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“Honoring The Humanity of Others: Loving Our Neighbor”



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In Memoriam

Gladys D. Carter

May 30, 2022

Our dear Sister Gladys passed away peacefully in her sleep. She was a member of Simpson-Hamline UMC, and the President of the Greater Washington District United Women in Faith. She was loved by so many and will be greatly missed by her family and Sisters in Christ.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear United Women in Faith Sisters!

May God be blessing you this day!

"My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say that they have faith but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can't save anyone, can it? Imagine a brother or sister who is naked and never has enough food to eat. What if one of you said, 'Go in peace. Stay warm? Have a nice meal!?' What good is it if you don't actually give them what their body needs? In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity. Someone might claim, 'You have faith and I have action.' But how can I see your faith apart from your actions. Instead, I'll show you my faith by putting it into practice in faithful action." *James 2:14-18 (Common English Bible)*

While sorting through some old piles of mail, I came across a Christmas card I received from some very good friends who create their own cards every year. The inside message reads as follows:

Reach out to show how much you care.
Reach out because it's time to share.
Reach out now for someone's need.
Reach out and fulfill a loving deed.

Be that person when giving is free.
Be that person to help those you see.
Be that person who lends the hand.
Be that person helping a fellow man.

Count not all the good deeds you have done.
Count not the money you have in your fund.
Count not numbers helping those you could.
Count on your compassion to make it good.



Helping one another is so very important, and especially if we wish to uphold our Purpose – "...to develop a creative, supportive fellowship;" but we also must assist those in need within our communities and around the world. This summer, when many of our local units don't meet, find a way to help out in your neighborhoods, ask around and find out what is needed, create a project, volunteer, organize a voter registration event, attend a rally to support a cause for women, children, and youth. Opportunities abound, so take a look! Get ACTIVE! Get VOCAL! Get INVOLVED! MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Just three words, of many, to describe **ASSEMBLY: AWESOME, AMAZING, INSPIRING!** This event was centered around the Scripture from James 2:14-18 (see above), which emphasizes that our faith, without works, is dead. The all-woman UWF National Assembly musical team took us to a whole other level as they began each service with inspiring singing, saxophone playing, drumming, piano and guitar playing. At our opening worship service some of the selections were "Blessed Assurance,"

"Spirit of the Living God," "Softly and Tenderly." And then there were the liturgical dancers, dancing to "Come Upon Me." They worshiped with us throughout the weekend with modern and traditional dancing. The Spirit of our Living God was surely with us as we worshiped, listened, prayed, and celebrated. We **TURNED IT UP!**

Some special highlights were:

- Native American Blessing on the ground where we were convening
- Courageous Speaker: Rev. Sung Yeon Choimorrow, Executive Director of National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
- Theologian-in-Residence: Rev. Janet Wolf, author of **Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship**, our Mission u 2019 study book
- Deaconess and Home Missioner Consecration – Our own Bishop LaTrelle Easterling participated in this wonderful ceremony
- Climate Justice Speaker: Heather McTeer Toney, Regional Advisor for the Environmental Protection Agency, Southeast Region
- Special Remarks: Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Interior
- Introducing our new branding - United Women in Faith:
'Ainise "Isama'u, President
- The Call to Action: Harriett Jane Olson, CEO and General Secretary
- The workshops were informative and enlightening
- The parade of banners and offering ceremony was fun and offered some great photo ops
- The hotel rooms were comfortable, and the shuttle buses ran like clockwork

Our next Assembly in 2026 is scheduled to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Looking forward to this gathering with my UWF Sisters in Christ!

