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“Honoring The Humanity of Others: Loving Our Neighbor”



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO ALL LOCAL UNITS OF
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Dear United Methodist Women Sister!

I greet you in the name of Christ, who guides and strengthens us.

"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ, we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." (Romans 12: 4-8)

I am your Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women President, and I firmly believe that each one of us has been given gifts from Christ through the Holy Spirit. You may be an enthusiastic teacher or an encourager for those whose spirits need uplifting. Your gift may be leadership as you take pleasure in serving within your church or local UMW unit. Perhaps you are able to give generously, both with your tithe and time. Are able to show tenderhearted mercy towards those who are heartbroken? Perhaps you are one of the few who has the gift of prophesying. Whichever gifts you have been blessed with, I believe it is God's wish for us to use them as we show our faith, hope, and love in action toward women, children, and youth throughout the world.

Your District United Methodist Women Teams are in need of your God-given gifts! Each District Team has officer vacancies which lessen the effectiveness of their mission work. Would you please prayerfully consider becoming a member of your District's United Methodist Women Team by stepping in to fill one of these vacancies? Your help is greatly needed! Please contact your District President or, if available, your District Nominations Chairperson, for more information about each office.

You may have concerns about the future of our beloved United Methodist Women organization with regard to the pending separation of conservative and progressive factions within our United Methodist Church. Please allow me to share with you a quote from an article by Yvette Moore on the United Methodist Women National website,

"This is an exhilarating time for United Methodist Women. In 2022 we'll be rolling out an exciting array of new initiatives and innovations of current programs and resources as we refresh our brand message, logo, and name to reenergize members and encourage new women to check out our wonderful sisterhood as a place to nurture our soul, grow in our faith and make a difference in our world." *Yvette Moore is director of public relations and marketing for United Methodist Women.*

All women, from whatever denomination, conservative or progressive, will have the opportunity to remain as members of UMW, and new members will be welcome as we journey together and say yes to being a part of God's new thing and taking steps to fulfill our purpose in some new and some improved ways. More information will be forthcoming, this month!

Your Conference and District Leadership Teams would enjoy a virtual or perhaps an in-person visit with you on a day and time convenient for all. Has your unit continued to meet, virtually or face-to-face, during these past years of COVID? Will your women be meeting this summer? Might you be planning a United Methodist Women's Sunday or some other event during 2022?

Let us begin to communicate with each other again and accomplish much as we work together in faith, hope, and love for women, children, and youth around the world!

My contact information is provided below. I look forward to hearing from you and pray that we may continue to do God's work together in His world.

Blessings,

Linda S. Yost, President
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (SUPPLEMENTAL)

Dear United Methodist Women Sisters! May God be blessing you this day!

"I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance...you have persevered and endured hardships..." Rev 2:3

As I begin my last year as your Conference President, I am thinking of the unprecedented challenges we have all faced during the last two years. Local units have shown amazing resilience as they have found ways to continue meeting and have strategized ways to support their mission work. When the word impossible came to your lips, you persevered and made things work. With our Lord's help, you found a way forward. Congratulations!

Together we can achieve more than ever before! There are changes happening to our beloved United Methodist Women coming very soon. You have been hearing about our innovative, new branding which means changes in our name, emblem and emphases. Although I cannot reveal these changes to you yet, I can refer you to the United Methodist Women website: unitedmethodistwomen.org for some background information and the tease. We are going places!

Speaking of going places, are you going to Assembly? Some of us will be traveling down to Orlando, and some of us will attend virtually. Either way, this event promises to be exciting, informative, and spectacular! It's not too late to register for this original,

showcase event. Again, I refer you to the United Methodist Women Assembly website: assembly2022.org.

