

January 2021



## ***From Your President:***

As we zoom in to a new year, I want to tell you how much I appreciate your faithfulness to United Methodist Women. It was a difficult year to say the least. However, I know that you stayed in mission and remained supportive of your sisters and your communities. United Methodist Women are adaptive and ready to face challenges. Thank you for being creative and loving.

Now we face a new year. What will it look like? To add to the strangeness of living with the COVID virus, we are living with divisiveness in our churches, our communities, and our families. It is a confusing and frightening time. Disagreements there will be but we can be civil and listen to each other. I believe we need to remember our UMW purpose and continue to reach out to all those women and children who need our support. Continue with your pledges. Even if you are not meeting, you can send your pledge to your unit treasurer. This is more important than ever as we look to ways to support missions. Women in poverty in our country, as well as around the world, need our help. Let's not let them down.

We know that we will continue with virtual meetings for the next few months. Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat and Mission u have already been cancelled for in-person events for 2021. God finds a way though. The virtual participation for some events in 2020 were increased over our in-person events in prior years. We are reaching women. What can you do to increase participation in our district events? The district team is always open to any suggestions. When vaccines are available but we are still not able to meet in person, can you help to facilitate your unit's participation? How can your unit not just survive but thrive in this time? I will be getting the vaccine when it becomes available to me. I hope you are considering this too. Of course, we will continue to take the steps necessary to stay safe.

Our mini-mission u will be on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, facilitated by Barbara Campbell. This will be a co-study with Blue Ridge District. Many of you know Barbara and know that she is passionate about UMW. Are you passionate too and doing everything you can to support this wonderful organization? Information is found in this newsletter and I hope you will participate and encourage others to do so too.

I encourage you to go to the national website at [unitedmethodistwomen.org](https://unitedmethodistwomen.org) and click on the census icon. This is a survey of UMW units to help us look at the future of the organization. It has questions and please answer those you can.

Stay safe but stay engaged. It's too easy to become isolated. Put your faith in God and know that He has a plan for your life. Please reach out if you need help.

In His Service,

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## WHAT'S IN THIS NEWSLETTER THAT I'D BE INTERESTED IN?

Page 1—A message from our District President, Debbie Ray.

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## PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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.



**SMOKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT & BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT**

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S**

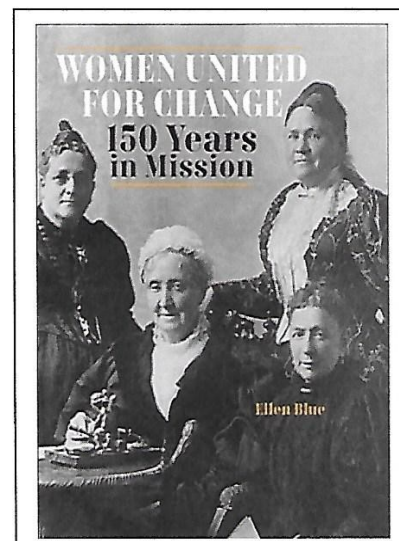
## **MINI MISSION u**

**JOIN US!!  
Don't forget  
to Register!**

**Saturday, March 6+13, 2021**

**9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon**

**Via Zoom**



**NUTURING FOR COMMUNITY: WOMEN UNITED FOR CHANGE: 150 YEARS IN MISSION.** Will be exploring and celebrating the history of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations.

**LEADER:** Barbara Campbell, retired Deaconess and also retired from the Women's Division of United Methodist Women. Barbara is a resident of Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville, NC. Barbara taught this course in 2019 at Conference Mission u at Pfeiffer University.

If you don't have the text and want to get it, our District Resources Chair, Gail Powell (Home: 828-627-6154; Cell: 828-507-4556) has five copies at \$10/copy. Attending a Mission Study fulfills criteria #4 for a Mission Today Unit (the group spends a minimum of 4 hours in study).

