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Newsletter of the Greater Southwest District United Methodist Women

A note from your President

Dear Sisters in Christ,

If you had asked me in November, when your district UMW team met to plan our events for 2020, if we needed to be prepared to cancel or postpone any event for anything other than weather, I would never have believed it. Life sometimes takes a sharp turn, or maybe we should call it a detour that feels like a wrong turn. Canceling our Spring Fling, the Spiritual Growth Event, Mission Evening and all the Mission u events has felt like we have missed out on learning opportunities, spiritual growth experiences and being in the presence of our sisters in Christ.

We have two more events that will not be held in person this year but will be virtual opportunities. It was decided at the UMW conference meeting in May that all the District Annual meetings and the Conference Annual meeting would not be held in person this year. It has been left up to each district leadership team to decide what their event will look like. There are necessary business items that must be accomplished, 2021 budget approval and election of the leadership team for 2021, but otherwise the district annual program is up to the team.

Here is what your team has decided to do. We will hold a Zoom meeting and all those who register will receive the appropriate information on how to enter and how voting will happen. Sandra Douglas Bibilomo, a Deacon serving at Westwood UMC, will be our keynote speaker addressing “Economic Equality” and a short video from UM Community House will be shown, Conference president will give us greeting, there will be updates from our mission coordinators, a memorial service recognizing those how have gone on to glory this year will take place. Since we are unable to collect an offering, and we will have some expenses in putting this all together, we are asking that each person who registers also send in the \$12 registration fee that is usually asked for. Anything beyond our expenses will be sent in to cover our district pledge. If you would like to send in more than \$12 that would be greatly appreciated as the projects that United Methodist Women support are all in need of our financial support this year. *(continued on page 2)*

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YOU are receiving this newsletter because you:

- Are a part of the United Methodist Women at a local level
- Are a United Methodist Church
- You requested it.

(continued from page 1) This is all new to every one of us. I read “Finding Peace in an Anxious World”, one of our Mission u study books. There was a phrase in chapter 2 that caught my attention, “You have to live in the world as it is, not as you want it to be.” We are living in a world with Covid-19 and we have to figure out how to do that. It isn’t easy but we know that we are not alone, God is walking this path with us. Don’t be afraid, trust in God. Take care and stay healthy!

In Christ’s Service

Linda Burton-Collier

Greater Southwest District UMW President

A note from Program Resources

Hello everyone. I sure do miss all of you. I hope you are all doing well and staying healthy and safe. I am going to tell you about the book “Which Way Lord” by Rob Fuquay. This book is from the reading program and it is a great resource to increase your faith and to help you discern what God is telling you about navigating through life with all the highs and lows and ups and downs. Your faith grows stronger as you learn to listen to God’s voice and His direction. This book has a lot of good points on how to know which way God is leading you through prayer and talking with God. Through His direction, you can understand what path and direction He is leading you.

Stay healthy and safe everyone. Love you all and God bless you.

Becky Hays—Program Resources

A note from Membership Nurture and Outreach

Since we will not be having a face to face meeting for our District Annual, I am asking each church to e-mail me the names of your members that have passed on in 2019. Please e-mail them by August 20, 2020 to joycetaskerbabbitt21@gmail.com. That way they can be announced at our meeting. I appreciate your help, especially this year. Thank you.

Joyce Babbitt—Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator

A note from Nominations

The Greater Southwest District Nominations Committee is asking for your assistance in filling the following positions being vacated in 2020: Vice President and Treasurer. I would ask that you consider your talents or the talents of others in your unit that could fill these positions. Training for the positions is provided, along with the support of the Team. If you have ever thought about joining our District team, you will be most welcome. You will be helping to plot the course for our district for the next year as well as making life-long friends on the team. Come join us. If you have questions or would like to submit your name, please contact me at (269) 906-1230 or email Clareolney55@gmail.com.

