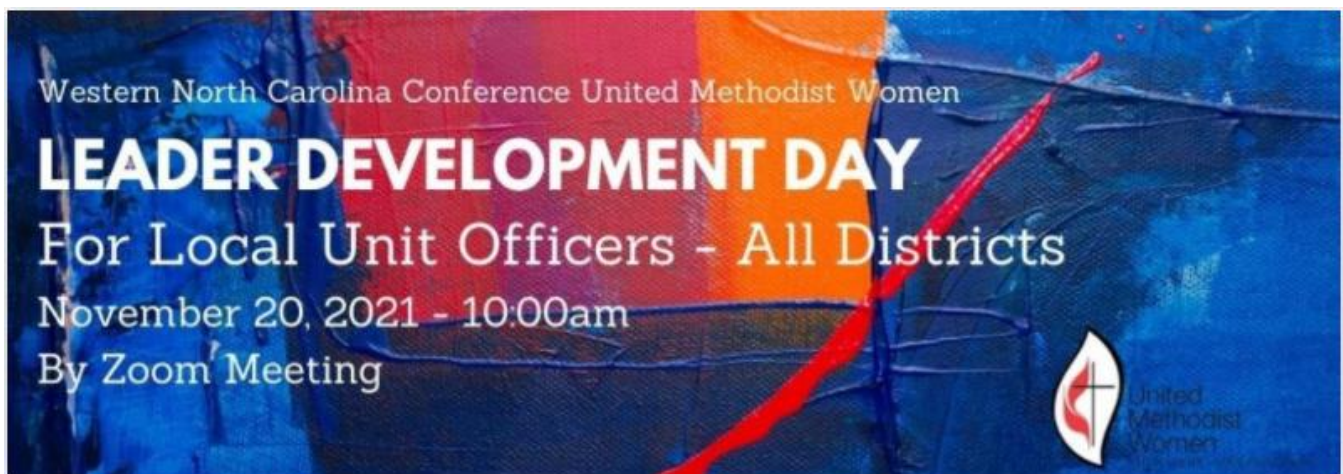




## Blue Ridge District Newsletter United Methodist Women

*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.*



In our efforts to care for the safety and well-being of all of our members, Conference has planned a **virtual All District Leader Development Day for Local Unit Officers, Circle Chairs, and other leaders for 2021**. Mark the LDD page at [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org) 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 on the Conference website by November 10th.

**Registration is required** for these free Zoom meetings, and **registration is open**.

**Just click on the Zoom Registration button at [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org). Register TODAY!**

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(New officers, officers taking a different position, or officers taking a new two-year term in **Bold**)

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**PLEASE ASK YOUR NURTURING PARTNER TO COME VISIT YOUR UNIT**

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## **A Message from Your President**

As the year enters its final two months, I want to reflect on a few things the Blue Ridge District United Methodist Women has accomplished in 2021 and remind you (and myself!) what still needs to be done.

When the year began, we were all excited by the possibility of a year not dominated by Covid-19. We were hoping to return to Lake Junaluska and Pfeiffer University for our Conference events and to hold all of our District events in person. Maybe next year!

The good news is that all Conference/District events *did* happen online, unlike last year when both the District prayer breakfast and mission study were canceled. Those not participating in online events are really missing out. They are carefully planned and very effectively executed.

The District started the year with three goals for our units, sending at least one Gift in Mission card with a member using any card she has on hand by sending \$5.00 to the unit treasurer and informing the recipient that the card is a Gift in Mission card. We'll have to wait until we receive the End of Year reports to know if we accomplished the goal.

A second goal was to establish the Blue Ridge District Book Club to study books from the United Methodist Women reading list. Under the leadership of Program Resources Secretary Jeannette Byrd and her committee we have accomplished this goal. They have planned three book studies, the first two of which have been excellent!

The third goal is to increase our pledge giving by \$5.00 per person. Again, we'll have to wait until year's end to see if that happened.

**MORE GOOD NEWS—WE STILL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS. OUR THIRD AND FINAL BOOK STUDY OCCURS ON NOVEMBER 6 (SEE JEANNETTE BYRD'S ARTICLE). UNITS CAN CONTRIBUTE PLEDGE MONIES UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER! IF YOU HAVEN'T SENT A CARD, YOU CAN DO IT TODAY.**

Make your pledge! Exceed your pledge! We all know that the pledge is the lifeblood of United Methodist Women. All of our ministries in this country and around the world depend on the pledge. Watch "Mission Giving A-Z with Barbara Campbell, Deaconess" (available on the Conference website by clicking on the Conference Annual Celebration link) to be inspired and learn what your pledge money is doing.

