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# Catch A Wave

## Construction Paper, Glitter, and Lace Dollies!



Mancelona United Methodist Women met on Wednesday, February 9th to fulfill a goal. They wanted to make Valentine cards for residents of Meadow Brook, a medical care facility in their area, that might not receive one

otherwise. They made and delivered thirty cards. Way to go, ladies!

Their efforts were shared with us on our Northern Waters District United Methodist Women's Facebook page where I also read the following:

"Many of us went back to our elementary days or early "mom" days by using construction paper, glitter, and lace dollies to come up with some unique cards which we hope brightened some rooms."

Thank you, ladies, for sharing such a fun and meaningful idea with us! We'd love to hear from all

of our units! You can share directly to our Facebook page anytime at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/northernwatersumw> or email me directly at [northernwatersdistrictumw@gmail.com](mailto:northernwatersdistrictumw@gmail.com).

As the Mancelona United Methodist Women so graciously shared, "Let all you do be done in Love." I Corinthians 16:14



Photos: Provided by Mancelona United Methodist Church shared on Northern Waters District UMW Facebook Page.

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## President's Message



**Julia Hulka**

If I hear the word 'normal' one more time, I'll, well, I don't know... Whatever was normal isn't any more and we have change sneaking up on us. And sometimes it comes in a big Wave – to Catch! Handling change is what we do best! Come join us!

All Northern Waters District United Methodist Women officers are off to a running start for 2022. One big change is that we are back to in-person events. We will be following whatever COVID protocol the host church has in place at the time. We need to SEE each other and greet each other & sing together!

Please join us Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> to hear Ellen Harbin speak on 'Fearless,' based on 2 Timothy 1:7, at our 1-day retreat at Houghton Lake UMC. See included flyer for more details.

Please also join us for our Power of Bold presentation May 14 at Lake City UMC. The emphasis is on environmental justice and the speakers will be knowledgeable.

Both events were either recorded or presented via Zoom last year. It is our hope that this year 100s of people will come to these events! So – do your part – register and

bring a carload or 2 or 3 carloads! Or a boat! Or a motorcycle! Whatever will get you there! Our officers have spent a lot of time planning the details so you will have an inspiring and informative day. Even if your local units aren't meeting yet, please consider attending. Remember, there are really 5 levels of UMW: local, district, conference, jurisdictional, and national. Come and see what it's all about. Turn It Up!

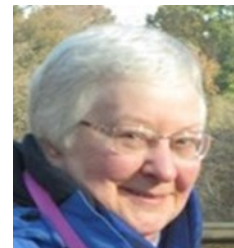
And – speaking of Turn It Up!, several officers from NWD will be attending this Assembly May 19-22 in Orlando, FL – Susan W., Linda P., Nancy G., Cola H., and myself will be attending. I just purchased my airline tickets today! I hope some of you are going, too. And remember, you can attend virtually, eating popcorn and singing (but maybe not at the same time!) right along with women from all over the world. You can go to [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org) for more information.

There will be, as Julia Paradine-Rice succinctly phrased it, BIG NEWS coming soon about all of the changes at the National level. Part of the news has already been presented and more will be coming out around Feb. 28, both through email and also in the March/April *response* magazine. Be on the lookout. *We can do change and still continue serving women, children,*

*and youth!*

As I have spoken with several local unit presidents, we have realized that many of them have never met me – or some of our other district UMW officers – in person. Now is your chance! Put these district-sponsored events, plus District (9/24) and Conference (10/22) Annual Celebrations, on your calendar! And Mission u on various dates. Invite me to one of your meetings – I'll come! And we will have more information to share about the changes for UMW! And please take a look at all of the flyers included in this newsletter – we want you to be informed – not overwhelmed! Have questions – just ask! Joy, Julia

## Program Resources



**Linda Pitts**

Blessings to all as we start yet another year together –we have high hopes for 2022 knowing that God is with us always!

