

Uwharrie District News



Western North Carolina Conference-United Methodist Women-2nd Quarter Newsletter, 2021



Well, can you believe it is already Spring!

*Can you smell the fresh air? The grass is getting green, and the flowers are beginning to bloom. Anita Krizzan has a quote that says: "Spring will come and so will **happiness**. Hold on. Life will get warmer."* We have come a long way with the covid 19 crisis and I hope that everyone has had their vaccines. I am finally beginning to see some people feeling comfortable coming outside of their homes. Don't think you are hiding behind that mask, because I see your loving smile through your eyes. People are finally beginning to see their loved ones, who have been shut in for way too long, which has brought much happiness to their lives. I am so happy that we have opened our church back up (with restrictions) because I am so glad to be in the house of the LORD!

I hope most of you were able to attend our Mission Study of Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline. A Big Thank You to Vickie Brown for working with Northern Piedmont in presenting this serious social issue that is happening to our juveniles and educating us in ways to dismantle the problem.

Don't forget to sign up for the Prayer breakfast on April 17th which will be held via zoom. If you are not computer savvy, try meeting at your local church, watching it together as a group (social distancing). Also, this year our local Annual Celebration as well as our Spiritual Growth Retreat, Mission U and Conference Annual Celebration will be held virtually. This actually gives the opportunity for more people to participate.

As you look through the newsletter there are a lot of mission walks coming up. One even being here at Denton where I attend church (Central Denton). I would love to see some of you come out for the walks. Remember, our giving through our mission money is a way to turn faith, hope and love into action

I hope that by now you are familiar with who your nurturing partner is and if you have not yet been contacted, reach out to them. They would love to attend one of your meetings; in person, or by zoom. This gives us a way to not only build relationships but an opportunity to share upcoming events, do a program for you, or just answer any questions you may have. I myself would be happy to attend one of your

meetings and do a program. Just let me know. If you need help in knowing how to set up a zoom meeting, I will be glad to help you with that also. Those that do not have access to zoom can do phone meetings. I encourage you to stay in touch with each other, even if it is by sending each other a card and letting them know you are thinking about them.

If you have not yet given to the Legacy Fund, I hope you will consider giving. Through your giving it will provide the assurance that United Methodist women can provide the life-affirming, compassionate care and support that heals, restores and empowers populations of women, children and youth in the years and decades to come.

Ways to Give to the Legacy Fund • Make a gift to the Legacy Fund through your local unit United Methodist Women treasurer. • Use our Western North Carolina Legacy Fund Commitment Form • Online on the national office website at unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund • By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 am-6pm EST, M-F) • Text Legacy150 to 41444 • By check: note “Legacy Fund” in memo and mail to: United Methodist Women, Treasurer’s Office 15th Floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115 • Other methods include gifts of stock, life insurance, bequests, and other forms of planned giving. If you are interested in making a gift like this, contact the national office at 800-278- 7771.



Remember to stay safe and practice the 3 W’s; wear your mask, wait six feet apart, anwash your hands often.

Cathy Ward

President of Uwharrie District

lward2004@triad.rr.com

336-880-1057



SPOTLIGHT OF RECOGNITION OF UMW

Congratulations to two of our Board Members:

Vanessa Brooks for being honored for over 40 years of teaching with Randolph County and Asheboro City Schools and receiving the Julia Ella Morgan Hardy Outstanding Mentor Award.

Vickie Brown for completing her Basic Lay Servant Training Course. This will open the doors for ways that Vickie can serve in her church and out into the community.

If you have a UMW that you would like to see recognized in our newsletter, please send the information to Jane Ellickson our Communications Coordinator (janellickson@aol.com)



Uwharrie District United Methodist Women
PO Box 521
Marshville NC 28103



Upcoming Events

- | | |
|------------|---|
| April 17 | Uwharrie District Prayer Breakfast
10:00-12:00 via Zoom |
| May 15 | Walk for Mission 9:00-11:00, Central Denton |
| May 22 | Walk for Mission 9:00-11:00, Dan Nicholas Park, Salisbury |
| June 5 | Walk for Mission 9:00-11:00, Grimes Park, Lexington
Team Meeting 12:00-2:00, First Lexington UMC |
| June 11-13 | WNCC UMC Annual Conference |
| June 18-20 | Spiritual Growth Retreat, via Zoom |
| June 26 | Walk for Mission 9:00-11:00, Monroe Crossing Mall, Monroe |

Importance of Prayer as We Prepare for Our Prayer Breakfast, Sarah Lee, VP

As we are preparing for our prayer breakfast that will be happening soon, I want to share some ideas for helping us have a consistent prayer life.

