

Annual Celebration Information

Our Speaker: Rev. Jodie Flessner
"Peace in Troubled Times"

John 14:1-31



I witnessed the awesome work of United Methodist Women while doing a college internship at the General Board of Global Ministries, and have been blessed working with UMWs in the local churches I have served over the last 25 years.

I first lived in Northern Michigan as a teen when my dad was appointed pastor at Ludington St. Paul. I served the Pine River Parish in my second appointment (2003 – 2012) and I am delighted to be back in the area.

I seem to always find my way back to water - I learned to swim before I could walk. You will often find me taking my small sailboat out on Turk Lake (near Greenville where my mother's family is from); canoeing or kayaking; or taking renewing walks along the beach.

It is my continued prayer that the waters of Northern Michigan renew, refresh, and offer hope to our communities as we engage in ministry together.

Jodie Flessner
Northern Waters District Superintendent

Education & Interpretation

If you haven't already, please send your completed 2019 Mission Today Form (p. 14-15) to Cola Hill, northernwatersdistrictumw@gmail.com, by September 5, 2020. Please call 231.549.5251 with any questions, text a picture of the form to 231.330.8710, or snail mail:

Cola Hill – NWD UMW
PO Box 217
Boyne Falls, MI 49713

Forms have been received from: Alden, Boyne Area, East Jordan, Empire, Gaylord First, Harbor Springs, Lake City, Mancelona, Petoskey, TC Central, and UMW of Cadillac. Thank You!

Membership, Nurture & Outreach

We ask that the names of new and deceased members, between August 1, 2019, and August 1, 2020, be submitted (form on page 19) to Cola Hill (see above) before September 5, 2020.

Please submit and label pictures of deceased members to ensure they are identified correctly in the slideshow.

Program Resources

If you haven't already, please send your 2019 Reading Program information to Linda Pitts, pitspalace62@frontier.com by September 5, 2020. You can call her at 989.733.8617 with any questions. The form is located on page 16 of this newsletter.

Committee on Nominations

2021 Proposed Slate of Nominees

President (Elected): Julia Hulka (2021)

Vice-President: VACANT

Secretary (Elected): Sandy Mallory (2020)

Treasurer (Elected): Ruth Corwin (2020)

Sec. of Program Resources: Linda Pitts (2018)

Communication Coordinator: Cola Hill (2019)

Education & Interpretation: VACANT

Membership, Nurture & Outreach: Kaye Porter (2019)

Social Action: VACANT

Spiritual Growth: Cheryl Allumi (2021)

Committee on Nominations:

CH: Myra Gentry (2020) (Elected)

Pam Moyer (2020)

3 VACANCIES

Treasurer

Having a virtual Annual Celebration added another challenge as to how to have an offering! 100% of the offering is going to our District Pledge to Mission. We are asking you to send in your individual offering along with your ballot. Unit treasurers also need to submit your 2021 pledge at this time.

Please send your offering and pledges by September 5, 2020, to:

Cola Hill

PO Box 217

Boyne Falls, MI 49713

Checks should be payable to: NWDUMW

NWD-UMW 2021 BUDGET

MISSION PLEDGE

Pledge to Mission	34,500.00
SMR	1,320.00
Gift to Mission	870.00
Gift in Memory	950.00
World Thank Offering	1,860.00
TOTAL UNDESIGNATED	39,500.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Bank Expenses	150.00
Audit	100.00
Dependent Care	150.00
Directory/Newsletter	400.00
Literature/Officer Res.	550.00
Miscellaneous	125.00
Prog Res./Sales Tax	25.00
Printing/Copies	225.00
Office Supplies	25.00
Postage	300.00
SMR/Mem/Mission	450.00
Travel	2,000.00
Meals	200.00
SUBTOTAL	4,700.00

Special Meetings

District Annual	600.00
Retreats	1,150.00
SocAct/Mission Day	450.00
Conference Annual	100.00
Mission U Events	1,100.00
Keep Making Peace	100.00
SUBTOTAL	3,500.00

TOTAL 8,200.00

Northern Waters District United Methodist Women Standing Rules

Changes for 9-26-2020 approval (effective 1-1-2021)

Items deleted are noted with ~~strike through~~ and items added are underlined.