We've done a lot, but we still have time to do more!

**Gwen Harris, President**



## **Vice President**

I hope you are enjoying the beauty of the changing seasons. I am enjoying these cooler days and the changing of the tree and plant colors. God is the ultimate artist.

As we prepare for fall, we know that a new year is approaching. Perhaps you will have a new role in your United Methodist Women in 2022. You may be continuing in your present office. Regardless of what part you play in your organization for the coming year, you can benefit from attending the All-District Leadership Development Day for Local Officers and Leaders. Our meeting will be held via ZOOM. We will meet with others from across our conference for part of the meeting and then break off into our own district "rooms" for the last part of our meeting. Each of our district officers will have a presentation and our own Jo Pyatt will be presenting a short program related to Racial Justice.

Please plan on joining us for the Leadership Development Day on Saturday, November 20, at 10:00 a.m. We look forward to a good meeting together that will be helpful to everyone attending. Pre-register on the conference website [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org). Hope to see you there.

Blessings to all,

**Lucy Earls, Vice President**

## **Secretary**

What days we have faced just recently! In the midst of it all we can celebrate that the work of United Methodist Women and our relationships with one another remain constant and true.

As far as anything new I have to offer the secretaries I am sorry to say I have to fall back on the old stuff I have pitched many times before: Take good accurate notes, leave out the information that is passed on by other officers unless it applies to your office, and don't write up things just to fill up space.

I think the records you keep are the most important thing you do, but being available to assist the rest of your team, especially your president, is a very important part of the job. Also, be an advocate for whatever is going on in the district and conference.

It has been a pleasure to serve in all the official capacities I have served these MANY years and I would encourage anyone who has an opportunity to do so to accept the challenge because there is an entire Executive Team willing to help you.

All of you know by now how I love the words left for us by others and my most recent favorite is from Alex Trebek, "I believe in the will to live. I believe in the power of positivity. I believe in optimism. I believe in hope." My prayer for each of you and for those we serve is that your lives be filled with positivity, optimism, and hope.

**Jo Pyatt, Secretary**

## **Treasurer**

We are rolling into the last quarter of this year. This is when we need to make our big push to increase our pledge. We may not meet our pledge, but we can give our all to get as close as we can. We are about halfway to our pledge amount. Remember all five channels of undesignated giving combine to be our pledge.

Even though this has been a difficult year with things changing all around us, our obligation toward supporting mission work has not lessened. The people count on the support they receive from us because we are committed to helping children, youth, and women. Some circles have continued to meet through this pandemic by using Zoom. Some circles have found this to be a great alternative. A few churches have not been meeting for valid reasons. Hopefully, everyone can once again join together with each other soon.

I wish all of you the best as we finish this year and go on to the next.

**Linda Johns, Treasurer**

## **Spiritual Growth**

We have arrived in the season of fall, a time to watch the earth begin the process of renewing itself. In spring, we'll witness the wonderful transformation of new life, but for now the process must start with death and decay.

When people think of fall they think of the many beautiful colors of leaves falling from trees. What a wonderful reminder from God that sometimes we have to let go of things to heal or renew ourselves. Isaiah chapter 40: 8 states, "The grass withers, the flower fades but the word of our God stands forever." As we move through this season my hope is that you are always looking to the word of God for strength and comfort. A simple devotion to center yourself in the morning, like those in The Upper Room, is a good way to start your day.

We are preparing to move into the busy holiday season. I encourage you to be like the trees and let go of anything that may be keeping you from a close relationship with our Lord and Savior. Ephesians 4: 31 and 32 say, "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Let go so that you may begin the process of renewing yourself with God.

**Jennie Greenway, Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth**



## **Mission Education & Interpretation**

First of all, I would like to thank all the UMW units and circles in our district that contributed to the Project AGAPE (Armenia), the Alliance Center for Education in Charlotte (formerly the Bethlehem Center), and Brooks-Howell Home. The Project Agape items and health kits were collected at Groce UMC in Asheville and picked up by the Mission Response Center truck. Brooks-Howell gift cards and donations were received and delivered by me, and the Alliance Center school kits and supplies were taken to my house. Thanks to Martha Phillips for picking up the Alliance Center donations and delivering them to Charlotte.

