

# Newsletter

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## For Local Unit Officers—All Districts

**November 20, 2021—10:00 AM**

In our efforts to care for the safety and well being of all of our members, we have planned a **virtual All District Leader Development Day for Local Unit Officers, Circle Chairs, and other leaders for 2021**. You can get complete information about Leader Development plans for ALL EIGHT districts at :

[www.wnccumw.org/districts/iddlocalunitofficers2021](http://www.wnccumw.org/districts/iddlocalunitofficers2021)

Using **Zoom Meeting**, we will have a brief gathering time with all eight districts together, and then divide into breakout Zoom Meeting rooms by District. Handouts by District should be available below by November 10th.

**Registration is required** for these free Zoom meetings, and **registration is open at the link above Register TODAY!**



## President's Note

Greetings Catawba Valley District Women:

We are moving into the 4th quarter as we feel the cooler temperatures of the Autumn Season. I hope you are enjoying October as much as I am.

Our conference will be having Leadership Training for all District Officers. Using zoom technology this will be happening on October 23rd. and it will be as we did last year: we will start out with all districts coming in together for initial meeting, then breakout space that will give us a chance to meet as our District. Treasurers will have their own group within our section. Then in November, the District team will have training for all of you. This will happen on November 20th. All very involved, and I hope you will come and learn as a team.

Wash your hands, wear a mask, and distance from others is the continuing story, unfortunately. As Ecclesiastes tells us "there is nothing new under the sun". So in my church, we had to go back to what we did last April, May etc. My pastor does a recorded sermon to view on the computer. We had a brief time of getting back together, but an increase in covid cases put a stop to that!!

Continue to do the important Mission work of the United Methodist Women and I pray you stay safe until we can meet together again.

Ever Hopeful, Janet Bjork-Colton

President - Catawba Valley District

P.S. Always remember to check the conference website frequently. You will find a treasure trove of information there on all things Methodist Women and more. The site is: [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org)

## United Methodist Women 2021-2022 Reading Program

The **Reading Program** is a cherished United Methodist Women tradition that brings together members in mission as they explore, share and discuss the books.

To participate, select one of our four plans and start reading! From captivating novels and heartfelt biographies to urgent messages about issues such as climate change and mass incarceration, there's something for everyone.

Reading Program books are divided into five categories and are available for people of all ages and reading levels. As you read, track your progress using the Reporting Form. When you submit the Report of Completion Requirements, you will be recognized with a Certificate of Recognition.

Earning your Certificate of Recognition is just one way to show what you've gained from the Reading Program. The Reading Program is not meant to be completed alone or in a vacuum. As you read, consider taking one or more of the following actions:

### **Track Your Progress**

Share the program with United Methodist Women members and members of the community.

Help people attain books. Distribute this guide.

Connect with local and district groups. Start a book club, download books onto an e-reader to pass around and share, present book reviews at group meetings.

Display a progress chart in your church for all who wish to participate, and post displays to encourage book sales.

Pray. Books often raise concerns about people, countries and issues. Bring these concerns to God during your prayer time at home and at group meetings.

Advocate for tangible change. Many Reading Program books address issues such as climate change, mass incarceration, immigration and racism. Organize a task force to address these issues in your community.

God bless you as you pray, study, act and organize in Christ's name.

### **Where to Find Books**

You might notice that books in this publication are not listed with stock numbers; nor will you find the usual order form and shipping information. For the first time, this year United Methodist Women members will obtain Reading Program books exclusively through third parties—libraries, local bookstores and online. Think of this resource not as a catalog, as in past years, but as a guide.

Although Amazon is always a convenient option, please consider obtaining Reading Program books through:

School and public libraries

Local independent bookstores

Franchises of larger bookstore chains

As always, most Reading Program books can also be found for reading electronically on your Kindle, tablet or other devices. For e-books free of charge, check your local library, Google eBookstore, Project Gutenberg or Open Library.

READING PROGRAM CONTINUED...

If you do order books through Amazon, please remember to visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon's charitable giving page, and select "United Methodist Women" as your charitable organization. For all eligible purchases made on [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon will donate 0.5% to United Methodist Women.

**Children and Youth Books**

As in the past, this year's Reading Program includes books for readers of all ages. Books that would formerly have been listed under "Children" and "Youth" are now distributed among the remaining categories. Look for the line "Suitable for children" or "Suitable for youth" when selecting books to read.

**Bonus Books**

As always, Bonus Books count as two books. This year, Bonus Books are also the current mission studies, providing even more of an incentive to select these books as part of your Reading Program plan. To purchase United Methodist Women mission studies, go to: [umwmissionresources.org](https://umwmissionresources.org).

