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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dearest Sisters in Christ,

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Ps 27:1 *NRSV*

When we are assailed from all sides, let us trust in the Lord! So many things happening right now in our lives, our churches, and in our world are endeavoring to overcome us, to keep us away from what matters most, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Keeping our eyes on Jesus can be difficult sometimes, yet Jesus is always reaching out his hand to keep us from sinking down into the watery depths of despair and hopelessness. Helen H. Lemmel writes in her beloved hymn, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of his glory and grace." This is a beautiful and timely message for all of us as we walk with Him today.

Sisters, we are approaching the season of autumn, with its promise of cooler weather and colorful landscapes. This is also our season of gathering at our District United Methodist Women annual meetings, and our Conference Annual Celebration. Each District will send out notification of the date and time of their meeting. **Your Conference Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m.** Again, this year, we will be meeting virtually, over ZOOM, because of COVID-19 and the threatening variants. Let us all continue to pray for an end to this pandemic so that we may meet and greet one another again in person, with a hearty and holy hug! Our theme this year is "Knitted Together for God's Good Work", and our guest speaker will be our own Deaconess Pat N. Marks, Ph.D. a dedicated criminal justice advocate. A flyer and registration information will be forthcoming.

Please put September 1, 2021, on your calendar because that is the target date to register for Assembly, scheduled for May 20-22, 2022, and to reserve your room at the Hilton Orlando. Assembly will be offered as either an in-person or a virtual event. Information is included below. Also you may visit the Assembly website at assembly2022.org for more information.

May your blessings abound, and your relationship with Christ our Lord grow and grow!

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Assembly 2022!

May 20–22, 2022

It's time to register for Assembly!

Registration opens

Registration will open on **Sept. 1, 2021**, for either the in-person event or the virtual experience. In an effort to protect our environment and reduce printed resources, registration confirmation and updates will be handled via e-mail. Register early online at assembly2022.org to receive the early bird discount of \$30 off the regular registration fee. **The discount ends on Nov. 30, 2021.** A registration acknowledgement will be e-mailed to you upon completion of your registration.

Early Registration fee for in-person:
\$330 (available Sept. 1–Nov. 30, 2021, which includes lunch on Friday and Saturday)

Hotel expenses: Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women has 100 rooms blocked for our attendees at:
Hilton Orlando

6001 Destination Parkway, Orlando, FL 32819

Room Nightly Rate: **\$178 single/double** (roommates can share this cost)

If more than 2 persons per room, there may be an extra charge.

Current tax rate: 12.5% (Room Rates do not include tax, subject to change.)

Instructions for making individual room reservations within BWCUMW group block online, starting September 1, 2021:

I would suggest arriving on Thursday, May 19, 2022, as Assembly will begin the following Friday morning (May 20, 2022.)

Please reserve your room before December 1, 2021. Conference room blocks will be held until December 1, 2021. Any unused rooms will be returned to the general Assembly housing block after this date.

You may also wish to participate in the Ubuntu day of service on May 19, 2021. (See below). That would involve an additional night at the hotel.

1. **Online:** Individual reservations may be made within our room block through the following website:

<https://book.passkey.com/go/UMWA2022>

- a. Follow steps to complete reservation(s).
- b. Each room reservation must be processed with a credit card guarantee.
- c. Reservations that exceed the allotment of rooms in your block on any of the nights will not be accepted.
- d. "Place holder" reservations, held under one person's name, will be accepted. However, we encourage you to use individual names to avoid issues at check in.
- e. Hotels may charge for early check-in, early-departures, late check-out, and room type changes. Please refer to the hotel acknowledgment letter for fees.

2. **Phone:** By calling Orchid.Events at Phone: 888-341-3540 or 801-214-7283. Please identify yourself as part of the **Baltimore-Washington Conference UMW.**

Meal expenses – you are responsible for the following meals:

Friday and Saturday—breakfast and dinner
Sunday—breakfast

Early Registration fee for virtual:

\$199 (available Sept. 1–Nov. 30, 2021)

UBUNTU DAY OF SERVICE

Ubuntu is a unique word, a concept, a worldview, which captures the very essence of what it is to be human. A Zulu phrase, Umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu, says, "I am only because we are, and since we are, therefore I am." It recognizes each human being as part of a community. Above all, it is a gathering of God's people to celebrate God-with-us, Immanuel, who moves us to action on behalf of our neighbor. Ubuntu is a celebration of being in community with people as mission.