Some of you have already been so diligent and have submitted your Reading Program reports! Pam Moyer of **Petoskey** gets the gold star, blue ribbon, etc. for submitting the first one! Close second is **East Jordan** with Linda Gocha, Sherry Pursel, and

Luanne Reed. Great job everyone! Remember this would be your readings from 2021. There's still plenty of time but please have them to me by August 1st so they can be submitted in time for printing in the program for our District Conference **Saturday, September 24, at Michelson Memorial UMC in Grayling.** That also gives me time to produce your Reading Program Certificates. Reports can be sent to me via email (see at the end of this article, either one) or they can be mailed to Linda Pitts, PO Box 394, Onaway, MI 49765. No telephoning please as it is difficult for my bad ears to understand.

Books I've read so far this year include:

Girl Gone Missing by Marcie R. Rendon – Cash Blackbear is in college. Her daily life experiences racism and prejudice, white supremacy. Not to mention human trafficking. You may just keep reading this one straight through to see what happens. Yes, the language and the actions can be a bit strong at times, but then that is her life.

Adamant by Lisa Bevere is “important, weighty, convicting... relentless in her conviction to stand on and for the Truth... the real truth is a Rock. Indivisible. Immovable. Invincible. ... Bevere takes us on a journey that will transform your mind,

heal your heart, and fill your spirit with the revelation of God's perfect plan for your life.”

Right Here Right Now by Amy G. Oden is “a cultural awakening to mindfulness rooted in the rediscovery of ancient Christian practices.” The wisdom she shares will “deepen your own life of prayer.”

For Such a Time as This by Rev. Sharon Risher whose mother was one of the nine killed in the Charleston massacre. This book is a “powerful testimony of faith and transformation in the face of unspeakable evil.” How do you find forgiveness among so much racism and hatred?

If you can participate in the Faith Talks, two count as one book in Spiritual Growth, three Faith Talks count as two books. The Prayer Calendar is now the Daily Prayer Guide and is available on Facebook and the National website. The Program Book is now Program Resources and is for two years. Some of these resources will be available to download free online at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/downloads](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/downloads). Reading Program books from 2015 on count.

Emily Jones is now our Reading Program Specialist: [EJones@unitedmethodistwomen.org](mailto:EJones@unitedmethodistwomen.org). Yeah Emily! Contacts include: estore: umwmissionresources.org; phone: 800-305-9857 or 972

-905-0827; email: [cs@missionresources.org](mailto:cs@missionresources.org); Response magazine by phone 877-881-2385.

When printing your Reading Program Titles lists be sure to check what you are getting before you hit print or you just might get all 65 pages of it! The 2021 list is included on pages 9-24; 2022 is on pages 53-64. Our handy-dandy report form is on page 26.

Hope to see you this year in person. Meanwhile, God bless!

### Education & Interpretation



**Karen Genson**

Our new 2022 Year has gotten off to a quick start and will easily leave us behind if we are not intentional in our actions in UMW and our personal lives. It is not too late, though, to learn more and accomplish much. Do you know what a Five Star Woman or Five Star Unit are, or what UMW Mission Today Objectives are?

A Five Star Woman is a woman who, in the course of a calendar year, gives to UMW Missions in 5 different ways (5 Channels of Giving- Individual Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, a Gift to Mission in honor of someone, a Gift to mission in Memory, and a World Thank



Offering). You can be recognized as a Five Star Woman by giving your gifts and the form (available at the following link: [https://www.umwmichiganconference.org/NWD\\_2019\\_FIVE\\_STAR\\_PERSON\\_OR\\_UNIT\\_Form.pdf](https://www.umwmichiganconference.org/NWD_2019_FIVE_STAR_PERSON_OR_UNIT_Form.pdf)) to your UMW Unit Treasurer. And if one lady in a UMW local unit is a Five Star Woman, her unit is automatically a Five Star Unit.

The UMW Mission Today Unit Objectives (see pages 6-7) are a list of a variety of goals grouped by category.

