answer.
- Keep your members informed of ALL upcoming events. Even when they are not able to attend the meeting, share the highlights and important dates. Make the minutes readily available.
- Have regular executive committee meetings and a planning session. Arrange for outings, fields trips and opportunities to socialize and fellowship.
- Begin general meetings on time. Keep the focus on mission. Open with prayer, include reading from the Prayer Calendar and have a "Response Moment." A written agenda is helpful to keep the meeting on track and flowing. Distribute agendas and minutes at the beginning of the meeting to allow group to read. The Spiritual Growth person can have a brief devotion which is followed by a program. Officers are given an opportunity to give reports. Vote on any issue. Treasurer can read or present a detailed financial report of income and expenses. Remember that the President is expected to preside at the meetings.
- Constantly remind the unit of "where the money goes." Remember that the general church is responsible for obtaining and maintaining church property, i.e. carpet for the sanctuary, refrigerator for the kitchen, drapes for the parsonage, etc. United Methodist Women are ORGANIZED FOR MISSION! When raising funds, if all proceeds are not designated for United Methodist Women, it cannot be sponsored by United Methodist Women. Church fundraising projects should be done by a committee with the church and sponsored by the CHURCH, although the women in the church will be willing workers.
- Encourage and invite your pastor to attend the executive and general meetings, local, district and conference events. He/she is a member of United Methodist Women.
- Work with your executive committee to become or maintain your status as a Mission Today unit. It is a very important way to stay mission focused and fulfill the purpose of UMW. Challenge your unit to complete 12 out of the 23 criteria, after first "making and meeting your financial pledge."
- Consider UMW events, both district and conference, when planning your calendar. Challenge your unit to have a representative at each of the district and conference events. Take turns. Share the dates. Share the good news!

- The new 2013-2016 UMW Handbook is an excellent source for rules and responsibilities of duties. To purchase, check with your program resource person or ask your district program resource person.
- Promote UMW at all times. Be their head cheerleader!
- Promote the UMW Reading Program and the Children's Reading Program. Make sure that someone in your unit is taking part. Plan a special time to read a children's book to a group at your church. Be sure to report.
- Promote and interpret the UMW resources. The Bible is your #1 guide!
- Support the purchase of UMW Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory cards. This is an excellent source of giving in many, many ways.
- Utilize your District Nurturing Partner. She is there your for unit. Invite her to a meeting, a fellowship, service or program. Have questions? Give her a call.
- Follow your heart and always do the right thing. The entire District Team is at your disposal. They are only a telephone call away. They would love to hear from you.

Additional Points Worth Noting:

Duties of Missions Education and Interpretation

MISSION, MISSION, MISSION: Educate about Mission -

Use Response and Prayer Calendar

Encourage your Unit to become a Mission Today Unit -(Revised COVID-19) - 3 Levels of Mission Today - Good-Silver-Bronze. Encourage Give to all 5 Channels of Giving - (1) Pledge to Mission (2) Special Mission Recognition (3) Gift to Mission (4) Gift in Memory (5) World Thank Offering. President will fill out the report and she may ask you and others to help.

Encourage the giving off Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory Cards. For the remainder of 2020 and 2021 any card or e-card may be used as a Gift to Mission and Memory Card, write a note telling the recipient that a gift has been given in her/his honor or in memory (minimum) gift of \$5 and sent to the District Treasurer

Promote Conference Financial Goals

Promote Legacy Fund

Promote and use printed UMW material, audiovisuals and websites, National, Conference, and District: unitedmethodistwomen.org, wnccumw.org

Hands-On Mission Projects

UMCOR Hygiene & School Kits: Collected at each of our 4 District Events and they can be brought to my house any time.- These Kits stay in the US. These 2 Kits are urgently needed as we have had so many disasters this year - Floods and Hurricanes. I have included Instructions for each Kit and also when you turn in Kits or Bulk Items, bring the accounting sheet "UMCOR Kits Record of Collection".and Checks payable to "WNCC-UMW" for \$1 Shipping and \$2 Toothpaste.

Attend Conference Events - Spiritual Growth Retreat, Mission u, and Annual Celebration. Encourage others to attend these events

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to your unit.

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Current and Future Mission Study Topics

2017

Spiritual Growth:	A Covenantal Community (Part 1)
Geographic:	The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church
Issue Study:	Climate Justice
Youth:	The Missionary Conferences
Children:	The Missionary Conferences

2018

Spiritual Growth:	Seeking Health and Wholeness (Part 2)
Geographic:	The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church
Issue Study:	What About Our Money?
Youth:	What About Our Money?
Children:	What About Our Money?