The Northern Waters District United Methodist Women operates in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the United Methodist Women, Inc. and the Michigan Conference UMW Standing Rules, and the following supplementary District Standing Rules.

I. Leadership Team

- A. Elected officers, with voice and vote, shall consist of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations.
- B. Appointed officers, with voice and vote, shall include:
 - 1. Mission Coordinators
 - a. Education and Interpretation (E&I)
 - b. Membership, Nurture and Outreach (MN&O)
 - c. Social Action
 - d. Spiritual Growth
 - 2. Secretary of Program Resources
 - 3. Communications Chairperson
 - 4. Committee on Nominations members
 - 5. Vice President
- C. Elected officers shall be elected for a one-year term at the Annual Business Meeting, installed at the Annual Celebration, and shall assume office the following January 1st.
- D. Appointed officers shall be appointed for a one-year term, installed at the Annual Celebration and shall assume office the following January 1st.
- E. A partial term of six (6) months or more of service as an elected/appointed officer shall be counted as a full year when calculating tenure.
- F. As ex-officio members on the Leadership Team, all Conference and Jurisdictional Officers residing in the District shall have voice and vote. ~~Members of the Conference Committee on Nominations residing in the District shall have voice and no vote.~~
- G. The Leadership Team shall meet at least four (4) times per year and participation shall be acceptable whether in person, on phone, in e-mail, or by any other electronic means.
 - 1. A quorum shall consist of the voting elected/appointed officers and members of the Leadership Team participating at each meeting.
 - 2. A motion shall pass, or a report shall be approved, by a simple majority vote of the voting elected/appointed officers and members participating.
- H. Within two weeks after each meeting, the Secretary shall send the minutes to the presiding officer and the President for corrections and approval. Approved minutes shall be sent to all elected/appointed officers and members within one week of said approval.
- I. When there is a wife of the District Superintendent, she shall be invited, by the Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations, to serve as Honorary President of the District with voice and no vote (based on Michigan Conference UMW Standing Rules).

- J. The rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern all deliberations of the District in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are consistent with these Standing Rules.
- K. All record books, papers, and any other property belonging to the District shall be delivered to the successor, within one month of termination of office.
- L. With the approval of the Administrative Committee, the President has the authority to remove an elected/appointed officer from the Leadership Team, due to unexcused absences, lack of communication, and/or non-performance of duties. It is the President's responsibility to notify said officer of the decision.
- M. Church Women United – The Leadership Team shall encourage local UMW units to participate in Church Women United programs in their immediate area.

II. Committees

A. Administrative Committee

- 1. There shall be an Administrative Committee consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations.
- 2. The Administrative Committee shall meet on call of the President to transact only emergency business between regular meetings of the Leadership Team.
 - a. ~~It~~ The Administrative Committee shall not change policy nor incur indebtedness.
 - b. The Administrative Committee may spend funds, within the budget, but may not incur debt.
 - c. Meeting participation, including voting, shall be acceptable whether in person, on phone, in e-mail, or by any other electronic means.
 - d. Voting items shall pass with a simple majority of those participating.

