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Blue Ridge District NEWSLETTER

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October 29, 2022

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PLEASE ASK YOUR NURTURING PARTNER TO VISIT YOUR UNIT

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A Message from Your President

As 2022 comes to an end, I encourage you and your units to finish strong. To help you, study the Mission Today criteria included on pp. 11-12. Look at the criteria not just as a check list but as a way to be involved in the local, national, and international work of UWF. The list encourages us to use the Prayer Guide, learn from **response** magazine, use the program book, participate in the reading program—all UWF materials that help us know who we are and what we are doing. The criteria promote community, sisterhood by encouraging attendance at District and Conference events. The sweet spirit among us is a major attraction.

I hope you've been working all year on making your pledge and achieving Mission Today criteria, but even if you haven't, there's still plenty of time! Look at the criteria with an eye toward doing what you can before year's end and getting off to a great start next year. The Mission Today will be revised, but the changes won't be major. You can hit the ground running next year even with the current list.

Perhaps no single criterion in the Mission Today list is more important to us than Number 27, which stresses what we're doing in our very own communities. This year when you send in your End of Year reports, please include an extra sheet that shows **ALL** the ways you help your neighbors. Next year, I'm going to make an effort to highlight what we're doing around the District. We're working in the schools, with expectant mothers, with the homeless, with agencies that provide food and fuel to those who need help, with veterans, etc. On the one hand, I despise the EOY reports because I have to fill out reports based on them.

I also look forward to receiving them because they highlight what UWF really is all about: In every church community, we're making a difference in the lives of women, children, youth, and the marginalized: We're trying to be the hands, feet, eyes, ears, and voice of Christ.

Gwen Harris

Vice President

I hope you are enjoying these nice fall mornings. It is hard to believe our year is quickly drawing to a close. But what a great year it has been! We have been able to once again meet together in person and enjoy our fellowship, which is such an important part of United Women in Faith.

It was good to be together in Mills River for our district Annual Celebration. The UWF of Mills River were excellent hostesses and our speaker, Jill Knight, from Brooks Howell had a unique way of sharing about the work and opportunities at our very own mission institution.

Many of us have just returned from the conference Annual Celebration. Blue Ridge District was well represented, and I believe we did our duties as the host district well. Thanks to all who helped there and with the units that contributed to that effort. Our own Tracey Owens was the featured mission speaker, and she shared so much about the legacy of service of women who heard the call to serve. It is always a time of blessing and renewal to be at Lake Junaluska.

Please put October 29 on your calendar. That is the day we will have our ZOOM Leadership Development Day. This is a great way for us to learn more about the responsibilities of our offices and share ways to improve UWF. All of you are invited to participate. Be sure to register on the conference website to join us.

Continue to do the wonderful work in each of your units. As our year draws to an end, have a blessed holiday season.

Lucy Earls

Secretary

“How about rearranging the living room?” I thought. I did so recently in frustration over not being able to find a set of stamps I needed. I moved the smaller pieces of furniture and other objects. Plus, I got rid of useless “things.”

Not only did I find the stamps, I found the Gift to Mission card I need to send. Also: paper, pens, and cards for notes. Also: **response** magazine (now on top of the magazines). Also: books to use for research in planning the program for next month’s circle meeting. Also: my Bible (now in a more prominent spot). Also: the Prayer Guide, now right next to the Bible. Also: my local unit directory, which is now before me on my writing (aka dining) table, with a list of UWF sisters and their families that I need to pray for.

I now have a clean, clear workspace (and mind) free of dust and clutter. I am ready to think about other people, ready to write to them (with stamps!), ready to say a prayer, ready to think about UWF goals, ready to read a scripture. My “living room,” now rearranged, can help me serve our UWF Purpose, and, with God’s help, serve you as the Blue Ridge District Secretary.

Glenda Fuhrmann

Treasurer

Happy autumn to everyone. The season of beautiful color will soon be upon us to enjoy and admire God’s handiwork. Along with fall comes our last quarter of the year which gives us our last opportunity to contribute to our 2022 pledge. We have made good progress toward our goal of \$82,100, but we have a way to go.

