



Metro Media

The voice for the United Methodist Women of the Metro District,
Western North Carolina Conference.

President's Message

Welcome to 2022, a year destined to be exciting with the emergence of New Wineskins on the one hand and the hope of a return to normal living on the other. It is indeed a daunting and humbling realization that during these changing times you are permitting me the privilege of serving as your president with the Metro District Mission Team as your president. We are fortunate to retain Lynda Morris, our recent past president as our Conference Advisor. Thank you, Lynda, for your incredible leadership and innovative ideas. We value your continued input and support.

While the past two years presented challenges, Metro District United Methodist Women turned those challenges into opportunities for growth and 'out of the box' creativity, allowing us to remain true to our purpose: turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world. To strengthen relationships among and between our units/circles and enhance our ingenuity, please share your service/mission project adaptations with a descriptive paragraph or two; include photos and contact information. Send these items to Delta Sonderman, Metro Communications at deltasson@gmail.com, who will post your contributions on the Metro District UMW Facebook page.

As we focus on the rollout of the United Methodist Women's New Wineskins campaign, please explore the following information resources with your units:

Faith Talks podcast

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks>

Scroll down to the list of programs to find the New Wineskins program

New Wineskins for Growth Article from **response** magazine

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/new-wineskins-for-growth>

New Wineskins for New Times from **response** magazine

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/new-wineskins-for-new-times>

If you find additional resources, email Delta with the specifics.

While our goal is a return to in-person gatherings, each event will be evaluated on current data and guidelines to determine the safest approach. Check email,

the Western North Carolina United Methodist Women website and our Facebook page postings for updates and changes.

Blessings for a safe, rewarding, and peaceful new year,

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As we continue to face uncertainty, keep in mind Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)
Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

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Social Action

Our Social Action Priorities for 2021-2024 are:

- *Mass Incarceration/Criminalization of Communities of Color*, with a particular focus on Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline.
- *Climate Justice*, with a particular focus on Just Energy 4 All Campaign

I encourage you to learn more about our priorities to be a strong voice at your unit meetings and in the community. An excellent article on the social action webpage called “Why United Methodist Women Engage in Social Action” states: “As United Methodist Women of the 21st century, we are called to be bold in our witness, working to dismantle systems of oppression and build, together, a better world.”

Below are some links to help us get started with our Social Action Priorities:

[United Methodist Women - Social Action Member Resources](#)

[United Methodist Women - United Methodist Women Social Action Campaigns](#)

I am excited to be your new Metro District Social Action officer. If you need help with a program or assistance with Social Action plans, please contact me.

Blessings,
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Membership Nurture and Outreach

As United Methodist Women we love to add new members to our ranks to share in our joy of being United Methodist Women. Some people may spend more time lamenting over our lack of new members than recruiting them. It's time to take a different approach. Try these simple recruiting steps.

- Smile, be pleasant and positive.
- Invite non-members to attend and participate in meetings and UMW activities.
- Plan and promote activities such as “A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial”, or “The Walk for Missions” to involve non-members.

Be flexible when planning the time/day/location for your meetings. Recognize obstacles that prevent non-members from participating such as work, childcare, or elder care responsibilities. Remember to extend invitations to more than one event and more than once. When new people do attend, let them know that you are glad they came and welcome them to join you at future activities.

Please remember to invite your Nurturing Partner to your events. See the 2022 list on page 7. We would love to know your unit better. As stated in our purpose “We are a COMMUNITY of Women.” Let this be how we are known.