2019

Spiritual Growth:	Gospel of Mark (Radical Discipleship)
Anniversary Study:	United Methodist Women History (Special Anniversary Study)
Issue Study:	What About Our Money?
Youth:	Gospel of Mark (with United Methodist Women Connections)
Children:	Gospel of Mark (with United Methodist Women Connections)

2020

Spiritual Growth:	Finding Peace in the Midst of Anxiety (Virtual from Conferences)
Anniversary Study:	United Methodist Women History (Special Anniversary Study)
Issue Study:	Mass Incarceration
Youth:	Walking with Jesus in Anxious Times
Children:	Growing in Peace Instead of Fear

2021

Spiritual Growth:	Finding Peace in an Anxious World (Virtual from Conferences)
Issue Study:	Mass Incarceration

Mission Giving Makes Mission Possible!



The five channels of undesignated, unrestricted annual Mission Giving make United Methodist Women's mission possible across the United States and around the world. Voluntary annual giving helps United Methodist Women members fulfill the PURPOSE of the organization.

Pledge to Mission is the amount a woman gives to her local unit. It is usually the largest amount she gives every year for mission.

Special Mission Recognition is a set amount of money for mission (\$40, \$60, \$100, \$200, \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000) given by an individual, circle, or local unit to honor any person. The honoree receives a certificate and a small gold oval lapel pin.

A **Gift to Mission** honors someone with a contribution of \$5 or more for mission. A card may be sent to the honoree: "Congratulations," "Thank You," "In the Service of Christ," "A Special Day," "Thinking of You," "Happy Birthday," or "A Baby."

A **Gift in Memory** is a gift of \$5 or more that honors the memory of someone special. A card can be sent to the family of the deceased.

World Thank Offerings are spontaneous gifts given out of gratitude for God's abundance. World Thank Offerings are usually collected in the fall by the local unit in a special service of thanksgiving.



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Mission Study Certificate Criteria

LOCAL UNITS AND SUB-GROUPS WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES FOR MISSION STUDIES WHEN THEY MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA.

1. Only Mission Studies recommended for use by United Methodist Women shall be reported.
 2. Certificates will be given for mission studies held during the current year or the two previous years.
 3. Studies must be planned by a responsible committee.
 4. The leader of the Mission Study must be prepared and use the recommended textbook and study guide.
 5. A minimum of 4 hours class time is required (This includes special dinners or devotionals planned around the study theme.)
 6. Attendance of United Methodist Women, Children, or Youth shall be reported. An average can be given for more than one session.
 7. Class member preparation between sessions – reading the text and other assignments.
 8. Class members participation through discussion, audiovisuals, drama, etc.
 9. Action growing out of study – Grift to Mission, Ministry related to the Study, etc.
 10. Certificates are provided for studies held by units, sub-groups, children, and youth.
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School Kit

Value: \$11.00 per kit

School Kit Materials

- _____ **One pair blunt scissors**
 - o Round tips only
 - o No plastic scissors
- _____ **One box of 24 crayons**
 - o Only 24-count boxes are accepted
- _____ **Three one-subject notebooks**
 - o No marble composition books
 - o No 3 or 5-subject notebooks
- _____ **One pack of loose-leaf paper**
 - o 100-200 page packets are acceptable
 - o Wide or college rule accepted
- _____ **One hand-held pencil sharpener**
 - o 1-inch or longer o Remove from packaging
- _____ **One ruler**
 - o 12 inches or 30 centimeters long
 - o Sturdy or flexible material accepted
- _____ **Six unsharpened pencils**
- _____ **One eraser**
 - o Two inches or larger
- _____ **One two-gallon re-sealable plastic bag**

Assembly Instructions

1. Stack all paper items on top of each other.
2. Place all loose items on top of paper.
Small loose items may be placed in a smaller re-sealable bag.
3. Place kit inside of re-sealable bag and seal.

Important Notes

- Homemade or purchased cloth tote bags are no longer being accepted.
- All items must be new.
- Please do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits.
- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

Please include a check for the total number of school kits times \$1.00 per kit for the cost of shipping to UMW and write "UMCOR" on the memo line. One check may be written for the entire donation.

PLEASE NOTE:

When you bring kits to UMW events, please do not put more than 6 or 7 school kits in each box. More than 6 or 7 make it difficult on our ladies who are working hard at intake to carry the boxes on hot days.

