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“FINDING PEACE AND UNITY IN TODAY’S WORLD”



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings to my UMW Sisters in Christ!

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven..." Ecclesiastes 3:1 *KJV*

As I sit at my computer and watch it snowing (again!) I am reminded of the verse above from Ecclesiastes, which, in other words, means there is a right time for everything. The winter brings snow and cold temperatures, but spring is coming! The COVID-19 pandemic and its restrictions have been with us for nearly a year, but this too shall pass as multiple vaccines become more and more available. We **will** be together again soon, face-to-face! Our year of discontent **will** end!

God gave us humans wisdom and cleverness, and we have used both to stay connected virtually throughout this time of separation. National United Methodist Women has provided us with multiple webinars and training online. Many of these events have been recorded and are available for viewing on the website: **unitedmethodistwomen.org**. Take a look!

For your planning pleasure, National has asked us to focus on two Issue Priorities for 2021-2024: "Climate Justice: Just Energy for All" and "Criminalization of Communities of Color & Mass Incarceration." Again, explore the website above, click on "What We Do" and then the "Serve and Advocate" button for plenty of information and guidance.

Your Conference United Methodist Women Leadership Team has continued to remain active by offering officer training to our District Teams, information on the Census, and new Legacy initiatives. Our newly reformed Charter for Racial Justice Committee sponsored a virtual Town hall Meeting in January on the economic and social effects of discriminatory housing. More similar events will follow.

A year ago, at our Conference UMW February meeting, we were introduced to Janice Liggins, creator of "The Clarion Call." This organization has trained Learning Coaches in its "Read to Lead" program for the express purpose of disrupting the school-to-prison pipeline (one of our UMW initiatives). I will

begin mentoring a student, virtually, this month who is behind in her reading skills. Learning Coaches use specific training software that enhances reading skills, and which is extremely comprehensive at the Kindergarten through High School grade levels. If you are interested in exploring becoming a Learning Coach, or just want to find out more information, please contact Janice Liggins at jliggins@theclarioncall.info The more Learning Coaches there are, the more children who can be reached.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Mission u, to be held virtually on July 23-24, 2021. Stay tuned for more information in future issues.

May your walk with the Lord during this Lenten season be reflective, nurturing, and hopeful! Praying that our Lord, Jesus Christ, will be with each of you today and continue to bless you and yours as we journey together into the future.

Yours in Christ,
Linda S. Yost, President
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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!



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

We welcome **Wendy Johnson** as the new Spiritual Growth Coordinator, and pray God's blessings on her and all of us as we continue to put our faith, hope and love into action in 2021!



TREASURER

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

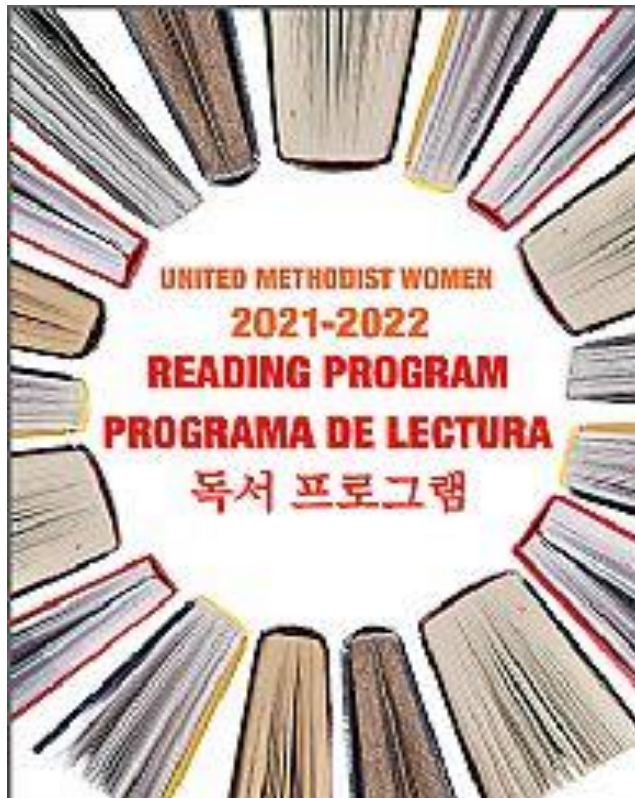
- It is required that the local treasurer will notify both the district and conference treasurers of the discontinuation and maintain communication with them throughout the process.
- The local treasurer must send the district and conference treasurers a report of the unit's giving for the past 4 years, 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