Ubuntu Day of Service, a pre-conference experience on Thursday, May 19, is designed to celebrate mission as relational. Field trips offer opportunities to experience how communities are impacted by persons and systems and how people are making a difference.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAYS AT ASSEMBLY 2022

For the first time, United Methodist Women's Leadership Development Days will take place at Assembly! All conference officers at any stage of their term are invited and encouraged to come to Assembly 2022 to be part of the leadership workshops developed just for you. Don't miss this chance to experience everything Assembly has to offer, get training for your specific leadership roles and network with other United Methodist Women leaders. Talk to your conference leadership team about attending Assembly!

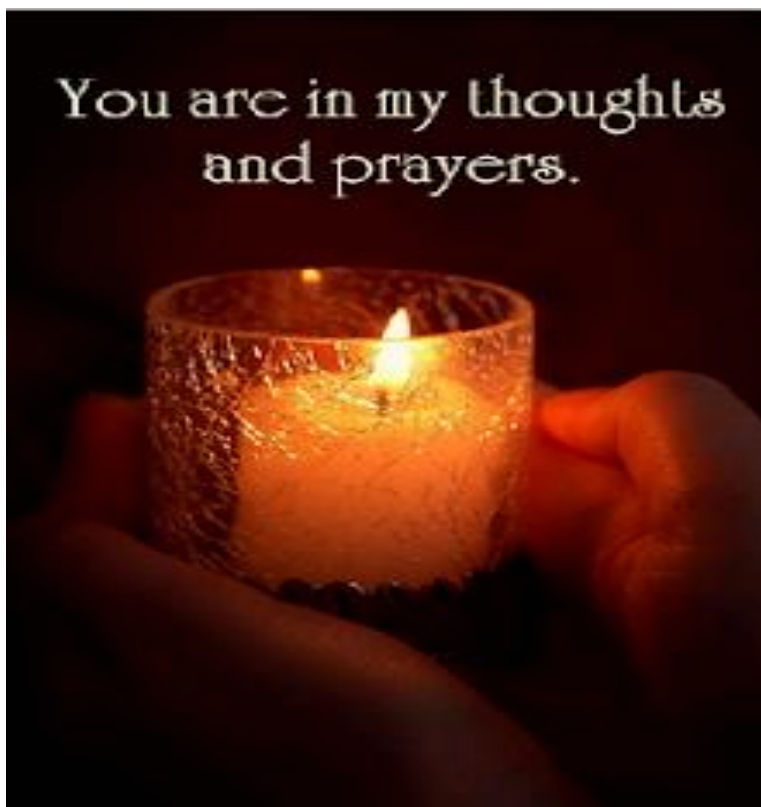
Please call if you have questions:

Linda Yost: 443-605-8295

Colleen Cates: 410-598-9470

SECRETARY

We pray God's healing blessings on our Secretary, **Janice Crowe**, and all of us as we continue to put our faith, hope, and love into action in 2021!



TREASURER

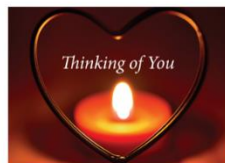
TREASURERS

The conference and districts are in the process of pulling together their annual financial Administration and Membership Development (A&MD) budgets for 2022. We are encouraging all the local UMW units to submit their pledge for 2022 to the district treasurers as soon as possible. The pledges determine the Administration and Membership Development Funds.

United Methodist Women conference treasurer is responsible for overseeing the financial landscape, and for integrity in the use of funds received from Baltimore Washington Conference (UMW) districts. It is important to note that the 2021-2024 United Methodist Women's Handbook specifies responsibilities, for conference as well as district treasurers, which must be followed. As a UMW conference, we must always ensure gifts to mission are used for the purposes for which they were intended.

Gift to Mission Cards

New Gift to Mission Cards are available for order! Check them out! Local unit treasurers should order the Gift to Mission (GIM) and Gift in Memory (GIM) cards from their District Treasurers. Information for ordering cards is found on our website, <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/forms-for-treasurers>. Use Form 6 (rev. 6/2020).



Conference Giving Report a

Our year-to-date giving through June 2021 totaled \$15,060.78, a decrease compared to June 2020.

Reminders

- o **Quarter III Remittances:** Please remember to submit your third quarter report to the District Treasurer by **September 15, 2021**. The 2021-2024 Handbook requires treasurers submit either monthly or quarterly remittance reports.
- o **Five Star Units:** Local units aspiring recognition at our annual meeting should submit the required remittance to the district treasurer no later than September 15, 2021.

