

Western North Carolina Conference

United Methodist Women

Light Up Our Spirits

with Faith & Hope ^{so} Love IS Action

48th Virtual Annual Celebration

Celebrating 152 Years in Mission

September 11-12, 2021



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ARTICLE X: RULES OF ORDER

Section 1: Rules Of Order For Annual Celebration Of The Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

A. General Information

1. Celebrations shall open and close at the times stipulated in the official program.
2. Members and guests shall wear nametags at all times to all functions to indicate delegate status.
3. During voting sessions (business sessions) delegates shall be seated within a designated voting bar.
4. Members and visitors not designated as delegates shall be seated elsewhere.

B. New Business

1. All new business that has not been considered by the Executive Committee of the Conference shall be presented in writing to the Secretary twenty-four (24) hours prior to being considered by the voting delegates.
2. Proposed Resolutions must be submitted in writing to the Conference President sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of the Conference Annual Celebration.

C. Motions

1. All motions except on matters of procedure shall be written and signed by the maker and furnished to the Chair before action is taken.
2. The Secretary, unless directed otherwise, shall not record motions ruled out of order, points of order on which no appeal is taken, or trivial matters of privilege.

D. Debate

1. In seeking recognition from the Chair, a member must stand to address the Chair and, upon being recognized, state his or her name before making comment or motion.
2. The maker of a motion in preference to any other delegate shall be entitled to the floor immediately after the motion is stated.
3. Debate shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes per topic.
4. No delegate shall speak to a motion a second time until all others have been given the opportunity to speak.
5. No delegate shall speak more than twice on the same question on the same day, nor more than two (2) minutes at one time without consent of the body.
6. General consent shall be required if additional time is to be given.

E. Voting Membership

The voting body of the Conference organization shall be composed of the following persons:

1. One representative of each local unit of fifty (50) members or less, with one additional representative for each additional fifty (50) members in the unit.
2. All District officers and chairpersons of District Committees.
3. Past Presidents of the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women and conference past presidents of the United Methodist Women now living within the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference.
4. District Presidents, as members of the Conference Executive Committee.
5. Conference officers and chairpersons of committees.
6. Any member of the United Methodist Women National Office or of the Jurisdiction organization residing within the bounds of the Conference.
7. The resident Bishop.
8. The President of the Jurisdiction Deaconess Association if residing within the bounds of the Conference.
9. All elected members-at-large.

F. Delegates For Quorum

A quorum shall be a simple majority of the delegates registered for the Celebration.

G. Parliamentary Authority

1. *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority.
2. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates is required to suspend or amend these rules.



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Julia Willis, President

Joanie Strohm, Vice President & Chair of Program Committee

2021 Program Committee

Joanie Strohm, Julia Willis, Dianne Beam, Darlene Gardner, Linda Greer, Lynne Gilbert, Carolyn Payne, Renee Hayes, Lisa Bacon, Nancy Reigel, Kathy Chadwell, Gwen Harris, Martha Isenberg

Visit our Conference Website, www.wnccumw.org

You can find lots of information at our conference website. Conference event information, registration forms, Mission Today resources, the *Conference Gram*, and links to many resources available on the National Office website are just a few of the things you can find there.

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*****Very Special Appreciation*****

The Program Committee would like to thank the following:

- ◆ All the United Methodist Women who joined us on Zoom
- ◆ Members of the Conference Executive Committee
- ◆ Officer installation, Mildred Carter
- ◆ Our Special Guest Speaker, Deaconess Cindy Johnson
- ◆ Rev. Dr. Mark Barden and Catherine Ritch for sharing their musical talents
- ◆ Bishop Carter for Greetings Sunday afternoon
- ◆ Our special tech team: Lynne Gilbert & Lisa Bacon

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“constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor
of love and steadfast of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Thessalonians 1:3

Saturday Afternoon 2 pm

Music with Rev. Dr. Mark Barden and Catherine Ritch

Theme Song: “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” vs.1,2,3 UMH # 581
Hymn: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” vs. 1,2,3 UMH # 133
Hymn: “How Can We Name a Love” vs. 1,3,4 UMH # 111

Greetings & Call to Annual Celebration Julia Willis, President

Greetings from Harriett Jane Olson, CEO & General Secretary, United Methodist Women

Introduction of Program Committee Joanie Strohm, Vice President

BUSINESS SESSION Julia Willis, President
Dianne Beam, Secretary
Jatana Royster, Parliamentarian
Nancy Reigel, Treasurer
Sandy Letchworth, Committee on
Nominations, Chair

Program Advisory Group Report Sherry Sink, PAG member

Assembly 2022 Travel Opportunities Lynne Gilbert, Webmaster/Legacy Liaison

Dedication of the Annual Report Book Betty Durham, Historian
(see page 19 for nomination details)

Prayer Calendar and Mission Moment Linda Greer, Mission Education &
Interpretation Coordinator

Highlighting our Districts Renee Hayes, Membership Nurture &
Outreach Coordinator

9/11 Remembrance Gwen Harris, Blue Ridge, President

Introduction of Special Guest Speaker Joanie Strohm, Vice President

Special Guest Speaker Cindy Johnson, Deaconess

Benediction Joanie Strohm, Vice President

Music with Rev. Dr. Mark Barden and Catherine Ritch

Hymn: “Arise, Shine Out, Your Light Has Come” vs. 1,4,5 UMH # 725
Hymn: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” vs. 1,2 UMH # 206

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Sunday Afternoon 2 pm

Music with Rev. Dr. Mark Barden and Catherine Ritch

Theme Song: "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" vs. 1,3,4

UMH # 581

Hymn: "Spirit Song" vs. 1,2

UMH # 347

Hymn: They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" vs. 1,3

TFWS # 2223

Introduction

Joanie Strohm, Vice President

Mission Moment & Prayer Calendar

Linda Greer, Mission Education
& Interpretation

Greetings from Bishop Ken Carter

Recognition of Outgoing Officers

Julia Willis, President

Installation of Officers

Mildred Carter, Past Conference President

Celebrating Our Mission Institutions From A-Z

Nancy Reigel, Treasurer

Linda Greer, ME&I

Special Recognition

Lynne Gilbert, Webmaster/Legacy Liaison

Building Our Legacy

Rhita Newcomb, Yadkin Valley
Membership Nurture and Outreach

Presentation of SMRs and Gift to Mission Cards

Joanie Strohm, Vice President

Litany - 'Light Up My Spirit'

Written by Carolyn Payne, Social Action

One: When the light of my spirit grows dim and darkness persists
When my spirit has lost its' mooring, swift descending deep abyss.

Many: YOU LIGHT UP MY SPIRIT!

One: When I feel invisible, hat in hand, head low-bowed
an irrelevant person—nameless face in the crowd

Many: YOU LIGHT UP MY SPIRIT, when YOU call my name!

