



The Compass

Newsletter of the Greater Southwest District United Methodist Women

A note from your President

This poem was read by Harriett Jane Olson, the CEO of United Methodist Women, in the closing of Leadership Development Days on Jan. 30, 2021. These words are our words as UMW. Continue the work of our foremothers. CONTINUE don't give up.

Into a world which needed you
My wish for you
is that you continue

Continue
To be who and how you are
To astonish a mean world
With your acts of kindness

Continue
To allow humor to lighten the burden
of your tender heart

Continue
In a society dark with cruelty
To let the people hear the grandeur
Of God in the peals of laughter

Continue
To let your eloquence
Elevate the people to heights
They had only imagined

Continue
To remind the people that
Each is as good as the other
And that no one is beneath
Nor above you

Continue
To remember your own young years
And look with favor upon the lost
And the least and the lonely

Continue
To put the mantel of your protection
Around the bodies of
The young and defenseless

Continue
To take the hand of the despised
And diseased and walk proudly with
them in the high street
Some might see you and
Be encouraged to do likewise

Continue
To plant a public kiss of concern
On the cheek of the sick
And the aged and infirmed
And count that as a
Natural action to be expected

Continue
To let gratitude be the pillow
Upon which you kneel to
Say your nightly prayer
And let faith be the bridge
you build to overcome evil
And welcome good

Continue
To ignore no vision
Which comes to enlarge your range
And increase your spirit

Continue
To dare to love deeply
And risk everything
For the good thing

Continue
To float
Happily in the sea of infinite substance
Which set aside riches for you
Before you had a name

Continue
And by doing so
You and your work
Will be able to continue
Eternally

A poem by Maya Angelou

Linda Burton-Collier, President

March 2021

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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.

“How to Live Joyfully”

Spiritual Growth Event

hosted by

Greater Southwest District United Methodist Women

Saturday, April 24

9:30 – 11:30 am

On Zoom (we will email link)

Guest Speaker Mary Blashill

Greater Southwest District UMW
Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Cost is \$5 minimum and goes toward our
District Pledge to Mission of \$35,000

Send registrations by April 17th to: Cheryl Rumery, 35686 Mill Lake Rd., Gobles MI 49055

Name _____ Unit _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

A note from our Treasurer ...

THANK YOU so much to everyone who was able to send in your pledges to mission in 2020. I know it was almost impossible to get in any fund-raising this year but so many of you were able to come through and send in financial support in spite of the challenges. Your funds help support mission projects for women, children and youth, including National Mission Institutions (of which Grand Rapids Community House is one), Regional Missionaries, Grants & Scholarships, and service and advocacy work (peace, justice, education, children’s rights, human rights, and farm workers’ rights). All of those are the places “Where the Money Goes”. Greater Southwest District pledged \$35,000 to mission in 2020. We weren’t able to meet that pledge, but we did really well considering the year we had and sent \$24,836.83 on to the Conference toward our pledge. Well done everyone!

The following units met the requirements to become 5-channel units for 2020:

Allegan	Hartford	Portage Chapel Hill	Stevensville
Climax	Kalamazoo Westwood	Schoolcraft	
Gobles	Pokagon	South Haven	

Please contact me if you need information on how your unit can become a 5-channel unit. Thank you everyone for your dedication to UMW and to being the hands and feet of Christ in the world!

Cheryl Rumery, Treasurer

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North Central Jurisdiction United Methodist Women

Election Results

Here are the results of the North Central Jurisdiction UMW Leadership Team and Board of Directors online election that was held on July 10, 2020. These women will serve for the next four years beginning in 2021.

Congratulations to Ruby Anderson who will continue another 4 year term as a National Director. Congratulations also to the following women who will serve on the UMW Leadership Team: Marchelle Phelps— President, Pat Bostic— Vice President and Simmie Proctor (from our district) who will serve on the Nominating Committee.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