As your President, I am invited to a number of UMW events throughout our Conference. Recently, I attended a ribbon-cutting on February 5th for a new neighborhood food pantry at St. Matthew UMC – Turner Station- in Dundalk, MD, "Our Community Feeding Others Food Pantry." The United Methodist Women of St. Matthew UMC applied for a grant from Baltimore County and, along with other donations, built a pantry in their church's social hall. It is equipped with refrigerators, freezers, and plenty of shelves. Please see the article included within this newsletter for additional information. I am so very proud of St. Matthew UMW who are providing an oasis within a food desert!

Praying you all stay safe and well.

Grace and Peace,
Linda

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Greetings BWC UMW, The Committee on Nominations is working hard to: fulfill the mission and purpose of the United Methodist Women of filling positions; finding the spiritual gifts, skills, and abilities as candidates for offices on the Leadership Team; and planning to move the Conference and the National Organization forward.

The Committee needs the help of everybody, the Leadership Team, and District Presidents, to reach out as Nurturing Partners to communicate to Local Units and Women you know who would be an asset to our Conference United Methodist Women. The conference is working hard to make it easier and more accessible to get information on Talent Bank Forms, Job Descriptions, and vacant openings. Stay tuned for updates.

So, I am asking each person who receives this newsletter to put on their "thinking cap" so we can build our Talent Bank Pool. You might have someone in mind that we can approach. I might add here that it is never too early to start on this by giving members of the Nominating Committee names they can call on later.

My prayer for each of you as we begin this New Year is that God will give us the ability to fulfill our Purpose and to keep Faith, Hope and Love in Action.

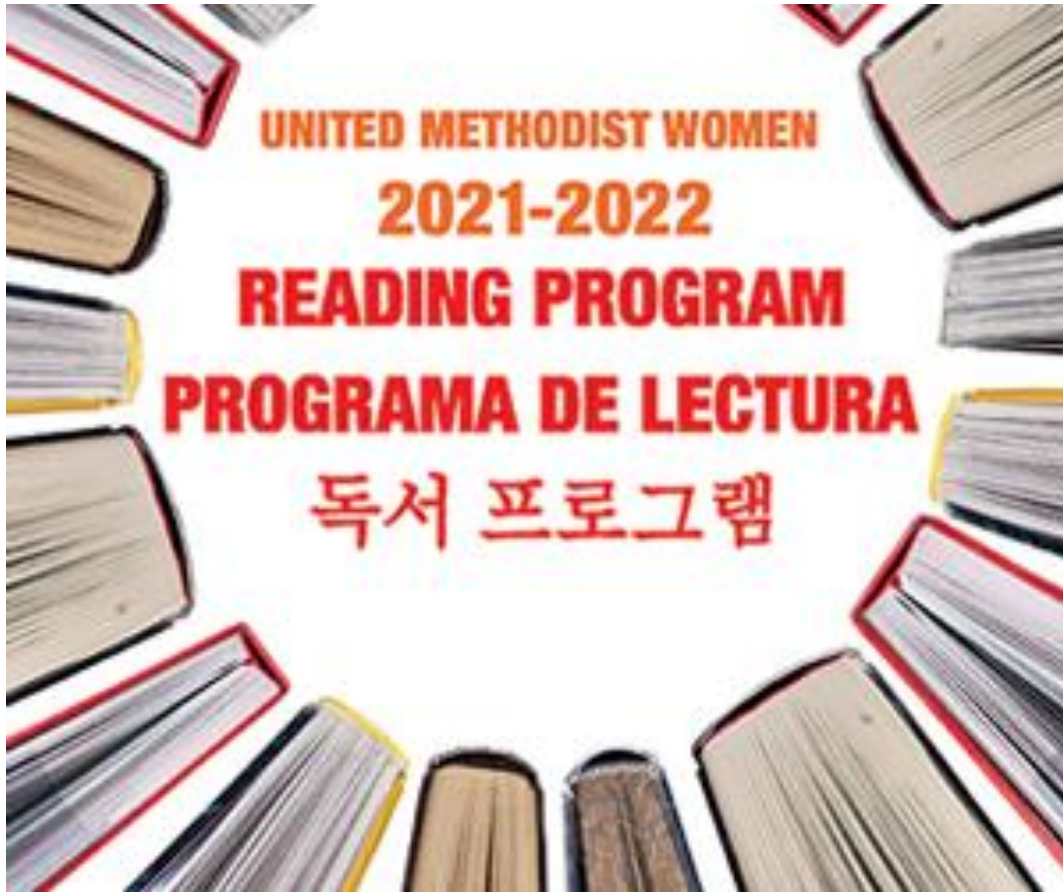
Again, if you or someone you know want to be in service, please contact me.

