



# NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Fall – Winter 2020



## PRESIDENT

Greetings United Methodist Women.

Just a reminder before I dig into the business before us, that Jesus loves you! So simple yet so profound. I urge you to make a list of all your friends then pray for each one by name for 30 days. That's my challenge for you.

I attended a School to Prison Pipeline Bible Study in February in Lapeer. I learned much about this pipeline that I have heard about as part of our Social Action. Hopefully next year I can start sharing what I learned with local units.

Although Mission U was cancelled this year, there is a 4-week video presentation online. *Finding Peace in an Anxious World* is taught by Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell, pastor at Big Rapids First UMC. Find it at [umwmichiganconference.org](http://umwmichiganconference.org).

We have some changes in the Northern Skies UMW District.

1. Our District Celebration will not be held in Menominee in October. Because of the Covid-19 Pandemic it is unwise to meet as a large group so voting materials are included in this newsletter. Please send in your ballot by September 29. You can notify your members as you see fit. The two issues we need to vote on are: the 2021 Budget and the Slate of Officers for 2021.
2. Our District Celebration is changing to May and our Spiritual Growth Retreat to October. Because of the change of our reporting year (ending in December instead of September), we felt that clearing the books in May for the previous year instead of October, as well as recognition of 5-Star People, 5 Channels of

Giving Units, Mission Objective recognition, and Reading Program recognition just made sense.

3. We need a Chair of Nominations. We were sorry to see Sharon Rice leave, and we thank her for her service! Is anybody out there good at recruiting women to fill positions? You would have the help of the nominations committee. Get in touch with me to volunteer!
4. The Michigan Conference UMW meeting will be held virtually this October instead of in person. Please stay tuned to the [umwmichiganconference.org](http://umwmichiganconference.org) website, the Michigan UMW Facebook Page or the Northern Skies UMW Facebook Page for updates.

Have a good and Godly remainder of 2020!

Patti Steinberg  
[pattisteinberg@gmail.com](mailto:pattisteinberg@gmail.com)  
(906) 367-2128



School to Prison Pipeline Bible Study in February in Lapeer—Patti's in the back!



## VICE PRESIDENTS

Greetings! We are hoping this finds all of you healthy and busy with all kinds of old and newly discovered hobbies and projects during this time of social distancing. Like a sign of the times, there is not

much “news” happening to report to you except to note that for a variety of reasons it has been decided by the district leadership team to cancel and reschedule our annual fall celebration for 2020. There will be NO fall celebration in October 2020. However, going forward we will transition this event to a spring celebration each year. Our 2021 celebration date is yet to be determined but will tentatively be the first or second Saturday in May. It will take place in Menominee. (The annual spring retreat will now take place each fall.) We are continuing to work on a meaningful program in May 2021 and are pleased that our featured speaker will still be able to join us and share her talent as an awesome storyteller. We are hoping for an in-person program at that time, and the registration form will be included in the next newsletter. Until then, stay well and we hope to share time with everyone at the spring celebration in May 2021.

Blessings to all,

Linda Maiullo	Judy Misner
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313-580-1271	906-643-7191



### SECRETARY

“Strange times, indeed” “When will I see you again?” “What the world needs now is love, sweet

love...” I’ve been listening to the oldies station too much! But don’t you wish we could “go back in time” to last Fall when we just had our normal worries & concerns?

Last Fall was when local units filled out their **Local Unit Officers Forms** and returned them to me, believing that our lives would continue as usual. Despite the changes & challenges we are facing, I’m still asking for your 2021 Local Unit Officers Forms. Aren’t you glad some things haven’t changed? You can find the form in this newsletter with directions on how to get the information to me.

I thought it would be interesting to share some of the information we gathered. According to the forms returned to me last Fall:

- We have 25 local UMW Units with a total of 560 members.
- Our largest Unit is St Ignace with 56 members. Four Units are 10 members strong: Germfask, Negaunee Mitchell, Rockland St Paul’s, & Sault Ste Marie.
- Two Units were functioning without a president, one unit operates with a presidential committee, and one unit has a summertime president & a wintertime president.
- Most of our units do not have all ten positions filled but Gwinn, with 32 members, & Manistique, with 28 members, do have a full board as do Greenland & Newberry, each with 12 members.

No matter our size, we have found creative ways to handle the challenges we face. Be proud (yet humble) as you fill out those 2021 **Local Unit Officer Forms!** Even if nothing has changed, please double check the information & return it to me. Thank you.