Peace and Love,

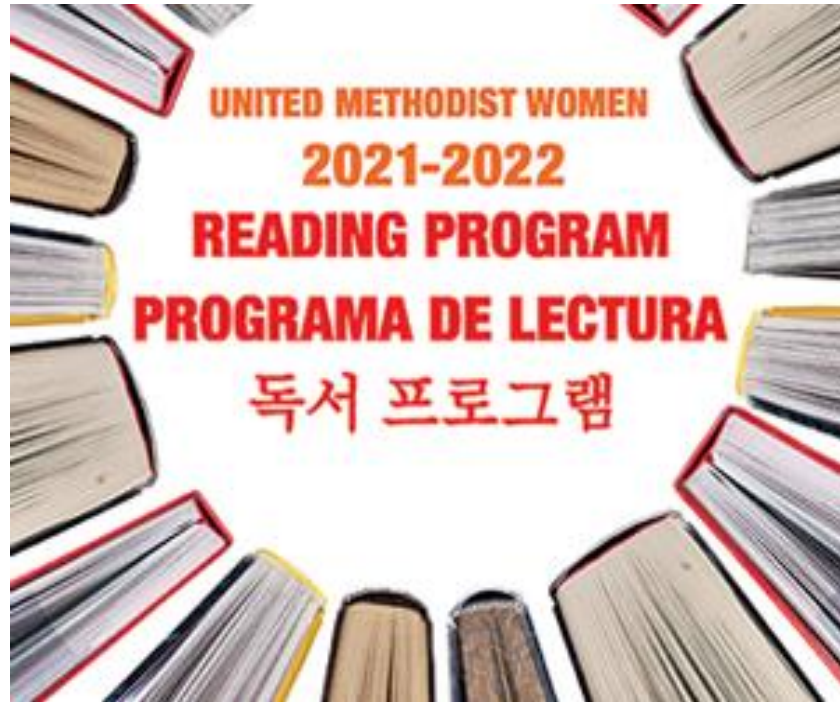
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PROGRAM RESOURCES

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH 2021-2022 READING PROGRAM



2022 Reading Program

The Reading Program is a cherished tradition that brings together members to explore, share and discuss books.

There is something for everyone—the Reading Program is available for:

- Adults, youth, and children
- Enlightening subjects in diverse genres, including:
 - Education for Mission
 - Leadership Development
 - Nurturing for Community
 - Social Action
 - Spiritual Growth

response magazine and the Faith Talks podcast are part of the Reading Program.

Reading is rewarding.

As you read, you can track your progress using our easy-to-use [Reporting Form](#). When you submit the Report of Completion Requirements, you will be recognized with a [Certificate of Recognition](#)

Reading is connecting.

The Reading Program is not meant to be completed alone or in a vacuum. You can enrich the experience by doing one or several of these things:

- **Share the program** with United Women in Faith members and members of the community.
 - **Help people obtain books.** Distribute this guide.
 - **Connect with local and district groups.** Start a book club, download books onto an e-reader to pass around and share, and present book reviews at group meetings.
 - **Display a progress chart in your church** for all who wish to participate, and post displays to encourage book sales.
 - **Pray.** Books often raise concerns about people, countries, and issues. Bring these concerns to God during your prayer time at home and at group meetings.
 - **Advocate for tangible change.** Many Reading Program books address issues including climate change, mass incarceration, and racism. Organize a task force to address these issues in your community.
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- Please click on this link www.umwmissionresources.org or call 800-305-9857

 [2021-22 Resources Order List Form.](#)

(Click on the link below and hit control simultaneously to access the link)

<https://www.umwmissionresources.org/downloads/2022Q2-UMF-OrderListForm.pdf>

[Clearance Sale Items and](#)

[2020-21 Mission Resources](#)

(Click on the link below and hit control simultaneously to access the link)

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/Media/downloadable/UMW-Order-List-Form-M2021Q2.pdf>

EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION

MISSION TODAY UNIT CHECKLIST FORM

July 31, 2021 – July 31, 2022

**Diversity Today Unit Program
(Optional Charter for Racial Justice Implementation Tool)**

July 31, 2021 – July 31, 2022

Activities conducted between July 1, 2021 - July 31, 2022, will be recognized at the annual United Women in Faith meeting in October 2022.