One: When I stand before giants, and I tremble at their might
and my fears unnerve me and I'm blinded by fright

Many: YOU LIGHT UP MY SPIRIT, when YOU open my eyes.

One: When my sins come to haunt me, to remind me of my shame
and my past cries out to taunt me, pointing fingers, placing blame.

Many: YOU LIGHT UP MY SPIRIT, WHEN YOU forgive me!

One: When my way is uncertain and my gait is unsure
and the road that I travel is a dark detour;

Many: YOU LIGHT MY PATH, with FAITH!

One: When loved ones must leave and memories are thus left
and my grief is immeasurable and my heart is bereft;

Many: YOU COMFORT ME, with HOPE!

One: When sinister shadows conspire to overtake me,
To confuse me—abuse me—trying to break me;

Many: YOU SHIELD ME, With LOVE!

One: When I'm crippled with pain in my body and in my mind
and my life is in shambles and no peace can I find;

Many: YOU HEAL ME, with ACTION!

One: When the hour is quiet and there's time to reflect;
I can examine my life in victorious retrospect—because...

Many: YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF MY SPIRIT!

Hymn: "We All are One in Mission" vs. 1,2,3

TFWS #2243

Scripture Hebrews 11:1

Carolyn Payne, Social Action

President's Address "Beware of What You Want"

Julia Willis, President

Memorial Service "Love is Strong as Death"

(Written by Glory Dharmaraj)

"No Scars in Heaven"

Darlene Gardner,
Spiritual Growth Coordinator
Josh Gardner, Soloist

Litany: Love is Strong as Death

Leader: Holy God, we have come here to thank you for the sacredness of life.

All: God of life, we have come to thank you for the sacredness of each one of us, who are present here and the memories of those who no longer are in our midst.

Leader: God, who is love, we thank you for the life of those who have passed on into eternity.

All: Owner of our lives, we thank you for the hallowed moments they spent with their families, United Methodist Women's family and their church family.

Leader: God of comfort, we recognize the holes their absences have left among us—the holes of missing mothers, sisters and counselors.

All: God of healing, we recognize the void left in our mission work because of their absence.

Leader: We do believe that love is as strong as death.

All: And death does not have the final word.

Leader: Therefore, I ask you to think about the gifts those women brought to us—gifts of love, gifts of laughter, gifts of watchfulness. Giving God, those who have gone ahead of us touch us across the distance by the various gifts they have left behind for us.

Litany: Love is Strong as Death (Continued)

All: Keeper and healer of memories, transform these memories into sustenance and healing for our spirit.

Leader: Risen Savior, we are a Resurrection People who carry on our journey, strengthened by your love and our love for one another.

All: Christ, our Resurrection and Life—give us the grace to hallow life's span with love for you and for each other in this pilgrim journey.

Hymn: "Hymn of Promise"

UMH # 707

Sending Forth

Julia Willis, President

Music with Rev. Dr. Mark Barden and Catherine Ritch

Hymn: "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" vs. 1,2,3

TFWS # 2241

Hymn: "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" vs. 1,2,5

UMH # 584

Upcoming Western NC Conference UMW Events

October 23, 2021, 9:30 am Leadership Development Day (LDD) for District Officers

"Lighting Up Our Spirits in Leadership," Virtual Training via Zoom meetings.

November 20, 2021, 10:00 am ALL DISTRICTS Leadership Development Day (LDD) for Local Unit Officers, Circle Chairs and other leaders

Virtual training via Zoom meetings. Save the Date! Watch our website for additional information at: <https://wnccumw.org/districts/lddlocalunitofficers2021/>



PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Special Guest Speaker: Cindy Johnson

Deaconess Cindy Johnson is serving in the La Posada Providencia
in the Rio Grande Conference

Cindy Andrade Johnson, was born and lives in Brownsville, Texas. A teacher by profession, Cindy worked with students who were expelled from their homes because of trouble with law enforcement. In response to her lifelong calling to work and advocate for others, Cindy was involved in local justice issues within and near her community. A lifelong United Methodist, she has actively participated in her local, district, conference, and jurisdiction United Methodist Women teams and initiatives.

Feeling that teaching alone would not allow her to “sincerely implement the Commission that our Lord has given us,” Cindy committed to mission service and was consecrated a Deaconess of the United Methodist Church. She accepted a two-year obligation to serve as a Public Witness Organizer with United Methodist Women and became known for her creativity; for her effectiveness in using social networking to organize, and for building personal relationships.

Deaconess Cindy began working with the United Methodist Women National Office by serving as a consultant with the Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner. In that position she served around discernment, helping individuals around the country discern their calls to ministry, and promoting and educating individuals about the opportunities for laity in the Church. Cindy continues to serve in that role today, in addition to her work with La Posada Providencia in the Rio Grande Conference providing shelter to poor immigrants and helping them to integrate more quickly in the United States culture. It is through her ministry with La Posada that she feels she is focusing on her true calling, working with the immigrant population.

Her commitment to mission and ministry is evident by her extra-curricular activities on behalf of The United Methodist Church. Cindy has served on multiple occasions as a delegate to General Conference, several terms as a Board member for the General Board of Church and Society, and as a member of the Program Advisory Group of United Methodist Women. She has served on the Board of Good Neighbor Settlement House, a national mission institution.

Cindy is bold, courageous and audacious for justice and “thanks God every day for providing her with wonderful family and friends.”

Pianist: Catherine Ritch



Catherine Ritch is a published composer and author of inspirational fiction, non-fiction and children's books with 29 books currently in print. She is a frequent speaker/musician for national and international conferences in a variety of venues and was selected the International Profile of The United Methodist Church for 2009. United Methodist Women will recognize her book titles, *Because He Lives* (2012 UMW Reading List) and *You Raise Me Up*, about Project AGAPE, a mission project of the Western North Carolina Conference and the North Carolina Conference located in the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh.

It was said of Catherine, "Put Catherine on a piano, organ or keyboard and from Bach to Broadway to Boogie to the Best of Gospel, she'll have the audience enthralled with the rhythms of life."

Catherine, who lives in Stallings, NC, holds degrees of Church Music and Music Education, and a Master's Degree in Christian Education. Her greatest joy, besides her family, is bringing hope, inspiration and laughter to those whom she meets in her travels and through her books. She has been introduced as an author, composer, comedienne, entertainer, historian, teacher, and musician but she prefers "friend."

Musical Director: Rev. Dr. Mark Barden



Mark Barden is no stranger to United Methodist Women. While serving on the conference staff as Director of Mission/Outreach and Director of Communications, he was staff liaison to the WNCC UMW. An avid supporter of UMW, Mark has served as song leader for several UMW events and taught several courses at the School of Christian Mission/Mission u.

Mark is no stranger to Methodist ministry. He was born into a parsonage family and moved throughout the Western North Carolina Conference. After completing a Bachelor of Science degree in telecommunications at Oral Roberts University and a Master of Arts degree in radio-tv at the University of Mississippi, Mark taught at both Ole Miss and Murray State University (Kentucky). He left teaching in 1984 to pursue seminary and an Master of Divinity degree at Duke Divinity School. Mark also graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, with a Doctor of Ministry degree in Arts and Theology.