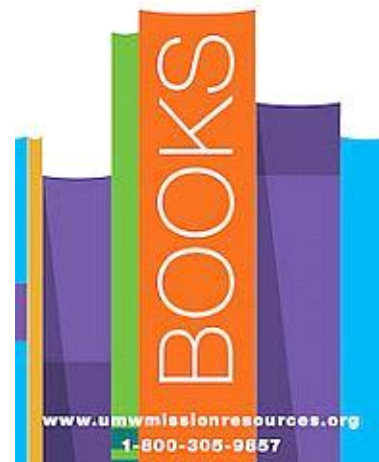


READING PROGRAM

Reporting Form

Formulario de Información del Programa de Lectura

독서 프로그램독서 프로그램



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

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EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION

FAITH * HOPE * LOVE IN ACTION

Hello District Education and Interpretation Coordinators,

I pray that this correspondence finds you safe and well. In commemoration of Black History Month and Women's History Month, we remember Dr. Dorothy Irene Height who was born on March 24, 1912 and passed away on April 20, 2010. Dorothy Height was an African American woman who achieved notable fame in the area of Education, Social Work, Activism, Journalism, Voting Rights, Civil Rights, Women's Rights and employment opportunities. She was frequently characterized as the "Godmother of the Civil Rights Movement." Dorothy Height was an active member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Dorothy Height founded the Annual Black Family Reunion Celebration on the National Mall. She was President of the National Council of Negro Women for more than 40 years and spent 33 years serving on the National Board of the YWCA. Dorothy Height spearheaded the creation of the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research in response to the Tuskegee Syphilis Study. For 10 years, she hosted a National Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast. Among her numerous accomplishments, she acquired 36 honorary Doctorates and countless awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

While attending college, Dorothy Height became a member of Saint Marks Methodist Church, in New York. In 2005, Dorothy Height stated in an interview with United Methodist Communications, "I find through ~~meditation~~ meditation and prayer that there are very few things that I do not find some way to deal with." Dorothy Height was also a member of the Women's Division, United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, and predecessor of United Methodist Women. Dorothy Height was known to carry members of the Women's Division, United Methodist Board of Global Ministries Nominating Committee, to meetings of the National Council of Negro Women, so it would be known, where their money was going. In terms of mission giving, in 2002 at Dorothy Height's 90th Birthday Celebration Event, she raised 5 million dollars to fund the mortgage at the Washington, DC National Council for Negro Women.

In addition, Dorothy Height helped organize the Women's Caucus in the National Council of Churches. Her zeal for activism, mission and mission giving was shaped by her Christian faith and calling. Following her example, we move forward with Faith * Hope * Love * in Action, in relation to our commitment to Mission and Mission giving.



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FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PLACE PRIZES TO BE AWARDED

**BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**



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 and,*
- *Submit The Total Number of Active UMW Local Qualifying Units participating in the Mission Today Checklist Program,*
- *Due on or Before October 1, 2021.*

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MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH

The three R's: "*Recruitment, Retention, Renewal.*"

The Office of Membership Development is introducing a new project to organize for growth and membership flexibility. In a statement from Ebony Diaz, Membership Development, "United Methodist Women is committed to finding new ways to invite and involve women in our 150-year-old organization with over 800,000 members. At all levels of the organization." We are living in times of change, organizationally, the United Methodist Women need to expand and explore and exponentially find creative ways to, not only support current membership, but to recruit and cultivate new members.