If you did not get a chance to contribute to the Love Offering for either the Conference or District, you can go to the WNCC website and look for the “GIVE NOW!” button at the top of the page. Click on it and click again on the yellow Give Now button. This will take you to a page to fill out about your gift. Be sure to identify your district and church. This site is secure, so it is safe to use.

Donations to pledges are always welcome. Please see your unit treasurer to give to the pledge. There is plenty of time to organize a walk for mission. You may want to get together with others, get some sponsors, and take a refreshing walk, which will benefit women, children, and youth. Other fundraising activities would certainly be most welcome. We met our goal last year and we can meet it again this year.

I wish all of you a warm Thanksgiving and a merry Christmas. Soon we will also be saying Happy New Year. Let’s bring our current year to a successful end by meeting our pledge and knowing we have fulfilled our mission once again as United Women in Faith.

Linda Johns

Spiritual Growth

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls” Matthew 11: 28 - 29

Our guest speaker at the recent WNC Annual Meeting, UMF Treasurer and CFO Tamara Clark, spoke of how we needed to take time to rest. I feel sure that most of us have heard the term self-care, but what does that mean? I think it means something very different to all of us. For some of us self-care is sitting with a nice cup of hot coffee or tea and reading a book (Ok, that’s mine). For others, it’s taking a long walk or singing, playing or listening to our favorite music. Whatever your idea of self-care is, I hope you will take the time to indulge yourself with some rest.

A recent post on social media said a good self-care tip was to keep God involved. It is comforting to know that our Lord offers us rest. The scripture above from Matthew gives us assurance that we can find rest for our souls in God. I encourage you to take time daily to rest with God. Read scripture and a daily devotion and take a moment to stop after you read it and spend some quiet time with God.

I hope you have a wonderful fall!

Jennie Greenway

Education, Interpretation & Interpretation

Great news! The following kits were collected at District Prayer Breakfast and Annual Celebration this year: 164 hygiene kits and 24 Period Packs (menstrual kits).

If you still have kits that haven’t been turned in, the kits can also be dropped off at Groce United Methodist Church, 954 Tunnel Road in Asheville on September 26 - 29, 2022 (Monday - Thursday) from 10:00am - 2:00pm. Please call the church at (828) 298-7647 before you arrive so they can tell you where to drop off the kits.

If your unit or circle has sent in kits other than at these two events or if you take kits to Groce UMC, please contact me at traceybhh@gmail.com or 828-246-6006. That way we know how many kits were sent in by our district UWF this year. Blessings!

Tracey Owens, Coordinator

Program Resources



Thank you to those of you who attended our September 17 BR Book Club meeting where we discussed the book Sleep, Pray, Heal by Donna Fado Ivery. A special thanks goes to Jennie Greenway, our District Spiritual Growth Coordinator, who did an excellent job in leading us in our discussion.

Our next book club meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2023, when we will discuss Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly. Our leader will be Dr. Sandra Williamson, President of the Northern Piedmont District. We will join her district as we review the book together. If you read Barbara Campbell's article in the July newsletter, you know that one of these remarkable women graduated from Allen High School in Asheville. I understand from Sandra that there is also a connection of the women to Bennett College in Greensboro, a United Methodist-related college.

In 2023, we hope to have four book club meetings. Look for dates in upcoming issues of the newsletter. **Please**, if you have ideas of books for future meetings, share them.

I have not yet received a list of recommended Reading Program Books for 2023. Hopefully, we will have the list by Leadership Development Day on October 30. Remember to watch "Faith Matters" and other videos/podcasts on the national UWF website. Watching three counts for reading two program reading books.

We will continue our donation of used reading program books to sell for Missions at live events in 2023, so save your books from 2016-2022. HAPPY READING!

Jeannette Byrd, Program Resources Coordinator



Tracey Owens, Activities Coordinator at Brooks Howell, served as Mission Speaker at Annual Celebration. She reminded us of our mission legacy by sharing the experiences of some of the dedicated deaconesses and missionaries she has met in her work at Brooks Howell.