The District Events pages of our WNCC website are currently under construction so check regularly as they are updated. You must register to participate in these Zoom events. Go to: [District Events | WNCC United Methodist Women \(wnccumw.org\)](https://www.wnccumw.org). Remember to register in advance!

**150 YEARS IN MISSION!!!**

**Instructions for our Mini Mission u  
and other Zoom events.**

[Video: Joining a Zoom Meeting](#)

## MISSION EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION:

I'm thrilled to announce that Sonya Kotila, of Love's Chapel in Sylva, has accepted the position of Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation. I will be training Sonya for this position this year. Sonya is always in attendance at our District Meetings and Conference Events. I've held this position for the past ten years.

Update on Project AGAPE—Project AGAPE is a collaborative effort we have shared (Western North Carolina Conference) with the North Carolina Conference partnership with Armenia for the past 27 years. The war lasted for 44 days between Armenia and Azerbaijan; the peace agreement worked out and turned over territory to Azerbaijan. Four hours before the ceasefire, a cluster bomb hit the hill adjacent to the playground of the AGAPE Center in Berdzor, breaking all the windows and doors of the Guesthouse, Christian Education Center, and the Staff House, causing significant damage to the AGAPE Center's property.

Project AGAPE was able to find a big warehouse in Goris, and all the inventory of the AGAPE Center and humanitarian aid were moved. It is estimated that over 100,000 people will be displaced by this war. They were able to distribute the Christmas Shoe Boxes, humanitarian aid and other supplies. Project AGAPE is needed in Armenia and Artsakh as much as it was 27 years ago.

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

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**A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER:** 2020 was a difficult year but we were able as United Methodist Women in the Smoky Mountain District to have some really good results in our giving to missions. We were able to make 87% of the pledge goal even though units were not meeting. We have 22 of the 29 units who were able to give in all five channels of undesignated giving. Some of these units even gave more than they had budgeted. Praise God that they were able to give in such a time. Remember all of the ways we as UMW have been blessed and have been able to help the more unfortunate. We were also able to give to the Legacy Fund over \$2,727. This is also an accomplishment in these times. We also gave \$2,503 to the call to prayer. These are some things to be excited about and I hope to encourage you to see that we can still make a difference.

Judith Bromley, SMD Treasurer ([judithbromley7@gmail.com](mailto:judithbromley7@gmail.com))



**My job is to take care of the possible  
and trust God with the impossible.**

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*And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee:*

*For thou, Lord, has not forsaken them that seek thee.*

*Psalm 9:10*

**DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT US IF YOU NEED ANYTHING!**

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Western North Carolina Conference

## 20/21 Vision & Goals

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**Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world**

- **Raise awareness & build relationships with the United Methodist Women mission institutions in our conference:** *Alliance Center for Education (Formerly Bethlehem Center Charlotte), Bethlehem Center Winston-Salem, Brooks-Howell Home, Bennett College, and Pfeiffer University*
- **Raise awareness and promote personal advocacy for our two United Methodist Women priority issues:** *Climate Justice and Criminalization of Communities of Color & Mass Incarceration*
- **Building relationships, supporting, and encouraging local units in living out our Purpose during a pandemic and beyond.**
- **Achieve our Conference 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.*
- **Continue to live out our Purpose as we move into the NEXT 150 Years of United Methodist Women in Mission!**

Sincerely,

*Your WNCC UMW Team*

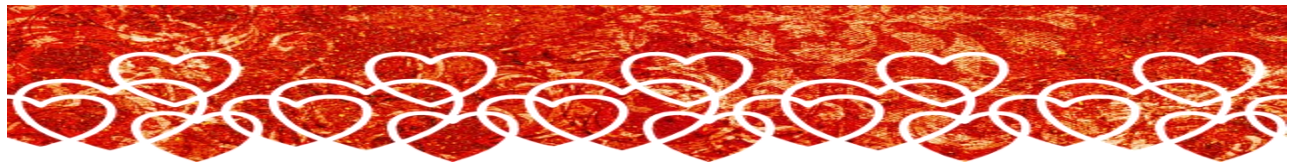
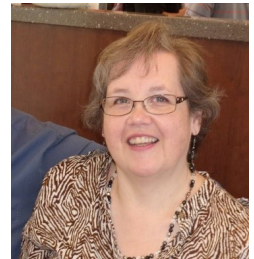
## SPOTLIGHT ON SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

Greetings and Happy New Year to all of you!