Focus area:

Recruitment-Building Awareness

Retention-Nurture and Relationship Building

Renewal-Refresh and Reset

The following is a brief excerpt of the planned initiative; "After extensive organizational and external research, United Methodist Women (UMW) will be focused on sustaining our current membership, while simultaneously attracting more women who are 60+ within The United Methodist Church (UMC), but who do not currently identify as UMW. We also want to focus on attracting newer women who classify as spiritual, 35-59, in and out of the United Methodist Church. As an organization we are invested in helping our members reach, attract and engage new women who will aid in our mission of providing quality services, transformational education and advocacy on behalf of the needs of women, children and youth around the world."

Information on the three R's can be found on YouTube, the links are below:

Member Nurture Outreach 1: <https://youtu.be/xUcZC2taiL4>

Member Nurture Outreach 2: <https://youtu.be/-PY7SR80MCI>

Engaging Generation to Generation: <https://youtu.be/9iE4akPvPaQ>

Unit Survey

As reported in the December 2020 **Flame**, the Census has a new name. It will be called 2020 Unit Survey. The office of Membership Development announces new changes based on responses from the 2019 Census Survey and feedback from information surveys conducted this spring and summer. Census 2020 web address is: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2020. The deadline to complete the Unit Survey is **March 30, 2021**

myUMW is open and we encourage everyone to fill out the form and get your personal United Methodist Women Membership Card. Completing myUMW is also another way that membership is counted.

Bridge is a long distance educational and training resource. A Bridge account can be obtained by enrolling at the following links: Membership Office: membership@unitedmethodistwomen.org or Alana Walls, Bridge Support: awalls@unitedmethoistwomen.org.

Cumberland-Hagerstown District

I am excited to announce that the Cumberland-Hagerstown District is under re-organization. Margaret Pennington, has graciously agreed to be the Lead Contact to assist President Linda Yost and this leadership team with the re-organization. The units in the CHD are excited and thus far twenty-six units have completed the 2020 Unit Survey. More information to come.

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COMMUNICATIONS



Communication Breakdown,
What's happening today?
We don't say what we mean,
And we don't mean what we say.

We trundle along in life,
Not speaking when we should,
We wait until it's too late,
And then say nothing good.

We don't look at each other,
Nor smile as much these days,
We are all so busy,
Being busy is the craze.

But what is so important?
That we don't really talk?
Why don't we make time?
Instead of running, we could walk.

We use our text messages,
Our computers, to speak for us,
We use our telephones,
And rely on our trust.

It's hard to know what's behind talk,
If you're not face to face,
It's hard to get a clear message,
Isn't it a disgrace?

That we don't meet each other,
And look eye to eye?
That we don't take the time,
And understand why.

Why it is so important,
We connect and really speak,
Why it is essential,
We truly listen and not freak.

When someone suggests something,
That's so far from our minds,
World peace depends on these things,
So **let's** not be so behind.

We've got to make an effort,
And truly realize,
This isn't really connecting,
It isn't civilized.

By Aisha Sherazi

Kim Marie Walker
Communications Coordinator-BWC-UMW
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NOMINATIONS

GREETINGS FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE



We welcome **Willa Kynard** as the new Nominations Committee Chairperson, and pray God's blessings on her and all of us as we continue to put our faith, hope and love into action in 2021!



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 Policies is a committee that has a membership of seven members, one-third of whom shall be of color if possible.

The seven members shall include the President of the Conference UMW Mission Leadership Team, who will serve as the Chairperson, the-mission 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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Sharon Milton -- law2be@hotmail.com

Willa Kynard — msk3334@yahoo.com

Kunda Musonda – careercoachk@gmail.com

Judy Smith – smarmayor@aol.com

Miriam Mokuena –mdmokuena@gmail.com

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Happy New Year from Your National Office Director!

Welcome to the new quadrennial 2021-2024! Since my election in September 2020, I have been working representing the Baltimore Washington Conference diligently.