Did You Know?

FBI Report: Churches and Nonprofits Being Targeted for Mail Theft – In May, checks totaling more than \$760,000 had been stolen from hundreds of churches across the country. The suspects simply visited churches on days when there were not services, took all the mail including envelopes containing checks, and deposited them. Click [here](#) to read the full article that includes some helpful tips.

Thank you for your commitment to our shared work and for fulfilling such an important role in UMW.

Respectfully,

Dorothy Medley

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Treasurer, United Methodist Women Baltimore Washington Conference

2021 Where the Money Goes?

United Methodist Women is trusted with pledges and donations from individual members as well as mission partners and anonymous donors who have a heart for mission. The national office is committed to good stewardship of our members' generous support.



The Five Channels of Giving (*pictured to the left*) show the various ways that our members give undesignated funds to our organization. When a local UMW gives, a portion of the Pledge to Mission is kept by their respective conference for its own district and conference administrative and membership development (A&MD) expenses. The remainder of the Pledge and the other channels of Mission Giving are forwarded to the national office. The elected Board of Directors vote on the budget each year.

Below are some major categories of how giving is at work around the world!

National Mission Institutions

National Mission Institutions (NMIs)

We support nearly 90 NMIs across the US serving the needs of marginalized and vulnerable communities in these areas:

- care for children
- educate and develop youth
- create economic opportunities
- transform neighborhoods
- housing

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/nmi

Regional Missionaries

Regional Missionaries

Focusing on issues of health, gender equality and elimination of violence among women, and support for the uprooted and marginalized.

- training programs
- workshops
- strategic planning
- networking

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/missionaries

Grants

Grants & Scholarships

- international & national mission grants
- cultivation grants for UMW missionary conferences
- social justice issue grants
- Theresa Hoover service & global citizenship award
- international and national scholarships

In 2020 we awarded grants for COVID relief and prevention; \$189 thousand internationally and \$73 thousand nationally!

Where the Money Goes? *(continued)*

Service & Advocacy

Service and Advocacy

Work on peace and justice, education, the rights of children, human rights, and farm workers' rights.

Our work in partnership with coalitions on many justice issues to extend its reach.

Leadership and social action training. Mission education. Deaconess and home missionary program and more!

What We Don't Fund

What We Don't Fund

United Methodist Women does not fund projects and programs that:

- don't benefit women children or youth
- don't comply with our UMC Social Principles
- are administered by discriminatory organizations

We are committed to transparency in our funding sources, especially with our membership.

More About United Methodist Women Finances

Each year we release an Annual Report which describes a lot of the work we were able to do together. You can read notes from our key leaders, see pictures and stories about projects, view the financial reports and imagine the possibilities for the coming years!

We do a lot with our members on service, training, social action and more; but another part of our work is awarding grants and scholarships to deserving organizations and individuals. The recipients and purposes of the grants and scholarships are released each year in our Grants Disclosure.

Visit www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/finance to view multiple years of our Annual Reports and Grants Disclosures.

United Methodist Women:

Turning Financial Gifts into Miracles for Women, Children and Youth

"One thing that I know is that our financial strength is indicative of the love we have for those whom we serve."

—Tamara Clark



“INACTIVE UNITS”

United Methodist Women allows units to transition to inactive status. The process is described below. United Methodist Women cannot endorse disbanding units as the establishment of units in every UMC church is mandated by the *Book of Discipline*, ¶ 1901.

Local Presidents will need to ensure that the following steps are performed for a unit to officially go inactive:

1. Notify Leadership

- Unit president is to contact the district president and membership nurture outreach coordinator (or the conference membership nurture outreach coordinator, if needed) to report the decision and request assistance. Depending on the reason(s), the district or conference officers/coordinators may suggest a specific course of action, for example:
 - Utilize the Census Analysis 2019 to determine where active units may be within the district for members of the unit wishing to remain active with United Methodist Women.
 - Refer to the local bylaws, Article 1 Section 4b., which identifies other types of units, including how to form a cluster or charge unit. <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/members-leaders/2021-2024-handbook/constitution-and-bylaws>
 - Offer “challenges & solutions” scenarios from Leadership Development Days and develop a solution for this unit.
 - Schedule a conversation with the district membership nurture outreach coordinator

2. myUMW

- Prior to going inactive, the unit president will offer each individual unit member an opportunity to remain a member through joining a district or online unit or the newly formed cohort through the National Membership option. Have them enter their information into the myUMW database at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/myUMW



- Unit president shall send the name of the unit and all unit members to the district membership nurture outreach coordinator and to the National Office indicating who will remain a member of United Methodist Women and who no longer is interested in membership. The National Office email is membership@unitedmethodistwomen.org.