B. Committee on Finance

- 1. There shall be a Committee on Finance composed of the Treasurer, as Chairperson, along with all elected/appointed officers and members of the Leadership Team.
- 2. The Committee shall meet at least once per year.
- 3. District Budget for Administration and Membership Development (A & MD)
 - a. ~~The budget preparation and pledge recommendations shall be completed before the spring meeting of the Leadership Team.~~
 - b. ~~The proposed budget and pledge recommendations shall be presented for approval at the spring meeting of the Leadership Team.~~ The proposed District Pledge to Mission and the District Budget for AM&D shall be presented for approval at a Leadership Team meeting to be held at least 60 days before the Annual Celebration and Business Meeting and before the designated Conference Finance meeting.
 - c. ~~The proposed budget and pledge recommendations shall be presented at the summer Conference Finance Meeting.~~ After the District Pledge to Mission and the District Budget for AM&D have been approved by the Leadership Team, they shall be presented at the designated Conference Finance meeting.
 - d. ~~The proposed budget and pledge recommendations shall be submitted by the Treasurer to be published in the District Newsletter at least 30 days before the Business Meeting of the Annual Celebration.~~ The approved District Pledge to Mission and the District Budget for AM&D shall be presented to the local units, through the District Newsletter, at least 30 days prior to the Annual Celebration and Business Meeting.
 - e. ~~The Treasurer shall present the budget for adoption at the Business Meeting of the Annual Celebration.~~ At the Annual Celebration and Business Meeting, the Treasurer shall present the District Pledge to Mission and the District Budget for AM&D for adoption.

4. Conference Finance Meetings district attendance is by invitation from the Conference and pays expenses of those attending. Per their Standing Rules, the following persons shall be invited:
 - a. The summer meeting may be attended by the Treasurer and the President.
 - b. The winter meeting may be attended by the Treasurer and the Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation.
 - c. The President shall serve as an alternate as needed.
- C. Committee on Membership, Nurture and Outreach (MN&O)
 1. There shall be a Committee on Membership, Nurture and Outreach, also known as Committee on Membership, composed of the Mission Coordinator for Membership, Nurture and Outreach, as Chairperson, along with all elected/appointed officers and members of the Leadership Team.
 2. The Committee shall meet at least once annually.
 3. ~~The Committee shall appoint a Unit Friend for each local unit from the Leadership Team.~~
 4. The Chairperson shall keep attendance records at all District events.
- D. Committee on Rulings
 1. The Leadership Team shall function as the Committee on Rulings and shall designate a subcommittee composed of at least two elected/appointed officers of the Leadership Team.
 2. ~~The Committee shall meet annually to determine which actions of the Leadership Team are of a permanent nature and should be added to the District Standing Rules.~~
 - a. The sub-committee shall meet at least bi-annually to review the District Standing Rules.
 - b. The sub-committee shall determine which actions of the Leadership Team are of a permanent nature and should be added to the District Standing Rules.
 - c. The sub-committee shall determine which parts of the standing rules need to be changed to align with United Methodist Women (national) and other unforeseen circumstances.
 - d. The sub-committee may make editorial changes without the approval of the Leadership Team.
- E. Committee on Program
 1. The Leadership Team shall function as the Committee on Program.
 2. The Committee is responsible for planning, scheduling, and implementing all District events and evaluating the effectiveness of all District events.
- F. Committee on Nominations
 1. The Committee shall consist of the elected Chairperson and four appointed members. The Chairperson shall have served on the Committee for one year or have been a District elected/appointed officer for at least one year. The chairperson is elected for a two (2) year term.
 2. The Chairperson and members of the Committee on Nominations are charged with the nominations of all elected/appointed officers.
 3. The Committee shall have a rotating membership divided into two classes. Members of a new class shall be appointed annually to replace the class rotating off.
 4. The Committee shall keep accurate and updated records of term and tenure of elected/appointed officers and this information shall be available at all meetings.
 5. The Committee shall keep a continuing talent bank of persons of interest as nominees.
 - a. Those who personally volunteer.
 - b. Those suggested by others or by the Committee.
 6. The Committee shall keep a list of specific job duties for each elected/appointed office.

7. The Committee shall provide each potential nominee with a list of her specific job duties, copy of the current District Directory, and any other unpublished dates of events/meetings for the coming year.
8. The Committee shall obtain a signed letter of acceptance from each nominee.
9. The Committee shall evaluate each elected/appointed officer's fulfillment of her duties before asking her to serve another year.
10. The slate of nominees shall be prepared by the Committee on Nominations. It shall be presented to the local units, through the District Newsletter, at least 30 days prior to the Annual Celebration and Business Meeting.
11. A slate of nominees, excluding the appointed positions, shall be presented for election at the Business Meeting of the Annual Celebration.

