

Yadkin Valley District

Western North Carolina Conference

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From **Martha Isenberg**, *District President*

Attitude is everything! Those 6 original United Methodist Women in Boston did not give up, as they kept going with 2 cents and a prayer to help women and girls in India. Our Yadkin Valley District members continue with that same great attitude, working together and not individually, to meet the needs of others who need help with a spirit of love, mercy, justice and peace. Thank you for continuing to support hands-on mission projects for our district and conference events including supplies for Bethlehem Center, hats for Cancer Services cancer patients and donations of money and food to local food banks. And every check you write for a love offering at these events goes to help with our mission projects in the US and around the world!

Did you attend the virtual Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat? If not, you missed a fun and inspiring event. We also had the chance to explore Whova, a new virtual platform that gave us the opportunity for much more interaction with others. The worship services and workshops were recorded so you can still see them at our WNCC UMW YouTube Channel and thru Whova until mid December at wnccumw.org and once in Whova click on “videos.” Also you can see the worship services at our district Facebook page.

Plan to join virtually for our District Annual Celebration on August 14 at 2pm as we celebrate your achievements from the past year, elect district officers for next year and conduct necessary business. I look forward to “seeing” you then!

A blue rectangular banner with a black border. The text "Virtual" is at the top in a large, bold, yellow serif font. Below it, "District Annual Celebrations" is written in a larger, bold, yellow serif font. Underneath that, "AUGUST 2021" is written in a smaller, white, all-caps, sans-serif font. At the bottom center of the banner is the United Methodist Women logo, which includes the stylized flame and cross icon and the text "United Methodist Women" and "FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION" below it.

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From **Mary Jo Brewer**, *District Vice-President*

Summer is here and we are busy with activities that we couldn't do the last 15 months. What a year we have had, but we are blessed to be getting through it all. God is good!!!

Our Yadkin Valley United Methodist Women District Annual Meeting is coming up soon and we had hoped to have it in person. However, after careful consideration and consultation with some of our conference officers, we decided that it is best to have a virtual meeting again this year. It will be live streamed by Zoom, as it was in 2020, and it will be **Saturday, August 14, 2021, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**, as planned. Everyone who plans to attend the meeting must register at wnccumw.org/districtcelebrations2021 in order to receive the meeting link. All WNCC districts will have virtual annual meetings. Many thanks to Yadkinville UMC UMW, which was planning to host our meeting. The ladies have been very patient as we changed our plans last month. Our theme is "Reflecting on Our Blessings." We will have our business session, with installation of officers, as well as business items that must be done annually. We will not have a speaker, but we will have a worship/Communion service. Each participant will prepare his/her own Communion elements at home and follow along with the Communion leader. We will have a Love Offering for Undesignated Giving and we can mail it to our treasurer. The address will be online at the meeting. Our Hands-On project will be books for Bethlehem Center...books for preschoolers. The books can be new or clean/gently used books or gift cards for the center to use to purchase new books. They like to have lots of books for their children so that they can take books home with them. Sadly, some children don't have many books in their homes. We can drop off books/gift cards at **Ardmore UMC, 630 S. Hawthorne Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27103 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Monday – Thursday) or mail gift cards to me at 1120 Martin St. Winston-Salem, NC 27103.**

I do wish that we could be together this year. Surely, we will be able to meet in person in 2022 and maybe we can go to Yadkinville for the meeting. **Don't forget to register so that you will get the link to attend the meeting virtually.**

Blessings to all!

From **Joyce Irby**, *District Social Action*

Happy 4th of July my UMW sisters.

On this day that celebrates freedom, let us remember to pray for those who are not free in our country and around the world. Those in bondage to drugs, violence, trafficking, mental illness and many other forms of abuse and oppression. Let me suggest we plan a personal day to designate as Freedom Day of Prayer. Structure it how you want, but the main thing is the praying.

With God all things are possible! We are living in a broken and hurting world right now, and we need to go to our quiet place to pray. By God's grace, we are healed and redeemed and in response to this grace, we need God to help us to be instruments of healing, redemption and reconciliation in our community and beyond.

Victory and Freedom in Christ!