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Metro District 2022 Vision and Goals

Vision: Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women children and youth around the world

Goals:

Raise awareness about United Methodist Women New Wineskins

Raise awareness and promote personal advocacy for our two United Methodist Women priority issues:

- Climate Justice
- Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration

Support, encourage, and build relationships with our local units and members, in living out the Purpose through the pandemic and beyond

Encourage local units to build relationships and support United Methodist Women missions institutions in our conference

- Alliance Center for Education Charlotte
- Brooks-Howell Home Asheville

Achieve our 2022 Conference Financial Goal

Treasurer

We have submitted the following amounts for Metro District giving in 2021:

Pledge to Mission	\$ 53,038
Special Mission Recognition	2,430
Gift to Mission	6,605
Gift in Memory	2,894
World Thank Offering	7,342
Walk for Mission	3,218
Call to Prayer and Self-Denial	3,502
The Legacy Fund	5,522

Our Western NC UMW Conference financial goal in 2022 is for each unit to meet or exceed its pre-pandemic Mission Giving amounts in support of our many worthwhile organizations.

For those of you who make Love Offerings, Our Western NC United Methodist Women Conference Love Offering will be ‘A Gift to Mission in Recognition of United Methodist Women’s Advocacy for Justice and Reconciliation for Women, Children and Youth’. I encourage you to stay strong and to fight against giving up during these difficult times of on-going COVID.

There are thousands of children, youth and women who depend on us! Please remember them as you spiritually give to United Methodist Women. We take great pride in being fiscally responsible and being a volunteer community of Women in Christ.

THANK YOU all for continuing to be faithful in support of the mission work of United Methodist Women.

Peace to all of you,

Kim Shafer

Treasurer

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Nominations

The Nominations Committee would like to invite any member of United Methodist Women to serve as an officer for Metro District. Please consider helping your district by giving of your talents as an officer. We are desperately in need of a Vice-President. This year would be a training since Nancy Ward has planned this year’s event. You would officially take over in 2023.

Contact any member of the Nominations Committee:
 Linda Davidson(Chairperson) – lad6201@gmail.com
 Judy Cline – jblacline@gmail.com
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WNCC Scholarship Program – Deadline March 1, 2022



Supporting women, children and youth is the mission of United Methodist Women. The WNCC United Methodist Women Scholarship Program is one of the ways we support our college age youth. Upcoming graduates interested in attending one of our WNCC United Methodist institutions: Bennett College, Brevard College, High Point University, Greensboro College or Pfeiffer University are eligible to apply for the WNCC United Methodist Women scholarship.

Scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in the Fall 2022 semester. Applications are due by March 1, 2022, with interviews on Saturday, March 26. Selected applicants will be notified whether the interview will be in-person or virtual. For more information or to receive an application, contact the Scholarship Committee Chairperson:

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You can support the scholarship program by:

- Referring students
- Praying for the students and conference schools
- Contributing to the general scholarship fund as an individual, circle, unit, district, or conference

Historian

February is Black History Month. It is a time to reflect on the history of Black Americans and to honor the individuals and groups who worked tirelessly toward racial justice. March is Women's History Month, a time when we recognize the women who made an impact on our history.

Since the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was first formed in 1869, United Methodist Women have been developing leaders, promoting spiritual growth, and advocating for justice. Justice for all, as outlined in the Racial Justice Charter. United Methodist Women work to eliminate all forms of institutional racism; to study, understand and appreciate the historical and cultural contributions of each race to the church and community; to support and participate in the struggle for liberation in the church and community, and more.

A United Methodist Women member who demonstrated these actions was Jessie Daniel Ames. She was instrumental in forming the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching in 1930 in Atlanta, Georgia. Read her story at: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/womens-history-month/legacystories

During Women's History Month and Black History Month, we honor the history of all women. Resources for Black History Month can be found at: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/black-history-month>

Resources for Women's History month can be found here: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/womens-history-month>

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Program Resources

On January 18th I participated in a very beneficial United Methodist Women Leader Development program which acknowledged that we're all "in the same boat". I learned that we all rely on our Nurturing Partners to spread the word by encouraging our United Methodist sisters and the children of their congregations to participate in the Reading Program. The Reading Program objective is to help us support our commitment to spread the Word and the reality of God's love through Jesus Christ to those close at hand and in the world at large. Through reading we learn about the hostile environment and sacrifices Christians everywhere encounter as they live out their faith while exhibiting love to God's children. I pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire each of us to be an active member of United Methodist Women and come up with unique ways to share our information.

