

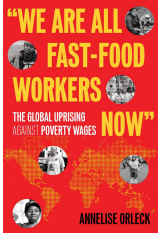


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# NORTHERN PIEDMONT DISTRICT United Methodist Women QUARTERLY NEWS

FOURTH QUARTER 2021

## Upcoming Book Study on Economic Inequality



### Did you know?

- By 2014, 71% of American workers earned less than \$50,000 a year, and 38% earned less than \$20,000 a year.
- Since 2008, the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans have seen incomes increase by 31.4%, while everyone else's grew by less than half a percent.
- By 2016, the wealthiest 62 people on Earth controlled as much wealth as 3.8 billion people.

And that hardly scratches the surface of shocking statistics on this subject. The fact that many have had their hours cut or lost their jobs during the pandemic, and many small businesses have struggled and been forced to close, while the richest corporations are gaining by leaps and bounds, has just deepened the severe economic divide between the ultra-wealthy and average people.

If you're intrigued to learn more, please attend one or both sessions of my upcoming book study on *We Are All Fast-Food Workers Now: the Global Uprising Against Poverty Wages* by Annelise Orleck. We'll meet two Saturdays, Oct. 30 and Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

We'll discuss poverty wages in the U.S. and globally, fast fashion and agricultural work. **Though reading the book before the study may be helpful, it is not required.** We will examine the topics at hand primarily through stories of real workers. This study will balance realism and ambition, addressing serious, urgent issues but also celebrating progress and providing hope for real change. Hope to see you there! You can also call and listen in. **See pg. 6 to contact me or any officer for assistance.**



Lily Pierce  
District Communications

## Leadership Development Day 2021 (AKA Local Unit Officers Training)

The Conference will host a Leader Development Day for all eight districts Nov. 20, starting at 10 a.m. via Zoom Meeting. We will have a brief gathering time with all districts then divide into break-out rooms by district. Please join us for tips, updates, helpful resources & more on the various UMW offices. Visit [wnccumw.org/districts/lddlocalunitofficers2021](http://wnccumw.org/districts/lddlocalunitofficers2021) to register and find hand-outs.

**FYI**

Every link in this newsletter is clickable from the PDF version!



### Upcoming Events

Date TBA	Ubuntu Day; learn more at <a href="http://wnccumw.org/events/ubuntu-day-of-service-2021">wnccumw.org/events/ubuntu-day-of-service-2021</a>
Oct. 30 & Nov. 6	Book Study (details above) Register: <a href="https://bit.ly/npbookstudy2021">https://bit.ly/npbookstudy2021</a>
Nov. 20	Leadership Development Day (details above) Register: <a href="https://bit.ly/lddlocal2021">https://bit.ly/lddlocal2021</a>



All are invited,  
men and women

### An Evening with Clara Ester

Thursday, October 21, 2021  
7:00pm, via Zoom  
For more information visit:  
[www.christgreensboro.org/umw](http://www.christgreensboro.org/umw)

Assembly 2022 info:  
[wnccumw.org/assembly2022](http://wnccumw.org/assembly2022)

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# Celebrating Our Success With Local Mission in 2021

Thanks for your outstanding response to our "Step Up & Reach Out" campaign!

*Please send your mission stories and/or photos to Lily Pierce (pg. 6).*



On the left of the 1st and 2nd rows, Archdale UMW ladies pose with items for Carl & Linda Grubb YMCA and Leslie's House. In the middle of the first row, a Hinshaw UMW member poses with sewing materials collected by her unit. In the upper right corner, St. Matthews UMW members pose with school kits for the Hayes Taylor YMCA. To the right on the 2nd row, Gideon Grove UMW members pose with sewing materials collected by their unit. All other pictures show items donated by other units and delivered to "Step Up & Reach Out" locations.

## Continuing to Persevere

Ladies, when I wrote my message for the last newsletter, we were beginning to talk about things returning to “normal.” Then came the Delta variant of the COVID virus, and now, **here we are, still social distancing and holding virtual Conference and District events. But I am so proud of us, United Methodist Women of the Northern Piedmont!** Some units are holding meetings and events in person, many are keeping up with their hands-on missions in the community, and every penny you’ve sent to our District treasurer is designated to the work of Mission. Ever the resilient organization, UMW continues to work for Christ, putting faith, hope and love in to action for women, children and youth.

I am so grateful to all of you who joined us for our District Annual Celebration over Zoom again this year. We had another successful meeting with good attendance and wonderful messages by the three Deaconesses in our District. Our sincere thanks go to Renee Hayes, Eloise Moore and Ruth Williamson. The District’s 2022 Pledge to Mission and our budget for 2022 were both approved, and the District officers were elected and installed. This District team is ready and willing to continue in the service of Christ alongside each of you. I’m asking each of you to help us all continue to stay connected in as many ways as possible.

### Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events:

- UBUNTU Day of Service, TBA
- NP District Online Book Study, *We Are All Fast Food Workers Now*, October 30 and November 6, via Zoom
- NP District UMW Leadership Training, November 20, via Zoom

More information about these events can be found on the front page of this newsletter.

Your support and prayers have sustained this District throughout this year. We have much work to do in front of us. **As the District team takes up the work of planning for the coming year, let us hear from you.** We know the world is changing around us and UMW is changing with it. We want to enhance what is good and fix whatever is not working. Share with us your views and visions, your goals and your dreams. Your voices are so important and we need to listen. Our contact information is in this newsletter. **And presidents, please send in your year-end reports for 2021 by December 15th.** We want to celebrate your successes, too.

Ladies, we have our work laid out for us. As women of God, we are up to the challenge, in this age of COVID-19 pandemic and in every age. Thanks be to God.

Blessings,  
Sandrea Williamson  
District President



## We Serve Because We Know God

Greetings, sisters! **I have only one message for you: thank you for serving!** It has been a challenging year. We often think of serving as having a leadership role. Well, I would like to share a unique perspective...

It was that time of year when our unit needed to decide to have our regular Prayer Breakfast. The date we had decided upon was quickly approaching. A group of us decided to persevere. On the day of the Prayer Breakfast (a crisp November Saturday morning) people did come.

Breakfast casseroles were on the table, and I was ready to preside. I turned and glanced down the hallway of our fellowship hall, and three women were being led by a little boy carrying the long-awaited quiche.

Upon entry into the fellowship hall, the most elderly woman of the three new arrivals greeted her friend, who was already in attendance, with non-verbal communication-- a smile. Her friend responded in-kind.

The non-verbal language was meant just for them. Both women had served for many, many years; some years in leadership and some years not. Both served with deep humility. Both women felt strongly about their service as United Methodist Women at Celia Phelps Memorial United Methodist Church. Both women served as women who knew God.

**As women who know God, we serve *because* we know God and not because of the position we may or may not currently hold.**

Continue to serve as God leads you. Enjoy the new season upon us.

Blessings,  
Brenda Steadman  
District Nom. Committee Chair







## A Bittersweet Goodbye



Greetings to all of my UMW sisters! This is the last newsletter article that I shall write as your District Treasurer and it is bittersweet. **I have enjoyed serving in this capacity and am extremely proud that I served in the Northern Piedmont District. I want to thank you for all the support you have shown me for the past six years. Your support has meant a lot to me and I ask that you give that same support to the incoming new treasurer – Connie Holland.**

We are in our last Mission Giving quarter for the 2021 year. **As of the end of the third quarter, we had met only \$42,031.45 of our \$100,000 Pledge to Mission.** This means we need to have an outstanding fourth quarter to meet our pledge. Even though the last two years have been very challenging, we must admit that we are still richly blessed and one way we can pass on our blessings to someone less fortunate is to give a little extra of our time and money.

If your unit has not yet met the goal of giving in all five channels this year, please try to do this during this fourth quarter. I would love to see 100% of our units achieve this goal. Remember, it only takes a \$5 donation in each channel to achieve this.

**Please register and attend our District Leadership Development Day which will be held via Zoom on November 20th. A breakout session, just for treasurers, will be offered.** Everything you need to know about the record keeping for your local unit will be reviewed. Returning treasurers, please register online and attend to share your insights and helpful tips as well as to meet your new treasurer. All treasurers, new and returning, please bring your questions, suggestions, and concerns.

Grace and peace,  
Margaret Hepler  
District Treasurer



## Thankful for Awesome Virtual Events in 2021

As I'm sure you have also, I have thought that by this time of the year we would be planning our last events to take place in one of our beautiful sanctuaries, but it is not yet to be. **I do, however, want to thank the many United Methodist Women who have joined us throughout our 2021 events and meetings via Zoom. All of our events have been so well received and attended that we are especially grateful to all of you!**

At our Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat on June 18 and 19, we were joined by 400 members on both days to hear Rev. Lisa Beth White from Tabernacle UMC, Blue Ridge District, talk to us about "what is weighing down our spirit," "how we might do things differently going forward" and "how we might make a new normal." In July, we were offered two Mission u Studies--*Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living Into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship* and *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools*. Reading these two books will give you credit in this year's UMW Reading Program and a better understanding of these topics.

In August, we celebrated our local unit and District achievements for 2021 during the NP District Celebration. We heard from Eloise Moore, Renee Hayes and Ruth Williamson, our Northern Piedmont District Deaconesses, on why they chose this path of service and their duties and assignments as they serve Christ and the church in our communities. Eloise and Renee were just commissioned at Annual Conference this year. We also welcomed new officers and approved the 2022 budget.

