



NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Fall—Winter 2021

PRESIDENT



Greetings United Methodist Women, Beloved by Christ,

I prayed for our District UMW and EACH unit during the month of July in my morning devotions. I want each of us to find a renewed purpose for women, children and youth that God places on our hearts.

Your District Team hasn't met in person, but we've had many Zoom meetings to get ready for our Conference Celebration in Menominee in October. I hope you all have emailed or snail mailed your list of Readers, your members who have died, your list of officers, and your Pledge.

Thank you to Joyce Erickson for her years of service on the District UMW team. She has decided to step down from Membership, Nurture, and Outreach. Also thank you to Wendy Mulka for stepping into the MNO position.

Our District Team is here to help YOU, the Local UMW units. We want you to succeed in reaching out to those who need us, not just during this Pandemic, but all the time. We help in our local area, the UP, Michigan, the USA, and the World!

As our local units age we all wonder...how can we keep our UMW functioning? Pray about it!

1) Ask Christ to show you new ways you can reach out to those who need you.

2) Maybe Rummage Sales and Pie Socials are just too much work for your unit. Yes! I hear you! I've heard of units who did a bakeless bake sale. They sent out a flyer to all church members and included people who grew up

in the church but had moved away. Those were very successful.

3) Try changing your meeting time so that women who work can "come and see" what UMW is all about.

4) Pray again.

I hope to see each of you in October!

Have a good and Godly season of God's love and grace!

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VICE PRESIDENTS



Greetings! Isn't it nice to shake off the dust and be out and about again? We are excited to share that our District Celebration will finally take place on October 5 in Menominee and it will be in-person. We look forward to bringing an informative, interesting presentation that day with our highlight speaker being Beth Galbreath, a biblical storyteller, with an emphasis on our theme of "Faith, Hope and Love." The registration form is included in this newsletter; please feel free to make extra copies so that we can reach out to all interested women. This will be our last Celebration to take place in the fall as we will be transitioning to a spring Annual District Celebration starting in May 2022. We hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe summer whatever you have planned and wherever you go. God is good, all the time!

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SECRETARY

Will you stand up and be counted?
I will be counting how many from
each UMW are in attendance at the

Celebration in October. Can I count you in? Will your
Unit have more than last time when we met way
back in 2019?

All of us from Menominee UMW are looking forward
to welcoming you, so come on down!

It is time once again to fill out the 2022 Local Unit
Officers form that you will find in this newsletter.
Please return it to me by October 31, 2021. If officers
are the same, check the email addresses for accuracy.
There is also a spot on the form to indicate the
number of members in your unit. We use this
information to keep your unit informed through the
newsletter and other correspondence.

Thanks and hope to see you soon,

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TREASURER

Thank you to those units who
have been able to send in some
amount for pledge and other
giving. It has been a difficult year

and hopefully we will all be able to gradually resume
meeting together and participating in our different
projects and ministries.

One thing to make you aware of that has changed is
in regard to the Special Mission Recognition pins.
The national office is no longer printing the
certificates that used to accompany the pins. So
when you send in a gift for Special Mission
recognition, the pin will be sent to you from the
national office; and I will send you a certificate which
you can fill in with the recipient's name and the name
of your unit.

Please remember to send the appropriate paperwork
with any remittances. For Pledge, Gift to Mission,
Gift in Memory, World Thank Offering, Call to Prayer
and any other designated offerings, please include
the remittance form. For Special Mission recognition,
include both the remittance form and the Special
Mission recognition form. If you need any of the
forms, let me know and I will send them to you. (You
can make extra copies of the ones I send.)

As you go through the year, I encourage each unit to
consider becoming a 5 Channels of Giving unit by
giving at least \$40 for SMR and at least \$5 in each of
the other giving categories (Pledge, Gift to Mission,
Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering). Any
individual woman may become a 5 Star Woman by
giving those amounts, and in that case the unit she is
a member of automatically becomes a 5 Channel of
Giving unit.