Until we meet again,

Bobbi Sundquist  
bobbiannolsen@aol.com  
906-864-9337



### TREASURER

It’s been a quiet few months in the Northern Skies District. I hope this finds you all well and enjoying the beauty of our part of the world this summer. There isn’t much to report from the financial end of things. A few of you have sent in a check, but of course with groups not meeting and unable to carry out normal events, I was not expecting much activity.

Just a reminder that now that we are on a calendar year basis (Jan – Dec) you have until the end of November to send in any money for this year. Last year I received several checks in December and since it was our first year on the new schedule, I went ahead and credited the payments to 2019, but I will not be doing that this year. If you want to be a 5-Star unit or a 5-Star woman, please make sure that I receive all your payments by Nov 30, as I have to have all monies in to the Conference treasurer by Dec 5. All of the 5-Star units and 5-star women will be recognized at our District Annual Meeting, which we are planning to have in the spring, with the Spiritual Growth Retreat moving to the fall.

One additional note: when you are sending in money for a Special Mission Recognition pin, please use one of the standard amounts given on the form (\$40, \$60, \$100 etc.). There have been some sent in with gifts of \$50, and that makes a little more complicated in sending it in to National, because it has to be entered as 2 separate amounts--\$40 for the pin and \$10 as a donation. So, this is just a request to make my job a little simpler by using the standard amounts. Thanks!

As always, I am available by phone or email if you have any questions or need help with any forms.

Barb Akins  
vlnpno@gmail.com  
906-863-7387



## **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

YES! We are still Methodists. And we are still the United Methodist Women, and we are still 'The Church'!

Just think what has come from change. We weren't

always like our current UMW. We had 21 predecessor organizations combined through time and change to become what we are today. We still

have the same purpose and that is to be women led by faith, followed by faith asking us to do something, and then faith to put that something into action. We can try to grow in our faith, and have that faith grow into an action.

We have certainly seen changes in the past few months; something that has not been experienced in most of our lifetimes. Some really disappointing cancellations! Our Spiritual Growth Retreat, Mission U and District Celebration, and many had children or grandchildren's graduation ceremonies, special birthdays, etc. cancelled. But I hope we can focus on the many, many things that have not changed. God, the Bible, compassion, love, and joy in the small things.

Have you seen a change of a little more personal Spiritual Growth during our quarantine time? More reading the Bible or UMW reading program books? Maybe more services online than you would normally listen to? More taking time to call someone for a long past-due chat? I have really enjoyed the "funnies" that have come out (such as the one included) and some very nice inspirational posts. But in the past few weeks we seem to have grown out of the funny and inspirational and now most posts are political, so it's time for us to grow past that. Grow instead of stagnate so we can prepare for our time back together and just for the sake of growing ourselves.

We are not meant to quarantine our spiritual growth. Paul prays for the Colossians (1:9-10) that they "would all be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding so that they may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as they grow in the knowledge of God". And 2Peter's letter urging Christians to grow in their faith and knowledge of Christ. "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (3:18a)

I am so very thankful that we have the technology we do. This Covid 19 pandemic has been compared to the 1918 Spanish flu but quite different since we can now spread facts (and

fiction) very rapidly. (I found some very interesting reading when I googled 1920 pandemic. I got: "20 of the worst epidemics and pandemics in history".) But being able to see or hear our church services, meetings, or Bible studies online has been wonderful for those who have access to that technology.

May we all grow our Spirit in Christ as we move forward.

Jane Yaeger  
jyaeger210@sbcglobal.net  
906-290-1884



## **SOCIAL ACTION/EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION**

Greetings come to you from Moira and Beth. We hope you are staying safe and healthy. It is such a different life these days.

We want to remind you of the UMW Social Action campaigns for 2017-2020. We will be looking at new ones in 2021. Our four campaigns are: Just Energy For All, Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline, A Living Wage for All, and End Maternal Mortality. We hope you will consider these when planning programs. More information is available at [unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org).

Thanks to all the units for completing their Mission Objectives. Included in this newsletter is a sheet where you will see a list of areas that units have given to. We have tried to condense the list as there were so many.

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

Blessings to all and stay safe.

