



Blue Ridge District
Women United in Faith
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

To: All District Local Unit Presidents
From: Gwen Harris
Date: October 31, 2022
Re: End of Year Reports

Thank you to each of you for your leadership with your local unit! In 2022, we changed our name for the first time in fifty years as part of a revitalization program. However, our ministry to women, children, and youth in our neighborhood, in our nation, and around the world remains the same.

As we end our first year as United Women in Faith, I need the following reports to be returned to me by December 15: Mission Study Report, Membership Report, Reading Program Report, Justice Today Report, Mission Today Report, 2023 Local Unit Officers Report.

You may ask other members to fill out reports, but you need to assume the responsibility for getting them back to me by December 15, 2022.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about any of the forms. We want this information for our records, but more importantly, we want to celebrate with you the accomplishments of your unit in 2022.

Blessings,

Gwen Harris

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**BLUE RIDGE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
Local Unit 2022 Mission Study Report**

District Blue Ridge

Unit Name _____

Report Completed by _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Office in UWF _____

Virtual Mission u

Name of Study **# Attended**
Attendees must have attended all Zoom sessions to count.

Who Can We Be Together: A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13 _____

District Mission Study

Name of Study **#Attended**
Attendees must have attended both Zoom sessions

Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School _____

(Local) Sub-Groups, Circles, Fellowship Reports *

Name of study	# Attended	#Hours
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Children or Youth Mission Study Report*

Name of study

# Attended	#Hours
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**Remember that to count as a Mission Study, programs must be National Mission Study Topics and be a minimum of 4 hours.*

Return this form to Gwen Harris at gwenaharris68@gmail.com or 215 Grand View Lane, Burnsville, NC 28714

**Blue Ridge United Women in Faith
2022 Membership Form**

Please print clearly or type

Please review and complete the information below regarding membership in your unit. This form must be returned by **December 15, 2022**.

Church/Unit Name: _____

Church Address: _____

Unit President First and Last Name: _____

Unit President Phone and email: _____

Number of members (as of 1/1/2022)	
Number of NEW members added this year	
Number of members lost by death or other reasons	
Final number of members (as of 12/2022)	

Name of person reporting this data: _____

Position of person reporting the data: _____

Phone and email: _____

If you have questions or need help, please feel free to contact Gwen Harris.

BELOW, PLEASE LIST THE NAMES OF ANY UWF MEMBERS WHO DIED IN 2022:

2022 READING PROGRAM REPORT

Name of Local Unit/City: _____

Total Unit Membership _____

NAME of PERSON READING	Participants PLAN I	Participants PLAN II	Participants PLAN III	Participants PLAN IV	Participants CHILDREN
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
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12.					
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17.					
18.					
19.					
20.					
Total Number of Readers in each Plan					

2022 JUSTICE TODAY REPORT

(Charter for Racial Justice)

Unit/City _____ Submitted by: _____

Unit Status

- _____ **Gold Unit** having completed 6 or more of the following actions
- _____ **Silver Unit** having completed 4 or more of the following actions
- _____ **Bronze Unit** having completed 2 or more of the following actions

Unit Programming

- _____ Devoted a meeting to studying and discussing the Charter for Racial Justice Policies
- _____ Used a program on racial justice/human rights from the UMW Program Book and/or "Resources for Racial Justice: Tools for UMW Leaders" handbook
- _____ Participated in a bible study on racism
- _____ Watched the video "Charter for Racial Justice", copy available in each District. (study guide available)
- _____ Gave a book report on a Reading Program book selected from the Social Action area
- _____ Invited an International guest to come and speak about their home country
- _____ Regularly shared local newspaper articles relating to racism (both positive and negative)
- _____ Regularly shared articles from response and New World Outlook relating to racism

Unit Enrichment:

- _____ Displayed Charter for Racial Justice Polices AND lifted up at least one issue at each unit meeting
- _____ Supplied each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies
- _____ Purchased and discussed two UMW Reading Program books about a different culture or written by someone of a different racial or ethnic background
- _____ Participated in a qualifying UMW Social Action Mission Study
- _____ Studied in-depth a particular issue relating to the Charter for Racial Justice Policies, i.e., racism, immigration rights, voting rights, racial/ethnic profiling
- _____ Attended as a unit OR an individual gave a report to the unit about the experience of attendance to a music program, theatre performance by person(s) of a different culture, race or ethnic background

Beyond the Local Unit:

- _____ Gave a Special Mission Recognition pin to someone who works to promote racial justice
- _____ Sent one (1) member to Mission u to take the social action study
- _____ Held a postcard writing party encouraging legislation favorable to the economically deprived or challenged
- _____ Experienced worship with a church of an ethnic background different from your own.
- _____ Hosted an international tasting party, cultural fair or other event
- _____ Planned a worship experience for your unit or church with an emphasis on racial justice, i.e., UMW Sunday

2022 Mission Today Report
Blue Ridge United Women in Faith
Western North Carolina Conference

Name of Unit _____ District _____
Name of Person Reporting _____ Position _____
Phone(s) Include Area Code: Day _____ Night _____
Email _____

NEW SINCE 2020: (Changes are highlighted in yellow.)

Mission Today Gold – Complete 10 criteria: 6 with asterisks (*) and 4 other.**

Mission Today Silver - Complete 8 criteria: 4 with asterisks (*) and 4 other.**

Mission Today Bronze - Complete 6 criteria: 4 with asterisks (*) and 2 other.**

**Note: "Other" may also include items with asterisks (*).

Highlighted items were changed for 2020 due to COVID-19.