DISTRICT:	Greater Southwest			
COMPOSITE TREASURER'S REPORT				
			ANNUAL REPORT	
			2020	
STARTING BALANCE		Date: 1-Jan-2020	\$	494.99
RECEIPTS:				
	From Conference Treasurer			
	A&MD Quarterly		4,100.00	
	From Local Units (Missions)		24,360.83	
	District Love Offerings			
	Spring Fling registrations		30.00	
	Spring Fling registrations-SQUARE		85.59	
	donation		10.00	
	SQUARE deposit-District Annual		14.26	
	District Annual registrations/donations		476.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$	29,076.68
STARTING BALANCE + RECEIPTS			\$	29,571.67
DISBURSEMENTS:	Conference Treasurer			
	Missions		23,810.83	
	SMR		550.00	
	Postage		33.00	
	Supplies			
	Telephone			
	Travel		88.20	
	Meeting - Spring Fling Refunds		90.00	
	Meeting - District Annual Speaker		100.00	
	Newsletter:	(print)	318.53	
		(postage)	374.85	
	Directory:	(print)	155.35	
		(postage)	72.25	
	Miscellaneous	audit	300.00	
	Program Resource event box		10.00	
	Memorials to Legacy Fund		150.00	
	SMR District team		240.00	
	Resources & Literature		95.40	
	Dist Annual Reg. MI Conf don.		490.26	
	Remainder of A&MD to Conf.		2,193.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$	29,071.67
CLOSING BALANCE		(Date: 31-Dec-2020	\$	500.00
	A&MD Funds		500.00	
	Mission Funds		0.00	
	CLOSING BALANCE		500.00	
District Treasurer:	Cheryl Rumery		DATE:	12/31/2020

GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT BUDGET FOR 2021		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>

A note from Education and Interpretation...

I'm going to try and highlight what happens to our UMW offerings each newsletter. In this newsletter, I wanted to introduce you to Mozart Adevu, a UMW missionary in Ghana, who has been sending me newsletters for about a year. He said Ghana has managed the pandemic quite well. The virus has caused more challenges with distribution of food and water because of poor planning by the government, but the Ghana Health Service has managed to keep the virus mostly under control. The whole country practices social distancing and wears facemasks. He has not been able to visit the communities that the UMW supports but is in contact with them by phone. Ghana is currently experiencing a drought in the area. The farmers are diversifying by keeping additional livestock and bees. They have applied to UMCOR for support with establishment of simple and communal irrigation systems to help shield them from unpredictable rains due to climate change. He educates communities on controlling deforestation and encourages tree planting as well as organic production methods and recycling. He also encourages communities to frequently wash their hands with clean water to reduce illnesses. He has also been encouraging and educating people on growing and eating moringa as studies on the plant have shown that adding it to their diet can stop malnutrition in children in only 2 weeks. Moringa leaves contain many vitamins, proteins, and calcium and grows well in the area.



God Bless--

Lori Roof

“How to Live Joyfully”

Spiritual Growth Event

Saturday, April 24, 2021—9:30—11:30 a.m. on Zoom

Registration form is on page 2



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Feminine Hygiene Kit

(\$40 Value)



Kit Contains: (Instructions and Patterns on website)

- 1 One Handle Cloth Bag
- 2 1-Gallon Resealable Plastic Bags
- 1 Washcloth
- 1 Bar Soap-3-4 oz.
- 3 Pairs of Underwear - sizes: child - 10, 12, 14 / women - 5, 6, 8
- 6 Day Pads and 3 Night Pads

Our Mission Challenge this year was chosen by Pokagon UMW. The Mission project has two possibilities. You can choose to make cloth face masks and/or you can make Feminine Hygiene kits using the attached pattern from the Midwest Distribution Center. If you are unable to print from this newsletter and need patterns and directions please contact me at 269.720.9903, email me at lroofl@gmail.com, or write me a letter at Lori Roof, 14810 Roof Dr., Climax 49034. The Mission Challenge will end with our Annual Meeting in the fall.

Feminine Hygiene Kit – Instructions for All Items

Please use **NEW WASHED** flannel or terry cloth that is **100% cotton**.

Please do **NOT** use fabric with the following designs:

Camouflage, handprints, footprints, or paw prints.

Patterns for Pads and One-Handled Bag can be found on our website at: www.midwestmission.org/kits-projects-patterns/Midwest-mission-kits.

- 1 Washcloth
- 1 Bar of soap 3-4 oz.
- 3 Pairs of Underwear – sizes: child: 10-14 women: 5-8
- 6 Day Pads and 3 Night Pads
- 1 Drawstring Carrying Pouch
- 1 Waterproof Bag
- 1 One-Handled Bag (can be made from quilter’s cotton, using MMDC One Handled Cloth pattern.)
- 1 Care and Calendar Sheet

Feminine Hygiene Day and Night Pad Instructions

PLEASE READ COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING!