G. Committee on Communications

1. There shall be a Committee on Communications composed of the Communications Coordinator, as Chairperson, along with all elected/appointed officers and members of the Leadership Team.
2. The Committee shall meet at least annually and shall communicate as often as necessary.
3. The Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the following:
 - a. The Communications Coordinator shall maintain social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.) and update the UMW portion of the webpage of the Northern Waters District of the United Methodist Church.
 - b. The Communications Coordinator shall annually compile and distribute a District Directory, listing elected/appointed officers for each local unit, Northern Waters District UMW Leadership Team and Michigan Conference UMW officers.
 - c. The Communications Coordinator shall create and distribute the District Newsletter, *Waves of Love*, via the District Facebook page, email, and hard copy.
 - i. The District Newsletter shall be sent in March, June, September and December, or as needed.
 - ii. Its purpose shall be to aid local units in their understanding of the work of UMW and to provide information concerning upcoming District and Conference events.
 - iii. A special Newsletter shall be published at least 30 days **before** the Annual Celebration and will include:
 1. Annual Celebration flyer and registration
 2. Slate of District Nominees for the ensuing year
 3. Proposed District Budget for Administration and Membership Development for the ensuing year
 4. Proposed changes to the District Standing Rules

III. Finance

A. General

1. All checks shall be made payable to Northern Waters District United Methodist Women.
2. The Treasurer or the President may sign checks.
3. ~~All monies handled by the District shall go through the Treasurer's books.~~ In the case of program materials, a request shall go with all orders to send duplicate invoices and bills to the Treasurer.

4. The current *Handbook of United Methodist Women* shall be provided for each elected/appointed officer.
5. Resources for Leadership Team Elected/Appointed Officers
~~The Treasurer shall order an *Annual Sampler* from the UMW Mission Resource Center for each elected/appointed officer, as needed. The Treasurer will communicate with each officer as to what is included in the *Annual Sampler* and when those items will be received so the officer does not make duplicate purchases. If an officer does not need all of the contents of the *Annual Sampler* or needs the third study book not included, then the Treasurer shall order the individual items for her, if it will be more cost effective. Individual items may be reimbursed by voucher should the Leadership Team member purchase them herself, instead.~~
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 - b. The Treasurer shall communicate with each officer as to what is included in the *Annual Sampler* and when those items will be received so the officer does not make duplicate purchases.
 - c. If an officer does not need all of the contents of the *Annual Sampler* or needs any other Mission u study book not included, then the Treasurer shall order the individual items for her, if it will be more cost effective than ordering the *Annual Sampler*.
 - d. Individual items may be reimbursed by voucher should the Leadership Team member purchase them herself, instead.
 - e. If the *Annual Sampler* is no longer available, comparable materials to what was last included shall be obtained by the Treasurer from whatever source is necessary.
6. An audit (review) of the previous year's financial records shall be performed annually (based on Michigan Conference UMW Standing Rules).
7. All information sent by Conference officers to the Leadership Team for channeling to the local units shall be sent to them at District expense (based on Michigan Conference UMW Standing Rules).
8. A subscription to the *Response* magazine for the District Superintendent's office shall be provided by the District, as needed (based on Michigan Conference UMW Standing Rules).
9. If an elected/appointed officer does not attend an event for which she is registered, she will have to reimburse the District for any debt incurred by the District, except in the event of illness or family emergency.

B. Vouchers

1. Expense Vouchers are paid from District Administrative and Membership Development funds (A & MD). Vouchers shall be filled out and returned to the Treasurer the day of the meeting/event, if possible. The Secretary and President shall sign the vouchers. Vouchers may be routed to the Treasurer between meetings and paid after confirmation with the President.
2. Vouchers with attached receipts shall be payable to all elected/appointed officers and incoming elected/appointed officers for the following:
 - a. Registration fee for all District events and Conference Annual Celebration.
 - b. Mileage at a rate of 32 cents per mile, payable to the driver. Rides should be shared, if possible. When a District officer attends a local unit meeting/event as a representative of the Leadership Team, she may voucher mileage from the District.

