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Hello Everyone ~ I'm so happy to be serving the new Michigan Conference UMW, having just completed four years as the Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth for the Detroit Conference. I feel very blessed to serve the Michigan Conference as E&I and I trust we can help each other as we Grow in Learning and Understanding this role for all the Michigan Districts.

The first clarification I want to share with you is about reporting your Mission Objectives to your District E&I Coordinator each year. The updated form to be sent to your units is the same as the one prepared by the Detroit Conference E&I some years ago, and has been agreed we will use it for the new Michigan Conference beginning in 2019. Our 2018 E&I Coordinator, Nancy Cline, explains some clarifications for us as follows: "Basically the way things would work is that this year everything that a unit did from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 will count towards meeting their Mission Unit Objectives and they will receive that recognition at their *next* Annual Celebration in **October of 2019**. (This is a new procedure for the Detroit Annual Conference Units, but not for West Michigan Units). The same will apply to the Reading Program. All books read from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 will count towards the recognition they receive at their *next* Annual Celebration in October 2019.

It is understood that some things that were done in 2018 will be counted twice. That is because from January 1 of 2018 until August 31, 2018 or into September, some units received their recognition for the things they accomplished at this year's Annual Celebrations held this October (2018).

The reason for the change is to make all reporting based on the same time line -- the calendar year. This is the same thing we do for our election of officers. It just made sense to have all reports and awards be based on the same time line. Our Treasurers already do all their summaries and audits based on the calendar year." The new Michigan Conference has agreed with this updated and consistent reporting time frame.

I have updated the form for all the Districts to send to their Local Units. Before sending it out to the Units, the E&I District Coordinator needs to fill in their name and address for the forms to be returned to them, as well as the deadline date to return the completed forms. As they are for an entire twelve-month period, the calendar year of January through December, you need to fill in the deadline date sometime shortly after the end of the year.

This first year may be a little confusing for all of us with the new reporting guidelines, but we are here to learn and understand and grow our new UMW Michigan Conference.

Blessings to all of you for a wonderful 2019. I look forward to growing with all of you. Of course contact me if you need anything explained and we'll learn together!