

Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women's 2021 Annual Meeting

# Called to This Moment to Celebrate United Methodist Women Accomplishments

Webinar on August 14, 2021 10:00 A.M.



In our efforts to care for the safety and well-being of all of our members, we are planning **virtual Conference and District Annual Celebrations for 2021**. We will be using Zoom Webinar, on wnccumw.org.

We all look forward to the day when we can again gather safely in person, and experience the joy of that wonderful supportive community of United Methodist Women that is a part of every Annual Celebration

The love offering is Undesignated Gifts to Support United Methodist Women Mission

The Hands-on-Gifts are to Project AGAPE



# The Purpose 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.

#### **Blue Ridge District**

#### **United Methodist Women Annual Meeting**

#### Called to This Moment to Celebrate United Methodist Women Achievements

#### **August 14, 2021, Zoom**

Welcome and Announcements Lucy Earls, Blue Ridge District Vice President

Greetings from WNCC UMW Julia Willis, President

Invocation Joanie Strohm, Conference Vice President

WNCC United Methodist Women Blue Ridge District Advisor

**Business Meeting** 

Call to Order Gwen Harris, Blue Ridge District President

Treasurer's Report/2022 Budget/Pledge Linda Johns, Blue Ridge District Treasurer

Report of Nominations and Elections Thelma McGraw, Blue Ridge District Nominations Chair

Election of 2022 Officers Gwen Harris, Blue Ridge District President

Recognition of Outgoing Officers Thelma McGraw, Blue Ridge District Nominations Chair

**Installation of Officers**Betty Letzig, Blue Ridge District Parliamentarian

Legacy Fund Dixie Liggett

Close Business Gwen Harris, Blue Ridge District President

Prayer Calendar Tracey Owens, Blue Ridge District MEI Coordinator

Devotion Martha Phillips, Blue Ridge District MNO Coordinator

Love Offering Linda Johns, Blue Ridge District Treasurer

Benediction Gwen Harris, Blue Ridge District President

We are grateful to Julia Willis, Lynne Gilbert, Lisa Bacon, and the entire Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women Executive Committee and Tech Team for orchestrating our Blue Ridge District Annual Meeting as a Zoom meeting.

#### 2020 Blue Ridge District President's Annual Report Theme for 2020: Moving Beyond 150 Years

Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women had an up-and-down year. President Fran Jordan presided over our first executive committee meeting on January 4. Excited about our plans for the upcoming year, we had no way of knowing that many of us were seeing Fran for the last time, as she would be very ill within a few weeks, and we never dreamed COVID would turn the world upside down.

As Fran's health deteriorated, our District struggled. The first District event on the schedule was the prayer breakfast on March 21. Within ten days of the event, COVID had spread until we felt we must cancel the event for safety reasons. Losing the most popular event on the calendar was disheartening.

But then we had to cancel the mission study, scheduled for April 25. Four months into the year, our District had already cancelled half of the year's District events! At the same time, Fran's condition was growing worse.

Despite COVID, we decided to show Fran our love and appreciation. We sent many, many cards. We collected money to buy her President's Pin. Jo Pyatt kept us in touch with her husband and daughters until she passed on May 7.

By June, Blue Ridge was becoming more accustomed to Zoom meetings. The Conference team was providing us the means to have our executive committee meetings by Zoom and was helping all eight Districts to have annual celebration webinars.

The Blue Ridge Executive Committee began planning. Fran was a wonderful organizer and had finished all the reports before she became ill. Using her material, we put together our Annual Report. Our theme was "Moving Beyond 150 Years Through Celebration." We adopted a budget for 2021, elected and installed officers, and recognized our outgoing officers. Our program honored Fran.

Then began planning for the District Leadership Day. The decision was made to do all eight leadership days on November 14, with District officers handling the opening. Then individual Districts went into breakout sessions. Blue Ridge treasurers had a room of their own, but the rest of us met together and listened to all the presentations. Barbara Campbell had agreed to do a session telling us where our money goes. Going through the alphabet, she shared organizations supported by our money that began with every letter except for two or three. She had visited many of them and had worked for a summer in one. Her personal stories provided a wonderful, inspiring end to the year.

Obviously, the year was very different, but we had much to celebrate. Our units continued to support Mission Today and Justice Today programs. About the same number of members participated in the reading program. We fell short of making our pledge by around \$5,000, but we were very pleased since many of our units did not meet after February or March. We realized that we could carry on the District's meetings virtually, a good thing since all 2021 meetings will likely be virtual. Even after COVID, we will continue to do some meetings virtually to save travel expenses and because of the convenience.