District UWF Presidents: Recognize units that qualify for DIAMOND, RUBY, or PEARL status at the District Annual Meeting



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MISSION TODAY UNIT CHECKLIST FORM

July 31, 2021 – July 31, 2022

Date: _____

Submitted by: _____

NAME OF UNIT: _____

NAME OF DISTRICT: _____

Unit President's Name & Address

Number of Members in the Unit:

Requirements for Gold, Silver, or Bronze Certification:

CRITERION # 1 (Required): Met the Unit's **Pledge to Mission**, plus any additional four (4) of the (8) **remaining** asterisked (*) criteria/items.

BRONZE CERTIFICATE: For Units that have completed **eight (8) to (11)** of the criteria listed below.

SILVER CERTIFICATE: For Units that have completed **twelve (12) to fifteen (15)** of the criteria listed below.

GOLD CERTIFICATE: For Units that have completed **sixteen (16) to eighteen (18)** of the criteria listed below.

Activities conducted between July 1, 2021 - July 31, 2022, will be recognized at the annual UWF meeting in October 2022.

Definition: Meetings – in-person, conference call, virtual, social media, etc.

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

____ *1. The unit met its “**Pledge to Mission**” for the prior year.

____ *2. Used the “**Daily Prayer Guide**” (formerly “**Prayer Calendar**”) at each general or circle meeting to pray for persons in mission work.

____ *3. Used at least two programs from the **Program Book** during the year.

____ *4. The unit or circle conducted or participated in one or more **Mission Studies** during the year.

Name of the **Mission Study**: _____

____ *5. Implemented the “**Charter for Racial Justice**” in one or more ways during the year.

Check all that apply:

____ a. Members read books and articles about other races and other cultures.

____ b. Sponsored an inter-ethnic event between two or more units.

____ c. Recruited women of color to be members and officers of the unit.

____ d. Wrote elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration; affirmative action; low-income programs; civil rights; **BLACK LIVES MATTER**, Mass Incarceration, and the Criminalization of Communities of Color; School-to-Prison Pipeline, etc.

____ *6. At least two members subscribing to the **Response Magazine**, print or digital.

____ *7. The unit members corresponded with at least 5 persons listed in the “**Daily Prayer Guide**” (formerly “**Prayer Calendar.**”)

____ *8. Added at least 1 or more members to its roll.

____ *9. Was a **Five Star Unit** contributing to 5 or more avenues of Mission Giving

____ 10. Explored ways to promote and increase the **Pledge to Mission**.

____ 11. The unit or circle shared 1 or more “**Response Magazine**” mission stories during the year.

____ 12. The unit had at least one member (other than a Conference or a District Officer) who attended the 2022 Virtual/Hybrid **Mission u**.

____ 13. The unit had at least two members, other than a Conference or District Officer, who attended virtually or in-person, **UWF Conference and District Annual Meetings** and reported back to their unit.

____ 14. The unit had at least 1 member, other than a Conference or District Officer, who contributed to or attended, virtually or in-person, a **UWF Northeastern Jurisdiction Event**.

____ 15. The unit supported initiatives regarding **Climate Justice; Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration**.

____ 16. The unit had at least 1 person who participated in a United Women in Faith's initiative by attending Virtual Legislative Advocacy Day.

____17. The unit participated in at least 2 or more activities that positively impacted the well-being of **Children and Youth.**

- ____a. Volunteered with the distribution of food and supplies to families in need.
- ____b. Participated in virtual or telephone conference mentoring or tutoring programs for children;
- ____c. Wrote letters, e-mail, or called congressional representatives and/or others in government regarding children's issues.
- ____d. Created or supported a local school's outreach program.
- ____e. Provided a Children's Sabbath

____18. The unit pledged to care for God's creation by becoming a **"Green"** unit and refraining from using Styrofoam products.