Currently Mark serves as senior pastor at First Norwood. He has previously served churches in Shelby, Elkin, Winston-Salem, New London, Kernersville, Hickory and Reidsville. Mark is married to the Rev. Barbara Barden, who retired from Myers Park UMC, Charlotte after 19 years of ministry.

2021 Calendar of Events

Oct. 2 & 9	Ubuntu Day of Service (in local settings) All UMW Members
Oct. 23	Leadership Development Day (LDD) Virtual 9:30 am All District Officers
Pending	Mission u Committee Meeting
Nov. 12	Orientation Session for New Conference Officers Virtual 7:00 pm
Nov. 13	Conference Committee Meetings Virtual
Nov. 14	Executive Committee Meeting Virtual

2022 Calendar of Events

Jan. 15	Presidents/Treasurers Workday
Feb. 12	Finance/SG/LDD/Program/etc. Committee Meetings
Feb. 13	Executive Committee Meeting
Mar. 26	Scholarship Committee Meeting
May 14	Mission u/Program Committee Meetings
May 17-23	WNCC UMW Assembly 2022 Bus trip
May 20-22	Assembly 2022, Orlando, Florida All UMW Members
June 10-12	Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska All UMW Members
June 17-19	WNCC UMC Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska
July 14-17	Mission u, Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer All UMW Members
July 15	Executive Committee Meeting
Aug. 6	Finance/SG/LDD/Program/etc. Committee Meetings
Aug. 7	Executive Committee Meeting
Aug. 29-Sept. 6	General Conference, Minneapolis, MN
Sept. 9-11	Annual Celebration, Lake Junaluska All UMW Members
Oct. 1, 8, 15	Ubuntu Days of Service (various locations) All UMW Members
Oct. 22	Leadership Development Day (LDD) All District Officers
Nov. 11	Orientation for New Conference Officers
Nov. 12	Conference Committee Meetings
Nov. 13	Executive Committee Meetings

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Approved by Finance Committee on August 7, 2021
Amended & Approved by Executive Commi: August 8, 2021
Approved by Annual Meeting on _____

	2020 Actual Paid	2021 Budget	Proposed 2022 Budget	Difference
I. Conference Pledge to Mission Designated Funds (UMW Inc & Other)	\$530,817.29	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0
II. Administrative & Membership Development Funds				
A. Conference Officers				
1. Travel and Meals	\$147.20	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
2. Printing and Postage	\$110.85	\$250	\$250	\$0
3. Stationary and Supplies	\$254.53	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
4. Sampler Subscription	\$677.25	\$480	\$500	\$20
5. Recognition of Retiring Officers	\$140.00	\$3,000	\$640	-\$2,360
6. Telephone				
7. Reading Program	\$250.73	\$300	\$300	\$0
8. Equipment: Purchase & Maintenance	\$1,500.56	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
9. Annual Report Book Dedication	\$1,000.00	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
10. Web Master	\$1,429.03	\$500	\$500	\$0
B. District A & MD Funds	\$24,560.11	\$62,075	\$60,450	-\$1,625
C. Jurisdiction A & MD Funds	\$4,000.00	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
D. Mission u				
1. Study Leader Training	\$734.53	\$5,000	\$1,400	-\$3,600
2. Conference	\$1,850.65	\$9,000	\$8,000	-\$1,000
3. Youth Camp		\$1,000	\$700	-\$300
E. Conference Programs & Events				
1. Annual Meeting	\$219.20	\$17,600	\$20,000	\$2,400
2. Hostess Expenses (Mission u & Annual Meeting)		\$500	\$500	\$0
3. Spiritual Growth	\$390.00	\$11,500	\$12,000	\$500
4. Officer Training (Dist Officers)		\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
5. UMW Leader Development Day (LDD)				\$0
6. Membership		\$500	\$500	\$0
7. Social Action (Legislative events, etc.)		\$100	\$100	\$0
8. Other Events (Including Under 39)	\$2,000.00	\$500	\$500	\$0
F. State, Regional & National Seminars				\$0
1. National Seminar				\$0
2. Assembly (2022) / SEJ (2024)	\$855.03	\$0		\$0
3. Assembly Love Offering (2022)			\$500	\$500
4. Scholarships - Assembly (2022)/SEJ (2024)	\$500.00	\$2,400 ** \$0		\$0
G. Publications				
1. Conference Gram	\$5,603.74	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
2. Annual Report Book	\$240.00	\$250	\$300	\$50
3. Love Offering Brochure	\$202.13	\$250	\$250	\$0
H. Contribution to Affiliate Organizations				
1. Church Women United of NC		\$150	\$150	\$0
2. NC Council of Churches - Special Friends	\$100.00	\$100	\$100	\$0
I. Committee Meetings				
1. Executive	\$993.93	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
2. Finance Committee	\$817.97	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
3. Nominating Committee	\$520.25	\$750	\$750	\$0
4. Other Committees (Prog, P&T Workday, Under 39 etc.)	\$1,000.18	\$500	\$500	\$0
J. Audit	\$4,000.00	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
K. Miscellaneous	\$0.00		\$200	\$200
TOTAL A & MD FUNDS	\$54,097.87	\$140,505	\$132,890	-\$7,615
TOTAL FUNDS NEEDED/DISBURSED	\$584,915.16	\$640,505	\$632,890	-\$7,615

(Conference Treasurer has permission to transfer line items)

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August 7, 2021
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2022 DISTRICT A&MD BUDGETS - COMPOSITE REPORT