One issue we plan to work on in 2021 is attendance at virtual meetings. Gwen Harris, Blue Ridge District President

# United Methodist Women

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT

# PROPOSED BUDGET 2022

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Postage	\$	700	
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EETING EXPENSES:			
District Annual Meeting	\$	500	
District Spiritual Enrichment		400	
District Officer Training		400	
Other District Events		200	
Total Meeting Expenses			\$1500
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Newsletter 1) Printing	\$	2300	
Newsletter 2) Postage		300	
Resources and Literature		300	
SMR, GTM, & GIM		250	
Local Women Stipend (2)		450	
3 first-timers to Spiritual Growth Retreat, Conference Mission u or Annual Celebration)			
Miscellaneous		300	
Total Other Expenses			 \$ 3900

#### DO NOT ADD OR CHANGE ANY CATEGORIES TO THE ABOVE LIST

# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Western North Carolina Conference QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF GIVING

District: Blue Ridge 2020 Year: District Pledge to Mission: \$ 82,100.00 Email Address: Iljturtle58@gmail.com District Treasurer: Linda Johns Phone Number: 828 718-9266 (Name & Address) 22 North Oak Terrace FAX Number: Arden, NC 28704 **SUMMARY BY QUARTER - ALL UNITS** 1st Quarter 2nd Quarter 3rd Quarter 4th Quarter **Total for Year Undesignated Mission Giving** 11,989.00 14,883.00 12,811.00 13,395.00 53,078.00 Pledge to Mission Special Mission Recognition 2,485.00 320.00 420.00 270.00 1,475.00 Gift to Mission 595.00 985.00 2,210.00 1,223.93 5,013.93 3. 935.00 4. Gift in Memory 400.00 1,185.00 1,006.00 3,526.00 World Thank Offering 220.60 1,400.00 215.00 6,526.30 8,361.90 Walk for Mission / Other Undesignated Giving 0.00 3,715.00 3,815.00 100.00 0.00 **Total Undesignated Mission Giving** 18,623.00 16,691.00 27,341.23 76,279.83 13.624.60 **Designated Gifts** Call to Prayer & Self-Denial 4,075.75 995 00 397 00 425 00 5.892.75 Supplementary Gifts:
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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
SUMMARY OF GIVING - ANNUAL
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SUMMARY OF GIVING - ANNUAL District: Blue Ridge 118 St. Timothy (Brevard)
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# Proposed Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women 2022 OFFICERS

(New officers, officers taking a different position, or officers taking a new two-year term in  $\boldsymbol{Bold}$ )