Historian

Mary McLeod Bethune
Educator, Humanitarian, Churchwoman, Civil Rights Leader.
1875-1955

On July 13, 2022, an 11-foot, 6,129-pound white marble statue of Mary McCleod Bethune was installed in Sanctuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol Building, presented by the State of Florida to honor her lifelong work. In 1904, with only \$1.50 and five students, she opened the Daytona Literary and Industrial School for Negro Girls, now United Methodist Bethune-Cookman University, offering 45 degrees to 2600 students.

In 1935 she founded the National Council of Negro Women and served as its president until her death. During her lifetime she was an Advisor to four U.S. presidents. From 1940-1944 she was an Advisor to the Women's Division of Christian Service (predecessor of United Methodist Women). Working with its Committee on Minority Groups and International Cooperation, they planned for and implemented inter-racial cooperation among Black and White members of the Woman's Societies and Wesleyan Services Guilds.

On July 10, 1974, over 20,000 persons witnessed the dedication ceremonies and unveiling of the Mary McLeod Memorial in Jefferson Park, Washington, DC , a 17' bronze statue of Bethune with two children. It was the first monument to a Black person or woman on public land in the nation's Capitol.

For over a decade the National Council of Negro Women with dozens of business, civic, professional and religious groups contributed to the effort. One was the Women's Division. According to the Congressional Record, July 19, 1971, it was the assurance of \$100,000 from the Division that secured the last congressional vote to extend the deadline for the completion of the Memorial.

Mrs. C. Clifford Cummings, national president of United Methodist Women, was one of 40 invited guests seated on the platform during the unveiling Ceremonies. United Methodist Women formed the first Honor Guard of the 24-hour Vigil of the Monument. The Division had 15 official delegates, and hundreds of other United Methodists attended,

Mary McLeod Bethune was born in Mayesville, SC, the 15th child of freed slaves. United Methodist Women in that area continue to celebrate her legacy.

Barbara E. Campbell

Social Action

The Power of One

This article's title may bring to mind the 1989 novel by Australian author Bryce Courtenay, set in South Africa during the 1930s and 1940s. It tells the story of a young English boy who takes up boxing and develops a passion for changing the world.

But since then the phrase has become an important principle for individuals to find and use their own personal power--the power to believe in yourself, the power to **be** good and to **do** good, and the strength and courage to never, never, never NEVER give up.

The word "power" occurs 263 times in the Bible. It comes from the Greek word *dunamis*, which can be translated "mighty works," "powerful works," and even "miracles." These powerful accomplishments, typically beyond normal human capability, refer both to things that Jesus did, (Mark 5:30; Acts 10:38), as well as works performed by Him *through others*, such as one of the apostles (Acts 6:8; 19:11; II Corinthians 12:12).

Throughout all of history, we know that countless movements of change have been inspired by the actions of *one* person. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Susan B. Anthony, and Malala Yousafzai are just a few names that come to mind. I know you can think of a lot more.

But in the past several years our culture has seen upheaval and great changes the likes of which none of us have ever witnessed before or even imagined. The pandemic caused isolation, loneliness, and insecurity. Health care, the economy, violent crime, gender and racial inequality-- the list keeps getting longer -- are among many concerns that keep a lot of us awake at night.

A wide range of recent social and political issues have made us hesitant to speak out or demand action for fear of being labeled as bigoted, biased, racist, hateful, too conservative, too liberal, anti-'this', pro-'that', and so on and so on. Church attendance has dropped dramatically, and with it has come further feelings of anxiety and insignificance.

As United Women in Faith our advocacy is weakened when our fear of being labeled holds us back. For over 150 years our organization has been a tremendously *powerful* movement that understands the real work of advocating for justice: through gender and racial equality, supporting oppressed and dispossessed communities, lessening the disproportionate impact of change on the marginalized and the poor. It's where **racial justice** meets the **climate change** movement meets **economic inequality** meets **maternal & child health** meets **mass incarceration** meets any other **social justice ideal**.

Queen Elizabeth II said: "We sometimes think the world's problems are so big, that we can do little to help. But the cumulative impact of thousands of small acts of goodness can be bigger than we imagine."

You *can* make a difference, and so can I. We can make one choice that may change someone's life forever. Each of us holds the Power of One, and together, with God as our refuge and strength, we can change the world.