Clare Olney, Nominations Chair

Greater Southwest District
Proposed Slate of Officers for 2021

President: Linda Burton-Collier (2019)

2574 127th Avenue, Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 793-7340 * lindaburtoncollier@gmail.com

Vice President: OPEN

Secretary: Karen Grimes (2018)

28194 31st Street, Gobles, MI 49055
(269) 628-2068 * ksgrimes3418@gmail.com

Treasurer: OPEN

Spiritual Growth Coordinator:

Mary Blashill (2021)

07909 M-43, South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 767-6060 * maryblashill@gmail.com

Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator:

Joyce Babbitt (2017)

47040 24th Street, Mattawan, MI 49071
(269) 668-3680 or (269) 598-1021 Cell
joycetaskerbabbitt21@gmail.com

Education & Interpretation Coordinator:

Lori Roof (2019)

14810 Roof Drive, Climax, MI 49034
(269) 720-9903 * llroofl@gmail.com

Social Action Coordinator:

Laura Knepple (2018)

56905 Gards Prairie Road, Cassopolis, MI 49031
(269) 414-1780 * lkstras1124@gmail.com

Communications Coordinator:

Beth Mitchell (2021)

3813 Rockwood Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49004
(269) 343-6806 * barmitch55@gmail.com

Committee on Nominations Chair:

Cheryl Proctor (2021)

104 Tuttle Park Drive, Sherwood, MI 49089
(517) 741-3125 * seldominn_1@juno.com

Members of Committee on Nominations:

Clare Olney (2018)

13021 64th Street, South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 906-1230 * clareolney55@gmail.com

Donna Smith (2019)

304 Beckett Park, Battle Creek, MI 49015
(269) 565-0958 * smithd42f@gmail.com

Becky Hays (2018)

444 N. Center Street, Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 208-6947 * beckyhays34@gmail.com

**Greater Southwest District
United Methodist Women
2nd Annual Celebration**

Saturday September 19, 2020

10:00 am on Zoom

Sandra Douglas Bibilomo

"Economic Equality"

Registration Form

Name: _____

Church/Unit: _____ **2021 Pledge to Mission** _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Donation sent: _____ **make checks out to GSW District UMW**

Return by Sept. 5th to:

Cheryl Rumery

35686 Mill Lake Rd.

Gobles, MI 49055

A note from your Treasurer

Hello Everyone,

A strange time we are living in right now

I hope this finds you all safe and in good health!

There was a ZOOM call with all district education and interpretation leaders and all district treasurers in our Michigan Conference in April. We were reminded that mission needs are still out there for the women and youth that we as UMW members support through our mission giving. I know that so many things have been and will continue to be cancelled through this strange time, including the many fundraisers that all of us use to support that mission giving. So even though we aren't meeting as groups, if your unit is able, I am still accepting and sending mission dollars on to the Conference. This will enable the Greater Southwest District to continue helping and being the hands and feet of Christ. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Also I wanted to again explain the new 5-Star Person promotion. This is something that we on this side of the state are not used to, but it gives all of us as individuals a chance to contribute to United Methodist Women mission giving. A minimum amount of \$60 can make YOU a 5-Star Person. That amount is divided between all channels of giving: pledge to mission, special mission recognition, gift in memory, gift to mission, and world thank offering. This contribution is made through your local unit treasurer. Please contact me if you or your treasurer have questions.

And one last thing from me

When we became one conference, UMW as a Michigan Conference, had to take on a new Tax ID/EIN (employer identification number). This means that all of our local units also have to change their records with their banking institutions to make sure we are all operating under the new and correct EIN number. I did contact many of you as local treasurers by mail and email at that time to let you know that needed to be done. I have all of the information needed to make that change. I know this is not an easy time to contact banks about this since we cannot have face-to-face meetings with bank employees. But I need to find out how many of you have made that change to your account and find out who needs to still do it. So if all local treasurers would PLEASE email or call me to let me know if you have done this or not, that would help me out. I need to keep track of all units who have successfully made that change to their accounts and who has not. I am looking forward to hearing from all of you. We can work on it together.