From **Jamie Smith**, *District Treasurer*

We are already in our 3rd Quarter of 2021! I hope you were able to attend our virtual Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat in June. Our speaker, Lisa Beth White, did an awesome job. Also, I hope you attended our virtual “Wear a hat – Bring a hat” Tea on June 5. Martha Isenberg presented an informative message on the benefits of tea and mindful meditation. We learned a lot and had fun!

If you have internet access, I hope you will read some of the other District’s Newsletters. I enjoy reading what other Districts are doing, and most recently read an article by Beverly Bard, Acting M E & I Coordinator in Smoky Mountain District, with some history of Sager-Brown. I would like to share this as some of you may not know (as I did not) the history. Beverly wrote “Sager-Brown rose from the ashes of the Civil War in 1867, serving as an orphanage for African-American children. Known as ‘The Orphan Home’, Sager-Brown developed into an elite school for African-Americans teaching cooking, farming, and basic literacy. As the school began to struggle financially, Dr. Godman, a Methodist missionary, gathered several of the young ladies and began a tour of the northern states as ‘Jubilee Singers’. This group so impressed Mrs. Sager and Mrs. Brown that they purchased the school and they ran it a few years and gave it to what is now the United Methodist Women in 1921. The school was renamed Sager-Brown Orphanage and Goodman School, and continued operating until the doors were closed in 1978.

The property was put on the market and never sold. Hurricane Andrew hit that area in 1992 and caused widespread property damage. The property is five feet above sea level. This property suffered little damage and the General Board of Global Ministries and UMCOR recognized that the property was a place to coordinate UMCOR relief efforts, and it became a relief center. Volunteers came and did repairs in the community and relief efforts went on for 3 years. UMCOR realized a need for a permanent facility to respond to natural disasters, so a 48,000 sq. ft. Depot was built in 1995. UMCOR owns the Depot (where our relief kits are sent), but the United Methodist Women owns the property (25 acres) that it sits on and 12 buildings.” After our UMW relief kits are collected and taken to our drop-off center in Mooresville, they are then sent to Sager-Brown. This is another story we can share with our Units to know more about where some of our mission dollars are used!

If you have not sent your 2021 pledge to me, please do so. This helps our officers set our 2022 District Pledge, which helps the Conference officers set our Conference Pledge to allow the National office to determine how our mission dollars can be distributed to our mission projects!

“...Truly I say to you, this poor widow put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”
Mark 12:43-44 (NIV)

In these times when so many have lost so much may we give as the poor widow did, for the least of these.

Joy & Blessings.

From **Glenda Beauchamp**, *District Leadership Development*

Greetings Ladies.

I hope all of you are well and out again.

Our Leadership Training Day will be on **November 20 at 9 am**. It will be a virtual meeting again so keep your eyes open for those instructions.

All units need to be considering those offices that need to be changed this year and have all those holding an office for next year to tune in for our leadership meeting in November. All members who want to learn more are invited to attend.

Your district team will look forward to seeing you on Zoom.

May God be your protector and guide.

From **Valerie Prim**, *District Spiritual Growth Coordinator*

Greetings Sisters in Christ!

So much has taken place since our last newsletter. We have had some awesome spirit-filled and uplifting virtual gatherings on the District, Conference, and National levels. Our churches are opening back up for worship and face-to-face gatherings. As we begin to establish this new normal, let us remember that through it all that God has been in control and still is as he faithfully fills us with hope, grace, and love.

Sitting on my porch in the morning, I watch the birds, bees, and butterflies work endlessly at their God given purpose of pollination. This reminds me of our purpose as United Methodist Women, how we must work endlessly at spreading God's love, work, and word to all corners of our world. Like the birds, bees, and butterflies, "let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9).

My Sisters in Christ, let us be challenged to keep our eyes and hearts focused on God, stay in his word, and pray on a daily basis for his guidance as we remain "a community of women whose purpose is to know God, to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to keep a creative and supportive fellowship, and to spread concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church (UMW Purpose).

Love in Christ.



