2021 Annual Meeting – Treasurer Report of 2021/ Budget Presentation of 2023

Madame President, United Methodist Women of the Western North Carolina Conference, and honored guests I begin my report with some perspective.

Oh no, not again!" That was the phrase heard all too often as we entered 2021. A year entered with great hopes to once again be able to gather and celebrate in person together. But those hopes were soon dashed as we experienced another year in "Virtual" mode

2021Giving News

While you might expect this report to tell a story just about numbers, that is not necessarily the case...it tells far more than that. Behind these number lay the resolve, the commitment, the resourcefulness and the Passion for Mission you United Methodist Women lived out throughout 2021. It certainly tells of the continued monetary investments in Mission Giving dollars you continued to make throughout the year, but it also tells of the energy, perseverance, and willingness to go above and beyond to create the opportunities that allowed these investments to be made. Learning new on-line skills and ways to communicate, often requiring you to move out of your personal comfort zones were not easy..but you did it...and it mattered!

During 2021 WNCC United Methodist Women members made the following happen:

Total Giving through the 8 districts from local units totaled \$554,280

Giving that happened despite few (and for many – no) in person gatherings. You gave by mail, on-line or using many other ways to forwarding your funds to your district treasurers. You were indeed RESOURCEFUL in your passion for Mission.

Special Offerings

(Spiritual Growth Retreat, Mission u, Annual Celebration Love Offerings) \$14,339

All 2021 from virtual gatherings

Once again, using many ways of forwarding your support for Mission

Because of YOUR Commitment and Passion WNCC United Methodist Women was able to send \$504,943

In Undesignated Mission Giving to the UMW National Office in 2021

Yes, we met our Pledge of \$500,000

In addition, we sent:

Designated Giving to UMW National Office and GBGM/UMCOR

(includes Call to Prayer & Self Denial, General, National, International & UMCOR)

\$39,401

Donations to other local projects \$6,400

Western NC Conference United Methodist Women members, despite the obstacles, YOU made this happen in 2021. Be proud!

Although these results are stated in terms of dollars, what they really represent is Mission, Mission YOU made happen. Mission in action around the world because of you.

Our 2021 Financial Goal was "Each unit will make at least one Gift to Mission of at least \$5.00, using any cards they have, in honor of one person in Mission listed in either the Prayer Calendar or a response magazine article". We were not able to actually track that each unit did that exact but looking at the giving in the Gift to Mission Channel, it actually increased by \$7,755 over 202, or 39%. Certainly by that measure, we achieved that goal.

Looking at the current year...2022

Our 2022 Conference Love Offering theme is "A Gift to Mission in recognition of United Methodist Women's Advocacy for Justice and Reconciliation for Women, Children and Youth."

Our 2022 Financial Goal is "Each unit will meet or exceed its pre-pandemic Mission Giving."

Both of these are works in progress through early December. We will continue to happily accept Love Offerings until December.

I also want to remind you that as in years past, one of our Hands On Mission projects for Annual Celebration is sending Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory Cards. You will find full complement of all kinds of cards here in the back of the auditorium and we will be open during lunch starting at 12:45. Drop by and complete your card shopping for this year and start your card inventory for 2022. Stamps are also available for sale for cards you want to place in the dedication baskets during communion service tomorrow.

Now, looking ahead to 2023

2023 Love Offering Theme will be:\

A Gift to Mission in honor of the faithful servant leadership of our conference, district and local United Women in Faith

The 2023 Financial Goal will be:

Each local unit increase their Mission Giving through the World Thank Offering channel by 10%

2023 Budget Presentation

Thank you for all YOU do to support mission through UMW and your commitment to Make Mission Possible.