	(MEMO) TOTALS	Appalachian	Blue Ridge	Catawba Valley	Metro	N Piedmont	Smoky Mtn	Uwharrie	Yadkin Valley
DISTRICTS PLEDGE TO MISSION 2013	917,000	73,000	66,000	142,000	183,000	150,000	44,000	96,000	163,000
DISTRICTS PLEDGE TO MISSION 2014	904,350	73,000	70,000	142,100	183,250	150,000	40,000	83,000	163,000
DISTRICTS PLEDGE TO MISSION 2015	892,180	73,000	77,500	135,100	170,000	150,000	40,580	83,000	163,000
DISTRICTS PLEDGE TO MISSION 2016	779,500	73,000	79,000	115,000	100,000	125,000	41,500	83,000	163,000
DISTRICTS PLEDGE TO MISSION 2017	789,000	70,000	80,000	110,000	125,000	125,000	42,000	74,000	163,000
DISTRICTS PLEDGE TO MISSION 2018	744,000	63,000	82,000	110,000	127,000	105,000	42,000	55,000	160,000
DISTRICTS PLEDGE TO MISSION 2019	712,500	62,000	82,000	100,000	121,000	105,000	41,000	51,500	150,000
DISTRICTS PLEDGE TO MISSION 2020	679,100	56,000	82,100	80,000	115,000	100,000	41,500	51,500	153,000
DISTRICTS PLEDGE TO MISSION 2021	665,100	52,000	82,100	80,000	110,000	100,000	41,500	51,500	148,000
DISTRICTS PLEDGE TO MISSION 2022	629,600	48,000	82,100	80,000	90,000	90,000	41,500	50,000	148,000
Officer Expense:									
Postage	4,125	400	700	350	100	550	450	375	1,200
Supplies	4,175	500	800	500	400	350	600	125	900
Telephone	0								
Travel (mileage)	7,100	300	1,800	1,000	400	150	200	550	2,700
Printing (letters, handouts)	2,000	200	400	200	150	400	200	250	200
TOTAL OFFICER EXPENSE	17,400	1,400	3,700	2,050	1,050	1,450	1,450	1,300	5,000
Meeting Expense:									
District Annual Meeting	4,250	300	500	750	400	350	500	750	700
District Spiritual Enrichment	3,500	200	400	750	400	300	800	100	550
District Officer Training	3,050	200	400	750	400	250	500	400	150
Other District Events	4,200	300	200	750	200	1,000	100	500	1,150
TOTAL MEETING EXPENSE	15,000	1,000	1,500	3,000	1,400	1,900	1,900	1,750	2,550
Other Expenses:									
Newsletter - Printing	12,200	1,500	2,300	1,000	1,000	1,500	450	1,250	3,200
Newsletter - Postage/permit	3,300	500	300	1,000		300	350	200	650
Resources and Literature	1,800	100	300	100	100	100	200	100	800
SMR, GTM, & GIM	3,850	500	250	200	200	400	800	400	1,100
Local Women Stipend	3,600	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450
Miscellaneous	1,550	50	300	100	500	100	100	100	300
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	26,300	3,100	3,900	2,850	2,250	2,850	2,350	2,500	6,500
2022 A&MD TOTAL BUDGET	60,450	5,800	9,100	7,800	6,250	6,200	5,700	5,550	14,050
2021 A&MD TOTAL BUDGET	62,075	5,800	9,150	7,800	6,250	7,775	5,700	5,550	14,050
2020 A&MD TOTAL BUDGET	63,125	5,400	9,150	7,800	6,100	7,775	5,700	5,500	15,700
2019 A&MD TOTAL BUDGET	69,250	7,050	9,150	8,500	7,000	10,000	5,600	6,250	15,700
2018 A&MD TOTAL BUDGET	72,725	7,250	9,650	9,975	8,400	10,000	5,500	6,250	15,700
2017 A & MD TOTAL BUDGET	73,550	7,250	10,200	9,700	7,550	10,500	6,400	6,250	15,700
2016 A & MD TOTAL BUDGET	83,400	7,250	9,700	10,950	14,750	11,650	6,400	7,000	15,700
2015 A & MD TOTAL BUDGET	84,050	6,950	8,300	11,800	14,600	11,650	6,400	8,650	15,700
2014 A & MD TOTAL BUDGET	82,975	6,800	6,550	12,250	14,500	13,400	6,400	7,500	15,575
2013 A & MD TOTAL BUDGET	80,000	6,100	5,500	12,250	15,250	12,800	6,400	7,900	13,800
2012 A & MD TOTAL BUDGET	107,220								

Nominees for Conference Offices

Nominees for a two-year term 2022-2023

President	Joanie Strohm (BR)
Vice President	Lynda Morris (ME)
Treasurer	Nancy Reigel (AP)(**)
Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth	Darlene Gardner (YV) (*)
Mission Coordinator for Membership Education & Interpretation	Carolyn Payne (YV)
Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture & Outreach	Molly Welch (NP)
Mission Coordinator for Social Action	Joyce Irby (YV)
Secretary of Program Resources	Kathy Chadwell (YV) (*)
Chair of Committee on Nominations	Ann Aldridge (CV)

*Indicates a second Two Year Term

** Indicates extended one year

Nominees for Committee on Nominations

Patricia Moore (ME) 2022-2024
Lorraine Burns (AP) 2022-2025
Brenda Steadman (NP) 2022-2025

Justice Today Committee

Linda Greer (AP)
Molly Welch (NP)
Brenda Steadman (NP)
Carolyn Payne (YV)

New District Presidents

For information only—Elected by their District

Appalachian, Linda Greer
Metro, Nancy Ward
Yadkin Valley, Rhita Newcomb

2021 Conference Officers

President	Julia Willis
Vice President	Joanie Strohm
Secretary	Dianne Beam
Treasurer	Nancy Reigel
Secretary of Program Resources	Kathy Chadwell
Communications Coordinator	Lisa Bacon
Mission Coordinators:	
Social Action	Carolyn Payne
Spiritual Growth	Darlene Gardner
Education & Interpretation	Linda Greer
Membership Nurture & Outreach	Renee Hayes
Chair, Committee on Nominations	Sandy Letchworth (22)
Members, Committee on Nominations	Martha Phillips (21), Michelene Mathews (21), Velma Zeek (21), Stephania Cude (21), Sherrie Miller (22), Deborah Matthews (22), Ann Aldridge (23), Laquetta Barbee (23)
Historian	Betty Durham
Parliamentarian	Jatana Royster
Chair, Scholarship Committee	Cathy McCauley
Webmaster/Legacy Team Liaison	Lynne Gilbert
Dean, Mission u	Lynn Alexander
National Program Advisory Group	Sherry Sink (2020-2024)
Resident Bishop (Thru August 31)	Bishop Paul Leeland
Resident Bishop (Effective September 1)	Bishop Ken Carter

2021 Mission u Officers

Dean	Lynn Alexander
Assistant Dean	TBA
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2021 District Presidents

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Catawba Valley	Janet Bjork-Colton
Metro	Lynda Morris
Northern Piedmont	Sandra Williamson
Smoky Mountain	Deborah Ray
Uwharrie	Cathy Ward
Yadkin Valley	Martha Isenberg

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: wncumw.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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Report of the Treasurer

What a year 2020 was!! Gatherings cancelled or converted to on-line virtual events, meaning loss of opportunities to worship, learn, create community and bond personally. But despite all of that, you, Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women members remained in mission. Our **GIVING NEWS** below stands as proof of that.

2020 Giving News

Total Giving through the 8 districts from local units

\$604,339

A drop of \$136,012 compared to 2019

While we could focus on the drop of \$136,012, we should not...think of this...during a year with almost no opportunities for local units to meet or for the district gatherings to provide giving opportunities.

You Western North Carolina United Methodist Women members overcame those barriers to the point that you continued to fund United Methodist Women Missions to the amount of \$604,339. **AMAZING!**

Special Offerings

(Spiritual Growth Retreat, Mission u, Annual Celebration and Conference Committee Meetings)

\$18,927

(A drop of \$3,361 from 2019)

Linger on these numbers. Historically, Special Offerings were by definition offerings at Conference meetings...picture "passing the plate." Once again, that was not possible in these times. But **You** remained undeterred. We offered you opportunities to give on-line and you took those opportunities actively remaining in Mission.