- c. Meal allowances up to \$20.00 per day while on Leadership Team business.
- d. The actual expense for necessary and reasonable overnight accommodations based on double occupancy. Additional costs for other arrangements selected shall be at one's own expense.
- e. Other necessary expenses incurred while carrying out responsibilities for the District such as postage, printing, mileage, etc.
- f. Mileage for any Conference or Jurisdictional Officer, who lives in the District, attending any District event/meeting (based on Michigan Conference UMW Standing Rules).
- g. Mileage for any National UMW, Inc. Officer or staff member invited to attend any District event/meeting, unless already covered.

C. Programs

1. Mission u Events

- a. Each appointed/elected officer is encouraged to attend at least one Mission u event annually.
- b. Vouchers shall be paid for total expenses of elected/appointed officers for attending only one Mission u event annually and may include such items as lodging, meals, registration fee, mileage and the cost of her necessary mission study books, unless already provided through ~~the Annual Sampler~~ other means.
- c. When there is a wife of the District Superintendent, her total expenses shall be paid for by the District annually, for attending only one Mission u event and may include such items as lodging, meals, registration fee, mileage and the cost of her necessary mission study books (based on Michigan Conference UMW Standing Rules).

2. District Programs/Events

- a. Speaker honorarium for each event is \$50 and the honorarium for the Spiritual Growth Spring Retreat leader/speaker is \$75.
- b. All speakers may receive reimbursement for materials, mileage and registration fees. They may also receive lodging reimbursement if it is an overnight event or if their traveling distance requires an overnight stay.
- c. An honorarium and mileage to active or retired Missionaries, Deaconesses and Home Missioners shall be paid when they are invited to speak (based on Michigan Conference UMW Standing Rules). This shall not apply to Missionaries, Deaconesses or Home Missioners itinerating throughout the District. It is recommended local units also follow this protocol.
- d. Additional fees at events for especially skilled persons may be paid, such as custodial, IT person, childcare, accompanist, soloist, spiritual growth retreat song leader, etc.
- e. Exceptions may be approved by the Leadership Team.
- f. When the District pays for the childcare at events, there will be a minimum of two (2) caregivers each paid at a rate of \$10 per hour minimum. All caregivers are to be certified/safety trained to work with children and vulnerable adults.
- g. When the host unit/church is providing the childcare at events, their church policies will be followed.
- h. Offerings taken at District events shall be designated for a specific UMW mission(s) purpose beforehand by the Leadership Team.

- i. A Thank You Gift to Mission card in the amount of \$5 minimum shall be given to a unit hosting any District event.
- j. A Congratulations Gift to Mission card in the amount of \$5 minimum shall be given to each local unit who completes the 5 Channels of Mission Giving.
- k. The meal cost plus a minimum of \$1.50 to help defray District expenses of said function will equal the registration fee for any District event/Annual Celebration.
- l. ~~Literature sold or distributed at all District events/meetings shall be United Methodist Women publications and/or obtained from or promoted by UMW Mission Resources. Exceptions, such as the sale of books authored by an event speaker, must be approved by the Leadership Team. Other materials distributed at District events shall be approved by the committee planning the event.~~ Literature sold or distributed at all District events/meetings shall only be those promoted by United Methodist Women, including Reading Program books. Exceptions, such as the sale of books authored by an event speaker or any other materials, shall be allowed upon review by the Secretary of Program Resources.