Grace and Health, Daphne

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PROGRAM RESOURCES

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2021-2022 READING PROGRAM



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

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

[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>

United Methodist Women Read Together

She Came to Slay: The Life and Times of Harriet Tubman

by Dr. Erica Armstrong Dunbar

SHE CAME TO SLAY

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF HARRIET TUBMAN



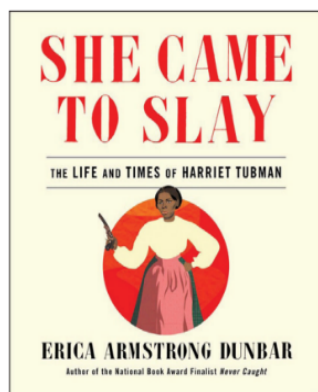
ERICA ARMSTRONG DUNBAR

Author of the National Book Award Finalist *Never Caught*

Looking to learn more about Black history? Join United Methodist Women members and friends in reading *She Came to Slay: The Life and Times of Harriet Tubman* by Dr. Erica Armstrong Dunbar. *She Came to Slay* is a 2021-2022 Reading Program selection in the Nurturing for Community category. Dr. Erica Armstrong Dunbar is the Charles & Mary Beard Distinguished Professor of History at Rutgers University and the National Director of the Association of Black Women Historians.



NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY (2022)



SHE CAME TO SLAY:
THE LIFE AND TIMES OF HARRIET TUBMAN
ERICA ARMSTRONG DUNBAR
37 INK (2019)

Harriet Tubman is best known as one of the most famous conductors on the Underground Railroad. In this tribute, Erica Armstrong Dunbar blends traditional biography with artwork and sidebars to create a fresh and accessible take on one of the most exceptional women in American history. We learn that Tubman not only helped liberate hundreds of slaves, she was the first woman to lead an armed expedition during the Civil War, worked as a spy for the Union Army, and was a fierce suffragist as well as an advocate for the aged.

Suitable for youth.

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
UMW meeting in October 2022.***

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication in 2022 must be **intentional**. It should speak with people, not to them. Messages should be tailored to them, speak their language, be relevant to them.

Since March 2020, we have had to rely on communicating virtually through Zoom, Teams, WebEx, and other venues. We have had to revert back to writing letters and using landlines along with our cell phones.

Yes, communicating has changed but what has not changed is its importance to our ministry, its importance to our everyday living and being, its importance to us socializing although we often were not in person.

This was very evident when we had our Communications Coordinators' training on Saturday, January 15, 2022. We were so excited to see each other, to just take a deep breath, exhale and enjoy each other's company.

What was also evident is the passion that each District Communications Coordinator has for their roles and responsibilities, the strong urge to help bind the unity within their district leadership team, and the determination to fulfill the goals of the United Methodist Women, specifically their district leadership team goals.

We communicated this and decided that we would work even more closely together to help our district presidents and leadership team communicate the role and function of the United Methodist Women, share the good and wonderful opportunities that we have to help, work with, and share with women, infants, and children and to minister everywhere we go to everyone we meet.

The United Methodist Women Communications Coordinators of the Baltimore Washington Conference challenge you to communicate more with your sisters within the BWC and those outside of the BWC as we show the world who the United Methodist Women are. Name change and all, we make a difference, and we will use every form of communication to continue to minister to and serve women, infants, youth, and children.