Unlike other MMDC kits, all flannel or terry cloth should be 100% cotton that has been washed, dried, and pressed. Unwashed and synthetic fabrics have caused infections for the girls. Pressing fabrics helps reduce creeping of fabric while sewing. PUL fabric and cotton quilt batting do not need to be prewashed.

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Flannel is used for one outer side of pad (and inner padding). PUL is used for other outer side (See Note #1). For the padding, you may use new premium 100% cotton flannel or 100% cotton premium terry cloth* - washed, dried and pressed OR unwashed 100% cotton quilt batting (“Toasty Cotton” batting is included in starter kit).

Use polyester thread to avoid wicking. Use universal, knits, or ballpoint needle, not sharps. Optional but very helpful: sewing clips (also called Wonder Clips, they can be found at JoAnn’s Fabrics and online), binder clips, or snap hair clips. Straight pins should be avoided because any time you poke a hole in your PUL fabric, you are poking a hole in the protective barrier.

Suggestion: Copy your patterns onto cardboard, so you always maintain the original and you can refresh patterns as needed. (They will change in size a bit after continued use). These were intentionally designed with “straight across” ends for ease in aligning while cutting and while sewing together.

Sewing Instructions:

For each pad, cut one layer of PUL fabric and one layer of flannel for outside. (See Note #2). Place right sides of outer PUL and flannel together. Trim, if necessary, so edges align.

For padding (flannel or quilt batting), cut 3 layers for Day Pad (smaller) or 4 layers for Night Pad (larger). (See Note #3).

Align the padding on the wrong side of the flannel, down the center. Rounded ends of the padding should be trimmed back to ½ inch from edge of fabric to avoid too much thickness after turning. Fold the side flaps over each other, to make sure they overlap, to accommodate snaps. If they are not overlapping enough, trim the sides down in size. (This seems to be more of a problem on the Night Pads, causing them to become bunched up and bulky.) Zigzag around edges of padding, backstitching at the beginning/end.

Lay flannel with padding down (right side up), place PUL with right side down (laminated side up). Pieces may be clipped together (no pins!). Trim around. With PUL fabric on top, start straight stitching about 1 inch above a side wing, ¼ inch from edge, around to about 1 inch after the top point, to leave an opening for turning. Check that all layers have been stitched before turning. Trim a bit if needed. After turning, top stitch within 1/8 inch of edge, closing the remaining opening and overlapping beginning and ending stitching.

Attach Size #20 plastic snaps on side wings (or return to MMDC where they will be added). Metal snaps should not be used due to rusting in humid countries.

One side wing will lay over the other wing, to fold around the crotch of panties and be snapped together. Fold the pad in half, with straight ends together. Place the punch tool tip on the inside of the fold, **½ inch from the edge**. Poke hole through all layers. Place the snap pin side through the hole, add remaining snap part over pin, and crimp together. For remaining wing, start with button/pin side on opposite side of pad.

Test the completed snap twice. If problems exist, crimp a little harder. If snaps come apart, use a new snap pin cap and try again (pin probably got bent). Midwest Mission has a tool to remove bad snaps. If you have pads that need repair, please place them in a separate bag and mark it “to be repaired”.

Midwest Mission will add snaps for you, but PLEASE do not assemble kits from pads with no snaps. Instead, send the supplies and mark the pads “add snaps”. We will assemble them into kits.

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NOTE 1: PUL (Polyurethane laminate) is used for the lining of the pad and the waterproof bags. It is available at JoAnn Fabric (Babyville line), Hobby Lobby (only white), and online. You may also obtain PUL from Midwest Mission by calling or emailing and requesting it. We ask for a donation of \$4.00 per yard (5-yard minimum) plus shipping.

NOTE 2: A layer of prewashed quilting cotton may be added to cover up the PUL fabric, particularly if using white PUL. (We know how you quilters/sewers are!) Lay flannel with right side up (padding down), lay cotton right side down, then PUL right side down. Stitch together and finish as before.

NOTE 3: If using premium terry cloth for padding, cut 2 layers for small and 3 layers for large. Must be new washed fabric.

Feminine Hygiene Water Proof Bag Instructions

Waterproof Bag: Reminder: no pins, use clips.