The Reading Program includes books from 2017 to 2022. Start a book club, virtual, or in person. Books from the reading list may be purchased at local new and used bookstores, on-line from Amazon.com, abebooks.com and other vendors or borrowed from your public library, or your UMW's library. Sharing books among your members and neighboring units provides even greater access. The 2021-22 United Methodist Women Program Book, Healing and Joy is available for \$10.00 per year and can be downloaded each month at unitedmethodistwomen.org/downloads. Explore the site for many other "helps."

Contact me if I can help in any way. God bless you and keep you healthy and safe.

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Come to the Water

Western NC UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat
June 9-11, 2022

Find additional event details and register at wncumc.org
For hotel reservations call the Lake Junaluska reservations department at 800-222-4930 and ask for the United Methodist Women Group Rate

Metro District Mission Study, March 5

We're starting 2022 with the Metro District Mission Study on Saturday, March 5 featuring **Laquetta Barbee**, as our speaker and facilitator for the study: **Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools** by Monique W Morris. The book is available from bookstores, Amazon, or local libraries. Check-in begins at 8:45 am with the program starting at 9:15 am at Zion United Methodist Church, 1521 Old Fish Road, Monroe, NC 28110. Cost is \$2.50 per person. Coffee and tea will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring their own lunch with beverage, plus a refillable water container. A Love Offering for Mission Giving will be collected at the event. Below is the registration form and Hands on Mission details.

Please take time to complete the registration as soon as you can. Thank you to Zion United Methodist Church and their United Methodist Women for hosting this year's Mission Study. Register today.

It is a joy to be a continuing member of the Metro District Mission Team as the new Coordinator of Mission Education and Interpretation. I look forward to working with you.

Sylvia Sekle-Dueh, Deaconess
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Mission Study Hands On Mission Project – Hygiene Kits

1 hand towel, 1 washcloth, 1 sturdy comb with at least 6 inches of teeth, 1 pair of metal nail clippers, 1 bath-size bar soap, 1 adult toothbrush in original packaging and no advertising, 6 adhesive bandages, 1-gallon resealable plastic bag. No Ivory or Jergens soap and no emery boards or metal files.

Assembly Directions: Lay the hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth flat in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth. Fold the sides of the hand towel to cover all the items. Fold one end of the hand towel so that it covers all the items. Starting at the unfolded end, grasp the bundle of items tightly and roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag. Remove as much air as possible and seal the bag. **Important** - All items must be new, unwashed and without imprinted cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

Packing Instructions: Complete two packing lists, one for the box and one for your records. Place the shipping label/packing list on the outside of the box. Include in a separate envelope, a check for the total amount of hygiene kits times \$2 per kit for the cost of toothpaste and shipping

Metro District Mission Study Registration Form

Church Name _____ City _____

Print attendee names below:

Total attendees _____ X \$2.50 = \$ _____

Registration should be postmarked by **February 21, 2022**. Send one check per church, made payable to "Metro District UMW" to:

Kim Shafer
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Should the event switch to a virtual meeting, you can choose to receive a refund or donate the fee to missions.