For all of you unit treasurers, I will soon be contacting
you regarding the tax ID # for your bank account.

Perhaps you can be ready for my call by doing a little
investigation and finding out if your bank account is
currently under the same tax ID# as your church. If it
is, you are going to have to change the Tax ID# to the
Michigan Conference one. For some banks, this will
involve closing out the current account and opening a
new one. I realize this is a huge inconvenience, but
the rationale is that UMW funds are not general
church funds and should not be included under the
church ID nor in the church audit.

I am always available to answer questions and help
out in any way I can. Feel free to email or call for any
questions.

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Spiritual Growth - What is it?

Spiritual growth is detailed in 2 Peter
1:3-8, "His divine power has given us
everything we need for life and godliness through our

knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith, goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

To grow, we need to: (1) increase our knowledge and understanding of God's Word, (2) decrease our frequency and severity of sin, (3) increase in our practice of Christ-like qualities, and (4) increase in our faith and trust in God. In other words, become more like Jesus Christ as He is the ultimate example of being spiritual.

Learning how to grow spiritually is a life-long journey. Communication with God is essential to growing your relationship with Him, just as it is with any other person in your life. Growth will occur as you read and apply God's Word to your life.

2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." In order for spiritual growth to occur, we must be taught, rebuked, corrected, and trained by God's Word. Then we will be thoroughly equipped for every good work. This is the essence of spiritual growth.

I sincerely hope these words are an encouragement to you!

Don't forget, with our post Covid schedule, our Spiritual Growth Retreat will not happen this Oct. Instead, we'll be in Menominee at that time for our UMW Annual Celebration. In 2022 we'll be on the new schedule of Annual Celebration in the spring and Spiritual Growth Retreat in the fall. Hopefully,

everyone will be ready and able to come together again for our various events.

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*I give credit for content to AllaboutGOD.com I go to the internet a lot for ideas and supplements to my own ideas. And, while I don't like to "copy," so often it says what I want to say but am unable to put together on my own!



What a summer!!

The year 2020 had been a challenge for us all. We thank you for returning your Mission Objective forms. We understand that because we have been unable to meet, many of these objectives have been unmet. We hope we'll be able to meet in person soon.

Our Social Action focus for 2021-2024 will be: CLIMATE JUSTICE with focus on Just Energy for All and gender equity and racial justice. The second focus will be CRIMINALIZATION OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR & MASS INCARCERATION with focus on interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline.

You can find more information and resources in the Jan-Feb issue of *Response* magazine and on the United Methodist Women's website. We hope you will share this information with your members when we can again meet in person.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE, & OUTREACH

We welcome Wendy Mulka to the role of MNO chairperson, and thank Joyce Erickson for her years of service.

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PROGRAM RESOURCES

Even though we had more time to work on our Reading Program Books during the last 1-½ years, several readers have mentioned to me that though they had the time, they haven't had the concentration to "absorb" the information (Including me). Let's hope that being out among others in the fresh air will help our brains get more active!

The Reading Program certificates for 2019 and 2020 will be distributed at our October Celebration. I will also have Program Booklets available for purchase at this time. I was told that Prayer Calendars will not be available until December.

The book "Blue Gold"(Social Action 2016) tells the story of three girls on three continents that are connected by the rare mineral known as blue gold (coltan ore). This story clearly demonstrates how our purchases effect people in other countries. This is written for teens, so it is a quick read..

Remember that if you listen to 3 Faith Talks, they will count as 2 books in the Spiritual Growth Category. These are monthly conversations "exploring themes and resources that empower us to put faith, hope, and love in action." They can be found at unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks. There are several topics to choose from.

Did you watch part or all of the Zoom sessions on July 9 & 10? It was based on the book "Push Out; Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools." Our District Library has this book available.

Contact me if you'd like me to send you this book or any others from our Library.

Happy Reading!

