

Uwharrie District News



Western North Carolina Conference-United Methodist Women-4TH Quarter Newsletter, 2021



Autumn is a time when trees shed their leaves. The leaves change from green to red, orange, yellow or brown before falling. The weather gets colder and windier. It is known as sweater weather. Candles and pumpkins fill the air with the smells of cinnamon and pumpkin spice. You begin to feel the true beginning of this season as well as the joys of holiday that are approaching. I encourage you if able to take a walk in the morning and snap some pictures of the beautiful creation of God's works. I love the saying by Dodinsky "I hope I can be the autumn leaf, who looked at the sky and lived. And when it was time to leave, gracefully it knew life was a gift."

I wanted to remind you that our local training will be on November 20th at 10:00 AM by Zoom. Whether you are new or "seasoned", we encourage you to attend. We will have a brief gathering time followed by break-out rooms by district. Please join us for tips, updates, helpful resources and more on the various roles of UMW local officers. If you feel that you would like to learn about a particular office that you might want to serve in that role in the future, we welcome you. *You must register at:*

<https://wncumw.org/districts/lddlocalunitofficers2021/Y>

There you will also find handouts that you can download and print.

Presidents, please make sure that you send me your end of the year reports by December the 15th. These forms were mailed to you when you received the Program Book, along with your certificates, back in August. They will also be posted online with the handouts used for training.

Many of you have been very busy this year and we want to celebrate your successes.

I want to say a special thank you to all the officers who have agreed to stay on for another year. Thank you to those that will be continuing in your role, those who have accepted new positions, and those who will be leaving. Thank you for your support and I look forward to serving you in 2022. Above all, thank you for all you do to help women, children, and youth around the world.

If you have any questions feel free to call, email or text me. I am still praying that by 2022 we will be able to meet and greet each other in person.

Your sister in Christ,
Cathy Ward Uwharrie President
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lward2004@triad.rr.com



Welcome to the new season of Fall! I hope everyone has stayed well and escaped Covid. Now with the flu season upon us, please get your flu vaccine to prevent getting the flu.

We had a large turnout for the District Annual Celebration & I thank all of you that attended. I hope all of you enjoyed Rev. Arnetta Beverly as much as I did! I have only received 3 evaluations and I would greatly appreciate each of you doing one and returning them to me. The evaluations are very helpful in planning for next year's celebration & we value your responses greatly. I have attached an evaluation form that you can complete and scan and email it to me or send it to the address on the evaluation form.

I would like to share some thoughts with you from a devotion by Rachel Wojo as we enter this Fall season:

Letting Your Leaves Fall



Autumn is a wonderful time to observe nature. As I watch the swirling leaves stirred by the wind, I am reminded that they display an important lesson for all of us to follow suit in a way. Just as the trees don't stubbornly hold on to their dead leaves, so we shouldn't hold on to any unnecessary weight in our lives. When we long to enter a new season, the old can easily inhibit the new if we allow it. God's Word reminds us to:

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

[Ephesians 4:31,32 \(NIV\)](#)

To get rid of negativity in our lives, we must first identify it. How can we do this?

- » By reading God's Word.
- » By allowing His Spirit to show us the necessary heart changes we need.
- » By being willing to shun practices such as bitterness and anger.
- » By asking God to help us let go of the guilt from the past.

Oh how the Lord longs to empower and strengthen us for the new season ahead! If we're not sure of the issues detaining a kind and compassionate spirit, He will show us when we ask. And if guilt from the past is preventing this beautiful new season, we have His promises like this one to remember:

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. [Isaiah 43:18,19 \(NIV\)](#)

What are you holding on to that is preventing a freshness to the season ahead? Could it be that the decayed leaves are piling up and your heart needs to discard them for good? If so, why not reach out to the Lord in prayer? He longs to hear from you. Ask Him to shine light on any thoughts, circumstances, habits or other “decayed leaves” you might be clinging to. As you watch the leaves fall this season, our prayer is that you are reminded to let go of anything that would hinder a fresh relationship with God.