I know we all hoped that we would be returning to meeting in person this year; but, if you have looked at the calendar, you will see that our events will continue to be via Zoom. We are blessed to have among our leadership ladies that are tech savvy enough to keep us going. I hope you will participate in these events, if you are able. Remember, you can also listen in by phone. If you have any questions about how to participate, please don't hesitate to reach out to the district leadership team.

Since we did not have Day Apart last year, we will include memorials for both 2019 and 2020, so please send me or Debbie Ray names for both years. This year's Day Apart will be on Saturday, May 1st, beginning at 10:00 am. Our guest speaker will be Martha Efird, former conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator. I think you will find Martha to be an inspiring speaker. I hope to "see" you there!

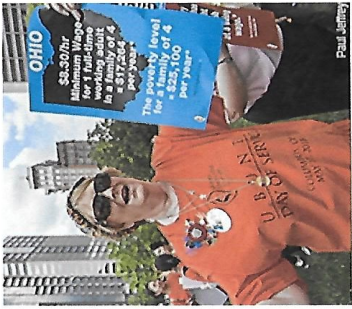
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## SOCIAL ACTION PLAN: ECONOMIC JUSTICE

United Methodist Women will focus on two issues for the next 4 years: Just Energy for All and Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline. Of course, many of our issues intersect. Low wages and poverty impact so many women; who do not have access to quality health care, quality education, safe housing, or transportation. When the minimum wage remains \$7.25 an hour, that explains why so many women work 2 and 3 jobs to provide for their families. Economic justice is and shall remain a part of United Methodist Women concerns. The picture in the following article was taken at a rally for a living wage assembly in 2018. I was there. The article helps to explain how our issues are connected.

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A member of United Methodist Women holds a sign during a May 17, 2018, public witness during the 2018 Assembly.

## Economic Justice Is Part of All That United Methodist Women Does

United Methodist Women will focus on two campaigns, *Just Energy for All* and *Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline* in the 2021-2024 Quadrennium. We are winding down our five-year focus on Economic Inequality and the Living Wage Campaign, grateful for the work that hundreds of United Methodist Women members have done in this area.

United Methodist Women has a 150-year history of addressing economic issues impacting women, children and youth through both service and advocacy. The **Timeline: Economic Justice Mission Legacy** (PDF) chronicles some of that history. We will continue this work because the economic well-being of women, children and youth connects with all aspects of their lives.

### Making the Connections

Race, gender, class and national origin are closely tied in terms of women's opportunities, decision-making power and economic stability. In the United States, women still earn only 81 cents for every dollar earned by men on average, and Black, Latina and American Indian women earn only 75 cents for every dollar earned by white men. Economic status is linked to race and gender. United Methodist Women's **Living Wage Campaign** has focused on those low-wage workers left out of many labor protections — tipped workers, farm workers, domestic workers, home health workers — the majority women of color, most of them immigrant women. Their low wages impact their housing, transportation, access to quality health care and education, and their ability to save for crises and retirement. Where they live impacts their encounter with police and with toxic environments as well.

Below are two examples of how race, climate, mass incarceration and economic status intersect. Consider:

- If you have been concerned about conditions for farm workers, you will want to engage in the **Just Energy 4 All** Campaign to reduce carbon emissions that cause heat stress for farmers
- If you have been concerned about equitable access to quality housing, health and education as part of the *Economic Inequality* initiative, you will want to engage in the **End Mass Incarceration** initiative, which explores how poverty and race become the means to criminalize people unjustly.