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2022 Nurturing Partner List

CHURCH	PARTNER	CHURCH	PARTNER
Aldersgate	Sekle-Dueh, Sylvia	Morrrows Chapel	Cline, Judy
Bethpage	Hyer, Martha	Mount Mitchell	McDonald, Susan
Broad Street	Morris, Lynda	Mount Olivet	Boyd, Jo
Calvary	Eudy, Debbie	Mount Pleasant	Ward, Nancy
Centenary	McDonald, Susan	Myers Park	Eudy, Debbie
Center	Davidson, Linda	North Davidson	Sekle-Dueh, Sylvia
Central (Charlotte)	Eudy, Debbie	North Kannapolis	Wilson, Loretta
Central (Concord)	Hyer, Martha	Oak Grove (Char)	Sekle-Dueh, Sylvia
Central (Mooresville)	Shafer, Kim	Oak Grove (CG)	Shafer, Kim
Christ	Shafer, Kim	Pineville	Varner, Donna
Cokesbury	Woods, Louise	Pleasant Grove	Boyd, Jo
Commonwealth	Varner, Donna	Providence	Ward, Nancy
Covenant	Sekle-Dueh, Sylvia	Roberta	Hyer, Martha
Davidson	Morris, Lynda	Rock Grove	Wilson, Loretta
Dilworth	Sonderman, Delta	Rocky Mount	Shafer, Kim
Epworth	Barrell, Sheila	Rocky Ridge	Casey, Sylvia
Faith (Mooresville)	McDonald, Susan	Royal Oaks	Barrell, Sheila
First (China Grove)	Barrell, Sheila	Simpson-Gillespie	Sekle-Dueh, Sylvia
First Hmong	Shafer, Kim	South Tryon	Casey, Sylvia
Forest Hill	Barrell, Sheila	SouthPark	Varner, Donna
Friendship	Sonderman, Delta	St Andrews	Sekle-Dueh, Sylvia
Harrisburg	Ward, Nancy	St Francis	Ward, Nancy
Hickory Grove	Woods, Louise	St Marks	Casey, Sylvia
Hunters Chapel	Davidson, Linda	St. Paul (Mooresville)	Boyd, Jo
Huntersville	Davidson, Linda	St Stephen	Eudy, Debbie
Indian Trail	Ward, Nancy	Thrift	Eudy, Debbie
Jackson Park	Cline, Judy	Trinity (Charlotte)	Sonderman, Delta
Matthews	Varner, Donna	Trinity (Kannapolis)	Wilson, Loretta
Memorial (Charlotte)	Sonderman, Delta	Westford	Morris, Lynda
Memorial (Kannapolis)	Wilson, Loretta	Williamsons Chapel	Shafer, Kim
Midway	Cline, Judy	Woodlawn Community	Wilson, Loretta
Mill Grove	Ward, Nancy	Zion	Ward, Nancy

Your Metro Nurturing Partners serve as the first point of contact and liaison with our local churches. Please welcome them when they call or visit. While each unit has a designated Nurturing Partner, we are all here to support you. Contact your Partner or any Metro Mission Team Officer with your questions, ideas, or concerns.

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Metro District and WNCC UMW 2022 Events Calendar

March 5

Metro District Mission Study
Zion United Methodist Church
1521 Old Fish Rd.
Monroe, NC 28110
Hands on Project: Hygiene Kits

April 23 or 30 Date TBD

Metro District Prayer Breakfast
Date, Location and Time TBD
Hands on Project TBD

May 20-22

Assembly 2022,
Orlando, FL

June 9– June 11

WNCC UMW Spiritual Growth
Retreat
91 North Lakeshore Dr.
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

July 14-17

WNCC UMW Mission u
Pfeiffer University
1515 Mockingbird Ln.
Charlotte, NC 28209

August 27

Metro District Annual Celebration
Harrisburg UMC, 4560 Hwy 49S,
Harrisburg, NC 28075
Hands on Project: School Kits

September 9-11

WNCC UMW Annual Celebration
91 North Lakeshore Dr.
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

Fall 2022

Walk for Mission
Locations, Date and Time TBD

October 1, 8, or 15

UBUNTU Days of Service
Various Locations TBD

November 5

Metro District Local Officers
Leadership Development Day
Harrisburg, UMC, 4560 Hwy 49S,
Harrisburg, NC 28075

First time Conference attendees are eligible to apply for \$150 to defray in-person Conference costs. Three scholarships are available. Contact Nancy Ward for more information.

Western North Carolina United Methodist Women 2022 Conference Events

Spiritual Growth Retreat
“Come to the Water”

June 9-11

Lake Junaluska



Mission u
“Luke 13”

July 14-17

Pfeiffer University



Annual Celebration
“Turn It Up!”

September 9-11

Lake Junaluska



Ubuntu Days of Service
“I am because you are.”

October 1, 8, & 15

Across the Conference