3. Funds

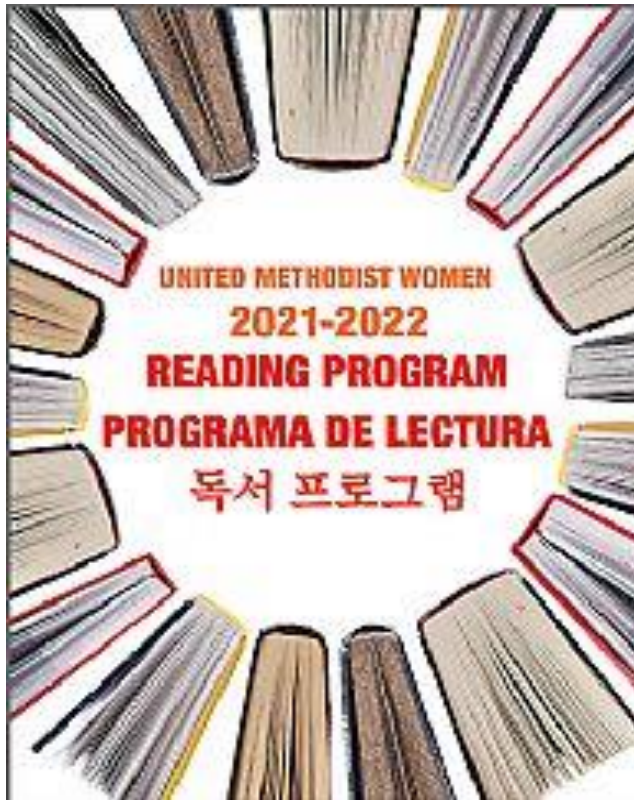
- It is required that the local treasurer will notify both the district and conference treasurers of the discontinuation and maintain communication with them throughout the process.
- The local treasurer must send the district and conference treasurers a report of the unit's giving for the past 4 years, which they will forward to the national treasurer.
- Any remaining unit funds must be sent to the district treasurer. If there are designated or restricted funds, they should be sent to the national treasurer along with the original documentation describing how the funds are to be used. The district treasurer will also require copies of the final audit/review financial report.

4. Evaluate & Report

- The local president will send the reason for going inactive and any pertinent information to membership@unitedmethodistwomen.org.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2021 READING PROGRAM



- Please click on this link www.umwmissionresources.org or call 800-305-9857

District Reading Program participant Information due by

September 15 to

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EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PLACE PRIZES TO BE AWARDED



2021 Mission Today District Competition

The Winners Must Have the Highest Percentage of Active Local UMW Units for the Mission Today Unit Checklist Program

Prizes to Be Awarded at the 2021 United Methodist Women Annual Celebration



Rules of the Competition:

- *Submit The Total Number of Active UMW Local Units in the District and,*
- *Submit The Total Number of Active UMW Local Qualifying Units participating in the Mission Today Checklist Program, to include their Bronze, Silver and Gold status*
- *Due on or Before October 1, 2021.*

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MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! For in our union with Christ He has blessed us by giving us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.
Ephesians 1:3 (GNT)

Thank you, District Presidents, Vice Presidents and Membership Nurture Outreach Coordinators for your outstanding efforts in collecting and reporting the Annual Membership Count under the new title of **Unit Survey**. National United Methodist Women have been undergoing changes. Additionally, the Coronavirus aka COVID-19 has also severely impacted the day-to-day routines of National and the Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women in its efforts to connect with and serve women, children, and youth. We pray for everyone that are going through these challenging times. Yet, thanks be to God, the final 2020 Unit Survey Report for our conference indicates an increase in our membership count and local units' participation.

The following is a final count for the **2020 Unit Survey**:

- 156 New Members added.
- 120 Members Lost by Death/Other.
- Eight Districts Completed the Unit Survey
- **3023 total Members for 2020.**
- **Eighty-six local units completed the Unit Survey.**

In 2019 the Baltimore-Washington Conference final count for the **2019 Census**:

- 123 New Members Added.
- 120 Members Lost by Death/Other.
- Seven Districts Completed the 2020 Census
- **2121 Total Members for 2019.**
- **Sixty-two local units completed the 2019 Census.**

This is a testament of your hard work and diligence in collecting the membership count for our conference. Thank you for your continuing commitment and dedication of the Purpose of the United Methodist Women. We are so grateful to everyone who worked hard to complete the 2020 Unit Survey.