Mark 1:35 says of Jesus, "In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed."

Jesus needed to take quiet moments alone to pray just as we do.

Do you ever get distracted when you pray?

It's different for everyone, but here are a few things that can help us keep a consistent prayer life:

- 1. Designate a Prayer Place:** It could be the blue chair, or it could be the left side of your cozy sofa, your kitchen table or your back-porch swing. Having a consistent place to pray takes some of the guesswork out of the process. You may have to test out a few spots before finding one that feels right for you.
- 2. Find a Dedicated Time:** Early mornings may work for you because they're the only time you may be alone. Or it might be your lunch break, right before bed or after the kids leave for school in the mornings.
- 3. Start with Gratitude:** It could be something simple, such as giving thanks for the warm blanket around you or the hot cup of coffee in your hands, but I've found that if we start there, the gratitude begins to flow to every area of my life.
- 4. Candidly Confess:** Lift the burdens weighing you down by confessing when you have fallen short, in big ways or small. Perhaps you inadvertently spoke harshly to a loved one or have let your selfish wants overpower the desire to help others.
- 5. Humbly Ask:** Although God knows all and sees all, ask Him humbly for what is important to you, whether to heal your sick friend, watch over a child, or guide important decisions in your life. Even though God knows the desires of our hearts, it pleases Him when we pray and ask humbly & sincerely for His help.
- 6. Accept God's Will Over Your Own:** This might be the hardest part, especially if you're a control freak. Leaving our humble requests at the feet of our Lord allows us to relinquish control and let God's plan unfold. Our heavenly Father wants good gifts for us, as illustrated in Luke 11:11, "Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish?" (NRSV) As challenging as it can be, let's trust that God wants what is best for us.
- 7. Let Go and Live Free:** We can feel so free after our prayer time. We can face the day knowing we have placed our cares and struggles at God's feet, mindful He is with us throughout the day and guiding our thoughts and decisions.

Do we have perfect attendance every day in our prayer chairs? No, but it's hard to walk by it in the morning without the beckoning call to sit a spell in the presence of God. Some mornings, our visits with God are short, and other days they're lengthier, but we're always glad we have them.

Dear heavenly Father, please stir a desire in us to visit with You each day. Help us stay focused in our prayer times and avoid the daily distractions during our visits with You. Help us find the

words to talk with You as a friend, and at the same time, see the awe and majesty of being able to sit in Your presence in prayer. In Jesus' Name, Amen

Let's all pray for our blessings as we are recovering from many effects of the pandemic. May each of you have a blessed Easter and I look forward to seeing you on our Zoom prayer breakfast meeting (bring your own breakfast and meet together at your church) and hopefully we can meet in person real soon as we walk for missions in 5 different areas this year!!

If you have any questions or need help with anything please do not hesitate to contact me at 704-984-0165 or accnurse@rocketmail.com.
Sarah Lee, Vice President



Faith, Hope and Love

Uwharrie District Prayer Breakfast, April 17th 10:00-12:00 via Zoom

Faith Greetings from Spiritual Growth to my UMW Sisters in Christ. Please be in daily prayer for everyone due to the COVID – 19 virus that has descended on our nation and others across the world, causing thousands of illnesses and deaths.

We could not have our Prayer Breakfast in 2020 due this pandemic. However, since everyone is using Zoom for virtual meetings, we will be utilizing this tool to come together across the District. The Uwharrie District Prayer Breakfast – “Faith, Hope, and Love” – is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2021 by Zoom starting at 10am. Rev. Laura H. Auten, Missional Strategist and Uwharrie District Superintendent, will be delivering a great message.