3. ~~Local Units~~

- a. ~~Local units providing a meal for the Leadership Team or for District events may be reimbursed up to \$8.00~~ \$10.00 for each meal served person pre-registered plus each walk-in. Before the event, the actual amount to be reimbursed, per person, shall be negotiated and determined by the District Treasurer and the person(s) from the local unit overseeing the providing of the meal.
- b. ~~When a District officer is invited to speak or be a part of the program, the local unit shall pay mileage, at a rate of 32 cents per mile, to the District officer. If the local unit does not, the District officer may voucher mileage from the District.~~

4. ~~Church Women United~~ *NOTE: moved in part to I/M

- a. ~~The Vice President, or their designee, shall be the representative to one Church Women United meeting annually, within Northern Waters District, with her mileage covered by the District.~~
- b. ~~The District shall promote participation in their programs.~~
- c. ~~The District shall provide information to encourage local UMW units to consider supporting Church Women United local units and their programs.~~

D. Scholarships

- 1. All District scholarships will be restricted to only UMW members in the Northern Waters District.
- 2. There is a limit of six \$25 new attendee scholarships for the Retreat.

E. Gifts in Honor and Memory

1. Gifts in Honor

- a. The Leadership Team shall express its appreciation and give recognitions to its elected/appointed officers for those who have completed the following service, regardless of whether they are leaving the Leadership Team or continuing in service:
 - i. Treasurer who serves 6-year term...\$60 Special Mission Recognition
 - ii. President who serves 4-year term... \$60 Special Mission Recognition

- iii. All other elected/appointed officers who have completed a full four-year term shall Receive...\$40 Special Mission Recognition
- iv. The Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations upon completing her two-year term shall receive...\$40 Special Mission Recognition
- v. Elected/appointed officers leaving office after serving a minimum of one year and less than a four-year term except President... \$10 Gift in Mission Card
- vi. President leaving after three years of four-year term...\$20 Gift in Mission Card
- vii. President leaving after two years of four-year term...\$15 Gift in Mission Card
- b. The Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations shall report to the Treasurer the names of the elected/appointed officers to receive the recognition at least six weeks in advance of the Annual Celebration to ensure the ordering of said gift.
- c. If an elected/appointed officer has been previously honored, she shall be given the choice of a different recognition in the ways indicated or a Gift to Mission of a comparable sum.
- d. A new incoming President shall receive a president's pin, ordered from Mission Resources (or, if unavailable, a comparable pin shall be obtained by the Treasurer from another source at the same approximate cost to the previous purchase of said pin) and she shall receive it during installation of officers at the Annual Celebration.
- e. Other Gifts in Honor may be determined by the Leadership Team.
- 2. Gifts in Memory
 - a. A \$40 Gift in Memory shall be given when an elected/appointed officer dies while holding office.
 - b. Other Gifts in Memory may be determined by the Leadership Team.

IV. Annual Celebration/Business Meeting

A. Annual Celebration

- 1. Elected/appointed officers and members shall make reservations through the Registrar.
- 2. All elected/appointed officers and ex-officio members shall be installed during the Annual Celebration.

B. Business Meeting

- 1. A quorum shall consist of those Northern Waters District UMW members present at the meeting.
- 2. A motion shall pass, or a report shall be approved by a simple majority voice vote of the Northern Waters District UMW members present.
- 3. Minutes of the Business Meeting
 - a. Within one week after the Business Meeting, the Secretary shall send the minutes to the presiding officer and the President for corrections and approval.
 - b. After approval, the Secretary shall send the corrected minutes to the Leadership Team.
 - c. The Leadership Team will approve the minutes at their next meeting following the Annual Celebration.
 - d. Formal approval of the minutes will take place at the next year's Business Meeting.
- 4. Nominations from the floor shall be requested and accepted, if the following restrictions are followed.
 - a. The President is notified of the nomination at least 24 hours prior to the Business Meeting of the Annual Celebration.
 - b. The nominee meets the requirements as listed in the current *Handbook of United Methodist Women*.

- c. The nominee has given consent for the nomination.
- d. The nominee is present at the Business Meeting, if possible.
- 5. Appointed officers are NOT included in the election.

V. Privacy

- A. Contact information of all elected/appointed officers and members of the District and local units shall not be given or sold to outside groups for commercial purposes.
- B. Contact information of all elected/appointed officers and members of the District and local units shall be used only for communication about the program of United Methodist Women.

