

Uwharrie District News



Western North Carolina Conference-United Methodist Women-3rd Quarter Newsletter, 2021



Then followed that beautiful season...Summer...Filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light; and the landscape lay as if new created in all the freshness of childhood.
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Well, can you believe we are in the middle of the summer and half of the year 2021 is behind us. They say that everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August. I pray they are right. As, I look across my yard I see the tall sunflowers that my husband planted for me in my yard. When my brother died in a car accident one of my nurses brought me a vase of sunflowers and every year at the anniversary of his death, she would lay one sunflower on my desk. That flower taught me to be strong when circumstances happen beyond our control. Certainly, during the pandemic, we have had to be strong, strong in our faith knowing that God is in control and will see us through this crisis.

Although we have come a long way with the covid 19 crisis, we are still not quite ready to do our Mission Study and Annual Celebration in person. Yes, they will be virtual this year, but if things continue to improve, I cannot wait to see each and every one of you in person, next year. I have had my vaccines and feel comfortable meeting in small groups. If your UMW group has started meeting inside or even still virtually, invite your nurturing partner to share information, or do a program for you. I am also available to come anytime.

Don't forget to sign up for Mission U coming up in July 15-18. There are two interesting topics to choose from: Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom and Push Out. (information on page 4). Our Annual Celebration will be coming up in August 21st. (See information on page 13). Join us as we celebrate our accomplishments of 2020, elect and install our 2022 Slate of Officers, and listen to our speaker Arnetta Beverly. Information for registering on page 13.

We have had some great mission walks this year. Thanks Carolyn Thompson. One was even held at Denton where I attend church (Central Denton). See photo on page 5. I would love to see some of you come out for our last walk at Randolph Mall (see page 3). Remember, our giving through our mission money is a way to turn faith, hope and love into action.

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. You can make a gift to the Legacy Fund by sending your money to our Treasurer Diane James.

Remember to stay safe, and to know that we hold each of you and your Church in our prayers.

Blessings,

Cathy Ward

President of Uwharrie District

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As I look back at past summers, I see a trail of beautiful and bittersweet memories. There have been summers that overflowed with joy, summers filled with deep sadness and pain, and the summer that we just went through with the Pandemic in 2020. That summer was filled with loss, grief, loneliness, isolation, sickness, and many other “firsts” that we have never experienced before.

Just as every natural summer has a story, so does every spiritual summer. We will each walk the spiritual seasons many times. Autumn is a time of change. Winter is a time of barrenness and preparation. Spring is a time of rebirth. And summer is a time for bearing fruit and embracing the abundant life that surrounds us. The key to embracing our spiritual summer, no matter what time of year it is in the natural, is to remember to seize the joy of the season. This is a time to feel the heavenly warmth on our face in the beauty that surrounds us. Relax, have fun, celebrate, and abide in gratitude for the blessings that surround us, fall & winter will come, but don't let thoughts of the unknown rob you of the joy of the moment.

Summer is a season known for cultivating and bearing good fruit. Oh goodness, there is just nothing like a sweet, sun-ripened, summer strawberry. It is like a taste of heaven on earth! Our spiritual fruits of love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control must also be cultivated and ripened so they can taste even sweeter than the best summer strawberry. There is one sure way to do this, and that is to remember *who* our spiritual gardener is and to remain in him always.

We just had a wonderful spiritual growth retreat this weekend in which we could celebrate our spiritual summer! I hope that all of you were able to attend it and if you were not able to do so, please go and watch the recorded sessions! I think it was one of the best we have had in a long time!! We have several other opportunities to experience our spiritual summer with the Mission U in July and then we will be having our District Annual Meeting on August 21st via zoom. Rev. Arnetta Beverly will be bringing the message “Life Lifted Me” and the Praise Band from First UMC Lexington will be providing our music. If you have never heard Rev. Beverly, you are in for a treat—she is an outstanding speaker and you don't want to miss hearing her! It will start at 10:00 am and we will be celebrating the many things that we were able to accomplish last year even though we were in a pandemic. It is one of the special blessings that we can participate in and don't want to miss as we go through our spiritual summer of 2021.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5 NIV)

“The seasons may change, but our good and loving Father does not. ”Let's celebrate our summers, both the natural and the spiritual, and embrace every story being written and every activity of the United Methodist Women because God's hand is in each one. And through His Holy Spirit He will guide us so that we can help women, children, & youth around this world.

Lord, thank you for the gift of summer. Thank you for ice cream cones, backyard barbecues, and sun-drenched memories. May we seize each moment of joy and remember that you are the true cultivator of our harvest and author of our stories. Amen.