If you sent any donations to any of the above projects (monetary or actual items rounded off to the nearest dollar) and have not reported the amount to me, please do so by email ([traceybhh@gmail.com](mailto:traceybhh@gmail.com)) or phone (828-246-6006). This is the only way the Conference UMW knows how much has been given to these projects.

If you are the Mission Education & Interpretation Coordinator for your unit or want to know more about the mission projects, join me on Saturday, November 20, for the district UMW Leadership training. See you then.

Grace and peace,

**Tracey S. Owens, Coordinator for Mission Education & Interpretation**

## **Community Outreach Unit Projects**

Grace Circle and Skyland United Methodist Women sponsored a “Drop By/Drop Off” Donation Drive in July.

This was a United Methodist Women event showing our love and support for women, children and youth, and also a local mission event in support of homeless veterans.

Donations and supplies were collected for Asheville Buncombe Christian Community Ministry’s two shelters: Veterans Restoration Quarters (housing veterans aged 60+ years) and Transformation Village (housing women veterans and women with children).



**ABCCM Transformation Village**



**ABCCM Veterans Restoration Quarter**



## **Social Action**

Hi, everyone! First, I want to say thank you for allowing me to serve on the Blue Ridge Executive Team. I have learned so much as Social Action coordinator and am honored to be a part of United Methodist Women. As you know our priorities for next year are climate justice and criminalization of communities of color and mass incarceration; however, United Methodist Women is involved in many areas of social justice.

This month I wanted to make you aware of a remembrance that was held September 30 - The National Day of Remembrance for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools. Over the course of 500 years European colonists sought to Christianize and civilize indigenous peoples in North America. Thousands of Native American boys and girls were forced into “Indian boarding schools” in a deliberate attempt to separate them from their families and their culture. In some cases, both in Canada and the U.S., children died and were buried in mass graves without notice to their families. These schools were primarily funded by the government but some were sponsored and operated by religious organizations, including some affiliated with the Methodist church. The General Board of Global Ministries and United Methodist Women, which represent Methodist mission outreach in frontier America, are in the process of determining or attempting to determine where and when Methodist sponsored “Indian boarding schools.”

This year UMW joins with The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition to advocate for a Truth Commission on Indian Boarding Schools as the most comprehensive way to investigate, document, and address the impacts of Indian boarding schools. NABS has been working with Senator Elizabeth Warren’s office and tribal organizations to bring forward a bill for a Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States. For ways to support this endeavor and to learn more about Indian Boarding Schools, go to <https://boardingschoolhealing.org>.

**Kathy Kennedy, Social Action Coordinator**

## **Membership Nurture and Outreach**

Greetings, Ladies,

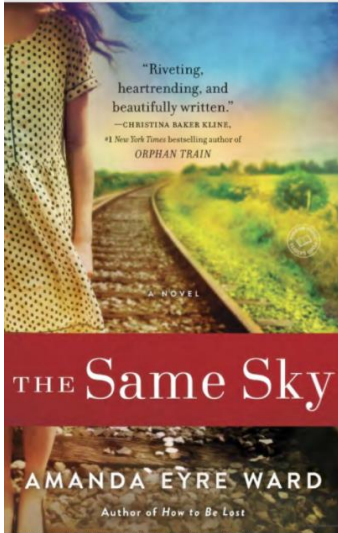
This is a reminder that it is not too late to invite your nurturing partner to visit your unit if you are meeting in person or online. I know many of you are still not getting together in person, but it is still very important to stay in contact with each other to further United Methodist Women goals and projects.

I hope you will plan to have your officers for 2022 attend our District Leadership Development Day on Saturday, November 20 at 10:00 AM. Even if you have served in your office for several years, it is good to attend. There is always something new to learn. This leadership event will be held on ZOOM and you will need to sign up on our website, [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org), under Blue Ridge District Events. I know that we are all hopeful that we can resume in person meetings and events in 2022!

Grace and Peace,

**Martha Phillips, Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator**

## Program Resources



As this newsletter goes to print, we have not yet held the Blue Ridge District's third book club meeting. If you receive the newsletter before November 6, I hope you will join us as we review the book, The Same Sky. You can register for the event on the conference website.

Looking ahead, we have planned three Blue Ridge Book Club meetings for 2022, each on a Saturday morning from 10:00 am to 11:30 am on Zoom. The first is on February 5, then June 25, and finally on September 17. Please put these dates on your calendar.