I have been assigned to the following committees:

- **Planning and Assessment Committee:** responsible for directing staff on development of a strategic plan for the organization and setting measurements to assess the organization's work.
- **A representative to the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women (WFMUCW)**
- **Assembly 2022:** Learning how to use "Eventsrebels Workshop Vettors" system to read and use a rating system to assess the value and quality of each workshop proposal as it relates to Assembly 2022 Goals and Outcomes. Categories for workshops are: Soul Care, Women Leaders and Change-Makers.

I participated in National Office's "**Leadership Development Days (LDD)**" January 28th-30th. I am a liaison with staff for Member Nurture and Outreach.

The Directors have been meeting since September 2020. Some actions included:

- approved the Governance Committee's Program Advisory Group team assignments
- approved the updated National Mission Institution (NMI) Covenant Agreement 2021.
- Upheld UMW Resolutions for General Conference (tentatively scheduled for Aug 29-Sept 7, 2021). The resolutions involve The Girl Child, the Status of Women, Children's Sabbath, and Voter Rights Protections in the United States.

Get Ready, Get Ready, Get Ready!!!! Assembly 2022 is coming to Orlando, FL, May 20-22, 2022. Theme: "Turn It Up, Turn It Up, Turn It Up!" Start saving now, more information to follow.

Website: National Office is developing a new more user-friendly website! Stay tuned!

I am working closely with the Conference Leadership Team as they work diligently to keep everyone focused on the **two Social Action Campaigns: "Climate Justice" and "Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration"**.

CENSUS 2020: Updated name "2020 Unit Survey": This yearly form was released in October 2020 and all submissions by unit presidents (or designated person) are due by March 30, 2021. National Office is developing opportunities for members to be connected even if the unit dissolves. There are 3 parts to the survey: Activity, Resources & Targeted Giving, and Thriving Unit Classification. Conference and District Leadership are encouraged to actively promote completing the Unit Survey by any means necessary. **Our conference goal is to have 95-100% of all our units entered into the database.** This is our last reporting before General Conference. If you need assistance contact Daphne L Hurd, Conference MNO Coordinator at daphnelhurd@icloud.com or your District President or District MNO.

- The Unit Survey Link can be found on the United Methodist Women's website: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2020

Thank you all for your continued prayers as I work to make you proud at the National level. If you have questions or concerns feel free to contact me.

Keeping faith, hope, love in action for women, children and youth

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LEGACY FUND

Greetings from a new Legacy Fund Liaison.

My name is Terri Booth. I attend Union Chapel United Methodist Church in Joppa, Maryland. The Covid-19 Health Crisis has affected my in-person worship due to the Health Restrictions that are currently in place. I resorted to the many media outlets that are available to help connect with the congregation but I still find it difficult to watch my Pastor's Sunday Morning Message sitting at home. In the midst of the recommendations to self-isolate, quarantine for 14 days if exposed to Covid-19, I received a call to join the Legacy Fund Team.

Although we are connecting via Zoom, Face Time, emails and the traditional telephone call, I can still see the desire to live the Vision by turning Faith, Hope, and Love into Action. I am beginning my first year as a Legacy Fund Liaison with the same enthusiasm I felt in 2014 when the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign was launched. As a Unit President, it was my responsibility to share mailings and other information at our meetings. I encouraged the women to continue to read about the Permanently Invested Endowment.

The many stories published in the Book – "Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission" strike me as Radical.

A scripture excerpt from I Corinthians 15:33 "For God is not the Author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. 34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law",

~~The scripture~~ mirrors the practice of women being seen and not heard.

In 2021, the Legacy Fund will continue to promote and fundraise to meet and surpass the \$60 million Goal. Daisy Farmer and I are planning a Zoom Conference Meeting, as we would like to present the 150 Next - Guidelines and Channels of Giving. The 150 Legacy Builder is a new program; a brief explanation is listed below.

Please Join Us.