Registration for the Prayer Breakfast, Click [Here](#)

Registration can also be found at the UMW's website, <https://wnccumw.org>, then click on Districts, then District Events 2021, scroll down to Uwharrie, then under Prayer Breakfast, click on the link “UW Zoom Registration Link.”

Registration needs to be completed by Wednesday, April 14th. The agenda and other program information can be downloaded from the same location.

Please refer to Vicki Brown's article in this newsletter for information related to the Mission Kit. It can be found under the Mission Education and Interpretation section.

The love offering during the Prayer Breakfast for 2021 is a “Gift to Mission in honor of our members' faithful commitment to Mission Giving, through good times and pandemic times.”

Please enjoy your breakfast and coffee as you join us virtually for our 2021 Prayer Breakfast. If you know of anyone who can join you, please invite them. We are also encouraging any circles or units to join together, socially distanced, to enjoy this time of praising and worshipping our Lord and Savior.

Blessings to all during this Easter Season,

Betty Hunt, Uwharrie Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator



\$\$\$ Notes from the Treasurer

Our Q1 remittance has been sent to the Western North Carolina Conference (WNCC) UMW. We paid \$9,966.54 toward our Pledge to Mission so far, which is 19%. This is down from prior years at this point, but we are still dealing with COVID, so this is not unexpected. Year-to-date Mission giving paid to WNCC UMW, including designated gifts is \$11,386.54. Thank you Uwharrie District on behalf of all the women, youth and children you are helping!

Although many units are still not meeting, anyone can give on-line on the WNCC UMW website. It can be found on the very top line on the Home Page "GIVE NOW" or at <https://wnccumw.org/online-mission-giving/>. These online gifts WILL be credited back to your Unit. Or, anyone can send a check directly to me towards their Unit's giving. Just note your Unit on your check. (Of course, if your unit is meeting, you can still give through the normal quarterly remittance process.)

Something new this year is that **ALL 5 Channels of Unesignated Giving plus Walk for Missions funds will count towards a Unit's pledge**. This has always been the case for Districts, but not for Local Units in many districts, including Uwharrie. Based on National Treasurer training we received and subsequent review with Conference, this will be consistently applied starting this year.



I hope to see you all in-person soon! Until then, if you need anything from me or have any questions, please feel free to call, text, or email me.

Blessings,
Diane James, Uwharrie District Treasurer





Membership Nurture and Outreach

With the Covid-19 vaccine being administrated it seems like we may be getting back to a new normal this spring and summer. I am looking forward again to our Walk-for-Mission events schedule being in full spring by May. We are adding a new walk this year at Central UMC, Denton for churches in South Davidson area. Our goal this year is \$3,200.



Our schedule of Walk-for-Mission events:

Saturday May 15th- 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Central United Methodist Church, 276 W 1st St, Denton NC

Saturday May 22nd – 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Dan Nicholas Park, 6800 Bringle Ferry Rd, Salisbury NC

Saturday June 5th – 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Grimes Park 25 Hege Drive, Lexington NC

Saturday June 26th Monroe Crossing Mall 2115 Roosevelt Blvd, Monroe NC

Saturday July 31st - 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Randolph Mall Hwy 64, Asheboro, NC

Snacks will be provided, remember to bring your water bottle, and please wear a mask if it is still required.

If you prefer you can participate by walking where you are! Gather your sponsors, and collect the money, and mail your form and sponsor money to Diane James, 640 Deer Lake Run, Salisbury, NC 28146. Be sure to include the names of the walkers so your unit will get credit for participating.

Carolyn Thompson, Membership Nurture and Outreach



The Purpose is adopted by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church as the official mission statement of United Methodist Women.

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.



SOCIAL ACTION COMMENTS

Recently, our Uwharrie District had our Mission Study on one of our key Social Action focuses: Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline. This excellent presentation encompassed many issues affecting our schools and the higher percentage of youth of color compared to white youth being suspended, dropping out, or referred to the juvenile court system and jailed. Many of us have not been totally aware of these imbedded discriminatory practices affecting our schools and judicial systems.