One layer of PUL, 12" long and 8" wide

One zipper that tape is at least 8" long

1 – 9" handle, (cut PUL or cotton, 9" x 2", fold to ½" wide and top stitch)

Sewing Instructions: All seams: ½" seam allowance

From right side of fabric, with zipper closed and zipper pull on left edge, turn down each edge of fabric ½" and top stitch zipper to both ends of fabric. Turn bag with right sides together. With wrong side of fabric and wrong side of zipper facing you, make a fold about ½" above zipper. Fold handle in half, sliding folded edge inside right edge, at top of bag, and aligning all cut edges even. Stitch seam, back stitching at starting point, over zipper coil and zipper stopping point. Open zipper halfway, and stitch other side. To add reinforcement where the zipper coil meets the seam, cut (2) 1" by 2" scraps (may be PUL, bias tape, etc.) and fold in half lengthwise. Place the fold over the raw edges of the seam, covering the zipper, and both sides of fabric. Stitch, following the seam line, turn and stitch a second time. This protects the seam from wear. Turn bag right side out.

Feminine Hygiene Drawstring Carrying Pouch Instructions

Drawstring Carry Bag:

Cut bag pieces from quilting cotton (no need to prewash). Cut fabric should be 7" – 9" wide and 10" – 12" tall. Cut two pieces, or one piece, folded at bottom or side. Finished size may be within a range of 6" – 8" wide and 8" – 10" tall.

For drawstring you may use ribbon, new shoestrings, or hemmed bias tape.

Sewing Instructions: - All seams: ½" seam allowance

Place right sides together and, beginning 2" from top of fabric, sew seam on the right edge. To hem opening for drawstring on right edge: open up seam on right side of bag, turn ¼" of seam allowance to wrong side twice and stitch from top edge down, across side seam (backstitching here helps reinforce seam), and up other side. Sew remaining seams around bag, stopping at the top of fabric on left edge. To complete drawstring casing: Turn top edge under ¼", then another ½ - ¾" depending on drawstring width. Stitch around top of bag. Cut drawstring double the width of the bag, plus 4". Thread drawstring through casing. Tie ends together with overhand knot.

One Handle Cloth Bag Instructions

Please use **NEW Denim, Corduroy, Sailcloth, Med-Heavy Drapery and Light Upholstery Fabric**
Please do **NOT** use Double-knit fabric.

Please do **NOT** use fabric with the following designs:
Camouflage, handprints, footprints, or paw prints.

Step 1: Cut the fabric:

Use one piece of fabric 20” wide by 32” long and cut a 5” strip off of the long side for the handle (strap).

OR

Cut a piece 15” wide by 32” long for the bag, then cut a coordinating piece 5” wide and 32” long for the handle (strap).

Step 2: Make the Handle (strap):

Press under ½” on each long side of the narrow 5” piece. Fold in half lengthwise with the right side out. Press. Sew along the long open edge of the handle.

Step 3: Make the Body of the Bag:

Fold the large piece in half with the wrong side out making a 15”x16” bag. Stitch up the side seams with a ½” seam then stitch again for strength. If the fabric ravel, please zig-zag or serge the edge of the seam. Fold down the top of the bag ¼” toward the wrong side of the fabric. Press in place. Fold it down another 1” and press. Stitch near the edge. Turn the bag right side out and press.

Step 4: Attach the Handle (Strap):

Center the ends of the strap over the side seams on the inside of the bag. Pin in place. Stitch a box around the edges of the strap. Sew an “X” to the corners of the box.

For the pattern or questions regarding these directions, please call (217) 483-7911 or email office@midwestmission.org.

Face Mask Instructions

What you need:

- Basic sewing supplies
- About 15 cm (6”) of a suitable fabric (cotton or tightly woven wool)
- About 15 cm (6”) of lining fabric (tightly woven cotton or viscose/rayon)
- About 1.2 meter (4 feet) of ribbon cut in 4 equal parts

Fabric Options

The goal of the mask is to stop droplets. You want to go for something that filters the droplets out and allows you to breathe through your mask with a breathable fabric. You want the inside of the mask to be comfortable on your skin. We suggest a tightly woven cotton or viscose/rayon. For the outer fabric, cotton again, or a tightly woven wool.