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715-696-3773

Moira Cowling  
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906-774-5130



## **MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE, & OUTREACH**

For reporting new members and the passing of members in 2020, there is a form enclosed with this newsletter. Please e-mail or mail by postal service to me by **February 15, 2021**.

Joyce Erickson  
erickson64@hotmail.com  
906-774-9279



## **PROGRAM RESOURCES**

In this very unusual time in which we are having no face-to-face meetings, I have a couple of ideas to facilitate getting Reading Program books to you. First, email, phone me, or send a traditional letter to me with your book request. The library does not have all of the books from the booklist, but it has most of them. If someone in your unit has a computer tablet of some kind, you can purchase an e book copy of the title you want (from Amazon or another supplier) and pass it between you. I know some of the units purchase their own copies.

I suggest that each reader wear a mask and wash their hands thoroughly and often when reading, no matter which format you choose. If we do this mailing to and from the District Library, I will let the book sit for at least 5 days before I send it out again.

Because of the times in which we are living, I have pulled a few titles (that are right here, right now) that may help us to understand our present-day world a little better. Disclaimer: I have not read all of these books,

- [Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools](#) by Monique W. Morris
- [Holding Up Your Corner; talking About Race in Your Community](#) by F. Willis Johnson

- Pre-Post-Racial America; Spiritual Stories from The Front Lines by Sandhya Rani Jha
- Who Lynched Willie Earle? by Will Willimon
- The Fig Tree Revolution; Unleashing Local Churches into the Mission of Justice by Bill Medford
- Faith Ed; Teaching About Religion in an Age of Intolerance by Linda Wertheimer
- One; Unity in a Divided World by Deidra Riggs
- Nobody Cries When We Die; God, Community, and Surviving to Adulthood by Patrick B. Reyes
- Be Still; A collection of short essays which illuminate how faith and faithful living may respond to our contemporary world by Gordon C. Stewart
- Step Up to the Plate by Maria Singh
- Born on Third Base; A one percenter makes the case for tackling inequality, bringing wealth home, and committing to the common Good by Chuck Collins
- 6 X 10; Stories from solitary by Mateo Koke

#### Picture Books:

- All the Colors We Are; The story of How We Get Our Skin Colors by Katie Kissinger
- Our Rights; How Kids Are Changing The World by Janet Wilson
- Midnight Teacher; Lilly Ann Granderson and her secret school by Janet Halfmann

REMINDER: I have not received many reports from 2019. I think some of the unit reports just didn't get sent in. It's not too late for your unit's accomplishments to be recognized.

You have until Dec. 31, 2020 to fulfill your reading goals for 2020.

We, of course, still have many other books for your reading pleasure! Keep in touch.....

Mary Balfour  
mjhalf@gmail.com  
906-298-0487



#### NOMINATIONS

We need a Chair of Nominations. We were sorry to see Sharon Rice leave, and we thank her for her service! 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

Putting together a newsletter during a pandemic is a challenge, as is everything else. 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!

Judy Rost  
jrost@alphacomm.net  
906-788-4771

#### WEB PAGES OF INTEREST

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

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

## AREAS THAT LOCAL UNITS HAVE GIVEN TO

Breakfast with a purpose	Samaritan's Purse	Shoeboxes
Food boxes	Operation graduation services	Gas & gift cards to people with health issues
Taumenon Area Senior Citizens	Methodist Children's home	World Vision
Feed America	Bay Cliff	Easter backbacks
Luce County Community Resource	Mission Training Center	Local Cancer Society
Dianne Peppur Resource center	Heritage House	Haiti hot lunch
Hygiene kits to UMCOR	Feeding America	Salvation Army
Wish list supplies to Hospice	UMC Retirement Home	God's Cooperative Parish
War Memorial hospital Dialysis Unit	Mackinac County Animal Shelter	Camp Michigamme
Shelter home	Mid County Food Pantry	Nursing homes
Life outreach	St. Vincent De Paul	DAR boys & girls clubs
Heifer international	Santa's Headquarters	Social Services – adopt a family
Angel Tree for foster children	Quilts for newborns and cancer patients	Local Habitat for Humanity
Good neighbor fund	Summer luncheon	Needs for families passing through town needing food & shelter
St. Nicolas Fund	Rummage sales	Goodwill
Ontonagon School Caring closet	Harvest Dinner	Underwear and socks for children
Blessing bowls	Prayer shawl ministry	Thanksgiving project
Friendship teas	Funeral lunches	Trunk & treat
College student outreach fund	May baskets to shut-ins	Mission projects in their town
Community meal program	Fairs food booth	
	Clergy appreciation	

# NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UMW 2020 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Please return the names of new and deceased members no later than **February 15, 2021** to:

Joyce Erickson, Membership/Nurture and Outreach Coordinator  
W8021 Oakridge  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801  
906-774-9279

Name of Local Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Person Submitting Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Members deceased between January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

Name	

New members acquired between January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

Name	

**NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

**2021 Local Unit Officers**

**Due: October 31, 2020**

Name of Church & Location \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members as of September 1, 2020 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**President:**

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:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Nurture & Outreach:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return by October 31, 2020**

**to:**

**Bobbi Sundquist**

**N2708 State Hwy M-35**

**Menominee, MI 49858**

**bobbiannolsen@aol.com**

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



## **OUR ANNUAL DISTRICT GATHERING**

**has been suspended due to COVID-19**

*But your input is appreciated! Vote for 2021 leadership and approve the budget by returning this ballot by September 29<sup>th</sup>.*

## **NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT VOTING BALLOT**

Deadline: September 29, 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**I approve the Proposed Budget for 2021    Yes \_\_\_    No\_\_\_**

**I approve the Proposed Slate of Officers    Yes\_\_\_    No\_\_\_**

*In lieu of registration fees, please consider making a donation of \$10 or more to God's Country Cooperative Parish.*

Make checks payable to: Northern Skies UMW and mail your check with this voting ballot before September 29<sup>th</sup> to:

Bobbi Sundquist  
N2708 State Hwy M-35  
Menominee, MI 49858  
bobbiannolsen@aol.com

## 2021 UMW NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT BOARD SLATE OF OFFICERS

**Honorary President:** Bron Harmon, cell 906-420-2943, dfebron@gmail.com

**Past President:** Bobbie Clift, 225 W. Michigan St #1, Marquette, Mi 49855, cell 906-361-2234, bblouclift@gmail.com

**President:** Patti Steinberg, 142 Indian Lake Dr, Crystal Falls, Mi 49920, Cell 906-367-2128, pattisteinberg@gmail.com

**Co Vice Pres:** Judy Misner, W2573 Association Rd, St Ignace, Mi 49781, 906-643-7191, cell 906-630-0303, auxchenes2@gmail.com

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**Spiritual growth:** Jane Yaeger, 1610 36<sup>th</sup> Ave #6, Menominee, Mi 49858, cell 906-290-1884, jyaeger210@gmail.com

### **Social Action/Education & Interpretation:**

Beth Clark, 446 Lake Anna Rd, Florence, Wi 54121, 715-696-3773, clarkbb616@gmail.com

Moira Cowling, W8321 Spring Lake Lane, Iron Mountain, Mi 49801, 906-774-5130, cell 906-221-9311, moira5130@hotmail.com

**Membership, Nurture & Outreach:** Joyce Erickson, W8021 Oakridge, Iron Mountain, Mi 49801, 906-774-9279, erickson64@hotmail.com

**Program Resources:** Mary Balfour, N7014 Kay Dr KI, Stephenson, Mi 49887, 906-298-0487, mjbalf@gmail.com

**Newsletter:** Judy Rost, W4768 14.5 Lane, Wallace, Mi 49893, 906-788-4771, jrost@alphacomm.net

### **Nominations Chairperson: OPEN ANY VOLUNTEERS?**

**Comm on Nom:** Deb Cavalier, 313 Fourth St, Iron Mountain, Mi 49801, 906-228-7711, cell 906-282-8037, madrecav@gmail.com

Wendy Mulka, 580 N. Riverhills Rd, Kingsford, Mi 49802, 906-774-8387, cell 906-396-0405, picup8@gmail.com

Bonnie Picotte, 36870 Stroud Rd, Ontonagon, Mi 49953, 906-884-4523, yogibo@charter.net

Linda Chappa, 739 Klomen Ave, Republic, Mi 49875, 906-371-9051, [sircuddlycakes@gmail.com](mailto:sircuddlycakes@gmail.com)

**Conference – CON & Charter for Racial Justice Comm:** Patti Steinberg (see info above)

NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
2021 BUDGET

Revised 6/1/2018

PLEDGE TO MISSION \$14,000.00

**ADMINISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (A&MD)**

**OFFICER EXPENSES:**

(Those not associated with District or Conference Events)