**Contact the Reading Program Specialist**

Andris Salter administrates the program and welcomes book recommendations, as well as questions and suggestions about the reading program. She has updated the Reading List since its initial publication. To see the updated book list go to:

[Unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram](https://Unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram)

You can find links to reading lists, requirements, and much more here on the website. You can also Read the updated Reading Program letter from Andris Salter:

e-mail:

[asalter@unitedmethodistwomen.org](mailto:asalter@unitedmethodistwomen.org)

phone: 212-870-3733

When suggesting a book please include the title, author, publisher, date of publication and price.

**Anita Fox**

**Program Resources**



## Catawba Valley District Treasurer's Report

### 3rd Quarter 2021 Giving

Dear Unit Treasurers and Members:

Following is a record of giving through the 3rd Quarter of 2021

Pledge 33137

SMRs 983

GTM's 1638

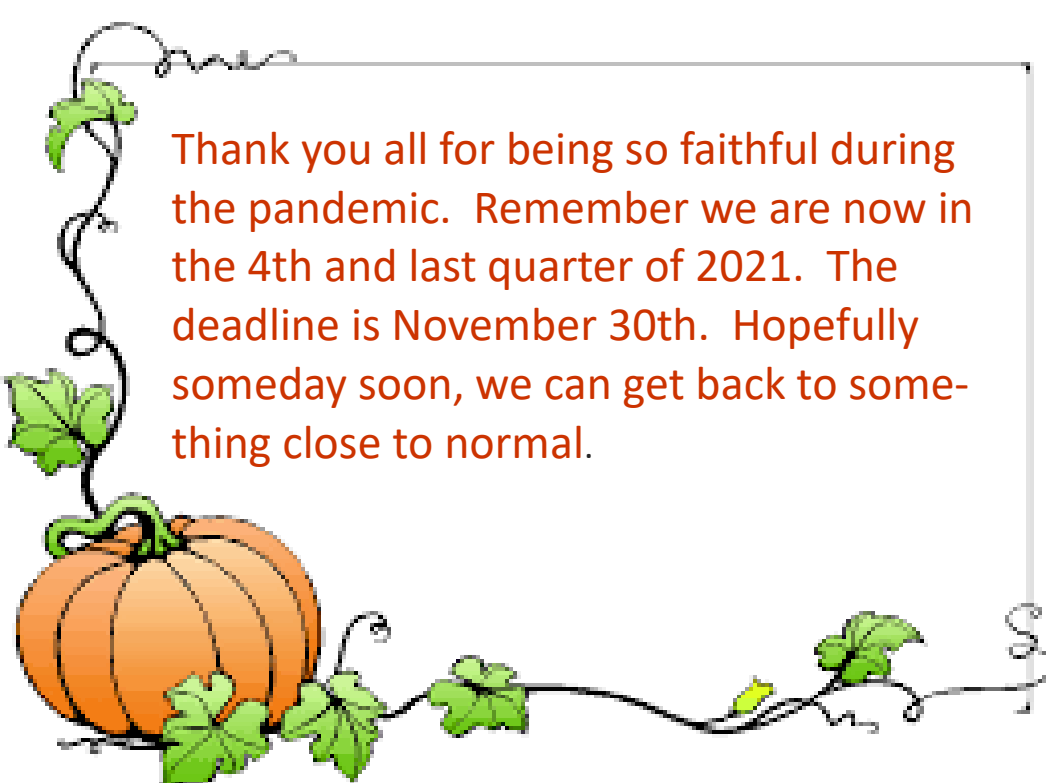
GIMs 1135

WTO 677

Walk for Mission 35

Our total undesignated giving for this year is only \$37654 which is only about 1/2 of our total pledge of \$80,000. Can we get there? Our total Designated Giving is \$5959.

**Joan Jones, Treasurer**



Thank you all for being so faithful during the pandemic. Remember we are now in the 4th and last quarter of 2021. The deadline is November 30th. Hopefully someday soon, we can get back to something close to normal.

#### Editor's Note

Our beloved CVD treasurer Joan Jones will be "retiring" from her position at the end of the year.

Joan has been an outstanding treasurer and a great friend to all of us.

We are going to miss her very much, but wish her all the best.

Happy Retirement and Many Blessings, Joan!