Don’t forget the Local Officer Training that will be on zoom on Nov. 20th! We hope to see you all there, especially the new officers!!

Remember that your District Team is here to help you in any way that we can. If you would like a program please give us a call. We love to visit with our nurturing partners whether it is on zoom or in person.

Peace & blessings,
Sarah Lee, Vice President
Uwharrie District Team



\$\$\$ Notes from the Treasurer

Well, I thought this would be my last year as District Treasurer, but apparently God had a different plan than I did. So, I will be staying on for one more year.

Our Q3 remittance was sent to Conference in early September. Year-to-date, we have paid \$28,540.97 against our \$51,500 Pledge to Mission so far, which is 55%. This is down from prior years at this point, but the pandemic is not over yet, so this is no surprise. And, some units still haven’t resumed meeting yet. Year-to-date Mission giving paid to Western North Carolina Conference, including designated gifts is \$33,005.47. We have also paid \$1053.91 to National for Legacy Fund. Uwharrie District IS making a significant, positive impact for women, youth and children locally and around the world!

If your unit is still not meeting in person, you can give on-line on the WNCC UMW website. Click on the “GIVE NOW” link at the top line on the Home Page or use <https://wnccumw.org/online-mission-giving/>. These online gifts WILL be credited back to your Unit. Or, anyone can send a check directly to me towards their Unit’s giving. Just note your Unit on your check. (Of course, if your unit is meeting, you can still give through the normal quarterly remittance process.)

Also, remember that all 5 Channels count towards your Unit’s Pledge. So, Special Mission Recognition, Gifts to Mission, Gifts in Memory, World Thank Offering and even Walk for Missions donations count. If you need GTM/GIM cards, let me know.

Local Treasurers, we will have a breakout training session at the Uwharrie District Local Officers Training virtual event on November 20th, so please attend if you are able. As always, if you need anything from me or have any questions, please feel free to call, text, or email me.

Blessings,
Diane James, Uwharrie District Treasurer



Uwharrie District United Methodist Women
PO Box 521
Marshville NC 28103



Upcoming Events

October 23

WNCC LDD for District Officers

November 20

All District LDD for Local Officers/Leaders



CLIMATE INJUSTICE DURING STORMS

We have had historic flooding along the Gulf Coast this year, and it seems that flooding may be our future, along with a loss of livable land on the coast. After Katrina, New Orleans greatly improved its levee system which did indeed work this year to protect the city from horrible flooding. Other coastal places in Louisiana are often not protected by levees. Power, population and politics determine who gets levees.

East of New Orleans, the coastal areas are not usually protected by levees and are occupied by many people living below the poverty line. Flooding can be severe. Many poor people can't afford to put their houses on stilts as the ocean encroaches on their land, or rebuild quickly if they are flooded, even with FEMA's help. These poorer people often can't evacuate the area when a hurricane is approaching because they don't have transportation, or if they can get out, they can't pay for motel bills once they get to a safer place. So they stay put or go to a shelter.

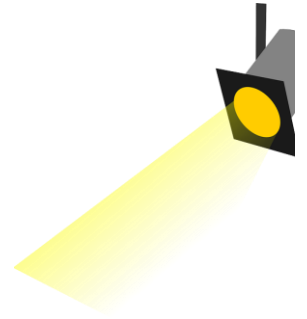
Hurricane Ida's strong winds up to 150 mph destroyed electric poles, lines, and in some places the whole electrical grid in these poorer areas. Outside of New Orleans and larger cities, power has been very slow to return, and it may be weeks more. Many of the poorer people can't afford generators, and those who do were paying \$80 a day for fuel to protect themselves from the depressive heat. Outlying clinics were hit hard, and many area schools have had to close indefinitely.

North Carolina, Tennessee, and up the NJ and NY coast have been flooded by Hurricanes Ida or Fred, but that is another story.

There may not be more hurricanes in number than before, but they are producing more rain over larger areas due to warming ocean currents and warmer overall temperatures. And as is often the case, the poorer people seem to suffer the most as they have fewer resources to cope and adjust. This indeed is Climate Injustice affecting our more vulnerable populations.

