

Newsletter

2021 Mission Study April 24th and 25th, 2021 LIVE via ZOOM

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The Catawba Valley District will hold its annual Mission Study jointly with the Appalachian District this year. The event will be held via Zoom on Saturday April 24th (Session 1) and Sunday April 25th (Session 2). Both sessions will begin at 2:00PM and last until approximately 4:30 PM

The theme of this years event is "152 Years of Mission" and Reverend Lisa Beth White will be the Study Leader.

We look forward to sharing this event with our Appalachian District sisters. You may register online at: www.wncumw.org. Officers you are charged with getting that information to your members. Participants may join online or by phone. See you then.



Love Offering

A love offering will be taken in celebration of all 152 Years in Mission –United Methodist Women. You will be able to give online or use the form below.



Use this form for your Mission Study Love Offering if you wish to pay with a check.

Name _____

Amount: _____

Address _____

Check Number: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Your Church Name _____

City _____

Mail to: Joan Jones, Treasurer

Catawba Valley District UMW

PO box 3122

Drexel, NC 28619



President's Note

Greetings Catawba Valley District Women:

I hope you've weathered this winter as best you are able. The good news is that Spring is now officially here as of March 20, and the blossoms are at last bursting forth here in the South.

Hopefully your vaccines have happened and are keeping you well. Maybe we are "out of the woods" now with Covid.

Praise God!

My purpose this time is to write about how helpful the Conference UMW has been, available to help with the many needs we have had. I want all of you to know how to access the website, www.wnccumw.org because it is a source of support and information about ideas for mission. There are many resources available to you there. Please promote and stress this to all UMW and the National website as well. It can be found at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org and is also available to find solutions and challenges to keep you going strong.

Please attend the combined Appalachian/Catawba Valley Districts' Mission Study on April 24th and 25th. More information is available in this newsletter. Rev. Lisa Beth White, our leader for the event, is phenomenal! I had her class at Mission U in 2019 - remember going to meetings? I pray we will again soon.

Ever Hopeful, Janet Bjork-Colton

President - Catawba Valley District



Western North Carolina Conference

2021 LOVE OFFERING AND 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 and make a gift to Mission
- ◆ Interpretation to say Gift to Mission Cards are important, and we still encourage their use, but the GIFT is the most important thing. So in the absence of availability of cards, especially in a pandemic, these are alternative ways to do Gift to Mission

Treasurer's Report

United Methodist Women continues to build upon the foundation set forth by our founders almost 150 years ago. Yet the difficulties encountered by women, children and youth around the world continue to sustain separation from life affirming compassionate care and support that heals, restores and empowers. Imagine what is achievable, what is possible, if United Methodist Women had the resources to deepen and expand its mission to transform lives and ignite change in places near and far.



In 2014, the Board of Directors launched The Legacy Endowment Fund Campaign, setting a goal in 2017 to raise \$60 million dollars. During the campaign's six-year history, communities of United Methodist Women across the globe, raised over \$34 million dollars, surpassing 56% of the \$60 million goal in December 2020! The Campaign phase ended in December 2020, yet there is still a lot of road ahead us to reach that ambitious and yet reachable goal.

With an additional \$25 million dollars to raise, fundraising and promotion must continue beyond 2020. This new fundraising space captured under the heading of a Sustaining Phase, Building on our Success, has begun in 2021. The Sustaining Phase, builds on the accomplishments achieved during the campaign's six-year history, strengthening that momentum with a range of activities to generate an additional \$25 million. With additional gifts received in and beyond 2021, United Methodist women will have access to financial resources used to deepen and expand its mission to transform lives and ignite change in places near and far.

There are numerous ways to give to the Legacy Endowment Fund. You can give Locally at your UMW - be sure to mark your check LEGACY or other ways can be found at:

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150/give

Thank you to all of you who have given to any UMW fund during these difficult pandemic ridden time.

Joan Jones, Treasurer
Catawba Valley District

REMEMBER YOUR HANDS ON MISSIONS

Catawba Valley District UMW Officers

2021

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Message from the District Nominations Committee

The year 2020 was a challenge for everyone, but little by little things do seem to be getting better. Our churches are starting to open back up although with limitations. It is our sincere hope that as things do get back in swing in 2021 that some of you will find it in your hearts to step up in a new and different way. You can share your unique gifts and talents by agreeing to take a spot on the District Leadership Team. Don't let it cross your mind that you can't do anything like that...OF COURSE YOU CAN. Everyone of you has something to offer, talents to give—things only you and no one else has. You will not be alone in the endeavor—that is why it is called a TEAM. We work together so that it becomes easier on everyone. We have the following positions vacant and one of them is calling your name: Vice President, Secretary, Social Action Coordinator, Mission Education and Interpretation Coordinator, Historian, Nominations Committee - Catawba County, and Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Please be in prayer for this and if you or someone you know would like to step up. Please contact:

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Program Resources

Tired of finding crushed Jelly Beans in your carpet in August? How about putting another goodie in their Easter baskets. Since our Reading Program includes books for readers of all ages...Give them a book - Brain Candy!!

Owen and Eleanor Move In (by H.M. Bouwman) is a great book about moving. In this time, families are moving for new jobs, moving in order to downsize, and for family budget purposes. Moving can be a very stressful thing...maybe this will help with the stress.

Midnight Teacher: Lilly Ann Granderson and Her Secret School (by Janet Halfmann) gives us insights in learning to read—adults and children.

The Water Walker (by Joanne Robertson) teaches the ecology of water usage, protection, and preservation.

The Watcher (by Nikki Grimes) talks about bullying. Based on Psalms 121, we can learn about friendship, faith, and compassion.

Wow, we have covered three of the five categories for Level I of the Reading Program. Why not find 2 more from the 2016-2020 list and get them a certificate. Better than sugar highs anytime and much better than finding the squished jelly beans in the carpet on a hot August afternoon.

ENJOY THE BOOKS!

Anita Fox

Program Resources

Got a Great Book To Recommend? Contact the Reading Program Specialist

Andris Salter administrates the program and welcomes book recommendations, as well as questions and suggestions about the reading program.

e-mail:

asalter@unitedmethodistwomen.org

phone: 212-870-3733

2021 - 2024 UMW Social Justice Priorities

FAQ

What are UMW's Social 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 are 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 year-end, 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 of the School to Prison Pipeline campaign, and Climate Justice, with a particular focus on Just Energy 4 All campaign.



Upcoming Events



Mission Study—via ZOOM Catawba Valley and Appalachian Districts Combined

Saturday, **April 24th** and Sunday **April 25th** 2021 (from 2:00-4:30 PM each day)

Speaker: Rev. Lisa Beth White

Register at: <https://wnccumw.org/districtevents/> -choose Catawba Valley District, then choose AP/CV Mission Study

Catawba Valley District Annual Meeting—via ZOOM

Saturday August 21st—more info to come

CVD Leadership Development Day—via ZOOM

Saturday November 20th—more info to come

Western NC Conference Dates for 2021

All Events via Zoom

Spiritual Growth Retreat: “You Lift Me Up”

June 18th 7:00 PM

June 19th (Juneteenth) 10:00 AM Morning Session, 2:00 PM Afternoon Session

Mission U: “Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom and Pushout”

July 15—18

Annual Celebration: Light Up Our Spirits with Faith and Hope so Love IS Action”

September 11-12, 2:00PM each day

Ubuntu Days of Service “I am because you are”

Across the Conference: October 2 and 9