Daphne L. Hurd, Membership Nurture Outreach Coordinator,
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COMMUNICATIONS

Listening

One of the most important aspects of effective communication is being a good listener. ...

Non-Verbal Communication

The words we choose make up just 7% of the message being conveyed, which makes non-verbal communication even more important. ...

Be Clear and Be Concise Convey your message using as few words as possible. ...



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COMMITTEE ON CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE (CFRJ)

Committee on Charter for Racial Justice (CFRJ) Members 2021

In light of all the racism concerns happening around the country, we feel it is necessary to reconstitute this committee.

The Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice is a committee that has a membership of at least seven members, one-third of whom shall be of color if possible.

The seven members shall include the President of the Conference UMW Leadership Team, who will serve as the Chairperson, the Conference UMW Social Action Coordinator, and the Conference UMW Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations.

Four additional members shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations. They shall be one district president, one member of the Executive Committee and two members selected to ensure inclusiveness and/or special expertise in the skills necessary to accomplish the task.

The committee shall:

- 1) develop and recommend to the Executive Committee plans for the implementation of the Charter
- 2) monitor conference-approved action plans to implement the Charter
- 3) regularly evaluate progress made on conference, district, and local implementation plans.

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LEGACY FUND

As summer is drawing to a close, the hopes of life returning to normal are still questionable. The question of what Normal means to you, is only defined by you. The Vaccine for Covid 19 gave me hope and promise to be a part of my community. The doors are slowly reopening, but we are still limited in terms of capacity and fellowship. I carefully give thanks for the Internet Connection and Television. The United Methodist Women offerings via a Webinar or attendance at a Virtual Event has helped to fill the void.

The Legacy Endowment Fund Liaisons held a Virtual Event on August 14th. I would like to thank Colleen Cates for Hosting the event along with the Legacy Endowment Fund Committee. Kenya Roberts, National Office, was the Guest Speaker. Kenya reported \$37,207,223 to date for the Legacy Endowment Fund. She talked of her passion for mission and opportunities for advocacy, the need to reach the marginalized women, youth, and children around the globe. She expressed gratitude to all the devoted women who share their Time, Talent and Treasure investing in the work of the Lord.

We are continuing to Build on Our Success in the year 2021. I ask if you have considered Planned Giving? In Building a Legacy for the Future it stresses the importance of a stable and consistent source of revenue. Some suggestions are Securities/Stocks, Matching or Workplace Giving, IRA Charitable Rollover, Retirement Plan Beneficiary, Bequests, Life Insurance, Assets or Property. If you inform the United Methodist Women of your intention to make a Planned Gift you become a member of the 1869 Society.

Please look for additional information in the mail or online. I hope to see you at a Fall Event. Together we put Faith, Hope and Love into Action.
Be Bold,

Terri Booth
Legacy Endowment Fund Liaison
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MISSION u

Mission u 2021

The Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women Mission u and Wellness Mission Partnership Event, was held on July 23-24, 2021, using Zoom features. The statistics indicated that we attracted 165 adults, 18 youth for a total of 183 participants and 26 first timers were in attendance. Through the network connectional system from States: Maryland, Washington DC, New York, South Carolina, and Ohio were in the community. We were honored with a guest from the Country of Russia. It is interesting to note that 65.8 percent were United Methodist Women officers and 34.2 percent were not. God is calling his followers to develop new relationships for transformational education and learning together.

The music was presented on video by, Amanda Powell, Mission u Music Director. Mission u was extremely powerful and motivational with a variety of music that supported the studies and themes. We gathered singing Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading/ Njoo Kwetu, Roho mwema, Over My Head, We Stand with Love, Healing is Flowing, Spirit of Life/Spirit of Living God (Medley) and One Foot/Lead with Love. This music set the tone for a successful event.

The welcoming spirit of God was felt and shared by Bishop Latrelle Easterling, represented by Rev. Tony Love, Assistant to the Dean and Past Dean for the School of Christian Mission, now known as Mission u, National United Methodist Women General Secretary and CEO, Harriett Jane Olson, and Baltimore Washington Wellness and Mission Board, Rev Laurie Tingley.