To me, the objectives are guidelines/suggestions for becoming a well-rounded UMW unit. Mission Giving is only one of the categories (being a Five Star Unit is one of the goals in that category). The others are Spiritual Growth, Membership, Attendance, Mission Education, and Mission Action. Any local UMW Unit that reports at least eight completed objectives in the calendar year receives a certificate. There are 33 objectives listed on the 2022 Mission Today Unit Objectives form, so lots of options to choose from.

For example: Invite one of your Northern Waters District or Michigan Conference UMW officers to one of your local unit meetings—one of your eight objectives checked off and you get to know someone new and maybe get some fresh

ideas. Using the Daily Prayer Guide (formally Prayer Calendar), response magazine, or programs from your UMW Program book in your meetings, or participating in the UMW Reading program are Mission Education objectives, and corresponding with elected representatives about social action issues is one Mission Action example. At the end of the year you send your completed form to me and your unit is awarded a certificate at the District Annual Celebration.



We can do this!!! We can boost our giving to UMW Missions and boost our learning and action in a big variety of ways to help improve life for many women, youth and children on this planet of ours. Blessings to you and I hope we will see many of you at our Northern Waters District Power of Bold Day on May 14<sup>th</sup> (watch for details and registration information soon!)



**Nancy Goodyear**

Happy New Year from your District VP!!!

It seems strange to say Happy New Year in February or March, but it's the first newsletter of the year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's season. And, I hope you are looking forward to spring!! We have a lot of great opportunities for you to renew and refresh this spring. Please read this newsletter closely and mark your calendars.

I have been working hard at planning our Annual Celebration. Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. We are going to be meeting in person and really celebrate!!!! Our Annual Celebration will be held at Michelson Memorial United Methodist church in Grayling. Our speaker will be Ruby Anderson. Ruby is the Lay Leader of the Greater Detroit District and is a National Director for UMW. She is going to be speaking to us about the new and exciting changes that are coming to UMW. We are going to have a new look, new studies, new ideas!! You won't want to miss hearing her speak!! Please let your units know and plan to bring a car load! I can't wait to meet all of you in person!!

## Treasurer



**Ruth Corwin**

Hello, Friends in Christ! I'd like to take this opportunity to help you better understand how your contributions support UMW programs throughout the U.S. and the world. We have many programs and things can get confusing!

Five Channels of Mission Giving--turn faith, hope & love into action!

1. Pledge--make a commitment to the foundational mission work of UMW



2. Special Mission Recognition\*--a pin in honor of someone working in mission

3. Gift to Mission--honor someone for their Christ-like mission service



4. Gift in Memory--honor a deceased loved one

5. World Thank Offering--celebrate God's blessings in your life

All five categories combine to support UMW's programs for women, children & youth. You can be a Five-Star person/unit if you give a

minimum of \$60.00 total for all five channels (\$40 SMR and \$5 for each of the other four categories).

\*Special Mission Recognition pins are available as follows: \$40 gold, \$60 sapphire, \$100 pearl, \$200 emerald, \$500 ruby, \$1000 diamond, \$2000 two diamonds Waves of Love Award

The Northern Waters District offers a very special pin that is awarded to someone:

- who is active in church
- who is active in the community
- shows faith through action & prayer
- supports youth, children & friendship



A donation of \$15.00 (\$10.00 Gift to Mission and \$5.00 for the pin) enables you to honor someone special in your church.

When you send in your pledges, please always include a Remittance Form. These are available at the national website: [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/forms-for-treasurers](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/forms-for-treasurers).