Have you seen the new additions to the Reading Program for 2022? If not, visit the national UMW website and download the updated list. One book, How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi, was a study book for a small group at my church, and I have read it. (We were also able to livestream an interview with Dr. Kendi, hosted by Emory University.) Dr. Kendi states that being an antiracist is not being

“not a racist.” Instead, it means that change begins with a policy that will alter mindsets. He looks at the many different forms of racism that exist and how policy can positively affect each area.

The list has many titles that interest me: The Girl with Seven Names, the story of one woman's struggles to escape from North Korea; She Came to Slay, a story for youth about the life of Harriet Tubman; Hidden Figures, the untold story of the African American women who helped win the race to space; Becoming by Michelle Obama; and Moment of Lift by Melinda Gates.

We haven't yet decided on the book for February 5 but will be sure to alert everyone as soon as possible to give all time to read it.

HAPPY READING

**Jeannette Byrd, Blue Ridge District Program Resources Secretary**

## Nominations Committee

Do you enjoy connecting with an interesting group of women from different churches who are mission minded? Do you enjoy making new friends, learning about and supporting different projects that make life better for women, youth and children? If you answer “yes” to any of these ideas, then being part of the district leadership team may be for you.

And – as you look at your UMW group – do you see other women who have interest in serving others and learning more details about the many projects UMW supports? You don't have to know a lot of people before becoming a part of the district team – just be willing to use your God-given interest, talents, and skills that you (or other possible candidates) have to share.

Committee on Nominations members' contact information is on the 2022-2023 list of officers in this publication. Please share your ideas and suggestions of possible candidates with us. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Thelma McGraw, Blue Ridge District Nominations Committee Chairperson**

## **Historian**

United Methodist Women's history of mission study begins in 1890 when leaders of predecessor societies helped establish a plan for annual mission textbooks.

An ecumenical group of woman's foreign missionary society leaders published their first text in 1901. "Pax Christiti" by Louise Manning Hodgkins was the story of the growth and spread of Christianity through the centuries.

In 1909, the woman's Home Missions Council published its first home missions book, "Call of the Waters" by Katherine R. Crowell.

Combined in 1911 as The United Study Group, the Home and Foreign societies joined with the Young Peoples Missionary Movement in 1926 to become the Missionary Education Movement and adopted the title of Friendship Press. In 1950, they joined eight other groups and became a unit of the National Council of Churches and continued publishing a home and foreign study text each year.

Meanwhile, in 1940 when the Methodist Board of Missions was organized, its Woman's Division of Christian Service introduced a third study in the area of Bible study/spiritual growth. The first book was "Jesus and Social Redemption." "Bearing Witness in the Kin-Dom" (2021) carries on the uninterrupted tradition.

From 1942-1964, the Woman's Division also provided a fourth mission text, this in the area of Christian Social Relations. The first topic was "Minority Groups and Inter-Racial Cooperation." A 1958 text, "Understanding Other Cultures" by Scarritt College professor Dr. Ina Corinne Brown, was reprinted in 1963 by Prentiss-Hall and widely circulated beyond Methodism.

Amid changing organizational patterns, in 1990, the Woman's Division and the General Board of Global Ministries assumed publication of the home and foreign-themed texts; and in

2000 the Women's Division assumed all responsibility.

For 130 years, study themes have been unusually timely; many authors were women; and Bible study/spiritual life texts were written as general resources, not graduate textbooks.

Is a study scheduled for your unit?

**Barbara E. Campbell, Blue Ridge District Historian**

A large graphic featuring the text "TURN IT UP!" in white, bold, sans-serif font. The text is set against a circular background that is split into teal and purple colors, with a white shadow effect behind the letters.

# ASSEMBLY 2022

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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. And it all begins with you. Will you **TURN IT UP?**

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**Hotel expenses: \$158 – \$203** per night for up to four people ( double / double room )

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

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(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)

**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

<b>Bus Package Prices</b> (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) 336-489-1344	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.**

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WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE  
Assembly 2022 / Orlando ... Turn It Up!  
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**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**

Central United Methodist Church  
7 Church Street  
Asheville, NC 28801-1218

**Mark Your Calendar for 2021**

November 6 – Blue Ridge District Book Club – Zoom – 10:00 A.M.

November 20 – District Leadership Development Day – Zoom-10:00 A.M.

**Mark Your Calendar for 2022**

Assembly – Orlando Convention Center, Orlando Florida – May 20-22, 1922