Sarah Lee, Uwharrie UMW Vice President



JUNETEENTH

June 19th, 2021, is the first Juneteenth Federal Holiday!

Yesterday, our United Methodist Church put out a statement, which started like this: “Juneteenth is a day of reflection and celebration. The oldest national celebration of the day that ended slavery in the United States is a reminder of our call for justice. While we can celebrate the strides made toward racial equality, we are invited to reflect on the work that is yet to be done.”

We should take a lesson from Opal Lee, the grandmother of the Holiday. She worked for years in Texas to get June 19th recognized as a holiday and to get its due recognition, but there wasn’t much progress. So at age 89, she started walking 2 or 3 miles day from Ft. Worth to Washington, D.C., in a campaign to get June 19th named as a national holiday. One lesson she teaches us is that we are never too old to make a difference. Another lesson is that, like Opal Lee’s, our individual contributions may seem small – only a drop in the bucket - and discouragement may set in. However, as our minister said, every drop in the bucket counts.

There is so much more to do in our country to bring about racial justice in our court, legal, school, economic, and environmental systems. Our individual drops in the bucket may seem to get lost, but as we join together with our churches and as United Methodist Women, our collective drops can add up exponentially.

Opal Lee kept adding her drops to the bucket. She had courage. She didn’t stop. She would love the quote from Mary Anne Radmacher: Courage doesn’t roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day, saying, “I will try again tomorrow”. We can all add our drops to the bucket and persevere.

Helen Shore, UMW District Social Action Coordinator



Membership, Nurture and Outreach

We have had 3 successful Mission walks and two more are scheduled. On June 26th our walk at Monroe Crossing Mall will have been completed, and then our final walk will be at Randolph Mall on July 31st. We should be able to reach our goal of \$3,3200.

As your unit makes plans for the fall, hopefully able to meet in person, please call your Nurturing Partners and ask them to attend. They would love to meet your members and get to know everyone.

Carolyn Thompson, Membership, Nurture and Outreach

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Upcoming Events

July 15-18 Mission U Spiritual Growth Study "Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom"

July 19-22 Mission U Issue Study: Pushout

23-25

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July 31 Uwharrie Walk for Mission Randolph Mall, Asheboro 9-11

August 21 Uwharrie Annual Meeting Salem UMC (Zoom)

Speaker: Rev. Arnetta Beverly 10-12

Aug 29- UMC General Conference, Minneapolis, MN

Sept 7

Sept 11-12 Annual Celebration Conference 2:00 p.m. via Zoom

SPOTLIGHT OF RECOGNITION OF UMW



Congratulations to Central UMC in Denton:

Central Denton decided that since some of our ladies was not comfortable yet traveling to other areas to participate in a Mission Walk. and since our church has a walking trail, why not put it to good use. Well, they did, and they not only had a fun time doing it, but they also raised \$500. Great job Central Denton! Remember, in the future, that you can gather a group and walk wherever you would like if that seems

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)



Congratulations to Betty Hunt, Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the Uwharrie UMW on being recognized with the Governor's Volunteer Service Award for the State of North Carolina.

Way to go, Betty

United Methodist Women

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

___Uwharrie___ DISTRICT

PROPOSED BUDGET

2022

PLEDGE TO MISSION \$ 50,000

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ADMINISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (A & M D)

OFFICER EXPENSES:

Postage	\$ <u>375.00</u>	
Supplies	<u>125.00</u>	
Telephone	<u>0.00</u>	
Travel (mileage)	<u>550.00</u>	
Printing (letters, handouts, etc.)	<u>250.00</u>	
Total Officer Expenses		\$ <u>1,300.00</u>

MEETING EXPENSES:

District Annual Meeting	\$ <u>750.00</u>	
District Spiritual Enrichment	<u>100.00</u>	
District Officer Training	<u>400.00</u>	
Other District Events	<u>500.00</u>	
Total Meeting Expenses		\$ <u>1,750.00</u>

OTHER EXPENSES:

Newsletter 1) Printing	\$ <u>1,250.00</u>	
Newsletter 2) Postage	<u>200.00</u>	
Resources and Literature	<u>100.00</u>	
SMR, GTM, & GIM	<u>400.00</u>	
Local Women Stipend (2)	<u>450.00</u>	
3 first-timers to Spiritual Growth Retreat, Conference Mission u or Annual Celebration)		
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>	
Total Other Expenses		\$ <u>2,500.00</u>

TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES – A & M D \$ 5,550.00

DO NOT ADD OR CHANGE ANY CATEGORIES TO THE ABOVE LIST

\$\$\$ Notes from the Treasurer

Our Q2 remittance was sent to Conference in early June. Year-to-date, we have paid \$18,807.75 against our Pledge to Mission so far, which is 37%. This is down from prior years at this point, but we are still dealing with COVID-19, so this is not surprising. Some units have not resumed meeting yet. Year-to-date Mission giving paid to Western North Carolina Conference, including designated gifts is \$21,294.75. We have also paid \$655.11 to National for Legacy Fund. Thank you Uwharrie District on behalf of all the women, youth and children you are helping!

Note that our expenses so far have been only \$361.05. And any A&MD funds not spent on expenses will be credited to our District's Pledge to Mission, so this will help offset the shortfall, too.

If your unit is still not meeting in person, you 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.)

I have two updates to share from Conference regarding designated Mission giving. The Magazine Fund is no more... the National Office remittance form does not recognize it. And, Crossnore (Children's Home) in Winston-Salem is changing its name to Crossnore Communities for Children.

Included in this newsletter is the proposed Uwharrie District Budget for 2022. Although it looks different from 2021 actuals to date, we are prayerful that 2022 will see a significant return to in-person events and thus a return towards historical giving and spending levels.

I miss seeing you all and hope to see you in-person again 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



The Uwharrie District Nomination Committee is pleased to present the following slate of officers for election at Annual Celebration. We gratefully thank current officers who are rotating off and those who are serving in new positions.

We are still needing some individuals who are interested in serving on the District Team’s nomination committee.. Are you committed to fulfilling the PURPOSE of the United Methodist Women? Are you looking for a way to get involved? Prayfully consider joining the District Team.

If you would like more information, please call Pat Jarvis at 336-318-5127.

Thank you to the Nomination Committee: Wanda Craven, Leigh Harris, Cheri Murray, Gay Smith and Vanessa Brooks.

Pat Jarvis, Nomination Chair

Committee on Nominations Report

2022 Officers to be Elected.

Vice President	Sarah Lee, Norwood	2nd 2 Year Term
Secretary	Elizabeth Lookabill, Tyro	2nd 2 Year Term
Treasurer	Jeanette Mixons, Bethany Lexington	1 st 2-Year Term
Program Resources Coordinator	Carla Carrick, Bethany Lexington	1st 2 Year Term
Spiritual Growth Coordinator	Pat Jarvis, Pisgah	1 st 2 year Term
Membership, Nurture & Outreach Coordinator	Carolyn Thompson, Linwood	2nd 2 Year Term
Nominations Chair		1 st 2 Year Term
Nominations	Betty Hunt, New Union	Class of 2022
Nominations	Linda Beddingfield, First Asheboro	Class of 2025
Nominations		Class of 2024

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Nominations	Class of 2025

Officers Continuing Term

President	Cathy Ward, Central, Denton	2 nd 2 Year Term
Social Action Coordinator	Helen Shore, First, Asheboro	2 nd 2 Year Term
Mission Education & Interpretation Coordinator	Vickie Brown, Central Denton	1 st 2 Year Term
Communications Coordinator	Jane Ellickson, Marshville	2 nd 2 Year Term
Nominations	Leigh Harris, Central Asheboro	Class of 2022
Nominations	Gay Smith, First, Lexington	Class of 2023
Nominations	Wanda Craven, St. Stephen,	Class of 2023
Nominations	Cheri Murray, First, Lexington	Class of 2023

President Appointed

Historian, Cheri Barker, Central, Monroe
 Parliamentarian, Donna Owens, St Stephens, Lexington
 Legacy Fund Representative, Lissell Currie, Central Monroe
 Conference Representative, Darlene Gardner

Uwharrie District United Methodist Women

Form for Nominations from the Floor

2021 Annual Meeting

Submission Deadline: August 13, 2021

The United Methodist Women's bylaws allow for nominations from the floor. Please use this form for nominations from the floor for this year's extraordinary virtual meeting and election. If you want to nominate for more than one office you must complete a form for each.

All nominations from the floor must be received by Pat Jarvis, Uwharrie District Nominations Chair at pjarvisUMW@rtmc.net, using this form by 11:59pm on Friday, August 13, 2021.

