



**The purpose of becoming a Mission Today Unit is to:**

- Energize United Women in Faith to be more involved in mission through prayer, study, and action.
- Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so members understand where their money goes.
- Encourage the use of mission resources through UWFaith. Expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

**What is a unit?** A unit is any organized group of UWFaith within a church or district. Some units are composed of several circles or members from different churches which periodically meet as a unit.

**How does a unit become a Mission Today unit?**

To be recognized as a Mission Today unit (Gold, Silver, or Bronze), a unit must complete a number of the following criteria as indicated in the chart below. Activities conducted between January 1 and December 31 of the reporting year will be recognized at Annual Celebration the following year.

Mission Today Categories		
Gold	Silver	Bronze
Complete 10 criteria: 6 with asterisks* and 4 other**	Complete 8 criteria: 4 with asterisks* and 4 other**	Complete 6 criteria: 4 with asterisks* and 2 other**
**Other may include items with asterisks		

**Criteria:**

- \*1. Make and meet the unit Pledge to Mission. Send Pledge amount and funds to the District Treasurer.
- \*2. Use the Daily Prayer Guide at each unit, general, or circle meeting to pray for mission personnel and mission projects. The Guide is updated annually and may be ordered from [UWFaith Resources](#). Daily Prayer Guide entries are posted on the [UWFaith Facebook Page](#).
- \*3. Use at least two programs from the Program Resource book during the year. A new [Program Resource](#) is printed every year and may be ordered from [UWFaith Resources](#).
- \*4. Conduct or participate in at least one mission study (virtual or in person). Contact your District or Conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation to learn more about the studies. If members of your unit attend all sessions of Mission u or a 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. At least two members will subscribe to **response** magazine (1 member for units with fewer than 15 members; local unit subscription may count as one). Order information is provided at the bottom of p. 2. A one-year print subscription (includes digital subscription) is \$24; a one-year digital-only subscription is \$20. More information may be found at <https://uwfaith.org/resources/response-magazine/>.
- \*6. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least two ways during the year. **If you are a “Justice Today” unit, you have met this criterion.** Possibilities include:
  - Read and discuss books and articles about other ethnicities and cultures.
  - Sponsor or attend an interethnic or intercultural event between two or more units.
  - Intentionally recruit women of various ethnic or cultural groups to be unit members and officers.
  - Use the Racial Justice resources available on our Conference website on the “Downloads Available” page under “Mission Resources” or at this link: <https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/racial-justice/>
- \*7. Have a program or take action addressing a United Women in Faith justice campaign (current campaigns are [Just Energy 4 All](#) and [Ending Mass Incarceration and Criminalization of Communities of Color](#)). More information may be found at <https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/racial-justice/>
- \*8. Add at least two new members (1 member for units with fewer than 15 members).
- \*9. Have a program from the [Social Principles of The United Methodist Church 2025-2028](#). This resource may be purchased at [www.Cokesbury.com](http://www.Cokesbury.com) for \$9.99 plus tax and shipping; available in paperback or eBook.
- \*10. Contribute to all Five Channels of Giving (Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering).

- \*11. Recite the UWFaith Purpose at each general and/or circle meeting, including virtual meetings.
- \*12. Contribute \$189.60 or more to the [Legacy Fund](#) during the reporting year.
- 13. At least one member of the unit will attend Mission u and report back to the unit on the experience. Virtual participation qualifies.
- 14. At least two members (one member for units with fewer than 15 members) will attend the District or Conference Annual Celebration and report back to the unit about the experience; virtual participation qualifies.
- 15. At least one person will join the United Women in Faith e-mailing list to receive and respond to advocacy information at least three (3) times a year. Attach the issue and action that was taken to Mission Today report.
- 16. Members will correspond with five people listed in the Daily Prayer Guide at least once a year.
- 17. Co-sponsor, with the local church, a “Children’s Sabbath”. This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children. Materials are available at <https://uwfaith.org/event/childrens-sabbaths>
- 18. Include a “**response** moment” at each unit or circle meeting where an item from **response** magazine is shared as a way to tell the mission story.
- 19. Sponsor a teen member (ages 12 to 17) and/or a 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 fewer than 15 members) will attend a District Prayer Breakfast/Day Apart, Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat, or any other special District or Conference event (other than Ubuntu Day of Service). Virtual participation in any of these events qualifies.
- 21. At least two members (one member for units with fewer 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 fewer than 15 members) will complete Plan I of the United Women in Faith [Reading Program](#) and report to the unit on one of the books read. Find information here: <https://uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program/>
- 23. Invite a District or Conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings (may be virtual) and/or for a United Women in Faith Sunday. This qualifies as a local unit visit in the Nurturing Partners program.
- 24. Add one new teen (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman (ages 18-39) member or circle 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. Meet the 2025 Conference Financial Goal: To increase our “Gift in Memory” giving by 10% over 2024 giving.
- 27. Support at least one local mission project and participate in at least one Conference hands-on mission project during the year. **List the local mission project on the Mission Today report.**

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