Thank you!

Hygiene Kit

Value: \$12.00 per kit



Hygiene Kit Materials

- One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches)**
 - No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- One washcloth**
 - No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- One comb**
 - Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
 - No pocket combs or picks
 - Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth
- One toenail or fingernail clipper**
 - No emery boards or metal nail files
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)**
 - No Ivory or Jergen's soap
 - Do not remove from packaging
- One adult toothbrush**
 - Do not remove from packaging
 - Personal advertising not acceptable
- 10 adhesive bandages (¾ by 3 inches)**
 - Common household bandages acceptable
- One one-gallon size re-sealable bag**

Assembly Instructions

1. Lay hand towel flat on a table.
2. Lay the washcloth in the center of the hand towel.
3. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth (except the plastic bag).
4. Fold the sides of the hand towel to cover the items.
5. Grasp the bundle tightly and roll over the remainder of the towel.
6. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal.

Important Notes:

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new.
- Do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits.
- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

Please send cash or check to WNCC UMW for the total amount of hygiene kits times \$2 per kit for the cost of toothpaste and shipping. One check may be written for all of the kits.

Last updated September 2019

UMCOR Kits Record of Collection

Name of Unit: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

ITEM	NUMBER	X COST	VALUE	+ SHIPPING
School Kits		X \$11.00 each =	\$	\$ 1.00/each
Health/Hygiene Kits		X \$12.00 each =	\$	\$ 2.00/each
Cleaning Buckets		X \$65.00 each = <i>#75.00 each</i>	\$	\$ 3.00/each

Checks payable to "WNCC-UMW" for shipping and toothpaste.

List and number of bulk items:

ITEMS	NUMBER

Bring this accounting sheet when you bring your kits or bulk items
to the Smoky Mountain District meetings.



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:
- Have members read and discuss books and articles about other races and cultures;
 - Sponsor or attend an interethnic event between two or more units;
 - Intentionally recruit women of other ethnic groups to be members and officers of the unit;
 - 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.)
 - 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.
- _____ *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 (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.

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

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. You can also choose to make gifts on a quarterly, semi-annual, or annual basis, whatever schedule works best for you.

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/legacybuilder . . . 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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DUTIES OF LOCAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH CORDINATOR:

As the mission coordinator for spiritual growth, you provide opportunities for women to realize personal growth and spiritual renewal for mission. You endeavor to:

- educate women about the relationship between personal spiritual development and mission, and the connection to social action.
- coordinate and/or promote special times and events for worship, prayer and meditation such as a Call to Prayer and Self Denial and World Day of Prayer.
- gather women together for worship using language and imagery that is inclusive and that affirms women, people of color, and people with disabilities.
Ex: instead of using "all men", use "all people" or "everyone." Variety of Hymnal: UM Hymnal, The Faith We Sing, Global Praise, Musical CD's, etc. Available from the Service Center and Cokesbury.
- involve women in biblical and theological study to enhance their understanding of mission, utilizing the annual spiritual growth study, *Response, New World Outlook*, the Program Book and the Reading Program.
- provide occasions for ecumenical conversations across denominational and religious lines. *Invite someone from another faith to come speak*
- give opportunities for women to participate in prayer and meditation and to learn more about spiritual practices. *Meditation, music, walking, intercession, journaling.*
- advocate equality of all people, using Jesus' life and teachings as a guide.
- challenge United Methodist Women to put their faith into action.

Serve on the Executive Committee and, where they exist, the Committees on Program and Finance.

Check out pages 30-41 in the handbook: Focus on Local and District Units. (Stock #2894/ 5.00.)

Scriptural holiness is more than personal piety. Love of God is always linked with love of neighbor, a passion for justice and renewal in the life of the world.