Leith Tate, Coordinator

Committee on Nominations

Old age is golden or so I've heard it said.
But sometimes I wonder as I crawl into bed
With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,
My glasses on the table until I get up.
As sleep dims my vision, I say to myself:
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?
The reason I know my youth is all spent
Is my get up and go has got up and went!
But in spite of it all, I'm able to grin
And think of the places my get-up has been!

And, oh, the places I've gone because of UMW/UWF!!! There have been Assemblies, SEJ's, trips to Junaluska, and Pfeifer University and Greensboro College, trips to many, many churches for Nurturing Partner visits, meetings at Brooks Howell. I've gone into many homes via Zoom for meetings and book clubs. The list is unending for opportunities for worship, for learning, for making good friends and for much, much laughter.

All these opportunities were available to us at the Annual Celebration we have just experienced, and though our numbers in attendance were low, the spirit for the entire weekend was awesome. I would encourage those who were not with us to consider attending in person when the next events occur.

So, you might ask, what has this got to do with nominations? It is just a reminder that if you are asked to serve, all this is there for you to be a part of. And from a personal perspective, my life has been the richer for all the places my get-up-and-go has gone with UMW/UMF!

Jo Pyatt, Chair



The choir sings for Sunday morning worship at Annual Celebration. Bishop Carter officiated at the communion service. Notice all the Blue Ridge members!

Mission Today 2022 – **Reduced criteria due to COVID-19** United Women in Faith, Western North Carolina Conference

MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Become a Mission Today Unit!

NEW IN 2020 and continuing in 2022:

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 (*).

CRITERIA:

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

*2. The unit will use the Prayer Calendar 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 Calendar is printed annually and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center. Prayer Calendar entries are posted on our UMW website and FaceBook page.

*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 all 4 sessions of the virtual 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 criteria.)

*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 Available on our conference website on the "Downloads Available" page under "Mission Resources."
- e. Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low-income programs, civil rights, etc.

If you are a "Justice Today" unit, you have met this criteria. See "Downloads Available" on conference website.

*7. The unit will have a program and/or complete an action addressing one of the Issue Priorities for 2021-2024. These are 1. Climate Justice; and 2. Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration. You may find information at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/focus-issues.

*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](http://www.Cokesbury.com). Available at www.Cokesbury.com for \$2.59 plus tax and shipping. A newer version is not yet available.

*10. The unit will contribute to all Five Channels of Mission Giving.

*11. The UMW Purpose will be recited at each general and/or circle meeting, including virtual meetings.

*12. The unit will contribute \$186.90 or more to the Legacy Fund in 2021.

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 meeting 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 Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information at least three (3) times a year. To join, contact Carol Barton, United Methodist Women, 475 Riverside Dr., 15th Floor, New York, NY 10115 Phone #: 202-488-5660 or

Visit: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/action Attach the issue and action that was taken to Mission Today

report.

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 Methodist Women National Office and the Council of Bishops support this effort. Children's Sabbath materials are on our national website: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org. Type "Children's Sabbath" in the search box.

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.**

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. Type "Reading Program" in search box on website.

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 Methodist Women's Sunday. May be Virtual This Qualifies as a Local Unit Visit (LUV).

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 2021 Conference Financial Goal is: Each unit will make at least one Gift to Mission, of at least \$5.00, using cards they have, in honor of one person in Mission listed in either the **Prayer Calendar** or **response** magazine article. The unit will help accomplish the goal by sending at least one Gift to Mission in 2021 as stated above.

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.

UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kit (“Period Pack”) Materials

- One one-gallon size re-sealable bag
- Two 2 oz. bottle hand sanitizer
- Three 4-gallon bathroom trash bags
- One travel pack of wet ones
- 10 Tampons (5 regular and 5 super absorbency)
 - Unscented
- 10 Sanitary Napkins
 - Unscented
 - Long super ultra-thin
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)
 - No Ivory or Jergen’s soap
 - Do not remove from packaging
- One pack of flushable wipes (42 count)
 - Unscented
- One travel sink-size laundry detergent (.25-.45 oz.)