Thank you so much to all local units for your dedication to so many United Methodist Women projects supporting women and children locally, nationally, and internationally!!

In Christ's love,

Cheryl Rumery
milllake@frontier.com

269-628-4894

GSW UMW PROPOSED BUDGET 2021				
GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT		2019 Actual	2020 Approved	2021 Approved
		Expenses	Budget	Budget
PLEDGE TO MISSION		42921.64	35000	35000
ADMINISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (A&MD)				
OFFICER EXPENSES:				
(Those not associated with District or Conference Events)				
100	Postage	56.86	100	100
101	Office Supplies	219.14	250	250
103	Travel (Including visitation to local units)	750.6	1000	1000
104	Meals	0	50	0
105	Printing	103	100	100
106	Bank Expenses	0	20	20
107	Audit	150	150	300
108	Dependent Care	30	50	50
109	Officer Resources/Literature	62	50	50
	TOTAL OFFICER EXPENSES	<u>1371.60</u>	<u>1770</u>	<u>1870</u>
CONFERENCE EVENT EXPENSES: (Those associated with events, including travel, meals, dependent care, scholarships, when not covered by Conference)				
200	Conference Annual Meeting	0.00	200	200
201	Keep Making Peace Day	0.00	50	50
202	Mission u	2585.00	4000	4000
203	Other Conference Events			
	TOTAL CONFERENCE EVENTS	<u>2585.00</u>	<u>4250</u>	<u>4250</u>
DISTRICT EVENT EXPENSES: (Those associated with events, including travel, meals, supplies, printing, dependent care, honoraria, scholarships for local women)				
300	District Annual Meeting	38.94	100	50
301	Local Unit Leadership Training	0.00	0	0
302	District Spiritual Growth Retreat	0.00	50	50
303	Shepherds/Unit Visitation	0.00	0	0
304	Other District Events: Mission Night	73.14	0	50
	TOTAL DISTRICT EVENTS	<u>112.08</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>
OTHER EXPENSES				
400	Newsletter/Directory (including printing & postage)	976.45	1400	1100
401	Program Resources (including sales tax)	8.04	150	50
402	District SMR, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, etc.	0.00	80	80
403	Church Women United	100.00	100	100
409	Miscellaneous - Assembly	400.00	400	400
	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	<u>1484.49</u>	<u>2130</u>	<u>1730</u>
	TOTAL BUDGETED A&MD EXPENSES	<u>5553.17</u>	<u>8300</u>	<u>8000</u>

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN			
	DISTRICT:	Greater Southwest	
COMPOSITE TREASURER'S REPORT			
		ANNUAL REPORT 2019	
STARTING BALANCE		(Date: 1-Jan-2019)	0.00
RECEIPTS:			
	From Conference Treasurer		
	A & M D Quarterly	6,371.25	
	From Local Units (Missions)	42,921.64	
	Interest (Checking account)		
	Program Resource Sales		
	District Love Offering-Spring Fling	1,267.59	
	District Love Offering-mission evening	367.00	
	District Love Offering-District Annual	917.00	
	Deposit to start new checking account	500.00	
	District meeting registration-Spring Fling	728.83	
	District meeting registration-mission evening	371.86	
	District meeting registration-District Annual	727.06	
	Lost check voided #1010	10.80	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			54,183.03
STARTING BALANCE + RECEIPTS			54,183.03
DISBURSEMENTS:			
	Conference Treasurer		
	Missions	41,573.54	
	SMR	(current quarter) style="text-align: right;">1,348.10	
		(next quarter) All included in current	
	Postage	56.86	
	Postage directory	59.50	
	Supplies	219.14	
	Travel	750.60	
	Printing general	98.00	
	Printing directory	242.55	
	Meeting -	303.00	
	Newsletter: (print)	440.94	
		(postage) style="text-align: right;">191.46	
		(copy paper) style="text-align: right;">42.00	
	Miscellaneous sales tax	8.04	
		audit style="text-align: right;">150.00	
	Spring Fling meal	623.00	
	Mission Evening meal	385.00	
	District Annual meal	588.00	
	Spring Fling offering	1,267.59	
	Mission Evening offering	367.00	
	District Annual offering-UMCH & Legacy Fund	917.00	
	mission u books	20.00	
	mission u registrations	2585.00	
	Special Mission Recognition printing error	5.00	
	Resources and Literature	42.00	
	Donation-Church Women United	100.00	
	Remainder of A & M D funds returned to conference	1304.72	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			53,688.04
CLOSING BALANCE		(Date: 31-Dec-2019)	494.99
	A & M D Funds	494.99	
	Mission Funds	0.00	
	CLOSING BALANCE	494.99	←
District Treasurer:	Cheryl Rumery		12/31/2019