Undesignated Mission Giving sent to United Methodist National Office

\$530,817

A drop of \$45,664 from 2019

*******\$5,817 over the 2020 Pledge of \$525,000*******

How can this be?? We actually exceeded our PLEDGE?? This is the result of two different factors. Because your Districts and Conference had to move from in-person gatherings to virtual, the normal expenses incurred to host those gatherings were dramatically reduced. At the same time, your giving declined but by far less than the drop in expenses, meaning we, WNCC United Methodist Women, were able to meet and exceed our 2020 Pledge. A happy outcome to a difficult year.

Designated Giving

(includes Call to Prayer and Self Denial, General, National, International and UMCOR)

\$55,905

Donations to other local projects

\$3,335

Now, we need to consider, how to use what we have learned. Do we now question whether we really need those District and Conference gatherings? The answer is a resounding YES! Taking a break was necessary and will continue to for this year as we crawl out of this pandemic. But now we must focus on our future as members of United Methodist Women. Our **Purpose** points the way: Words like **community, creative supportive fellowship, expand through participation** are active growth words. Words that are hope and future. We took a needed break, now let's re-focus on the actions that will make our future United Methodist Women members thrive.

Nancy F. Reigel, Treasurer

Report of Scholarship Committee

For the 2020-2021 school year, the Scholarship committee awarded a total of \$13,315.00. These funds went to the following recipients: Corrie Bruce (High Point University), Rebecca Dyer (Pfeiffer University), Noah Hinton (Brevard College), Marcinia Johnson (Bennett College), Ethan Parker (High Point University) and Elizabeth Stribling (Pfeiffer University).

Thanks go to the committee members: Julia Willis, Linda Greer, Lynda Morris, Lisa Bacon, Nancy Reigel and Cathy Ward. During this challenging year, we are grateful for technology that allowed us to complete our work for these students.

As a reminder, contributions to the General Scholarship Fund can be made from individuals, circle groups, units and districts. Continue to pray for our recipients and our conference educational institutions.

Cathy McCauley, Scholarship Chair

Report of Communications

Communications played an especially vital role as Conference gatherings became virtual and meeting details changed. District Communications Coordinators went above and beyond in revising their District newsletter content and deadlines to get the word out as changes were made. The Conference Gram also featured our Western North Carolina mission institutions and how they were impacted by and responding to the coronavirus pandemic. A total of 6310 copies were printed at a total cost of \$5823.85, or 92 cents per printed copy. In addition, members could receive the newsletter via e-mail or access it on the Conference UMW website.

Appreciation is expressed to the Conference Executive Team, Conference Webmaster Lynne Gilbert, and the District Communications Coordinators for their support and input.

Lisa Bacon, Conference Communications Coordinator

Report of Program Resources

District	Plan 1	Plan 2	Plan 3	Plan 4	Children
Appalachian	26	6	1	1	0
Blue Ridge	28	5	0	2	0
Catawba Valley	28	5	0	0	0
Northern Piedmont	46	15	5	4	0
Metro	24	3	4	0	2
Smoky Mountain	17	6	1	0	12
Uwharrie	45	9	5	9	1
Yadkin Valley	62	15	18	22	15

This is a total of 395 readers which is about a 53% decrease from 2019.

Kathy Chadwell, Secretary of Program Resources

Report of Membership Nurture and Outreach

Membership by District (2020)		Walks for Mission Totals
Appalachian	1,396*	\$135
Blue Ridge	1,095	\$3815
Catawba Valley	2,129	\$498.41
Metro	3,557	\$75
Northern Piedmont	2,950	\$175
Smoky Mountain	944	\$764.83
Uwharrie	1,599	\$3,089
Yadkin Valley	3,156	\$452.05

(* based on 2019 membership data)

Total Conference Membership: 16,826

Total Conference Walk for Mission: \$9,004.29

I encourage all district Membership Nurture and Outreach coordinators and each local unit leadership team to focus on *Recruitment, Retention and Renewal* of our members in the days ahead. **Focus** on the perseverance of United Methodist Women, individually and collectively, through this time of COVID-19. **Acknowledge** the value in being a “creative, supportive fellowship” during this difficult time. **Celebrate** every mission dollar given, every life touched by our work.

Renee Hayes, Mission Coordinator of Membership Nurture and Outreach

Report of Spiritual Growth

After the decision was made to cancel our 2020 retreat at Lake Junaluska, the Spiritual Growth Committee met together via Zoom in May and decided to proceed with a Virtual Spiritual Growth Retreat. Speakers included Rev. Pam Blackstock, Rev. Dr. Suzanne Michael, and Rev. Lisa Beth White. The theme was based on Esther 4:14, “For Such a Time as This.” Catherine Ritch and Rev. Dr. Mark Barden were our music leaders. Several Executive Committee members participated including Julia Willis, welcome; Nancy Reigel and Linda Greer with Treasurer and Mission Education and Interpretation reports, Carolyn Payne writing and leading litanies for each session and I introduced each speaker. This event was held on Friday, June 12 at 7 pm and Saturday and Sunday June 13 and 14 at 2 pm. Lisa Bacon, Renee Hayes and Eloise Moore led us in prayer. Lynne Gilbert was our technical guru and did an excellent job putting all the various pieces of the sessions together for a cohesive event. On Friday, over 1200 persons viewed the first session with over 800 on Saturday and 700 on Sunday. Based on previous years’ retreats held at the Lake, more people were able to “attend” our virtual retreat than those attending in person. Comments were appreciative. The Love Offering was \$2,873.00.

During our Virtual Annual Celebration in September, I led our memorial service for those United Methodist Women members that we lost in 2019. The service used scriptures and candles—each candle to represent Christ, memory, community, grief, joy, mystery and thanksgiving. Josh Gardner provided a solo.

At Leadership Development Day in October, I met with the District Spiritual Growth Coordinators. There was good discussion and sharing on ways we have all adapted to the circumstances that we have given during the pandemic.

Darlene Gardner, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Report of Mission u

2020 was certainly a year of prayer and adjustments for all of us. When we realized we would not be able to meet in person at Pfeiffer University for Mission u, we were very disappointed. With everything the nation was going through with COVID-19, the George Floyd murder, political strife, etc., we knew we needed the course, **Finding Peace in an Anxious World**. The study centered on the **Serenity Prayer**.

As the Committee came together to plan, the Mission u date was moved from July to October 26-29. With God, prayer and understanding, the October date turned out to be perfect for the study. Our conference webmaster and her team were well prepared for the Zoom study. Thank God for technology! Over 200 women registered for the study. Average attendance each night was 150.