The scripture focus for this Event was from 2Corinthians 4:6-17, emphasizing "Let light shine out of darkness, make his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's Glory displayed in the face of Christ" read by Linda Yost, President, Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women, as well as prayer by Min. Wendy Johnson, Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator. The theme, **Do Not Lose Heart**, was used to allow testimonies from Janice Crowe and two youth, Emory Nwokuwu and Symphony Lewis, who embellished upon their experiences of "Do Not Lose Heart" in today's world.

The Plenary speakers were Deaconess Logan Alley, Adult Assistant Dean and Minister Sharon Milton, Youth Dean. They gave strong messages of hope and encouragement to the inter-generational gathering.

Elizabeth Mitchell Stemley introduced and thanked the 2021 Mission u Planning Committee Deans (Logan Alley, Sharon Milton, and Kim Marie Walker), Tech Team Managers (Patrick Ellicott, Thea Beacon, and Mikele Haskins- Delmore). The names for each committee member were listed in the program. She also, acknowledged support from: National United Methodist Women; Mission u Music Director Amanda Powell, Board of Directors Colleen Cates; Northeastern Jurisdiction President Mikele Haskins-Delmore and NEJ Nominations Committee Member, Ann Price; Linda Yost, President of Baltimore -Washington Conference United Methodist Women and Mission u Secretary; and the Leadership Team and the outstanding teachers- Rev. Dr. Roderick Miller, Minister Jan Taylor, Michelle Churchill, Blairlee Owens, Rev. Dr. Joseph Daniels, Rev. Dr. Sonia King, and Rev. Timothy B. Warner, who are very much appreciated for their commitment and contributions to Mission u.

Mission u Day 2 was filled with excitement and the plenary sessions were offered on two separate zoom links. Beginning with Elizabeth M. Stemley for the adults and Sharon Milton for the youth. The adult class concentrated on "Finding Peace in an Anxious World" led by instructors Rev. Dr. Roderick Miller and Minister Jan Taylor. The youth focus was on Managing Anxiety with instructors Michelle Churchill and Blairlee Owens. Four breakout sessions were held and facilitated by a group leader who encouraged interactive discussions.

The noon day session showcased special announcements on screen such as: The Mission u/ Wellness Mission Board; United Methodist Women Conference Leadership Team; National, Conference, District and local church units; Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women nine Mission projects; Membership information; UMW Charter for Racial Justice; Legacy Endowment Fund; and Assembly 2022, May 20-22, Orlando, Florida. The theme **"Turn It UP"**

The highlight for the afternoon session was the Inter-Generational Pushout Panel-Criminalization of Black Girls in School and presentations/questions by Rev. Dr. Joseph Daniel, Rev. Dr. Sonia King and Rev. Timothy B. Warner. The three breakout groups held with the presenters rotating among the three groups to answer specific questions was very successful.

After the large group re-assembled, feedback/reactions session, group polling and acknowledgements occurred. Dean Elizabeth expressed appreciation to the Mission u and Wellness Mission Board for a successful event. She attributed the achievements to God through prayer and positive teamwork.

The goal for this event is to continue Transformative Learning and education for women, men, and youth through sponsoring mini-Mission u training sessions at the district and local church units.

As the last act for 2021, Dean Elizabeth Mitchell Stemley expressed congratulations and extended best wishes to the incoming 2022 Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women Mission u and Wellness and Mission Board Team.

God be with you until we meet again.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Mitchell Stemley

Mission u Dean 2021

District Presidents



ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT

The Annapolis District United Methodist Women are forging ahead with their missionary work, during the pandemic. We are not letting anything deter us from doing the Will and the Work of God.

The Unit at Cecil Memorial UMC prepared more than 60 lunches for the Arundel House of Hope Alternate Shelter. The women prepared enough lunches so that if anyone wanted seconds, they could have it. The lunch bags consisted of sandwiches, chips, fruit, dessert, a drink, and antibacterial hand wipes.

The entire Unit supported the community service activity, but due to COVID-19, five ladies (Tamla Bias, Barbara Bowman, Angela Crankfield-Edmond, Helen Largent, and Yolandra Tongue) were at the church assembling the lunches.

Both the person in charge at the site and the shelter residents were incredibly happy with the lunches. The ladies of Cecil Memorial's UMW look forward to supporting this activity in the future.