____19. The unit had at least 2 or more members, who participated in the **"Reading Program."**

Name_____ Plan completed_____

Name_____ Plan completed_____

____20. Invited a District or Conference Officer, other than a member of the unit, to at least 1 in-person, virtual or telephone conference meeting.

____21. Contributed to or visited a UWF Mission Project as a **"District Mission Event,"** in one of the following categories:

____a. List the National Project supported by funds from National UMW.

____b. List one of the projects listed on the BWC UWF Conference Project Sheet.

____22. Each unit provided at least 3 school, health, layette or sewing kits.

____23. The unit organized a UWF Sunday to annually celebrate the ministry of United Women in Faith.

____24. Participated with or contributed in some way to the **UWF Legacy Endowment Fund and/or the Legacy Day of Giving**".

____25. Participated in at least one or more **Faith Talks or Climate Justice Virtual Events.**

____26. Conducted or participated in a UWF conference call, virtual or social media meetings.

NOTE TO OFFICERS:

UWF District Presidents: Recognize units that qualify for GOLD, SILVER, or BRONZE status at the District Annual Meeting.

UWF District E & I Coordinators*: Calculate the form and indicate the District's recognition certificate status here: _____



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DIVERSITY TODAY UNIT PROGRAM

(Optional Charter for Racial Justice Implementation Tool)

July 31, 2021 – July 31, 2022

Unit: _____ District: _____

Submitted by: _____

CHECK STATUS REQUESTED

_____ **DIAMOND** Unit having completed 6 or more (2 or more from each of the 3 categories) of the following actions below.

_____ **RUBY** Unit having completed 4 or more (2 from “Activities Beyond the Local Unit”; 1 from each of the other 2 categories) of the following actions below.

_____ **PEARL** Unit having completed 2 or more (1 from at least 2 different categories) of the following actions below.

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

UNIT PROGRAMING:

- ___1. Devoted a meeting to studying and discussing Charter for Racial Justice Policies.
- ___2. Used a program on racial justice/human rights from the United Women in Faith Program Book and/or “Tools for UWF Leaders: Resources for Racial Justice” handbook (Link on the BWC UWF web page) .

__3. Participated in a Bible study on racism (examples available in “Resources for Social Justice” handbook).

__4. Watched and discussed videos and virtual trainings related to racial justice.

__5. Invited an international guest to come and speak about their home country.

__6. Regularly shared local newspaper articles relating to racism (both positive and negative).

__7. Regularly shared articles from Response magazine relating to racism.

UNIT ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES:

__8. Displayed Charter for Racial Justice Policies and lifted up at least one issue at each unit meeting.

__9. Supplied each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies and the UMW Racial Justice Timeline.

__10. Purchased and discussed two United Women in Faith Reading Program books about a different culture or written by someone of a different racial or ethnic background.

__11. Participated in a qualifying UWF social action mission study.

__12. Studied in-depth a particular issue relating to the Charter for Racial Justice Policies, e.g., racism, immigration rights, voting rights, racial/ethnic profiling, etc.

__13. Visited the Racial Justice site on the United Methodist Women web page and worked with the District and the Conference Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice.

ACTIVITIES BEYOND THE LOCAL UNIT

__14. Gave a Special Mission Recognition pin to someone who works to promote racial justice.

- __15. Sent one (1) member to Mission u to take the social action study.
- __16. Held a postcard or letter writing campaign encouraging legislation supporting the economically deprived or challenged.
- __17. Experienced worship with a church of an ethnic background different from your own.
- __18. Hosted an international tasting party, cultural fair, or other event.
- __19. Planned a worship experience for your unit or church with an emphasis on racial justice, e.g., United Women in Faith Sunday, etc.