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

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Women organization is thankful for the opportunity to begin another year of service on behalf of women, children, and youth. The Board of Trustees works continually to honor its financial obligation placed on it by the Baltimore-Washington Conference. We pray to the Almighty God for guidance and direction to carry out this obligation and responsibility. We base our spiritual focus on the Scriptures in (Acts 10:4; 10:31 NIV), God blessed Cornelius and stated; "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God." While James 1:27 NIV reveals that "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress..." Additionally, Galatians 2:10 encourages us to "remember the poor." Being a good Steward requires that the Board of Trustees work for the benefit of the poor in a logical, ethical, and transparent manner.

To ensure that the finances are growing and adequate, the Board of Trustees meets the second Tuesday in April and September each year to meet with the financial advisor of the Lombard Securities to review, evaluate, and approve recommendations as instructed and deemed necessary to grow and maintain the investments in the portfolio. Therefore, based on the recommendations of the financial advisor's analysis and recommendation, the Board buys and sells stocks and bonds which are of the best interest to maintain its financial obligation to the organizations entitled to receive funds from the Board of Trustees.

Quarterly income from the Deaconess Home Fund is distributed to the Baltimore Parish Works Project for allocation and distribution to various activities and projects of the Conference United Methodist Church in the Baltimore City area. Income from the Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women, Inc. fund is distributed through scholarships and projects across the conference on behalf of women, children, and youth. All disbursements are based on income generated from the principle for the designated account.

The Board of Trustees is thankful for another year to be of service on behalf of women, children, and youth. To God we give the glory. Amen.

Geraldine Whitley, President

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Greetings!

Excitement is growing as United Methodist Women are looking forward **to Assembly 2022!** We are ready to **Turn It Up!!** May 20-22 at the Orlando Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. **Registration closes April 11.** In- person registration fee is \$365 and virtual is \$235.

- Registrants will be allowed to switch from in-person to virtual and vice-versa. If you register for the virtual event and later decide to attend in person, you can pay the difference in registration fees and attend.
- If you register for in-person attendance and later decide to switch to virtual, you will get a refund minus a \$5 processing fee.
- There is a \$50 cancellation fee, a \$30 bounced check fee and no refunds after April 1, 2022.

Get ready for: Soul-stirring worship infused with music & performing arts; impactful workshops and riveting Town Hall meetings with important leaders; an Experience Hall with Interactive exhibits.

I am still attending Planning and Assessment Committee meetings (we have developed a survey to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the Program Advisory Group as they perform their duties and responsibilities). At the Directors meeting, we have voted on grants (for individuals & National Mission Institutions (NMIs) and other missions) and staffing for various committees. I also attend conference and district meeting, assisting wherever I can. In 2014, the Board of Directors launched The Legacy Endowment Fund Campaign, setting a goal in 2017 to raise \$60 million dollars. I still work closely with our conference Legacy Team towards obtaining the goal. I hope many will join us on Wednesday, March 23rd for the annual **"Day of Giving"** national program during the day; and the conference program in the evening at 6:00pm.

Read any good books from the **Reading Program**? How about:

- "One Day I Wrote Back: Interacting with Scripture through Creative Writing"
- "Women Rise Up: Sacred Stories of Resistance for Today's Revolution"
- "Cinderella Liberator"

Reminder: The **Nominations Committees** (both conference and districts) are looking for future leaders! It's imperative to complete the Talent Bank sheets and send them to the Nominating Committee (conference and district). Ladies, the **Northeastern Jurisdiction** meeting will be held in 2024. At that meeting, elections will take place for Directors and Program Advisory Group Members. We want our conference to be represented on all levels. Contact Daphne Hurd, Conference Nominations chairperson for more information.

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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Baltimore Washington Conference
Legacy Endowment Fund Virtual Event
Day of Giving
March 23, 2022 @ 6 p.m.



A talk with **Robin Lewis**.
Director for Climate Equity
Inter-faith Power & Light (DC MD No.VA)

"As the new Director for Climate Equity, Robin believes she has been called as a Christian to be a voice for Environmental Justice and Equity in her community."