President: Gwen Harris (Windom) 215 Grand View Lane Burnsville, NC 28714 (828) 682-4589	Vice President: Lucy Earls (Oak Grove) 913 Race Path Church Rd. Ellenboro, NC 28040 (828) 453-8566	Secretary: Glenda Fuhrmann (Central) P.O. Box 861 Swannanoa, NC 28778 (828) 337-2617	Treasurer: Linda Johns (Skyland) 22 North Oak Terrace Arden, NC 28704 H:(828) 684-9366
gwenaharris68@gmail.com  MC, Spiritual Growth:	ilearls@att.net  MC, Education &	glendafuhrmann@yahoo.com  MC, Social Action:	C: (828) 712-9266  lljturtle58@gmail.com  MC, Membership Nurture &
Jennie Greenway (Oak Grove) 164 Emma Drive Ellenboro, NC 28040 (828) 453-9637 or (828) 289- 1642 jengreenway@bellsouth.net	Interpretation: Tracey Owens (Marion First) 249 Fleming Ave. Marion, NC 28752 (828) 246-6006 traceybhh@gmail.com	Leith Tate (Black Mountain) PO Box 208 Montreat, NC 28757 (828) 301-6028 tateleith@gmail.com	Outreach: Thelma McGraw (Skyland) 90 White Pine Drive Fletcher, NC 28732 (828) 684-7106 vtmcgraw@broadriverrehab.com
Secretary of Program Resources: Jeannette Byrd (St. Paul's) 203 Aurora Dr. Asheville, NC 28805 (828) 230-5308 jbyrdasheville@aol.com	Communications Coordinator: Tammy Long (Moore's Grove) 240 Seasons Circle, Apt. 102 Fletcher, NC 28732 (828) 774-6010 lynntb79@gmail.com	Data Processing: Carol Bryson (Grace) 14 Buckner Road Leicester, NC 28748 (828) 776-0678 csbryson64@gmail.com	Parliamentarian: Betty J. Letzig (St. Paul's) 266 Merrimon Ave. Asheville, NC 28801 (828) 225-0414 MoHar1926@outlook.com
Historian: Barbara E. Campbell (St. Paul's) 266 Merrimon Ave. Asheville, NC 28801 (828) 225-0414 ernestm1138@outlook.com			
	Committee Or	n Nominations	
Jo Pyatt (East Marion) PO Box 1621 Marion, NC 28752 (828) 652-2530 pyattjo@gmail.com Class of 2022	Donna Anderson (Central) 7 Duncannon Street Weaverville, NC 28787 (828) 484-8763 danderson45@charter.net Class of 2022	Dorothy Johnson (Addie's Chapel) 63 Tomahawk Trail Marion, NC 28752 (828) 738-8148 (828) 460-3778 dot.johnson47@gmail.com Class of 2023	Susan Snell (Central) 30 Sunflower Lane Fletcher, NC 28732 (828) 551-5475 ssnell123@bellsouth.net Class of 2023
Shelia Cuthbertson (Rutherfordton First) 177 Carolina Paradise Rutherfordton, NC 28139 (828) 289-1281 fredpie25@gmail.com Class of 2024 Member at Large	Denise Radford (Nebo) 30 West Glenview Street Marion, NC 28752 (828) 652-9214 marvinanddenise@hotmail.com Class of 2024		

#### Member at Large

Dixie Liggett, (Skyland), 8 Springside Park, Asheville, NC 28803, (828) 684-1831, lliggett3@charter.net

#### Western North Carolina Conference District Advisor for the Blue Ridge District

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

#### 2020

#### Units that Gave in all 5 Channels of Giving

Abernathy Fletcher Pleasant Hill, Marion

Addie's Chapel Groce Thermal City, Union Mills

Avery's Creek Mills River Weaverville

Bald Creek Moore's Grove Windom

Balfour Oak Grove

Black Mountain Oakley

Central Saluda

East Marion Skyland

First Marion St. Paul's

First Rutherfordton Snow Hill, Morganton

## 2020

# **Mission Today Units for 2020**

GOLD LOCAL UNIT	SILVER LOCAL UNIT	BRONZE LOCAL UNIT
Abernethy	Addie's Chapel	Gilkey
<b>Black Mountain</b>	Bald Creek	Groce
Central (Asheville)	Concord	Kistler's Chapel
East Marion	Fletcher	Nebo
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Moore's Grove	Mills River	
Oak Grove	Piney Mountain	
Saluda		
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Weaverville		
Windom		

Revised Criteria due to COVID-19

## 2020

# **Reading Program Participants**

Church	Plan I	Plan II	Plan III	Plan IV	Children & Youth
Abernethy	3				
Black Mountain	7				
Central-Asheville		2			
East Marion	3				
Fletcher	3	1			
Moore's Grove	3				
Oak Grove	1				
Skyland	6	1			
St. Paul's	1			2	
Weaverville		1			
Windom	1				
Totals	28	5		2	



#### 2020

## **Justice Today Report**

Gold Unit signifies the unit met 6 or more of the Justice Today actions.

Silver Unit signifies the unit met 4 or more of the Justice Today actions.

Bronze Unit signifies the unit met 2 or more of the Justice Today actions.

Gold Units	Silver Units	Bronze Units
Gold Units  Moore's Grove	Oak Grove St. Paul's Windom	Addie's Chapel Bald Creek Black Mountain Central Concord East Marion Pleasant Grove
		First Rutherfordton Weaverville



Blue Ridge District has 50 active units with 1095 members.