1. For which office is your nomination?

2. Nominee's Contact Information Name:

Address:

City/Town:

State/Province:

Zip/Postal Code:

Email Address:

Home Phone Number:

Cell Phone Number:

Work Phone Number:

3. Please identify the age range of the nominee:

18-30 years 31-40 years 41-50 years 51-65 years 66-70 years 71 years and over

4. Please identify the ethnicity/race of the nominee. Choose all that apply.

- African African-American or Black Asian-American or Asian Caribbean Caucasian or White
- Hispanic or Latina
- Native American Pacific Islander
- Please write in your own preferred description

5. Please identify the local church to which the nominee belongs:

Local Church:

6. Nominator Contact Information Name: (Let us know who YOU are)

Address:

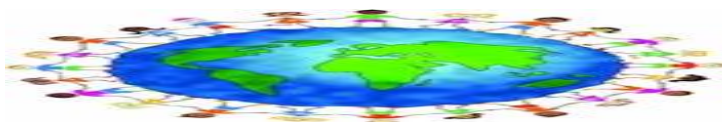
City/Town:

State/Province:

Zip/Postal Code:

Email Address:

Phone:



Virtual Mission U –

COLLECTING PROJECT AGAPE JULY & AUGUST

We as United Methodist Women will take our Virtual journey of a lifetime experience to empower children to stay motivated and to exercise missions individually or in groups across the nation

- **We are asking for school supplies for the students served by Project AGAPE**
- **Supplies needed are**
- **#2 Pencils, Colored Pencils**
- **Hand-held Pencil Sharpeners**
- **Erasers**
- **School Scissors**
- **Remove packaging from all items**
- **Donors are asked to pack school supplies in plastic shoeboxes**
- **Place the shoeboxes into larger corrugated boxes**

Units are to report to District Mission Education & Interpretation Coordinator (ME&I) the estimated value (rounded to nearest dollar) of items sent.

All checks for Project AGAPE should be made to UMW with “Project AGAPE” on the memo line and sent to the District Treasurer

**Diane James
640 Deer Lake Run
Salisbury, NC 28146**

Collection of Items: Districts may designate drop-off sites throughout the district, possibly by county or by missional networks.

The collections for each district should come to one or two designated people who will deliver them to the Mission Response Center by appointment (704-714-2340) or units may take the items to the nearest fall drop-off location for the Mission Truck for pick up.

The sites and pick-up dates will be listed on the wncumc.org website.



“So Then, As We have opportunity, Let us Do Good to Everyone and especially to those who are of the household of faith” ----- Galatians 6:10

**AGAPE CHILDRENS CLOTHES –
“SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER”**

Virtual Annual Celebration – We are asking for 3 items for Project AGAPE

1. New blankets – any size
2. New children’s winter clothing - sizes 2-14, especially boys’ clothing
3. New children’s shoes – all sizes: Toddler 3-10
Little Kids 10.5-13.5 and 1-3; Big Kids 3.5-7

Donors are asked to pack blankets and clothing in separate corrugated boxes and label the boxes on the outside. Shoes can be left in their original box if available; if not, pack new shoes in corrugated boxes. If you have several shoe boxes, put them together in a large, corrugated box.

Units are to report to District Mission Education Interpretation Coordinator the estimated value (rounded to nearest dollar) of items sent.

All checks for Project AGAPE should be made to UMW with “Project AGAPE” on the memo line and sent to the District Treasurer Diane James

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Items may be brought to the MRC on UBUNTU Day, October 9.

AGAPE Drop-off Locations

Memorial UMC, 101 Randolph Street, Thomasville, 336.472.7718. Monday-Thursday 8 a.m-3 p.m. Drop off donated items under the covered walk way at the Agape/MRC
Any questions contact: Vickie Brown 336-596-5523

First UMC, 110 West Church Street (NC Hwy 152 West), China Grove, 704.857.9713. Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Use the covered side entrance at the parking lot.
Contact Person: Wanda Watts, 704.467.3235 or 704.857.3623.

Providence UMC, 2810 Providence Road Charlotte, NC 28211. 704-366-2823. Monday-Thursday, Noon - 5:30 p.m.
For other times contact: Rev. Brandon Dirks at 503-523-8999.

Mission Response Center, 8973 Greenwood Rd, Terrell, NC. (704) 714-2340
(Contact Brian Mateer ahead to ensure someone is there to receive the donated items.)



To register for Mission U, Push-out, and the Annual Celebration, please go to WNCCUMW. The registration links will come up automatically.

2021 DISTRICT TEAM

President	Cathy Ward PO Box 807 Denton, NC 27239	336-880-1057 Central, Denton lward2004@triad.rr.com
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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.

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