Let's make 2022 a year in which we really make a difference for women, children & youth! Peace



## Spiritual Growth



**Cheryl Allumi**

As I write this, winter marches on. Here we are with no fresh snow to do anything with. It is all frozen, dry tundra with grass making an appearance. Sometimes, we feel the same way! Not much to look forward to and hunkering down trying to stay warm! Be of good cheer! Our **Spiritual Growth One Day Retreat** is heading your way. A time of renewal, rejoicing and worshipping the Lord. A day of fellowship, food, crafts and making new friends. This will take place at **Houghton Lake UMC** on **April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10am-3pm**. Doors will open at **9:30 for registration** and refreshments will be available. Lunch and snacks will be provided. The cost is \$15.00. **Free book (from the speaker) given to first 40 ladies registered!** Masks are encouraged. **Ellen Harbin** will be our **speaker**. She is an author, speaker, Bible teacher, wife of a UMC pastor and

founder of the STAND Women's Conference based in Michigan. Information will be sent to each UMW unit. Come and join us for a face-to-face encounter with Jesus! Grace & joy, Cheryl

### Secretary



**Sandy Mallory**

This is my third year as Northern Waters District UMW secretary. Little did I know when I volunteered to take this position that a pandemic would throw a wrench into life as we knew it. "We can do change," our illustrious leader (Julia Hulka) stated at our last team meeting. She is so right!

Thus far we have learned to use Zoom for team meetings, meeting with others virtually, and provide video recordings of gatherings and livestreaming programs. We continue to encourage Faith Talks and offer online opportunities as ways to educate women on the mission of United Methodist Women.

We have adapted to these challenges to keep you informed. It's an exciting ad-

venture!

I hope that you will feel challenged in the coming months to volunteer for a district position and be a part of the Northern Waters District UMW team.

### Social Action

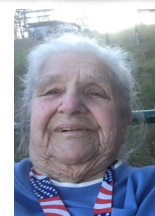


**Jean Petersen**

My name is Jean Petersen and I am the Social Justice person for Northern Waters District. We should all be aware of social issues because that is what, as Christians, and especially as members of UMW, we are called to do; Be aware of what is happening to our sisters and our children. This is exactly what the Power of Bold Day is designed to do, bring to our awareness issues that have been highlighted and how we can be in mission with them. This year we will be meeting *in person* at Lake City so mark your calendars for **May 14th** and circle it in red. We will be learning about Environmental Injustice, **Who** is most affected by climate or poor air quality, **Why** they

are the ones most affected, **Where** do they live, and **What** we can do to change things. There is always something we can do! So, see you at Lake City, May 14th, with your sack lunch, ready to be educated, motivated, and activated.

### Membership, Nurture & Outreach



**Kaye Porter**

Greetings! Please remember to keep track of your new and deceased members throughout 2022. Information can be sent to me throughout the year.



### We Need You

We're looking for a Chairperson and 2-3 members for our Nominating Committee. Would need to attend district functions & be alert for women who would like to serve at the district level. Usually only a few positions need to be filled each year. We work together as a team, help each other and have fun too! Contact Julia Hulka or any District Officer.



# 2022 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 our Annual Celebration the following year. 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 2023.

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:

Karen Genson [dcgenson@gmail.com](mailto:dcgenson@gmail.com)  
3690 N Lincoln Rd, Ludington, MI 49431



# NORTHERN WATERS DISTRICT UMW PRESENTS: *FEARLESS* WITH ELLEN HARBIN



*FEARLESS: To live fearless lives, we must fear less. Anxiety and worry seem to plague followers of Jesus. Is it really possible or feasible to live without fear? Using Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Jochebed, the mother of Moses, Ellen shows us how to fear less and live as Jesus intends—fearless.*  
(from [www.ellenharbin.com](http://www.ellenharbin.com))

## *A one day Spiritual Retreat*

hosted by: Houghton Lake UMW



**APRIL 2, 2022**

TIME 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(registration will begin at 9:30 a.m.)

PLACE: 7059 W. Houghton Lake Dr.

Houghton Lake, MI

COST: \$15.00

(first 40 to sign up will receive a book  
from Ellen Harbin as a gift.)