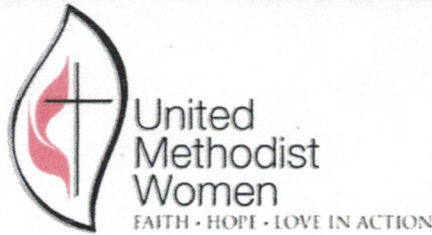


Vice President Points

- Delegate when necessary. You are a team member. Be willing to let others help.
- Utilize the district and conference team members if questions arise that you cannot answer.
- Keep your members informed of ALL upcoming events. Even when they are not able to attend the meeting, share the highlights and important dates.
- It is important to have regular executive committee meetings and a planning session. Plan outings, fields trips and opportunities to socialize and fellowship.
- Begin general meetings on time. Keep the focus on mission. Open with prayer, include reading from the Prayer Calendar and have a "Response Moment." A written agenda is helpful to keep the meeting on track and flowing. Distribute agendas and minutes at the beginning of the meeting to allow group to read. The Spiritual Growth person can have a brief devotion which is followed by a program. Officers are given an opportunity to give reports. Vote on any issue. Treasurer can read or present a detailed financial report of income and expenses. Remember that the President is expected to preside at the meetings.
- Encourage and invite your pastor to attend the executive and general meetings, local, district and conference events. He/she is a member of United Methodist Women.
- Work with your executive committee to become or maintain your status as a Mission Today unit. It is a very important way to stay mission focused and fulfill the purpose of UMW. Challenge your unit to complete 12 out of the 23 criteria, after first "making and meeting your financial pledge."
- Consider UMW events, both district and conference, when planning your calendar. Challenge your unit to have a representative at each of the district and conference events. Take turns. Share the dates. Share the good news!
- The new 2009 -2012 UMW Handbook is an excellent source for rules and responsibilities of duties. To purchase, check with your program resource person or ask your district program resource person.
- Promote UMW at all times. Be their head cheerleader!

Being Secretary

- BE informed: *Know duties of the office.
Know word usage, rules of punctuation, spelling and capitalization.
Know terminology of the organization.
Know Constitution and Bylaws, Standing Rules and Policies.*
- BE prompt: *Arrive on time or preferably a few minutes early.
Rewrite minutes early while they are fresh in your mind.
Always answer correspondence.*
- BE accurate: *Remember minutes are the official record; get facts straight.
Ask that lengthy, detailed motions be written by person making motion.*
- BE brief: *Keep it short and simple – concise.*
- BE courteous: *Thoughtful and cooperative and mindful of the efforts of the president and help her when you can.*
- BE orderly: *Keep minutes in order, use good diction, write legibly or use typewriter/computer.
Keep minutes in safe place.*
- BE good reader: *Enunciate clearly, use good diction, and cultivate a pleasing voice.*
- BE alert: *Spiritually - read RESPONSE, NEW WORLD OUTLOOK, the Prayer Calendar and Reading Program books.*
- BE prepared: *Know the answers to questions concerning the work or where and from whom they can be secured.*
- BE resourceful: *They will love you if you have available everything they will need to borrow: dictionary, scotch tape, paper clips, stapler, scissors, pens, pencils, ruler, rubber bands, etc.*



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

Be An Informed United Methodist Woman!

Read *Response* Magazine

Response: The Voice of Women in Mission features dynamic articles and photographs that tell the mission story of United Methodist Women and stir reader solidarity and action with women, youth, and children of the world. *Response* is delivered monthly (combined July-August issue) to your mailbox. You'll be inspired, affirmed, and challenged in your walk as a disciple of Jesus Christ. (*Response*: 1 year \$21, 2-years \$39) Contact: Magazines with a Mission, PO Box 395, Congers, NY 10920-0395, Toll Free Phone: 1-877-881-2385



Use the *Prayer Calendar*

The *Prayer Calendar* provides daily scripture readings and guidance in prayer that focus on the many mission workers and mission projects supported by the General Board of Global Ministries. It can be used as a daily devotional guide...to enrich personal and group prayer time. Your prayers join with the prayers of *Prayer Calendar* users around the world. Our mission personnel will tell you...your prayers make a difference! Use the *Prayer Calendar* every day...it will strengthen your sense of connection with mission around the world...and it will expand your awareness that we are all called to be in mission. (*Prayer Calendar*: \$9.50) Contact: Mission Resource Center, Phone: 1-800-305-9857, or order online at www.missionresourcecenter.org

THE READING PROGRAM *Your Window to the World*

Participate in the Reading Program

For more than 100 years, United Methodist Women have been involved in mission that includes prayer, study, and action. The **Reading Program** is a study opportunity. Check out the Reading Program to find a large selection of wonderful books...including large print books, and books for children and youth. Persons who read a lot describe the UMW Reading Program books as some of the very best books available anywhere. Readers will find books that inspire, authors who challenge, and stories that add to our understanding. There are four categories of books: Spiritual Growth, Nurturing for Community, Education for Mission, and Social Action. Start reading today! Contact: Mission Resource Center, Phone: 1-800-305-9857, or search the catalog and order online at www.missionresourcecenter.org

Read the *Conference Gram*

The *Conference Gram* is published four times per year by the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women. It includes up to date news about UMW, information about conference events, program ideas, and more. The *Conference Gram* is mailed, free of charge, to each local unit president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and all circle chairs. Others may subscribe by sending their name, complete address, district name, and \$2.00 to Karen Wilkerson, Communications Coordinator, 2829 17th Avenue SE, Newton, NC 28658-8535. Checks should be made payable to WNCU UMW. The *Conference Gram* is also available free of charge on our conference web site and by email through the conference UMW email list.