From **Debra Lawson**, *District Nominations Chair*

It is that time of the year when we will be making future leadership changes. The nomination's committee has worked hard to find committed ladies to be our future leaders. We were able to fill all positions except for Communication Coordinator. If you know of someone who has good computer skills and will be able to do our newsletters and Annual Celebration program, please submit nominations from floor form included in the newsletter to me by August 4, 2021. Also any other nominations need to be sent to me by August 4, 2021.

I want to thank everyone on the Nominations Committee for their help and input in filling positions. I want to thank those who accepted nominations. And a very special thanks to all our outgoing officers for all their work and leadership.

Blessings.

Nominations for 2022-2023

- President.....Rhita Newcomb
- Vice President.....Debra Lawson
- Secretary.....Nancy Norton
- Treasurer.....Mary Binkley
- Social Action.....Camille French
- MEI.....Cathy Smith (Second Term)
- MNO.....Polly Caudle
- Program Resources.....Susan Harrison-Bailey
- Communications.....
- Nominations Chair 2023.....Barbara Crotts
- Nominations 2022.....Jamie Smith
- Nominations 2024.....Mary Jo Brewer
- Nominations 2024Vickie Morrison
- Nominations 2025.....Gail Caudle

UPCOMING CONFERENCE UMW EVENTS FOR 2021

July 15 - 18 - Mission u Virtually by Zoom . There are 5 different times being offered this year and 2 different studies.

- *July 15-18—Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom
 - *July 19-22—Pushout: The Criminalization on Black Girls in Schools
 - *July 23-25 - Pushout: The Criminalization on Black Girls in Schools
 - *July 31—Pushout (One day Overview)
 - *August 1—Pushout (One day overview)
- Details and registration at wncumw.org

September 11 - 12 - Conference Annual Celebration Virtually by Zoom
(afternoon sessions)

October 2 & 9 - Ubuntu Day of Service
2nd - Mission Response Center
9th - Bethlehem Center

**Yadkin Valley District United Methodist Women
Form for Nominations from the Floor
2021 Annual Meeting
Submission Deadline: August 4, 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 Debra Lawson, Yadkin Valley District Nominations Chair debralawson@windstream.net, using this form by 11:59pm on Saturday, August 7, 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:



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From **Rhita Newcomb**, *District Legacy Fund*

Greetings Ladies!

I have always known you were faithful, awesome, dedicated, and generous United Methodist Women and you have really shown your awesomeness and generosity in the giving of hats for cancer patients. Our Virtual Wear a Hat, Bring a Hat Tea was held on June 5, 2021, we had a great turnout, everyone looked beautiful in their hats. We heard about the good works of Cancer Services and Martha Isenberg shared the health benefits of tea and we shared our special teacups and tea with each other. We sang, we prayed, and we played a virtual bingo game along with some other fun games. As they use to say in the newspaper in my hometown, a good time was had by all. A huge thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone that attended and to everyone who has donated hats.

I hope you have been thinking about hosting a Walk for Mission or a Rock for Mission event with your unit or maybe you could invite other units to walk or rock with you or you may walk or rock in your own home. Every dollar raised in the Walk for Mission is used to support the mission and ministries of United Methodist Women. Use the sponsor form in this newsletter to solicit and collect funds from your friends, family and neighbors and plan to walk with your unit or on your own any time this year, mailing your form and funds to Jamie Smith, Yadkin Valley Treasurer noting the funds are for Walk for Mission. If you are unable to participate in the walk, please sponsor someone who is walking or rocking.

Please stay connected to your Nurturing Partner/LUV Partner, we would love to visit with you to answer your questions, share the mission studies, ministries, and events that are available. If you do not know your Nurturing Partner, please contact me.
Love and Prayers.

Let all that you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14



From **Cathy Smith**, *District ME & I Coordinator*

This year, our district is participating in the Virtual Mission u mission studies in lieu of having our own District Mission Study. This decision was made several months ago due to the pandemic.

The Virtual Mission u studies will be held July 15 - August1. You must register for this event on the WNCCUMW website. There is no cost for the event. You may choose from 2 studies. They are: "Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom" and "Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools". Study books can be ordered through the UMW website or Amazon.

I hope everyone will consider attending this virtual event.