### Climate Justice, Racial and Economic Justice

Red-lined Black and Latino neighborhoods experience greater heat in a warming climate than white neighborhoods, intensifying inequality. Historically, government agencies and banks practiced “red-lining” refusing loans to people seen as a “financial risk.” This practice became a self-fulfilling prophecy as white families fled neighborhoods with declining property values, there was disinvestment in parks, schools and other amenities, and formerly vibrant neighborhoods became segregated and were deemed “ghettos.”

In more than 100 cities, “formerly redlined neighborhoods are today 5 degrees hotter in summer, on average, than areas once favored for housing loans, with some cities seeing differences as large as 12 degrees.” Disinvestment over decades has left these neighborhoods with fewer trees and parks to help cool the air, while more highways and parking lots intensify heat. Systemic racism that produced these impoverished and hot neighborhoods also created the conditions for high rates of asthma, diabetes and blood pressure, which are worsened by the heat. Inequality in housing, incomes, health and education “all make a difference when we’re talking about vulnerability to climate change,” said Rob Jones, executive director of Groundwork in Richmond, Va.

### Race, Criminalization and Poverty

Angela-Renee Coakley was handcuffed, finger-printed and locked in a cell on Staten Island for failing to pay a traffic ticket. “It was all surreal and ridiculous — for a fine,” said Ms. Coakley. An African American event planner from Brooklyn, N.Y., she was doing errands when stopped by a police officer who cited her hands-free headset. A search of her license turned up an unpaid fine. Ms. Coakley said she had recently moved and had never received a notification that her license was suspended due to an unpaid traffic ticket. In New York, the state can suspend a license due to an unpaid ticket and can arrest the driver. Given that Black and Latino drivers are more likely to be stopped by the police, they are also more likely targets of arrests due to outstanding fines. Ms. Coakley was able to pay the fine, take a mandated course and reduce a criminal record to a traffic violation. This is not the case for those who cannot afford to pay the mounting fees. A cycle of unpaid tickets and driver’s license suspensions can be financially devastating for families. When poor people cannot pay the fees, they may have their license suspended, have bad credit reports or go to jail, emerging with a criminal record. The irony is that they are less able to pay mounting debt from inside of a jail cell.

A 2017 report by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights found that municipalities increasingly rely on fines and fees for revenue and that this disproportionately targets people of color and poor communities. Fees for “juvenile behaviors like truancy and curfew violations” are assessed against parents and guardians. A large number of these fines are traffic citations. The report notes that when the police are relied upon to generate revenue for the town rather than promoting public safety, there is an incentive for them to issue as many citations as possible. This combines with police tactics to enforce low-level infractions, such as “broken windows” and “stop-and-frisk.” Many municipalities have turned to fines as a source of revenue when they could not raise taxes — potentially a more equitable way of financing local government.

### You can also continue to work on Living Wage issues you have been involved in:

- Visit the **Living Wage** web pages for resources. Continue to use the Living Wage state map: [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/living-wage-map](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/living-wage-map)
- Contact our partners directly to support their ongoing efforts for Paid Family and Medical Leave for All (**Family Values @ Work**), Rights of Farm Workers (National Farm Worker Ministry: <http://nfwm.org/>). One Fair Wage for tipped wage workers (**One Fair Wage**), learning and advocating for economic justice (**United for a Fair Economy**), building a movement of poor people to claim economic and social rights (**Poor People’s Campaign**), and advocating for global labor rights (Global Labor Justice/ International Labor Rights Forum: <https://laborrightrights.org/>) and **Women in Migration Network – WIMN**).
- Continue to use **Abundant Life for All** handouts to explore the intersections of racial, economic and climate justice as a faith calling.