Together, we are building our legacy

A Legacy Builder moves forward the mission of United Methodist Women by making a monthly gift of \$18.69 or more to The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign in honor of United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary. **Just as our foremothers invested in our future in 1869**, gifts to the campaign will ensure that United Methodist Women continues to prepare future generations of women to practice mutuality in mission, working to transform the lives of women, children and youth in deeper and even more impactful ways.

Terri Booth
Legacy Fund Liaison

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THE LEGACY FUND

Share with us your stories of how
United Methodist Women,
Missions, and the Pandemic have
impacted your life.

Share a video, pictures, or a short story.



Consider a donation to
represent 151 years.
\$18.69 + 1

**Make donations to
your local UMW**

Day of Giving

Online Presentation

Submit Video to: terjericho@gmail.com

C/O Daisy Farmer, Terri Booth

March 23, 2021

District Presidents



BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Greetings from the women in the Baltimore Metropolitan District. We continue to pray for God's earth, His creations and all the people who inhabit this earth. We thank God for the minds who created the technology that is allowing us to stay in communication during this pandemic.

Listed below is the 2021-2024 Baltimore Metropolitan District team.

President Sheila Grier
Vice President VACANT
Secretary Clorie Tildon
Treasurer Kathaleen Carey
Spiritual Growth VACANT
Communications Coordinator Stephanie Nichols
Education and Interpretation Darcia Smith
Membership, Nurture and Outreach Yolande Dickerson
Program Resources Brenda Pittman
Nomination Chair Michele Davis *appointed*

Our first ever virtual district training was a success, with a few hiccups. I thank Willa Kynard for assisting with training of Nominations Coordinators and Wendy Johnson for training Spiritual Growth Coordinators.

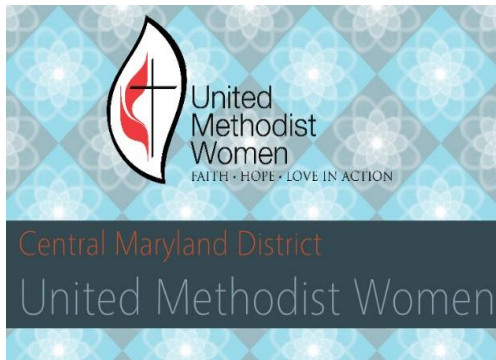
Some of our women, along with women from other districts and the Northeastern Jurisdiction team, participated in a discussion of the book, So You Want to Talk About Race. We will be exploring the feasibility of having a couple of cross-cultural unit meetings in 2021. We are currently planning for our spring meeting.

Baltimore Metropolitan District will continue to strive to be accountable to and represent the United Methodist Women in the best light ever.

Peace and Blessings,

Sheila Grier
President – Baltimore Metropolitan District
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CENTRAL MARYLAND DISTRICT



Greetings My Beautiful Sisters Created by God!

Our Central Maryland District Officers Training will take place virtually Saturday, March 27th from 9:00 – 12:00 noon. Registration is now open. Please register by February 28th. See attached flyer. Or email wooddelyte@verizon.net to get a registration form.

Your CMD Officers are:

Dianna Kelly Woodlon, President

Opportunity, Vice President ****If you would like to fill this position please contact us.***

Julie Benner, Treasurer

Maurita Williams, Secretary

Cheryl Gooden, Spiritual Growth

Kim Turner/Laura Copeland, Nominations

Miriam Mokuena, Social Action

Doris Byrd-Watts, Education & Interpretation

Cindy Smith Waugh, Social Media

We are praying for each of you and your families and focusing on kindness during these difficult times. We are sharing the Mindful March action for happiness calendar. It has suggested actions you can take to help create a happier and kinder world. Go to www.actionforhappiness.org/calendar

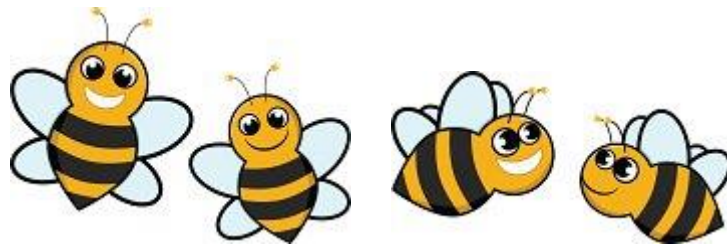
"Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil. There is no point"
Billy Graham

I would like to thank all the Central Maryland District United Methodist Women for your continued commitment and support.