Mar 23, 2022 @06:00 PM Eastern Time

Register In Advance:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZEsuitqjlthNCKv1dalHQFkp0_xjBK5etq

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Donation of \$18.89 or More:

Use Zelle, include a notation for Legacy Endowment Fund.

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or mail check to Local United Methodist Women Unit.

Contact Legacy Liaison for information:

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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

District Presidents



ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT

Greetings UMW Sisters,

The Units in the Annapolis District have kept going strong during the pandemic to ensure that they provide for women, youth, and children. They have been bust sharing throughout the holidays: packing food baskets for families in their communities; making blankets to help keep young and old members warm and sharing baby items for expecting mothers and moms. The ladies of St. Matthews in South County have been leading the charge with a well-stocked Baby Pantry. But Units throughout the District donate diapers, wipes, baby clothes and other baby products.

We will revisit the School-to-Prison Pipeline as the theme for 2022. When we host our Annual Spring Brunch, we will coordinate with the Anne Arundel County Police Department to speak on a new initiative to help rehabilitate juveniles and their families.

The Unit at John Wesley-Glen Burnie are collecting new, assembled kits of reusable, washable sanitary pads for women and girls in 3rd World countries to help with Period Poverty. During my trip to South Africa late last year, one of our tour guides described some horrible conditions that girls and women in under-developed nations go through when they have their menstrual cycles. That gave me the impetus to talk with the women in my local unit.

The district is holding its annual training for local officers as we kick off our 2022 missions. Women, youth, and children will always be our first concern. Our units venture into other community projects as well, such as providing hygiene products for the homeless or packing lunches for them.

Our District will continue to put the needs of women, youth, and children at the forefront of all we do and give God the Glory for allowing us to be able to help wherever we can.

Blessings,

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BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Greetings Sisters of Baltimore Washington Conference of United Methodist Women

Baltimore Metropolitan District has been busy planning our training event and our spring meeting. We are also gathering information to share with our units for potential 2022 and 2023 social action mission projects. The projects we are looking at are:

Books to incarcerated youth---80% complete

Reentry packages to women leaving prison—details 90% complete

Mentoring young women from elementary to high school—10% complete

BMD will be sending out our directory by March 15, 2022, and Stephanie Nichols, Communications Coordinator, is starting to work on our Newsletter.

I have requested our units to invite a BMD officer, who is not a member of their unit, to participate in one of their unit meetings. I was invited and attended the February meeting of Union Memorial. All units have been requested to include a Racial Justice moment as part of their meeting this year.

Service is the price we pay for renting our space on God's earth

Sheila Grier, President
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GREATER WASHINGTON DISTRICT

Connections,

Connection is something we all have. There are many different types of connections, but one of the most important connections is with yourself and God. This connection is the foundation and your reference to understanding connection. It is written in **John 15:12-15**, "Love each other as I have loved you." God gives us the first example of connecting and transferring love. During these trying times, we often struggle to connect. In these times, siblings in Christ, we must reach for each other. We must pray for each other. We must unite in our connection with God to find direction in connecting with each other. We all have unique gifts that we are instructed to go out and use to spread the word of Jesus Christ while transferring our gifts from God with others.

Have you ever given real thought to the word "Connection"? You hear it all the time: *so-and-so has a connection with someone at*; or *Mary Jane has a connection with XYZ and Assoc.* Just what is a connection, are there different types, how is it used?

If I pick up the phone and call Sally Sue at ABC Retail to ask her a question, she gives me a detailed answer, do I now have a connection at ABC Retail? Can I use it anytime.? Is the person at the produce counter I just had a 5-minute conversation with concerning how to determine if the honeydew melon is ripe or not, is that a connection? If yes, then what kind of connection was it? What about the person sitting next to me at the DMV office who tells me about their latest car accident? If yes, what kind of connection was it?