Note that fabric that is *breathable* is not the same as fabric you can breathe through. There’s many so-called waterproof breathable fabrics – or MBFs – that are used for outdoor gear because they repel water and are *breathable* but would make a poor choice for a face mask. Look no further than your umbrella for an example. Chances are it’s more from a fabric you can breathe through, but only with substantial effort, which would not work for our face mask.

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Cutting

This mask has only one part, the *mask*. This is half of the mask, you will need two of them. You want an outer and inner layer of fabric, therefore you will need four in total:

Main fabric

Cut 2 masks parts

Lining fabric

Cut 2 masks parts

If you are using the same fabric in and out (which is fine) then simply cut 4 mask parts.

Instructions:

Step 1: Join center seam

Join the curved seam that is center of our mask by placing the *good sides together* and sewing them in place. Repeat this step for both the outer (main) fabric, and the inner (lining) fabric.

Step 2 (optional): Press the center seam

This step has no functional value, it will only make your mask look better. Feel free to skip it. Press the seam allowance on the center seam open so the seam lies nice and flat. As this is a curved seam, it won't lay flat. But you can approach it with your iron from one side, then do the second half from the other side. Alternatively, you can use a tailor's ham or cushion to press. Repeat this step for both the outer (main) fabric, and the inner (lining) fabric.

Step 3: Sew the outer to the inner fabric and attach ribbons

Now we will sew the inner (lining) fabric to the outer (main) fabric, and attach the ribbons all in one step.

- Place your lining fabric down with the good side up.
- Then, place two ribbons on the corners of one side (right in our example) so that they peak out just a bit from the mask, but the ribbon extends inwards.
- Now place the main fabric on top of this with the good side down. You should now have both layers of your mask on top of each other with *good sides together* and two ribbons sandwiched between them
- Pin through ribbons and layers to keep them in place
- Now do the same on the other side.

Now sew around the mask, making sure to leave one side open so we can turn the mask inside-out later. Be careful not to catch any of the ribbons in the seam apart from where you want them to. Either guide them through the opening you leave on one side, or bunch them up in between the masks of your layer to keep them out of the way.

Step 4: Turn the mask inside-out

Actually, your mask is inside-out now, so turning it inside out will mean we get it outside-out, or regular. Just reach in through the side you left open and carefully pull the mask through to turn it.

Step 5 (optional): Press the mask

This step has little functional value, it will only make your mask look better. So if you're not too bothered about that, feel free to skip it. Now that the mask is as it should be, it's time to press it. Before doing so, make sure to fold the seam allowance of the side we left open inward so that we press it flat as if it was sown.

Step 6: Close open side of the mask and edge-stitch around the edge

Now it's time to close the side of our mask that we left open to turn it inside out. We are not merely going to close the opening, but also edge-stitch around the entire mask to give our mask some extra stability, and keep the lining at the back. Make sure the open side is folded neatly inside, then edge-stitch around the entire mask.



Becoming a Mission Today Unit

The program will go from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 to be presented at the Annual Meeting for the following October in 2022. 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.

Don't forget to send in your 2020 Mission Today Unit form to llroof1@gmail.com or send it to Lori Roof, 14810 Roof Dr., Climax, MI 49034.

Mission u 2021

Studies for this year are as follows:

Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools

Bearing Witness in the Kin-Dom: Living into the Church's Moral

Witness through Radical Discipleship

Youth Study: Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence

Children's Study: Responding to Violence

2021 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 District 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 u*.
- ____ 14. *At least two members (other than conference or district officers) 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 the 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's 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, 2022.***

This year our Unit qualified as a Mission Today

FAITH HOPE JOY LOVE unit (Circle all that apply)

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IMPORTANT 2021 DATES

Spiritual Growth Event - April 24th 9:30-11:30 am on Zoom

Mission Evening - June 10th 5:30-8:00 pm

Mission u of the West - July 7-10th at Albion College

Mission u of the South - July 24th at Big Beaver UMC in Troy

Mission u of the East - Aug. 19-21st at Lake Huron Retreat Center

Greater Southwest District UMW Annual Celebration - October 2nd 9:30-2:30

Mission u of the North - Oct. 18-19th at Grayling 1st UMC

Conference Leadership Training for District Officers - October 22

Conference UMW Annual Celebration - October 23 at Westwood UMC in Kalamazoo

Spring is Coming!