Respectfully submitted.

Dianna Kelly Woodlon, President
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Central Maryland District United Methodist Women



Officers Training

Virtual

Saturday, March 27, 2021

Wear your Black and Yellow!

8:30 AM Zoom Gathering Begins

9:00 – 10:00 AM Opening

Break

10:30 – Begin Breakout Sessions

Dismiss from Training 12 Noon

Questions: Dianna Woodlon, President, CMD UMW, wooddelyte@verizon.net

Email registration form to: Maurita Bowie, CMD Secretary,

maurita.bowie3@gmail.com

Register by Feb. 28th

Name _____ Church _____

Telephone _____ email _____

Are you an officer? _____ UMW Position? _____



FREDERICK DISTRICT

Dear Frederick District United Methodist Women,

We pray that this finds you well and that you have a blessed new year to come! We (the Frederick District Team) understand that this past year was beyond challenging and we appreciate all that you have done. Some of our goals may not have been met, but all your accomplishments are greatly appreciated. Please do not be discouraged, be encouraged! The Lord will continue to bless the work of your hearts and your hands. The 2020 recognition will be sent out shortly and we will have a district Zoom meeting.

We are making changes to improve our processes and communications going forward and we will be reaching out periodically to be better connected with all of our local units. Please find below our contact information and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Angela Fossett	Debra Campbell-Addison	Sherie Koob
Frederick District President	Frederick District Treasurer *New Address	Social Action Coordinator
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frdistumw@gmail.com	treasurerfrederickumw@gmail.com *New Email	fredumwsocaction@gmail.com

Our district is seeking to fill the open district positions. We are looking for committed team players to help keep the legacy of the UMW alive and well in the Frederick District.

We will work as a team to support the district and each other in all that we do. If you or someone in your unit would like to be on the District team, please have them contact me immediately.

Open roles:

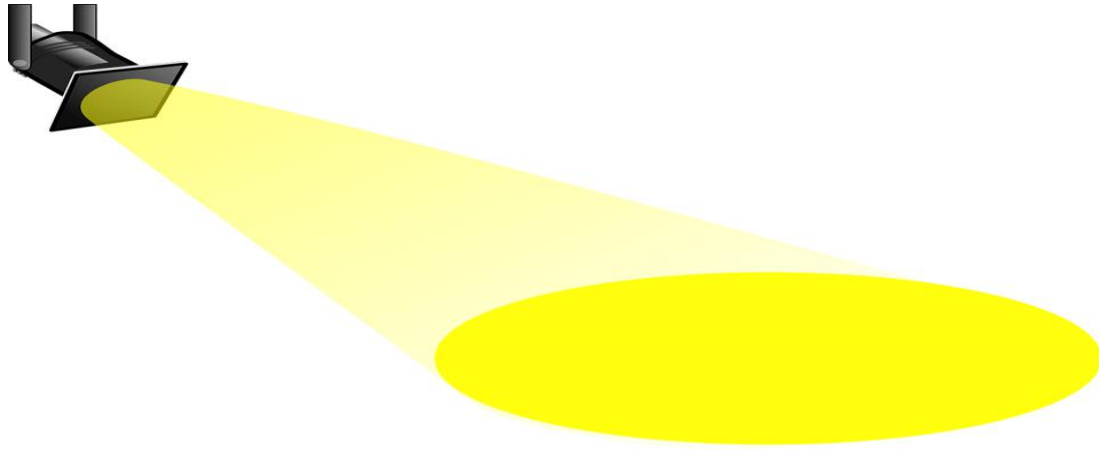
Core Leadership Team: Secretary and Committee on Nominations

Program Leaders: Membership Nurture and Outreach, Spiritual Growth, Education & Interpretation

Please also note for your records we have a Facebook page at [Facebook/frederickdistrictumw](https://www.facebook.com/frederickdistrictumw) and please reference the national site at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/> and the conference page at <https://www.bwcumc.org/ministries/united-methodist-women/> to stay abreast of all UMW activities.