Visit Our Western North Carolina Conference UMW Website

www.wnccumw.org

Our conference website is a wonderful resource for just about any kind of information you want about United Methodist Women: information and registration forms for conference events, program ideas, the *Conference Gram*, lots of links to the Women's Division website, links to other United Methodist Church sites, current news from our conference and beyond, and more! It is updated constantly with news and information. Check it out!

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WEB SITE!

Join Our Conference UMW Email List

The Western North Carolina Conference also has an email list for United Methodist Women. If you are interested in receiving email periodically (4-6 times per month) with information, updates, the *Conference Gram*, etc., just send an email to Lynne Gilbert (lynnegilbert@bellsouth.net) or Karen Wilkerson (kwilkerson@charter.net), and give your name, email address, and district, and they will sign you up. Over 1,150 United Methodist Women from across the conference have joined the email list...it is a great way to stay informed...and it is free! Join now!

For a Time Like This

A resource

If It is Not Possible to Have a Face-to-Face Program

There are times when gathering in person is not possible, whether it be due to illness, transportation issues or distance. Technology offers wonderful solutions to help us to continue our fellowship even in trying times.

There are several videoconferencing platforms available. Two of the more popular options are described below. An internet connection and a working camera and microphone on your device is necessary to fully participate. These platforms allow you to share your screen, making it possible for everyone to view documents and PowerPoint slides and additional videos together.

Zoom

Zoom (zoom.us) allows anyone with an internet connection (phone, computer, tablet) to join in a videoconference. Zoom has free as well as paid options depending on your meeting needs. This video is a quick overview from Zoom on how to get started: youtu.be/qsy2Ph6kSf8. And here is a video from United Methodist Communications on getting started with Zoom for worship and small groups: youtube.com/watch?v=a2FZD1d_yFQ

Google Meet

Google Meet is free videoconference software similar to Zoom. All participants need a Google account to participate. This video provides a brief guide to the Google Meet platform: youtu.be/J_ywOjB1c4Q.

Considerations:

- Allow time for individuals to sign on and become familiar with the platform. You might want to have a test meeting to allow everyone to sign on for a casual chat before your first program.
- Welcome people as they join the call. It takes a few seconds from the time they join to the time their audio begins to work.
- Ask multiple people to be involved in the program so that all feel included and engaged.
- Be available via text, phone or other form of communication for those who are struggling to access the meeting—especially before your first few meetings on the platform.
- Recording your meeting is an option so that those who cannot attend can watch the material at a later time. You can upload the recording to YouTube and share the link for easy access.
- Meeting facilitators can mute all participants during portions of the meeting when just one leader needs to be heard to eliminate background noise.



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Tips for a More Successful ZOOM Meeting