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NOMINATIONS

We still need a Chair of Nominations. Is anybody out there good at recruiting women to fill positions? You would have the help of the nominations committee. Get in touch with Patti Steinberg to volunteer!



NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR

If your church or UMW unit is doing anything unusual and/or noteworthy during the pandemic, please submit pictures with a short caption so they can be included in future newsletters. As always, if you're receiving this newsletter by snail-mail and you now have an e-mail address, please contact me with your info so I can start sending the newsletters by e-mail. This will help save District postage costs. Thank you!

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Menominee UMW celebrates long-time member Mary Kahl's 99th birthday on June 2nd

WEB PAGES OF INTEREST

Northern Skies United Methodist Women
<https://www.umwmichiganconference.org/nsd/html>

Michigan United Methodist Women
<https://www.umwmichiganconference.org/>

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Conference Nominating Committee: Patti Steinberg (see info above)

NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UMW ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Menominee First United Methodist Church

601 10th Ave., Menominee, MI 49858

Guest Speaker: Rev. Beth Galbreath, biblical storyteller

The cost of this UMW District celebration is \$15 per person including lunch, \$7 without lunch. Reservations are required in order to have an accurate count for lunch. Registration deadline is September 15. Please send registration form with payment to Judy Misner at W2573 Association Rd., St. Ignace, MI 49781 and make check payable to Northern Skies District UMW. Suggestions for those who might need overnight accommodations include: Econolodge in Menominee, phone 906-863-4431 or AmericInn in Menominee, phone 906-863-8699. For directions to the Church, contact Jane Yaeger at 906-290-1884.

Registration and refreshments: 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Praise music: 10:15 Meeting: 10:30 Lunch: 12 noon

Program, Memorial Service, and Communion: 1 p.m.

****All times are Central Daylight Savings Time****

Suggested ingathering items for UP Foster Closet are: Brand new boys and girls underwear, diapers/wipes/pullups – any size.

-----Please Return Bottom Portion With Payment-----

****REGISTRATION FORM****

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CHURCH: _____

REQUEST DAYCARE: Yes _____ No _____ E-MAIL: _____

****LEADERSHIP MEETING****

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021 at 6 P.M.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

DINNER: Number Attending: _____ LODGING: Yes/Number to a Room: _____

Roommate(s): _____

NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
2022 Local Unit Officers
Due: October 31, 2021

Name of Church & Location _____

Number of Members as of September 1, 2019 _____

***PLEASE INCLUDE AS MANY EMAIL ADDRESSES AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID POSTAGE COSTS.**

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Name _____ phone: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email (for newsletter) _____

Vice President:

Name _____ phone: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email (for newsletter) _____

Treasurer:

Name _____ phone: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email (for newsletter) _____

Secretary:

Name _____ phone: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email (for newsletter) _____

Nominations:

Name _____ phone: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email (for newsletter) _____

Program Resources:

Name _____ phone: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email (for newsletter) _____

Mission Coordinators

Spiritual Growth:

Name _____ phone: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email (for newsletter) _____

Social Action:

Name _____ phone: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email (for newsletter) _____

Education and Interpretation:

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Please return by October 31, 2021 (or after your first Fall Meeting)

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Thank you so much for taking the time to fill this out!



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2021 NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UMW CALENDAR

August 24	District Leadership Team meeting in Menominee, 12 noon EDT/11 am CDT
October 4	District Leadership Team meeting in Menominee, 6 pm EDT/5 pm CDT
October 5	District Celebration at Menominee First UMC, 10:30 am EDT/9:30 am CDT
October 18-19	Mission U at Gaylord First UMC
October 23	Conference Celebration at Kalamazoo Westwood UMC, 8:30 a.m. EDT
October 31	2022 Local Unit Officers due to Bobbi Sundquist
November 25	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day
January 15, 2022	Newsletter Deadline to Judy Rost
February 1, 2022	2021 Mission Today Unit Objectives due to Beth Clark/Moira Cowling