CVD District Team



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

**TURN IT UP!** for spiritual healing and renewal

**TURN IT UP!** for rebirth in a new time

**TURN IT UP!** for women leaders

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

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

Did you know that the conference has some scholarships for first time Assembly attendees?? For more information about "all things assembly" visit:

<https://assembly2022.org/>



## Nominations Committee Message



We all know that 2021 has been a year of uncertainty and loss for so many families and friends. We thank God for his grace and mercy who helped all of us cope in ways that we have never experienced before, and some are still experiencing loss.

With things gradually getting back to normal we are able to get together as a body of Christ believers to do the work of United Methodist Women. We are all called to be the hands and feet of Jesus. In John 13:14-16, he set the example of what a servant's duties are, and with that being said we hope that you would find it in your hearts to step in a new and different way. We know that there are unique talents and gifts you would love to share with the District Team. Please don't think that you have nothing to share, God has given us all something, maybe you are just the person we need.

You will not be alone in whatever office you choose to participate in on the team. TEAM for us is working together until everyone feels comfortable in doing the work of United Methodist Women. Thankfully we have filled both the Secretary and the Treasurer positions for 2022, but we still have the following positions vacant, one is calling your name: Vice President, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Social Action Coordinator, Membership Nurture and Outreach, Mission Education and Interpretation Coordinator, Historian, Nominations for Burke County, Nominations for Catawba County. Please don't let it cross your mind that you can't offer anything. Please be in prayer and if you or someone know wants to be of service, contact one of the people listed below. Thank You,

Patricia Withrow, Nominations Chair

### Contact Information for Nominations Team:

Patricia Withrow	patriciawithrow@yahoo.com	or 704-477-9738
Linda Reep	lindareep@charter.net	
Connie Chambers	conniechambers77@yahoo.com	
Vickie Boyd	vwboyd@bellsouth.net	

### Editor's Note

The members of the Catawba Valley District Team will surely miss Patricia Withrow and Connie Chambers going forward into 2022. Their church is being moved to another district. We wish them all the best.

In the love of Christ,  
CVD Team Members

Current Catawba Valley District UMW Officer Team - 2021			
Office	Name	Email	Phone
President	Janet Bjork Colton	jntcltn61@gmail.com	828-205-4157
Vice President	OPEN		
Secretary	OPEN		
MNO	OPEN		
Treasurer	Joan Jones	Joanj7013@gmail.com	828-438-1931
Social Action	OPEN		
Communications Coordinator	Gwen Perkins	cvdcomm@gmail.com	704-300-9553
Spiritual Growth Coordinator	OPEN		
Mission Education & Inter-	OPEN		
Parliamentarian	Dorothy Harris	Harris_dl@bellsouth.net	704-827-0163
Historian	OPEN		
Nominating Chair	Patricia Withrow	patriciawithrow@yahoo.com	704-477-9738
Program Resources	Anita Fox	Taco582001@yahoo.com	828-390-6349
Nominations - Burke	OPEN		
Nominations - Catawba	OPEN		
Nominations - Cleveland	Connie Jackson	Conniechambers77@yahoo.com	704-418-4769
Nominations - Gaston	Vicki Boyd	vwboyd@bellsouth.net	704-922-3241
Nominations - Lincoln	Linda Reep	lindareep@charter.net	704-276-2150
Conference Liaison	Nancy Reigel	Nancy@reigelridge.com	828-268-0637

*Congratulations*



**To our 2 newest District Officers Effective in 2022**

CVD Secretary: **KIM ARROWOOD**

Email: Kimarrowood@live.com

CVD Treasurer: **GAYE DAGENHART**

Email: gpd719@hotmail.com



# ASSEMBLY 2022: **Turn It UP!**

## May 20 - 22, 2022 - Orlando, Florida

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)**

<b>Tues., May 17</b>	Morning departures from pick-up points across the conference; Lunch on the road; Dinner and overnight in Savannah, Georgia.
<b>Wed., May 18</b>	Early afternoon arrival at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, FL. Lunch on the road; Dinner on your own.
<b>Thurs., May 19</b>	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.
<b>Fri., May 20</b>	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.
<b>Sun., May 22</b>	Meeting ends around 12:00 Noon; Departure immediately following meeting conclusion; Lunch on the road; Dinner & overnight in Savannah, Georgia.
<b>Mon., May 23</b>	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](http://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](http://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).

<b>TOUR COORDINATORS:</b> 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.**

# 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.wnccumw.org)**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

We will be following COVID-19 health safety protocols, as will Holiday Tours. **Proof of vaccinations is required to travel on the bus and must be submitted with your Bus Trip Reservation Form by November 10, 2021. If booster vaccination guidelines are announced, proof of booster vaccinations will also be required.**

**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**