GUIDELINES:

- Place an X beside your requested Unit Status (DIAMOND, RUBY, PEARL).
- Place an X beside the numbered items you have completed in each of the above 3 categories. Numbers are sequential throughout the three categories to facilitate your submission.
- Check the item on the Mission Today Unit criteria sheet to indicate:
“Participated as a unit in the BW Conference Charter for Racial Justice UWF Diversity Today Unit Program”.
- **Local UMW Units:** Forward your unit’s completed Form for the Charter for Racial Justice United Women in Faith Diversity Today Unit Program to your District Education and Interpretation Coordinator on the same date as you submit the Mission Today Unit criteria. If your District has no E & I Coordinator, then submit both forms to your District President.
- **District Education and Interpretation Coordinators/Presidents:** Calculate the form and indicate your District’s recognition certificate status here:

- **District United Women in Faith Presidents:** Recognize units that qualify for DIAMOND, RUBY, or PEARL status at the District Annual Meeting. Forward the names/associated status of local units participating in the Diversity Today Unit Program to the BW Conference Charter for Racial Justice Committee, Attn: Conference President, for inclusion in BW Conference United Women in Faith annual documentation.

COMMUNICATIONS



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United Women in Faith Digital Resources

Become a Member of the United Women in
Faith Digital Resources.

We hope you enjoy the Community
Gathering program.

**Let us COMMUNICATE God's Love and His WORD to keep Faith, Hope, and
Love in Action.!!!!**

Kim Marie Walker
Communications Coordinator-BWC-UMW
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COMMITTEE ON CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE (CFRJ)

The Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice become active during 2020-2021.

The Committee has the responsibility to:

- 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.

Committee on Charter for Racial Justice (CFRJ) Members 2022

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MISSION u



Who Can We Be Together?

Building Communities
of Hope and Joy

SAVE THE DATE
July 29-31
2022

**BALTIMORE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
MISSION u COOPERATIVE SCHOOL
LOCATION: TBA**

FOR MORE INFORMATION: BWCMISSIONU@GMAIL.COM

MISSION u 2022 – July 29 &30

Registration is now open!

WHO CAN WE BE TOGETHER?

A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13

We are so excited to announce that this year the Peninsula-Delaware Conference Mission u team has been working with our BWC Mission u and Conference Health & Wellness teams to plan a dynamic 2022 Mission u learning event for children grades 3-6; youth grades 7-12, and adults!

“This year’s study, WHO CAN WE BE TOGETHER? A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13, brings participants deeper into Jesus’ teachings in this chapter of Luke to explore what it means to be in community... The goal of this study is to inspire a global community of justice-oriented believers to challenge damaging theologies and create healthy rituals for abundant living.” (back cover of this year’s adult study book)

Adults have the opportunity to be in-person or join online via Zoom. The in-person location is Community UMC, 1690 Riedel Rd, Crofton, MD - 21114. Space is limited to 60 persons. The children and youth sessions will run on Saturday and only be in person.

Schedule: Friday evening: 7:00 p.m. Opening Worship
Worship speaker: Rev. Monica Raines, Christ UMC,
Washington D.C.

Saturday: 8:45 Zoom opens

9:00 – 11:30 a.m. morning sessions (children and youth will move to their location)

11:30 -12:30 Lunch break
(both in-person and virtual, lunch on your own)

12:30-4:30 p.m. afternoon sessions,
communion and closing

Registration is \$25 for adults (in person and virtual), \$25 for children and youth (no virtual option for children and youth). The same registration link is to be used for children, youth, and adults: <https://pendel-reg.brtapp.com/MissionU2022>

An option is available on the registration to make an additional donation towards the Mission u offering as you register.

Payment methods include checks and credit card. BWC is also offering payment via Zelle. Just indicate on the registration form that you are paying by *check* but then process a Zelle payment to umw.missionu@gmail.com.



To celebrate the first joint Mission u with BWC and Penn-Del, we are excited to offer the opportunity to order a specially created **Mission u** t-shirt for only \$13 each! Orders will be placed as you register. T-shirts need to be ordered by July 6th to reach you by July 29.