One of our UMW goals should be to educate ourselves and become more sensitive and informed. Attending workshops and listening to UMW webinars online is one way. Another important way is for us to read. Our Mission Study urged us to read 3 books: Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools (Morris), The New Jim Crow (Alexander), and Caste (Wilkerson). Our UMW Reading Program last year and this year also lists books which deal with such social issues, like For Such A Time as This ((Risher), The Hate You Give (Thomas), Anxious to Talk About It (Helsel), and Who Lynched Willie Earle? (Willimon), among others.

So let's read, study and educate ourselves, and share ideas with others in love!

Helen Shore, Social Action Coordinator



She Leads: Empowering Women to Make a Difference

2021 A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

In 2021, we will come together around the theme “She Leads: Empowering Women to Make a Difference.” We welcome you to come pray, learn and offer your gifts that will make a real change in the lives of women, children and youth around the world. PRAY - As we unite in prayer, we prepare ourselves to listen. LEARN - As we learn about the impact of the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, we also learn about the impact our giving has on the world. GIVE - As we generously give, we remember with confidence all that God has already done in and through us and all that God has yet for us to do. Join together to bring justice and inspire change, living into United Methodist Women’s faith and action.

MISSION EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION

I would like to thank you all for the strong legacy of United Methodist Women that joined us for a fantastic Mission Study - Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline. I feel we all learned a great deal and feel more confident in putting a step forward to making some changes in today's world. For those of you that were not able to participate, we have some link information to help better understand our commitments to work for healing peace and justice for all people.

Please mark your calendars for the Conference Mission U – July 15-18 Virtual Event Bearing Witness in the Kingdom: Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship and Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School.

Please note if your units have donations, please hold them as we are working on what items are at the upmost necessity during this Critical Covid-19 pandemic and other crisis in our country.

My heart goes out to the United Methodist Women as you are called to speak out and work to create a World that God can be proud of, and we can show our Love and God's Love to others.

I will have more information to share at our Prayer Breakfast April 17th.

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



HANDS ON MISSION PROJECT

Bethlehem Center, Winston Salem

Bethlehem Community Center, Inc. is committed to the community, to a child's

Individual development, and to the enrichment of a child's relationship with his/her parents and peers

- **Items Needed:** washable markers, washable paints, jumbo crayons, jumbo pencils, #2 pencils, colored pencils, construction paper, glue sticks, craft sticks
- **Where to Donate:** Contact Vickie Brown 336-596-5523 to coordinate meeting to pick up items from your local unit
- **Monetary Donations** will also be accepted
Send one check from your unit to: Uwharrie District UMW Treasurer, Diane James , 640 Deer Lake Run, Salisbury, NC 28146 Make checks payable to Uwharrie District UMW, and note that donation is for Bethlehem Center, WS

Vickie Brown (336) 596-5523

2021 Nurturing Partners Uwharrie District

	Unit Name	Nurturing Partner
1	Central (Asheboro)	Betty Hunt
2	Pisgah (Asheboro)	Betty Hunt
3	St. Luke (Asheboro)	Betty Hunt
4	Christ (Salisbury)	Carla Carrick
5	The Arbor (Salisbury)	Carla Carrick
6	Central (Denton)	Carolyn Thompson
7	First (Lexington)	Carolyn Thompson
8	Milford Hills (Salisbury)	Carolyn Thompson
9	Shiloh (Granite Quarry)	Carolyn Thompson
10	Bethany (Albemarle)	Cathy Ward
11	Fairview (Denton)	Cathy Ward
12	Macedonia (Lexington)	Cathy Ward
13	New London (New London)	Cathy Ward
14	Bethlehem (Waxhaw)	Cheri Barker
15	First (Norwood)	Cheri Barker
16	First (Wadesboro)	Cheri Barker
17	Gilboa (Marshville)	Cheri Barker
18	Marshville	Cheri Barker
19	Morven (Morven)	Cheri Barker
20	Pleasant Hill (McFarlan)	Cheri Barker
21	Prospect (Monroe)	Cheri Barker
22	Wingate (Wingate)	Cheri Barker