To finish off the events for this year, we will be providing training to all our unit officers, which will be prepared and provided by your counterparts on the District. Don't miss this opportunity if you are a new or existing officer at your church. **As always, information on the events and the registration link for the upcoming training can be found at <https://wnccumw.org>.** You then can select District or Conference. You also will find recordings by selecting the specific event that you can watch if you missed one this year. All our speakers were exceptional as was the music. A good way to spend a rainy day!

God Bless you all and please do all you can to stay safe and protect others.  
God loves you and so do we!

Jean Carter  
District Vice President







## Step Up & Reach Out



### Local outreach programs

Let's donate some fall/winter supplies such as...

- Gloves
- Socks
- Hats
- Scarves
- Coats



### Room at the Inn

(shelter for pregnant women and their children), 734 Park Ave. Greensboro, 336-275-9566

- Gently used baby clothes
- Maternity clothes
- Adult shampoo & toiletries

### YWCA Family Shelter

1807 E. Wendover Ave. Greensboro, 336-333-0175

- New or like-new twin-sized comforters
- New pillows
- Bleach, hand soap & lotion
- Haircare products for people of color
- SERVE: Sign up to provide dinner to residents (call and speak to Deb)



**Castaways Thrift** (supports substance abuse programs for women), 727 Highway St. Suite A, Madison, 336-644-4185

- Gently used clothing, shoes & housewares
- Toys



**Sew Loved, Inc.** Wanda Hammock, 336-514-1166, Eden  
Call for details, location and times.

- SERVE: join them to sew lightweight ladies scarves
- DONATE clean, gently used men's button-up shirts to be converted to "classy" adult bibs



### Angel trees

Choose some angels from a local angel tree and brighten Christmas for a few families.



*Those that are new or whose needs have changed since the last newsletter are marked.*

### Do You Have Leftover Yarn?

I am collecting yarn, crochet hooks and knitting needles as well as sewing notions, sewing machines and material.

If you have items to donate, please contact me, and I will schedule a pickup.



#### Legacy Fund Information:

Visit our website at

[wncumw.org/legacyfund](http://wncumw.org/legacyfund)



## Remain in Mission!

**Question:** How does the Northern Piedmont District of United Methodist Women do a local Hands-on Mission project?

**Answer #1:** Prior to March 2020, we had in-person Prayer Breakfasts, District Celebrations, Mission Studies, etc. and were given a "theme" for items to collect. Ex: when we heard a presentation from Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies at the start of 2020, we gathered a mountain of baby supplies.

**Answer #2:** After March 2020, NO in-person events, so no collection of items. What now?

When the year's end came, it was time to complete the Mission tally sheets for the Conference. That form basically has three sections: UMCOR Missions, AGAPE Missions and an Events section. Perhaps needless to say, we had VERY LITTLE to report with no in-person events.

**For United Methodist Women, being in Mission is not a choice; it is the reason for our very existence.** Mission Studies, Prayer Breakfasts, District Celebrations, the Reading Program, etc. are all important. But they are meant to equip us, enable us and encourage us to BE IN MISSION. It is not a matter of IF, but a matter of HOW!

**So, about a year ago, I started cold-calling around the District to find local Mission opportunities:** food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, YMCAs, youth programs, women's programs. We began to list some of these needs in the newsletter along with addresses and phone numbers. Later, we named this section "Step Up & Reach Out." Any items donated and reported will be counted on our year-end tally sheet under Events (we'll count each newsletter as an event).

It's kinda funny how hard it is to get someone on the phone if they don't already know you. I guess we are all burned out from the assault of telemarketers daily. Trying to squeeze in "United Methodist Women" and "Do you need donations?" before they hang up is challenging, even for a talker like me.

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We need a District Social Action Coordinator for 2022. If you or someone you know can serve, contact Brenda Steadman.



## 2020 UNITED METHODIST WOMEN GODWINK MOMENTS:



Squire D. Rushnell, also known as SQUIRE Rushnell, is an American author, inspirational speaker, a former television executive who led *Good Morning America* to first place for the first time, and was a father of *Schoolhouse Rock* which shared 75 Emmy's with The ABC Afterschool Specials. His books in the *When God Winks* series have appeared on the New York Times bestseller list.

**God-wink** to some is a new word and it is another way to tell of the wonderful works of God; defined, "As an event or personal experience, often identified as coincidence, so astonishing that it is seen as a sign of divine intervention, especially when perceived as the answer to a prayer."

During year 2020 there were many coincidences, interventions, answered prayers and more. March 2020 changed all our lives so alternative ways to worship; execute rituals for weddings, baptisms, funerals were different. Impact from the pandemic reflected in our meetings, education experiences, work, the acquisition of the goods and services, entertainment and fitness, our dress, travel, health care, use of technology and more. United Methodist Women in the Northern Piedmont District should share God-wink moments to inspire humankind. Godwinks inspired transformations relative to our prayers and Bible study and isolation allowed us to rediscover the resilience, creativity, faith and resourcefulness within us that we were too busy to notice beforehand. Now is the time to pass on the helpful knowledge or experiences we lived in a poem, prose, short-story, testimonial, or other format. What a blessing these would be for our district and conference from its women of God.