R.S.V.P NO LATER THAN  
MARCH 19TH.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:  
NWD-UMW

AND SEND TO HLUMC @  
7059 W. HOUGHTON LAKE DR.  
HOUGHTON LAKE, MI 48629

Mission Focus (a.k.a in gathering) - Helping Women  
Please bring women hygiene products to donate (i.e.  
tampons, pads)



## FUNDRAISING IDEAS for United Methodist Women to benefit Mission Giving

Bag and Basket Booth	Featuring for-sale baskets, handbags, gift boxes of many sorts, tote bags, shopping bags, knitting bags, coin purses, cosmetic cases, book covers, hampers – everything used to hold and carry articles.
Bake Sales	Ask members to bring their favorite cakes, cookies, or breads. Sell per item or by the dozen.
Balloon Popping	Each member who is giving or turns in a pledge form gets to choose a balloon with a prize written on a slip of paper <u>inside</u> and pop the balloon. Prizes can include small UMW giveaways.
Balloon-o-Grams	Members pay to have messages tied to helium balloons delivered to fellow members with compliments or encouraging words. Charge \$1, \$2, or \$5 per balloon.
Book/Media Sale	Ask members to donate gently used or new media, including books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, tapes, and games, to sell. Donate leftover media to a shelter or teen center.
Candy-Grams	Sell candy-grams to members for a small fee and deliver them on the last day of the campaign or throughout. Try to pick treats that tie into your campaign, for example, Halloween candies if there is a Halloween theme.
Carnival Games/Olympics	Set up old-fashioned carnival games such as a ring toss, <u>fish pond</u> , and balloon dart throw. Participants donate to enter. Award certificates to the winners of the "games of skill." For Olympics, members compete in crazy "athletic" events for silly prizes. Participants donate to <u>enter</u> and observers pick their favorite entrants. Examples of events: three-legged race, tricycle race, egg push (not hard-boiled!) across the finish line with your chin, <u>mini-golf</u> using beach balls and pool cues, etc.
Chili Cook-off Contest	Ask members to cook a favorite chili recipe and enter it into a cook-off contest. Invite others to pay \$5 for a tasting. Have a panel of chili "experts" select the official chili champion.
Cookbook Sales	Have members contribute recipes and put them together in a cookbook. Give away samples of the recipes while selling the cookbooks.
Cutest Pet Contest	Have members contribute a picture of their pets. Place a jar next to each picture for donations. Whichever picture draws the most donations <u>wins!</u>
Decorating Contest	Host a decorating contest and charge participants to enter or charge spectators to vote on a winner. Items to be decorated could include a piggy bank, a toy car, a t-shirt, an apron, or anything else you can think of!
Flamingo Flocking	Make cut-outs of pink flamingos and charge members to "flock" other members' yards with the cut-outs. Charge \$1 per flamingo. The bigger the flocking, the better. Alternatively, sell "Pink Flamingo Insurance" for \$2 to protect yourself from the invasion of these pink pests.
Flower Power	Ask a local florist to donate flowers. Sell the flowers at church to members. Another great idea is to sell flower bulbs.
Food Sales	Breakfast, coffee, tacos, sandwiches, pizza, hot dogs with chips, etc.
Golf Tournament or Putt-Putt Contest	Work with a nearby golf course to get reduced rates. Charge players the regular price with proceeds going to Mission Giving. Humorous prizes can be handed out later at a potluck dinner (shortest drive, highest score, etc.).  Set up a miniature golf course at your church. Charge each player to play and award a prize to the player with the lowest score.
Karaoke Club	Members pay a fee to have a fellow member sing. That person must sing or pay a fee not to sing.

This is one page of ideas...more can be found at: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-giving>

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# FEBRUARY 2022



## LOOKING AHEAD!

Spiritual Growth Spring Retreat (Houghton Lake UMC)—April 2, 2022

Power of Bold Day (Lake City UMC)—May 14, 2022

Assembly-TURN IT UP! (Orlando, FL or Virtual)- May 20-22

District Annual Celebration (Grayling, Michelson Memorial UMC)—Sept. 24, 2022

Michigan Conference UMW Annual Celebration (Kalamazoo)—October 22, 2022



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***The Purpose: United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.***