100	Postage	<u>\$75.00</u>	
101	Office Supplies	<u>\$75.00</u>	
103	Travel (Including visitation to local units)	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	
104	Meals	<u>\$200.00</u>	
105	Printing	<u>\$100.00</u>	
106	Bank Expenses	<u>\$30.00</u>	
107	Audit	<u>\$200.00</u>	
108	Dependent Care	<u>\$0.00</u>	
109	Officer Resources/Literature	<u>\$400.00</u>	
	<b>TOTAL OFFICER EXPENSES</b>		<u>\$3,080.00</u>

**CONFERENCE EVENT EXPENSES:** (Those associated with events, including travel, meals, dependent care, scholarships, when not covered by Conference)

200	Conference Annual Meeting	<u>\$800.00</u>	
201	Keep Making Peace Day	<u>\$0.00</u>	
202	Mission u	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	
203	Other Conference Events	<u>\$500.00</u>	
	<b>TOTAL CONFERENCE EVENTS</b>		<u>\$2,800.00</u>

**DISTRICT EVENT EXPENSES:** (Those associated with events, including travel, meals, supplies, printing, dependent care, honoraria, scholarships for local women)

300	District Annual Meeting	<u>\$2,200.00</u>	
301	Local Unit Leadership Training	<u>\$200.00</u>	
302	District Spiritual Growth Retreat	<u>\$2,200.00</u>	
303	Shepherds/Unit Visitation	<u>\$0.00</u>	
304	Other District Events:	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	<b>TOTAL DISTRICT EVENTS</b>		<u>\$4,600.00</u>

**OTHER EXPENSES**

400	Newsletter/Directory (including printing & postage)	<u>\$500.00</u>	
401	Program Resources (including sales tax)	<u>\$850.00</u>	
402	District SMR, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, etc.	<u>\$500.00</u>	
403	Church Women United	<u>\$0.00</u>	
409	Miscellaneous	<u>\$125.00</u>	
	<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</b>		<u>\$1,975.00</u>

**TOTAL BUDGETED A&MD EXPENSES** \$12,455.00

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**Conference Nominating Committee:** Patti Steinberg (see info above)

## 2020 NORTHERN SKIES UMW DISTRICT BOREALIS BUDDIES



Local UMW units have been assigned a **Borealis Buddy** to inform them of activities and meetings within the District. Please contact your buddy with any questions.

CHURCH/UNIT	BOREALIS BUDDY	BUDDY'S PHONE NUMBER	BUDDY'S e-mail ADDRESS
Calumet, Germfask, Gwinn, L'Anse, Lake Linden, McMillan	Barb Akins	906-863-7387	vlnpno@gmail.com
Gladstone Memorial	Deb Cavalieri	906-228-7711	madrecav@gmail.com
Bergland, Ewen, Hulbert Tahquamenon, Paradise, Wakefield	Beth Clark	715-696-3773	clarkbb616@gmail.com
Iron Mountain First, Iron Mountain Trinity, Quinnesec	Moira Cowling	906-774-5130	moira5130@hotmail.com
Bark River, Hermansville First, Norway Grace, Republic, Woodland	Joyce Erickson	906-774-9279	erickson64@hotmail.com
Emmett County New Hope, Mackinaw City/Straits, St. Ignace	Linda Maiullo	313-580-1271	maiullol@aol.com
Algonquin, Cheboygan St. Paul's, Sault Ste. Marie Central	Judy Misner	906-643-7191	auxchenes2@gmail.com
Hancock First, Houghton Grace	Wendy Mulka	906-396-0405	picup8@gmail.com
Greenland, Ontonagon, Rockland St. Paul's	Bonnie Picotte	906-884-4523	yogibo@charter.com
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# 2020 Mission Today Unit Objectives

## United Methodist Women - Michigan Conference

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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 u*.
- \_\_\_\_ 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:*



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## **2020/2021 NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UMW CALENDAR**

September 29	Voting Ballot due to Bobbi Sundquist
October 31	2021 Local Unit Officers form due to Bobbi Sundquist
November 3	Election Day
November 26	Thanksgiving
November 30	2020 monies due to Barb Akins
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day
December 31	New Year's Eve
January 1	New Year's Day
January 15	Newsletter deadline to Judy Rost
February 15	Deceased Member form deadline to Joyce Erickson