(Information from *Scientific American* and *NY TIMES*).

Helen Shore, Social Action Coordinator



Spotlight



UMM AGAPE UMCOR Donation Cleaning Kits 2021 Methodist men helping with the collection.

Picture was from Central Denton.



Cathy Ward and Vickie Brown delivering flood buckets and AGAPE supplies to Memorial UMC ,Thomasville.



Thank you for your service for giving of yourself to help others.

I have to say WOW, what a great Uwharrie Team I am part of. This is my first year as your MEI coordinator, I have learned so much but I have so much more to learn.

I just know God is smiling down on us and I know he is so proud of our dedication as we are United Women, we make a difference in today's world, we can make each other stronger Nationally Women, children and youth.

My first Ubuntu Day was a mission Trip to our Mission Response Center in Terrell NC. The day was so wonderful, I felt so fulfilled when I had completed my day. The opportunity is open to any of you that have other groups that would like to bring to work, there is a place to sign up and available dates on our UMC website: Mission Response Center volunteer sign up (brtapp.com). Or you can call Brian Mateer. 704-714-2340.

There is a photo on page 6 of our Methodist men that donated toward our Cleaning kit donation. We all appreciate the dedication of our Methodist Men and their support.

Our AGAPE Donation was a great Success. As of today, our total donation was \$2,984. Which was

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| 6 Cleaning kits | 9 Jeans |
| 20 Blankets | 4 Sweatshirts |
| 13 School Kits | 1 Jean jacket |
| 16 shirts | 1 Pajama set |
| 15 Hoodies | 4 Pair of shoes |

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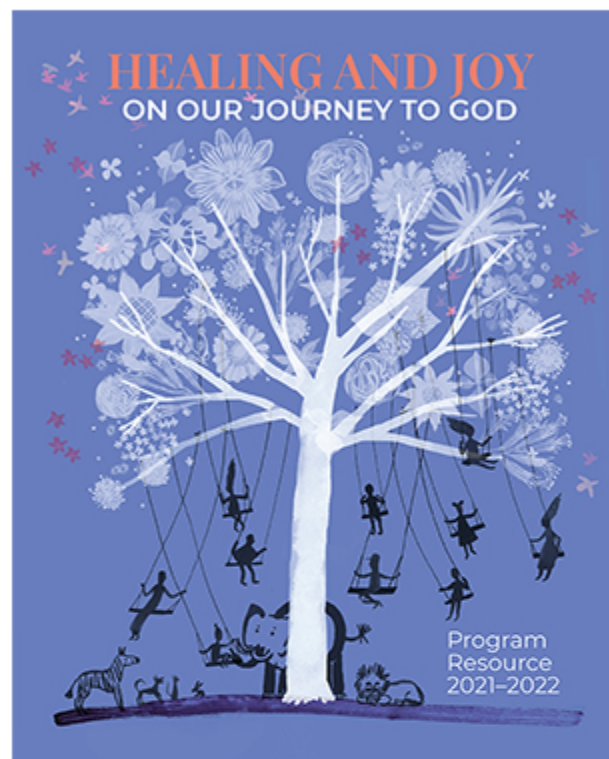
When we consider the lives of people who serve unselfishly, we can see that they gain more than they give. Matthew 25:34-40

Vickie Brown, Chair, Membership, Nurture and Outreach



Healing and Joy: On Our Journey to God

United Methodist Women Program Resource 2021-2022



The 2021–2022 Program Resource will focus on finding healing and joy in many areas of our lives, guided by those in the scriptures who felt a similar need to find healing and joy in the midst of transition and hardship.

Given the events of the last year, our first three months will focus on finding God's healing and joy in the midst of grief and loss—whether that's throwing big parties to celebrate returning to church like Nehemiah did, or quietly connecting with our ancestors' strength. The second quarter will delve into our mission commitments such as ending the school-to-prison pipeline and climate justice through our attention to just energy for all. The third quarter will explore finding healing and joy in our meaning-making

and search for personal growth, while the final quarter will focus on finding healing and joy as we move into the future, and consider how we will share the gospel of United Methodist Women's spiritual and justice work and discomfort ourselves with change to make great new things with God possible.