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## MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH

Happy New Year to United Methodist Women of the Smoky Mountain District. As we wade into a new year we are not oblivious to the unrest around us. We are keenly aware of the discontent that is bearing down upon us in our homes, our communities, our country and our world. With televisions blasting, we are witnesses to crimes in our streets, mistreatment of our brothers and sisters, a pandemic that is taking the lives of our friends and loved ones, a failing economy and what is described by some folks as a spiritual decline. But where does all this leave us, we who profess to be followers of Jesus Christ? Does it make us weaker or does it make us stronger? Do we give up or do we stand a little straighter and move on?

In the year just past many of our UMW units were unable to meet together on a regular basis and all of us mourn that loss but very few "threw in the towel and gave up." No, almost everyone I have spoken with are making plans for the year ahead and creating new ways of staying connected with each other while supporting missions in their local communities and across the globe. As I think of the year ahead of us I am hopeful that we will consider some of the following ways to be in mission:

1. Continue to stay connected to each other either by phone, notes, zoom or face to face. In other words hold on to your present membership with one hand as you add to your numbers and reach out to your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members with the other.
2. Gatherings by zoom. For those uncomfortable with using zoom, providing help so no one gets left out.
3. Each United Methodist Woman commit to adding one new member during 2021.
4. Commit to supporting our mission projects, through the pledge of funds, as we have always done in the past.
5. Consider adapting a theme song for gatherings: I suggest page 383 in our hymnal or any hymn your group likes that expresses hope.

"This is the day of new beginnings,  
Time to remember and move on,  
Time to believe what love is bringing  
Laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus,  
God's mighty spirit, now as then,  
Can make for us a world of difference,  
As faith and hope are born again" .....

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**HEY THERE...LET'S TALK:** We try to send this newsletter out to officers of all SMD UMW units, using email wherever possible, and snail mail for the rest. If one of your officers is not receiving this document, please let me know so I can correct that. This publication can be helpful to all your members so please remember to forward it to your entire group or make copies and pass it out. If you have any questions or feedback, don't hesitate to contact me by email: [smdcommcoor@gmail.com](mailto:smdcommcoor@gmail.com), or by phone: (850) 428-3636. Thanks!

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# THE EVER-CHANGING WORLD OF PROGRAM RESOURCES:

I have ordered the following books for the Smoky Mountain District

## Education for Mission

*GUM MOON*

*A ROAD CALLED DOWN OF BOTH SIDES*

*THE UNSTOPPABLE GARRETT MORGAN*

## Leadership Development

*SPEAKING WELL*

*CINDERELLA: LIBERATOR*

*RISE: FROM CAGED BIRD TO POET OF THE PEOPLE, MAYA ANGELOU*

## Nurturing for Community

*THE BIRD BOYS*

*A LIVING GOSPEL*

## Social Action

*FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS*

## Spiritual Growth

*BEYOND LONELINESS*

*ONE DAY I WROTE BACK*

I will have these books available whenever we have an in-person meeting.

Two of these books I highly recommend are *GUM MOON* and *RISE: FROM CAGED BIRD TO POET OF THE PEOPLE*.

*GUM MOON* is a novel based on a true story. It tells the story of a 3-year old Chinese American girl who was sold to a cruel brothel keeper. This story takes place in San Francisco starting in 1898. The story follows the young girl's life through many world events that were happening in the early 1900's.

*RISE* is a youth book that is beautifully illustrated, telling the story of Maya Angelou's life. If you have grandchildren or teach a children's or youth class, it would be suitable to read to them. It is also a bonus book for the Leadership Development category.

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## One of the Blessings of My Life for which I am Most Thankful... United Methodist Women

As I write this, it is actually Thanksgiving Day, and one of the blessings of my life for which I am most thankful is United Methodist Women and my part in it. I have just read and reread [Nancy Reigel's wonderful letter](#) in which she stressed that we are each "doing something" "to bring healing and hope" to the world through our giving to the World Thank Offering. I would like to add by our giving to the [Legacy Fund as Legacy Builders](#).