Respectfully,

Angela Fossett, President
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Conference Projects



EPWORTH HOUSE

The Epworth House Mission Project Committee
Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women
Hosted by the Greater Washington and Washington East Districts

Present

A Virtual Spring Celebration
Theme - "Hope for Our Future" - Jeremiah 31: 16-17

When April 17, 2021 – Time: 12 Noon

Zoom Link will be sent at a later date.

**GUEST SPEAKER: REV. DR. DAVID MCALLISTER WILSON, PRESIDENT
WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, WASHINGTON, DC**

**SPECIAL MUSIC PRESENTATIONS BY
CHARLENE WHITE, GUEST SOLOIST**

A donation of \$20.00 or more is suggested on or before April 1st.

Please list your church/district and email on attached form .

Make checks payable to *Epworth House Committee.*

Mail to: Jeanette M. Tolbert-Campbell, Treasurer
2711 Judith Avenue, Forestville, MD 20747
(Recognition will be given to the church/district with the most reservations.)

Ladies you're welcome to wear your favorite hat!

Gertrude T. White, President
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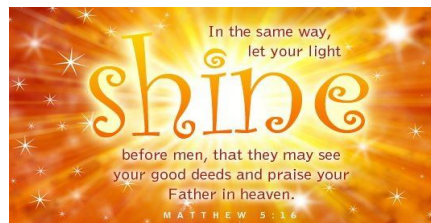
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On behalf of the Epworth House Mission Project Committee, and in a Conference-wide effort to continue supporting this Mission Project, please find below, the biography of our new Missioner-in-Residence at Wesley Theological Seminary and the form for giving to our (Gift in Honor/Memory) fundraiser to the Missioner.



Epworth House Mission Project Committee

Melinda Paczari-Pongor

The New UMW 2020-21 Missioner-in-Residence, Wesley Theological Seminary

My name is Melinda Paczari-Pongor. I am a 25-year-old Hungarian student. I came to study at Wesley Theological Seminary because of a scholarship program that was established by the Hungarian Reformed Church D.C. and Wesley Theological Seminary. While studying at Wesley, I am serving the Hungarian congregation, which I am doing happily. I have the chance to meet new people with new views on how to look at the world, but I am also able to meet those Hungarians who left their country for many reasons, but never abandoned their faith. It is a blessing for me to be a part of both of these communities.

I decided to study theology because I was interested in the Bible and in Christianity, not only because I believed in what they teach, but also because both of them are fascinating pieces of humanity and its history. I grew up in a non-Christian family, but I got in contact with the church in my early teenager years. I immediately felt attached to the way the people interacted with each other. I started to attend the events there because of the congregants, and slowly, even without realizing when and how, I became a believer. Ever since those months, I wanted to serve the Lord through serving my fellow humans.

After high school, I spent a year in the United Kingdom working as a volunteer in a Catholic home for disabled adults. The experiences I gained during the

volunteer year strengthened my faith and made me more interested in theology.

I had studied theology for four years in Hungary at Debrecen Reformed Theological University before attending Wesley, but I am still learning new ways of how to look at the world through the lenses of Christianity because of this seminary. I feel blessed to be able to meet new people here and learn how they think about our faith and how they are in contact with each other and God.

I am married. My husband, Andras, is a reformed pastor. He is in the final process of his Ph.D. program at the moment. When we have free time, we like to read, but our favorite activity is walking. We firmly believe that a good walk is a gift from God.

Washington, DC, August 17, 2020



Flag of Hungary

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
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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.



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