23	Linwood	Cheri Murray
24	St Stephens, Lexington	Cheri Murray
25	Central (Spencer)	Diane James
26	First (Salisbury)	Diane James
27	Providence (Salisbury)	Diane James
28	Bethel (Salisbury)	Donna Owens
29	Mount Tabor (Salisbury)	Donna Owens
30	Bethany (Lexington)	Elizabeth Lookabill
31	Wesley Chapel (Misenheimer)	Elizabeth Lookabill
32	Cotton Grove (Lexington)	Gay Smith
33	Brower's Chapel (Asheboro)	Helen Shore
34	Empire Charge (Piney Ridge, Pleasant Hill, Stouts Chapel)	Helen Shore
35	Grays Chapel (Franklinville)	Helen Shore
36	McCrary Chapel (Ramseur)	Helen Shore
37	Mineral Springs	Jane Elickson
38	Mount Vernon (Polkton)	Jane Elickson
39	Oakboro (Oakboro)	Jane Elickson
40	Olivet (Lilesville)	Jane Elickson
41	Union Chapel (Albemarle)	Jane Elickson
42	Franklinville (Franklinville)	Leigh Harris
43	Love's Chapel (Stanfield)	Lisell Currie
44	Fountain Hill (Peachland)	Lisell Currie
45	Love's Grove (Stanfield)	Lisell Currie

46	First (Asheboro)	Pat Jarvis
47	Flag Springs (Asheboro)	Pat Jarvis
48	New Union	Pat Jarvis
49	Pleasant Hill, Seagrove	Pat Jarvis
50	Central (Albemarle)	Sarah Lee
51	Central (Monroe)	Sarah Lee
52	Green Memorial (Norwood)	Sarah Lee
53	Mount Zion (Norwood)	Sarah Lee
54	Randall (Norwood)	Sarah Lee
55	Salem (Albemarle)	Sarah Lee
56	Friendship	Vanessa Brooks
57	Jordan Memorial (Ramseur)	Vanessa Brooks

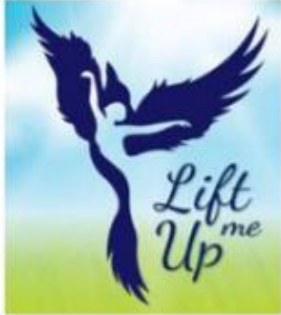
2021 DISTRICT TEAM

President	Cathy Ward PO Box 807 Denton, NC 27239	336-880-1057 Central, Denton lward2004@triad.rr.com
Vice-President	Sarah Lee 40645 Mt. Zion Church Rd. Norwood, NC 28128	704-474-4764 / 704-984-0165 (c) First, Norwood accnurse@rocketmail.com
Secretary	Elizabeth Lookabill 931 West Fifth Avenue Lexington, NC 27292	336-248-5805 / 336-239-7509 (c) Tyro elizabethlookabill@gmail.com
Treasurer	Diane James 640 Deer Lake Run Salisbury, NC 28146	704-636-1007 / 704-928-8237 (c) Milford Hills, Salisbury dj93umw@twc.com
Secretary of Program Resources	Cheri Barker 515 S. Elm Street Marshville, NC 28103	704-242-4851 Central, Monroe cherib47@yahoo.com
Spiritual Growth	Betty Hunt 1206 Ben Lambeth Rd. Asheboro, NC 27205	336-629-5300 / 336-964-8200 (c) New Union, Asheboro
Membership Nurture & Outreach	Carolyn Thompson 188 Joshua Court Apt. 13 Lexington, NC 27295	336-242-9685 / 336-302-6335 (c) Linwood ncthompson@ptmc.net
Social Action	Helen Shore 309 Sunset Dr. N Asheboro, NC 27205	336-629-2500 / 336-963-0326 (c) First, Asheboro hhshore2@triad.rr.com
Mission Education & Interpretation	Victoria Brown (Vickie) 9252 NC HWY 8 Lexington, NC 27292	336-798-1868 / 336-596-5523 (c) Central, Denton vickiebrown961@gmail.com
Communications Coordinator	Jane Ellickson P.O. Box 521 Marshville, NC 28103	704-624-5468 / 704-290-7519 (c) Marshville janellickson@aol.com