The interactions I mentioned above are both very casual. Have you ever had a casual encounter that grew into an important source of information or a pivotal connection, not to the person but the valuable information? Chances are you will never see these people again in life, but the information transmitted between the connection will follow you for a lifetime.

According to "Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language" the first definition "the act or state of connecting 15th definition religious denomination "is the Methodist connection. When I saw a reference to the Methodist connection it reminded me of my summers spent in South Carolina with my grandparents, the importance of women in the life of the church. My grandmother and the ladies of Orange Grove worked together to get things done. These ladies had each others' backs - NO telephone trees, NO webmail, just face-to-face communication.

I believe when we look at the meaning of connection, we already have two especially important ingredients in place. First, women who have committed to the goal of the United Methodist Women, and second the desire to work toward that goal in their respective units. We are connective members of the same body.

One of the things I have done with my leadership team is to call each one personally to get to know them better by learning one thing about them I did not know and to let them know that my door is always open to them. I have asked that we meet every fourth Saturday for the next three months, to which they have

agreed. I have asked each member to give thought to something they wish to present to the body.

I hope that we, as a group, will be able to start and leave roots of new connections for the young ladies that will walk in our footsteps one day. Real connections are spiritual meetings, built over time, that become friendships that can and sometimes last a lifetime. Psalm 133:1 tells us "When we come together as a unified group to love and praise the Lord, we too shall experience joy and blessings."

Gladys M. Carter, President
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WASHINGTON EAST DISTRICT

Blessings to you my Sisters in Christ.

Happy New Year my sisters and I pray that all of you are well and staying safe. I continue to thank God for each of you and the work that you continue to do toward our mission.

I know that our way of living has slowed down but not our giving. The WED continues to make me proud. As a result of your work, our District has won the Rotating Crystal Trophy for 2021! I thank God for you and your time and talents and dedication.

Here is a picture of our award!



We had a successful Leadership Training session on January 29, 2022, and I was quite pleased with the turnout. We had 43 people in attendance.

We still have the vacancies of Nominations chair, Program Resource chair and Social Action chair. I ask if any of you are interested in any of these positions to please contact me as soon as possible.

As always, we are continuing our efforts to help the WED units that need assistance and are encouraging them to stay active or to reactivate, so that we can continue our mission.

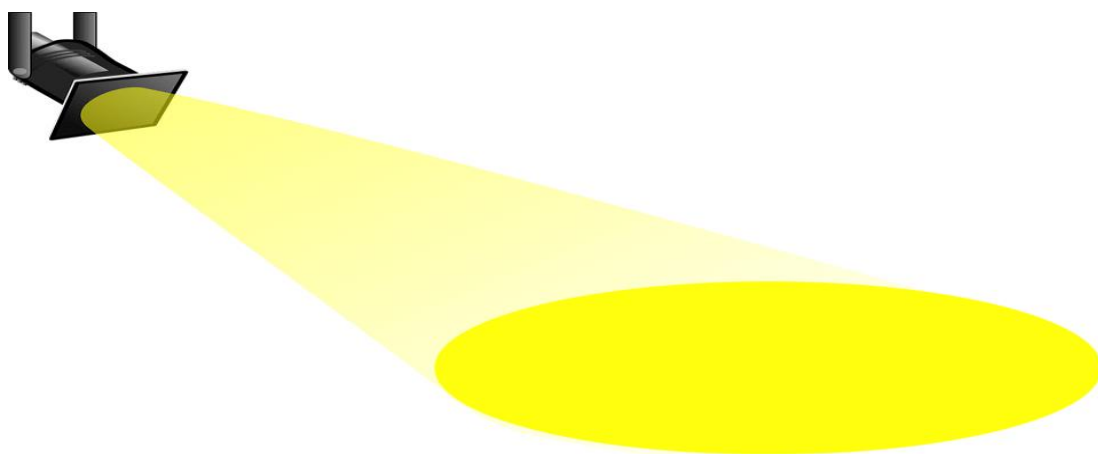
Please remember, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the information below.