Becoming a Mission Today Unit

The program will go from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 to be presented at the Annual Meeting for the following October in 2021. All of the Districts have the same January through December calendar year. The new dates on the forms reflect this change. You can also choose to be a Faith, Hope, Joy and Love unit depending on the number of objectives that your unit completes.

The purpose of Mission Today is to fulfill the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women by:

- Energizing United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study, and action
- Increasing contacts between units, and mission personnel and projects
- Encourage use of mission resources
- Expanding concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

Categories for the Mission Today Unit Objectives are: Mission Giving, Spiritual Growth, Membership, Attendance, Mission Education, and Mission Action. There are now 33 objectives on the form. I would encourage every unit to become a FAITH unit by completing at least 8 or more objectives.

The Following Units have completed the requirements for Mission Today Units and have submitted their forms:

Pokagon United Methodist Women	Faith
Climax United Methodist Women	Faith, Hope, Joy and Love
Portage Chapel Hill United Methodist Women	Faith, Hope
Bangor Simpson United Methodist Women	Faith, Hope, Joy
Stevensville United Methodist Women	Faith, Hope, Joy
Niles New Journey United Methodist Women	Faith, Hope
Kalamazoo First United Methodist Women	Faith
Gobles United Methodist Women	Faith, Hope

And an Honorable Mention to

Hartford United Methodist Women	Faith
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2020 Mission Today Unit Objectives

United Methodist Women - Michigan Conference

Please print clearly!

Name of Unit _____ District _____

(____)

Name _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

A unit will receive a Certificate of Achievement upon completion of one of the following categories between January 1 through December 31, to be presented at their Annual Meeting the following October. Check the numbers completed.

- * Units completing any 8 or more objectives will be a “FAITH” unit.
- * Units completing 9 or more objectives, with 8 asterisks (*) will be a “FAITH” “HOPE” unit.
- * Units completing 17 or more objectives, with 10 asterisks (*) will be a “FAITH” “HOPE” “JOY” unit.
- * Units completing 25 or more objectives, with 12 asterisks (*) will be a “FAITH” “HOPE” “JOY” “LOVE” unit.

Mission Giving

- ____ 1. *Made and met its Pledge to Mission.
- ____ 2. *Became a 5-Star Unit by contributing to all 5 channels of undesignated giving.
- ____ 3. Donated to local women’s shelter or children’s/youth program.
- ____ 4. Offered scholarships to *Mission u* and/or other United Methodist Women activities.

Spiritual Growth

- ____ 5. Observed a Call to Prayer and Self Denial.
- ____ 6. Participated locally in a retreat, prayer vigil or Bible study.
- ____ 7. Attended a District Retreat, Spiritual Day Apart, or Prayer Breakfast/Brunch.

Membership

- ____ 8. *Added one new member from women who have joined the church in the current year.
- ____ 9. *Added one new member not included in above.