Assembly Directions:

- Start with a one-gallon resealable bag.
- Place one pack of the flushable wipes and wet wipes in the bag.
- Place four-bathroom trash bags and the 10 sanitary napkins in the bag.
- Then, add the smaller items in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal.

Important Notes:

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new.
- Do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits.
- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

UMCOR Hygiene Kit

- One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches-No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels)
- One washcloth
- One comb (Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth, no pocket combs or picks, rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth)
- One toenail or fingernail clipper (No emery boards or metal nail files)
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger-No Ivory or Jergen’s soap; do not remove from packaging)
- One adult toothbrush (Do not remove from packaging. Personal advertising not acceptable.)
- 10 adhesive bandages (¾ by 3 inches-Common household bandages acceptable)

All items must be placed in one-gallon size re-sealable bag.

Please send a single check for \$2.00 per kit (Period Pack or Hygiene), made out to Blue Ridge District and mail it to Linda Johns, 22 North Oak Terrace, Arden, NC 28704.

From Lynne Gilbert's Legacy Fund Address at Annual Celebration . . .

It is my honor to serve as Liaison for our conference Legacy Fund team, and I want to update you on our support of the Legacy Fund right here in Western North Carolina:

First, THANK YOU for your generosity, and for the ways that you continue to help tell the story of the Legacy Fund in your local unit.

Second, I want you to join me in thanking our awesome conference Legacy team. I do want to share that three of our committee members were honored at the Legacy Banquet at Assembly in May...which by the way raised more than \$60,000 for the Legacy Fund! Barbara Campbell and Betty Letzig were honored with the Founder's Award for their leadership and work in starting the Legacy Endowment Fund. Dixie Liggett was honored with the Builder Award for her creative and dedicated recruitment of Legacy Builders, who give at least \$18.69 a month to the Legacy Fund. Largely due to Dixie's recruiting efforts, as of the end of last year we had at least 54 Legacy Builders in our conference! Congratulations, and thank you, to Barbara, Betty, and Dixie for their work!

We continue to reach out to every single United Woman in Faith, in every single local unit across our conference...to challenge them, and to enable them to participate in this exciting campaign to grow the Legacy Endowment Fund that will provide permanent income for our work to embrace the future...for the next 150 years.

We received a report in August about giving to the Legacy Fund through July 31, 2022. Our conference has given more than \$25,000 so far in 2022. And, campaign to date, our conference has now given \$453,983.13! Thank you! And, that total does not include planned giving commitments that will increase that amount in the future, even significantly. We are grateful for every single gift to the Legacy Fund! Nationally...the goal is \$60 Million dollars, and collectively across the country, thru the end of last year, the fund stood at over \$39 Million dollars.

Western North Carolina Conference United Women in Faith...we can do this! Every single dollar, and every single gift, regardless of size or method, is important to the Legacy Fund campaign. There are many ways to participate...Individual gifts, local unit gifts, Legacy Builder monthly gifts, Friends of Legacy major gifts or pledges, and 1869 Society planned gifts...every gift leaves a legacy to undergird the work of United Women in Faith for the future. Thanks be to God!

From Brooks Howell, the Blue Ridge Mission Institution . . .

Exciting news! You have the opportunity to enhance the legacy of Brooks-Howell by contributing to the cost of replacing 52 storm doors and 96 screens in our apartment buildings. It is estimated to cost approximately \$50,000. These updates will improve marketing, aesthetics, and further enrich our residents' lives. Individuals, UWF circles and units can donate by visiting our website at <http://www.brooks-howell.org> and click on the "Fundraiser" tab located at the bottom of the home page. We have linked a PayPal option and have instructions regarding mailing a check earmarked for the fundraiser. Your support helps Brooks-Howell continue to meet its residents' needs. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Late Night Madness and Mayhem



Martha, Jennie, and Lucy: Blue Ridge UWF's version of Hee Haw's Gossip Girls!



Lucy, Jo, Jennie, and Martha are not the Fab Four, but they know how to dress! Someone said that Jo is wearing a Dior original.

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Mark Your Calendars for 2022

Conference Events

October 22 – Conference Leadership Development Day – Zoom

District Events

October 29 – District Leadership Day – Zoom