We wanted the virtual experience to have some of the elements of an in-person Mission u. Each night the Dean welcomed the group and made brief introductions of participants. Lynne Gilbert shared technical tips to enhance everyone's zoom experience, a Mission u officer read the Prayer Calendar and music was provided by Catherine Ritch. We invited former attendees to Mission u youth camp, a UMW scholarship recipient and our Young Adult UMW conference liaison to read the scriptures. On the first night our Conference VP brought greetings on behalf of the Executive Committee. Tuesday night Conference ME&I coordinator shared a Mission Moment. Wednesday night, the Conference Treasurer "lifted the love offering" and the last night the incoming Dean for 2021 closed us out with prayer inclusive of racial justice.

It was a joy to have Sandra Williamson serve as the study leader. We were most fortunate to have her with us; she also served as a national trainer for this course. She shared approximately 40 minutes each evening, this included the use of breakout rooms. Comments on the evaluations were so positive for the way she directed us in scripture, prayer and meditation. She calmly guided us through "**finding peace.**"

We had some challenges in planning and hosting our first virtual Mission u, but as always, UMW members move forward with grateful hearts. We received 81 responses to the evaluation sent out. It was surprising how thoroughly the members responded to the 10 questions. The responses will be a big help in planning the next virtual Mission u. Members certainly missed the fellowship of the in-person study at Pfeiffer University but were so pleased that we could come together through technology.

It is good to know the entire study is still available on the UMW website for anyone to use when needed to combat anxiety. When we put the practices we were taught in this study into action "we become more deeply rooted in Christ."

Thank you to the Mission u Committee and the conference technology team for your dedication in making this very first **virtual** Mission u a success. A special thank you to the Mission u officers, Lynn Alexander, LaDonna Butts and Amanda Dyer for their support and willingness to serve.

Patricia Moore, Dean, Mission u



Annual Report Dedication

Each year an Annual Report Book is created highlighting the activities of the conference and districts, officers, financial reports, etc. This book is dedicated to honor a United Methodist Women member from our conference.

The honored recipient is presented a diamond-studded Special Mission Recognition Pin and a \$1,000 donation is given in her honor to undesignated Mission Giving through the National Office by the conference. Often her family is invited to share in the presentation celebration. Upon completion of the Annual Report Book with her photo & dedication, she is given copies to share with friends and family.

A written nomination form is required along with reasons for the recommendation. See your district president or district and conference newsletters for an application form. A conference committee of five persons appointed by the president receives these written nominations by June 1st or other specified date.

Criteria for the nomination per Standing Rules Article V, Section 8, E (1)-(5):

- (a) Nominee shall have served on local, district & conference levels of UMW
- (b) Nominee must demonstrate leadership ability and work well with peers
- (c) Committee members may be considered
- (d) A person may receive this honor only once

Partial List of former recipients:

2020 Carolyn Payne		
2017 Kim Eller	2018 Lynne Gilbert	2019 Nancy Reigel
2014 Dot Alvord	2015 Bess Redmond	2016 Martha Phillips
2011 Patricia Wiseman	2012 Tonya Lanier	2013 Julia Willis
2008 Sharon Smith	2009 Sandy Hieronymus	2010 Sherry Sink
2005 Amy Johnson	2006 Kris Peurifoy	2007 Karen Wilkerson
2002 Dixie Liggett	2003 Elizabeth Holbrooks	2004 Polly Pearson
1999 Dori Thurman	2000 Beth Griffin	2001 Sara Williams
1996 Mildred Carter	1997 Bishop Charlene Kammerer	1998 Janet Collins
1993 Faye Cox	1994 Vada Beck	1995 Mildred Gibson
1990 Sandra Galyean	1991 Linda Reep	1992 Mary Kizer

Dedication

Congratulations to this year's recipient _____

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE 2020 MISSION TODAY UNITS!

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT

Gold

First North Wilkesboro
First Taylorsville
Hudson
Mount Bethel-Hickory
Sparta
Wilkesboro

Silver

Boone
Clifton
Hiddenite
Miller's Creek
Union Grove

Bronze

Littlejohn

BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT

Gold

Abernethy
Black Mountain
Central
East Marion
Montmorenci
Moore's Grove
Oak Grove
Saluda
Skyland
St. Paul's
Weaverville
Windom

Silver

Addie's Chapel
Bald Creek
Concord
Fletcher
Mills River
Piney Mountain

Bronze

Gilkey
Groce
Kisler's Chapel
Nebo
Oakley

CATAWBA VALLEY DISTRICT

Gold

Aldersgate
Bethlehem-Claremont
Boger City
Brook's Chapel
First Dallas
First Gastonia
First Hickory
First Valdese
Knob Creek
Marvin
Mount Pleasant-Sherrills Ford
Pleasant Grove
Trinity

Silver

Christ-Drexel
Crouse
Ebenezer-Vale
First Conover
Lawndale
Polkville
Bronze
Abernathy Memorial-Burke
Asbury-Lincolnton
First Lincolnton
Friendship-Catawba
Linville
Park Street
Rhyne Heights
Salem-Morganton
South Point
St. Paul's

METRO DISTRICT

Gold

Forest Hill
Grace-Charlotte
Hickory Grove
Matthews
Memorial-Charlotte
Midway-Kannapolis
Pineville
Providence
Rocky Mount
Royal Oaks
Simpson-Gillespie
St. Stephens
Westford

Williamson Chapel

Silver

Cold Springs
Mt. Olivet
Pieasant Grove
South Park
St. Mark
Bronze
Davidson
Fairview
Huntersville
Jackson Park
Trinity-Kannapolis

SMOKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

Gold

Clyde Central
Crabtree
First Canton
First Franklin
First Murphy
First Waynesville
Long's Chapel
Maggie Valley
Oak Forest

Bronze

Cullowhee
Elizabeth Chapel
Maple Grove
Shady Grove

NORTHERN PIEDMONT DISTRICT

Gold

Archdale
Christ-Greensboro
College Place
Fairfield
Gideon Grove
Glencoe
Hinshaw
Holmes Grove
Laughlin Memorial
Lebanon
Madison
Mayodan
Mt. Pisgah
Newlyn Street
Pleasant Union
Prospect
St. John-Eden

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE 2020 MISSION TODAY UNITS!