- Send “invitation” out well in advance of meeting to give participants time to see the email. This will include the meeting ID# and password code to gain entrance into the meeting. Participants can also use a phone to call into the meeting; all have access to their audio.
- Participants log into the Zoom meeting at www.zoom.us using the meeting ID and password provided in the email invitation. In the joining process you may be asked to join with computer audio, or by phone. It is possible for someone who has a computer with internet access to join the meeting on their computer...but they may not have a microphone, or camera, or even speakers. So, joining on their computer would allow them to see...and then also joining by phone would allow them to hear and speak. They would be in the meeting twice...not a problem...and combine computer and phone access to get the best possible participation for them with the equipment that they have.
- Tell participants to log onto the meeting 10-15 minutes prior to the scheduled start just in case they encounter issues. That may allow time to resolve their issue or use the phone number to dial into the meeting. (particularly useful for new users) In the joining process will be prompted to “join with video” or “join without video.”
- Send out an agenda ahead of time, if addressing multiple issues
- Send out handouts ahead of time, if needed
 - Number each page so everyone is “on the same page”
- Have examples or exhibits you want to share already open on your Desk Top “ready to “see” when you want to “SHARE” a document with participants
- Select SHARE SCREEN (up arrow) at bottom of Zoom screen to access the sharing of documents above
- SET RULES
 - All participants should be on **Mute** except when ready to speak. Mute icon is on lower left corner of Zoom screen. This helps to eliminate background noise. Meeting Manager/Host in charge can also mute participants.
- In upper right corner, select “Gallery” to view all participants on screen or select “speaker” just to view a larger image of the person speaking & smaller images of other participants on the right side
- If a participant joins via computer but doesn’t want to have their live image on the screen, click STOP VIDEO (camera image) on the lower left Zoom screen. This creates a blank screen and projects an initial. Click again to return to your live image.
- To change your name on your computer image, right click on your image, select RENAME and type in whatever name you prefer.
- To view a list of all participants, left click PARTICIPANT on lower Zoom screen. Participants will appear on right of the screen. To raise your hand to speak, click the RAISE HAND option at the bottom.
- If you want to key a message to appear on the screen, select CHAT at the bottom of the Zoom screen and key your message into the box.
- Disclaimer: some of these instructions may not apply if using a smart phone.

STILL A NEED?

"As long as there are
... those yearning to hear the Good News,
....systems to be challenged

As long as there is....
...poverty in the world
...or women and children remain in threatening and abusive situations

As long as there are millions who remain oppressed and dispossessed,
...and folks with fragmented souls and dashed dreams,

If we still see people struggling for dignity and security,
Or there are those that are hurting and in need of healing
Where folks need a hand up, a sign of hope.

There remains a reason, even a mandate
For women called by God to come together
As a community of faith, then collectively
Go forth in the name of the Living Compassionate Creator

To bind the wounds
to preach and teach
to feed the body and nourish the soul,
To confront all that enslaves the spirits of women, men and children.

As member of the community of women in mission,
Let's continue to grow in wisdom, to stretch our creative selves
In order to work with each other and the myriad of other leaders
Rejoicing that we have such an opportunity as this to be
A part of United Methodist Women."

Sandra K Ruby
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UMW SMOKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT
SLATE & LIST OF OFFICERS FOR 2021

To Be Elected/Serving under Suspended Tenure:

President - **Deborah Ray** (Waynesville 1st)

Secretary for Program Resources - **Gail Powell** (Elizabeth Chapel)

Continuing Service under Regular Tenure:

Vice President - OPEN

Secretary - **Joann Black** (Cullowhee)

Treasurer - **Judy Bromley** (Canton Central)

Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth - **Carol Harper** (District At Large)

Mission Coordinator for Mission Education & Interpretation - OPEN

Mission Coordinator for Membership, Nurture & Outreach - **Esther Manchester** (Murphy 1st)

Mission Coordinator for Social Action – OPEN

Communications Coordinator – **Nancy Jo Willis** (Murphy 1st)

Committee Nominations

Chairperson – **Erlinda Rogers** (Long's Chapel)

Class of 2021 – OPEN

Class of 2021 – OPEN

Class of 2022 – OPEN

Class of 2022 – OPEN

Class of 2023 – OPEN

Class of 2023 – **Sarah "Dee Dee" Clark** (Elizabeth Chapel)

Appointed Officers:

Acting Historian – **Lisa Bacon** (Cullowhee)

Parliamentarian – **Ellyne Stonebraker** (Franklin 1st)

Nurturing Partner Coordinator – **Esther Manchester** (Murphy 1st)

Acting Mission Education & Interpretation Coordinator - **Beverly Bard** (Waynesville 1st)

Sign-Up Sheet - Email List

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

(To Receive Conference Information, Updates, the Conference Gram, Etc...via Email)

Please Print Clearly

	Sign-up #1	Sign-up #2	Sign-up #3
Name			
Email Address			
District			
Local Church			
Street Address			
City			
State			
Zip Code			
Home Phone			
	<i>Circle Your Answer</i>	<i>Circle Your Answer</i>	<i>Circle Your Answer</i>
Are you willing to receive the Conference Gram by Email Only? Yes / No	YES / NO	YES / NO	YES / NO
Are you willing to receive your district newsletter by Email Only? Yes / No	YES / NO	YES / NO	YES / NO

Make as many copies of this form as necessary...everyone can join! (Double-sided copies are great!)

Pass this around in your local unit...and then return this sheet to Lynne Gilbert, 4821-B Tower Road, Greensboro, NC 27410.