Questions: Contact Dean Rev. Alexis Brown, alexisfaithbrown@gmail.com or myself.

Registration closes on July 17, 2022!

Blessed,
Rita Green,
Mission u Registrar
301-648-8294
Ritamgreen5@gmail.com

District Presidents



BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Greetings to Baltimore Washington Conference from the Baltimore Metropolitan District. This has been a year of mission and reuniting. Ames United Methodist Church is reorganizing and rejoining the district and we will be welcoming a new unit from Chase United Methodist Church. We are growing and staying involved in mission.

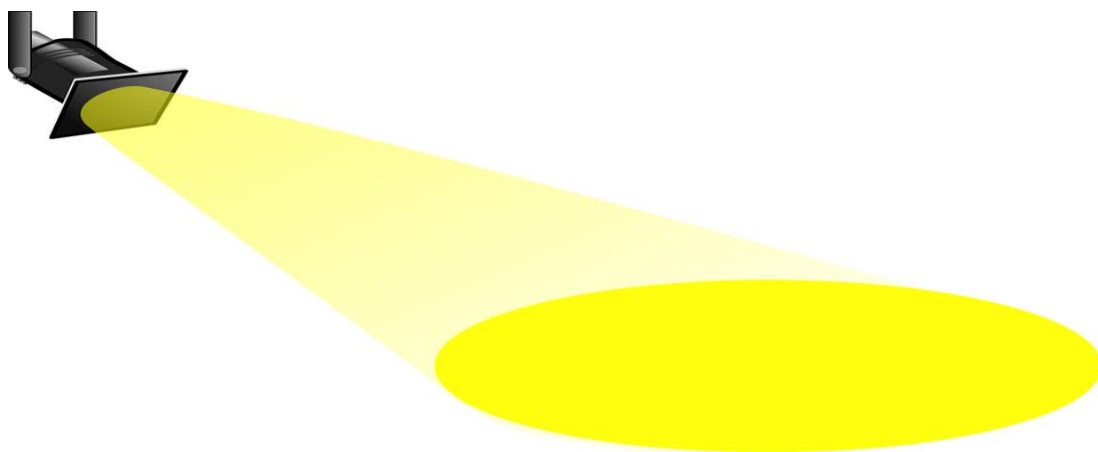
Our spring meeting was a success; we provided information on women and youth incarcerated, played a couple of games for entertainment with prizes and our units shared what they had been doing. Thank you, Kim Walker, for joining us. Many of the BMD units are doing fundraisers to raise money for mission. Eastern is working with Education Ministry to hold a Vacation Bible Study, Loch Raven sent money to Ukraine and donated funds to Loch Raven Food Bank, John Wesley has started a book club, partnering with HOOPS NOT GUNS (an organization West Baltimore that involves elementary and middle school children in basketball and afterschool and summer activities), provided funds and were present to assist with food give aways at the church, St. Paul Praise and Worship held a fund raiser to provide sets of new pots and pans to Susanna Wesley House. Other units are also engaging in mission, and some are reorganizing. I wish I could tell what each unit is doing. Please join us at our 2023 Spring Meeting.

The BMD has researched and presented 2 mission activities that many of our units will be involved in come this fall, Books to incarcerated women and youth and assistance to women as they are released back into the community. Our unit at Epworth Chapel has asked that we investigate establishing a book club with incarcerated women and youth and we will.

Six members from the Baltimore Metropolitan District will be attending Assembly in person and 5 will be attending virtually.

Peace

Sheila Grier, President
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Spotlight on the Districts

DISTRICTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT!
WHAT UNITS ARE DOING WITHIN THEIR
CHURCHES AND COMMUNITIES

Baltimore Metropolitan District

Yolande Dickerson speaking to women of Chase UMC future
United Women in Faith



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Take Action to End Corporal Punishment in Schools

Your Senators and Representatives can help end corporal punishment in schools by cosponsoring the **Protecting Our Students in Schools Act of 2021** (S 2029 and HR 3836). [Click here to urge your elected officials to take action.](#)

As women of faith, we believe that **children and youth are beloved by God**. We are committed to ending the school-to-prison pipeline and working for a world where all children experience school as a safe and supportive environment in which to learn and grow. The use of corporal punishment undermines student safety and well-being.