VI. Historical Records

- A. The Secretary shall retain:
 - 1. The minutes of all meetings recorded by the Secretary for five (5) years.
 - 2. A copy of the District Directory in perpetuity.
 - 3. A copy of the District Newsletter for five (5) years.
 - 4. A copy of the printed event programs in perpetuity.
 - 5. A copy of the program for the Annual Celebration and Business Meeting in perpetuity.
- B. The Treasurer shall retain:
 - 1. Financial records for the length of time determined by Conference.
 - 2. Annual audit (review) report in perpetuity.

VII. Provisions for Changes in Standing Rules

- A. The Standing Rules are procedural statements and are supplementary to the current Constitution and Bylaws of United Methodist Women as found in the current *Handbook of United Methodist Women*. The Standing Rules are designed to ensure continuity of procedures.
- B. The Standing Rules shall be reviewed bi-annually by a committee designated by the Rules Committee.
- ~~C. Notice of any proposed amendments shall be forwarded in writing to the Leadership Team at least two weeks before their spring meeting.~~
- ~~D. The Leadership Team shall vote on the changes accordingly.~~
- ~~E. The recommended changes shall be published in The District Newsletter at least 30 days prior to the District Annual Business Meeting.~~
- ~~F. All changes and the edited document shall be available for review and presented for approval at the District Annual Business Meeting.~~
- ~~G. The Standing Rules may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the voting members present at the District Annual Business Meeting.~~
- ~~H. The current Standing Rules shall be published in the District Directory.~~
- C. Changes/Additions
 - 1. Shall be sent in writing to the President, by the sub-committee, at least two weeks prior to the next Leadership Team meeting. If timing does not allow this, the suggested revisions shall be brought in print to the next Leadership Team meeting.
 - 2. The Leadership Team shall vote on the changes accordingly.
 - 3. The changes, as approved by the Leadership Team, shall be presented to the local units, through the District newsletter, at least 30 days prior to the Annual Celebration and Business Meeting.
 - 4. All changes and the edited document shall be available for review and presented for adoption at the Annual Celebration Business Meeting.

2019 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 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, 2020.

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:



Cola Hill - Communication Coordinator
northernwatersdistrictumw@gmail.com
P.O. Box 217 Boyne Falls, MI 49713

REPORT OF COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

(Send completed form to your secretary of program resources or equivalent according to your conference's schedules.)

I have completed the required reading for PLAN _____. The books I have read are listed on the reverse side.

LOCAL UNIT	PRINT NAME
DISTRICT	ADDRESS
CONFERENCE	CITY, STATE, ZIP

Current Year _____

PLAN CHOSEN:	I	II	III	IV
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MISSION EMPHASES	Education for Mission	Leadership Development	Nurturing for Community	Social Action	Spiritual Growth
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**Northern Waters District United Methodist Women
Second Annual Business Meeting and Celebration Minutes
First UMC Gaylord MI
September 28, 2019**

As we gathered at First United Methodist Church of Gaylord, the meeting opened with piano music by Michele Gianino and song leader, Judy Gasco.

Susan Wirgau welcomed all to the annual celebration and the UMW Purpose was said in unison. There was an introduction of Conference Officers, Pastors, NWD Team, and other Special Guests in attendance. An opening prayer and devotion was said by Amy Crawford as well as readings from the prayer calendar. Hostess information was given by Gaylord UMW President, Diana Weier. Julia Hulka introduced Ruth Sutton, President of Central Bay District. Ruth spoke about her 2018 trip to Liberia with a slide show called 'Mission in Motion'. The hymn, "The Gift of Love" was sung. Julia Hulka introduced Virginia Bell, Director of God's Country Cooperative Parish, Eastern Upper Peninsula. A dedication of in-gathering gifts to New Life Pregnancy Resource Center in Gaylord was done by Pam Moyer. Our new banner was dedicated. Eric Williams, CEO, United Methodist Community House, from Grand Rapids was introduced by Susan Wirgau. He spoke about Community House. The elected leadership training took place in the lower level except for Program Resources, which was upstairs. Those not attending training listened to Virginia Bell in the sanctuary to learn more about God's Country Cooperative Parish and also Eric Williams and Carla Moore of UMCH spoke.