#### 2020

# **Mission Studies Report**

Church Name	Study	Туре	#Attending
Abernethy	Mission u-Finding PeaceAnxious World	Virtual	3
Black Mountain	Mission u-Finding PeaceAnxious World	Virtual	1
Central	Mission u-Finding PeaceAnxious World	Virtual	2
Concord	Mission u-Finding PeaceAnxious World	Virtual	2
East Marion	Mission u-Finding PeaceAnxious World	Virtual	1
St. Paul's	Mission u-Finding PeaceAnxious World	Virtual	3
Skyland	Mission u-Finding PeaceAnxious World	Virtual	1
Weaverville	Mission u-Finding PeaceAnxious World	Virtual	1
Windom	Mission u-Finding PeaceAnxious World	Virtual	1

Number of units receiving certificates 9
Total number of active units in district 50

#### Important Dates for 2021

#### Western North Carolina Conference Events for 2021

September 11-12 Annual Celebration - ZOOM

October 2 & 9 Ubuntu Day of Service - Various Locations October 23 Leadership Development Day - ZOOM

Blue Ridge District Events for 2021

August 14 District Annual Celebration – ZOOM 10:00 A.M

November 20 District Leadership Development Day – ZOOM 10:00 A.M.

# **Celebrating Our Legacy...**

#### The Legacy Endowment Fund:

United Methodist Women continues to build upon the foundation set forth by our founders 152 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 <u>Legacy Fund Endowment</u>, setting a goal to raise \$60 million. The Legacy Fund Endowment is both historic and unprecedented, with the theme, *Together, we are building our legacy*, celebrating the **legacy** of the courageous women who founded this mission movement, as well as the **legacy** that today's members will leave for future generations of United Methodist women, to create their **legacy** to carry the mission of *faith*, *hope*, *love in action* forward in the world for years to come.

There are many ways to give to The Legacy Fund. What will your Legacy be?

- Give online, by text, by phone, by mailing a check, by give through your local unit treasurer.
- Become a Legacy Builder, by giving at least \$18.69 per month for at least a year (or longer).
- Include the Legacy Fund in <u>planned giving</u> through your will, life insurance, or other methods.
   Contact the United Methodist Women Development Office at 212-870-3705 to speak confidentially to a development officer about your giving options.

#### Celebrate United Methodist Women! 152 Years and Counting...



# THE LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND

# Our Western North Carolina Every Member Legacy Fund Goal:

That every member of United Methodist Women make a gift to

The Legacy Fund of at least \$18.69 per year,

over and above her Pledge to Mission, for at least five years.

#### Sustaining Phase, Building On Our Success

As a **permanently invested endowment**, The Legacy Endowment Fund will forever be a source of income for United Methodist Women, providing 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. **Every single gift to The Legacy Endowment Fund, of any size, will make a difference!** 

In 2014, the national 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, United Methodist Women have raised over \$34 million dollars, surpassing 56% of the \$60 million goal in December 2020! Thru April 30, 2021, United Methodist Women in Western North Carolina have given \$384,466.02 to The Legacy Fund, leading the nation!

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 that will be used to deepen and expand its mission to transform lives and ignite change in places near and far.

The Legacy Endowment Fund is second mile giving, after your critically important support of undesignated Mission Giving through Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering. Thank you for your support of Mission Giving, and The Legacy Endowment Fund!



#### Consider becoming 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. As of June 30, 2021, we have 54 Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women who have become Legacy Builders, again, leading the nation! More information at: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/donate/legacybuilder

# Where can I get more information about The Legacy Fund?



Visit our website at: wnccumw.org/legacyfund/

You can also contact any of our Legacy Campaign Team members, your District President, or your District Treasurer.

#### Information available on the website includes:

- ♦ Legacy Campaign Commitment Form & FAQ
- ♦ How you can make your gift(s) to The Legacy Fund
- ♦ Variety of Legacy videos & resources to use in your local unit
- ◆ Links to more information on the United Methodist Women National Office website at: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150/

# Our Conference Legacy Campaign Team:

#### Contact us!

We are happy to answer your questions, and to share information with your local unit!

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# **ASSEMBLY 2022**

MAY 20 – 22, 2022 ORLANDO CONVENTION CENTER

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In 2022 we will reflect on today's challenges and together find comfort and strength to move forward, building new ways for faith-filled women to make a difference in our communities and the world. We will recommit to our purpose, but also more. For such a time as this we will **TURN IT UP!** 

TURN IT UP! for spiritual healing and renewal

TURN IT UP! for rebirth in a new time

TURN IT UP! for women leaders

TURN IT UP! for justice for women, children and youth

Come to Orlando to care for your spirit, worship with your sisters and celebrate the positive impact women create in the world.

For more information contact

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Visit our Western North Carolina Conference website at: www.wnccumw.org/assembly2022/