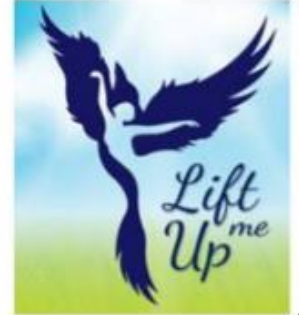
Nominations, Chair	Pat Jarvis 5151 Pisgah Covered Bridge Rd Asheboro, NC 27205	336-381-3848 /336-318-5127 (c) Pisgah, Asheboro pjarvisUMW@rtmc.net
Nominations	Wanda Craven 269 Baney Drive Lexington, NC 27292	336-236-9863/336-425-5105 (c) St. Stephens, Lexington Wandacraven269@yahoo.com
Nominations	Leigh Harris 859 Chartier Ct. Asheboro, NC 27205	336-629-0746 Central, Asheboro kharris72@triad.rr.com
Nominations	Cheri Murray 404 Idlewild Drive Lexington, NC 27295	336-249-6872 First, Lexington pdmctm404@gmail.com
Nominations	Gay Smith 364 Lester Drive Lexington, NC 27295	336-479-8822 First, Lexington gaysmith@fastmail.fm
Nominations	Vanessa Brooks 722 Mack Road Asheboro, NC 27205	336-629-4835 / 336-301-6822 (c) St. Luke, Asheboro wssu78@yahoo.com
Historian	Carla Carrick 649 Newsom Lane Denton, N.C. 27239	336-859-3346 / 336-250-1746 Bethany, Lexington ccarrick1975@gmail.com
Parliamentarian	Donna Owens 614 Kildee Drive Lexington, NC 27292	336-249-2664 / 336-479-6082 (c) St. Stephens, Lexington 1donna.owens@gmail.com
Legacy Fund Representative	Lissell Currie 4405 E. Highway 218 Monroe, N.C. 28110	704-989-5407 Central Monroe lcurrie0308@gmail.com
Conference Representative	Darlene Gardner 5209 Bridge Pointe Drive Clemmons, NC 27012	336-766-1542 / 336-408-4364 (c) Centenary, Clemmons gardnerdarlene@gmail.com

Revised 02/07/21

Western North Carolina United Methodist Women
2021 Conference Events



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



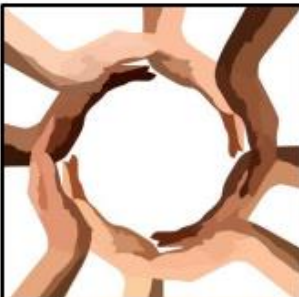
Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom:
Living into the Church's Moral Witness
through Radical Discipleship

Mission u
July 15 - 18
Virtual Event



Pushout:
The Criminalization of
Black Girls in School

Annual Celebration / September 11 - 12 / Virtual Event



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





Mission Today 2021 – Reduced criteria due to COVID-19
United Methodist Women Western North Carolina Conference
MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Become a Mission Today Unit!!

NEW IN 2020 and continuing in 2021:

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, 2021, will be recognized at annual meetings in 2022. 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 annually and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center. Prayer Calendar entries are posted on our UMW website and FaceBook page.
- *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 all 4 sessions of the virtual 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 2021-2024. These are 1. Climate Justice; and 2. Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration. You may find information at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/focus-issues.

*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 \$2.59 plus tax and shipping. A newer version is not yet available.
- *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, including virtual meetings.
- *12. The unit will contribute \$186.90 or more to the Legacy Fund in 2021.
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 Carol Barton, United Methodist Women, 475 Riverside Dr., 15th Floor, New York, NY 10115 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. Type "Reading Program" in search box on website.
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. May be Virtual 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 2021 Conference Financial Goal is: 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 *response* magazine article. The unit will help accomplish the goal by sending at least one Gift to Mission in 2021 as stated above.
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!

UMW Mission Resources, Website: www.umwmissionresources.org PO Box 742349, Atlanta, GA 30374-2349; Phone: 1-800-305-9857 (toll-free); Fax: (770)280-0061; e-mail: cs@umwmissionresources.org
Magazine Circulation (For response Toll Free 1-877-881-2385 • FAX: 1-845-267-3478
Magazines with a Mission • PO Box 395 • Congers, NY 10920-0395