GOD BLESS,

Dr. Diane Shorts, President

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Spotlight on the Districts

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

Annapolis District



District donate diapers, wipes, baby clothes and other baby products.



St. Matthews in South County leading the charge with a well-stocked Baby Pantry.



District donate diapers, wipes, baby clothes and other baby products.

Baltimore Suburban District

GRAND OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY



The Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for "Our Community Feeding Others Food Pantry," was held on Saturday, January 29, 2022 (due to inclement weather, date was changed to Saturday, February 5, 2022.) We gathered in the Fellowship Hall, at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 101 Avon Beach Road in Turner Station, Maryland, in which the newly designated pantry has been constructed.

The United Methodist Women of St. Matthew United Methodist Church has taken the responsibility of spearheading this missional focus, with confidence that it will meet the needs of a growing number of people living in the church's community who struggle daily with food insecurity. While this pantry is one small step toward addressing the deeper issues related to hunger, it continues to develop new partnerships with others who share our vision. Several new partners include: **For Single Fathers, LLC, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** (Baltimore), and **Community Assistance Network** (CAN-Baltimore County).



Johnny Olszewski, County Executive, Rick Metzgar, House of Delegates District 6, Johnnie Ray Stalling, State Senator District 6, Linda Yost, President of the United Methodist Women, Harriett Johnson, coordinator, Olivia Lomax, President, St Matthew United Methodist Church UMW and Partner, Kelvin Warren, For Single Fathers LLC,

It is our collective belief that we can do more together than we can do apart.



Johnny Olszewski, County Executive, Rev. Dr. Kay F. Albury, Pastor, St Matthew United Methodist Church, Olivia Lomax and Harriett Johnson



Johnny Olszewski, County Executive, Rev. Dr. Wanda Duckett, Baltimore Metropolitan District Superintendent and Rev. Dr. Kay F. Albury, Pastor.





Assembly 2022!

May 20–22, 2022

It's time to register for Assembly!

Registration opens

Registration opened 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. A registration acknowledgment will be e-mailed to you upon completion of your registration.

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.)

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 the 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

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!



Conference Projects

EPWORTH HOUSE

2022 Epworth House Committee Officers

Gertrude T. White (GWD) – President

Lynn T. Davenport (GWD) – Vice President

Ann Price (GWD) – Secretary

Lynn T. Davenport – Treasurer

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**THE EPWORTH HOUSE MISSION PROJECT COMMITTEE
BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

presents a

Virtual Spring Celebration

Theme – “Healing and Joy: On Our Journey to God”

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 17:14

“O Lord, if you heal me, I will be truly healed; if you save me, I will be truly saved. My Praises are for you alone!”

When: April 30, 2022 – Time: 12 Noon

Zoom Link will be sent at a later date.

SPECIAL MUSICAL PRESENTATION –MISSIONER IN RESIDENCE

A Donation of \$20.00 or more is suggested on or before April 9th. Please list your church/district on your check and make it payable to Epworth House Committee.

Mail to:

McKendree-Simms-Brookland United Methodist Church

2421 Lawrence Street, NE Washington, DC 20018

Attn: Lynn Davenport

Recognition will be given to the church/district with the most reservations.

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Peninsula Delaware Conference***



**REGISTRATION
FORM**

**THE EPWORTH HOUSE VIRTUAL SPRING CELEBRATION
APRIL 30, 2022 - 12:00 Noon**

**CHECKS MADE PAYABLE
TO:**

**EPWORTH HOUSE
COMMITTEE**

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NAME:

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**Gertrude White, President
301-656-9116**

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301-633-0484**



SUSANNA WESLEY HOUSE, INC

The mission – To assist women in need and their depended 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



609 Park Avenue | Baltimore, MD 21201 | (410) 837-3787 |

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've 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

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Executive Director

Elizabeth Stemley

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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!

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.

Kim Marie Walker
BWC United Methodist Women Scholarship Committee Chairperson
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