Gold continued

St. Matthews
St. Stephens

Silver

Bethlehem-Climax
Collins Grove
Hopewell
Mt. Lebanon
St. John's-Greensboro

Bronze

Bass Chapel
Bethany-Franklinville
Bethel-Archdale
Stokesdale
Tabernacle
Zion Hill

UWHARRIE DISTRICT

Gold

Bethany-Albemarle
Bethlehem
Central-Asheboro
Central-Denton
Central-Monroe
Empire Charge-Seagrove
First Asheboro
First Norwood
Jordan Memorial
Linwood
Milford Hills
Mineral Springs
Mt. Zion
New London
Pisgah
Prospect
Providence
Rockwell

Silver

First Lexington
St. Luke
St. Stephen

Bronze

Gilboa
Tabernacle

YADKIN VALLEY DISTRICT

Gold

Ardmore
Baltimore
Bethel-King
Centenary-Clemmons
Centenary-Winston Salem
Center-Mocksville
Concord-Mocksville
Fair Grove-Thomasville

Faith

First Thomasville
Hickory Ridge
Lewisville
Main Street
Memorial
Mt. Tabor
New Hope-Winston Salem
New Mt. Vernon

Oak Forest

Pine Grove-Kernersville
Pine Grove-Winston Salem
Salem-Mt. Airy
Sedge Garden
Sharon
Shoals

St. Paul-Winston Salem

Trinity-King

Union

Union Ridge
Woodleaf
Yadkin College
Yadkinville

Silver

Bunker Hill
Harmony Grove
Level Cross
Midway
Mt. Zion
Pinnacle
Saint Andrews
Trinity-Thomasville
Wesley Memorial

Bronze

Booneville
Canaan
Center-Yadkinville
First Pilot Mountain
Love's
Mt. Carmel
Palmyra
Tabernacle
Wesley Chapel

**A very special
thank you goes
out to these units
who found ways
to remain in
Mission and
active even
during a
pandemic!**

Report of Social Action

2020 Justice Today Units

“Working for Justice Through Service and Advocacy”

Gold Units

Units completing 6 or more of criteria

Blue Ridge

Moore’s Grove

Catawba Valley

Trinity

Northern Piedmont

Laughlin Memorial

Morehead

Pleasant Union

St. Matthews

Uwharrie

Central, Denton

First (Norwood)

Mineral Springs

Empire Charge

Yadkin Valley

Center (Mocksville)

Memorial

Pine Grove (Kernersville)

Yadkinville

Silver Units

Units completing 4 or more of criteria

Blue Ridge

Oak Grove

St. Paul’s

Windom

Catawba Valley

Brooks Chapel

Marvin

Northern Piedmont

Burnett’s Chapel

First, (Randleman)

Prospect

Raleigh’s Crossroads

St. Stephens

Smoky Mountain

Waynesville First

Uwharrie

Bethlehem (Waxhaw)

First (Asheboro)

Providence (Salisbury)

St. Stevens (Lexington)

Yadkin Valley

First (Thomasville)

Lewisville

New Mt. Vernon

Pinnacle

Sharon

Trinity (King)

Bronze Units

Units completing 2 or more of criteria

Blue Ridge

Addie’s Chapel

Bald Creek

Black Mountain

Central

Concord

East Marion

First Rutherfordton

Pleasant Grove

Weaverville

Catawba Valley

Ebenezer (Vale)

First (Valdese)

Northern Piedmont

Bethlehem (Climax)

College Place

Holmes Grove

Mayodan

Mt. Lebanon

Muir’s Chapel

New Salem

Newlyn Street

Pleasant Garden

Sandy Ridge

St. John’s (Eden)

Tabernacle

Triad Native American

West Market Street

Smoky Mountain

Clyde Central

Crabtree

Elizabeth Chapel

Murphy First

Oak Forest

Ranger

Uwharrie

Jordan Memorial

Marshville

Pisgah

Prospect (Monroe)

Rockwell

St. Luke (Asheboro)

Report of Social Action—Continued

Bronze Units (continued)

Yadkin Valley

Ardmore
Baltimore
Center (Yadkinville)
Centenary (Winston-Salem)
Concord (Mocksville)
Farmington
First (Pilot Mountain)
Harmony Grove
Hickory Ridge
Main Street
Mount Tabor
Oak Forest
Union
Yadkin College

Report of Mission Education and Interpretation

Western North Carolina United Methodist Women mission activities in 2020 included Mission Giving in all Five Channels of undesignated giving, attendance at Virtual District and Conference Mission Studies, meeting Mission Today criteria and participating in Hands-on mission activities in our communities, our district, our conference, our nation and around the world. Participation in these mission activities has enhanced our lives as well as the lives of our neighbors.

All Conference events were held virtually in 2020 due to Covid-19; therefore, the collective response from hands-on projects through the districts are as follows:

UMCOR gifts delivered by District representatives	\$12,511.90
Project AGAPE gifts delivered by District representatives	\$ 8,104.00
Other District collections for Local and National Missions	\$ 5,155.00
TOTAL THROUGH DISTRICTS	\$25,770.90

The various districts gave supplies and monetary donations to the Bethlehem Centers as well to other organizations within the districts.

The Mission Response Center has kits and supplies that need inspection. Groups are needed to come to the Mission Response Center to assist with these inspections and packing of UMCOR kits and supplies for Project AGAPE in Armenia. Contact Brian Mateer via email to schedule your group: bmateer@wnccumc.org

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support of projects that benefit and empower women, youth and children!

Linda Greer, Mission Coordinator of Education and Interpretation

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- Travel expenses
- Meal expenses:
 - Friday and Saturday — breakfast and dinner
 - Sunday — breakfast

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Assembly 2022
Turn It Up!
Orlando Convention Center
Orlando, Florida
May 20 - 22, 2022
(With pre-conference events May 19)



United Methodist Women assemble every four years to celebrate, to lift up, to learn, and to return to their communities better equipped for mission.

United Methodist Women Assembly 2022 is a time for fellowship, it is also an opportunity to empower faithful women to be stronger discipleship leaders in their communities. Now more than ever, women need to come together to reflect on today's challenges and find comfort and strength to move forward finding ways for faith-filled women to make a difference in the world. At Assembly 2022 we will TURN IT UP for spiritual healing and renewal. We will TURN IT UP for rebirth in a new time. We will TURN IT UP for women leaders. We will TURN IT UP for justice for women, children and youth.

It is an exciting experience to be part of this large gathering of United Methodist Women. Make plans to join us in Orlando!

Learn more about
Assembly 2022 at:
www.assembly2022.org

Look there for:

Registration Information
Assembly Schedule
Worship & Experience Hall
Pre-conference Events
Promotional Resources to
share with your local unit
YouTube Videos...And More!

Travel Information for the Western North Carolina Conference



Chartered Bus Trip:
Orlando...Turn It Up!
May 17 - May 23, 2022

Mark your calendar and plan to go with us!
Exciting Details and Reservation Form on the Reverse!!

Registration for Assembly 2022

Register for the Assembly ONLINE at www.assembly2022.org. The Assembly 2022 registration fee is \$330.00 per person if you register ONLINE on or before November 30, 2021. After that date, the registration fee goes up. Register early to take advantage of the discount! **Please know that proof of vaccination and/or wearing a mask may be required to attend Assembly.** If you need assistance with online registration, contact Lynne Gilbert (336-207-3479) or Sara Williams (336-469-1344). Note: Two lunches (Friday and Saturday) are included in the Assembly registration fee.



Orlando Hotel Reservations - Non-Bus Passengers

We have arranged a protected block of rooms for Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women at the Rosen Plaza Hotel next door to the Orlando Convention Center. The room rate is \$178.00 (including tax) per night, plus a one-time \$7.00 handling fee.