United Methodist Women are unstoppable! Hall's UMW donated baby diapers, baby clothes, and wipes to Baby Pantries at Eastport UMC and Shady Side UMC. The Unit delivered so many items that both baby pantries had more than enough to meet the needs of the families in each of these communities. It has been the mission of the Annapolis district to hold baby showers at each of our major events, the Annual Spring Brunch and Annual Meeting, but throughout the year, the Units continue to provide needed items to meet the needs of expectant mothers and mothers and babies.

At Asbury Town Neck, the United Methodist Women have been on a mission collecting books for women, youth, and children at Sarah's House. Due to COVID-19, they have been unable to distribute them because Sarah's House cannot accept the books just yet. The Unit will be ready when they get an all clear from Sarah's House.

And Pasadena United Methodist Women held a "book" Pampered Chef party to get more products for their beginner kitchen bags. The Unit raised enough to complete two kitchen bags for House of Hope where they place families. The Unit also held a half-price sale of the extra items they received from past sales. The Unit has a list of items for each bag and members donate products, some that are not Pampered Chef. The ladies at Pasadena have been doing this for quite a while and Pam Biddlestein notifies them when she needs the kitchen bags.

The UMW of Mount Zion UMC decorated the church's van and participated in the 1st Annual Juneteenth celebration in Annapolis. The Unit has also continued to participate in the food pantry by distributing food kits and other necessities, as well as diapers for mothers with infants.

If there is a need, the United Methodist Women will always be there to lend a helping hand. It has been a challenging few months but the mission works continue, and the Annapolis District United Methodist are still on the mission field for the Lord.

Blessings,

Emma M. Krouser

Annapolis District UMW President

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BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Greetings from the Baltimore Metropolitan District

We are encouraged by the numbers of people who are being vaccinated in the Baltimore-Washington area and continue to pray for those who are not vaccinated. BMD has made it out primary goal to reach out to churches in our district who do not have a United Methodist Women's unit. To date we have reached out to over 30 churches. The pastor of Chase United Methodist Church in Middle River replied to our Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator, Yolande Dickerson, and invited her to come to their Sunday morning worship to speak to the women of the church. Praise God. We will continue emailing and calling churches until end 2021. Stephanie Nichols, Communications, will complete and publish our unit officer directory by December 2021. We are praying for a great turnout for our September 18th annual virtual meeting, all are invited.

Join us as we continue to pray for Baltimore city, our state, the United States, and our Congress.

Sheila Grier
President, Baltimore Metropolitan District
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WASHINGTON EAST DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Blessings to you my sisters in Christ.

I pray that all of you are well and staying safe. I thank God for all the work that the women of the Washington East District have continued to do toward our mission.

We are currently planning for our Annual Celebration which will be held October 16, 2021. We are so excited to have our very own Vice President Stephanie Willett as the speaker. We are expecting a large turnout of participants.

Our current Vice President and Nominations chair will be leaving the team at the end of the year, so we are on the search for replacements.

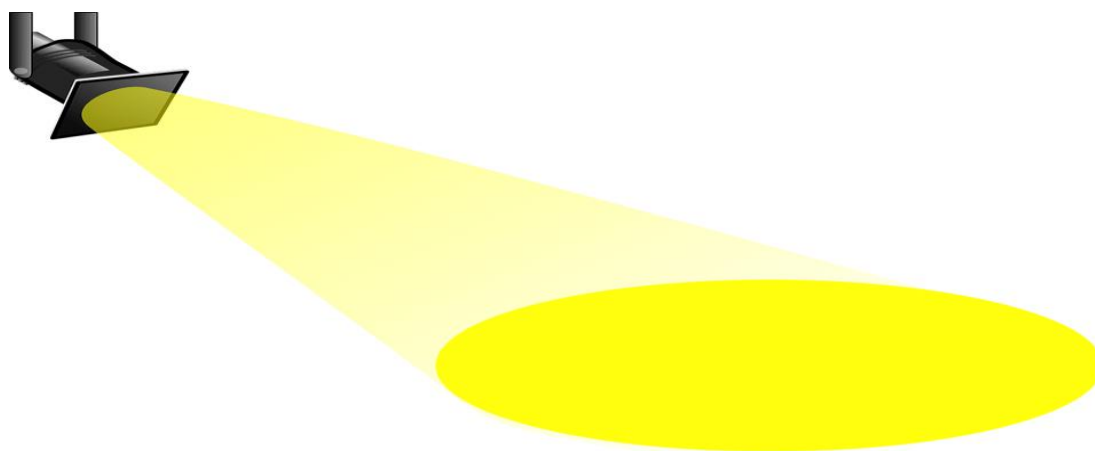
We are continuing our efforts to help our WED units that need assistance and encouragement to stay active and/or to reactivate units so that we can stay on purpose. If any other districts are providing additional training or have other ideas about how to re-energize their local units, please feel free to contact me at the contact information below or the WED Vice President, Stephanie Willett at shwbmd58@gmail.com.