New This Year: This past year we have learned that we, the United Methodist Women, can be much more creative than we knew, so each session (now helpfully organized into four quarters by season) will have options for in-person or online gathering, and devotions and questions that are appropriate for personal study, sharing with one neighbor or friend, or for discussion in large groups. Ideas on how to "Take the Next Most Faithful Step" close each program, suggesting ways you can put the ideas discussed here into action right now.

 [Available through the e-store](#) (\$10.00)

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)

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| 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) | |
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| \$ 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).

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| 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.

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

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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

**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.

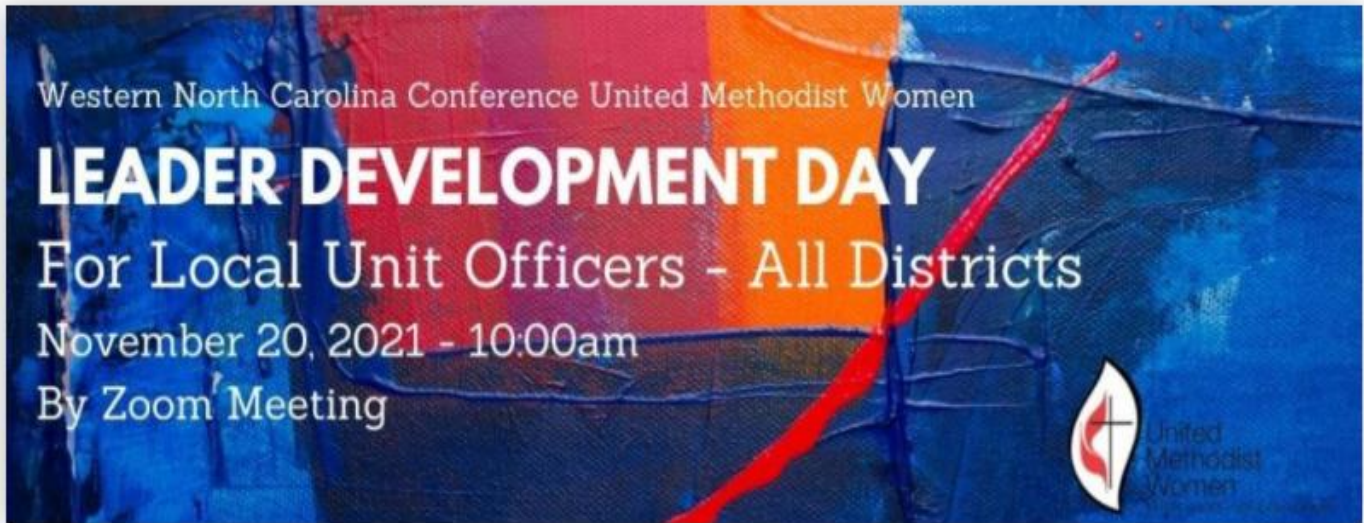
Holiday Tours Protocols for Infectious Diseases: *On behalf of all passengers, the Group Leader/Lessee recognizes and acknowledges that there are certain inherent risks associated with infectious diseases, including COVID-19, and accepts full responsibility for personal injury to themselves or others 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



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**. Mark this page as the place you can get complete information about Leader Development plans for ALL EIGHT districts. We all look forward to the day when we can again gather safely in person!

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**. **Just click on the Zoom Registration button below. Register TODAY!**

<https://wnccumw.org/districts/iddlocalunitofficers2021/Y>



The **PURPOSE** of United Methodist Women
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.

Committee on Nominations Report

2022 Elected Officers

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

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

Nominations Wanda Craven, St. Stephen, Class of 2023

Nominations Cheri Murray, First, Lexington Class of 2023

President Appointed

Historian, Cheri Barker

Parliamentarian, Donna Owens, St Stephens, Lexington

Legacy Fund Representative, Lissell Currie, Central Monroe

Conference Representative, Darlene Gardner