**WHAT TO DO?** Each District-5 United Methodist Women president shall get an email. She and/or her designee would record a god-wink moment from a member or your unit, insert your name and church in the subject line then forward each Saturday to the next UMW president from a NPD alpha list attachment. This communication style is comparable to a chain letter and the responses would occur within 7 days after its receipt from the previous president. Why emails? ...electronic transmittals do not require postage, email reduces the need to paper copy or retain for record retention, and this exercise improves communication amongst district organizations sometimes not possible in 2020. The first UMW organization would receive this notification beginning **July 24** and the cycle ends **November 30, 2021**. Those without technology would mail their god-winks directly to me or Lily Pierce by Saturday October 2, 2021.

**Beginning July 24, Tag You Are It!** Reminder: when it's your turn process your moment and please keep the God-winks moving as scheduled. *Thanks, for sharing!*



## Remain in Mission! cont.

This week, I had a bit of a break-through which was SO nice. I have called this one place since last August, and it seemed I always got a short answer. But this time, we really connected and had a nice chat. I think she finally realizes I don't want anything from her, and in fact only want to discern the needs of her organization. YAY!

Slowly, slowly, I feel I am making connections. It takes time to build relationships, but it **so** worth the effort. Together, let's continue to grow the Step Up & Reach Out program by making those connections, by reaching out and by meeting the needs of folks in our own backyard.

**Remember to email me your donations and approximate value for record-keeping purposes, but most of all, remain in Mission!**

Peace!  
Rynn McGee-Pierce,  
District MEI



Send your  
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story to  
Albertina

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info on District  
events; contact Lily  
Pierce--pg. 6.

Though the due date mentioned here has passed, we'd still love to receive your stories.



## Our Purpose

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

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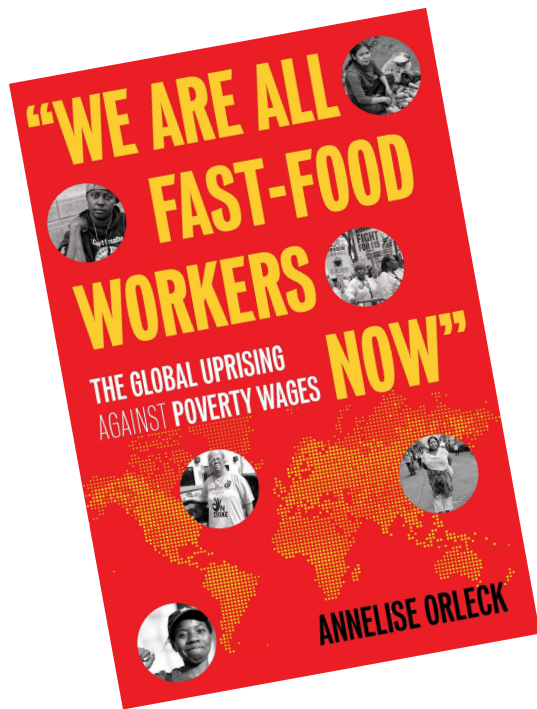


**UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)** provides cleaning, hygiene and school kits in response to disasters and other needs in the United States. They work with international partners to help them address needs in their countries. You can help them restock their kits by going to [umcor.org](http://umcor.org), hovering the mouse over "Serve" in the menu at the top, clicking "Relief Supply Network" and scrolling down to "Kit Assembly." From there, you can download instructions for each kit. You can also make a monetary donation to help buy supplies for kits by hovering over "Give." (Photo borrowed from website)



# Northern Piedmont District United Methodist Women

*presents...*



## A Book Study on ***We Are All Fast-Food Workers Now: The Global Uprising Against Poverty Wages***

**by Annelise Orleck**

**Oct. 30 & Nov. 6  
10 a.m. to 12 noon  
via Zoom**

**Register at <https://bit.ly/npbookstudy2021>**

Though reading the book before the study may be helpful, it is not required. We will examine the topics at hand primarily through stories of real workers. This study will balance realism and ambition, addressing serious, urgent issues but also celebrating progress and providing hope for real change.

### **Topics to be discussed:**

- Poverty wages in the U.S. and globally
- Fast fashion
- Agricultural work



Study leader Lily Pierce is active in the United Methodist Church and serves as Communications Coordinator for our district of United Methodist Women. She graduated from UNCG with a Bachelor of Arts in English in 2017. She has a disability called Friedreich's Ataxia. Lately, she enjoys video editing and being a plant mom.

# 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).

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