Attendance

- ____ 10. Invited a District or Conference officer (other than a member of the unit) to one meeting.
- ____ 11. Had a combined meeting with another United Methodist Women’s unit.
- ____ 12. Attended Church Women United or other ecumenical group activity.
- ____ 13. *At least one member (other than conference or district officer) attended a conference *Mission* .
- ____ 14. *At least two members (other than conference or district officer) attended the conference or district annual meeting/celebration.
- ____ 15. *At least one member (other than conference or district officer) attended the *District Elected Leadership Training*.

Mission Education

- _____ 16. *Unit or circle conducted at least one *Mission Study*.
- _____ 17. *Two members completed a *Reading Program Plan* and reported on one of the books.
- _____ 18. Participated in but did not complete the *Reading Program*.
- _____ 19. *Used two programs from the *Program Book*.
- _____ 20. *Used the *Prayer Calendar* regularly in the unit meetings.
- _____ 21. Communicated with five persons listed in the *Prayer Calendar*, one from Michigan Conference.
- _____ 22. *Unit had two members reading ***response*** each month.
- _____ 23. *Unit included a *response Moment* during its meeting using an article to tell our mission story.
- _____ 24. Unit had one *Social Action* program.

Mission Action

- _____ 25. *Participated in a District or Conference ingathering project.
- _____ 26. Had a member of United Methodist Women present a mission program for youth or children in the church.
- _____ 27. Had at least one member visit a United Methodist Mission Project and report to the unit.
- _____ 28. *Had at least one person receive and respond to legislative information from the United Methodist Women’s Action Network.
- _____ 29. Unit or member participated in a workshop, seminar, or book study related to social concerns that stimulated and enriched the total community.
- _____ 30. *Unit participated in the *Campaign for Children* in at least two ways. Possibilities are:
 - Co-sponsored with the local church, a Children’s Sabbath.
 - Involved with mentoring, tutoring or “big sisters” programs.
 - Communicated with representatives advocating for children issues.
 - Attended a school board meeting.
- _____ 31. Made a pledge to care for God’s creation and worked to become a “green” United Methodist Unit.
- _____ 32. *Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice policies in at least one way during the year. Possibilities include:
 - Read books and articles about another race or culture.
 - Sponsor an inter-ethnic event between two or more units.
 - Recruit women of color to be members or officers of the unit.
 - Correspond with elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, civil rights, and programs for low-income persons, etc.
- _____ 33. Sent this completed form to your District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation by ***deadline date:*** February 1, 2021.

This year our Unit qualified as a Mission Today FAITH HOPE JOY LOVE unit. (Circle all that apply)



Send to your District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation:

Lori Roof

14810 Roof Drive, Climax, MI 49034

llroof1@gmail.com

UMW Mission Challenge

Due to the Covid Pandemic, we will not be meeting in person for our District Annual meeting. We will be collecting the sweaters and blankets for the UMW Mission Challenge for the Midwest Distribution Center on:

September 12th, 2020 from 1:00 until 3:00 PM at the Following Locations:

Collection Point	Point People	Contact Information
Climax UMC	Lori Roof Donna Smith	Llroof1@gmail.com/269.720.9903 Smithd42f@gmail.com/269.565.0958
Hartford UMC	Becky Hays	Beckyhays34@gmail.com/269.208.6947
South Haven UMC	Simmie Proctor	simmiepr@hotmail.com/269.637.6053
Union City UMC	Cheryl Proctor	Seldominn_1@juno.com/517.617.1833
Chapel Hill UMC Portage	Cheryl Rumery Cindy Thiele Julia Paradine-Rice	milllake@frontier.com/269.628.4894 cindahthiele@gmail.com/269.355.3676 jparadinerice@gmail.com/989.576.0675

Please include a note with your units name and the number of blankets and sweaters that you are providing.

If you are unable to arrange to send in your blankets and sweaters to a collection point on September 12th, please call one of our district officers in the contact information above and we will arrange to get them.