Persons not travelling on the bus trip should contact Lynne Gilbert (336-207-3479) or Sara Williams (336-469-1344) to reserve rooms in our Western North Carolina block. **DO NOT contact the Rosen Plaza Hotel.** Reservations for these block rooms must be made by November 10, 2021, and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$185.00 per room. The balance for remaining room charges will be due by February 15, 2022. Checks should be made payable to Treasurer, WNCC-UMW. Mail payments to Lynne Gilbert, PO Box 4523, Greensboro, NC 27404-4523.

Watch for Additional Information on our Conference Website
(Bus trip information and the reservation form are available on the website)
Web Address: www.wnccumw.org

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WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
ORLANDO...TURN IT UP!

BUS TRIP RESERVATION FORM

Bus Departure Date: **Tuesday, May 17, 2022**
 Bus Return Date: **Monday, May 23, 2022**



BUS TRIP ITINERARY: (Deluxe Chartered Bus Transportation by HOLIDAY TOURS)

Tues., May 17	Morning departures from pick-up points across the conference; Lunch on the road; Dinner and overnight in Savannah, Georgia.
Wed., May 18	Early afternoon arrival at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, FL. Lunch on the road; Dinner on your own.
Thurs., May 19	On your own in Orlando. You might choose to pre-register & participate in the Ubuntu Day of Service (See Assembly registration information). Check in at the Assembly Registration desks.
Fri., May 20	Opening Community Gathering is expected to be at 9:00am. Workshops and the Experience Hall will fill your day, with another Community Gathering in the evening.
Sun., May 22	Meeting ends around 12:00 Noon; Departure immediately following meeting conclusion; Lunch on the road; Dinner & overnight in Savannah, Georgia.
Mon., May 23	Return home to pick-up points across the Western NC Conference

Bus Package Prices (Per Person)	
\$ 1,180	Double Room
\$ 990	Triple Room
\$ 900	Quad Room
\$ 1,740	Single Room

The bus trip package price includes: Deluxe bus transportation provided by Holiday Tours, six nights lodging (Tuesday night May 17th thru Sunday night May 22nd), certain meals while traveling (4 lunches, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts). **Important note: The trip price includes 4 hotel nights in Orlando during the Assembly at the Rosen Plaza Hotel and 2 hotel nights while traveling at the Holiday Inn Express Savannah Historic District. Passengers do not need to make any separate hotel reservations. ALL nights are included in the bus package price.**

The bus trip package price **DOES NOT** include the Assembly Registration Fee. **Register for the Assembly ONLINE at www.assembly2022.org.** The Assembly 2022 registration fee is \$330.00 per person if you register ONLINE on or before November 30, 2021. After that date, the registration fee goes up \$30. Register early to take advantage of the discount! If you need assistance with online registration, contact Lynne Gilbert or Sara Williams for assistance. Note: Two lunches are included in the Assembly registration fee. Links to Assembly online registration & other information are also available on our website at: www.wnccumw.org.

COVID-19 Information: We will be following COVID-19 safety protocols, as will Holiday Tours. **Proof of vaccinations** will be required to travel on the bus and **must be submitted with your reservation on our COVID-19 Information form.**

Complete and return the form below, along with a \$500 deposit, by November 10, 2021.

(A separate form and \$500 deposit is required for each person making a reservation.)

Make your reservations early! Bus reservations will be accepted in the order they are received until seating capacity is reached.

Payment of the balance will be due by February 15, 2022.

There will be no refunds for cancellations after March 15, 2022 (unless it becomes necessary for WNCC-UMW to cancel the trip).

TOUR COORDINATORS: Questions? Contact one of the tour coordinators.	Lynne Gilbert	(C) 336-207-3479	lynnegilbert2@gmail.com
	Sara Williams	(C) 336-469-1344	saramwilliams6@gmail.com

Name (For Nametag): _____ Home Phone #: _____
Please Print Clearly

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Lodging for Tuesday Night, May 17th thru Sunday Night, May 22nd. (Please check one, and fill in roommates as appropriate)

- Double Room \$ 1,180.00/person **Make \$500 deposit check payable to: Treasurer, WNCC-UMW**
- Triple Room \$ 990.00/person Roommate(s): _____ Please send all
- Quad Room \$ 900.00/person _____ roommate forms
- Single Room \$ 1,740.00/person _____ together.

Mail this form and your deposit check to: Lynne Gilbert, PO Box 4523, Greensboro, NC 27404-4523

Complete and return this form no later than November 10, 2021.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
Assembly 2022 / Orlando ... Turn It Up!
May 17-23, 2022**

RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR BUS TRIP RESERVATION

COVID-19 & INDEMNIFICATION INFORMATION

NAME (Please Print) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Home: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____ Other: _____

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Commitment / Covenant for all Passengers: I covenant and agree to the following with regard to travel to Orlando on the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women Assembly bus trip:

- I am providing a valid copy of my COVID-19 vaccination record.
- I will not travel if I have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to departure. I will not travel if I have had a fever of 100.4 or more in the last 48 hours prior to departure, or if I am experiencing cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, loss of taste or smell in last 14 days, or vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours.
- I will check my temperature within 24 hours of departure and I will not travel unless it is below 100.4 degrees.

Indemnification: I understand that I am travelling at my own risk. I agree to release, indemnify, hold harmless, and covenant not to sue Lynne Gilbert, Sara Williams, or Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women and its agents, volunteers, representatives, or any other person involved either directly or indirectly, from all claims, suits, expenses, attorney fees and demands of any nature (including negligence) caused by, deriving from, or associated with my travel. I make these covenants, release and waivers knowingly and voluntarily. It is further understood and agreed that this travel assumption of risk, release and indemnity agreement is to be binding on my heirs and assigns and I am signing of my own free will.

Holiday Tours Protocols for Infectious Diseases: *On behalf of all passengers, the Group Leader/Lessee recognizes and acknowledges that there are certain inherent risks associated with infectious diseases, including COVID-19, and accepts full responsibility for personal injury to themselves or others in their party. Group Leader/Lessee understands and agrees that if, after boarding, or even if a Passenger has fully complied with all wellness policies and procedures, if a Passenger tests positive for an infectious disease or exhibits signs or symptoms, Holiday may remove said passenger, refuse reboarding, and remove the Passenger as well as members of the Passenger's travelling party, or take other steps which Holiday determines, in its sole discretion, are necessary under the circumstances to protect the health and well-being of others. Each such Passenger is responsible for all other related costs and fines, including without limitation travel expenses. Under no circumstance shall Holiday be liable to any such Passenger for any costs, damages, or expenses whatsoever incurred by any Passengers.*

Check this box:

A valid copy of my COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (CDC Official Card) is attached to this form.
(Copies of vaccination card and all other health information will be kept confidential and destroyed following our trip.)

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Return this with your reservation form to: Lynne Gilbert, PO Box 4523, Greensboro, NC 27404-4523