Report activities conducted between January 1-December 31, 2022; Mission Today units will be recognized at Annual Celebrations in 2023.

Please check all the activities your unit completed in 2022 and return this form to your **District President**.

Putting a check in the blank next to a criterion states that your unit HAS COMPLETED that particular criteria in 2022. If unsure of your giving, you may contact your District Treasurer who has these records on file. Check blank in front of number of criteria completed in 2022:

CRITERIA:

_____ *1. The Unit will make a Pledge to Mission.

_____ *2. The unit will use the Prayer Guide at each general meeting or circle meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission and our mission work with women, children and youth. A new Prayer Guide is printed each year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.

_____ *3. The unit will use at least two programs from the Program Book during the year. A new Program Book is printed every year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.

_____ *4. The unit or circle will conduct or participate in at least one mission study each year. Contact your district or conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation to learn what the studies are for each year. (If members of your unit attend the conference Mission u or your District Mission Study and your unit takes an action growing out of the study, Gift to Mission, ministry related to the study, etc., your unit will meet this criterion.)

_____ *5. The unit will have at least two members subscribing to **response** (1 member subscribing with units less than 15 members; Local unit subscription may count as one.) Order information is printed at bottom of page 2. \$24.00 for a one-year print subscription (includes digital subscription); \$20 for a one-year digital only subscription.

_____ *6. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least two ways during the year. Possibilities are:
a. Have members read and discuss books and articles about other races and cultures;
b. Sponsor or attend an interethnic event between two or more units;
c. Intentionally recruit women of other ethnic groups to be members and officers of the unit;
d. Use the "Resources for Racial Justice: Tools for UMW Leaders" handbook. (Available on our conference website on the "Downloads Available" page, and on the "Mission Today" page.)
e. Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low-income programs, civil rights, etc.

_____ *7. The unit will have a program and/or complete an action addressing one of the Issue Priorities for 2020-2024.

These are 1. Climate Justice; 2. Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration. Find information at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/service-adocacy.

- _____ *8. The unit will add at least two new members (one member for units with less than 15 members) to its roll.
- _____ *9. The unit will have one program from the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church 2017-2020.
- _____ *10. The unit will contribute to all Five Channels of Mission Giving.
- _____ *11. The Purpose will be recited at each general and/or circle meeting.
- _____ *12. The unit will contribute \$186.90 or more to the Legacy Fund.
- _____ 13. At least one member of the unit will attend Mission u and report back to the unit on classes and events they experienced. **Virtual participation qualifies as attending.**
- _____ 14. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend the district or conference Annual Celebration and report back to the unit about the event and what they experienced. **Virtual participation qualifies.**
- _____ 15. The unit will have at least one person joining the United Women in Faith's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information at least three (3) times a year. (To join, contact the United Women in Faith Washington Office, 100 Maryland Avenue NE, Room 100, Washington, DC 20002. Phone #: 202-488-5660. Email: csad@unitedmethodistwomen.com (Attach to Mission Today report the action that was taken and to which issue.)
- _____ 16. Members will correspond with five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar at least once a year.
- _____ 17. The unit will co-sponsor, with the local church, a Children's Sabbath. (This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children.) The United Women in Faith National Office and the Council of Bishops support this effort. Children's Sabbath materials are on our website.
- _____ 18. Each unit or circle meeting will include a "response Moment" where an item from **response** magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
- _____ 19. The unit will sponsor one teen member (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman member (ages 18 to 39) to at least one conference event during the year.
- _____ 20. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend a district Prayer Breakfast, District Day Apart, conference Spiritual Growth Retreat, or any other special district or conference event other than Ubuntu Day. **Virtual participation in any of these events qualify as attending.**
- _____ 21. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will participate in an Ubuntu Day Event. **Units may develop their own UBUNTU event in their communities. If checked, explain what you did at bottom of page.**
- _____ 22. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will complete Plan 1 of the Reading Program and give a report to the unit on one of the books read.
- _____ 23. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year and/or for their United Women in Faith Sunday. This qualifies as a Nurturing Partner visit.
- _____ 24. The unit will add one new teen (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman (ages 18 to 39) circle during the year, or one new teen member (ages 12 to 17) or one new young woman member (ages 18 to 39) during the year.
- _____ 25. 100% of the unit's active members will make a gift of at least \$18.69 to the Legacy Fund.
- _____ 26. The 2020 Conference Financial Goal is: To increase unit pledge giving by at least \$5.00 per member. The unit will help accomplish the goal by increasing giving in this channel by at least \$5.00 per member over 2019.
- _____ 27. Each unit will be responsible for supporting at least one local mission project and participate in one Conference Hands-on Mission Project during the year. The local project should be listed on your Mission Today report.

List Local Project(s) here: You may attach an additional page if necessary.

2023 Local Unit Officers
(Please type or print clearly.)

Unit Name: _____ **Submitted by:** _____

Church Address: _____ **Church Phone:** _____

Church City: _____ **Church Zip:** _____

Office	Name	Address	Zip	Phone	Email
President					
Vice President					
Secretary					
Treasurer					
Nominations Chair					
Spiritual Growth					
Mission Education & Interpretation					
Social Action					

Please type or print clearly

Unit Name:

Office Name Address Zip Phone Email

Membership Nurture & Outreach					
Program Resources					
Communications					
Historian					
Parliamentarian					
Circle Chair					
Circle Chair					
Circle Chair					
Circle Chair					
Circle Chair					
Pastor					