GOD BLESS,

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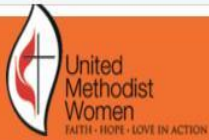
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Spotlight on the Districts

**WE WOULD LOVE TO PUT YOUR
DISTRICT IN THE SPOTLIGHT! LET US
KNOW WHAT YOUR UNITS ARE DOING
WITHIN THEIR CHURCHS AND
COMMUNITIES FOR PUBLISHING IN OUR
NEXT FLAME.**



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National Mission Institutions

Volunteer support, prayers and financial gifts help to operate nearly 100 "NMI" projects in the United States.

Regional Missionaries

Regional Missionaries work with Methodist, United Methodist, ecumenical and grassroots programs advocating for wellness and justice.

International Work

Funding for projects around the world comes from donations and our members' Pledge to Mission.

Grants

United Methodist Women units raise funds to support programs benefiting women, children and youth.

Service & Advocacy

United Methodist Women works with ecumenical and grassroots partners to create systemic change, leading to better lives for women, children and youth.

United Methodist Women Finance

The national office is committed to good stewardship of our members' generous support.

United Methodist Women: Turning Financial Gifts into Miracles for Women, Children and Youth

United Methodist Women is trusted with pledges and donations from individual members and local member organizations, as well as mission partners and anonymous donors who have a heart for mission. We support programs in the United States and around the world that benefit women, children and youth - thereby impacting entire communities. As an agency of The United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women abides by the social principles and discipline as determined by General Conference, giving only to projects in accordance with those guidelines.

Mission Giving

Mission giving supports programs in the United States and around the world that benefit women, children and youth.

Action Alert: Support Federal Legislation to Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matt 19:14)

[Take action here.](#)

Our faith teaches us that children and youth are especially cherished by God. We take that Biblical principle seriously as United Methodist Women members and friends: we commit ourselves to put faith, hope and love into action for children and youth.

Yet here in the United States many children and youth of color are being funneled into the school-to-prison pipeline. Harmful policies and practices divert youth away from educational success, wrongly rerouting children towards the criminal justice system. Schools' overreliance on school-based police contributes to this harmful trend. So do racial disparities in school discipline at all levels—from suspensions to school-based arrests.

The federal government can help address this issue by passing **two** bills:

- [The Ending PUSHOUT Act](#) (H.R.2248), and
- [The Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act](#) (H.R.4011/S.2125).

We invite you to take action to support both of these important pieces of legislation. These actions are [posted together here](#) for easy access.

Want to learn more about this issue? Check out our recent Op-Ed piece published in [Youth Today](#) and [Juvenile Justice Information Exchange](#).



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NOTICE

Due to Covid restrictions, Wesley Theological Seminary has had staff and other changes and hasn't notified the WED UMW of the new Missioner-in-Residence for the upcoming school year. We've been told that when a student is selected, we'll be informed. Please continue to pray for the Seminary and for this ministry.

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***EPWORTH HOUSE MISSION PROJECT
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ANNUAL MEETING
BALTIMORE - WASHINGTON CONFERENCE
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**Wesley Theological Seminary
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November 9th, 2021 – Time: 12 Noon

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**Thanks for your understanding.
(Additional details forthcoming)**

CONFERENCE UMW SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Fund, Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women.

Provides financial assistance for undergraduate students who are members of United Methodist churches within the Baltimore-Washington Conference. **Applications are only accepted on-line at <http://bwcumc.org> from January 4 thru March 1.**

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Please continue to remember our youth and young adults as they enter into higher education to help them grow and succeed in their fields of choice. Local Unit Treasurers, as you collect donations for the scholarships, please send them to your District UMW Treasurers, who will then send them to your Conference UMW Treasurer, Dorothy Medley.

On behalf of the BWC UMW Scholarship Committee, we thank you, we thank God for you and may God continue to bless you all.

Kim Marie Walker
BWC United Methodist Women Scholarship Committee Chairperson
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BALTIMORE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE UMW SCARVES!!!!

You may still place an order for our Baltimore-Washington Conference UMW Scarves. The more scarves ordered at one time, the more the cost is reduced.



The costs are listed below: **Checks should be made payable to BWCUMW**

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