Did you read [Christi Campos' article about Legacy Builders on page 16 of the November/December response](#)? If you haven't read it, please do. I wonder if your first reaction to the article was the same as mine, that Christi was too enthusiastic in her praise of my recruiting new Legacy Builders. That's what I thought until my Program Advisory Group roommate from South Dakota called to congratulate me. We talked for a few minutes about our families and things, and then I asked "How many Builders have you recruited?" There was silence. Then she said "Myself". I said "You mean you are the only one?" She said "Yes. I guess I'd better get busy. Maybe I'll start by sending a letter to our conference officers."

**I suggested she make it personal, as I did.** I told her I had sent a personal e-mail to persons in my circle, district, and conference that I hoped to recruit, women with whom I already had a relationship. I suggested she could also make it a contest, telling people to read the response article and "not to let my WNC roommate and her conference beat us."

I do not know what she will do. I DO know what I will do: **I will continue to ask individuals to become Legacy Builders. It IS personal.** I think of Jesus as he walked by the Sea of Galilee and called Simon(Peter), Andrew, James,, and John. He called them by name, not by extending a blanket invitation. As I continue to ask women I know to join me in Legacy Builders, I encourage each of you to talk about Legacy Builders with women with whom you have a relationship. **Giving to United Methodist Women IS personal.**

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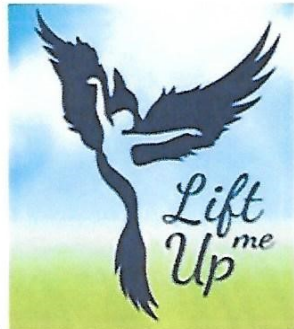
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## Ways to Give to the Legacy Fund

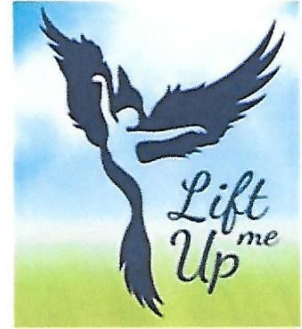
- ◇ Make a gift to the Legacy Fund through your local unit United Methodist women treasurer.
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# Western North Carolina United Methodist Women 2021 Conference Events



Spiritual Growth Retreat  
"You Lift Me Up"  
June 18 - 19  
Virtual Event



Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom:  
Living into the Church's Moral Witness  
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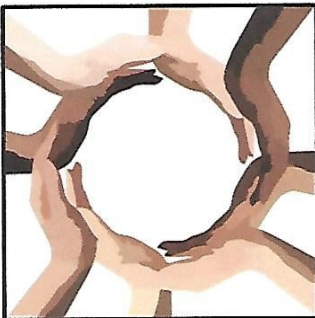
Mission u  
July 15 - 18  
Virtual Event



Pushout:  
The Criminalization of  
Black Girls in School

Annual Celebration / September 11 - 12 / Virtual Event

*Light Up Our Spirits*  
*with Faith & Hope so Love IS Action*



Ubuntu Days of Service  
"I am because you are"  
Saturday, October 2 and 9  
Across the Conference



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## 2021

### SMD UMW CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

March 6 & 13	Mini Mission u – Virtual by Zoom; 9:30 am – 12:00 noon This is a co-mission study with Blue Ridge District. Study on “Women United For Change: 150 Years in Mission”
May 1	“Day Apart” – Virtual by Zoom; 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
August 28	SMD Annual Meeting – Virtual by Zoom; 2:00–4:00 pm
November 20	Leadership Training/Missions Festival – TBA; 9 am – 12 noon

### WNCC UMW CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

June 18-19	Spiritual Growth Retreat – Virtual by Zoom
July 15-18	Mission u - Virtual by Zoom
September 10-12	WNCC UMW Annual Celebration – Virtual by Zoom
October 2 & 9	Ubuntu Day of Service at various locations
October 23	Leadership Development - TBD