The bill defines corporal punishment this way:

“CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.—The term 'corporal punishment' means, with respect to a student, a deliberate act which causes the student to feel physical pain for the purpose of discipline, including an act of physical force, such as striking, spanking, or paddling, inflicted on a student's body, requiring a student to assume a painful physical position, or the use of chemical sprays, electroshock weapons, or stun guns on a student's body.”

It is unacceptable to us that corporal punishment remains a part of school life for far too many students. According to the Office for Civil Rights at the US Department of Education, a total of **69,492 students were subjected to corporal punishment at school in the 2017-2018 school year**. These students came from more than twenty states plus the District of Columbia.

Corporal punishment was **disproportionately used against Black students and Native American/Alaska Native students**. According to that same 2017-2018 OCR data set:

- Black students are 15.1% of enrollment, but 37.3% of students subjected to corporal punishment.
- Native students are 1.0% of enrollment, but 1.9% of students subjected to corporal punishment.

In other words, Black and Native children are targeted for the deliberate inflicting of physical pain as a form of “discipline.” The echoes of historical violence are disturbingly clear and should be alarming to all people of conscience.

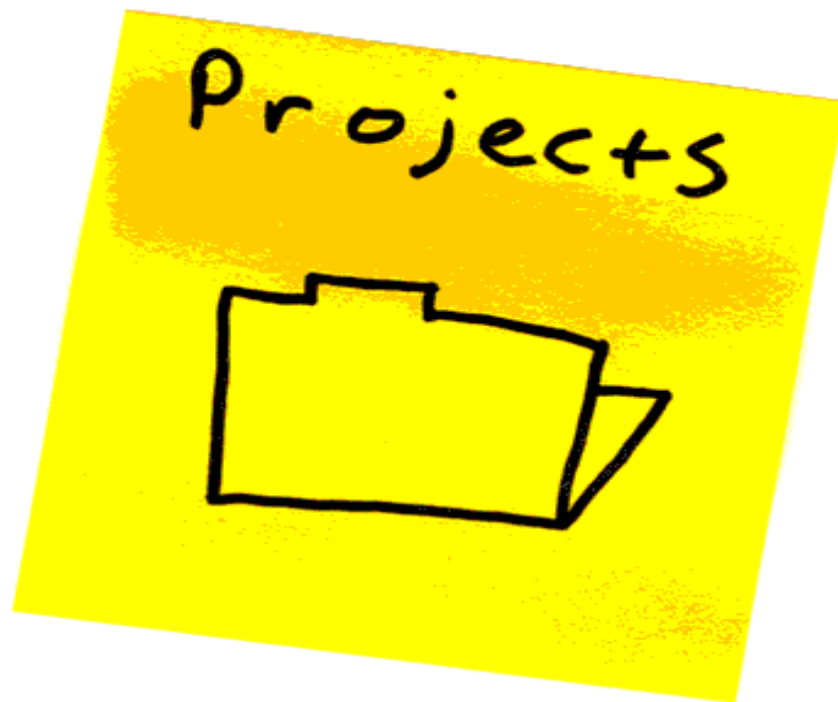
Federal action is needed. If passed, the Protecting Our Students in Schools Act of 2021 (S 2029 and HR 3836) would prohibit corporal punishment in all schools that receive federal funding. The bill includes both enforcement mechanisms and investments in alternative strategies to improve the educational environment. [Email your legislators today](#) urging them to cosponsor the **Protecting Our Students in Schools Act of 2021**.