After a wonderful lunch, we sang several songs led by Judy Gasco and pianist, Michele Gianino. Soloist, Sue Fuelling, sang "It is Well With My Soul". The formation of a new UMW unit, Boyne Area, was celebrated by the district officers laying hands on the members present, and a prayer was said. Linda Darrow, President of the Michigan Conference, spoke of the 150th Legacy Campaign Update and encouraged us to donate to this. The Business meeting was called to order by Susan Wirgau. Kaye Porter did the roll call of all present units. Minutes from the September 15, 2018 meeting at Epsilon UMC was presented for approval. It was approved as given and the treasurer's Northern Waters District report was given and the 2020 Northern Waters District budget was presented as printed in the booklet and previously published and approved. The offering was taken and ½ was given to the District pledge to Mission, ½ to the Maternal & Child Health.

Judy Gasco recognized all outgoing NWD officers and Ruth Jones installed the 2020 NWD UMW officers. The slate of elected and appointed officers for Northern Waters district for 2020 was presented as printed in the booklet and previously published as follows: President - Susan Wirgau, Vice President - Julia Hulka, Secretary - Sandy Mallory, Treasurer - Ruth Corwin, Communications - Cola Hill, Secretary of Program Resources - Linda Pitts, Spiritual Growth - Amy Crawford, Education & Mission - open, Social Action - Jeanette Hayes, Membership, Nurture and Outreach - Kaye Porter, Committee on Nominations Chairman - Myra Gentry, Committee on Nominations member - Kaye Porter and Judy Church. There were no additional nominations from the floor. The officers for President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee on Nominations Chair were elected -- the others are appointed. Judy Clyma from Michelson Memorial UMW, Grayling invited everyone to attend the Third Annual Celebration and Officer Training on September 26, 2020. There was a presentation of the various recognitions. These were Five Channels of Giving, Five Star Women,

Waves of Love Awards, Special Mission Recognition, Mission Today Units. Individual recognition by Unit was given for the Reading Program. Actual awards and certificates were enclosed in an envelope each unit received upon registration. New members were recognized by Kaye Porter. Kaye Porter and Linda Pitts did the Memorial Service honoring those UMW members who have passed away this past year.

Several names were omitted from the program but were announced as follows:

DECEASED:

- Good Shepherd of the North (Roscommon): Carol Powell
- Cadillac: Margaret Benninger
- Houghton Lake: Gertrude Chess, Joyce Southwell, Barbara Nieman
- Harbor Springs: Ethel Rose
- Charlevoix: Louise Potter

- Traverse City Central: Marilyn Admidon, Betty Baur, Beth Malkild, Dorothy Wilder

NEW MEMBERS!

- Harbor Springs: LaNora Love, Ruth M. Gross, Penny burns, Vicki Utinnen, Mary Terrian, Patricia Reeves, Darcy McKenzie, Eva M. Price
- Grayling: Carol Carmen Lauer, Stephanie Gullledge
- Barnard: Rose Kassuba
- Onaway: Pearl Fesko, Lauri Price
- Michelson Memorial (Grayling): Carol Carmen
- Traverse city Central: Mela McNaughten, Joyce Webber

Rev. Dan Bowman gave us communion and offered the Benediction. The closing hymn was “Here I Am, Lord. Susan Wirgau did the closing remarks and dismissal. This concluded a great day of fellowship and sharing.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Gocha

2019 Secretary, Northern Waters District UMW

New Member Form

August 1, 2019 to August 1, 2020

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Deceased Member Form

August 1, 2019 to August 1, 2020

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This form (and pictures of deceased) MUST be received by Cola Hill by September 5th, 2020, to ensure they will be listed in the program booklet and in the Annual Celebration presentation.

Cola Hill, PO Box 217, Boyne Falls, MI 49713 Questions? Call 231.549.5251

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