Love in Christ.

From **Rhita Newcomb**, *District Membership Nurture and Outreach*

Greetings Sisters in Christ.

The Legacy Endowment Fund Day of Giving Update from the Nation Office of United Methodist Women: "Thank you all for a very successful Day of Giving Live Event on March 23rd! We appreciate the efforts each of you made towards making Day of Giving 2021 a success. Besides the many who participated and joined us on that day for the 6+ hours of live programming, now over 4,500 have viewed the recording of the event through the UMW Facebook page. We feel blessed to have been able to share with you the highlights of the UMW work. We are also excited to share with you the 2021 Day of Giving total of \$303,224. 2021 is truly Our Year of Hope!"

Visit unitedmethodistwomen.org/150 to learn more about how you can support our Legacy Endowment Fund and discover how your donations have been a blessing to so many women, children, and youth around the world.

YOU are a critical and important part of the celebration!

THANK YOU!



Walk for Mission 2021

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

District Name _____ (Please print all information)

Walker's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Unit Name _____

Office Use Only – Do Not Write in These Spaces

Total Pledge \$ _____

Of Sponsors _____

Initial _____

Date _____

(Make additional copies of this form as needed)

SPONSOR'S NAME (Please Print)	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	E-MAIL ADDRESS	\$ PLEDGED	\$ PAID
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Collect your money, and mail your form and sponsor money to your District Treasurer.

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Nominations 2023 Susan Harrison-Bailey - susanhbailey@gmail.com
3405 New Walkertown Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27105 - 301-233-1495

Virtual District Annual Celebrations AUGUST 2021



In our efforts to continue to care for the safety and well being of all of our members, we have planned **virtual District Annual Celebrations for 2021**. Mark this page as the place you can get complete information about Annual Celebration plans for ALL EIGHT districts.

We all look forward to the day when we can again gather safely in person, and experience the special joy of that

wonderful supportive community of United Methodist Women that is a part of every Annual Celebration!

Registration is required for these free Zoom meetings, and **registration is OPEN** for all eight districts. Information/downloads about each district annual celebration will be added as it becomes available. **Just click on the Zoom Registration link just below the date & time for your district. Registration is now open!**

Here are the dates and times for our virtual meetings:

- **Appalachian** – Saturday, August 21, 2021 - 2:00 pm
- **Blue Ridge** – Saturday, August 14, 2021 - 10:00 am
- **Catawba Valley** – Saturday, August 21, 2021 - 10:00 am
- **Metro** – Saturday, August 28, 2021 - 10:00 am
- **Northern Piedmont** – Sunday, August 22, 2021 - 3:00 pm
- **Smoky Mountain** – Saturday, August 28, 2021 - 2:00 pm
- **Uwharrie** – Saturday, August 21, 2021 - 9:00 am
- **Yadkin Valley** – Saturday, August 14, 2021 - 2:00 pm

You must register at the web site on order to attend the meeting (wnccumc.org), which will be by Zoom webinar format. It cost nothing to register and you can do that today. Registration is now open.

You are encouraged to print the one (1) page agenda to make it easier to follow the meeting.

We will not be giving out the certificates this year because they would all have to be mailed and that would be very expensive. We can put that money to a better use by sending it to help with missions. All the reports will be listed in the program book as in the past, so feel free to print any reports where your unit was recognized, for example Mission Today, Justice Today, etc.

Unit presidents are encouraged to contact your members and encourage them to attend this virtual meeting too. All members can vote if they are attending online. If attending only by phone, they will not be able to vote.

Our District Executive Team members will be reaching out to the unit presidents after August 1, 2021 as a reminder for them (presidents) to share with their unit all of the details concerning registering, voting, our love offering and our hands-on mission project.

Gail Caudle
YV District UMW Communications
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**UPCOMING DISTRICT UMW DATES
2021**

August 14 - YVD Annual Celebration
“Reflecting on Our Blessings”
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Virtually by Zoom

October 9 - UBUNTU Day
Bethlehem center, WS (tentative)

November 20 - Leadership Development Day
9:00 am
For all districts with breakout rooms
Virtually by Zoom

United Methodist Women

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