[Take action here.](#)

If you have trouble with the links above, try copying-and-pasting this URL into your browser: <https://p2a.co/xODeK7y>

Looking to read the full bill text? See links below:

Senate Bill 2029: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2029/text>
House Bill 3836: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/3836/text>



Conference Projects

EPWORTH HOUSE

2022 Epworth House Committee Officers

Gertrude T. White (GWD) – President

Lynn T. Davenport (GWD) – Vice President

VACANT – Secretary

Lynn T. Davenport – Treasurer

Korla B. Frye (WED) – Education & Interpretation

VACANT– Hospitality Chair

Jane Grays (WED) – Membership Chair

Ellen S. Davis (GWD) – Nominations Chair

Rosetta Daniels (WED) – Nominations Committee

Gertrude T. White
President



SUSANNA WESLEY HOUSE, INC

The mission – To assist women in need and their dependent children; to provide a safe, clean home, and to ensure a viable program for the residents to obtain independent living.

The Board of Directors are excited about the renaissance transformation makeover conducted by “My Girlfriend’s House” from Capitol Heights, Maryland at Susanna Wesley House that upgraded all apartments. The families are pleased with the beautification for their living arrangements.

Susanna Wesley House is seeking volunteers with a variety of skills to help make a difference in the quality of life for homeless women and their children. We need the following:

- Human Service Counselors - To work one-on-one with residents/children.
- Technology Support- Assistance with newsletters, website, and social media.
- Partnership- Recommendations for housekeeping services and potential volunteers.

Thank you for your continued donations and support in helping to provide a safe haven for homeless women with children. Please feel free to contact Susanna Wesley House to make arrangements for your next site visit.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth M. Stemley

SWH Board President



**Susanna
Wesley House**
incorporated

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www.susanna-wesleyhouse.org

Consider a donation to Susanna Wesley House in your Charitable Giving!

Dear Friend:

Today, I want to share a story that illustrates the impact of your support for Susanna Wesley House (SWH)—a story about a remarkable woman and her son where support from our organization has helped to create an impactful and meaningful life for them both.

In 2018, Kathy R. was exhausted from living from one emergency shelter to the next. She had to move after being evicted from her home (due to her disability and inability to work). At the time she faced homelessness, her 14-year-old son, Joel lived with relatives. Then, Kathy found SWH where she and her son moved into a two-bedroom apartment. She states, "The year that I moved into SWH, I was able to reconnect with my son, and give him a good Christmas for the first time."



Since then, Kathy and Joel have developed a strong bond and Joel has increased his grades and is doing well in school. Kathy has begun online classes for a career as a medical assistant. She credits Susanna Wesley House with being able to go back to school, and for teaching Joel structure and household responsibilities.

In December, Kathy, and her son, moved into their own permanent housing which was found through staff at SWH. She states, "Susanna Wesley House gave me a new start."

For over 100 years, we have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of women and their children. We know you have many options when it comes to your year-end giving. We hope the work we do has inspired you. There are hundreds more stories like Kathy's – people for whom your contributions have provided the opportunity to build a better life.

To make a one-time donation or set up a monthly contribution, go to [Support Us | Susanna Wesley House \(susanna-wesleyhouse.org\)](https://support.us|susanna.wesley.house.org). You may also mail your donation to 609 Park Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21201, made payable to Susanna Wesley House.

\$25 provides school supplies for the afterschool program

\$50 provides case management resources and referrals to assist families with healthcare & housing needs

\$100 provides cleaning and maintenance for the house

\$250 provides an apartment turnover to prepare for a new mother and child coming to Susanna Wesley House

Thank you for changing the lives of homeless women and children such as Kathy and Joel.

All the Best,

Yvonne Terry

Yvonne Terry

Executive Director

Elizabeth Stemley

Elizabeth Stemley

President, Board of Directors

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.

Praise God that we had ten (10) 2021 Scholarship recipients!

We have 10 applicants to review for this year (2022) scholarships.

Applications are only accepted on-line at [http//: bwcumc.org](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 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.

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